

ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS



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DOWICIDE A
Antimicrobial

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General

DOWICIDE A Antimicrobial is a Dow Corporation product for the control of a phenylphenol.

Adhesive manufacturers incorporate this antimicrobial in adhesives based on starch, protein, natural and synthetic gums, and natural latexes to protect them against attack by bacteria and mold during manufacture and storage, and throughout their useful life. Agriculturally, aqueous solutions or water-emulsion formulations of DOWICIDE A are used for the post-harvest preservation of fruits and vegetables such as apples, bananas, cantaloupes, carrots, cherries, citrus fruits, cucumbers, nectarines, peaches, pears, peppers, pineapples, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and tomatoes.

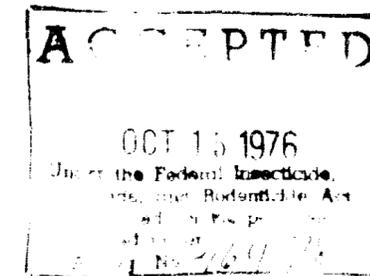
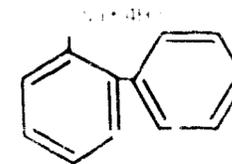
The leather industry utilizes DOWICIDE A in soaking liquors to prevent the slippage of hair or turs and sheepskins, in the paste used in hide parting operations, and in sizing, finishing, and dressing materials. Metal workers who prepare their own emulsion cutting fluids employ this antimicrobial as one of a 50:50 mixture with DOWICIDE B Antimicrobial to protect the finished fluid against bacterial breakdown. Mixtures of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE C ST antimicrobials, or DOWICIDE A alone, are used by the paint industry for the preservation of decomposable raw materials or protein-based latex paints. Pulp and paper producers treat processing materials with DOWICIDE A, and textile producers utilize it to protect processing materials as well as finished yarns and cloth against the ravages of microorganisms. Bulletins on the use of Dow antimicrobials in many of these industries are available on request.

Additionally, DOWICIDE A is used to control mold growth on construction materials and to preserve many products such as automotive polishes, ceramic glazes and clay slips, foam-type fire extinguisher solutions, hair shampoos, laundry starch, plastic gaskets, polishing compounds, polyvinyl alcohol, protease enzymes, and floor wax emulsions.

Physical Properties

These are laboratory reference data typical of the product and are not to be considered as, or confused with, specifications.

Structure



Measures

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A Antimicrobial — Toxicological Data

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Rabbit	24-hr contact with intact and abraded skin caused severe erythema, slight to moderate edema, and severe necrosis.
Rabbit	1-3 hr exposure — slight erythema and very slight to slight edema.
Rabbit	3 1/2, 5 1/2 hr exposure — slight necrosis, slight erythema and slight edema.
Rabbit	DOWICIDE A caused no acneform dermatitis.
Human	Experience shows that dusts of DOWICIDE A, if breathed, are irritating.

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Notes

As an aid to the user, this information is provided for the user's reference. It is not intended to be used as a substitute for the user's own judgment. The user should consult the product literature for a complete list of uses and precautions. The user should also consult the Dow Chemical Company, P.O. Box 1700, Midland, Michigan 48640, for more information.

Physical Properties — continued

Formula	$C_6H_4(C_6H_5)O \cdot NA \cdot 4H_2O$	DOWANOL PM glycol ether	230
Molecular weight	264.3	DOWANOL TPM glycol ether	50
Specific gravity, 25°/25° C	1.3	Ethanol (95% F30)	372
pH of saturated water solution, 25° C	12.0-13.5	Methanol	468
Bulk density, lb./ft. ³	38-43	Ethylene glycol	300
Solubility, approx. g./100 g. solvent at 25° C		Propylene glycol	200
Acetone	330	Polyglycol P400	10
DOWANOL™ EM glycol ether	360	Water	120

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Sales Specifications

Description White flakes and fines or powder

Active ingredient:
Sodium-o-phenylphenate tetrahydrate 97%
Inert Ingredients 3%

Methods of analyses for these items may be obtained from Dow Chemical U.S.A., Designed Products Department, 2040 Dow Center, Midland, Michigan 48640.

