

SECTION 1: PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Identifier: MERTECT® SC FUNGICIDE
Formulation Number: A10466C/G
Registration Number: 13975 (Pest Control Products Act)
Product Use: Fungicide. Seed treatment. Read the label, authorized under the Pest Control Products Act, prior to using or handling the pest control product.

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification in accordance with UN GHS Version 5.

Hazard Classification(s): Skin Sensitization – Category 1

Hazard Symbol(s):



Signal Word: WARNING

Hazard Statement(s): H317 – May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Precautionary Statement(s):

Prevention: P261 – Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray
P272 – Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.
P280 – Wear protective gloves.

Response: P302+P352 – IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water.
P333+P313 – If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.
P321 – Specific treatment: See Section 4 of this SDS.
P362+P364 – Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.

Storage: Not applicable.

Disposal: P501- Dispose of contents/container to an approved waste disposal plant.

Other Hazards Which do not Result in GHS Classification: To avoid risk to human health and the environment, comply with the instructions for use.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

| Chemical Name | Common Name | CAS Number | Average % by weight |
|--|---|------------|------------------------|
| 2-(4-thiazolyl)-1H-benzimidazole | Thiabendazole | 148-79-8 | 43 - 44 |
| Naphthalenesulfonic acid, bis(1-methylethyl)-, me derivs., sodium salts | Naphthalene sulfonic acid, sodium salt | 68909-82-0 | 1 - 10 |

Ingredients not precisely identified are proprietary or non-hazardous. Values are not product specifications.

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

IF POISONING IS SUSPECTED, immediately contact the poison information centre, doctor or nearest hospital. Have the product container, label or Safety Data Sheet with you when calling Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor, or going for treatment. Tell the person contacted the complete product name, and the type and amount of exposure. Describe any symptoms and follow the advice given. Call the Syngenta Emergency Line [**1-800-327-8633 (1-800-FASTMED)**], for further information.

Eye Contact: Flush eyes with clean water, holding eyelids apart for a minimum of 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eyes. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice. Obtain medical attention immediately if irritation persists.

Skin Contact: Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash skin, hair and fingernails thoroughly with soap and water. Flush skin with running water for a minimum of 15-20 minutes. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

Inhalation: Move victim to fresh air. If not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth to mouth, if possible. Call Syngenta, a poison control centre or doctor for treatment advice.

Ingestion: If swallowed, immediately contact Syngenta, a poison control centre, doctor or nearest hospital for treatment advice. Have person sip a glass of water if able to do so. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not induce vomiting unless directed by a physician or a poison control centre. If spontaneous vomiting occurs, have victim lean forward with head down to avoid breathing in of vomitus, rinse mouth and administer water.

Most Important Symptoms/Effects, Acute and Delayed:

May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Accidental ingestion of large amounts of thiabendazole may cause the following adverse reactions: gastrointestinal disorders, dizziness, headache, blurring of vision, change in urine appearance and odour, and hypersensitivity reactions.

Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment:

There is no specific antidote.

Treat symptomatically.

Persons suffering from a temporary allergic reaction may respond to treatment with oral antihistamines or steroid creams and/or systemic steroids.

SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable (and Unsuitable) Extinguishing Media: Use foam, carbon dioxide, dry powder, halon extinguishant or water fog or mist. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Do not use a solid water stream as it may scatter and spread the fire.

Specific Hazards Arising from the Product: Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases. During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

Special Protective Equipment and Precautions for Fire-Fighters: Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Evacuate non-essential personnel from the area to prevent human exposure to fire, smoke, fumes or products of combustion. Prevent use of contaminated buildings, area, and equipment until decontaminated. Water run-off can cause environmental damage. Contain run-off water with, for example, temporary earth barriers.

SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures: Control the spill at its source. Clean up spills immediately, observing precautions outlined in Sections 7 and 8. Use adequate ventilation and equipment and wear clothing as described in Section 8 and/or the product label.

