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**In Case of Emergency, Call**  
**1-800-888-8372**

**1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

Product Name: **OPTIGARD ANT GEL BAIT** Product No.: A15236A  
 EPA Signal Word: Caution  
 Active Ingredient(%): Thiamethoxam (0.01%) CAS No.: 153719-23-4  
 Chemical Name: 4H-1,3,5-Oxadiazin-4-imine,3-[(2-chloro-5-thiazolyl) methyl]tetrahydro-5-methyl-N-nitro-  
 Chemical Class: Neonicotinoid Insecticide  
 EPA Registration Number(s): 100-1260 **Section(s) Revised: New**

**2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**
Health and Environmental

Irritating to eyes and skin.

Hazardous Decomposition Products

May decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.

Physical Properties

Appearance: Colorless to clear solid

Odor: Odorless

Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

This product will undergo a very strong exothermic decomposition reaction at 300°F.

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

**3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen
Thiamethoxam (0.01%)	Not Established	Not Established	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ***	No

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

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

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

Have the product container, label or Material Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta (800-888-8372), a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment.

Ingestion: If swallowed: Call Syngenta (800-888-8372), a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. Have the person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so after calling 800-888-8372 or by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an

unconscious person.

- Eye Contact: If in eyes: Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call Syngenta (800-888-8372), a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
- Skin Contact: If on skin or clothing: Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. Call Syngenta (800-888-8372), a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
- Inhalation: If inhaled: Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call Syngenta (800-888-8372), a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.

#### Notes to Physician

There is no specific antidote if this product is ingested.

Treat symptomatically.

#### Medical Condition Likely to be Aggravated by Exposure

None known.

## **5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

### Fire and Explosion

Flash Point (Test Method):	Not Available	
Flammable Limits (% in Air):	Lower: Not Applicable	Upper: Not Applicable
Autoignition Temperature:	Not Available	
Flammability:	Not Available	

### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

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### In Case of Fire

Use dry chemical, foam or CO2 extinguishing media. 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. If water is used to fight fire, dike and collect runoff.

## **6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

### In Case of Spill or Leak

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 Section 8. Sweep up material and place in a compatible disposal container. Scrub area with hard water detergent (e.g. commercial products such as Tide, Joy, Spic and Span). Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into compatible disposal container. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposition.

## **7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Store the material in a well-ventilated, secure area out of reach of children and domestic animals. Do not store food, beverages or tobacco products in the storage area. Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

## **8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

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

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

Ingestion: Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco usage and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling.

Eye Contact: Where eye contact is likely, use chemical splash goggles.  
Skin Contact: Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant (such as nitrile or butyl) gloves, coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.  
Inhalation: A respirator is not normally required when handling this substance.

In case of emergency spills, use a NIOSH approved respirator with any N, R, P or HE filter.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Colorless to clear solid  
Odor: Odorless  
Melting Point: Not Available  
Boiling Point: Not Applicable  
Specific Gravity/Density: 1.26 g/cm<sup>3</sup> @ 68°F (20°C)  
pH: 6.6 (1% in deionized H<sub>2</sub>O @ 77°F (25°C))

### Solubility in H<sub>2</sub>O

Thiamethoxam: 4.1g/l @ 77°F (25°C)

### Vapor Pressure

Thiamethoxam: 2 x 10<sup>(-11)</sup> mmHg @ 68°F (20°C)

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Stability: Stable under normal use and storage conditions.  
Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.  
Conditions to Avoid: None known.  
Materials to Avoid: None known.  
Hazardous Decomposition Products: May decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product)

Ingestion: Practically Non-Toxic  
Oral (LD50 Female Rat) : > 5,000 mg/kg body weight  
Dermal: Practically Non-Toxic  
Dermal (LD50 Rat) : > 5,050 mg/kg body weight  
Inhalation: Practically Non-Toxic  
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. Developmental delays at maternally toxic doses.  
Reproductive: No biologically important reproductive effects. Minor testis effects at high doses with no effect on reproduction.

### Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies

Thiamethoxam: Subchronic: Predominantly liver and kidney effects at high doses. Not neurotoxic.  
Chronic: Predominantly liver and kidney effects at high doses.  
Acute: Transient clinical signs at high doses. No changes to nervous tissue.

### Carcinogenicity

Thiamethoxam: Liver tumors at high doses noted in mice that are not relevant to humans. No treatment-related tumors in rats.

#### Other Toxicity Information

None

#### Toxicity of Other Components

Not Applicable

#### Target Organs

##### Active Ingredients

Thiamethoxam: Liver, kidney

##### Inert Ingredients

Not Applicable

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Summary of Effects

Thiamethoxam:

Very toxic to aquatic organisms. May cause long-term adverse effects in the aquatic environment.

#### Eco-Acute Toxicity

Thiamethoxam:

- Fish (Rainbow Trout) 96-hour LC50 > 100 ppm
- Fish (Bluegill Sunfish) 96-hour LC50 > 114 ppm
- Bird (Mallard Duck) LD50 Oral 576 mgk
- Invertebrate (Daphnia Magna) 48-hour EC50 > 106 ppm
- Bird (Bobwhite Quail) 8-day dietary LC50 > 5200 ppm
- Bee (Contact) LD50 0.024 ug/bee
- Bird (Mallard Duck) 8-day dietary LC50 > 5200 ppm
- Green Algae 4-day EC50 > 97 ppm

#### Eco-Chronic Toxicity

Thiamethoxam:

- Invertebrate (Water Flea) 21-day LOEC 101 ppm
- Fish (Fathead Minnow) LOEC 900 ppm

#### Environmental Fate

Thiamethoxam:

The information presented here is for the active ingredient, thiamethoxam.  
Not persistent in soil. Stable in water. Moderate mobility in soil. Floats in water (after 24 h).

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Disposal

Do not reuse product containers. Dispose of product containers, waste containers, and residues according to local, state, and federal health and environmental regulations.

Characteristic Waste: Not Applicable

Listed Waste: Not Applicable

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

#### DOT Classification

Ground Transport - NAFTA

Not regulated.

B/L Freight Classification

Insecticides, NOIBN, O/T Poison

Comments

Water Transport - International  
Not regulated.

Air Transport - International  
Not regulated.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

EPCRA SARA Title III Classification

Section 311/312 Hazard Classes: Acute Health Hazard

Section 313 Toxic Chemicals: Not Applicable

California Proposition 65

Not Applicable

CERCLA/SARA 302 Reportable Quantity (RQ)

None

RCRA Hazardous Waste Classification (40 CFR 261)

Not Applicable

TSCA Status

Exempt from TSCA, subject to FIFRA

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

NFPA Hazard Ratings

Health: 1  
Flammability: 1  
Instability: 0

HMIS Hazard Ratings

Health: 1  
Flammability: 1  
Reactivity: 0

0	Minimal
1	Slight
2	Moderate
3	Serious
4	Extreme

For non-emergency questions about this product call:

1-800-334-9481

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