

1: Identification of the Substance and Supplier

Product Name	AMBUSH –
Recommended Use	Insecticide
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Emergency Telephone	0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 622) (24 hours)
National Poison Centre	0800 POISON (0800 764 766) (24 hours)
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2: Hazards Identification

Hazard Pictograms



Signal Words

Hazard Classes:

Flammable Liquid (Cat. 4)
Aspiration Hazard (Cat. 1)
Eye Irritation (Cat. 2)
Skin irritation (cat.2)
Respiratory Sensitisation (Cat. 1)
Skin Sensitisation (Cat. 1)
Reproductive Toxicity (Cat. 2)
Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat (Cat. 1)
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Acute (Cat. 1)
Hazardous to the Aquatic Environment Chronic (Cat. 1)
Hazardous to soil organisms
Hazardous to Terrestrial Vertebrates
Hazardous to Terrestrial Invertebrate

Precautionary Statements:

Prevention

Danger

Hazard Statements:

H227 Combustible liquid
H304 May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways
H319 Causes serious eye irritation
H315 Causes skin irritation
H334 May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled
H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction
H361 Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
H372 Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure
H400 Very toxic to aquatic life
H410 Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects
H423 Harmful to the soil environment
H431 Very toxic to terrestrial vertebrates
H441 Very toxic to terrestrial invertebrates

P101 If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand
P103 Read carefully and follow all instructions
P201 Obtain special instructions before use
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood
P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
No smoking
P233 Keep container tightly closed
P240 Ground and bond container and receiving equipment
P241 Use explosion proof electrical/ventilating/lighting equipment
P242 Use non sparking tools
P243 Take action to prevent static discharges
P264+P265 Wash hands and face thoroughly after handling. Do not touch eyes
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P284 In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection

Response

P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace
P273 Avoid release to the environment
P203 Obtain, read and follow all safety instructions before use
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P270 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product
When handling, wear personal protection as described in section 8. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that this product does not cause any significant adverse effects to the environment beyond the application area. Do not apply directly into or onto water.
P303+P361+P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse affected areas with water (or shower)
P370+P378 In case of fire use water spray, foam, dry chemical or CO₂ to extinguish
P301+P310 IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE/doctor
P331 Do NOT induce vomiting
P332+P317 If skin irritation occurs get medical advice
P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing
P304+P340 IF INHALED: Move person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing
P342+P311 If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTRE/doctor
P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water
P332+P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention
P337+P313 If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention
P321 Refer to first aid measures
P362+P364 Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse
P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned, get medical advice/attention
P319 Get medical help if you feel unwell
P391 Collect spillage
First aid measures described in section 4. Contain and collect spillage for disposal. In an emergency call 111, Police or Fire Brigade. For specialist advice in an emergency only, call 0800 CHEMCALL (0800 243 6225) (24 hrs).
P403+P235 Store in a well ventilated place. Keep cool
P405 Store locked up
P501 Dispose of contents by using it in accordance with this label. Dispose of the container via AgRecovery after triple rinsing (use the rinsate for spraying).

Storage

Disposal

3: Composition/ Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	CAS No	Content (% w/v)
Pirimiphos-methyl (active ingredient)	29232-93-7	47.5
Permethrin (active ingredient)	52645-53-1	2.5
Solvent naphtha	64742-94-5	30 – 60
Toluene	108-88-3	<10
Other ingredients	Proprietary	Remainder

4: First Aid Measures

If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. If exposed or concerned, get medical advice. For advice call the National Poisons Centre or a Doctor

Ingestion:

Do NOT induce vomiting. Call the Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764 766), or a Doctor immediately.

Skin Contact:

Wash with plenty of soap and water. Seek medical advice if feeling unwell or if rash or irritation occurs.

