# AGROTEK<sup>™</sup> VAPORIZED SULPHUR

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Fungicide Powder

## COMMERCIAL

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REGISTRATION NO. 30345 PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS ACT

WARNING – EYE AND SKIN IRRITANT READ THE LABEL AND ATTACHED BOOKLET BEFORE USING NET CONTENTS 50 g / 25 kg  $\,$ 

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## **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

## **General Instructions**

Agrotek<sup>TM</sup> Vaporized Sulphur is to be used with a sulphur vaporizer. Treatment should be done at night when no one is in the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility. Close all greenhouse or indoor commercial facility doors and vents.

Ensure the vaporizer is cool before filling or handling. Detach the aluminum cup from the device and fill with a **MAXIMUM** of 2 cm (0.7 inches) of sulphur powder. This will be approximately 100 ml or 200 g (5 ml (1 tsp) of sulphur powder is approximated 10 g) Replace the cup, making sure that the rolled collar of the aluminum cup rests snugly over the inner metal ring (this prevents accidental contact of the molten sulphur with the heating element).

Hang the vaporizer units vertically from any permanent greenhouse or indoor commercial facility structure in a free space, where there is little likelihood of human contact. Make sure no strong winds or other air movement can catch the vaporizer and tip hot molten sulfur over the edge. Ensure the electrical cord is suspended freely and away from traffic areas. Equally space units for uniform distribution. Spacing will be dependent on crop requirements (see below specific crop instructions). For best results keep the vaporizers at least 0.5 m / 1.5 ft above the crop canopy and at least 1 metre below screen cloth.

To avoid human contact with the vapour, use a timer or make the vaporizer remotely switchable. Do not enter the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility when the vaporizer is switched on. All entrances to the greenhouse(s) or indoor commercial facilities must remain locked during treatment with warning signs placed on or adjacent to all doors of each greenhouse or indoor commercial facility being treated. Do not enter or allow workers to enter into treated areas until greenhouse or indoor commercial facility has been thoroughly ventilated unless worker is wearing full protective clothing and self-contained complete breathing apparatus. After the vaporization of sulphur, vent the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility for a minimum of 2 hours before re-entry. During the venting period a minimum of 4 air changes of the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility air per hour should occur.

After use, there will be remaining sulphur in the cup. This can be reused the next time the vaporizer is used. 200 g of sulphur will last approximately 500 – 650 hours, however, we recommend that you empty the old sulphur from the aluminum cup every 150 hours to prevent accumulation of sulphur impurities left behind after vaporization and to clean any debris that may have collected in the cup (insects, plant material etc).

## **Specific Instructions**

Vaporized sulphur works by preventing the germination of powdery mildew spores. For this reason, it is critical to start using the vaporizers before plants show any signs of powdery mildew infection. Use sulphur vaporizers for 1-8 hours per night, 2-7 days / wk. Frequency and duration of vaporization is dependent on the following variables:

- Susceptibility of the crop to powdery mildew
  - Crops that are highly susceptible to powdery mildew will require more vaporizers per m<sup>2</sup>, longer treatment times per session, and earlier, more frequent treatment. See below example rates.
- Ambient greenhouse or indoor commercial facility temperature
  - o Ambient greenhouse or indoor commercial facility temperature will influence the temperature and hence the heating capacity of the vaporizer. The maximum vaporization temperature of 190°C for this device will take longer to reach in a cooler greenhouse or indoor commercial facility therefore less sulphur will be vaporized per hour.
- Disease pressure
  - Vaporization needs to be more frequent and for a longer duration when disease pressure is the greatest.
- Greenhouse or indoor commercial facility ventilation
  - When greenhouse or indoor commercial facility vents are open, vaporized sulphur will escape. This will require more hours of vaporization per week to compensate
- Whether treatment is used as a preventative measure or to treat an existing mildew infection
  - Treatments need to be more frequent and / or for a longer duration when treating an existing infection
- Use of IPM
  - Certain species of beneficial insects are sensitive to sulphur see below IPM section

