



# Material Safety Data Sheet

## United Phosphorus, Inc.

<b>NFPA</b>	<b>PPE</b>		

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

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**Emergency Telephone Number**  
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 Medical: Rocky Mountain Poison Control Center  
 (866) 673-6671 (24hrs)

Company Information  
 UPI

Contact Information  
 Customer Service  
 R&D Technical Service

Phone Number  
 1-800-438-6071  
 610-878-6100

Available Hrs  
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm EST  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (EST)

**Product Name** WEEVIL-CIDE Gas Bags  
**EPA Reg #** 70506-15  
**Recommended Use** Restricted Use Pesticide  
 The use of his product is STRICTLY PROHIBITED on single family and multi-family residential properties, nursing homes, schools (except athletic fields) , daycare facilities and hospitals.  
**Product Code** 12U-142B

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### Emergency Overview

Aluminum phosphide - reacts with water to produce phosphine gas (PH<sub>3</sub>).  
Ammonium carbamate releases ammonia and carbon dioxide.

Dangerous when wet

Fatal if swallowed or inhaled.

When sealed containers are opened contact with the moisture in the air will cause phosphine gas to be released.  
Phosphine is spontaneously flammable in air.

### DANGER!

**Appearance** light grey, to, Greenish.

**Physical State** Solid. Pellet/tablet.

**Odor** Garlic like. Pure phosphine gas is odorless but a garlic odor might be detected due to a contaminant. Since odor may not be detected under certain circumstances, the absence of a garlic odor does not mean that phosphine gas is absent..

### Potential Health Effects

- Inhalation
- Ingestion
- Skin contact

### Acute Effects

Phosphine gas is odorless. Accidental ingestion of aluminum phosphide or inhalation of phosphine gas have been reported to produce CNS depression, pulmonary edema, respiratory distress syndrome, cardiac dysrhythmias, seizures, liver injury and renal failure.

**Eyes**

Irritating to eyes.

**Skin**

Irritating to skin.

**Inhalation**

Fatal if inhaled - Do not breathe mist/vapors..

**Ingestion**

Fatal if swallowed - Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling this product. .

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

### Ingredients Name

Chemical Name	CAS-No	Weight %	OSHA PEL
Aluminum phosphide	20859-73-8	60	N/A

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

### Eye Contact

Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 - 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.

### Skin Contact

Brush or shake off material. Wash contaminated skin with soapy water in a well ventilated area.  
Call poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

### Inhalation

Move person to fresh air.  
If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration.  
Call a physician or Poison Control Centre immediately

**Ingestion**

Immediate medical attention is required  
Call a physician or Poison Control Center immediately  
Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor  
Vomiting may off-gas and release phosphine, which could pose a risk of secondary contamination.  
Do not give water (potential additional formation of phosphine) unless authorized by a physician.

**Notes to Physician**

Aluminum phosphide- This product reacts with moisture from air, water, acids and many other liquids to release hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas. Symptoms of severe poisoning may occur within a few hours to several days. Phosphine poisoning may result in; pulmonary edema, liver elevated serum GOT, LDH and alkaline phosphatase, reduced prothrombin, hemorrhage and jaundice, and kidney hematuria and anuria. Pathology is characterized by hypoxia.

**5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES**

**Flammable Explosive Properties**

**Flash Point**

Aluminum phosphide - is not flammable. However, it reacts readily with water to produce hydrogen phosphide (phosphine, PH<sub>3</sub>) gas which may ignite spontaneously in air concentrations above the LEL of 1.8% v/v.

**Autoignition Temperature**

Not available

**Flammability Limits in Air**

Lower 1.8% v/v

**Extnguishing Media**

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Dry powder Dry chemical Sand

**Fire/Explosion Hazard**

Alphos = Hydrogen phosphide (Phosphine)/air mixtures at concentrations above the lower flammable limit may ignite spontaneously. Ignition of high concentrations of hydrogen phosphide can produce a very energetic reaction. Explosions can occur under these conditions and may cause personal injury. Never allow the build- up of hydrogen phosphide to exceed explosive concentrations. Containers of metal phosphides should be opened in open air and never in a flammable atmosphere. Do not confine spent or partially spent dust from metal phosphide fumigants as slow release of the hydrogen phosphide from these materials may result in formation of an explosive atmosphere. Spontaneous ignition may occur if large quantities of aluminum phosphide are piled in contact with liquid water. Fires containing hydrogen phosphide or metal phosphides will produce phosphoric acid by the following reaction:  $2PH_3 + 4O_2 = H_2O + P_2O_5 = 2H_3PO_4$

**Hazardous Combustion Products**

Phosphine gas.

