

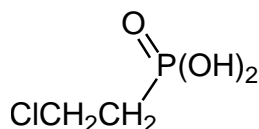
## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

**Esrel 48% SL**

**(Ethephon 48%)**

### **SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE**

Trade name: Esrel  
 Common Name: Ethephon  
 Form: SL  
 Chemical Name:  
 (2-chloroethyl)phosphonic acid  
 Chemical Class: ethylene generator  
 Formula: C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>P  
 Mol. wt: 144.5  
 Structure:



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

Substance	Conc.	Uses
<b>Active ingredient</b>		
Ethephon	48%	A plant growth regulator
<b>Inert ingredient</b>		
Other	52%	
Total	100%	

### **SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

**Emergency Overview:**

Danger! Corrosive - causes irreversible eye damage. Harmful if swallowed.  
 Harmful if inhaled or absorbed through skin.

**Immediate Effects**

**Eye:** Corrosive. Causes corneal opacity, irreversible eye damage. Vapors and mists can cause irritation, redness, tearing.

**Skin:** May be harmful if absorbed through skin. May cause redness, swelling on prolonged contact.

**Ingestion:** Harmful if ingested. May cause irritation, abdominal pain, chest pain, burns to mouth and esophagus.

**Inhalation:** Harmful if inhaled. Mists may cause respiratory tract irritation, coughing, a burning sensation.

**Chronic or Delayed Long-Term:** This product does not contain any ingredients designated by IARC, NTP, ACGIH or OSHA as probable or suspected human carcinogens.

## SECTION 4.FIRST AID MEASURES

### Eye

Hold eyelids open and flush with a steady, gentle stream of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention, preferable with an ophthalmologist.

If the physician is not immediately available, eye irrigation should be continued for an additional 15 minutes

### Skin

In case of contact, wash with plenty of soap and water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

### Ingestion

If victim is conscious and alert, give 2-3 glasses of water. Do not induce vomiting. Material may enter lungs and cause severe damage.

### Inhalation

Remove victim from immediate source of exposure and assure that the victim is breathing. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen, if available. If victim is not breathing, administer CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation). Seek medical attention.

## SECTION 5.FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

### Suitable Extinguishing Media

Foam, water, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), dry chemical

### Fire Fighting Instructions

Firefighters should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing. Keep unnecessary people away, isolate hazard area and deny entry. Evacuate residents who are downwind of fire. Dike area to prevent runoff and contamination of water sources. Dispose of fire control water later. Persons who may have been exposed to contaminated smoke should be immediately examined by a physician and checked for symptoms of poisoning. The symptoms should not be mistaken for heat exhaustion or smoke inhalation.

## SECTION 6.ACIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

### Small Spill:

Use appropriate tools to put the spilled solid in a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and dispose of according to local and regional authority requirements.

### Large Spill:

Use a shovel to put the material into a convenient waste disposal container. Finish cleaning by spreading water on the contaminated surface and allow to evacuate through the sanitary system.

### Land Spill or Leaks

Containment of Spill: Stop leak if it can be done without risk. Dike spill using absorbent or impervious materials such as earth, sand or clay. Environmental and Regulatory Reporting: If spilled on the ground, the affected area should be removed to a depth of one or two inches and placed in an appropriate container for disposal. Prevent material from entering public sewer system or any waterway.

## SECTION 7.HANDLING AND STORAGE

### Handling Procedures

Do not breathe vapors and mists. Do not get on skin or in eyes. Do not ingest. Use handling, storage and disposal procedures that will prevent contamination of water, food or feed. Keep from freezing. If freezing occurs, thaw and remix before using.

**Storing Procedures** Store in an area that is away from ignition sources.

### Work/Hygienic Procedures

Personal hygiene is an important work practice exposure control measure and the following general measures should be taken when working with or handling this material: Do not store, use, and/or consume foods, beverages, tobacco products, or cosmetics in areas where this material is stored. Wash hands and face carefully before eating, drinking, using tobacco, applying cosmetics, or using the toilet. Wash exposed skin promptly to remove accidental splashes of contact with this material.

