# DELFIN® WG BIOLOGICAL INSECTICIDE

ACTIVE CONSTITUENT: *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* Strain SA-11 (Manufactured by Certis USA, L.L.C., Columbia, USA) active solids and solubles.

GROUP 11C INSECTICIDE

A water dispersible granule for the control of a range of caterpillars in Vegetables, Tomatoes, Vines, Fruit Trees, Kiwifruit, Cereal Grains, Tobacco, Herbs, Forestry, Amenity Trees, Turf and Ornamentals as per the DIRECTIONS FOR USE Table.

READ THE BACK OF THIS BAG BEFORE USE.

NET CONTENTS: 5KG, 30KG

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#### **RESTRAINTS**

Do not apply if rain is expected within 8 hours

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CROP Agricultural and non-agricultural uses: Vegetables Fruits Vines Oilseeds Cereal Grains Herbs Tobacco Ornamentals Forestry Amenity Trees Turf	PESTS  Susceptible larvae including:  Armyworm (Spodoptera spp.) Cotton bollworm (Helicoverpa armigera) Native budworm (Helicoverpa punctigera) Cabbage moth (Plutella xylostella) Cabbage white butterfly (Pieris rapae) Loopers (Chrysodeixis spp., Ectropis excursaria, Thysanoplusia orichalcea) Lightbrown apple moth (Epiphyas postvittana) Vine moth (Phalaenoides glycinae, Agarista agricola)	RATE  High Volume (Dilute) spraying: 25 – 100 g/100L water  Concentrate spraying Refer to the Mixing/Application instructions	Typically, the range of rates will vary between 0.5 – 2.0kg/ha, however this will not always be the case and the calculation in the general instructions must be used before application.  Do not use at rates greater than 1kg/100L of water.  All application methods  Time spraying to coincide with egg hatch. Monitoring of crops is essential to ensure correct timing. Best results are achieved when Delfin WG is used in combination with beneficial arthropods (e.g. spiders, <i>Trichogramma</i> parasitoids). Avoid use of broad-spectrum insecticides when using Delfin WG.  Increase rate of application under higher egg laying activity, to achieve longer residual activity or if larger larvae are present. Higher rates should be used for control of <i>Helicoverpa</i> spp. Best control of <i>Helicoverpa</i> spp. is achieved if larvae are less than 8mm long. Control of <i>Spodoptera</i> spp. is most effective if larvae are less than 15mm.  In tomatoes, when <i>Helicoverpa</i> spp. egg pressure is high or larger larvae are present, increase the rate of Delfin WG and mix with Larvin 375 at rates recommended on the Larvin 375 label.  Ensure thorough spray coverage as Delfin WG must be ingested to control target larvae. Addition of a non-ionic wetting agent will improve coverage on hard to wet surfaces. Where larvae feed in protected sites, e.g. sweet com whorls or the heart leaves of cabbages or lettuces, spraying to run-off may be required to get product into those protected sites.  Once ingested, larvae quickly stop feeding but may take several days to die. Control may be slower in cooler conditions.
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WITHOLDING PERIOD: A WITHOLDING PERIOD OF 1 DAY EXISTS WHEN TANK MIXES WITH LARVIN 375 ARE USED IN TOMATOES. OTHERWISE A NIL WITHOLDING PERIOD IS REQUIRED.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

DELFIN WG is a biological insecticide based on the SA-11 strain of Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) subspecies kurstaki (Bt) which is a spore-forming bacterium which produces, in addition to spores, crystals of a protein endotoxin. This endotoxin is specifically toxic to lepidopteran larvae. DELFIN WG acts within the gut of the target larvae. DELFIN WG causes feeding inhibition within a few minutes of ingestion. Eventually disintegration of the gut wall and larval death occur. Dying larvae can be expected to be found for several days after application. DELFIN WG is a selective agent that provides fast and effective control of lepidopteran larvae, without harmful effects on humans, domestic animals, honeybees, wildlife, fish and beneficials. Thorough spray coverage is essential as DELFIN WG is active only if ingested by the caterpillar. Coverage of the underside of the leaf is important.

#### Insecticide Resistance Warning

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For insecticide resistance management Delfin WG is a Group 11C insecticide. Some naturally occurring insect biotypes resistant to DELFIN WG and other Group 11C insecticides may exist through normal genetic variability in any insect population. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the insect population if DELFIN WG or other Group 11C insecticides are used repeatedly. The effectiveness of DELFIN WG on resistant individuals could be significantly reduced. Since occurrence of resistant individuals is difficult to detect prior to use, Sipcam Pacific Australia Ptd Ltd accepts no liability for any losses that may result from the failure of DELFIN WG to control resistant insects. Delfin WG may be subject to specific resistance management strategies. For further information contact your local supplier, Sipcam Pacific Australia Pty Ltd representative or local agricultural department agronomist.

## **Mixing**

Half fill the spray tank with water, start agitation. Pour the required quantity of DELFIN WG while maintaining agitation; add other spray material (if any) and add balance of water. Maintain agitation throughout preparation and spraying operations. Maintain agitation while mixing, standing and spraying. DO NOT allow diluted sprays to remain in the tank for more than 24 hours. DELFIN WG is formulated to provide desirable coverage and adhesion on leaf surfaces.

