



Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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Chemical nature: Thidiazuron is a phenylurea derivative; Diuron is a urea derivative.
Trade Name: **Escalate UltraMax**
Product Use: Cotton defoliant for use as described on the product label.
Creation Date: **February, 2015**
This version issued: **June, 2023** and is valid for 5 years from this date.
Poisons Information Centre: Phone 13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia

Section 2 - Hazards Identification

Statement of Hazardous Nature

SUSMP Classification: None allocated.

ADG Classification: Class 9: Miscellaneous dangerous goods.

UN Number: 3082, ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE, LIQUID, N.O.S.



GHS Signal word: **WARNING**

Acute toxicity (oral) – category 4
Skin irritation – category 2
Eye irritation – category 2A
Carcinogenicity – category 2
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) – category 2
Hazardous to the aquatic environment (chronic) – category 1

HAZARD STATEMENT:

H302: Harmful if swallowed.
H315: Causes skin irritation.
H319: Causes serious eye irritation.
H351: Suspected of causing cancer.
H373: May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
H410: Very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

PREVENTION

P102: Keep out of reach of children.
P201: Obtain special instructions before use.
P202: Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P260: Do not breathe fumes, mists, vapours or spray.
P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.
P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.
P270: Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P273: Avoid release to the environment.
P281: Use personal protective equipment as required.

RESPONSE

P352: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P301+P312: IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.
P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.
P308+P313: If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice.
P391: Collect spillage.
P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials. Alcohol resistant foam is the preferred firefighting medium but, if it is not available, normal foam can be used.

STORAGE

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P405: Store locked up.
 P410: Protect from sunlight.
 P402+P404: Store in a dry place. Store in a closed container.
 P403+P235: Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.

DISPOSAL

P501: Dispose of contents and containers as specified on the registered label.

Emergency Overview

Physical Description & colour: Beige coloured liquid suspension.

Odour: Aromatic odour.

Major Health Hazards: limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect, harmful if swallowed, skin irritant, causes serious eye irritation, may cause damage to organs through prolonged/repeated exposure.

Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Thidiazuron	51707-55-2	250g/L	not set	not set
Diuron	330-54-1	120g/L	10	not set
Other non hazardous ingredients	secret	to 100	not set	not set

This is a commercial product whose exact ratio of components may vary slightly. Minor quantities of other non hazardous ingredients are also possible.

The SWA TWA exposure value is the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal 8 hour working day for a 5 day working week. The STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit) is an exposure value that may be equalled (but should not be exceeded) for no longer than 15 minutes and should not be repeated more than 4 times per day. There should be at least 60 minutes between successive exposures at the STEL. The term "peak "is used when the TWA limit, because of the rapid action of the substance, should never be exceeded, even briefly.

Section 4 - First Aid Measures**General Information:**

You should call The Poisons Information Centre if you feel that you may have been poisoned, burned or irritated by this product. The number is 13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia (0800 764 766 in New Zealand) and is available at all times. Have this SDS with you when you call.

Inhalation: No first aid measures normally required. However, if inhalation has occurred, and irritation has developed, remove to fresh air and observe until recovered. If irritation becomes painful or persists more than about 30 minutes, seek medical advice.

Skin Contact: Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 5 minutes or until chemical is removed.

Eye Contact: If irritation occurs, flush contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water for 5 minutes or until the product is removed. Obtain medical advice if irritation becomes painful or lasts more than a few minutes. Take special care if exposed person is wearing contact lenses.

Ingestion: If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Wash mouth with water and contact a Poisons Information Centre, or call a doctor.

Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

Fire and Explosion Hazards: The major hazard in fires is usually inhalation of heated and toxic or oxygen deficient (or both), fire gases. There is little risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire.

This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating.

Fire decomposition products from this product may be toxic if inhaled. Take appropriate protective measures.

Extinguishing Media: Try to contain spills, minimise spillage entering drains or water courses.

Fire Fighting: If a significant quantity of this product is involved in a fire, call the fire brigade. There is little danger of a violent reaction or explosion if significant quantities of this product are involved in a fire. Recommended personal protective equipment is full fire kit and breathing apparatus.

Flammability Class: Does not burn.

Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

Accidental release: In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses. As a minimum, wear overalls, goggles and gloves. Suitable materials for protective clothing include PVC, Nitrile. Eye/face protective equipment should comprise as a minimum, protective goggles. If there is a significant chance that vapours or mists are likely to build up in the cleanup area, we recommend that you use a respirator. Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned below (section 8). Otherwise, not normally necessary.

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Stop leak if safe to do so, and contain spill. Absorb onto sand, vermiculite or other suitable absorbent material. If spill is too large or if absorbent material is not available, try to create a dike to stop material spreading or going into drains or waterways. Because of the environmentally hazardous nature of this product, special care should be taken to restrict release to waterways or drains. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. Recycle containers wherever possible after careful cleaning. Refer to product label for specific instructions. After spills, wash area preventing runoff from entering drains. If a significant quantity of material enters drains, advise emergency services. Full details regarding disposal of used containers, spillage and unused material may be found on the label. If there is any conflict between this SDS and the label, instructions on the label prevail. Ensure legality of disposal by consulting regulations prior to disposal. Thoroughly launder protective clothing before storage or re-use. Advise laundry of nature of contamination when sending contaminated clothing to laundry.

Section 7 - Handling and Storage

Handling: Keep exposure to this product to a minimum, and minimise the quantities kept in work areas. Check Section 8 of this SDS for details of personal protective measures, and make sure that those measures are followed. The measures detailed below under "Storage" should be followed during handling in order to minimise risks to persons using the product in the workplace. Also, avoid contact or contamination of product with incompatible materials listed in Section 10.

Storage: Although this is classed as a Dangerous Good, you may not need a license to store it. If you have any doubts, we suggest you contact your Dangerous Goods authority in order to clarify your obligations. Check packaging - there may be further storage instructions on the label.

Section 8 - Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

The following Australian Standards will provide general advice regarding safety clothing and equipment:

Respiratory equipment: **AS/NZS 1715**, Protective Gloves: **AS 2161**, Occupational Protective Clothing: AS/NZS 4501 set 2008, Industrial Eye Protection: **AS1336** and **AS/NZS 1337**, Occupational Protective Footwear: **AS/NZS2210**.

SWA Exposure Limits	TWA (mg/m ³)	STEL (mg/m ³)
Diuron	10	not set

The ADI for Thidiazuron is set at 0.02mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 2.5mg/kg/day.

The ADI for Diuron is set at 0.007mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 0.7mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake; NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Data from Australian ADI List, June 2013.

No special equipment is usually needed when occasionally handling small quantities. The following instructions are for bulk handling or where regular exposure in an occupational setting occurs without proper containment systems.

Ventilation: This product should only be used in a well ventilated area. If natural ventilation is inadequate, use of a fan is suggested.

Eye Protection: Eye protection such as protective glasses or goggles is recommended when this product is being used.

Skin Protection: You should avoid contact even with mild skin irritants. Therefore you should wear suitable impervious elbow-length gloves and facial protection when handling this product. See below for suitable material types.

Protective Material Types: We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: PVC, nitrile.

Respirator: Usually, no respirator is necessary when using this product. However, if you have any doubts consult the Australian Standard mentioned above. Otherwise, not normally necessary.

Safety deluge showers should, if practical, be provided near to where this product is being handled commercially.

Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

Physical Description & colour:	Beige coloured liquid suspension.
Odour:	Aromatic odour.
Boiling Point:	Approx 100°C at 100kPa
Flash point:	Does not burn.
Upper Flammability Limit:	Does not burn.
Lower Flammability Limit:	Does not burn.
Autoignition temperature:	Not applicable - does not burn.
Freezing/Melting Point:	No specific data. Liquid at normal temperatures.
Volatiles:	Approx 60%
Vapour Pressure:	As for water.
Vapour Density:	No data.
Specific Gravity:	Approx 1.12 at 20°C
Water Solubility:	Dispersible.

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pH:	6.0-8.0 at 23°C (as supplied)
Volatility:	No data.
Odour Threshold:	No data.
Evaporation Rate:	No data.
Coeff Oil/water distribution:	No data
Particle Characteristics:	Not applicable to liquids.

Section 10 – Stability and Reactivity

Reactivity: This product is unlikely to react or decompose under normal storage conditions. However, if you have any doubts, contact the supplier for advice on shelf life properties.

Conditions to Avoid: Protect this product from light. Store in the closed original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight.