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Eye Contact:	Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if easy to do so. Continue rinsing. Seek medical advice if irritation persists.
Inhalation:	Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Seek medical advice if feeling unwell.
Workplace Facilities:	Hand wash facility. Eye wash facility
Advice to Doctor:	Ambush contains an organophosphorus insecticide (pirimiphos-methyl), which inhibits cholinesterase activity, and interferes in nerve pulse transmission. Onset of symptoms may be delayed for several hours. Atropine is the specific antidote and may be given immediately by qualified staff, at a level of 2 - 5mg (intravenously or intramuscularly), every 20 minutes until atropinisation occurs. Considerable amounts of atropine may be necessary. Atropine must NOT be given to cyanosed patients; administer oxygen first. Do NOT use opiates or barbiturates. If convulsions occur, administer diazepam (10mg intravenously). Take venous blood sample for determination of blood cholinesterase activity. Cholinesterase reactivators (Pralidoxime) should, if possible, be given at the same time as atropine. They are not effective after 24 hours post exposure and are not substitutes for atropine. Pralidoxime should be administered at: Mild poisoning: 1g in 2 - 3ml water (intramuscularly), Severe poisoning: 2g in 30ml water (intravenously). Following ingestion, adsorbents such as charcoal may be of value. If gastric lavage or emesis is considered necessary, inhalation of hydrocarbons must be prevented. Hydrocarbon aspiration may complicate poisonings involving ingestion.
National Poison Centre	0800 POISON (0800 764 766) (24 hours)
Symptoms of Exposure which could occur if this material is not handled in accordance with instructions:	
Ingestion:	Excessive sweating, salivation, headache, weakness, faintness, nausea, diarrhoea, small pupils, blurred vision, muscle twitching. The solvent in this product may cause bronchopneumonia or pulmonary oedema if aspirated into the lungs from ingestion or from vomiting.
Skin Contact:	Mild irritation. Prolonged or repeated contact may result in degreasing of the skin and dermatitis. Can be absorbed via the skin (see symptoms under 'swallowed' above).
Eye Contact:	Mild irritation. May cause constriction of the pupil.
Inhalation:	Irritation, headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting.
Note: Symptoms may be delayed for up to 24 hours or more following exposure	

5: Fire-Fighting Measures

Fire/Explosion Hazard	Flammable liquid and vapour
HAZCHEM Code	3Z
ERP Guide No	47
Extinguishing Media	foam, dry chemical or CO2. Avoid water jet.
Fire Fighting Instructions	During a fire, toxic fumes may be emitted. Wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Contain runoff.
Specific Hazards Arising from Fire	No data available

6: Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions	Caution: Floors may be slippery if wet. Eliminate all ignition sources and naked lights. Use non-sparking equipment. Leave and/or avoid entering confined spaces. Wear personal protective clothing and equipment as described in section 8. Respiratory protection (with organic vapour cartridge) required for any spill other than minor. Exclude non-essential people from the area.
Environmental Precautions	Prevent further spillage or leakage. Prevent material from entering drains, waterways, etc.
Clean Up	Absorb spillage with inert material such as spill kit, sand or cat litter. Collect and place in a sealable container for disposal. Wash down affected area with water and detergent. Absorb and collect washings for disposal. Dispose of safely to a suitable landfill.

7: Handling and Storage

Storage:	Keep out of reach of children. Store in the original tightly closed container in a cool, well ventilated, locked
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Handling and Use:

and secure area.

Refer to Prevention statements in section 2 above. Exclude people and animals from the application area, both during application and for the duration of the REI. When the substance is applied indoors, application using hand-gun spray equipment is not permitted. This product is very toxic to bees. Do not apply this product to any plant or tree likely to be visited by bees (a) at the time of application; or (b) immediately after application until spray has dried; or (c) in areas where bees are foraging.

REI

RESTRICTED ENTRY INTERVAL (REI)

The person in charge is responsible for making sure that no person enters an application area until the end of the REI unless they are wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment. For indoor applications signs must be put outside the application area, at every routine point of entry from the start of application to the end of the REI

– Citrus	2 days
– Kiwifruit	10 days
– Vegetable brassicas	14 days
– Flowers, persimmons	16 days
– Grapes	25 days
– Tomatoes, cucurbits	48 hrs
– All other crops	until dry

8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Tolerable Exposure Limit	None established
Workplace Exposure Standards	Toluene – 20 ppm / 75 mg/m ³ (TWA); 100 ppm / 377 mg/m ³ (STEL)
Engineering Controls	Select spray application equipment to minimize exposure to operator and bystanders
Personal Protection:	
Eye	Safety glasses/goggles (or full face respirator incorporating visor) when mixing or applying.
Skin	Chemical resistant overalls snugly fitting at the neck, wrist and ankle, boots and gloves. For overhead applications, use chemical resistant head covering (coveralls with hood recommended).
Respiratory	Respirator (organic vapour and particulate matter) when mixing or applying
Biological Monitoring	Regular users in direct contact (mixing and application) should undergo biological monitoring of cholinesterase activity. Consult with your GP or Occupational Health Adviser.

