

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product Name:** BIFLEX<sup>®</sup> AQUAMAX INSECTICIDE

**Other Names:** Bifenthrin.  
**Use:** Termiticide and insecticide for use in buildings and other structures.  
**Company:** FMC Australasia Pty Ltd.  
**Address:** Unit 26, 8 Metroplex Ave, Murarrie, Qld 4172  
**Telephone Number:** 07 3908 9222 Fax Number: 07 3908 9221  
**Emergency Telephone Number:** 1800 033 111 (All hours - Australia wide).

## SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

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

Risk phrases: R22 Harmful if swallowed  
Safety Phrases: S2 Keep out of reach of children.  
S13 Keep away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.  
S24/25 Avoid contact with skin and eyes.  
S23 Do not breathe vapour or spray.  
S36/37 Wear suitable protective clothing and gloves.  
S39 Wear eye/face protection.

## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Ingredients:

<b>CHEMICAL</b>	<b>CAS NUMBER</b>	<b>PROPORTION</b>
Bifenthrin	82657-04-3	100 g/L
Propane-1,2-diol	57-55-6	1 - 10%
Other ingredients determined not to be hazardous	mixture	Balance

## SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

### FIRST AID

**Swallowed:** If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone Australia 13 11 26. If any discomfort persists seek medical advice.

**Eye:** If in eyes, hold eyes open and flush gently with water. If irritation occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

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

**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. It has been reported that a topical application of Vitamin E cream has therapeutic value in reducing skin irritation, associated with skin contact with pyrethroid insecticides. Treatment is otherwise symptomatic and supportive.

**SECTION 5 FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Specific Hazard:** Product is a not flammable.

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

**Hazards from combustion products:** Non-combustible, however after evaporation of water, the residual material 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.

**Spills:** In the case of spillage, contain and absorb spilled material with absorbent material such as sand, clay or cat litter and dispose of waste according to the Australian Standard 2507 - Storage and Handling of Pesticides. Keep material out of streams and sewers. Vacuum, shovel or pump waste into an approved drum. Label for contents. Dispose of drummed wastes, including decontamination solution, in accordance with the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities. Do NOT allow spilled product to enter sewers, drains, creeks or any other waterways.

**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.

**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 and preparing spray, wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat and elbow length PVC or nitrile gloves. When using the prepared spray wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat and elbow length PVC or nitrile gloves. After each day's use, wash gloves and contaminated clothing.

**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.

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

No exposure standard for bifenthrin has been established by Safe Work Australia. However, the following exposure standard has been established:

Atmospheric Contaminant	Exposure Standard (TWA) <sup>a</sup>	Proportion in AquaMax
Propane-1,2-diol total: (vapour & particulates)	150 ppm (474 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	< 10%
TWA = Time-weight Average		

It is highly unlikely that atmospheric concentrations of Propane-1,2-diol will reach the above concentrations when used as directed.

**Biological Limit Values:**

No biological limit allocated.

**SECTION 8 | EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION (Continued)****Engineering controls:**

Use in ventilated areas only. Use local exhaust at all process locations where spray may be emitted. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading. Keep containers closed when not in use.

**Personal Protective equipment (PPE):**

Work Clothing: Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist and a washable hat, elbow-length PVC or nitrile 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>	White, opaque liquid.
<b>Odour:</b>	Very mild, soap like odour.
<b>Boiling point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Freezing point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.02 g/mL.
<b>pH:</b>	Not available.
<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Product suspends in water.
<b>Flammability:</b>	Not flammable.
<b>Corrosive hazard:</b>	Non corrosive; compatible with stainless steel containers & polyethylene used in spray tanks and parts.
<b>Flashpoint (°C):</b>	Not applicable, not flammable.
<b>Flammability Limits (%):</b>	Not flammable.
<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 and the water is evaporated, the active constituent will decompose and emit toxic and noxious fumes.

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

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

Studies with laboratory animals have shown this product to be harmful if swallowed. Ingestion of large doses of bifenthrin by laboratory animals produced signs of toxicity which included clonic convulsions, tremors and bloody nasal discharge.

**Acute**

**Swallowed:** This product is harmful if swallowed; the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> (rat) = 505 mg/kg (calculated).

**Eye:** Irritating to the eyes.

**Skin:** This product has a low dermal toxicity. The acute dermal LD<sub>50</sub> (rabbit) > 2000 mg/kg. May cause skin irritation. Skin sensitising may occur in sensitive individuals.

**Inhaled:** This product is harmful if inhaled. Acute inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> > 8.7 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**

**Disposal:** Label all recovered material for contents. Dispose of drummed wastes, including decontamination solution, in accordance with the requirements of Local or State Waste Management Authorities.

Do not bury waste or surplus product. Dispose of undiluted waste by either dilution and use, according to the Directions for Use, or returning to the point of purchase in the original container for controlled disposal. Dispose of diluted surplus product by using according to the Directions for Use. Do not re-use empty container.

*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, in compliance with relevant Local, State or Territory government regulations. Empty containers and product should not be burnt.

**SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

**Road & Rail Transport:** This product is exempt from classification as a Dangerous Good in packs less than 3,000 kg or litres under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. For bulk shipments this product is a class 9, UN 3082.

**Marine and Air Transport:** Biflex AquaMax Insecticide is classified as 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 10% Bifenthrin). Hazchem code •3Z. Hazard Identification Number (HIN) 90.

**SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION**

Classified as a hazardous substance according to criteria of Safe Work Australia. (Xn).

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

This product has registration pending under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994. Product No. 60678.

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 the 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).

Carcinogen: An agent which is responsible for the formation of a cancer.

Genotoxic: Capable of causing damage to genetic material, such as DNA.

HSIS: Hazardous Substances information System.

Lacrimation: The production, secretion, and shedding of tears.

Lavage: A general term referring to cleaning or rinsing.

Mutagen: An agent capable of producing a mutation.

NOHSC: National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

Pneumonitis: A general term that refers to inflammation of lung tissue.

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.

Safe Work Australia: Formally known as Australian Safety & Compensation Council (ASCC) which was formally known as the National Occupational Health & Safety Commission (NOHSC).

**References**

1. "Search Hazardous Substances". HSIS - Safe Work Australia website. (2012).
2. "Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances" 3rd Ed. NOHSC Australia. [NOHSC:1008 (2004)]. October 2004.

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.

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