



# DEPENDABLE PEST MANAGEMENT

## Talstar

**COMMON NAME:** bifenthrin (Talstar)

**STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL TREATMENT:** If on skin: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENT:** Harmful if absorbed through skin. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates.

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## TALSTAR® EZ GRANULAR INSECTICIDE



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This document has been prepared to meet the requirements of the U.S. OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200; the EC directive, 2001/58/EC and other regulatory requirements. The information contained herein is for the concentrate as packaged, unless otherwise noted.

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## 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** TALSTAR® EZ GRANULAR INSECTICIDE  
**PRODUCT CODE:** 6156  
**ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S):** Bifenthrin  
**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** Pyrethroid Pesticide  
**MOLECULAR FORMULA:**  $C_{23}H_{22}ClF_3O_2$  (bifenthrin)  
**SYNONYMS:** FMC 54800; (2-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)methyl 3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoro-1-propenyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate; IUPAC: 2-methylbiphenyl-3-ylmethyl (Z)-(1RS)-cis-3-(2-chloro-3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-enyl)-2,2-dimethylcyclopropanecarboxylate

### MANUFACTURER

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## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW:

- Tan, solid granules with a slightly musty odor.
- Slightly combustible. May support combustion at elevated temperatures.
- Thermal decomposition and burning may form toxic by-products.
- For large exposures or fire, wear personal protective equipment.
- Highly toxic to fish and aquatic organisms. Keep out of drains and water courses.
- Expected to have moderate oral toxicity.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:** Effects from overexposure result from absorption through the skin or may result from inhaling the dust. Overexposure to this product may cause diarrhea.

Contact with bifenthrin may occasionally produce skin sensations such as rashes, numbing, burning or tingling. These skin sensations are reversible and usually subside within 12 hours.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED:** None presently known.

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### 3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Chemical Name	CAS#	Wt.%	EC No.	EC Class
Bifenthrin	82657-04-3	0.2	None	R25; R50/53; S46-57
Surfactant Blend		<2	None	Not classified

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### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**EYES:** Immediately flush with water for at least 15 minutes, lifting the upper and lower eyelids intermittently. See a medical doctor immediately.

**SKIN:** Wash with plenty of soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation occurs and persists.

**INGESTION:** Drink 1 or 2 glasses of water and induce vomiting by touching the back of the throat with a finger. Never induce vomiting or give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Contact a medical doctor.

**INHALATION:** Remove to fresh air. If breathing difficulty or discomfort occurs and persists, obtain medical attention.

**NOTES TO MEDICAL DOCTOR:** This product is expected to have low oral and dermal toxicity. It is expected to be irritating to the skin and eyes. The dust may be irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Bifenthrin has high toxicity by the ingestion route of exposure. Gastric lavage using an endotracheal tube may be preferred to vomiting. Reversible skin sensations (paresthesia) may occur and ordinary skin salves have been found useful in reducing discomfort. Treatment is otherwise controlled removal of exposure followed by symptomatic and supportive care.

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### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** Foam, CO<sub>2</sub> or dry chemical. Soft stream water fog only if necessary. Contain all runoff.

**FIRE / EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** Slightly combustible. This material may support combustion at elevated temperatures.

**FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:** Isolate fire area. Evacuate downwind. Wear full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus. Do not breathe smoke, gases or vapors generated.

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## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**RELEASE NOTES:** Isolate and post spill area. Wear protective clothing and personal protective equipment as prescribed in Section 8, "Exposure Controls/Personal Protection". Keep unprotected persons and animals out of the area.

Keep material out of lakes, streams, ponds and sewer drains. Large spills should be covered to prevent dispersal. For dry material, use a wet sweeping compound or water to prevent the formation of dust. If water is used, prevent runoff or dispersion of excess liquid by diking and absorbing with a non-combustible absorbent such as clay, sand or soil. Vacuum, shovel or pump all waste material, including absorbent, into a drum and label contents for disposal.

To clean and neutralize spill area, tools and equipment, wash with a suitable solution of caustic or soda ash, and an appropriate alcohol (i.e., methanol, ethanol or isopropanol). Follow this by washing with a strong soap and water solution. Absorb, as above, any excess liquid and add to the drums of waste already collected. Repeat if necessary. Dispose of drummed waste according to the method outlined in Section 13, "Disposal Considerations".

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## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING AND STORAGE:** Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. Do not use or store near heat, open flame or hot surfaces. Store in original containers only. Keep out of reach of children and animals. Do not contaminate other pesticides, fertilizers, water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

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## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS:** Use local exhaust at all process locations where dust may be emitted. Ventilate all transport vehicles prior to unloading.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

**EYES AND FACE:** For dust exposure, wear chemical protective goggles or a face shield.

**RESPIRATORY:** For dust exposure wear, as a minimum, a properly fitted half-face or full-face air-purifying respirator which is approved for pesticides (U.S. NIOSH/MSHA, EU CEN or comparable certification organization). Respirator use and selection must be based on airborne concentrations.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING:** Depending upon concentrations encountered, wear coveralls or long-sleeved uniform and head covering. For larger exposures as in the case of spills, wear full body cover barrier suit, such as a PVC suit. Leather items - such as shoes, belts and watchbands - that become contaminated should be removed and destroyed. Launder all work clothing before reuse (separately from household laundry).

**GLOVES:** Wear chemical protective gloves made of materials such as rubber or neoprene. Thoroughly wash the outside of gloves with soap and water prior to removal. Inspect regularly for leaks.

**WORK HYGIENIC PRACTICES:** Clean water should be available for washing in case of eye or skin contamination. Wash skin prior to eating, drinking or using tobacco. Shower at the end of the workday.