Packages

DOWICIDE A is sold in fiber drums having a net weight of 100 lb.

Status of DOWICIDE A under federal laws

F. A. Registration No. 464-78.

DOWICIDE A Antimicrobial is listed in the "EPA Summary of Registered Pesticide Chemical Uses" for post-harvest application to a variety of raw agricultural products. It can also be found in the "List of Chemical Compounds Authorized for Use Under USDA Poultry, Meat, Rabbit, and Egg Products Inspection Programs" as a sanitizer and sanitizing cleaner.

DOWICIDE A Antimicrobial meets the requirements of the Food Additive Regulations administered by the Food and Drug Administration as follows:

- CFR 120.129 — o-Phenylphenol and Its Sodium Salt; Tolerances for Residues. For post-harvest application to a variety of raw agricultural products.
- CFR 121.2514 — Resinous and Polymeric Coatings. Par. (b) (3) (xxxii), Can end cements.
- CFR 121.2520 — Adhesives.
- CFR 121.2526 — Components of Paper and Paperboard in Contact with Aqueous and Fatty Foods.
- CFR 121.2534 — Animal Glue.
- CFR 121.2548 — Zinc-Silicon Dioxide Matrix Coatings.
- CFR 121.2550 — Closures with Sealing Gaskets for Food Containers.
- CFR 121.2571 — Components of Paper and Paperboard in Contact with Dry Foods.

CFR §180.1001 (d) — It is exempt from the requirements of a tolerance when used at a maximum level of 0.1% for the preservation of pesticide formulations applied to growing crops.

Antifungal Efficacies

Test Organism
<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>
<i>Rhizoctonia solani</i>
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>
<i>Hormodendrum glaucum</i>
<i>Aspergillus Nigricans</i>
<i>Polyporus hepaticus</i>
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>
<i>Penicillium triseriale</i>
<i>Ceratostomella profeta</i>
<i>Trichiphyton interdigitale</i>
<i>Trichophyton rosaceum</i>

Applications

Product or Material Protected	Reason for Treatment	Suggested Concentration ¹	
Adhesives	To protect adhesives based on starch, protein, natural and synthetic gums, and natural rubber latex from deterioration during manufacture, storage and service life.	0.05-1.0% by wt of DOWICIDE A or a 50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G-ST	Ad aq
Agricultural Products	For post-harvest preservation of fruits and vegetables.	0.05-3.09% by wt in water or wax emulsion formulation.	Di fru wi sic an
Ceramic Glazes and Clay Slips	To prevent bacterial decomposition.	0.05-0.19% by wt of formulation.	Ad tio wh ch
Chemical Toilets	To control odors in chemical toilets on buses, trains and airplanes.	1.0-1.5 oz per quart of water	Dis mi wa
Construction Materials	To control mold growth on inert surfaces such as asbestos shingles, tile roofs, brick walls, and concrete blocks.	1.0% by wt in water.	Ri cle wi an

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Antifungal Efficacies

Test Organism	% DOWICIDE A for Inhibition
<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	0.023 — 0.03
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	0.0016 — 0.003
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	0.004 — 0.008
<i>Aspergillus penicillatus</i>	0.008 — 0.016
<i>Aspergillus No. 29</i>	0.004 — 0.008
<i>Penicillium raistrickii</i> (F.P. No. 12)	0.008 — 0.016
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	0.008 — 0.016
<i>Trichophyton trabea</i>	0.004 — 0.008
<i>Ceratostomella pilifera</i>	0.008 — 0.016
<i>Trichophyton interdigitale</i>	0.003 — 0.0054
<i>Trichophyton rosaceum</i>	0.0054 — 0.008