**NFPA**

**Health 4**

**Flammability 4**

**Instability 2**

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

<b>Personal Precautions</b>	Remove all sources of ignition. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Use personal protective equipment.
<b>Environmental Precautions</b>	Do not flush into surface water or sanitary sewer system. Should not be released into the environment.
<b>Methods for Clean-up</b>	Do not use water at any time during clean-up . Wear gloves when handling aluminum phosphide . Damaged aluminum flasks should be transferred to a sound dry metal container and immediately seal and properly label as aluminum phosphide. Follow all label instructions for disposal of residual material and/or empty containers. .

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

<b>Handling</b>	Use of this product is STRICTLY PROHIBITED on single and multifamily residential properties and nursing homes, schools (except athletic fields) daycare facilities and hospitals.  . Keep out of reach of children. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove all sources of ignition. Wear personal protective equipment. It is recommended that the gas-tight, aluminum flask be opened in open air or near a fan, which exhausts outside immediately. Never open in a flammable atmosphere as the product may, although rare, flash. When opening, point container away from the face and body. These precautions will reduce the applicators potential for exposure to hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas. Do not expose product to atmospheric moisture any longer than is necessary. .
<b>Storage</b>	Store in cool/well-ventilated place. Store in original container. . Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Do not store in buildings where humans or domestic animals reside..

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

**Exposure Guidelines**

Chemical Name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL
Aluminum phosphide	1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable fraction.	

<b>Engineering Controls</b>	Investigate engineering techniques to reduce exposures. Local mechanical exhaust ventilation is preferred. Consult ACGIH ventilation manual or NFPA Standard 91 for design of exhaust systems. . Use equipment/monitors for the detection of phosphine gas .
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**Personal Protective Equipment**

**Eye/face Protection**

Where there is potential for eye contact have eye flushing equipment available.. Eye contact should be avoided through the use of chemical safety glasses, goggles, or a faceshield selected in regard to exposure potential..

**Skin Protection**

Wear protective gloves/clothing.

**Respiratory Protection**

A NIOSH/MESA approved full face mask with approved canister for phosphine may be employed for concentrations up to 15 ppm. At concentrations above that level, or when concentration is unknown, NIOSH/MESA approved SCBA or equivalent must be worn. .

**General Hygiene Considerations**

Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Wear respiratory protection. .

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance</b>	light grey to Greenish	<b>Odor</b>	Garlic like Pure phosphine gas is odorless but a garlic odor might be detected due to a contaminant. Since odor may not be detected under certain circumstances, the absence of a garlic odor does not mean that phosphine gas is absent.
<b>Physical State</b>	Solid Pellet/tablet	<b>pH</b>	No data available
<b>Boiling Point/Range</b>	Not available	<b>Melting Point/Range</b>	Not available
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	2.85	<b>Solubility</b>	Insoluble
<b>Evaporation Rate</b>	Not available	<b>Vapor Pressure</b>	Not available
<b>Vapor Density</b>	Not available	<b>VOC Content</b>	Not available
<b>Viscosity</b>	Not available	<b>Molecular Weight</b>	No data available
<b>Bulk Density</b>	No data available	<b>Percent Solids</b>	Not available
<b>Percent Volatiles</b>	Not available		

## 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Stability</b>	This product is stable to most chemical reactions except for hydrolysis. A component of this product, aluminum phosphide, reacts with moisture from the air, water, acids and many other liquids to produce toxic and flammable hydrogen phosphine gas. Pure hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas is practically insoluble in water, fats and oils and is stable at normal fumigation temperatures.
<b>Conditions to Avoid</b>	Exposure to moisture. Protect from water.
<b>Incompatible Materials</b>	oxidizers. Water - moisture. Hydrogen phosphide may react with certain metals (gold, silver, brass, other precious metals and their alloys) and cause corrosion especially at high temperatures and relative humidities. Small electric detectors, brass sprinkler heads, batteries and battery chargers, forklifts, temperature monitoring systems, electrical switch gear, communication devices, computers, calculators, watches and other electronic equipments should be protected or removed before fumigation. . Hydrogen phosphide gas will also react with certain metallic salts and, therefore such items as photographic film, copying papers and some inorganic pigments, etc. should not be exposed. .
<b>Hazardous Decomposition Products</b>	Phosphine gas.
<b>Possibility of Hazardous Polymerization</b>	Hazardous polymerisation does not occur

