

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product name Bayer Diuron 900 WG Herbicide
Other names None
Product codes and pack sizes 4953001 (10 kg)
Chemical group Urea
Recommended use Herbicide for agricultural use
Formulation Water dispersible granules (WG)
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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE – NON-DANGEROUS GOOD
Dangerous to fish and aquatic organisms

Hazard classification Hazardous (National Occupational Health and Safety Commission - NOHSC)
Risk phrases R40 – Limited evidence of a carcinogenic effect.
R48/22 – Harmful: danger of serious damage to health by prolonged exposure if swallowed.
Safety phrases See Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13
ADG classification Not a “Dangerous good” for transport by road or rail according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. (Class 9 in Europe)
SUSDP classification Exempt (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/kg)
Diuron	[330-54-1]	900
Proprietary surfactant mixture (non hazardous)	---	100

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4. FIRST AID MEASURES

If poisoning occurs, immediately contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre (telephone 13 11 26), and follow the advice given. Show this Material Safety Data Sheet to the doctor.

Inhalation	If inhaled remove to fresh air and keep at rest. Obtain medical advice.
Skin contact	Carefully remove contaminated clothing. Wash affected areas with soap and water. Seek medical aid if at all worried.
Eye contact	Rinse eyes immediately with clean water for at least 15 minutes and obtain medical aid.
Ingestion	Wash out mouth with water. Keep patient at rest and seek immediate medical advice as above.
First Aid Facilities	Ensure eyewash and shower facilities are available.
Medical attention	<p><i>Symptoms of poisoning:</i> Absorption of this product into the body may lead to the formation of methaemoglobin, which in sufficient concentration causes cyanosis (blueness of the skin from lack of oxygen in the blood). If a large amount of this product has been ingested other symptoms include dizziness and headache.</p> <p><i>Local Treatment:</i> Treat symptoms. <i>Systemic Treatment:</i> If more than a mouthful has been ingested, the following measures should be considered: Monitoring of: cardiac and kidney function and red blood cell count Observe specific parameters: methaemoglobinaemia and serum potassium If ingested, irrigate the stomach, followed by administration of activated charcoal. If methaemoglobin level is less than 20%, administer 100% oxygen. If methaemoglobin level is greater than 20%, treat with 100% oxygen and slowly give 1% Methylene Blue/Toluidine Blue solution intravenously, 1-2 mg/kg body weight. <i>Contraindications:</i> Alcohol <i>Recovery:</i> Spontaneous Oxygen, if needed</p>

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media	Carbon dioxide, dry agent, water fog, foam
Hazards from combustion products	In a fire, formation of hydrogen chloride, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides can be expected.
Precautions for fire fighters	Fire fighters should wear full protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus (AS/NZS 1715/1716). Keep unnecessary people away. If it can be done safely, remove intact containers from the fire. Bund area with sand or earth to prevent contamination of drains or waterways. Dispose of extinguishing agent and spillage safely later.
Hazchem code	Not applicable

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Extinguish possible sources of ignition. Do not smoke, eat or drink during the clean up process. Wear personal protective clothing and equipment as detailed in Section 8 PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away. Prevent spilled material from entering drains or watercourses. Avoid creation of dust, damping down if necessary. Sweep up and collect and store in properly labelled drums for safe disposal. Clean floor with a small amount of water and detergent. Absorb this and place contaminated absorbent in the drum. Seal drums and label ready for safe disposal. Deal with all spillages immediately. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling	Keep out of reach of children. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. DO NOT inhale dust or spray mist. After use and before eating drinking or smoking wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. If product on skin immediately wash area with soap and water. Keep away from sources of ignition.
Storage	Store in the closed, original container in a dry, well-ventilated area, out of direct sunlight.
Flammability	Combustible. Fine dust particles can form explosive mixtures with air.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards	NOHSC Exposure standard for diuron: TWA: 10 mg/m ³ . ACGIH TLV TWA for diuron: 10 mg/m ³ .
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Definitions:

Exposure standard – Time Weighted Average (TWA) means the average airborne concentration of a particular substance when calculated over a normal eight-hour working day, for a five-day working week.