Incompatibilities: strong oxidising agents.

Fire Decomposition: This product is likely to decompose only after heating to dryness, followed by further strong heating. Combustion forms carbon dioxide, and if incomplete, carbon monoxide and possibly smoke. Water is also formed. May form nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances, oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally hydrogen cyanide gas in reducing atmospheres. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death.

Polymerisation: This product will not undergo polymerisation reactions.

Section 11 - Toxicological Information

Local Effects:

Target Organs: There is no data to hand indicating any particular target organs.

Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

Ingredient	Health Hazard Statement Codes
Diuron	H351, H302, H373, H410
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinogenicity – category 2 • Acute toxicity – category 4 • Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure) – category 2 • Hazardous to the aquatic environment (acute) – category 1 • Hazardous to the aquatic environment (chronic) – category 1 	

Chronic toxicity: Male rats given extremely high doses of Diuron over a 2-week period showed changes in their spleen and bone marrow. Other chronic effects attributed to moderate to high doses of the pesticide over time included changes in blood chemistry, increased mortality, growth retardation, abnormal blood pigment, and anaemia. When fed small amounts of Diuron in food for 2 years, animal species showed no adverse effects.

Reproductive effects: Daily low doses of Diuron fed to female rats through three successive generations caused significantly decreased body weight of offspring in the second and third litters. The fertility rate remained unaffected. It is unlikely that Diuron will cause reproductive effects in humans at expected levels of exposure.

Teratogenic effects: Diuron is teratogenic at high doses. Administered to pregnant rats on days 6 through 15 of gestation, it produced no birth defects in the offspring at doses of up to 125 mg/kg/day. However, doses of 250 mg/kg/day caused wavy ribs, extra ribs, and delayed bone formation. There were also weight decreases in offspring at 500 mg/kg/day. There was no increase in the severity of the rib deformation at this higher dose. Pregnant mice given very high doses of Diuron (nearly 2000 mg/kg/day) exhibited reproductive and embryotoxic effects. Developmental effects were found in their offspring.

Mutagenic effects: Diuron does not appear to be mutagenic. The majority of tests have shown that Diuron does not produce mutations in animal cells or in bacterial cells.

Carcinogenic effects: Limited evidence indicates that low level exposures to Diuron does not cause cancer.

Organ toxicity: Low doses of Diuron over extended periods of time can cause enlargement to the liver and the spleen.

Fate in humans and animals: Diuron is excreted in the faeces and urine of test animals. Breakdown of the compound is similar in animals, plants, and soil. Cows fed very low doses of Diuron in their diets had small amounts of residues in whole milk. Cattle fed small amounts accumulated low levels of Diuron in fat and muscle, liver, and kidney.

Thidiazuron: LD₅₀ Oral, Rat >4000mg/kg

LD₅₀ Oral, Mouse = >5000mg/kg

LD₅₀ Dermal, Rat = >1000mg/kg

LD₅₀ Dermal, Rabbit = >4000mg/kg

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LC₅₀ Inhalation, Rat = >2.3mg/L/4hr

Potential Health Effects

Inhalation:

Short term exposure: Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. However product may be mildly irritating, although unlikely to cause anything more than mild transient discomfort.

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term inhalation.

Skin Contact:

Short term exposure: Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. Irritating to skin.

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term skin exposure.

Eye Contact:

Short term exposure: This product causes serious eye irritation. Symptoms will typically disappear gradually over time if quickly treated, however prolonged exposure may cause long term or permanent effects.

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term eye exposure.

Ingestion:

Short term exposure: Significant oral exposure is considered to be unlikely. Available data shows that this product is harmful, but symptoms are not available. However, this product may be irritating to mucous membranes but is unlikely to cause anything more than transient discomfort.

Long Term exposure: No data for health effects associated with long term ingestion.

Carcinogen Status:

SWA: Diuron is classified by SWA as a Class 3 Carcinogen, possibly carcinogenic to humans.

See the SWA website for further details. A web address has not been provided as addresses frequently change.

NTP: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by NTP.

IARC: No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by IARC.

Section 12 - Ecological Information

Very toxic to aquatic organisms, may cause long-term adverse effects to the aquatic environment.