## **SECTION 8.EXPOSURE CONTROL/PERSONAL PROTECTION**

### **Engineering Controls**

Where engineering controls are indicated by use conditions of a potential for excessive exposure exists, the following traditional exposure control techniques may be used to effectively minimize employee exposures: local exhaust ventilation at the point of generation.

### **Eye/Face Protection**

Eye and face protection requirements will vary dependent upon work environment conditions and material handling practices. Appropriate ANSI Z87 approved equipment should be selected for the particular use intended for this material. Eye contact should be prevented through use of chemical safety glasses with side shields or splash proof goggles. An emergency eye wash must be readily accessible to the work area. Face contact should be prevented through use of a face shield.

### **Body Protection**

Skin contact should be prevented through use of suitable protective clothing, gloves and footwear, selected with regard of use conditions and exposure potential. Consideration must be given both to durability as well as permeation resistance.

### **Respiratory Protection**

When respirators are required, select NIOSH/MSHA approved equipment based on actual or potential airborne concentrations and in accordance with the appropriate regulatory standards and/or industrial recommendations. Under normal conditions, in the absence of other airborne contaminants, the following should provide protection from this material up to the conditions specified by the appropriate OSHA, WHMIS or ANSI standard(s): Air-purifying (half-mask/full-face) respirator with cartridge/canister approved for use against dusts, mists and fumes, pesticides. Under conditions immediately dangerous to life or health, or emergency conditions with unknown concentrations, use a

full-face positive pressure airsupplied respirator equipped with an emergency escape air supply unit or use a self-contained breathing apparatus unit.

### General Protection

These recommendations provide general guidance for handling this product. Because specific work environments and material handling practices vary, safety procedures should be developed for each intended application. While developing safe handling procedures, do not overlook the need to clean equipment and piping systems for maintenance and repairs. Waste resulting from these procedures should be handled in accordance with Section 13: Disposal Considerations. Assistance with selection, use and maintenance of worker protection equipment is generally available from equipment manufacturers.

## SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Formulation Type: SL  
Appearance: Colorless Liquid  
Corrosion: Non-corrosive

## SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

### Chemical Stability

This material is stable under normal handling and storage conditions described in Section 7.

**Conditions to Avoid** Heat, flames and sparks.

**Incompatibility** zinc, iron, copper, bases, aluminum & tin

### Hazardous Products of Decomposition

Decomposition Type: thermal hydrogen chloride carbon oxides

### Hazardous Polymerization

Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

## SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

**Acute Oral Toxicity** Rat: LD50: 2,000 - 5,000 mg/kg

**Acute Dermal Toxicity** Rabbit: LD50: > 2,000 mg/kg

**Acute Inhalation Toxicity** Rat: LC50: > 2.51 mg/l 4 h

Acute Respiratory Irritation:

No test data found for product.

**Skin Irritation** Rabbit: Moderately irritating

**Eye Irritation** Rabbit: Severely irritating.  
**Sensitization** Guinea pig: Non-sensitizing

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Birds

Acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for mallard ducks 84.6, bobwhite quail >2000 mg/kg.

### Fish

LC<sub>50</sub> (96 h) for rainbow trout 3.2, bluegill sunfish 9.6 mg/l.

### Daphnia

EC<sub>50</sub> (48 h) 0.34 ppb.

### Algae

(72 h) for *Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata* >100 mg/l.

### Other aquatic spp.

LC<sub>50</sub> (96 h) for pink shrimps (*Panaeus duorarum*) 1.6, blue crabs (*Callinectes sapidus*) 153 ppb.

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal. Triple rinse (or equivalent) the container. Then offer for recycling or reconditioning. If allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Should be transported or stored in clearly labeled rigid and leak proof containers, under lock and key, secure from access by unauthorized persons and children. No food or drink should be transported or stored in the same compartment.

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Acute: Yes

Chronic: No

Fire: Yes

Reactivity: No

Read and follow all label directions.

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

The data given here is based on current knowledge and experience. The purpose of this safety data sheet is to describe the products in terms of their safety requirements.

Proper use: The product used as PGR.