

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Exile Herbicide

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY

Product Name:	Exile Herbicide
Distributor:	Agricrop Pty Ltd
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Emergency Telephone Number:	1800 033 111 (all Hours)
Chemical group	Glycine / phosphinic acid
Recommended use	Non-selective, non-residual herbicide for the control of broadleaf and grass weeds in various situations.
Formulation	Soluble concentrate

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) – NON DANGEROUS GOOD

Hazard designation Hazardous (National Occupational Health and Safety Commission - NOHSC)

Risk phrases

R20/21 Harmful by inhalation and in contact with skin

R36 Irritating to eyes

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.

SUSDP classification Schedule 5

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/L)
Glufosinate-ammonium	77182-82-2	200
Propylene glycol monomethyl ether	107-98-2	≈ 110
Other ingredients, including water	(non hazardous)	≈ 800

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, keep warm and at rest. Seek medical advice if inhaled in large quantities.
Skin contact	Carefully remove contaminated clothing and footwear. 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. Do NOT induce vomiting. Seek immediate medical advice, as above.
First Aid Facilities	Provide eyewash and safety shower facilities in the workplace.

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Medical attention Glufosinate-ammonium is a glutamine synthetase inhibitor and can interfere with neurotransmitter function.

Symptoms

Local – irritation of eyes, skin, respiratory tract

Systemic - Shivering, cramps, gastrointestinal complaints, hyperthermia, dyspnoea, bradycardia/tachycardia, convulsions, respiratory depression, amnesia, drowsiness and/or loss of consciousness. These symptoms may be delayed from a few hours to up to 48 hours after exposure. Therefore, regardless of the amount ingested, the patient must be admitted to hospital for at least 36 hours and treated immediately as outlined below.

Treatment

Emergency measures: Symptomatic treatment and administration of antidotes, decontamination. If ingested, endotracheal intubation and gastric lavage should be performed as soon as possible, followed by administration of charcoal and sodium sulphate solution.

Anticonvulsant therapy: Phenobarbital-sodium, 1 mg/kg intramuscularly or subcutaneously until maximum 5 mg/kg daily; when necessary, 10 mg diazepam slowly intravenously. Repeat as necessary until fully sedated.

Elimination by dialysis (forced alkaline diuresis) and/or haemo-perfusion. It is essential that this be done soon after ingestion to be effective.

ECG (EKG) - control (electrocardiogram)

EEG – control (electroencephalogram)

Apply artificial respiration as necessary. If necessary give oxygen.

Monitor respiratory, cardiac, central nervous system, electrolyte balance (especially for hypokalemia) and signs of increased intracranial pressure.

If a large amount has been ingested, keep under medical supervision for at least 48 hours.

Contraindication: Atropine, as glufosinate-ammonium does not inhibit cholinesterase.

Recovery is normally spontaneous, usually within 48 hours.

5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Extinguishing media

Water fog, fine water spray, foam, dry chemical, carbon dioxide.

Hazards from combustion products

In a fire, irritant and toxic fumes containing oxides of carbon and nitrogen, hydrogen chloride, sulphur dioxide and other toxic substances may be generated.

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. Otherwise, use water spray to cool them. Bund area with sand or earth to prevent contamination of drains or waterways. Dispose of fire control water or other extinguishing agent and spillage safely later.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with the spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Extinguish or remove any sources of ignition. When dealing with spills do not eat, drink or smoke and wear protective clothing and equipment as described in Section 8 – PERSONAL PROTECTION. Keep people and animals away. Prevent spilled material from entering drains or watercourses. Contain spill and absorb with earth, sand, clay, or other absorbent material. Collect and store in properly labelled, sealed drums for safe disposal. Decontaminate the area and equipment with bleach or hydrated lime. Deal with all spillages immediately. If contamination of drains, streams, watercourses, etc. is unavoidable, warn the local water authority.

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7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling

Keep out of reach of children. Harmful if absorbed by skin contact or if swallowed. Will irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Avoid breathing vapour or spray. If product in eyes, wash it out immediately with water. If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water.

Storage

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Keep away from all ignition sources. Keep the container tightly closed, and protect from moisture. Do not store in steel or aluminium containers. The product should be stored between 5°C and 30°C.

Flammability

Not flammable under conditions of use. Not classified as a combustible liquid, as the boiling point (96°C) is less than the fire point (> 96°C). The product does not sustain combustion.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure standards

 NOHSC Exposure Standards:

Propylene glycol monomethyl ether

TLV-TWA 100 ppm, 369 mg/m³

TLV-STEL 150 ppm, 553 mg/m³

Agricrop recommends an exposure standard of 0.6 mg/m³ for glufosinate-ammonium, with a skin notation.

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.

Exposure standard – Short term exposure limit (STEL) means a 15 minute TWA exposure, which should not be exceeded at any time during the working day.

Skin notation – Absorption through the skin may be a significant source of exposure.

Engineering controls Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use only in well-ventilated areas. If necessary, use local exhaust ventilation to keep airborne concentration below the exposure limits.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Wear face shield or goggles.
- Wear cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist (or equivalent clothing) and a washable hat.
- Wear elbow-length PVC or nitrile gloves.

If working in a poorly ventilated area or if occupational exposure levels are likely to be exceeded, wear a respirator suitable for organic vapours - AS/NZS 1715/1716 approved.

