

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET



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## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

**Product name** **Prep<sup>®</sup> 720 Growth Regulator**

**Other names** None

**Product codes and pack sizes** 4207709 (20 L), 4207733 (200 L), 4207903 (1000 L)

**Chemical group** Ethylene generator

**Recommended use** Plant growth regulator for agricultural use - for accelerated boll opening and pre-conditioning before defoliation of cotton

**Formulation** Soluble concentrate (SL)

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

**EMERGENCY OVERVIEW**  
**HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE (see Risk phrases below) - DANGEROUS GOOD**  
**Corrosive. Harmful to aquatic organisms.**

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

**Risk phrases** R20/21 - Harmful by inhalation and in contact with skin.  
R34 – Causes burns.

**Safety phrases** See Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13

**ADG classification** Dangerous goods for transport by road or rail according to the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail. Class 8, CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (contains ethephon), UN 3265, Packing Group III. See Section 14.

**SUSDP classification (Poison Schedule)** Schedule 6 (Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons)

## 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredients	CAS Number	Concentration (g/L)
Ethephon	[16672-87-0]	720
Other ingredients, including water (non-hazardous)	---	582

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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.**

<b>Inhalation</b>	If inhaled remove to fresh air and keep at rest. Obtain immediate medical advice as above.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Remove all contaminated clothing immediately. Wash affected areas with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Obtain immediate medical advice as above.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Rinse eyes immediately with plenty of clean water including under eyelids for at least 15 minutes. Obtain urgent medical attention preferably from an eye specialist.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Wash out mouth with water. Do not induce vomiting. Have patient sip a glass of water. Keep patient at rest and get to a doctor or hospital quickly. Activated charcoal may be advised. Give atropine if instructed. DO NOT attempt to give anything by mouth to a semi-conscious or unconscious person.
<b>First Aid Facilities</b>	Ensure eyewash and shower facilities are available.
<b>Medical attention</b>	This material possesses the characteristics of a strong acid and may cause mucosal damage, including irreversible eye damage. Victims of severe over-exposure by inhalation should be kept under medical observation for up to 72 hours in case of delayed onset of pulmonary oedema. In a patient with severe over-exposure by ingestion, careful gastric lavage is required due to the possibility of stomach or oesophageal perforation. Gastric lavage with charcoal is recommended following ingestion, and further treatment if necessary. This material is an acid, but the use of alkaline substances to neutralise it is contraindicated. This product contains an organophosphorus compound and is therefore expected to be a cholinesterase inhibitor, but in practice no inhibiting properties have been detected. Treat symptoms.

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Extinguishing media</b>	Water spray, foam, carbon dioxide, dry agent
<b>Hazards from combustion products</b>	The product itself does not burn. In a fire, formation of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, phosphorus oxides (e.g. phosphorus pentoxide) and hydrogen chloride can be expected.
<b>Precautions for fire fighters</b>	Fire fighters should wear full protective gear, including self-contained breathing apparatus (AS/NZS 1715/1716). Keep out of smoke and fight fire from upwind position. Keep unnecessary people away. If it can be done safely, remove intact containers from the fire. Otherwise, spray with water to cool. Bund area with sand or earth to prevent contamination of drains or waterways. Dispose of extinguishing agent and spillage safely later.
<b>Hazchem code</b>	2X

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Avoid contact with spilled material or contaminated surfaces. Do not smoke, eat or drink during the clean up process. Wear acid resistant boots and 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. Absorb spill with absorbent material, sweep up and collect and store in properly labelled drums for disposal. 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

<b>Handling</b>	Keep out of reach of children. The product attacks eyes. Protect eyes while using. Repeated minor exposure may have a cumulative poisoning effect. Obtain an emergency supply of atropine tablets 0.6 mg. Wash hands after use. After each day's use, wash gloves, face shield or goggles and contaminated clothing. Ensure application equipment is thoroughly cleaned and scrubbed after using this product to avoid corrosion.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Protect from frost. DO NOT store in carbon steel. Ensure that no metal is in contact with product during short-term or long-term storage, e.g. taps on flexible couplings.
<b>Flammability</b>	Not flammable or combustible

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Exposure standards</b>	No exposure standards have been assigned by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.
<b>Biological limit values</b>	None allocated
<b>Engineering controls</b>	Control process conditions to avoid contact. Use in a well-ventilated area only. Consider mechanical ventilation.
<b>Personal Protective Equipment</b>	Eyes: Product attacks the eyes. Wear face shield or goggles. Gloves: Elbow-length PVC or nitrile gloves Respiratory: Wear an AS/NZS 1715/1716 approved respirator suitable for organic vapour/mist if working in areas with insufficient ventilation and exposure to vapours or mists is possible.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Colourless to light brown liquid
<b>Odour:</b>	Mild characteristic
<b>pH:</b>	0.8 at 20 °C
<b>Vapour pressure:</b>	< 0.01 mPa at 20 °C (ethephon)
<b>Vapour density:</b>	Not available
<b>Boiling point:</b>	Not available
<b>Freezing/melting point:</b>	Not available
<b>Solubility:</b>	Completely miscible with water.
<b>Density:</b>	Approximately 1.302 g/mL at 20°C
<b>Flash Point:</b>	Not flammable or combustible
<b>Flammability (explosive) limits:</b>	Not available
<b>Auto-ignition temperature:</b>	Not available
<b>Partition coefficient (octanol/water):</b>	<i>Ethephon</i> : Log $P_{ow}$ = < -2.2 at 25°C

