



## Section 1 - Identification of The Material and Supplier

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**Chemical nature:** Oxyfluorfen is a diphenyl ether derivative.  
**Trade Name:** Cavalier Herbicide  
**Product Use:** Agricultural herbicide for use as described on the product label.  
**Creation Date:** December, 2002  
**This version issued:** February, 2026 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:** S5

**ADG Classification:** Class 9: Miscellaneous dangerous goods.

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



### GHS Signal word: DANGER

Flammable liquids Category 4  
Aspiration Hazard Category 1  
Skin Corrosion /Irritation Category 2  
Serious eye damage/eye irritation Category 2B  
Specific Target Organ Toxicity - Single Exposure Category 3  
Reproductive Toxicity Category 1  
Hazardous to aquatic environment Short term/Chronic Category 1

### HAZARD STATEMENT:

H227: Combustible liquid.  
H304: May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.  
H315: Causes skin irritation.  
H320: Causes eye irritation.  
H335: May cause respiratory irritation.  
H360: May damage fertility or the unborn child.  
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.  
P210: Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames and hot surfaces. - No smoking.  
P261: Avoid breathing fumes, mists, vapours or spray.  
P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.  
P264: Wash contacted areas thoroughly after handling.  
P271: Use only outdoors or in a well ventilated area.  
P273: Avoid release to the environment.  
P280: Wear protective gloves, protective clothing and eye or face protection.

### RESPONSE

P312: Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor if you feel unwell.  
P362: Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.  
P301+P310: IF SWALLOWED: Immediately call a POISON CENTRE or doctor.  
P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting.  
P302+P352: IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.

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P304+P340: IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.  
P305+P351+P338: IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.  
P332+P313: If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice.  
P337+P313: If eye irritation persists: 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

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:** Clear, dark amber liquid.

**Odour:** Aromatic, fragrant floral odour.

**Major Health Hazards:** Oxyfluorfen is practically nontoxic by ingestion, with reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> values of 5000 mg/kg in both rats and dogs, and 2700 to 5000 mg/kg in mice. The dermal LD<sub>50</sub> is greater than 5000 mg/kg in both rats and rabbits, also indicating slight toxicity by this route. It causes no skin irritation in rabbits, no skin sensitization in guinea pigs, and moderate eye irritation in rabbits. This product is irritating to eyes and skin.

### Section 3 - Composition/Information on Ingredients

Ingredients	CAS No	Conc,%	TWA (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Oxyfluorfen	42874-03-3	240g/L	not set	not set
N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone	872-50-4	100g/L	103	309
Aromatic hydrocarbons	64742-94-5	612g/L	not set	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 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 should not be exceeded for more than 15 minutes and should not be repeated for 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 1126 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:** Quickly and gently, blot or brush away excess chemical. Wash gently and thoroughly with water (use non-abrasive soap if necessary) for 20 minutes or until chemical is removed. Under running water, remove contaminated clothing, shoes and leather goods (e.g. watchbands and belts). If irritation persists, repeat flushing and obtain medical advice. Completely decontaminate clothing, shoes and leather goods before reuse or discard.

**Eye Contact:** Quickly and gently blot or brush away product. Immediately flush the contaminated eye(s) with lukewarm, gently flowing water until the product is removed or until a few minutes after irritation has ceased, while holding the eyelid(s) open. Take care not to rinse contaminated water into the unaffected eye or onto the face.

**Ingestion:** First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

### Section 5 - Fire Fighting Measures

**Fire and Explosion Hazards:** This product is classified as a C1 combustible product. There is a slight risk of an explosion from this product if commercial quantities are involved in a fire. Violent steam generation or eruption may

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occur upon application of direct water stream on hot liquids. Vapours from this product are heavier than air and may accumulate in sumps, pits and other low-lying spaces, forming potentially explosive mixtures. They may also flash back considerable distances.

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:** Flammable Category 4 (GHS), C1 combustible (AS 1940)

## Section 6 - Accidental Release Measures

**Accidental release:** In the event of a major spill, prevent spillage from entering drains or water courses.

Immediately call the Fire Brigade. Wear full protective clothing including face mask, face shield and gauntlets. All skin areas should be covered. See above under Personal Protection regarding Australian Standards relating to personal protective equipment. No special recommendations for clothing materials. 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. Sweep up and shovel or collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling or salvage, and dispose of promptly. 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:** Note that this product is combustible and therefore, for Storage, meets the definition of Dangerous Goods in some states. We suggest you consult your state's Dangerous Goods laws in order to clarify your obligations regarding the storage of this product.

Make sure that containers of this product are kept tightly closed. Pressure may build up in sealed containers, so do not seal tightly. Keep away from combustible materials. Make sure that the product does not come into contact with substances listed under "Materials to avoid" in Section 10. Some liquid preparations settle or separate on standing and may require stirring before use. 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 <sup>3</sup> )	STEL (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone	103	309

The ADI for Oxyfluorfen is set at 0.025mg/kg/day. The corresponding NOEL is set at 2.5mg/kg/day. ADI means Acceptable Daily Intake and NOEL means No-observable-effect-level. Values taken from Australian ADI List, June 2013.

