ACROBAT® MZ fungicide For Control Of Blue Mold In Tobacco

OBSERVE ALL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ON THE ACROBAT MZ CONTAINER LABEL BEFORE USING. SEE THE ACROBAT MZ SUPPLEMENTAL LABEL FOR MIXING AND APPLICATION INFORMATION.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. THIS LABEL MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE USER AT THE TIME OF FUNGICIDE APPLICATION. DO NOT apply this product aerially or through any type of irrigation system. Do not apply this product when wind conditions favor drift.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACROBAT MZ can only be used in a preventative spray program to manage blue mold in tobacco. Total plant coverage is essential to achieve maximum disease control with ACROBAT MZ. ACROBAT MZ must be used in accordance with this label.

Carefully read, understand, and follow all directions and precautions.

Disease pressure, plant growth rate, and environmental conditions will determine the length of the spray interval and frequency of application. Sprayers should be properly calibrated before application. Determine the area in square feet to be sprayed, and the output rate to determine the quantities of ACROBAT MZ and water needed for accurate application. Apply material with adequate spray pressure and gallonage with the proper nozzle arrangement (See Diagram below) to provide full coverage for the current stage of growth.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

Fill the spray tank until it is approximately 1/2 full with clean water. Add ACROBAT MZ to the spray tank while agitating. Agitation must be engaged prior to the addition of the product to obtain a complete and uniform mixture of ACROBAT MZ.

TANK MIXES

ACROBAT MZ may only be tank mixed with Orthene\textsuperscript{1} and endosulfan. DO NOT tank mix with pesticides other than those previously listed. The crop safety and tank mix compatibility have not been fully investigated. DO NOT mix ACROBAT MZ with surfactants, foliar fertilizers, household bleach, sucker control materials, or other fungicides.
DIRECTIONS FOR USE IN FIELD GROWN TOBACCO

DIRECTED FOLIAR APPLICATIONS

ACCEPTABLE CONTROL OF BLUE MOLD AND MANAGEMENT OF FUNGICIDE RESISTANCE WITH ACROBAT MZ REQUIRES THOROUGH COVERAGE TO ALL UPPER AND LOWER LEAF SURFACES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PLANT CANOPY.

Applications must be directed to the tobacco plant, not the soil, using nozzles arranged to achieve complete coverage of the tobacco plant.

To obtain thorough coverage of the foliage, use proper spray pressure, fungicide nozzles (such as hollow cones), proper nozzle spacing including drop nozzles (nozzles over the row and multiple nozzles on the drops, SEE DIAGRAM below), and slow tractor speed. The following diagram outlines the correct spray nozzle configuration for field applications in tobacco.

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**Application Following Transplanting Up To 3 Weeks**

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**Application To Mid - Size Plants (3-5 Weeks After Transplanting)**

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**Application To Large Plants (6 Weeks After Transplanting Up To Topping)**

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See the following chart for ACROBAT MZ rates and application timing.

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Directed Foliar Applications

Application Rates and Timing Chart To Control Blue Mold

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<tr>
<th>Weeks Of Growth After Transplant</th>
<th>Rate Of ACROBAT MZ (Pounds Of Product)</th>
<th>Water Output (Gallons/Acre)</th>
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<td>Recently Transplanted to 3 weeks after transplanting</td>
<td>0.50</td>
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<td>3-4 weeks after transplanting (Knee High)</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>4-5 weeks after transplanting (Waist High)</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>6-7 weeks after transplanting (Chest High)</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>7 weeks after transplanting and beyond (Shoulder height up to topping)</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>100</td>
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**Note:** Above directions are for dilute sprays. If concentrate sprays are used, adjust rate and volumes proportionately, e.g. for mist blowers, use a 2X concentrate and 1/2 the spray volume.

Begin applications when the Blue Mold Advisory states that conditions favor development of blue mold, and before the onset of disease infection. Continue applications on a 5-7 day spray schedule until weather conditions favoring infection and sporulation decrease. Discontinue sprays when and if the threat of blue mold subsides. **Restrictions (Field Application):** DO NOT exceed 2.5 lb/acre per application. DO NOT exceed 10 lb/acre of ACROBAT MZ per season. In flue cured tobacco, DO NOT spray after the appearance of first button, or within 21 days of harvest. For all other types of tobacco, DO NOT apply within 30 days of harvest.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that this product be used within an Integrated Pest Management Program. ACROBAT MZ is a mancozeb containing product. Residues of mancozeb or mancozeb breakdown products may exist.

**ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS**

The use of ACROBAT MZ in transplant production is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

If ACROBAT MZ is used in a blue mold management program that also includes Dithane DF², (another mancozeb containing product,) **DO NOT** exceed the maximum seasonal poundage of mancozeb allowed per acre. **DO NOT** tank-mix ACROBAT MZ and Dithane DF or apply both products within the same 7 day period (see Dithane DF 24(c) supplemental label for additional instructions on this product).
To reduce the possibility of developing resistance in blue mold to both ACROBAT MZ and to Ridomil\(^3\), the tank mixing of ACROBAT MZ with any Ridomil containing product is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

Fungal strains causing blue mold are known to develop resistance to crop protection products used repeatedly for control. Since the development of resistance cannot be predicted, ACROBAT MZ should always be used in a resistance pest management program that is suitable for blue mold. Thorough spray coverage with ACROBAT MZ is necessary to minimize the development of resistance to this premix fungicide. Mancozeb could also be used as an alternating source of chemistry in the spray schedule if your state has 24(c) labeling for Dithane DF use on tobacco.

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**Attention:** This product contains mancozeb and ETU, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. ETU is also known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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