

This label has been updated according to the re-evaluation decision of Difenoconazole RVD2022-05. While users are encouraged to follow this updated label immediately, the previously approved label is valid until 21/04/2024 in accordance with the phase out period set out in the re-evaluation/special review decision of Difenoconazole RVD2022-05. This previously approved label will be provided upon request by emailing hc.pmra.info-arla.sc@canada.ca. In your email please include the product name and Registration number of the label you are requesting.

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ASCERNITY™ Fungicide
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COMMERCIAL

For broad-spectrum disease control in turf.

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:

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KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN



POISON

WARNING: EYE IRRITANT

REGISTRATION NO.: **31527**
PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT

NET CONTENTS: **0.5 – Bulk**

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Label

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3.0 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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9.0 PRODUCT INFORMATION

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10.0 DIRECTIONS FOR USE

As this product is not registered for the control of pests in aquatic systems, DO NOT use to control aquatic pests.

DO NOT contaminate irrigation or drinking water supplies or aquatic habitats by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes.

DO NOT apply by air.

10.1 Ground Application

Field sprayer application: **DO NOT** apply during periods of dead calm. Avoid application of this product when winds are gusty. **DO NOT** apply with spray droplets smaller than the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE S572.1) medium classification. Boom height must be 60 cm or less above the crop or ground.

10.1.1 Mixing Instructions

To prepare spray solution, fill the spray tank $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{2}{3}$ full with clean water and begin agitation. Add the required amount of ASCERNITY Fungicide to the tank, allowing time for good dispersion. Finish filling the tank to the desired volume to obtain the proper spray concentration. Maintain agitation throughout the spraying operation. Do not allow spray mixture to stand overnight or for prolonged periods. Make up only the amount of spray required for immediate use. Sprayers should be calibrated before application and thoroughly cleaned immediately after application. Do not use silicone based products with ASCERNITY Fungicide due to possible phytotoxicity.

ASCERNITY Fungicide + Tank Mixtures:

If tank mixes are desired, observe all directions, precautions, and limitations on tank mix partner labels. Do not combine ASCERNITY Fungicide in the spray tank with other pesticides,; unless compatibility charts or your own prior use has shown that the combination is physically compatible, effective, and non-injurious under your conditions of use.

To determine the physical compatibility of ASCERNITY Fungicide with other products, use a jar test.

In some cases, tank mixing a pest control product with another pest control product or a fertilizer can result in biological effects that could include, but are not limited to: reduced pest efficacy or increased host crop injury. The user should contact Syngenta Canada Inc. at 1-87-SYNGENTA (1-877-964-3682) for information before mixing any pesticide or fertilizer that is not specifically recommended on this label. The user assumes the risk of losses that result from the use of tank mixes that do not appear on this label or that are not specifically recommended by Syngenta Canada Inc.

10.1.2 Spraying Instructions

1. Water Volume: Apply in a minimum spray volume of 4 mL/100 m² OR the volume given in the crop and pest specific instructions tabulated below, whichever is LARGER.
2. Sprayer Agitation: Use a jet agitator or liquid sparge tube which recirculates 7-10% of the tank per minute. **DO NOT** use an air sparger.
3. Pump: Screens should be used to protect the pump and prevent clogging. Use 16 mesh or *coarser* screens on the suction side of the pump. **DO NOT** place a screen in the recirculation line. Use 50 mesh or *coarser* screens between the pump and boom unless directed otherwise by the sprayer manufacturer.
4. Spray Nozzles: 80° or 110° drift reducing flat fan (e.g. those with a pre-orifice or turbulence chamber) or air induction nozzles are recommended. Use 50 mesh nozzle screens or as recommended by the nozzle manufacturer. **DO NOT** use flood type nozzles, controlled droplet application equipment, spray foils or hollow cone nozzles.
5. Pressure: As recommended by the nozzle manufacturer to achieve no smaller than ASABE fine sized droplets.
6. Apply at uniform speed and avoid overlapping. Shut off spray boom while starting, turning, slowing or stopping to avoid potential crop injury from over application.

10.1.3 Equipment Clean-Up

Before Spraying:

- Prior to using ASCERNITY Fungicide, ensure that the spray tank, lines and filter are

thoroughly clean.

After Spraying:

- Thoroughly clean application equipment immediately after spraying. **DO NOT** allow ASCERNITY Fungicide residue to dry within the spray tank.
- When using tank mixes, consult the tank-mix partner label for additional clean-up instructions.
- The following recommendations are provided:
 1. Drain and flush tank walls, boom and all hoses for ten minutes with a clean water/detergent mixture. Rinse with clean water. **DO NOT** clean the sprayer near desirable vegetation, wells or other water sources.
 2. Remove all nozzles and screens and wash separately.
 3. Dispose of all rinsate in accordance with provincial regulations.