## **Application**

As this product must be ingested, thorough spray coverage is essential. If rain falls shortly after treatment, retreatment may be necessary. To obtain maximum assistance from beneficial insects, avoid use of broad-spectrum insecticides during a program of the above sprays. For most consistent control, apply at first sign of newly hatched larvae. Re-apply as necessary under a pest management program that includes frequent scouting. In situations of dense crop foliage and rapid crop growth, increasing water volumes will provide more complete crop coverage and may improve DELFIN WG performance. During periods of high temperatures, larvae will progress through early instars very rapidly and early application timing is necessary for control. To be effective, DELFIN WG spray must be deposited at the larval feeding site. In tomatoes when plant cover is dense and larvae are feeding in the lower 2/3 portion of the plant, aerial application of DELFIN WG may not provide adequate control.

- 1. **High Volume (Dilute) Sprays:** Use a sprayer designed to apply high volumes of water up to the point of run-off and matched to the crop being sprayed. Set up and operate the sprayer to achieve even coverage throughout the crop canopy. Apply sufficient water to cover the crop to the point of run-off. Avoid run-off. The required water volume can be determined by the application of different test volumes, using different settings on the sprayer, from industry guidelines or expert advice. Add the amount of product specified in the Directions for Use Table per 100 L of water and spray to the point of run-off. The required dilute spray volume will change and the sprayer set up and operation may also need to be changed as the crop grows
  - Concentrates Sprays: Use a sprayer designed and set up for concentrate spraying and matched to the crop being sprayed. Set up and operate the sprayer to achieve even coverage throughout the crop using the chosen water volume. Determine an appropriate dilute spray volume (see **High Volume (Dilute) Sprays** above) for the crop canopy. This is needed to calculate the concentrate mixing rate as shown in the example below. The chosen spray volume, amount of product per 100 L of water and sprayer setup and operation will change from crop to crop and may need to be adjusted as the crop grows. For further information on concentrate spraying, users are advised to consult relevant industry guidelines, undertake appropriate competency training and follow industry Best Practices.
- 1. **Low Volume Sprays:** *Broadacre applications* When applying by ground boom spray use the highest practical water volume. DO NOT apply less than 200 L total spray volume per hectare, unless otherwise stated.

# **Concentrate Spraying: Example Only**

- 1. Determine the appropriate dilute spray volume. Assume 1500 L/ha.
- 2. Note the concentrate spray volume selected. Assume 500 L/ha.
- 3. Determine the concentration factor:  $1500 \div 500 = 3$
- 4. Determine the intended rate of application. Assume dilute application rate of 75 g/100 L.
- 5. Multiply rate of application by concentration factor:  $3 \times 75 = 225 \text{ g}/100 \text{ L}$  of concentrate spray.

### Compatibility

Commonly used acaricides, insecticides and fungicides are compatible with DELFIN WG if mixed in the spray tank and used promptly. As it is impossible to know all the commercial products on sale, we cannot assume any responsibility for tank-mix compatibility. We can only recommend to the user that a preliminary compatibility test be carried out with the planned mixture to observe the physical aspect of the spray and the reaction it may produce on the plants. Larval behaviour may also be modified by some products.

#### PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE, FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND ENVIRONMENT

Avoid contamination of any watercourse (ponds waterways or drains) during handling, spraying, disposing of the product or its container and during cleaning of the equipment. DO NOT apply where run-off is likely to occur. DO NOT apply when weather conditions favour drift from areas treated.

## STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Store in the closed, original container in a dry, cool, well-ventilated area out of direct sunlight. As DELFIN WG is a biological insecticide, it can be damaged by heat and so should be protected at all times from high temperature. Single rinse before disposal. Add rinsings to the spray tank. DO NOT dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. Puncture and bury empty bags in a local authority landfill. If no landfill is available, bury the containers below 500 mm in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Empty bags and product should not be burnt.

#### **SAFETY DIRECTIONS**

Will irritate the eyes and skin. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and open wounds. DO NOT inhale spray mist. When opening the container and preparing spray wear:

- cotton overalls buttoned to the neck and wrist;
- · a washable hat:
- elbow-length PVC gloves; and
- · face shield or goggles.

If product on skin, immediately wash area with soap and water. If product in eyes, wash it out immediately with water. After use and before eating, drinking or smoking, wash hands, arms and face thoroughly with soap and water. After each day's use wash gloves, face shield or goggles and contaminated clothing.

#### **FIRST AID**

If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone 13 11 26.

#### **SAFETY DATA SHEET**

For further information, refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) which is available from the supplier or from our web site, www.sipcam.com.au

#### **NOTICE TO BUYER**

This product must be used in accordance with the directions for use. Where this product is not a good of a kind ordinarily acquired for personal, domestic or household use or consumption under the Australian Consumer Law, Sipcam's liability for any direct, indirect or consequential loss which you incur, including, without limitation, loss or damage to crop, loss of equipment, property damage, personal injury or death is limited, at Sipcam's option, to the replacement of the product or the supply of an equivalent product. By opening this package, you agree to be bound by these terms. If you do not agree to these terms, please return the entire unopened package intact to Sipcam or the place in which you purchased this product for a full refund.

Batch No:

**Date of Manufacture:** 

**Expiry Date:** 

This product is NOT a Dangerous Good under the Australian Code for the transport of Dangerous Goods by road and rail.

For specialist advice in emergency only, call 1800 033 111 all hours, Australia wide

#### **G.H.S. STATEMENTS**

**NOT HAZARDOUS** 

**RESPONSE** P301+P330+P331: IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. P370+P378: Not combustible. Use extinguishing media suited to burning materials.