## **Application Rate Table**

| Crop  | Disease   | Directions for Use  | Application Rate*  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Greenhouse<br>Vegetables:<br>Tomato   | Powdery mildew<br>(Oidium<br>lycopersicum)                    | Use one (1) vaporizer per 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> in the greenhouse. Run the   | 0.4 - 3.2 g sulphur per 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> per application.  |
| Greenhouse Vegetables: Pepper and eggplant  | Powdery mildew (Leveillula taurica)                           | vaporizer for 1 - 8 hours<br>per night and repeat 2 -<br>7 times per week<br>depending on the   |  |
| Small Fruits:<br>Strawberry   | Powdery mildew (Sphaerotheca macularis)                       | conditions listed under Specific Instructions.  |  |
| Greenhouse<br>Ornamentals:<br>Rose  | Powdery mildew<br>(Sphaerotheca<br>pannosa)                   | Use one (1) vaporizer per 100 m <sup>2</sup> in the greenhouse. Run the vaporizer for 1 - 8 hours per night and repeat 2 - 7 times per week depending on the conditions listed under <b>Specific Instructions</b> .         | 4 - 32 g sulphur per 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> per application.     |
| Greenhouse Ornamentals: African violet, begonia, Chrysanthemum, dahlia, gerbera, hydrangea, kalanchoe, phlox and snapdragon | Powdery mildew<br>(Erysiphe<br>cichoracearum; E.<br>polygoni) | Use one (1) vaporizer per 250 - 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> in the greenhouse. Run the vaporizer for 1 - 8 hours per night and repeat 2 - 7 times per week depending on the conditions listed under <b>Specific Instructions</b> . | 0.4 - 12.8 g sulphur per 1,000 m <sup>2</sup> per application. |
| Cannabis<br>(marihuana) that<br>is produced<br>commercially<br>indoors**  | Powdery mildew<br>(Sphaerotheca<br>macularis)                 | Use one (1) vaporizer per 250 - 1,000 m2 in the indoor growing area. Run the vaporizer for 1 - 8 hours per night and repeat 2 -7 times per week depending on the conditions listed under Specific Instructions.             | 0.4 – 3.2 g sulphur<br>per 1,000 m2 per<br>application.        |

<sup>\*</sup> Application rate is calculated based on a maximum vaporization value of 0.4 g sulphur/hour per vaporizer unit.

**Notes:** 1) The use of sulphur on cucurbit (cucumber, squash, pumpkin melon etc), spinach, or Boston ferns is not recommended due to phytotoxicity. 2) It is not possible to test all cultivars of ornamentals. If the response of a variety is not known, Agrotek<sup>TM</sup>

<sup>\*\*</sup>For non-greenhouse facilities, follow the applicable use directions as recommended under both the "General Instructions" and "Specific Instructions" sections of this label.

Vaporized Sulphur should be tested in a small greenhouse compartment before using for commercial scale production.

## **IPM**

Beneficial insects and mites may be sensitive to sulphur. Greenhouses can use suphur vaporizers in conjunction with IPM if they modify vaporization schedules during the introduction of beneficials. Establish good mildew control before the introduction of beneficials and then either stop vaporization for 2-3 weeks following introduction or reduce vaporization to the minimum rate to allow population establishment. Consult your crop specialist or Greenstar Plant Products Inc. when assessing the compatibility of vaporized sulphur with existing greenhouse IPM programs.

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## RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

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Products in the same group have similar or identical modes of action. Over-use of products in one class of compounds will lead to resistance problems. Discontinue use of a product if resistance is suspected and consult your crop advisor.

Integrate the use of this product with the following non-chemical control methods:

- Restrict visitor access to the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility
- Follow strict greenhouse or indoor commercial facility hygiene throughout the growing season
- Conduct a thorough clean up as frequently as possible and dispose of all crop debris off-site or by burning or burying in a landfill.
- Control outdoor weeds surrounding the greenhouse or indoor commercial facility
- Improve greenhouse or indoor commercial facility climate to reduce relative humidity and increase air circulation

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