10.2 Spray Buffer Zones

A spray buffer zone is NOT required for:

- Uses with hand-held application equipment permitted on this label,
- Low-clearance hooded or shielded sprayers that prevent spray contact with crop, fruit or foliage,

The spray buffer zones specified in the table below are required between the point of direct application and the closest downwind edge of sensitive terrestrial habitats (such as grasslands, forested areas, shelter belts, woodlots, hedgerows, riparian areas and shrublands), sensitive freshwater habitats (such as lakes, rivers, sloughs, ponds, prairie potholes, creeks, marshes, streams, reservoirs and wetlands) and estuarine/marine habitats.

Method of application	Crop	Buffer Zones (metres) Required for the Protection of:				
		Freshwater Habitat of Depths:		Estuarine/Marine Habitats of Depths:		Terrestrial habitat
		Less than 1 m	Greater than 1 m	Less than 1 m	Greater than 1 m	
Field sprayer	Turf	25	3	1	1	1

When tank mixes are permitted, consult the labels of the tank-mix partners and observe the largest (most restrictive) buffer zone of the products involved in the tank mixture and apply using the coarsest spray (ASAE) category indicated on the labels for those tank mix partners.

The spray buffer zones for this product can be modified based on weather conditions and spray equipment configuration by accessing the Spray Buffer Zone Calculator on the Pesticides portion of the Canada.ca web site.

11.0 CROP USE DIRECTIONS

11.1 Turf

Crop	Turf: Golf Courses
Diseases Controlled	Anthracnose (<i>Colletotrichum cereale</i>) Microdochium patch (<i>Microdochium nivale</i>) Red thread (<i>Laetisaria fuciformis</i>)
Use Rate	31 mL/100 m ² or 3.1 L/ha
Application Interval	14 days
Maximum Number of Applications per Year	2
Diseases Controlled	Brown patch (<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>)
Use Rate	31 mL/100 m ² or 3.1 L/ha
Application Interval	14-21 days
Maximum Number of Applications per Year	2
Diseases Controlled	Dollar spot (<i>Sclerotinia homeocarpa</i>)
Use Rate	31 mL/100 m ² or 3.1 L/ha
Application Interval	14-21 days
Maximum Number of Applications per Year	2
Application Timing/Instructions	<p>For best control, use as a component of an integrated disease management program.</p> <p>Begin applications when conditions are favourable for disease infection and/or prior to disease symptom expression.</p> <p>Under conditions of high disease pressure, use the shortest re-treatment interval.</p> <p>Apply in sufficient water to ensure thorough coverage. 4-8 liters of water per 100 m² is recommended.</p> <p>Use of AI or XR nozzles is recommended.</p> <p>Apply after mowing.</p> <p>Allow sprayed area to completely dry before irrigation.</p> <p>DO NOT apply more than 62 mL product/100 m²/year (6.2 L product/ha/year) on turfgrass.</p> <p>DO NOT apply more than two sequential applications of ASCERNITY Fungicide (Group 3 and Group 7 fungicides) before alternating with a fungicide having a different mode of action registered for the same disease.</p>

12.0 RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

For resistance management, ASCERNITY Fungicide contains a Group 7 fungicide in the succinyl dehydrogenase inhibitor (SDHI) class and a Group 3 fungicide in the triazole (DMI) class. Any fungal population may contain individuals naturally resistant to benzovindiflupyr, difenoconazole and other Group 7 or 3 fungicides. A gradual or total loss of pest control may occur over time if these fungicides are used repeatedly in the same fields. Other resistance mechanisms that are not linked to site of action but specific for individual chemicals, such as enhanced metabolism, may also exist. Appropriate resistance-management strategies should be followed.

To delay fungicide resistance:

Where possible, rotate the use of benzovindiflupyr or other Group 7 fungicides and difenoconazole or other Group 3 fungicides with different groups that control the same pathogens.

Although Ascernity Fungicide contains two active ingredients, benzovindiflupyr and difenoconazole, for certain diseases only one active may have efficacy against the causative pathogen. Appropriate resistance management practices should still be adhered to as part of any pesticide application program, including alternating Ascernity Fungicide with non-Group 7 and 3 fungicides.

Apply no more than 2 sequential applications unless otherwise stated in the crop section.

DO NOT apply at rates lower than recommended on the label.

Use tank mixtures with fungicides from a different group that is effective on the target pathogen when such use is permitted.

Fungicide use should be based on an integrated disease management program that includes scouting, historical information related to pesticide use and crop rotation and considers host plant resistance, impact of environmental conditions on disease development, disease thresholds, as well as cultural, biological and other chemical control practices.

Where possible, make use of predictive disease models to effectively time fungicide applications. Monitor treated fungal populations for sign of resistance development.

If disease continues to progress after treatment with this product, **DO NOT** increase the use rate. Discontinue use of this product, and switch to another fungicide with a different target site of action, to which pathogen resistance has not developed.

Contact your local extension specialist or certified crop advisors for any additional pesticide resistance-management and/or IPM recommendations for specific crops and pathogens.

For further information or to report suspected resistance, contact company representatives at 1-87-SYNGENTA (1-877-964-3682) or at www.syngenta.ca.