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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 (0.010%) 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: 14**

### 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Health and Environmental

Harmful if inhaled. Causes mild eye and skin irritation.

#### Hazardous Decomposition Products

None known.

#### Physical Properties

Appearance: Colorless to clear solid

Odor: Odorless

#### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

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 (0.010%)	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

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

### In Case of Fire

Use dry chemical, foam or CO<sub>2</sub> 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 AND PACKAGING 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 gloves (such as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber,

neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyvinyl chloride [PVC] or Viton), coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear.

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:	None known.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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

Ingestion:	Oral (LD50 Female Rat) :	> 5000 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	Dermal (LD50 Rat) :	> 5050 mg/kg body weight
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. When used in accordance with label directions and recommendations in this MSDS, no effects would be expected in humans.

### Chronic/Subchronic Toxicity Studies

Thiamethoxam: Subchronic: Liver effects occurred in rodents only at high dose levels. Not neurotoxic after high acute and subchronic exposure in rats.

### Carcinogenicity

Thiamethoxam: Classified as "not likely to be carcinogenic in humans" based on lifetime studies in mice and rats.

Other Toxicity Information  
None

Toxicity of Other Components

Not Applicable

Target Organs

Active Ingredients  
Thiamethoxam: Liver

Inert Ingredients  
Not Applicable

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Effects

Thiamethoxam:  
Harmful to aquatic life.

Ecotoxicity Effects

Thiamethoxam:  
Fish (Rainbow Trout) 96-hour LC50 > 100 ppm  
Bird (Mallard Duck) LD50 Oral 576 mg/kg  
Invertebrate (Daphnia Magna) 48-hour EC50 > 106 ppm  
Green Algae 4-day EC50 > 97 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, NOI, Not Regulated

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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