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**Subject:** Label Amendment—Addition of front panel text box per Agency discussions on fipronil stewardship efforts, and other minor changes  
**Product Name:** PTM Insecticide  
**EPA Reg. No.:** 7969-241  
**Application Dated:** August 26, 2011  
**Decision Number:** 454069

Dear Ms. Dugger-Ronyak:

The labeling referred to above, submitted in connection with registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, is acceptable. A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records

If you have any questions, you may contact Clayton Myers at (703) 347-8874 or [myers.clayton@epa.gov](mailto:myers.clayton@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

for **Richard J. Gebken, Product Manager**  
**Insecticide Branch**  
**Registration Division (7505P)**

Enclosure:  
Stamped Label

# PTM™

## INSECTICIDE

**It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.**

- For use **ONLY** by injection to soil at the base of pine trees or into the exit holes of labeled ant colonies.
- **DO NOT** use this product for termite or other pest control indoors.
- **DO NOT** use on golf course turf.
- **DO NOT** use on animal trophies or animal skins.

See inside booklet for additional **Restrictions, First Aid, Precautionary Statements, Directions For Use, Conditions of Sale and Warranty**, and state-specific use sites and/or restrictions.

**Active Ingredient:**

fipronil: 5-amino-1-(2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4-((1,R,S)-(trifluoromethyl)sulfinyl)-1-*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile . . . . . 9.1%

**Other Ingredients:** . . . . . 90.9%

**Total:** . . . . . 100.0%

One gallon PTM™ Insecticide contains 0.8 lb fipronil.

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### KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION/PRECAUCIÓN

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle.  
(If you do not understand this label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

**In case of an emergency endangering life or property involving this product,  
call day or night 1-800-832-HELP (4357).**

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**Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,  
and Rodenticide Act, as amended, for the  
pesticide registered under:**

**Net Contents:**

EPA Reg. No: 7969-241

### FIRST AID

<b>If swallowed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediately call a poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>• <b>DO NOT</b> induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor.</li> <li>• <b>DO NOT</b> give any liquid to the person.</li> <li>• <b>DO NOT</b> give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.</li> </ul>
<b>If on skin or clothing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>• Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If inhaled</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance; then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth to mouth, if possible.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If in eyes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eyes open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 to 20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes; then continue rinsing eyes.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.</li> </ul>

### HOTLINE NUMBER

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment. You may also contact BASF Corporation for emergency medical treatment information: 1-800-832-HELP (4357).

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:** There is no specific antidote. All treatment should be based on observed signs and symptoms of distress in the patient. Overexposure to materials other than this product may have occurred. In severe cases of overexposure by oral ingestion, lethargy, muscle tremors, and in extreme cases possibly convulsions may occur.

### Precautionary Statements

#### Hazards to Humans and Domestic Animals

**CAUTION.** Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. **DO NOT** breathe vapor or spray mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**All pesticide handlers (mixers, loaders, and applicators) must wear:**

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Shoes plus socks
- Chemical-resistant gloves

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. **DO NOT** reuse them.

When handlers use closed systems, enclosed cabs, or aircraft in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR 170.240(d)(4-6)), the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

### USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Users should:

- Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

#### Environmental Hazards

This pesticide is toxic to birds, fish, and aquatic invertebrates. **DO NOT** apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Runoff may be hazardous to estuarine and aquatic organisms in water adjacent to treated areas. Care must be taken to avoid runoff. **DO NOT** contaminate water by cleaning equipment or disposal of wastes. **DO NOT** contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater or rinsate.

### Directions For Use

It is a violation of federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

**PTM™ Insecticide** cannot be used to formulate, reformulate, or repackage into any other pesticide product without the written permission of BASF Corporation.

Read the entire label before using this product.

**DO NOT** apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

For any requirements specific to your state or tribe, consult the state or tribal agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

### AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on the label about personal protective equipment and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

**DO NOT** enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted-entry interval (REI) of **24 hours**.

**EXCEPTION:** If the product is soil injected or soil incorporated, the Worker Protection Standard, under certain circumstances, allows workers to enter the treated area if there will be no contact with anything that has been treated.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, is:

- Overalls
- Shoes plus socks
- Chemical-resistant gloves

### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

**DO NOT** contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.

#### Pesticide Storage

Store unused product in original container only, out of reach of children and animals.

#### Pesticide Disposal

Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide is a violation of federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use 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.

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### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL (continued)

#### Container Handling

**Nonrefillable Container. DO NOT reuse or refill this container.** Triple rinse or pressure rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying; then offer for recycling, if available, or reconditioning, if appropriate, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures approved by state and local authorities.

**Triple rinse containers small enough to shake (capacity ≤ 5 gallons) as follows:** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container 1/4 full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank, or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times.

**Pressure rinse as follows:** Empty the remaining contents into application equipment or mix tank and continue to drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Hold container upside down over application equipment or mix tank, or collect rinsate for later use or disposal. Insert pressure rinsing nozzle in the side of the container and rinse at about 40 PSI for at least 30 seconds. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip.

#### In Case of Emergency

In case of large-scale spillage regarding this product, call:

- CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300
- BASF Corporation 1-800-832-HELP (4357)

In case of medical emergency regarding this product, call:

- Your local doctor for immediate treatment
- Your local poison control center (hospital)
- BASF Corporation 1-800-832-HELP (4357)

#### Steps to be taken in case material is released or spilled:

- Dike and contain the spill with inert material (sand, earth, etc.) and transfer liquid and solid diking material to separate containers for disposal.
- Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected skin areas with soap and water.
- Wash clothing before reuse.
- Keep the spill out of all sewers and open bodies of water.