Clean protective equipment after use

9: Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance	Clear Amber Liquid
Odour	Solvent like
Odour Threshold	Does not apply
pH	Does not apply
Melting Point/Freezing Point	Does not apply
Boiling Point	Does not apply
Flash Point	>61°C (closed cup method)
Flammability	Flammable
Upper/Lower Flammability Limits	Does not apply. May form explosive mixture in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas
Vapour Pressure	Does not apply
Vapour Density	>1 (heavier than air)
Relative Density	1.03 g/mL (approx.)
Solubility in Water	Emulsifiable
Partition Coefficient: n-octanol/water	See section 12

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Auto ignition Temperature	Does not apply
Decomposition Temperature	Does not apply
Kinematic Viscosity	Contains a low viscosity hydrocarbon solvent
Particle characteristics	Does not apply

10: Stability and Reactivity

Stability	Stable under normal conditions
Hazardous Reactions	None Expected
Incompatibility	None Known
Hazardous Decomposition Products	None Known

11: Toxicological Information

This section describes effects which could occur if this material is not handled in accordance with this data sheet and label instructions

Acute Oral Toxicity	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg
Acute Dermal Toxicity	LD50 > 2000 mg/kg
Acute Inhalation Toxicity	LD50 > 5 mg/L
Skin Irritant/Corrosive	Skin Irritant
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Eye Irritant
Respiratory or skin sensitisation	May cause respiratory and skin sensitisation
Germ cell mutagenicity	Information not available
Carcinogenicity	Information not available
Reproductive Toxicity	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child
Specific Target Organ Toxicity – single exposure	Pirimiphos-methyl interferes with cholinesterase, an enzyme essential for the correct functioning of the nervous system
Specific Target Organ Toxicity – repeated exposure	Pirimiphos-methyl interferes with cholinesterase, an enzyme essential for the correct functioning of the nervous system. In long term animal feeding studies, permethrin has been found to have effects on the blood forming system
Aspiration hazard	May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways

12: Ecological Information

This section describes effects which could occur if this material is not handled in accordance with this data sheet and label instructions

The following information is presented in respect of the active ingredient:

Ecotoxicity	Pirimiphos-methyl
	- Acute Oral LD50 (Bobwhite quail) 40 mg/kg - LC50 (96 hr) (Rainbow trout) 0.64 mg/l - LC50 (48 hr) (Daphnia) 0.21 µg/l - Algae EC50 1.0 mg/l - Very toxic to bees
Persistence/degradability	Permethrin
	- Acute Oral LD50 (Japanese quail) >13 500 mg/kg - LC50 (96 hr) (Rainbow trout) 0.1 µg/l - LC50 (48 hr) (Daphnia) 0.5 µg/l - Algae EC50 12.5 mg/l - Very toxic to bees
Bioaccumulative Potential	Octanol-water partition coefficient

LogP = 4.2 (high) (Pirimiphos-methyl)

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Soil Mobility	Soil organic carbon water partitioning coefficient	LogP = 6.1 (high) (Permethrin) Koc = 1100 (slightly-mobile) (Pirimiphos-methyl) Koc = 100000 (non-mobile) (Permethrin)
Environmental Exposure Limit:	None established	

13: Disposal Considerations		
Product	Dispose of product by using it in accordance with the label. Waste product should be disposed of to a suitable landfill. For disposal of large quantities contact Orion AgriScience Ltd.	
Container	Dispose of to a suitable landfill or via AgRecovery. Do not burn. Do not use packaging for any other purpose.	

14: Transport Information		
Dangerous Goods		
UN Number	3082	
Proper Shipping Name	ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, NOS (pirimiphos-methyl, permethrin)	
Class	9	
Subsidiary Class	None	
Packing Group	III	
Additional Information	MARINE POLLUTANT	
MTQ (Non-Commercial)	1000 litres	

15 Regulatory Information		
EPA Approval No	HSR100602	
ACVM Registration No	P8629	
Qualified Person	Required This product must only be handled, mixed and applied by a suitably qualified person as defined under the HPC notice 2017 Part 4C	
Certified Handler	Not required	
Workplace Only	Yes	
Tracking	Not required	
Record Keeping	Not required (unless > 3 L applied within 24 hours, and which is likely to leave the application area). Mitigation measures employed must be recorded as part of the application records	
Site Requirements under EPA Notice and HSWHS Regs:	- A hazardous substance location compliance certificate is required for more than 500 L (closed containers > 5 L size), 1500 L (closed containers ≤ 5 L size), or 250 L (open containers) - A hazardous area is required - Separation distances for class 3 and class 6 substances to protected places and public places is applicable - Fire extinguishers are required for more than 500 litres (2 fire extinguishers) - Signage is required for more than 100 litres - An emergency response plan is required for more than 100 litres - Secondary containment is required for more than 100 litres - Segregation from incompatible substances (classes 1, 2, 3.2, 4 and 5) is required	
Application Rates	Maximum application rate 3L/ha. Maximum application frequency 4 times per crop cycle	
Notification	For wide dispersive use, written notification must be given to any persons likely to be affected – this includes occupiers and owners immediately neighbouring the application area. Notification must be made 2 days – 4 weeks ahead of the application. Notification must include the location of the application area; the proposed date and approximate duration of the application; the steps to be taken by those notified to avoid exposure (e.g., staying indoors, closing windows and doors, moving washing indoors, disconnecting roof water supply, etc.); and the notifiers details (including name and phone number for immediate contact during application).	