## 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Acute Toxicity

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### Component Information

Aluminum phosphide -  
Acute oral LD50 = 11.5 mg/kg  
Acute dermal LD50 = >5,000 mg/kg (1 hr exposure)  
Sensitization = Not a sensitizer

Hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas -  
Inhalation = LC50 190 ppm (1 hour)

### Chronic Toxicity

### Carcinogenicity

Aluminum phosphide:  
Chronic effects = Not expected to produce target organ effects  
Mutagenicity = No data  
Carcinogenicity = Not classified as a carcinogen by IARC, OSHA, or NTP  
Reproductive and Developmental Effects = Not expected to produce reproductive or developmental effects.

Hydrogen phosphide (phosphine) gas -  
Chronic effects = In a 2-year study, rats were exposed to 48-90 g/m<sup>3</sup> of feed and no overt systemic toxicity was noted.  
Mutagenicity = Increased frequency of cells with structural chromosomal aberrations noted in an invitro cytogenetic assay with Chinese hamster ovary cells.  
Carcinogenicity = Not classified as a carcinogen by IARC, OSHA or NTP  
Reproductive and developmental effects = Not expected to product reproductive or developmental effects. .

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

Highly toxic to wildlife. Non-target organisms exposed to phosphine gas in burrows will be killed. .

## 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Waste Disposal Method

Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If the wastes cannot be disposed of by use or according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance. . Follow label for proper disposal instructions. .

### Contaminated Packaging

Non refillable container. Do not reuse this container. .

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### DOT

<b>Proper Shipping Name</b>	Aluminum phosphide mixture
<b>Hazard Class</b>	4.3
<b>Subsidiary Class</b>	6.1
<b>UN-No</b>	UN1397
<b>Packing Group</b>	PG I
<b>Reportable Quantity (RQ):</b>	100 lbs

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

ICAO

**UN-No** 1397  
**Proper Shipping Name** Aluminum phosphide  
**Hazard Class** 4.3  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** PG I  
**Description** Forbidden by passenger aircraft

IATA

**UN-No** 1397  
**Proper Shipping Name** Aluminum phosphide  
**Hazard Class** 4.3  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1  
**Packing Group** PG I  
**ERG Code** 4PW

IMDG/IMO

**Proper Shipping Name** Aluminum phosphide  
**Hazard Class** 4.3  
**Subsidiary Class** 6.1  
**UN-No** 1397  
**Packing Group** PG I  
**EmS No.** F-G, S-N

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

International Inventories

Aluminum phosphide  
**NDSL** Listed  
**EINECS/ELINCS** Listed  
 31 Jan 2014  
**CHINA** Listed  
**KECL** Listed

USAFederal Regulations**SARA 313**

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Chemical Name	CAS-No	Weight %
Aluminum phosphide	20859-73-8	60

**SARA 311/312 Hazardous Categorization**

**Chronic Health Hazard** No  
**Acute Health Hazard** Yes  
**Fire Hazard** Yes  
**Sudden Release of Pressure Hazard** No

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Reactive Hazard

Yes

### Clean Water Act

### Clean Air Act, Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (see 40 CFR 61)

This product does not contain any HAPs.

### CERCLA

Chemical Name	RQ
Aluminum phosphide	Listed.

Chemical Name	CERCLA EHS RQs
Aluminum phosphide	100 lbs

### RCRA

Chemical Name	RCRA - D Series Wastes	RCRA - P Series Wastes	RCRA - U Series Wastes
Aluminum phosphide		P006	

### Pesticide Information

#### State Regulations

#### **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals.

#### State Right-to-Know

Chemical Name	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Illinois	Rhode Island
Aluminum phosphide	Listed.	Substance no. 0063 Listed.	Listed.	Listed.	

### International Regulations

Mexico - Grade

Not available

Canada

This product has been classified in accordance with the hazard criteria of the Controlled Products Regulations (CPR) and the MSDS contains all the information required by the CPR.

WHMIS Hazard Class

Not determined

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

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Revision Summary



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**End of MSDS**