Environmental Precautions: Contain the spill to prevent from spreading or contaminating soil or from entering sewage and drainage systems or any body of water. Spillages or uncontrolled discharges into watercourses must be reported to the appropriate regulatory body.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning Up: Pump or scoop large amounts of liquid into a disposable container. Absorb remaining liquid or smaller spills with clay, sand or vermiculite. Scoop or seep up material and place into a disposal container. Wash area with detergent and water. Pick up wash liquid with additional absorbent and place into a compatible disposal container. On soils, small amounts will naturally decompose. For large amounts, skim off the upper contaminated layer and collect for disposal. Once all material is cleaned up and placed in a disposal container, seal container and arrange for disposal.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Prevent eating, drinking, tobacco use, and cosmetic application in areas where there is a potential for exposure to the material. Avoid breathing vapours, dust or spray mist. Wear full protective clothing and equipment (see Section 8). After work, rinse gloves and remove protective equipment, and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling, and before eating, tobacco use, drinking, applying cosmetics or using the toilet. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use and separate from household laundry. Keep containers closed when not in use. Protect product, wash or rinse water, and contaminated materials from uncontrolled release into the environment, or from access by animals, birds or unauthorized people.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities: Store in original container in a well-ventilated, cool, dry, secure area. Protect from heat, sparks and flame. Do not expose sealed containers to temperatures above 40 °C. Refer to the product label for specific storage recommendations, including minimum storage temperature and freeze/thaw stability. Keep separate from other products to prevent cross contamination. Rotate stock. Clean up spilled material immediately.

SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION ARE INTENDED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, FORMULATION, PACKAGING AND USE OF THIS PRODUCT.

CONSULT THE PRODUCT LABEL FOR COMMERCIAL AND/OR ON-FARM APPLICATIONS.

Control Parameters:

| Component | OSHA PEL | ACGIH TLV | Other | NTP/IARC/OSHA Carcinogen | WHMIS† |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Thiabendazole | Not established | Not established | 5 mg/m ³ TWA*** | No | Not established |
| Propylene glycol | Not established | Not established | 10 mg/m ³ TWA AIHA WEEL****; 50 ppm (155 mg/m ³) TWA (total vapour & particulates) (ON) | No | Yes |
| Naphthalene sulfonic acid, sodium salt: | Not established | Not established | Not established | No | Not established |

* Recommended by Manufacturer

** Recommended by NIOSH

*** Syngenta Occupational Exposure Limit (OEL)

**** Recommended by AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association)

† Material listed in Ingredient Disclosure List under the Hazardous Products Act

Appropriate Engineering Controls: If necessary, ensure work areas have ventilation, containment, and procedures sufficient to maintain airborne levels below the TLV (threshold limit value). Warehouses, production areas, parking lots and waste holding facilities must have adequate containment to prevent environmental contamination. Provide separate shower and eating facilities.

Individual Protection Measures:

General: Avoid breathing dust, vapours or aerosols. Avoid contact with eye, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling and before eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or handling tobacco.

Ingestion: Do not eat, drink, handle tobacco, or apply cosmetics in areas where there is a potential for exposure to this material. Always wash thoroughly after handling.

Eyes: Where eye contact is likely, use chemical splash goggles. Facilities storing or utilizing this material should be equipped with an eyewash facility and safety shower.

Skin: Where contact is likely, wear chemical-resistant (such as nitrile or butyl) gloves, coveralls, socks and chemical-resistant footwear. For overhead exposure, wear chemical-resistant headgear.

Inhalation: Use process enclosures, exhaust ventilation controls, good work practices and respiratory protection to minimize exposure to liquid mists or dust from dried product. Follow product label respirator requirements when using this formulate product to treat seed, bag seed, clean up equipment and conduct other miscellaneous activities. In case of emergency spills, use a NIOSH approved respirator with an organic vapour cartridge and any R, P95 or HE filter.

SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: White to beige liquid.
Formulation Type: Suspension concentrate.
Physical State: Liquid.
Odour: Aromatic, weak.
Odour Threshold: Not available.
pH: 5 – 8 @ 1% w/v.
Melting Point: Not applicable.
Freezing Point: Not available.
Initial Boiling Point and Boiling Range: Not available.
Flash Point: > 100 °C (Pensky-Martens CC).
Evaporation Rate: Not available.
Flammability (solid/gas): Not applicable.
Lower Explosive Limit: Not applicable.
Upper Explosive Limit: Not applicable.
Vapour Pressure: Thiabendazole: 4.00×10^{-9} mmHg @ 20 °C.
Vapour Density: Not applicable.
Relative Density: 1.16 – 1.18 g/cm³ @ 20 °C.
Solubility(ies): Thiabendazole: 31 mg/L @ 20 °C, pH 7 (water).
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol water): Thiabendazole: 2.4
Auto-Ignition Temperature: > 650 °C.
Decomposition Temperature: Not available.
Viscosity: 125 mPa·s @ 20 °C (C variant); 300 – 400 mPa·s @ 20 °C (G variant)

Other Information: Not applicable.

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity: Not reactive.
Chemical Stability: Stable under normal use and storage conditions.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions: No hazardous reactions with normal handling and storage according to the label directions.
Conditions to Avoid: No decomposition if used as directed.
Incompatible Materials: No substances are known which lead to the formation of hazardous substances or thermal reactions.
Hazardous Decomposition Products: Can decompose at high temperatures forming toxic gases. During a fire, irritating and possibly toxic gases may be generated by thermal decomposition or combustion.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Likely Routes of Exposure: Dermal, inhalation, oral.

Symptoms of Acute Exposure: May cause an allergic skin reaction.

Potential Health Effects: Accidental ingestion of large amounts of thiabendazole may cause the following adverse reactions: gastrointestinal disorders, dizziness, headache, blurring of vision, change in urine appearance and odour, and hypersensitivity reactions.

Acute Toxicity/Irritation Studies (Finished Product):

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| Ingestion: | <u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Oral (LD50 Rat) | > 5,000 mg/kg body weight |
| Dermal: | <u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Dermal (LD50 Rat) | > 2,000 mg/kg body weight |
| Inhalation: | <u>Low Acute Toxicity</u> Inhalation (LC50 Rat) | > 2.63 mg/L air – 4 hours Highest attainable concentration. Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute inhalation toxicity. |
| Eye Contact: | <u>Non-Irritating (Rabbit)</u> | |
| Skin Contact: | <u>Minimally Irritating (Rabbit)</u> | |
| Skin Sensitization: | <u>Sensitizer (Guinea Pig)</u> | |

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) Single Exposure:

Thiabendazole: Not classified as a specific target organ toxicant, single exposure.

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (STOT) Repeated Exposure:

Thiabendazole: No adverse effect has been observed in chronic toxicity tests.

Carcinogenicity:

Thiabendazole: Did not show carcinogenic effects in animal experiments.

Reproductive Toxicity:

Thiabendazole: Did not show reproductive toxicity effects in animal experiments.

Mutagenicity:

Thiabendazole: Did not show mutagenic effects in animal experiments.

Aspiration Hazard:

Thiabendazole: Not classified as an aspiration hazard.

Toxicity of Other Components:

The acute toxicity test results reported in Section 11, above, for the finished product take into account any acute hazards related to the “other components” in the formulation.

Propylene glycol: Reported to cause central nervous system depression (anesthesia, dizziness, confusion), headache and nausea. Also, eye irritation may occur with lacrimation but no residual discomfort or injury. Prolonged contact to skin may cause mild to moderate irritation and possible allergic reactions. Chronic dietary exposure caused kidney and liver injury in experimental animals.

Naphthalene sulfonic acid, sodium salt: Causes skin and eye irritation.