**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:** Protective glasses or goggles should be worn when this product is being used. Failure to protect your eyes may cause them harm. Emergency eye wash facilities are also recommended in an area close to where this product is being used.

**Skin Protection:** Prevent skin contact by wearing impervious gloves, clothes and, preferably, apron. Make sure that all skin areas are covered. See below for suitable material types.

**Protective Material Types:** We suggest that protective clothing be made from the following materials: butyl.

**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.

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Eyebaths or eyewash stations and safety deluge showers should be provided near to where this product is being used.

## Section 9 - Physical and Chemical Properties:

<b>Physical Description &amp; colour:</b>	Clear, dark amber liquid.
<b>Odour:</b>	Aromatic, fragrant floral odour.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	Not available.
<b>Flash point:</b>	71°C.
<b>Upper Flammability Limit:</b>	No data.
<b>Lower Flammability Limit:</b>	No data.
<b>Autoignition temperature:</b>	No data.
<b>Freezing/Melting Point:</b>	No specific data. Liquid at normal temperatures.
<b>Volatiles:</b>	No specific data. Expected to be low at 100°C.
<b>Vapour Pressure:</b>	Less than 0.0132 kPa at 20°C
<b>Vapour Density:</b>	No data.
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	Believed to be about 1.08 at 20°C
<b>Water Solubility:</b>	Dispersible.
<b>pH:</b>	No data.
<b>Volatility:</b>	No data.
<b>Odour Threshold:</b>	No data.
<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	No data.
<b>Coeff Oil/water distribution:</b>	No data
<b>Particle Characteristics:</b>	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:** This product should be kept in a cool place, preferably below 30°C. Keep containers and surrounding areas well ventilated. Keep away from sources of sparks or ignition. Protect this product from light.

**Incompatibilities:** strong oxidising agents.

**Fire Decomposition:** Carbon dioxide, and if combustion is incomplete, carbon monoxide and smoke. Nitrogen and its compounds, and under some circumstances, oxides of nitrogen. Occasionally hydrogen cyanide gas. Minor quantities of hydrogen chloride gas, other compounds of chlorine and hydrogen fluoride gas and other compounds of fluorine. Water. Carbon monoxide poisoning produces headache, weakness, nausea, dizziness, confusion, dimness of vision, disturbance of judgment, and unconsciousness followed by coma and death. Hydrogen cyanide poisoning signs and symptoms are weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, vomiting, coma, convulsions, and death. Death results from respiratory arrest. Hydrogen cyanide gas acts very rapidly; symptoms and death can both occur quickly.

**Polymerisation:** This product is unlikely to undergo polymerisation processes.

## Section 11 - Toxicological Information

**Toxicity: Acute toxicity:** Oxyfluorfen is practically nontoxic by ingestion, with reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> values of 5000 mg/kg in both rats and dogs, and 2700 to 5000 mg/kg in mice. The dermal LD<sub>50</sub> is greater than 5000 mg/kg in both rats and rabbits, also indicating slight toxicity by this route. It causes no skin irritation in rabbits, no skin sensitization in guinea pigs, and moderate eye irritation in rabbits. However, some formulated products may show severe skin and eye irritant properties, and may be skin sensitizers. The 4-hour inhalation LC<sub>50</sub> for the technical product is not available, but that for a formulated product is greater than 22.64 mg/L, indicating practically no toxicity via this route.

**Chronic toxicity:** Effects on the liver have been observed in long-term feeding studies with rats, mice, and dogs.

**Reproductive effects:** In a developmental study with rats given doses of 10, 100, or 1000 mg/kg/day by gavage, decreased implantation, increased resorption, and lower foetal survival was seen at the 1000 mg/kg level. Toxic effects on the mothers were also seen at this dose. At 5 mg/kg/day, there was decreased survival of foetuses and decreased maternal and foetal weights. It does not appear likely that Oxyfluorfen will cause reproductive effects in humans at likely levels of exposure.

**Teratogenic effects:** In a developmental study with rabbits, 30 mg/kg/day, the highest dose tested, produced an increase in fused sternal bones in the foetuses as well as toxic effects on the mothers. These data suggest Oxyfluorfen may have teratogenic effects, but only at very high doses.

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**Mutagenic effects:** Mutagenicity tests on rats, mice and on bacterial cell cultures have produced mixed results. However, unscheduled DNA synthesis assays have been negative. Due to the conflicting results, it is not possible to determine the mutagenic potential of Oxyfluorfen.