Effects on birds: Diuron is slightly toxic to birds. In bobwhite quail, the dietary LC₅₀ is 1730 ppm. In Japanese quail and ring-necked pheasant, it is greater than 5000 ppm. The LC₅₀ is approximately 5000 ppm in mallard ducks.

Effects on aquatic organisms: The LC₅₀ (48 hour) values for Diuron range from 4.3 mg/L to 42 mg/L in fish, and range from 1 mg/L to 2.5 mg/L for aquatic invertebrates. The LC₅₀ (96-hour) is 3.5 mg/L for rainbow trout. Thus, Diuron is moderately toxic to fish and highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates.

Effects on other organisms: Diuron is non-toxic to bees.

Environmental Fate:

Breakdown in soil and groundwater: Diuron is moderately to highly persistent in soils. Residue half-lives are from 1 month to 1 year. Some pineapple fields contained residues 3 years after the last application. Mobility in the soil is related to organic matter and to the type of the residue. The metabolites are less mobile than the parent compound.

Breakdown in water: Diuron is relatively stable in neutral water. Microbes are the primary agents in the degradation of Diuron in aquatic environments.

Breakdown in vegetation: Diuron is readily absorbed through the root system of plants and less readily through the leaves and stems.

Thidiazuron:

Birds: LD₅₀ Japanese quail: 3160mg/kg

LD₅₀ Bobwhite quail & mallard: 5000mg/kg

Fish: LC₅₀ rainbow trout: 1000mg/L

LC₅₀ bluegill sunfish: 1000mg/L

LC₅₀ catfish: 1000mg/L

Daphnia: EC₅₀ 10mg/L

Worms: LD₅₀ (Worms) 1400mg/kg

Environmental fate

Animals: In rats and goats, metabolism involves hydroxylation of the phenyl group, followed by formation of water-soluble conjugates. Following oral administration the compound is excreted in the urine and faeces within 4 days.

Plants: Only small amounts of residue (normally <0.1mg/kg) are likely in cottonseed.

Soil/Environment: Strongly adsorbed by the soil. DT₅₀ in soil is about 26-144days (aerobic) and 28 days (anaerobic). Essential soil microbial processes are only temporarily influenced, if at all.

Section 13 - Disposal Considerations

Disposal: Special help is available for the disposal of Agricultural Chemicals. The product label will give general advice regarding disposal of small quantities, and how to cleanse containers. However, for help with the collection of unwanted rural chemicals, contact ChemClear 1800 008 182 <http://www.chemclear.com.au/> and for help with the

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disposal of empty drums, contact DrumMuster <http://www.drummuster.com.au/> where you will find contact details for your area.

Section 14 - Transport Information

Not subject to the ADG Code when transported by Road or Rail in Australia, in packages 500kg(L) or less; or IBCs, but classed as Dangerous by IATA and IMDG/IMSBC when carried by Air or Sea transport (see details below).

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Hazchem Code: •3Z

Special Provisions: 179, 274, 331, 335, AU01

Limited quantities: ADG 7 specifies a Limited Quantity value of 5 L for this class of product.

Dangerous Goods Class: Class 9: Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods.

Packing Group: III

Packing Instruction: P001, IBC03, LP01

Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods shall not be loaded in the same vehicle or packed in the same freight container with Dangerous Goods of Class 1 (Explosives).

Section 15 - Regulatory Information

AIC: All of the significant ingredients in this formulation are compliant with AICIS regulations.

Section 16 - Other Information

This SDS contains only safety-related information. For other data see product literature.

Contact Points:

Call Adama on (02) 9431 7800 and ask for the technical manager.

Fax: (02) 9431 7700

Police and Fire Brigade:

Dial 000

Emergency contact:

1800 033 111 (24 hours)

If ineffective:

Dial Poisons Information Centre

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THIS SDS 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 MUST REVIEW THIS SDS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THE PRODUCT WILL BE HANDLED AND USED IN THE WORKPLACE.

IF CLARIFICATION OR FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE RISK ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE, THE USER SHOULD CONTACT THIS COMPANY SO WE CAN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OUR SUPPLIERS

OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS SOLD IS SUBJECT TO OUR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, A COPY OF WHICH IS SENT TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Please read all labels carefully before using product.

This SDS is prepared in accord with the SWA document "Preparation of Safety Data Sheets for Hazardous Chemicals - Code of Practice" (July 2020) and GHS Revision 7

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