



Material Safety Data Sheet

MERIT® 0.5 G INSECTICIDE

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SECTION 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION

Product name MERIT® 0.5 G INSECTICIDE
MSDS Number 102000007119
EPA Registration No. 432-1328

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For Product Information call: 1-800-331-2867

SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOTE: Please refer to Section 11 for detailed toxicological information.

Emergency Overview Caution! Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin. Causes eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

Physical State solid granular

Odor none

Appearance grey

Exposure routes Eye contact, Skin Absorption, Skin contact, Ingestion

Immediate Effects

Eye Causes eye irritation. Do not get in eyes.

Skin Harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin and clothing.

Ingestion Do not take internally. Harmful if swallowed.



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Chronic or Delayed Long-Term

This product is not listed as a carcinogen by ACGIH, NTP, IARC or OSHA. However, it may contain crystalline silica (quartz), a substance which has been listed as a carcinogen by ACGIH, NTP and IARC. Crystalline silica is a naturally-occurring mineral component of many sands and clays. Although the carcinogenic potential of crystalline silica in humans is controversial, it must be considered if it is inhaled under excessive exposure conditions. The respirable portion of the silica that may be contained in this product, however, is small, such that inhalation exposure during anticipated conditions of use is minimal.

This product or its components may have target organ effects.

Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

No specific medical conditions are known which may be aggravated by exposure to this product. As with all materials which can cause upper respiratory tract irritation, persons with a history of asthma, emphysema, or hyperreactive airways disease may be more susceptible to overexposure. Pulmonary and respiratory diseases may be aggravated by exposure to respirable crystalline silica.

Potential Environmental Effect

Highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>Hazardous Component Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>	<u>Average % by Weight</u>
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	0.50
Quartz (Silica, Crystalline)	14808-60-7	3.82

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General** When possible, have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.
- Eye** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
- Skin** Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
- Ingestion** Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse out mouth and give water in small sips to drink. DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician or poison control center. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not leave victim unattended.
- Inhalation** Move to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a physician or



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poison control center immediately.

**Notes to physician
Treatment**

Appropriate supportive and symptomatic treatment as indicated by the patient's condition is recommended. There is no specific antidote.

SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

- Flash point** not applicable
- Suitable extinguishing media** Water, Carbon dioxide (CO2), Dry chemical, Foam
- Fire Fighting Instructions**

Keep out of smoke. Fight fire from upwind position. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not allow run-off from fire fighting to enter drains or water courses.

Firefighters should wear NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions** Keep unauthorized people away. Isolate hazard area. Avoid contact with spilled product or contaminated surfaces.
- Methods for cleaning up** Avoid dust formation. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean contaminated floors and objects thoroughly, observing environmental regulations.
- Additional advice** Use personal protective equipment. Do not allow to enter soil, waterways or waste water canal.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Handling procedures** Handle and open container in a manner as to prevent spillage. Maintain exposure levels below the exposure limit through the use of general and local exhaust ventilation.
- Storing Procedures**

Store in a cool, dry place and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with other crop protection products, fertilizers, food, and feed. Store in original container and out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area.

The 30-day storage temperature average must not exceed the recommended maximum.



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Work/Hygienic Procedures

Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, using the toilet or applying cosmetics.

Remove soiled clothing immediately and clean thoroughly before using again. Wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Remove Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) immediately after handling this product. Before removing gloves clean them with soap and water. Wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Min/Max Storage Temperatures

Recommended maximum transport/storage temperature: 38 °C / 100 °F

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

General Protection

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and warm/tepid water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

Train employees in safe use of the product. Follow all label instructions.

Eye/Face Protection

Tightly fitting safety goggles

Hand protection

Chemical resistant nitrile rubber gloves

Body Protection

Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants and shoes plus socks.

Respiratory protection

When respirators are required, select NIOSH approved equipment based on actual or potential airborne concentrations and in accordance with the appropriate regulatory standards and/or industry recommendations.