**Carcinogenic effects:** In a 20-month study with mice fed 0.3, 3, or 30 mg/kg/day, doses at and above 3 mg/kg/day produced non-significant increases in both benign and malignant liver tumors in male mice. No increased tumor formation was seen in female mice at any dose. No carcinogenic effects were observed in a 23-year study with rats fed doses 2 mg/kg/day, nor in dogs at doses of 3 mg/kg/day. These data suggest that Oxyfluorfen is not carcinogenic.

**Organ toxicity:** The liver appears to be the main target organ, based on long-term feeding studies.

**Fate in humans and animals:** Because Oxyfluorfen is highly hydrophobic, it may have the potential to bioconcentrate in animal fatty tissues.

### Classification of Hazardous Ingredients

N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone is a SWA Class 2 Reproductive risk, may cause harm to the unborn child.

Ingredient	Health Hazard Statement Codes
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N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	H319, H315, H335, H360D
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- Eye irritation - category 2A
- Skin irritation - category 2
- Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure) - category 3
- Reproductive toxicity - category 1B

Aromatic Hydrocarbons	H304, AUH066
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- Aspiration hazard - category 1

### Potential Health Effects

See section 11 for Chronic exposure studies.

#### 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.

#### Skin Contact:

**Short term exposure:** Available data indicates that this product is not harmful. It should present no hazards in normal use. However product is a skin irritant. Symptoms may include itchiness and reddening of contacted skin. Other symptoms may also become evident, but all should disappear once exposure has ceased.

#### Eye Contact:

**Short term exposure:** Available data shows that this product is not harmful. However product is an eye irritant. Symptoms may include stinging and reddening of eyes and watering which may become copious. Other symptoms may also become evident. If exposure is brief, symptoms should disappear once exposure has ceased. However, lengthy exposure or delayed treatment may cause permanent damage.

#### Ingestion:

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

#### Carcinogen Status:

**SWA:** No significant ingredient is classified as carcinogenic by SWA.

**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:** Oxyfluorfen is practically nontoxic to birds; the reported oral LD<sub>50</sub> values are greater than 2200 mg/kg in bobwhite quail, and greater than 4000 mg/kg in mallard duck. The dietary 8-day dietary LC<sub>50</sub> values are greater than 5000 ppm in bobwhite quail, and 4000 ppm in mallard ducks. Dietary concentrations as high as 100 ppm had no effect on reproduction in mallards or bobwhite quail.

**Effects on aquatic organisms:** Oxyfluorfen is highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates, freshwater clams, oysters, aquatic plants, and fish. The reported 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> values are 200 µg/L in bluegill sunfish, 410 µg/L in rainbow trout, 400 µg/L in channel catfish, 150 µg/L in fathead minnow, and 32 µg/L in grass shrimp and oysters. Its 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> in

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freshwater clams is 10 µg/L. The 96-hour LC<sub>50</sub> for the product Goal 2E in Daphnia magna, a small freshwater crustacean, is 1500 µg/L. Oxyfluorfen accumulated up to 13 mg/kg (13,000 µg/kg) in bluegill sunfish exposed to 10 µg/L for 40 days. This represents a bioconcentration factor (BCF) of 1300. The BCF in channel catfish was 700 to 5000 in one 30-day study. These results indicate a low to moderate potential for bioaccumulation in aquatic species.

**Effects on other organisms:** Oxyfluorfen is nontoxic to honeybees, with a reported oral LC<sub>50</sub> of greater than 10,000 ppm.

**Environmental Fate:**

**Breakdown in soil and groundwater:** Oxyfluorfen is moderately persistent in most soil environments, with a representative field half-life of about 30 to 40 days. Oxyfluorfen is not subject to microbial degradation or hydrolysis. The main mechanism of degradation in soils may be photodegradation and evaporation/codistillation in moist soils. In laboratory studies, its soil half-life was 6 months, indicating very low rates of microbial degradation. Oxyfluorfen is very well-sorbed to most soils. Soil binding is highest in soils with high organic matter and clay content. Once Oxyfluorfen is adsorbed to soil particles, it is not readily removed. It is practically insoluble in water, and therefore is unlikely to be appreciably mobile in most instances, unless the sorptive capacity of the soil is exceeded. Oxyfluorfen did not leach below 10cm in any soil except sand.

**Breakdown in water:** In water, Oxyfluorfen is rapidly decomposed by light. Because Oxyfluorfen is nearly insoluble in water and has a tendency to adsorb to soil, it will be sorbed to suspended particles or sediments.

**Breakdown in vegetation:** There is very little movement of Oxyfluorfen within treated plants. It is not readily metabolized by plants, but since it is not readily taken up by roots, residues in plants are generally very low. Residues of Oxyfluorfen accumulated in carrots and oats grown on previously treated fields, but not in cotton or lettuce.

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

**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 product are compliant with AICIS regulations.

The following ingredients: N-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone, Aromatic hydrocarbons, are mentioned in the SUSMP.

## 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)**

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**If ineffective:**

**Dial Poisons Information Centre  
(13 11 26 from anywhere in Australia)**

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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