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Signage	Required for indoor applications only. Signs must be posted at every access point to the application area stating an application is being carried out using a substance that is toxic to people; access is not permitted unless appropriate protective equipment is worn; details of the person in charge; the date of the application; and the time/date of the expiry of the REI. Signs must be removed within 72 hours of the end of the application or the REI (whichever is the later). Signs must be in compliance with the Hazardous Substances (Identification) Regulations 2001.
Additional Requirements	Refer to NZS 8409:2004 'Management of Agrichemicals', and relevant local and regional council plans

16: Other Information	
Sds review date	2 October 2025
ADE	Acceptable Daily Exposure – A daily dose, received via any route, below which no adverse effects are expected over a lifetime of exposure
ACVM	Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines group of the Ministry of Primary Industries
Cat.	GHS category
Ceiling	A concentration that should not be exceeded at any time during any part of the working day
Certified Handler	A qualification issued by a Compliance Certifier to handle and use particularly toxic substances (6.1A and 6.1B)
DT50	Time (days) for 50% reduction in concentration
EC50	Concentration required to produce an effect in 50% of organisms
Environmental Exposure Limit	Maximum concentration limit of a substance in an environmental medium, e.g., water, soil.
EPA Notice	Hazardous Property Controls Notice 2017
ERP Guide	Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide SNZ HB 76:2008
GHS	Globally harmonized system of classification and labelling of chemicals
Hazardous Substance Location	For locations storing hazard substances of certain classes above threshold quantities
Compliance Certificate	
Hazardous Area	A designated area designed for the presence of flammable substances - Refer AS/NZS 60079.10.1:2009
HAZCHEM Code	Emergency action code for emergency services
HSWHS Regs	Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017
LC50	Concentration that will kill 50% of organisms
LD50	Dose that will kill 50% of organisms
MTQ	Maximum Transport Quantity. The maximum amount of dangerous goods that can be transported by road by the user
Notification	Advance notice given to neighbours and other affected parties, of details of proposed application, and other details as described
Octanol-Water Partition Coefficient	The partition coefficient of a substance between n-octanol and water, used as the Logarithm base 10 form, as an indicator that a substance may bioaccumulate
PDE	Permitted Daily Exposure - A daily dose below which no adverse effects are expected over a lifetime of exposure
Protected Place	Residential properties, schools, hospitals, kindys, factories, shops, warehouses, etc., and other places where people assemble
Public Place	A place frequented by the public, including roads (does not include private property)
Qualified Person	A requirement for the loader, contractor or person applying the product to hold a qualification such as a GROWSAFE Certificate, Unit Standard 21563, etc.
Record Keeping	Includes a spray diary or other record of application
REI	Restricted Entry Interval – The length of time after application before entry into the treated area is permitted without the use of protective equipment. For indoor environments, this time period commences

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Segregation	once ventilation after treatment begins. Certain classes of substances must not be in contact with, and must be stored separately from, certain other classes as specified in HSWHS Regs
Separation Distances	The distances specified in Part 11 and Part 13 of HSWHS Regs between storage and/or use of hazardous substances and protected places and/or public places
Signage	Positioned at entrances to commercial premises providing information on the hazardous substances present
Soil Adsorption Coefficient (Kd)	The ratio of the concentrations of a substance adsorbed onto a solid sorbent to that dissolved in a liquid phase. The higher the value the less mobile the chemical is in soil
Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partitioning Coefficient (Koc)	The ratio of the mass of a chemical that is adsorbed in the soil per unit mass of organic carbon in the soil. The higher the value the less mobile the chemical is in soil
STEL	Short term exposure level – 15 minute time weighted average
Tolerable Exposure Limit	Maximum concentration limit of a substance above which persons must not be exposed
Tracking	For some particularly hazardous substances, a record must be kept of the transport, storage, sale and use of the product
TWA	Time weighted average calculated over an 8 hour working day
Workplace Exposure Standard	An occupational health standard limiting concentrations of specified substances to which persons are exposed
Workplace Only	A product that is restricted to a workplace only and under the supervision of a certified handler
Please Note	

Users must ensure that the most up to date version of this safety data sheet is used.

This Safety Data Sheet summarises information on this product, and how to safely handle and use the product. Each user should familiarise themselves with the product label and Safety Data Sheet, and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used, including in conjunction with other products. Orion AgriScience Ltd assumes no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or suitability of this information. The user is responsible for determining the suitability and accuracy of this information for their particular purposes.

If clarification or further information is needed to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment can be made, the user should contact this company.