

Chemical Factsheet

Tetramethrin

General Information

- Fact Sheet: [Synthetic Pyrethroids.pdf](#)
- Product Names:
 - Enforcer Wasp & Yellow Jacket Foam** (Enforcer Products), formulated with [Sumithrin](#)
 - Deep 6 Wasp and Hornet Killer** (Speer Products), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#), [Permethrin](#)
 - Champion Fire Ant Killer** (Chase Products), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#), [Permethrin](#)
 - Hot Shot Indoor Fogger 3 with Odor Neutralizer** (Spectrum Brands), formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Mosquito B Gon Area Repellent** (Ortho Group), formulated with [Permethrin](#)
 - Raid Flea Killer Plus** (SC Johnson), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#), N-Octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide (MGK 264), [Pyrethrins](#), Sodium nitrite, d-Methoprene
- Chemical Class: Synthetic pyrethroid insecticide
- Uses: Targets insects such as wasps, hornets, roaches, ants, fleas, and mosquitoes in residential and industrial settings and rights-of-way
- Alternatives: [Least-toxic Rights-of-way management](#), [Least-toxic mosquito control](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (1)
- Endocrine Disruption: Not documented
- Reproductive Effects: Not documented
- Neurotoxicity: Yes (2)
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Not documented
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Not documented
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Not documented
- Toxic to Birds: Not documented
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (3)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (4)

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Cockroaches](#)
- [Fleas](#)
- [Wasps and Yellowjackets](#)
- [Chiggers](#)

Additional Information

- Studies [compiled from the [Pesticide-Induced Diseases Database](#)]
 - [Exposure to pesticides, persistent and non – persistent pollutants in French 3.5-year-old children: Findings from comprehensive hair analysis in the ELFE national birth cohort.](#)
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Gateway Health and Environmental Effects Citations

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