

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** **BIFLEX<sup>®</sup> 200EC**  
**TERMITICIDE & INSECTICIDE**

**Other Names:** Bifenthrin.  
**Use:** Termiticide and insecticide for use in and around buildings and other structures.  
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## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**Classified as hazardous according to criteria of ASCC.**  
**Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code.**

**Risk phrases:** R20/22 Harmful by inhalation and if swallowed  
R36 Irritating to eyes.  
R43 May cause sensitisation by skin contact.  
R65 May cause lung damage if swallowed.

**Safety Phrases:** S2 Keep out of reach of children.  
S13 Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.  
S23 Do not breathe vapour or spray.  
S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
S36/39 Wear suitable protective clothing and eye/face protection.

## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Ingredients:

CHEMICAL	CAS NUMBER	PROPORTION
Bifenthrin	82657-04-3	20% w/w
Mixture of ester solvents	mixture	30 - 60% w/w
Tridecyl alcohol reacted with 9 moles of ethylene oxide	24938-91-8	1 - 10% w/w
Other ingredients determined not to be hazardous	mixture	10 - 30 % w/w

## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

### FIRST AID

**Swallowed:** If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia (13 11 26). If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting, give a glass of water. If any discomfort persists seek medical advice.

**Eye:** If in eyes, hold eyes open and flush with water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

**Skin:** If on skin wash with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. If irritation occurs and persists see a doctor.

**SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES (Continued)**

**Inhaled:** Remove patient to fresh air. If breathing discomfort occurs, obtain medical attention.

**Advice to Doctors:** Bifenthrin the active ingredient in this product is a pyrethroid insecticide. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Specific Hazard:** Product is a combustible liquid. Flash point > 87°C.

**Extinguishing media:** Foam, CO<sub>2</sub> or dry chemical. Soft stream water fog if no alternatives. Contain all runoff.

**Hazards from combustion products:** On burning will emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen chloride, chlorine, fluorine and hydrogen fluoride etc.

**Precautions for fire-fighters and special protective equipment:** Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe or contact smoke, gases or vapours generated.

**SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

**Emergency procedures:** Isolate and post spill area. Keep out unprotected persons and animals. Wear prescribed protective clothing and equipment. Large spills should be dyked or covered to prevent dispersal. Vacuum shovel or pump spilled material into an approved container and dispose of as listed in section 13.

**Material and methods for containment and cleanup procedures:** To clean spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a solution of soap, water and acetic acid/vinegar. Follow this with a neutralisation step of washing the area with a bleach or caustic soda ash solution. Finally, wash with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb, as above, any excess liquid and add both solutions to the drums of waste already collected. Do NOT allow spilled product or wash solution to enter sewers, drains, dams, creeks or any other waterways.

**SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Precautions for Safe Handling:** Ensure containers are kept closed until using product. Avoid skin and eye contact and breathing vapour. When opening the container, mixing and loading and preparing spray, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing), elbow length chemical resistant gloves and face shield or goggles. When using the prepared spray, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing), a washable hat, and elbow length chemical resistant gloves and half face respirator with combined dust and gas cartridge.

**Conditions for Safe Storage:** DO NOT store near (or allow to contact) fertilizers, fungicides or pesticides. Store in the closed original container, in a cool well ventilated area, out of direct sunlight. Store in a place away from children, animals, food, feed stuffs, seed and fertilizers. Do not store near sources of ignition or naked flames.

This product is classified as a C1 (Combustible Liquid) for the purpose of storage and handling, in accordance with the requirements of AS 1940. Refer to state regulations for storage and transport requirements.

**SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION****National Exposure Standards:**

No exposure standard for bifenthrin has been established by ASCC.

**Biological Limit Values:**

No biological limit allocated.

**Engineering controls:**

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Use in well ventilated area only. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading. Keep containers closed when not in use.

**SECTION 8 | EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION (Continued)****Personal Protective equipment (PPE):**

**Work Clothing:** Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat, elbow-length chemical resistant gloves and face shield or goggles.

**Eye Protection:** When using product, wear chemical protective goggles or face shield.

**Respiratory Protection:** If inhalation risk exists, wear a properly fitted half-face or full-face air-purifying respirator which is approved for pesticides (Australian Standards).

**Gloves:** Wear chemical protective gloves made of materials such as nitrile, Viton® brand or PVC when handling this product. Inspect regularly for leaks. Wash the outside of gloves with soap and water prior to removal.

**Personal Hygiene:** Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. Wash skin before eating, drinking or smoking. Shower at the end of the workday.

**SECTION 9 | PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Appearance:</b>	Clear light yellow liquid.
<b>Odour:</b>	Aromatic hydrocarbon odour.
<b>Boiling point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Freezing point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.0 g/mL.
<b>pH:</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Product emulsifies in water.
<b>Flammability:</b>	Combustible liquid (C1).
<b>Corrosive hazard:</b>	Non corrosive; compatible with stainless steel containers & polyethylene used in spray tanks and parts.
<b>Flashpoint (°C) :</b>	> 87°C.
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not established.
<b>Poisons Schedule:</b>	Product is a schedule 6 poison.

**SECTION 10 | STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

**Chemical Stability:** Product is considered stable in ambient conditions for a period of at least 2 years after manufacture.

**Conditions to avoid:** No particular conditions to avoid.

**Incompatible materials:** No particular materials to avoid.

**Hazardous decomposition products:** When the product is heated to high temperatures, the active constituent will decompose and emit toxic fumes.

