



**Material Safety Data Sheet**  
**MERIT® TREE INJECTION INSECTICIDE**

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**SECTION 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Product Name** MERIT® TREE INJECTION INSECTICIDE  
**MSDS Number** 102000014349  
**EPA Registration No.** 432-1447

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**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

<u>Hazardous Component Name</u>	<u>CAS-No.</u>	<u>Average % by Weight</u>
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	17.10

**SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

*NOTE: Please refer to Section 11 for detailed toxicological information.*

**Emergency Overview** Caution! Harmful if swallowed or absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Highly toxic to bees.

**Physical State** liquid, clear

**Appearance** gold

**Routes of Exposure** Ingestion, Skin Absorption, Eye contact, Inhalation

**Immediate Effects**

**Eye** May cause mild irritation to eyes. Avoid contact with eyes.

**Skin** Harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin and clothing.

**Ingestion** Harmful if swallowed. Do not take internally.

**Chronic or Delayed Long-Term** This product or its components may have target organ effects.

**SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES**



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<b>General</b>	When possible, have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.
<b>Eye</b>	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Skin</b>	Wash off immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Rinse out mouth and give water in small gulps to drink. DO NOT induce vomiting unless directed to do so by a physician or poison control center. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do not leave victim unattended.
<b>Inhalation</b>	Move to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
<b>Notes to Physician Treatment</b>	There is no specific antidote. Appropriate supportive and symptomatic treatment as indicated by the patient's condition is recommended.

**SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

<b>Flash Point</b>	96.7 °C / 206.1 °F
<b>Fire and Explosion Hazards</b>	Heating or fire can release toxic gas.
<b>Suitable Extinguishing Media</b>	foam, carbon dioxide (CO2), water spray, dry powder
<b>Fire Fighting Instructions</b>	Keep out of smoke. Fight fire from upwind position. Cool closed containers exposed to fire with water spray. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Equipment or materials involved in pesticide fires may become contaminated.  Firefighters should wear NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

**SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Keep unauthorized people away. Isolate hazard area. Avoid contact with spilled product or contaminated surfaces.
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**Methods for Cleaning Up** Take up with absorbent material (e.g. sand, diatomaceous earth or a proprietary absorbent material). Keep in suitable, closed containers for disposal. Clean contaminated floors and objects thoroughly, observing environmental regulations.

**Additional Advice** Use personal protective equipment. Do not allow product to enter streams, sewers or other waterways.

**SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**Handling Procedures** Keep out of reach of children and animals.

**Storing Procedures** Store in a cool, dry place and in such a manner as to prevent cross contamination with other pesticides, fertilizers, food, and feed. Store in original container and out of the reach of children, preferably in a locked storage area.

**Work/Hygienic Procedures** Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, using the toilet or applying cosmetics.

Take off contaminated clothing and shoes immediately. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

Remove Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) immediately after handling this product. Before removing gloves clean them with soap and water. As soon as practical, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

**SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**General Protection** Follow all label instructions. Train employees in safe use of the product.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and warm/tepid water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

**Engineering Controls** Ensure adequate ventilation.

**Eye/Face Protection** safety glasses

**Hand Protection** Chemical-resistant gloves made of waterproof material such as neoprene, butyl rubber, barrier laminate or nitrile rubber

**Body Protection** Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants and shoes plus socks.



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#### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance</b>	gold
<b>Physical State</b>	liquid, clear
<b>pH</b>	6.3 - 7.5 (10 %)
<b>Density</b>	ca. 1.17 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 20 °C

#### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability</b>	Stable
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#### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Only acute toxicity studies have been conducted on this product as formulated. The acute inhalation data has been bridged from a similar formulation containing a similar percentage of the active ingredient, imidacloprid. The non-acute information pertains to the technical-grade active ingredient.

<b>Acute Oral Toxicity</b>	female rat: LD50: > 2,000 mg/kg
<b>Acute Dermal Toxicity</b>	male/female rabbit: LD50: > 4,000 mg/kg
<b>Acute Inhalation Toxicity</b>	male/female rat: LC50: > 6.3 mg/l Exposure time: 4 h Determined in the form of liquid aerosol. (actual)
	male/female rat: LC50: > 20 mg/l Exposure time: 1 h Determined in the form of liquid aerosol. Extrapolated from the 4 hr LC50. (actual)
<b>Skin Irritation</b>	rabbit: No skin irritation.
<b>Eye Irritation</b>	rabbit: Mild eye irritation.
<b>Sensitization</b>	guinea pig: Non-sensitizing.
<b>Chronic Toxicity</b>	In chronic dietary studies in rats and dogs exposed to imidacloprid, the target organs were the thyroids and/or liver.

#### Assessment Carcinogenicity

In oncogenicity studies in rats and mice, imidacloprid was not considered carcinogenic in either species.



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**ACGIH**  
None.  
**NTP**  
None.  
**IARC**  
None.  
**OSHA**  
None.

**Reproductive & Developmental Toxicity**

**REPRODUCTION:** In a two-generation reproduction study in rats, imidacloprid was not a primary reproductive toxicant. Offspring exhibited reduced body weights at the high dose and in conjunction with maternal toxicity.

**DEVELOPMENTAL TOXICITY:** In developmental toxicity studies in rats and rabbits, there was no evidence of an embryotoxic or teratogenic potential for imidacloprid. In both species, developmental effects were observed only at high doses and in conjunction with maternal toxicity.

**Neurotoxicity**

In acute and subchronic neurotoxicity screening studies in rats, imidacloprid produced slight neurobehavioral effects in each study at the highest dose tested. There were no correlating morphological changes observed in the neural tissues.

In a one-generation developmental neurotoxicity screening study in rats, offspring exposed to imidacloprid showed decreased motor activities. These effects occurred at the highest dose tested and in conjunction with maternal toxicity. There were no correlating morphological changes observed in the neural tissues.

**Mutagenicity**

The imidacloprid mutagenicity studies, taken collectively, demonstrate that the active ingredient is not genotoxic or mutagenic.

**SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

**Environmental Precautions**

Highly toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate surface or ground water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes, including equipment wash water. Apply this product only as specified on the label.

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**SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- General Disposal Guidance** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.
- Container Disposal** Triple rinse containers. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or incineration, or if allowed by State and Local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

**SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

TRANSPORTATION CLASSIFICATION:  
Not regulated for Domestic Surface Shipment

Note: It is the shipper's responsibility to comply with ICAO/IATA regulations for AIR shipment

FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION:  
Insecticides or Fungicides, N.O.I.; other than poison

**SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**EPA Registration No.** 432-1447

**US Federal Regulations**

**TSCA list**

None.

**US. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt D)**

None.

**SARA Title III - Section 302 - Notification and Information**

None.

**SARA Title III - Section 313 - Toxic Chemical Release Reporting**

None.

**US States Regulatory Reporting**

**CA Prop65**

This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause cancer.

This product does not contain any substances known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm.

**US State Right-To-Know Ingredients**

None.

**Canadian Regulations**

**Canadian Domestic Substance List**

None.



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**Environmental**

**CERCLA**

None.

**Clean Water Section 307 Priority Pollutants**

None.

**Safe Drinking Water Act Maximum Contaminant Levels**

None.

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**SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**

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NFPA 704 (National Fire Protection Association):

Health - 1      Flammability - 1      Reactivity - 0      Others - none

0 = minimal hazard, 1 = slight hazard, 2 = moderate hazard, 3 = severe hazard, 4 = extreme hazard

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