

# Specimen Label



# MatchPoint®

## INSECTICIDE

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**For control of listed pests such as lepidopterous larvae (worms or caterpillars) and other listed pests infesting turfgrass.**

Group	5	INSECTICIDE
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Active Ingredient:

spinosad (a mixture of spinosyn A and spinosyn D).....	36%
Other Ingredients.....	64%
Total .....	100%

Contains 36% active ingredient on a weight basis.

### Precautionary Statements

#### Hazard to Humans and Domestic Animals

EPA Reg. No. 62719-523

**Keep Out of Reach of Children**

## CAUTION

**Causes Moderate Eye Irritation**

**Avoid contact with eyes or clothing.**

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Applicators and other handlers must wear:**

- Long-sleeved shirt and long pants
- Shoes plus socks
- Chemical-resistant gloves made of barrier laminate, polyethylene, or butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or viton  $\geq$  14 mils.

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

#### User Safety Recommendations

Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.

#### First Aid

**If in eyes:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.

Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. You may also contact 1-800-992-5994 for emergency medical treatment information.

#### Environmental Hazards

This product is toxic to bees exposed to treatment for 3 hours following treatment. Do not apply this pesticide to blooming, pollen-shedding or

nectar-producing parts of plants if bees may forage on the plants during this time period. This product is toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwaters. Do not apply where runoff is likely to occur. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas. Drift and runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Apply this product only as specified on the label.

### Directions for Use

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

Read all Directions for Use carefully before applying.

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 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 this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), restricted entry interval, and notification to workers (as applicable). 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 4 hours.

For early entry into 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, wear:

- Coveralls
- Chemical-resistant gloves made of barrier laminate, polyethylene, or butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or viton  $\geq$  14 mils.
- Shoes plus socks

### Non-Agricultural Use Requirements

The requirements in this box apply to uses of this product that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, or greenhouses.

**Entry Restrictions for Non-WPS Uses:** Do not enter or allow others to enter the treated area until sprays have dried.

### Storage and Disposal

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage and disposal.

**Pesticide Storage:** Store in original container only.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product must be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

**Nonrefillable rigid containers 5 gallons or less:**

**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 puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

**Nonrefillable nonrigid containers:**

**Container Handling:** Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Completely empty bag into application equipment. Then offer for recycling if available, or dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

**Refillable rigid containers larger than 5 gal:**

**Container Handling:** Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. To clean the container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this container into application equipment or a mix tank. Fill the container about 10% full with water and, if possible, spray all sides while adding water. If practical, agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for two minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

## Storage and Disposal (Cont.)

### Nonrefillable rigid containers larger than 5 gal:

**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 puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

## Product Information

MatchPoint® is a Naturallyte® insect control product for control of many foliage feeding pests infesting labeled crops. This product's active ingredient, spinosad, is biologically derived from the fermentation of *Saccharopolyspora spinosa*, a naturally occurring soil organism. Mix MatchPoint with water and apply as a foliar spray with aerial or ground equipment equipped for conventional insecticide spraying.

## Use Precautions

### Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programs

MatchPoint is recommended for IPM programs in labeled crops. Apply MatchPoint when field scouting indicates target pest densities have reached the economic threshold, i.e., the point at which the insect population must be reduced to avoid economic losses beyond the cost of control. Other than reducing the target pest species as a food source, MatchPoint does not have a significant impact on certain parasitic insects or the natural predaceous arthropod complex in treated crops, including big-eyed bugs, ladybird beetles, flower bugs, lacewings, minute pirate bugs, damsel bugs, assassin bugs, predatory mites or spiders. The feeding activities of these beneficials will aid in natural control of other insects and reduce the likelihood of secondary pest outbreaks. If MatchPoint is tank mixed with any insecticide that reduces its selectivity in preserving beneficial predatory insects, the full benefit of MatchPoint in an IPM program may be reduced.

### Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM)

MatchPoint contains spinosad, a Group 5 insecticide. Insect/mite biotypes with acquired resistance to Group 5 insecticides may eventually dominate the insect/mite population if Group 5 insecticides are used repeatedly in the same field or area, or in successive years as the primary method of control for targeted species. This may result in partial or total loss of control of those species by MatchPoint or other Group 5 insecticides. Currently, only spinetoram and spinosad active ingredients are classified as Group 5 insecticides. These two insecticide active ingredients share a common mode of action and must not be rotated with each other for control of pests listed on this label. Spinetoram and spinosad may be rotated with all other labeled insecticide active ingredients.