**COMMENTS:**

Personal protective recommendations for mixing or applying this product are prescribed on the product label. Information stated above provides useful, additional guidance for individuals whose use or handling of this product is not guided by the product label.

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## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>ODOR:</b>	Slightly musty
<b>APPEARANCE:</b>	Tan solid granule
<b>DENSITY / WEIGHT PER VOLUME:</b>	0.81 g/mL (50.3 lb/cu ft.)
<b>MOLECULAR WEIGHT:</b>	422.88 (bifenthrin)
<b>pH:</b>	6.54

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## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>CONDITIONS TO AVOID:</b>	Excessive heat and fire.
<b>STABILITY:</b>	Stable
<b>POLYMERIZATION:</b>	Will not occur
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	Carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen chloride and hydrogen fluoride.

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## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**EYE EFFECTS:** Expected to be irritating to the eyes.

**SKIN EFFECTS:** Expected to be irritating to the skin.

**DERMAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** Bifenthrin: > 2,000 mg/kg (rabbit)

**ORAL LD<sub>50</sub>:** Similar formulation: > 5,000 mg/kg (rat)

**SENSITIZATION:** This product is not expected to produce skin sensitization.

**ACUTE EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** This product is expected to have low oral and dermal toxicity. It is expected to be irritating to the skin and eyes. The dust may be irritating to the nose, throat and respiratory tract. Bifenthrin does not cause acute delayed neurotoxicity. Experience to date indicates that contact with bifenthrin may occasionally produce skin sensations such as rashes, numbing, burning or tingling. These sensations are reversible and usually subside within 12 hours.

**CHRONIC EFFECTS FROM OVEREXPOSURE:** No data available for the formulation. In studies with laboratory animals, bifenthrin did not cause reproductive toxicity or teratogenicity. Tremors were associated with repeated exposure of laboratory animals to bifenthrin. In lifetime feeding studies conducted with rodents, a slight increase in the incidence of urinary bladder tumors at the highest dose in male mice was considered to be an equivocal response, not evidence of a clear compound-related effect. The overall absence of genotoxicity has been demonstrated in mutagenicity tests with bifenthrin.

### CARCINOGENICITY:

<b>NTP:</b>	Not listed
<b>IARC:</b>	See 'Note' below (under 'Comments')
<b>OSHA:</b>	Not listed
<b>OTHER:</b>	Not Listed (ACGIH)

### COMMENTS:

NOTE: 'None of the ingredients in this product are known / listed carcinogens; however, this product may contain trace amounts of wood dust and crystalline silica, both of which are listed by IARC as potential human carcinogens.

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, the data presented below are for the active ingredient.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DATA:** In soil, bifenthrin is stable over a wide pH range and degrades at a slow rate that is governed by soil characteristics. Bifenthrin will also persist in aquatic sediments. Bifenthrin has a high Log Pow (>6.0), a high affinity for organic matter, and is not mobile in soil. Therefore, there is little potential for movement into ground water. There is the potential for bifenthrin to bioconcentrate (BCF = 11, 750).

**ECOTOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:** Bifenthrin is highly toxic to fish and aquatic arthropods and LC<sub>50</sub> values range from 0.0038 to 17.8 µg/L. In general, the aquatic arthropods are the most sensitive species. Care should be taken to avoid contamination of the aquatic environment. Bifenthrin had no effect on mollusks at its limit of water solubility. Bifenthrin is only slightly toxic to both water fowl and upland game birds (LD<sub>50</sub> values range from 1,800 mg/kg to >2,150 mg/kg).

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## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

**DISPOSAL METHOD:** Open dumping or burning of this material or its packaging is prohibited. If spilled material cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, an acceptable method of disposal is to incinerate in accordance with local, state and national environmental laws, rules, standards and regulations. However, because acceptable methods of disposal may vary by location and regulatory requirements may change, the appropriate agencies should be contacted prior to disposal.

**EMPTY CONTAINER:** Completely empty package into application equipment then dispose of empty package in accordance with all Federal, State and local regulations.

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## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

**PACKAGING TYPE:**

Non-Bulk

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

This material is not a hazardous material as defined by US Department of Transportation at 49 CFR Parts 100 through 185.

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## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### UNITED STATES

**SARA TITLE III (SUPERFUND AMENDMENTS AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT)**

**SECTION 302 EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (40 CFR 355, APPENDIX A):**  
Not listed

**SECTION 311 HAZARD CATEGORIES (40 CFR 370):**

Immediate, Delayed

**SECTION 312 THRESHOLD PLANNING QUANTITY (40 CFR 370):**

The Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) for this product, if treated as a mixture, is 10,000 lbs; however, this product contains the following ingredients with a TPQ of less than 10,000 lbs.:  
None

**SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS (40 CFR 372):**

There are no ingredients in this product, which are subject to Section 313 reporting requirements.

**CERCLA (COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION AND LIABILITY ACT)**

**CERCLA DESIGNATION & REPORTABLE QUANTITIES (RQ) (40 CFR 302.4):**

Not listed

**FEDERAL INSECTICIDE FUNGICIDE RODENTICIDE ACT**

U.S. EPA Signal Word: CAUTION

**U.S. STATES**

**California Prop 65:**

There are no ingredients in this product which are subject to the reporting requirements of California Proposition 65.

**INTERNATIONAL LISTINGS**

Australian Hazard Code: 3XE

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## **16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**REVISION SUMMARY:**

This MSDS replaces Revision #2, dated June 14, 2004.

Changes in information are as follows:

New Format, as well as:

Section 3 (Composition / Information on Ingredients)

Section 4 (First Aid Measures)

Section 14 (Transport Information)

Section 16 (Other Information)

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