## Product Information

Apply **PTM™ Insecticide** by injection to soil at the base of pine trees or into the exit holes of leaf cutter ant colonies.

### Use Restrictions

- Make one application per year. **DO NOT** apply more than 21 fl ozs (0.13 lb ai) **PTM Insecticide** per acre per year.
- **DO NOT** apply this product through any kind of irrigation system.
- **DO NOT** apply within 20 yards (in New York State, **DO NOT** apply within 100 feet or 33 yards) of lakes, reservoirs, rivers, permanent streams, marshes, natural ponds, estuaries, commercial aquaculture facilities, or other bodies of water that convey water to these areas. Protection of aquatic areas may be enhanced by maintaining all or a portion of this buffer in vegetative cover.
- **DO NOT** apply to trees raised for pine nuts.
- Apply only as a soil injection. **DO NOT** apply to the soil surface.

### Dilution Preparation

Before mixing, remove oil, rust, scale, pesticide residues, and foreign matter from application equipment including the strainer. Flush with clean water. Use 50 mesh screens or equivalent in application system.

Fill tank with approximately 1/2 the required volume of water and start agitation if available. Pour measured amount of **PTM™ Insecticide** into tank. Add remaining water needed to make the final dilution.

Shake small handheld or backpack applicator tanks after filling and before each application to ensure that the active ingredient is evenly suspended in the mixture. Tank lids must be sufficiently tight before shaking to avoid spillage.

Equip applicator tanks too large to manually shake with a sparge tube agitator. Alternative agitator designs may be used if they can adequately cleanse the bottom of the tank and provide sufficient agitation required for product mixing. Pump approximately 10% of the tank capacity per minute back into the tank through the agitator. Agitate to ensure thorough mixing. Periodic agitation of the final dilution is important to keep the active ingredient evenly suspended in the mixture.

Tank mix **PTM Insecticide** in accordance with the most restrictive of label limitations and precautions. **DO NOT** exceed label dosage rates. This product cannot be mixed with any product whose label contains a prohibition against such mixing. If tank mixes with other products are to be used, evaluate tank mix compatibility with **PTM Insecticide** in a small container before mixing larger quantities in the application tank.

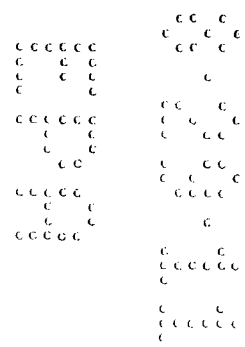
## Pests Controlled

- Leaf cutter ant (*Atta texana*)
- Nantucket pine tip moth (*Rhyacionia frustrana*)
- Pine bark aphid (*Cinara* spp.)

## Application

### Tip Moth Control in Pine Plantations

Apply a dilution of water and 21 fl ozs per acre **PTM Insecticide** at the time of planting or after planting. Divide 21 fl ozs by the total number of target trees to be treated per acre to obtain the amount of **PTM Insecticide** to apply per tree. Dilute the required amount of **PTM Insecticide** with water to apply between 0.5 and 1.0 fl oz of total dilution per tree. Spot treat by injecting an amount of dilution at least 3 inches below ground into the rooting zone of each pine seedling.



### Application Volume based on Target Trees per Acre

Target Trees/A	PTM™ Insecticide + Water total volume/tree	PTM Insecticide + Water total volume/A	PTM Insecticide	Water
	fl ozs		(fl ozs each mixed/A)	
400	0.5	200	21	179
	1.0	400		379
500	0.5	250		229
	1.0	500		479
600	0.5	300		279
	1.0	600		579

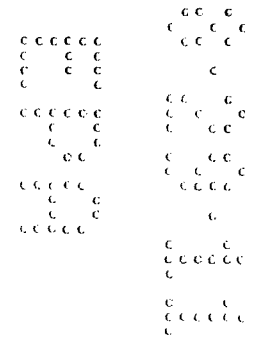
**NOTE:** Use the higher total dilution volume when soil moisture level is low.

### Leaf Cutter Ant Control in Tree Plantations

Make a 2% dilution of **PTM Insecticide** in water. Inject 1.5 fl ozs of the dilution at least 3 inches below ground into each leaf cutter ant exit hole. **DO NOT** apply more than 21 fl ozs **PTM Insecticide** per acre.

#### 2% Dilutions

Total Volume (gals)	PTM (fl ozs)	Water (fl ozs)
1	2.6	125
2	5.2	250
3	7.8	375
4	10.4	500
5	12.8	625



### Conditions of Sale and Warranty

The **Directions For Use** of this product reflect the opinion of experts based on field use and tests. The directions are believed to be reliable and must be followed carefully. However, it is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as weather conditions, presence of other materials, or use of the product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling, all of which are beyond the control of BASF CORPORATION ("BASF") or the Seller. To the extent consistent with applicable law, all such risks shall be assumed by the Buyer.

BASF warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes referred to in the **Directions For Use**, subject to the inherent risks, referred to above.

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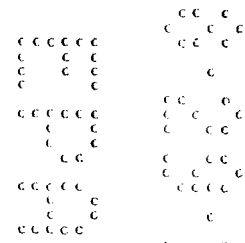
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