Exposure Limits

Quartz (Silica, Crystalline)	14808-60-7	ACGIH	TWA	0.025 mg/m3
		NIOSH	REL	0.05 mg/m3
		OSHA Z1A	TWA	0.1 mg/m3
		Z3	TWA	2.4 millions of particles per cubic foot of air
		Z3	TWA	0.1 mg/m3
		Z3	TWA	0.3 mg/m3
		US CA OEL	TWA PEL	0.1 mg/m3
		US CA OEL	TWA PEL	0.3 mg/m3
		TX ESL	ST ESL	1 ug/m3
		TX ESL	ST ESL	1 ug/m3
		TX ESL	AN ESL	0.1 ug/m3
		TX ESL	AN ESL	0.1 ug/m3
		TX ESL	ST ESL	10 ug/m3



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		TX ESL	AN ESL	1 ug/m3
			TWA	0.1 mg/m3
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	OES BCS*	TWA	0.7 mg/m3
		TX ESL	ST ESL	50 ug/m3
		TX ESL	AN ESL	5 ug/m3

*OES BCS: Internal Bayer CropScience "Occupational Exposure Standard"

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	grey
Physical State	solid granular
Odor	none
Bulk density	58 - 64 lb/ft ³ Test every batch ending in "0" and report.
Water solubility	insoluble

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Conditions to avoid	Heat, flames and sparks.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	Hydrogen chloride (HCl) Hydrogen cyanide (hydrocyanic acid) Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) nitrogen oxides (NO _x)
Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended storage conditions.

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Only an acute eye irritation study has been performed on this product as formulated. All other acute toxicity data have been bridged from a similar granular formulation containing a higher percentage of the active ingredient, imidacloprid. The non-acute information pertains to the technical-grade active ingredient.

Acute oral toxicity	male/female combined rat: LD50: > 4,820 mg/kg
Acute dermal toxicity	male/female combined rabbit: LD50: > 2,000 mg/kg



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Acute inhalation toxicity male/female combined rat: LC50: > 5.09 mg/l
 Exposure time: 4 h
 Determined in the form of dust.
 (actual)

male/female combined rat: LC50: > 20 mg/l
 Exposure time: 1 h
 Determined in the form of dust.
 Extrapolated from the 4 hr LC50.
 (actual)

Skin irritation rabbit: No skin irritation

Eye irritation rabbit: Mild eye irritation.

Sensitisation guinea pig: Non-sensitizing.

Chronic toxicity Imidacloprid did not cause any significant specific adverse effects or target organ toxicity in subchronic toxicity studies.

Assessment Carcinogenicity

Imidacloprid was not carcinogenic in lifetime feeding studies in rats and mice.

ACGIH

Quartz (Silica, Crystalline)	14808-60-7	Group A2
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NTP

None.

IARC

Quartz (Silica, Crystalline)	14808-60-7	Overall evaluation: 1
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OSHA

None.

Reproductive toxicity Imidacloprid was not a reproductive toxicant in a two-generation study in rats.

Developmental Toxicity Imidacloprid was not a developmental toxicant in rats and rabbits.

Assessment neurotoxicity Imidacloprid showed slight behavioral and activity changes only at the highest dose tested in neurotoxicity studies in rats. There were no correlating morphological changes observed in the neural tissues.

Mutagenicity Imidacloprid was not mutagenic or genotoxic based on the overall weight of evidence in a battery of in vitro and in vivo tests.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION



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Environmental precautions Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate surface or ground water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes, including equipment wash water. Do not allow to get into surface water, drains and ground water.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

General Disposal Guidance Pesticide, spray mixture or rinse water that cannot be used according to label instructions may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.
Container Disposal Rinsed packaging may be acceptable for landfill, otherwise incineration will be required in accordance with local regulations. If burned, stay out of smoke.
RCRA Information Characterization and proper disposal of this material as a special or hazardous waste is dependent upon Federal, State and local laws and are the user's responsibility. RCRA classification may apply.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

According to national and international transport regulations this material is not classified as dangerous goods / hazardous material.

Freight Classification: INSECTICIDES OR FUNGICIDES, N.O.I., OTHER THAN POISON

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

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US Federal Regulations

TSCA list

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US. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt D)

None.

SARA Title III - Section 302 - Notification and Information

None.

SARA Title III - Section 313 - Toxic Chemical Release Reporting

None.

US States Regulatory Reporting

CA Prop65

This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause cancer.

This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm.

US State Right-To-Know Ingredients



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Canadian Regulations

Canadian Domestic Substance List

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Environmental

CERCLA

None.

Clean Water Section 307 Priority Pollutants

None.

Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Levels

None.

International Regulations

European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances (EINECS)

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SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

NFPA 704 (National Fire Protection Association):

Health - 1 Flammability - 1 Reactivity - 1 Others - none

HMIS (Hazardous Materials Identification System, based on the Third Edition Ratings Guide)

Health - 1 Flammability - 1 Physical Hazard - 1 PPE -

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard

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Section 16: Other Information.

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