After each day's use, wash gloves, goggles or face shield, respirator if worn, and contaminated clothing.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance:	Bluish-green liquid
Odour:	Slightly pungent odour
pH:	4.6 to 6.6 (1% aqueous solution)
Vapour pressure:	Low
Vapour density:	No data
Boiling point:	96°C
Freezing/melting point:	Not available
Solubility:	Soluble in water
Specific Gravity:	1.11 at 20°C
Flash Point:	65° C (Pensky Martens Closed Cup)
Flammability (explosive) limits:	No data
Fire Point:	> 96°C
Auto-ignition temperature:	475° C (DIN 51794)
Partition coefficient (octanol/water):	Glufosinate-ammonium: Log P _{ow} = < 0.1 (pH 7, 22°C)

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability	Stable under normal conditions of use.
Hazardous polymerisation	Will not polymerise.
Conditions to avoid	Avoid sources of ignition and extreme heat.
Incompatible materials	Avoid contact with strong oxidising agents, acids or bases. Ammonia may be evolved in the presence of alkalis.
Hazardous decomposition products	Ammonia. In a fire, oxides of carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur may be emitted.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

Inhalation	Harmful if inhaled.
Skin contact	Harmful if absorbed by skin contact. Will irritate the skin.
Eye contact	Will irritate the eyes.
Ingestion	Harmful if swallowed. Symptoms of poisoning may include: shivering, cramps, stomach complaints, overheating, breathing difficulty, heart problems, convulsions, respiratory depression, loss of memory, drowsiness and/or loss of consciousness. These symptoms may be delayed from a few hours up to 48 hours after ingestion.

ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA – PRODUCT

Acute:

Oral toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: 2030 mg/kg (<i>product</i>)
Dermal toxicity	LD ₅₀ rat: 1390 mg/kg (<i>product</i>)
Inhalation toxicity	LC ₅₀ rat: 3.73 mg/L (4 hr) (<i>product</i>)
Skin irritation	Slightly irritating (rabbit) (<i>product</i>)
Eye irritation	Slightly to moderately irritating (rabbit) (<i>product</i>)
Sensitisation	Non-sensitising (guinea pig) (<i>product</i>)

Chronic:

In animal studies glufosinate-ammonium showed no reproductive, teratogenic, carcinogenic, mutagenic or neurotoxic effects.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Glufosinate-ammonium is practically non-toxic to birds, fish, honeybees, earthworms and beneficial insects. It is practically non-toxic to Daphnia, but moderately toxic to sensitive aquatic species. It is expected to be slightly to moderately toxic to wild animals. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers or waterways with Eliminate or the used containers.

Ecotoxicity Glufosinate-ammonium

Fish toxicity: LC₅₀ (96 h) rainbow trout 710 mg/L
LC₅₀ (96 h) carp, bluegill sunfish, golden orfe > 1000 mg/L
Bird toxicity: Eight day dietary LC₅₀ Japanese quail > 5000 mg/kg
Daphnia toxicity: Daphnia magna EC₅₀ (48 h) 560 – 1000 mg/L
Algal toxicity: LD₅₀ for Scenedesmus subspicatus ≥ 1000 mg/L
LD₅₀ for Scenedesmus capricornutum 37 mg/L

Environmental fate, persistence and degradability *Aquatic, air or soil environmental hazards:*

Glufosinate-ammonium is very soluble in water and is hydrolytically and photolytically stable. It is rapidly degraded in surface levels of soils and in water. This product is considered to be readily biodegradable. The potential for groundwater contamination with glufosinate-ammonium is minimal. Do not allow product to enter wastewater, rivers or creeks. Glufosinate-ammonium does not accumulate in the fatty tissues of fish or other animals.

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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

5, 10, 20 litre 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 clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush, or 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.

200 L container - Empty container by pumping through the dry-break connection system. Do not attempt to unscrew the valve or breach the locked filling point. Do not contaminate the container with water or other foreign material. Ensure that the coupler, pump, meter and hoses are disconnected, triple rinsed with clean water and drained after each use. When empty, or contents no longer required, return the container to the point of purchase.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area.. Keep container tightly closed. **DO NOT** store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Keep from contact with fertilisers, insecticides, fungicides and seeds. **DO NOT** consume food, drink or tobacco in the areas where they may become contaminated with this material.

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

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1988.
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 64814

Poisons Schedule S5

Packaging & Labelling

CAUTION

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

READ SAFETY DIRECTIONS BEFORE OPENING OR USING

AICS (Australia) All of the components in this product are listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

All due care and skill, so far as practicable, has been applied in the preparation and collation of the information in this MSDS. Each user of the Product named in this MSDS should read and consider the information contained in this MSDS in the context of how the Product will be stored, handled, used or applied in the workplace. In all circumstances, it is the responsibility of the user of the Product to ensure that they have sought out the relevant safety data appropriate to their particular situation. Nothing contained in this MSDS shall be construed as a representation or recommendation to the user about the suitability or otherwise of the Product named in this MSDS for the user's particular situation. If the user requires any clarification or further information, the user should contact Agricrop.

**CONTACT POINT: Agricrop Pty Ltd
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National Poisons Information Centre: Dial 13 11 26 (from anywhere in Australia)

Please read all labels carefully before using product.