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

## 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: **ACTARA INSECTICIDE** Product No.: A9584C  
EPA Signal Word: Caution  
Active Ingredient(%): Thiamethoxam (25.0%) CAS No.: 153719-23-4  
Chemical Name: 3-(2-chloro-1,3-thiazol-5-ylmethyl)-5-methyl-1,3,5-oxadiazinan-4-ylidene(nitro)amine  
Chemical Class: Neonicotinoid Insecticide  
EPA Registration Number(s): 100-938 Section(s) Revised: 1

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Health and Environmental

Harmful if inhaled. May be harmful in contact with skin. Causes mild eye and skin irritation.

May form flammable dust-air mixture.

### Hazardous Decomposition Products

None known.

### Physical Properties

Appearance: Beige to brown granules

Odor: Musty

### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

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

See also Sec. 7.

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Material	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	Other	NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen
Crystalline Silica, Quartz and Cristobalite	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> /(%SiO <sub>2</sub> +2) (respirable dust)	0.025 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable silica)	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust) **	IARC 1; ACGIH 1
Diatomaceous Earth	80 mg/m <sup>3</sup> /%SiO <sub>2</sub> (20 mppcf) TWA	Not Established	6 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA **	IARC 3
Starch	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total) TWA; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (resp) TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total) TWA; 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (resp) TWA **	No
Thiamethoxam (25.0%)	Not Established	Not Established	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA ***	No

\*\* recommended by NIOSH

\*\*\* 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 Applicable
- Flammable Limits (% in Air): Lower: Not Applicable Upper: Not Applicable
- Autoignition Temperature: Not Available
- Flammability: Combustible powder

### Unusual Fire, Explosion and Reactivity Hazards

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

See also Sec. 7.

### In Case of Fire

Use appropriate extinguishing media for combustibles in the area. 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 in Protective Equipment Section. 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

This material is capable of forming flammable dust clouds in air, which, if ignited, can produce a dust cloud explosion. Flames, hot surfaces, mechanical sparks and electrostatic discharges can serve as ignition sources for this material. Electrical equipment

should be compatible with the flammability characteristics of this material. The flammability characteristics will be made worse if the material contains traces of flammable solvents or is handled in the presence of flammable solvents.

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 dust-proof chemical 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. Use effective engineering controls to comply with occupational exposure limits.

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

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Beige to brown granules
Odor:	Musty
Melting Point:	Not Available
Boiling Point:	Not Applicable
Specific Gravity/Density:	0.471 g/cm <sup>3</sup> @ 68°F (20°C)
pH:	9.4 (1% aqueous dispersion)

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

Thiamethoxam:	4.1 g/l @ 77°F (25°C)
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### Vapor Pressure

Thiamethoxam:	2 x 10 <sup>-11</sup> mmHg @ 68°F (20°C)
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## 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 Rat) :	> 5000 mg/kg body weight
Dermal:	Dermal (LD50 Rabbit) :	> 2000 mg/kg body weight
Inhalation:	Inhalation (LC50 Rat) :	> 2.79 mg/l air - 4 hours

Eye Contact: Mildly Irritating (Rabbit)  
Skin Contact: Slightly 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

Crystalline Silica, Quartz and Cristobalite

Chronic inhalation exposure to crystalline silica is known to cause silicosis and pulmonary fibrosis in humans. Experimental animals exposed to crystalline silica developed respiratory tract cancers.

Diatomaceous Earth

The carrier in this product is naturally occurring diatomaceous earth. Natural diatomaceous earth contains a small percentage of naturally occurring crystalline silica, which is considered a human carcinogen. Chronic inhalation exposure to crystalline silica is known to cause silicosis and pulmonary fibrosis in humans. The amount of crystalline silica in this product is minimal and the potential for overexposure in manufacturing operations is low.

Starch

Test results reported in Section 11 for the final product take into account any acute hazards related to the starch in the formulation.

#### Target Organs

##### Active Ingredients

Thiamethoxam: Liver

##### Inert Ingredients

Crystalline Silica, Quartz and Cristobalite: Respiratory tract

Diatomaceous Earth: Respiratory tract

Starch: Not Applicable

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### 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.

#### Comments

Water Transport - International

Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Solid, N.O.S. (Thiamethoxam), Marine Pollutant

Hazard Class: Class 9

Identification Number: UN 3077

Packing Group: PG III

Air Transport

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### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### EPCRA SARA Title III Classification

Section 311/312 Hazard Classes: Acute Health Hazard  
Fire 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: 2  
Instability: 0

HMIS Hazard Ratings

Health: 1  
Flammability: 2  
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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