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical stability</b>	Stable under normal conditions of use.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	Elevated temperatures. Freezing will affect physical condition of the product, but will not damage the material.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	Zinc, iron, copper, strong bases, strong oxidising agents, mild steel, aluminium, sodium chlorate
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	In a fire, formation of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, phosphorus oxides (e.g. phosphorus pentoxide) and hydrogen chloride can be expected.
<b>Hazardous reactions</b>	Corrodes metals in the presence of water or moisture. Risk of ethylene emission with increasing pH.

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS

<b>Inhalation</b>	Harmful if inhaled. May cause respiratory tract irritation.
<b>Skin contact</b>	Harmful if absorbed through skin. Severe skin irritant. Causes redness, swelling, burns.
<b>Eye contact</b>	Corrosive – causes irreversible eye damage. Causes burns, corneal opacity.
<b>Ingestion</b>	Harmful if swallowed. May cause burns to mouth, throat, oesophagus and stomach.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION - continued

### ANIMAL TOXICITY DATA

Acute toxicity studies have not been performed on this product containing 720 g/L (approx 55%) active ingredient. The acute and non-acute information pertains to the technical-grade active ingredient, Ethephon (~70-75% a.i.)

#### Acute:

<b>Oral toxicity</b>	LD <sub>50</sub> male rat: 3730 mg/kg LD <sub>50</sub> female rat: 2210 mg/kg
<b>Dermal toxicity</b>	LD <sub>50</sub> male rabbit: 1710 mg/kg LD <sub>50</sub> female rabbit: 1390 mg/kg
<b>Inhalation toxicity</b>	LC <sub>50</sub> rat (4 hour): 4.5 mg/L (Determined in the form of liquid aerosol)
<b>Skin irritation</b>	Severely irritating (rabbit)
<b>Eye irritation</b>	Corrosive (rabbit)
<b>Sensitisation</b>	Non sensitising (guinea pig)

#### Chronic:

Prolonged contact can cause chronic bronchitis. Repeated minor exposure may have a cumulative poisoning effect. In animal studies ethephon was shown not to be carcinogenic or mutagenic, and did not cause reproductive or teratogenic effects.

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Prep 720 is harmful to aquatic organisms. It has low toxicity to birds, bees and earthworms. DO NOT contaminate streams, rivers, or waterways with Prep 720 or the used containers.

<b>Ecotoxicity</b>	<i>Fish toxicity:</i>	LC <sub>50</sub> (96 h) rainbow trout ( <i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i> ) > 100 mg/L (similar formulation)
	<i>Daphnia toxicity:</i>	EC <sub>50</sub> (48 h) water flea ( <i>Daphnia magna</i> ) > 721 mg/L (ethephon)
	<i>Algal toxicity:</i>	
	Growth rate:	EC <sub>50</sub> (72 h) algae ( <i>Scenedesmus subspicatus</i> ) 56 mg/L (similar formulation)
	Growth rate:	EC <sub>50</sub> (72 h) algae ( <i>Chlorella vulgaris</i> ) 29 mg/L (ethephon)
	<i>Bird toxicity:</i>	LD <sub>50</sub> bobwhite quail 1072 mg/kg (ethephon)

**Environmental fate, persistence and degradability, mobility** Ethephon is rapidly degraded in soil, has a low mobility and is unlikely to leach. It is sensitive to UV irradiation.

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

When returnable container is empty or contents no longer required return it to the point of purchase. For non-returnable containers, triple or preferably pressure rinse 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. Do not reuse containers for any other purpose. Dispose of waste product through a reputable waste contractor.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

<b>UN number</b>	3265
<b>Proper shipping name</b>	CORROSIVE LIQUID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S. (contains ethephon)
<b>Class and Subsidiary</b>	8
<b>Risk</b>	No subsidiary risk
<b>Packing Group</b>	III
<b>EPG</b>	Guide 36 – Dangerous Goods – Initial Emergency Response Guide
<b>Hazchem code</b>	2X
<b>Marine Pollutant</b>	No

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Registered according to the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994.

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority approval number: 42096      See also Section 2.

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Trademark information**      Prep<sup>®</sup> is a Registered Trademark of Bayer.

**Preparation information**      Replaces March 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 edition.  
Reason for change: Personal Protection, Disposal Considerations.

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.

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