Applications

Product or Material Protected	Reason for Treatment	Suggested Concentration ¹	How to Apply
Adhesives	To protect adhesives based on starch, protein, natural and synthetic gums, and natural rubber latex from deterioration during manufacture, storage and service life.	0.05-1.0% by wt of DOWICIDE A or a 50:50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G-ST.	Add as concentrated aqueous solution.
Agricultural Products	For post harvest preservation of fruits and vegetables.	0.05-3.0% by wt in water or wax emulsion formulation.	Dip, flood or spray fruit or vegetable with water or emulsion containing antimicrobial.
Ceramic Glazes and Clay Slips	To prevent bacterial decomposition.	0.05-0.1% by wt of formulation.	Add to formulation ingredients when they are charged into mill.
Chemical Toilets	To control odors in chemical toilets on buses, trains and airplanes.	1.0-1.5 oz per quart of water.	Dissolve antimicrobial in water.
Construction Materials	To control mold growth on inert surfaces such as asbestos shingles, tile roofs, brick walls, and concrete blocks.	1.0% by wt in water.	Rinse previously cleaned surface with solution of antimicrobial.

Applications continued

Product or Material Protected	Reason for Treatment	Sug Conce
Feathers	To prevent deterioration of feathers.	0.1-0.1% DOWICIDE A or DOWICIDE B in tea solution.
Fire Extinguisher Solutions	To prevent foam-type solutions.	0.01-0.02% of solution.
Floor Wax Emulsions	For shelf preservation.	0.1-0.5% emulsion.
Graphite	To preserve protein colloidal graphite formulations.	0.1-0.1% DOWICIDE A or DOWICIDE B in graphite.
Ink	For shelf preservation of dextrin base water color printing inks.	0.1-0.1% formal.
Laundry Starch	To preserve liquid starch during shelf life and after containers are opened.	0.2-0.2% formal.
Leather	To prevent slippage of hair or furs in soaking liquors; to prevent deterioration of leather and finishing formulations.	0.1-0.1% formal.
Metalworking Fluids	To prevent breakdown of oils, emulsifying agents, and other components.	0.1-0.1% DOWICIDE A or DOWICIDE B.
Paint	For stable preparation of latex emulsions and other dispersions containing pigments and fillers.	0.1-0.1% DOWICIDE A or DOWICIDE B.

	% DOWICIDE A for Inhibition
As	0.023 — 0.03
Al	0.0016 — 0.003
Posit	0.004 — 0.008
Nosit	0.008 — 0.016
9	0.004 — 0.008
erac	0.008 — 0.016
S	0.008 — 0.016
	0.004 — 0.008
ilifera	0.008 — 0.016
rdigata	0.003 — 0.0054
aceum	0.0054 — 0.008

Reason for Treatment	Suggested Concentration¹	How to Apply
To protect adhesives based on starch, protein, natural and synthetic gums, and natural rubber latex from deterioration during manufacture, storage and service life	0.05-1.0% by wt of DOWICIDE A or a 50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G ST	Add as concentrated aqueous solution.
For post harvest preservation of fruits and vegetables	0.05-3.0% by wt in water or wax emulsion formulation	Dip, flood or spray fruit or vegetable with water or emulsion containing antimicrobial
To prevent bacterial decomposition	0.05-0.1% by wt of formulation.	Add to formulation ingredients when they are charged into mill
To control odors in chemical toilets on buses, trains and airplanes	1.0-1.5 oz per quart of water	Dissolve antimicrobial in water
To control mold growth on inert surfaces such as cardboard, shipping materials, work, and equipment	1.0% by wt in water	Rinse previously cleaned surface with solution of antimicrobial