TLV = Threshold Limit Value

ACGIH = American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

Biological limit values	None allocated
Engineering controls	Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use in a well-ventilated area only.
Personal Protective Equipment	Eyes: Safety goggles if exposure is possible Clothing: Suitable work clothes to avoid skin contact with the product Gloves: Elbow-length PVC or nitrile gloves Respiratory: Wear a respirator if inhalation is possible.

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9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	White to beige granules
Odour:	Slight characteristic
pH:	Not available
Vapour pressure:	1.1×10^{-3} mPa at 25° C (<i>diuron</i>)
Vapour density:	Not available
Boiling point:	Not applicable
Freezing/melting point:	Melting point – approximately 157° C (<i>diuron</i>)
Solubility:	Practically insoluble - disperses in water.
Bulk density:	Not available
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Flammability (explosive) limits:	Not available.
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not available
Partition coefficient (octanol/water):	<i>Diuron</i> : Log P_{ow} = 2.85 at 25° C

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Conditions to avoid	Moisture, heat, sources of ignition. <i>Diuron</i> decomposes above 180° C.
Incompatible materials	<i>Diuron</i> is hydrolysed by acids or alkalis. Avoid oxidising agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	In a fire, formation of hydrogen chloride, hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides can be expected.
Hazardous reactions	None known

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory irritation if inhaled.
Skin contact	Harmful if absorbed by the skin. May irritate the skin.
Eye contact	May irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed.

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11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA

Acute:

Oral toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: > 5000 mg/kg (<i>diuron</i>)
Dermal toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: >5000 mg/kg (<i>diuron</i>)
Inhalation toxicity	LC ₅₀ rat (4 hour): > 5 mg/L air (<i>diuron</i>)
Skin irritation	Non irritating (rabbit) (<i>diuron</i>)
Mucous membrane irritation	Non irritating (rabbit) (<i>diuron</i>)
Sensitisation	Not sensitising (guinea pig) (<i>diuron</i>)

Chronic:

Diuron was not mutagenic in the Ames test. Long term animal studies with diuron at high doses gave evidence of blood disorders and a possible carcinogenic effect. Diuron is not listed by The National Toxicology Program or the International Agency for Research on Cancer as a carcinogen.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Diuron is moderately toxic to fish and highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Low toxicity to birds and bees. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers, or waterways with the chemical or used containers.

Ecotoxicity

Diuron:

<i>Fish toxicity:</i>	LC ₅₀ (96 h) trout (<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>) 14.7 mg/L
<i>Daphnia toxicity:</i>	EC ₅₀ (48 h) water flea (<i>Daphnia magna</i>) 1.4 mg/L
<i>Algal toxicity:</i>	
Growth rate:	IC ₅₀ (96 h) green algae (<i>Desmodesmus subspicatus</i>) 0.022 mg/L
<i>Toxicity to bacteria:</i>	EC ₅₀ : 3080 mg/L
<i>Bird toxicity:</i>	Dietary LC ₅₀ (8 day) bobwhite quail 1730 mg/kg diet

Environmental fate, persistence and degradability, mobility

The duration of activity of diuron in soil is about 4 to 8 months. DT₅₀ is 90 to 180 days.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Single rinse before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. Puncture and bury empty containers in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty containers and product should not be burnt. Dispose of waste product through a reputable waste contractor.

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14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

UN number	Not applicable
Proper shipping name	Not applicable
Class and Subsidiary Risk	Not applicable
Packing Group	Not applicable
EPG	Not applicable
Hazchem code	Not applicable
Marine Pollutant	No – not listed in the IMDG Code as a Marine Pollutant. In Europe this product is a Class 9 ENVIRONMENTALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1988

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 45177 See also Section 2.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Trademark information None

Preparation information Replaces August 1, 2002 MSDS.
Reasons for revision: 16 heading format, Hazard classification, Medical attention, Toxicity data, Ecological information

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.

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.

END OF MSDS