To delay development of insecticide resistance::

- Carefully follow the specific label guidelines within the use directions sections of this label, especially in regard to IRM recommendations.
- Avoid use of the same active ingredient or mode of action (same insecticide group) on consecutive generations of insects. However, multiple applications to reduce a single generation are acceptable. Treat the next generation with a different active ingredient that has a different mode of action or use no treatment for the next generation.
- Avoid using less than labeled rates of any insecticide when applied alone or in tank mixtures.
- Target applications against early insect developmental stages whenever possible.
- Base insecticide use on comprehensive IPM programs including crop rotations.
- Monitor treated insect populations in the field for loss of effectiveness.
- Contact your local extension specialist, certified crop advisor, and/or manufacturer for insecticide resistance management and/or IPM recommendations for the specific site and resistant pest problems.
- For further information or to report suspected resistance, contact your local Dow AgroSciences representative or by calling 800-258-3033.

## Mixing Directions

### Application Rate Reference Table

Application Rate of MatchPoint (oz/acre)	Active Ingredient Equivalent (lb ai/acre)	Acres per Pound of MatchPoint
3.5	0.08	4.5
5.6	0.13	2.9
8.3	0.19	1.9
12	0.27	1.3
15.3	0.34	1.1
16	0.36	1.0
18	0.41	0.9
31	0.70	0.5

**MatchPoint - Alone:** Fill the spray tank with water to about one-half of the required spray volume. Start agitation and add the required amount of MatchPoint. Continue agitation while mixing and filling the spray tank to the required spray volume. Maintain sufficient agitation during application to ensure uniformity of the spray mix. Do not allow water or spray mixture to back-siphon into the water source.

**MatchPoint - Tank Mix:** When tank mixing MatchPoint with other materials, conduct a compatibility test (jar test) using relative proportions of the tank mix ingredients prior to mixing ingredients in the spray tank. If foliar fertilizers are used, repeat the jar test with each batch of fertilizer utilizing the mixing water source. Vigorous, continuous agitation during mixing, filling and throughout application is required for all tank mixes. Sparger pipe agitators generally provide the most effective agitation in spray tanks. To prevent foaming in the spray tank, avoid stirring or splashing air into the spray mixture.

**Mixing Order for Tank Mixes:** Fill the spray tank with water to 1/4 to 1/3 of the required spray volume. Start agitation. Add different formulation types in the order indicated below, allowing time for complete dispersion and mixing after addition of each product. Allow extra dispersion and mixing time for dry flowable products.

Add different formulation types in the following order:

1. MatchPoint and other water dispersible granules
2. Wettable powders
3. Soluble Concentrates

Maintain agitation and fill spray tank to 3/4 of total spray volume.

Then add:

4. Emulsifiable concentrates and water-based solutions
5. Spray adjuvants, surfactants and oils
6. Foliar fertilizers

Finish filling the spray tank. Maintain continuous agitation during mixing, final filling and throughout application. If spraying and agitation must be stopped before the spray tank is empty, the materials may settle to the bottom. Settled materials must be resuspended before spraying is resumed. A sparger agitator is particularly useful for this purpose.

**Premixing:** Dry and flowable formulations may be premixed with water (slurried) and added to the spray tank through a 20 to 35 mesh screen. This procedure assures good initial dispersion of these formulation types.

**Spray Tank pH:** A spray tank pH between 6.0 and 9.0 is suggested to achieve maximum performance of MatchPoint. If the water source is outside of this pH range, or tank mixing other pesticides, adjuvants, or foliar nutrients will cause the pH to fall outside this range, consider adjusting the spray tank pH to be between 6.0 and 9.0 before adding MatchPoint. To do this, add all other tank mix components first, then check the spray tank pH, adjust if desired, and then add MatchPoint. If you require additional information on how to adjust spray tank pH, contact your Dow AgroSciences representative.

**Use of Adjuvants:** Adjuvants may be used to improve the control of leafminers and thrips in situations where achieving uniform plant coverage is difficult (such as closed crop canopy or dense foliage), or penetration into waxy leaf surfaces is necessary for pest control.