**Hazardous reactions:** No particular reactions to avoid.

**SECTION 11 | TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****Potential Health Effects:**

This product is harmful if swallowed or inhaled. Ingestion of large doses of bifenthrin by laboratory animals produced signs of toxicity which included clonic convulsions, tremors and bloody nasal discharge. Irritating to eyes, skin and respiratory system. Moderately irritating to the eyes. Dermal sensitisation may occur.

**Acute**

**Swallowed:** This product is harmful if swallowed; the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) = 345 mg/kg (Calculated).

**Eye:** Moderately irritating to the eyes. Product can be absorbed through the eyes.

**Skin:** This product has a low dermal toxicity. The dermal LD<sub>50</sub> (rabbit) > 2000 mg/kg (Calculated). Skin sensitising may occur. Skin contact may result in irritation with a degreasing action on the skin.

**Inhaled:** This product is harmful if inhaled. Inhalation of liquid hydrocarbon vapours may cause dizziness, disturbances in vision and irritation to the eyes, skin and mucous membrane of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts. Acute inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> = 2.7 mg/L/4 hour (Calculated).

**SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION (Continued)**

**Chronic:** No data available on this formulation. In studies with laboratory animals, Bifenthrin Technical did not cause teratogenicity or reproductive toxicity. Tremors were associated with repeated exposure of dogs, rats, rabbits and mice to Bifenthrin. The overall results from a battery of genotoxicity studies indicate that Bifenthrin is not considered to be genotoxic. Ames test results were negative.

**SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Toxicology:** The active ingredient, Bifenthrin, is highly toxic to fish and aquatic arthropods with LC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 0.0038 µg/L to 17.8 µg/L. In general, the aquatic arthropods are the most sensitive species. Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the aquatic environment. Bifenthrin had no effect on molluscs at its limit of water solubility. Bifenthrin is only slightly toxic to both waterfowl and upland game birds with LC<sub>50</sub> values range from 1800 mg/kg to > 2,150 mg/kg. Do not contaminate sewers, drains, dams, creeks or any other waterways with product or the used container.

**Environmental Properties:** The active ingredient, Bifenthrin, degrades at a moderate rate in agricultural soils (t<sub>1/2</sub> = 50 to 205 days), and more rapidly on the surface of bare soils (t<sub>1/2</sub> = 7 to 62 days). Bifenthrin is tightly bound in most soils and has extremely low water solubility.

**SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Spills & Disposal:** In the case of spillage, contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as sand, clay or cat litter and dispose of waste as indicated below or according to the Australian Standard 2507 - Storage and Handling of Pesticides. Wear prescribed protective clothing and equipment. Keep out animals and unprotected persons. Keep material out of streams and sewers. Vacuum, shovel or pump waste into an approved drum. To decontaminate spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a suitable solution (i.e. organic solvent, detergent, bleach or caustic soda) and add the solution to the drums of waste already collected. Label for contents. Dispose of drummed wastes, including decontamination solution, in accordance with the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities.

Do not cut or weld metal containers. Vapours that form inside may create an explosion hazard.

**Dangerous to Fish:** Do NOT allow spilled product or wash solution to enter sewers, drains, dams, creeks or any other waterways.

**Disposal of empty, non-returnable containers:** Triple or preferably pressure rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on-site. If recycling, replace cap and return containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush or puncture and bury empty containers in a local authority landfill. If not available bury the containers below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, vegetation and roots. Empty containers and product should not be burnt.

**Returnable and refillable containers:** Empty containers fully into application equipment. Close all valves and return to point of supply for refill or storage. Do not burn empty containers or product.

**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Road & Rail Transport:** Biflex 200EC is not classified as a Dangerous Goods under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Product is a C1 combustible liquid for storage purposes.

**Marine and Air Transport:** Product is a Marine Pollutant according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). If transporting by sea or air the following Dangerous Goods Classification applies:-  
UN 3082, Class 9 (Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods), Packing Group III, Proper Shipping Name ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S. (Contains 20% Bifenthrin).

**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Classified as a hazardous substance according to criteria of ASCC. (Xi, Xn).

Under the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP), this product is a schedule 6 poison.

Product is not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the ADG Code (7<sup>th</sup> Ed).

Product is classified as a Dangerous Good according to International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

**SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

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Key to abbreviations and acronyms used in this MSDS:

ADG Code	Australian Dangerous Goods Code (for the transport of dangerous goods by Road and Rail).
ASCC	Australian Safety & Compensation Council (formally known as the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC)).
Carcinogen	An agent which is responsible for the formation of a cancer.
Genotoxic	Capable of causing damage to genetic material, such as DNA.
NOHSC	National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.
OCS	Office of Chemical Safety.
PPE	Personal protective equipment.
Teratogen	An agent capable of causing abnormalities in a developing foetus.
TWA	The Time Weighted Average airborne concentration over an eight-hour working day, for a five day working week over an entire working life.

**References**

1. "Search Hazardous Substances". Australian Safety and Compensation Council website. (2008).
2. "Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances" 3rd Ed. NOHSC Australia. [NOHSC:1008 (2004)]. October 2004.
3. Office of Chemical Safety Health Risk Assessment Technical Report (Nov 2008).

This MSDS summarises our best knowledge of the health and safety hazard information of the product and how to safely handle and use the product in the workplace. Each user should read this MSDS and consider the information in the context of how the product will be handled and used in the workplace including in conjunction with other products.

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

*End of MSDS*