SECTION 12: ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Eco-Acute Toxicity:

Thiabendazole:

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| Invertebrates (Water Flea) 48-hour LC ₅₀ /EC ₅₀ | 0.31 ppm |
| Fish (Rainbow Trout) 96-hour LC ₅₀ /EC ₅₀ | 0.56 ppm |
| Birds (5-day dietary – Bobwhite Quail) LD ₅₀ | > 2,250 ppm |

Persistence & Degradability:

Thiabendazole: Persistent in soil. Persistent in water; partitions to sediment.

Bioaccumulation Potential:

Thiabendazole: BCF < 500; does not bioaccumulate.

Mobility in Soil:

Thiabendazole: Low mobility in soil.

Other Adverse Effects: Not applicable.

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal Methods:

Waste from residues: Refer to the product label for specific disposal/recycling information.
 Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with chemical or used container.
 Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
 Where possible recycling is preferred to disposal or incineration.
 If recycling is not practicable, dispose of in compliance with local regulations.

Contaminated packaging: Refer to the product label for specific disposal/recycling information.
 Empty remaining contents
 Triple rinse containers
 Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.
 Do not reuse empty containers.

SECTION 14: TRANSPORT INFORMATION**TDG Classification – Road/Rail:**

Not regulated as a dangerous good.

Water Transport – International (IMDG):

UN Number: UN 3082
Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Liquid, N.O.S. (Thiabendazole), Marine Pollutant.
Transport Hazard Class: Class 9
Packing Group: PG III
Environmental Hazards: Marine pollutant.

Air Transport (IATA-DGR):

UN Number: UN 3082
Proper Shipping Name: Environmentally Hazardous Substance, Liquid, N.O.S. (Thiabendazole).
Transport Hazard Class: Class 9
Packing Group: PG III
Environmental Hazards: Environmentally hazardous.

Special Precautions for User:

Not applicable.

Transport in Bulk According to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code:

Not applicable.

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

There are Canada-specific environmental requirements for handling, use and disposal of this pest control product that are indicated on the product label.

Hazardous Products Act Information:

This product has been classified in accordance with the amended Hazardous Products Act and the Hazard Criteria of the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR), and the SDS contains all the information required by the HPR.

Hazardous Products Act Information: WHMIS 2015 Classification

This product is exempt under WHMIS 2015.

Pest Control Products Act (PCPA) Registration No.: 13975

Read the PCPA label, authorized under the Pest Control Products Act, prior to using or handling this pest control product.

This chemical is a pest control product registered by Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency and is subject to certain labelling requirements under the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA). These requirements differ from the classification criteria and hazard information required for GHS-consistent safety data sheets. Following is the hazard information required on the pest control products label:

PCPA Label Hazard Communications:

Read the label and pamphlet before using.
Keep out of reach of children.

Allergens Contained in the Pest Control Product:

Product may cause an allergic skin reaction.

NPRI Components:

Not applicable.

SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION

The information contained herein is offered only as a guide to the handling of this specific material and has been prepared in good faith by technically knowledgeable personnel. It is not intended to be all-inclusive and the manner and conditions of use and handling may involve other and additional considerations. No warranty of any kind is given or implied and Syngenta will not be liable for any damages, losses, injuries or consequential damages which may result from the use of or reliance on any information contained herein. This product is under the jurisdiction of the Pest Control Products Act and is exempt from the requirements for a WHMIS compliant SDS. Hazardous properties of all ingredients have been considered in the preparation of this SDS. Read the entire SDS for the complete hazard evaluation of this product.

Full Text of Abbreviations:

AB – Province of Alberta

BC – Province of British Columbia

BCF – Bioconcentration factor

EC₅₀ – Effective concentration, 50%

GHS – Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

LC₅₀ – Lethal concentration, 50%

LD₅₀ – Lethal dose, 50%

IARC – International Agency for Research on Cancer

IATA-DGR – International Air Transport Association Dangerous Goods Regulations

IMDG – International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods

NTP – National Toxicology Program

ON – Province of Ontario

OSHA – Occupational Safety & Health Administration

PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit

TDG – Transportation of Dangerous Goods

TLV – Threshold Limit Value

QC – Province of Quebec

SDS – Safety Data Sheet

WHMIS – Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

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