- Use only adjuvant products labeled for agricultural use and follow the manufacturer's label directions. A nominal concentration of 1 to 2 quarts per 100 gallons (0.25 to 0.5% v/v) is generally sufficient.
- For leafminers and thrips, emulsified crop oils or methylated crop oil plus organosilicone combination products are recommended.
- When using adjuvants, always conduct a jar test to determine the compatibility of the various components in the mixture. Determine crop safety in a small area of the crop whenever there is a significant change in spray mixture ingredients or source of water for the spray mixture.
- Do not use diesel fuel or pure mineral oil.
- When an adjuvant is to be used with this product, Dow AgroSciences recommends the use of an appropriate Chemical Producers and Distributors Association certified adjuvant.

## Application Directions

Proper application techniques help ensure thorough spray coverage and correct dosage for optimum insect control. The following directions are provided for ground and aerial application of MatchPoint. Attention should be given to sprayer speed and calibration, wind speed, and foliar canopy to ensure adequate spray coverage.

### Ground Application -

Use calibrated power-operated ground spray equipment capable of providing uniform coverage of the target crop. Orient the boom and nozzles to obtain uniform crop coverage. Utilize a minimum of 5 to 10 gallons per acre, increasing volume with crop size and/or pest pressure. Use hollow cone, twin jet flat fan nozzles or other insecticide atomizer suitable for insecticide spraying to provide a fine to coarse spray quality (per ASABE S-572, see nozzle catalogs). Under certain conditions, drop nozzles may be required to obtain complete coverage

of plant surfaces. Follow manufacturer's specifications for ideal nozzle spacing and spray pressure. Minimize boom height to optimize uniformity of coverage and maximize deposition (optimize on-target deposition) to reduce drift.

## Uses

### Turfgrass

#### Not for use on residential turf

Pests	MatchPoint oz/1000 sq ft	MatchPoint oz/acre
armyworms-small larvae such as: fall armyworm (1) sod webworms (including tropical) (2)	0.08 (2.3 gm)	3.5 (100 gm)
cutworms-small larvae such as: black cutworm variegated cutworm (1,2)	0.28 (8 gm)	12 (340 gm)
annual bluegrass weevil armyworms-large larvae such as: fall armyworm (1) black turfgrass atatenius (adults) cutworms-large larvae such as: black cutworm variegated cutworm (1,2) fleas, such as: cat flea (3)	0.37 - 0.41 (10 - 12 gm)	16 - 18 (454 - 510 gm)

Numbers in parentheses (-) refer to Pest-Specific Use Directions.

#### Pest-Specific Use Directions:

- Fall armyworm** and **black cutworm** larvae: Use the lower rate for control of light infestations of small larvae (less than 3/4 of an inch for armyworms, an inch or less for cutworms); use the higher rate for control of heavy infestations and large larvae (3/4 of an inch or larger for armyworms, larger than an inch for cutworms). Applications for **fall armyworms** during the early morning or late afternoon can maximize control. For best results, delay watering or mowing of the treated area for 12 to 24 hours after treatment.
- Black cutworm**, **sod webworm**, and **tropical sod webworm** larvae: Applications during the late afternoon or early evening can maximize control. For best results, delay watering or mowing of the treated area for 12 to 24 hours after treatment.
- Control of **cat fleas**: Apply early or late in the day since effective control requires direct contact of adults and larvae with the dilute spray prior to drying. For best results, make a second application at 7 to 14 days to control adults that have emerged from pupae that may have been present during the initial treatment. Thorough spray coverage is necessary for outside areas frequented by pets. **Do not treat pets with MatchPoint.**

**Application Method:** Dilute MatchPoint in water and apply using suitable hand or power-operated application equipment (such as portable pump-up, backpack, hydraulic, boom, turf spray gun).

**Application Rate:** MatchPoint may be used up to a maximum labeled rate of 0.41 oz per 1000 sq ft (18 oz per acre) per application on turfgrass as a general treatment regardless of the target insect pest. Use pest specific rates when a single insect pest or group of insect pests within a rate category is the only intended target.

**Tank Mix:** MatchPoint may be tank mixed with other insect control products if broader spectrum insect control is required. When using tank mixtures, also follow all label directions of the mixing partner(s).

**Resistance Management:** Do not apply more than three times in any 21-day period. Whenever MatchPoint is applied up to three times in succession, this should be followed by no use of MatchPoint for a 21-day period or rotation to another insecticide class. Do not make more than six applications per season.

#### Specific Use Restrictions:

**Minimum Treatment Interval:** Do not make applications less than 7 days apart.

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