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## SECTION – 1: PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

**Product Identifier:** OPTIGARD® Ant Gel Bait Insecticide  
**Registration Number:** 30788

Product No.: A15236A

**Active Ingredient (%):** Thiamethoxam (0.010%)

CAS No.: 153719-23-4

**Chemical Name:** 3-(2-chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-ylmethyl-1,3,5-oxadiazinan-4-ylidene(nitro)amine

**Chemical Class:** Neonicotinoid Insecticide

**Product Use:** For indoor and outdoor control of sugar feed ants which invade structures.

## SECTION – 2 : COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen	WHMIS†
Thiamethoxam (0.010%)	Not Established	Not Established	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ***	No	
Sucrose	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (total); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA (total); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable) **	No	

\*\*\* Syngenta Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

† Material listed in Ingredient Disclosure List under Hazardous Products Act.

Ingredients not precisely identified are proprietary or non-hazardous. Values are not product specifications.  
Syngenta Hazard Category: B

## SECTION – 3: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Symptoms of Acute Exposure**

May cause mild eye and skin irritation.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products**

None known.

**Physical Properties**

Appearance: Colourless to clear solid.

Odour: Odourless.

**Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards**

During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

## **Potential Health Effects**

**Relevant routes of exposure:** Skin, eyes, mouth, lungs.

### **SECTION – 4: FIRST AID MEASURES**

**IF POISONING IS SUSPECTED, immediately contact the poison information centre,** doctor or nearest hospital. Have the product container, label or Material Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor, or going for treatment. Tell the person contacted the complete product name, and the type and amount of exposure. Describe any symptoms and follow the advice given. Call the Syngenta Emergency Line [**1-800-327-8633 (1-800-FASTMED)**], for further information.

**EYE CONTACT:** Flush eyes with clean water, holding eyelids apart for a minimum of 15 - 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice. Obtain medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

**SKIN CONTACT:** Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin, hair and fingernails thoroughly with soap and water. Flush skin with running water for a minimum of 15-20 minutes. Obtain medical attention if irritation occurs.

**INHALATION:** Move victim to fresh air. If not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

**INGESTION:** If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Have the person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a physician or a poison control centre. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer water.

#### **NOTES TO PHYSICIAN:**

There is no specific antidote if this product is ingested. Treat symptomatically.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS KNOWN TO BE AGGRAVATED:** None known.

### **SECTION – 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flash point and method:** Not Available.

**Upper and lower flammable (explosive) limits in air:** Not Applicable.

**Auto-ignition temperature:** Not Available.

**Flammability:** Not Available.

**Hazardous combustion products:** During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

**Conditions under which flammability could occur:**

**Extinguishing media:** Use foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, halon extinguishant or water fog or mist, (avoid use of water jet). Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate nonessential personnel from the area to prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes or products of combustion. Prevent use of contaminated buildings, area, and equipment until decontaminated. Water runoff can cause environmental damage. Contain run-off water with, for example, temporary earth barriers.

**Sensitivity to explosion by mechanical impact:**

**Sensitivity to explosion by static discharge:**

### **SECTION – 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Personal Precautions:** Make sure all personnel involved in the spill cleanup follow good industrial hygiene practices. A small spill can be handled routinely. Wear suitable protective equipment and clothing as described in Section 8 and/or the product label.

**Procedures for dealing with release or spill:** Control the spill at its source. Contain the spill to prevent from spreading or contaminating soil or from entering sewage and drainage systems or any body of water. Clean up spills immediately,

observing precautions outlined in Sections 7 and 8. Pump or scoop large amounts of liquid into a disposable container. Absorb remaining liquid or smaller spills with clay, sand or vermiculite. Scoop or sweep up material and place into a disposal container. Wash area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into compatible disposal container. On soils, small amounts will naturally decompose. For large amounts, skim off the upper contaminated layer and collect for disposal. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposal. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported to the appropriate regulatory body.

## SECTION – 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

**Handling practices:** KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Avoid breathing vapours or spray mist. Wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling, and before eating, tobacco use, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep containers closed when not in use. Keep product, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials out of water, and away from access by animals, birds or unauthorized people.

**Appropriate storage practices/requirements:** Store in original container only in a well-ventilated, cool, dry, secure area. Protect from heat, sparks and flame. Keep separate from other products to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock.

**National Fire Code classification:** Not regulated.

## SECTION – 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Applicable control measures, including engineering controls:** This product is intended for use outdoors where engineering controls are not necessary. If necessary, ensure work areas have ventilation, containment, and procedures sufficient to maintain airborne levels below the TLV. Warehouses, production area, parking lots and waste holding facilities must have adequate containment to prevent environmental contamination. Provide separate shower and eating facilities.

**THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION ARE INTENDED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, FORMULATION, PACKAGING AND USE OF THIS PRODUCT.**

**CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL FOR COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS AND/OR ON-FARM APPLICATIONS.**

**Personal protective equipment for each exposure route:**

General: Avoid breathing dust, vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or handling tobacco.

**INGESTION:** Do not eat, drink, handle tobacco, or apply cosmetics in areas where there is a potential for exposure to this material. Always wash thoroughly after handling.

**EYES:** Where eye contact is likely, use chemical splash goggles. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and a safety shower.

**SKIN:** Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant gloves (such as nitrile or butyl), coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.

**INHALATION:**

A respirator is not normally required when handling this substance. Use effective engineering controls to comply with occupational exposure limits. In case of emergency spills, use a NIOSH approved respirator with any N, R, P or HE filter.

Use a self-contained breathing apparatus in cases of emergency spills, when exposure levels are unknown, or under any circumstances where air-purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection

## SECTION – 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

**Appearance:** Colourless to clear solid.

**Formulation Type:** Solid

**Odour:** Odourless.

**pH:** 6.6 (1% in deionized H<sub>2</sub>O @ 20°C).

**Vapour pressure and reference temperature:**  $2 \times 10^{-11}$  mmHg @ 20°C (Thiamethoxam technical)

**Vapour density:** Not Available.

**Boiling point:** Not Applicable.

**Melting point:** Not Available.

**Freezing point:** Not Available.

**Specific gravity or density:** 1.26 g/cm<sup>3</sup> @ 20°C.

**Evaporation Rate:** Not Available.

**Water/oil partition coefficient:** log Kow = -0.13 (Thiamethoxam technical)

**Odour threshold:** Not Available.

**Viscosity:** Not Applicable.

**Solubility in Water:** 4.1 g/l @ 25°C (Thiamethoxam technical).

## SECTION – 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

**Chemical stability:** Stable under normal use and storage conditions.

**Conditions to avoid:** None known.

**Incompatibility with other materials:** None known.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** None known.

**Hazardous polymerization:** Will not occur.

## SECTION – 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### **Acute toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product):**

Ingestion:	Oral (LD50 Female Rat):	> 5,000 mg/kg
Dermal:	Dermal (LD50 Rabbit):	> 5,050 mg/kg
Inhalation:	Inhalation (LC50 Rat):	> 2.61 mg/l air - 4 hours
Eye Contact:	Minimally Irritating (Rabbit)	
Skin Contact:	Practically Non-Irritating (Rabbit)	
Skin Sensitization:	Not a Sensitizer (Guinea Pig)	

### **Reproductive/Developmental Effects**

Thiamethoxam: Developmental: Not teratogenic in rats or rabbits.  
Reproductive: No effects on reproduction. Minor increase in a common testis effect in rats at high doses, which did not affect reproduction.

### **Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies**

Thiamethoxam:  
Liver and kidney effects at high doses in animal models. Not neurotoxic in animal models.

### **Carcinogenicity**

Thiamethoxam:  
Liver tumors at high doses in mice; not relevant to humans.

### **Other Toxicity Information:**

None.

### **Toxicity of Other Components**

Not Applicable.

**Other materials that show synergistic toxic effects together with the product:**

**Target Organs**

Active Ingredients

Thiamethoxam: Liver.

Inert Ingredients

Sucrose: Not Applicable.

**SECTION – 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Summary of Effects**

**Eco-Acute Toxicity**

Thiamethoxam:

Invertebrate (Water Flea) 48-hour EC <sub>50</sub>	> 106 ppm
Fish (Rainbow Trout) 96-hour LC <sub>50</sub>	> 100 ppm
Bird (8-day dietary – Bobwhite Quail) LC <sub>50</sub>	>5,200 ppm

**Environmental Fate**

The active ingredient thiamethoxam has a moderate bioaccumulation potential, low mobility, and moderate persistence in soil and water. The dissipation half-life in soil is 48-239 days and under 22 days in aerobic water.

**SECTION – 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Waste disposal information:** Do not reuse empty containers unless they are specifically designed to be re-filled. Empty container retains product residue. Dispose of empty containers in accordance with local regulations. Consult provincial environment ministry for advice on waste disposal. Industrial/commercial waste may be handled at licensed facilities only. Waste shipments must be securely packaged and properly labelled. Only licensed carriers may be used, and proper documents must accompany the shipment.

**SECTION – 14 : TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Shipping information such as shipping classification:**

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS CLASSIFICATION - ROAD/RAIL

Not regulated.

**SECTION – 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**WHMIS classification for product:**

This MSDS has been prepared in accordance with WHMIS requirements, but the data are presented under 16 headings.

Other regulations; restrictions and prohibitions

Pest Control Products (PCP) Act Registration No.: 30788

**SECTION – 16: OTHER INFORMATION**

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the complete hazard evaluation of this product.

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