Product or Material Protected	Reason for Treatment	Suggested Concentration¹	How to Apply
Feathers	To prevent deterioration of stored feathers	50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G ST at 1.0% by wt of dry feathers	Spray feathers with concentrated aqueous solution at application
Fire Extinguisher Solutions	To preserve foam-type solutions	0.2% by wt of solution	Add antimicrobial to solution
Floor Wax Emulsions	For shelf preservation	0.1-0.5% by wt of emulsion	Incorporate in water phase of emulsion.
Graphite	To preserve protein colloidal graphite formulations	50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G ST at 1.0% by wt of graphite	Add as concentrated aqueous solution
Ink	For shelf preservation of dextrin base water color printing inks.	0.5% by wt of formulation	Add as concentrated aqueous solution
Laundry Starch	To preserve liquid starch during shelf life and after container is opened	0.2% by wt of formulation.	Add as concentrated aqueous solution
Leather	To prevent slippage of hair or furs in soaking liquors, to prevent deterioration of treating and finishing formulations	One part per 15 parts water for soaking liquors; 0.05-1.0% by wt for pastes, dressings and finishes	Add as concentrated aqueous solution
Metalworking Fluids	To prevent breakdown of oils, emulsifying agents, and other components	0.1 to 1.0% by wt of DOWICIDE A or a 50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE B	Add as concentrated aqueous solution
Paint	For storage preservation of decomposable raw material solutions or dispersions and shelf preservation of paint emulsions and latex paints	Minimum of 0.6% by wt of DOWICIDE A or a 50-50 mixture of DOWICIDE A and DOWICIDE G ST	Add as concentrated aqueous solution

Applications — continued

Product or Material Protected	Reason for Treatment	Suggested Concentration ¹	How to Apply
Polyvinyl Alcohol	To preserve solutions of the alcohol.	0.6-0.8% by wt of solution.	Add antimicrobial to solution.
Pulp and Paper	To preserve coatings, sizings, and printing colors based on starch, animal and vegetable protein, and latex.	0.1-1.0% by wt of material preserved.	Add as concentrated aqueous solution.
Textiles	To preserve processing materials and finished yarns and cloth during storage.	0.1-0.75% by wt of material treated.	Add as concentrated aqueous solution.

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Hazards Due to Toxicity and Precautions for Safe Handling and Use

The following statements on health hazards summarize our laboratory and application data. The precautions for safe handling and use are necessarily general in nature, since the circumstances associated with each customer's use of the material are unknown and beyond our control. Suggestions with regard to the hazards likely to be encountered in specific operations will be made upon request whenever possible. Inquiries about such specific operations and uses may be addressed to The Dow Chemical Company. Assistance in evaluating particular plant conditions may be obtained from certain consulting laboratories and from state Departments of Health or of Labor, many of which have an Industrial Hygiene Service.

Toxicological Properties

DOWICIDE A Antimicrobial is capable of producing considerable conjunctival irritation and corneal injury which might persist for a week or two. Single short exposure may cause considerable irritation to the skin, and single prolonged or frequently repeated exposures may cause a burn. Dust is irritating to the throat and nose.

Handling Precautions for Cleaning Up Spills or When Gross Contact is Likely

Eyes - Wear safety glasses with sideshields.

Skin - Avoid skin contact. Wear protective clothing as required by circumstances to prevent skin contact.

Dust - Avoid breathing dusts. If dusty atmospheres are encountered, wear a suitable dust respirator as recommended by the U.S. Bureau of Mines for toxic dusts.

First Aid Measures

Eye Contact - Contaminated eye(s) should be flushed promptly and thoroughly with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Medical attention should be obtained.

Skin Contact - Contaminated clothing and shoes should be removed and not reused. Contaminated skin should be washed with soap and plenty of water. Any blisters or burns that develop should receive medical attention.

Inhalation - Persons experiencing any ill effects from breathing the dust of this material should be removed to fresh air. Medical attention should be obtained.

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	Rabbit	1-3 hr exposure — slight erythema and slight to slight edema.
	Rabbit	3½-5½ hr exposure — slight necrosis, erythema and slight edema.
Inhalation	Rabbit	DOWICIDE A caused no acneform lesions.
	Humans	Experience shows that dusts of DOWICIDE A, if breathed, are irritating.

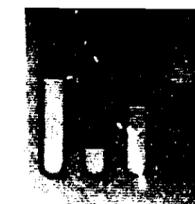
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DOWICIDE* A Antimicrobial

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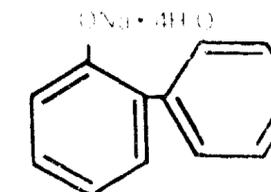
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