Ridomil Gold is a systemic and residual fungicide for the control of early and late blights on potatoes, tomatoes, grapes, downy mildews in all crops including roses; fungal leaf spot diseases and damping-off in vegetables.

Mode of Action

Ridomil Gold has residual and systemic action. Metalaxyl-M is a systemic fungicide which is rapidly taken up by the green plant parts (within 30 minutes), and transported upwards (acropetally) in the cell sap is distributed in the leaves. It provides control of fungi from within the plant, inhibiting fungal growth and reproduction, and protects new growth produced after application. Mancozeb is a protective fungicide, which provides a protective film over the plant surfaces, and inhibits germination of the spores. By combining these two ingredients, Ridomil Gold provides excellent disease control from within the plant and externally.

Spectrum of activity

Ridomil Gold when well timed and with repeated application, gives control of a wide range of fungus diseases on many field crops and vegetables such as:
- Potatoes: Phytophthora infestans, Alternaria spp. (foliar and tuber blight).
- Tomatoes: P. infestans, Alternaria spp; Septoria spp; { both blights and leaf spots}.
- Vegetables: Peronospora parasitica, damping off, Stem rot, and downy mildews, Septoria spp, Alternaria spp, (blights).
- Roses: Downy mildew (Peronospora sparsa).

Change over to a contact fungicide when active foliar growth has ceased. Apply a maximum of three sprays of Ridomil Gold on vegetables, potatoes and roses, then change to a contact fungicide.

Ridomil Gold must be applied as a protective spray before outbreak of the disease. Under severe disease conditions, use a spray interval of 10 days. When changing from Ridomil Gold to a contact fungicide, apply within 7 – 10 days of the last application of Ridomil Gold.

Ridomil Gold will have a good effect on other diseases against which mancozeb is effective. However, these diseases are not controlled sufficiently under high disease pressure and in 10 – 14 days spraying interval. If weather conditions favour their development, a recommended fungicide should be applied according to label directions between each

Crop tolerance: When used as recommended Ridomil Gold can be applied without risk of phytotoxicity.

Spray Volumes

Use sufficient water to obtain thorough coverage of the foliage but avoid excessive run-off. If less water is used, the concentration of the spray mixture has to be increased accordingly.

Volumes of spray liquid per hectare under average conditions:
- Potatoes: 300 – 1000 litres
- Vegetables: 500 - 1500 litres
- Use Hollow Cone or Flat Fan nozzles

Mixing

First mix the quantity of product required with a little water to make a slurry. Pour the slurry through a sieve into the required volume of water in the spray tank. Ensure thorough agitation during filling and spraying. Use clean water for mixing and spraying.

Compatibility

Ridomil Gold is compatible with most fungicides, insecticides, acaricides and foliar nutrients used in the listed crops. In case of doubt, a physical compatibility test should be carried out.

Pre-Harvest Intervals

Hops, Spinach, Lettuce, Beans 14 days
Tomatoes, Cucurbits 3 days
Onions, Brassicas 7 days

Operator safety

DO NOT ingest. Avoid contact of skin and eyes with the concentrate or spraying mixture. Avoid breathing dust and spray mist. Wear protective clothing such as gumboots, overalls, gloves and face shield when working with the product. Immediately wash off accidental splashes with soap and water. After work, change work clothes and wash exposed parts of the body. DO NOT eat, drink or smoke while working with the product. Wash hands and face thoroughly before doing so.

Storage

Store in original tightly closed containers, away from sun and damp, out of reach of children, animals and unauthorized people. Do not store together with foods, feeds or drinks. Avoid storage above 35°C. Prolonged storage above 35°C may reduce shelf life and activity of the product.

Product and container disposal

Dispose of surplus product on a landfill site approved for pesticides, or bury in a safe place away from water sources. Dilute surplus spraying mixture, pour it broadcast on fallow land. Empty containers should be destroyed and buried or burnt in a safe place.

DO NOT re-use empty pesticide containers for any other purpose, especially not for storing food, feeds or drinking water.

Spillage and leakage

Remove heavily contaminated soil layer and bury in a safe place away from water supplies.

Spillage: Soak up with absorbent material such as sand, sawdust, or soil; collect the contaminated material thoroughly and bury in a safe place or put it in a safe bin or a plastic bag, mark it and dispose of in a landfill site approved for pesticides. Treat spill area with plenty of water. Spilt product should not be used.

Environment and wildlife

Toxic to fish. DO NOT contaminate water used for irrigation or domestic purposes, or water areas stagnant or running water or drainage systems by disposing of product waste. Keep all livestock out of area to be treated. DO NOT contaminate food or feeds.
FIRST AID INSTRUCTIONS
If poisoning is suspected, immediately call a physician and show him this leaflet. Place the patient in a well-ventilated area and strip off the contaminated clothes. Wash contaminated skin with water and soap, eyes with plenty of clean running water. If product was ingested, repeatedly administer medicinal charcoal in plenty of water. Do not administer anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
Ridomil Gold is non-flammable and of slight toxicity to mammals. No case of human poisoning is on record.

WHO Classification: Class III (unlikely to present acute hazard in normal use).

Antidote: No specific antidote is known. Apply symptomatic therapy.

Shelf life: At least two years from the date of manufacture in original, sealed containers.

Warning
Ridomil Gold contains metalaxyl-M. Experience has shown that strains of fungus resistant to metalaxyl may develop, resulting in a reduction in the efficacy of the product and thus in yield losses. Since the occurrence of resistance can not be foreseen, Syngenta accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to crops resulting from the failure of the product to control these resistant strains.

User’s risk
The manufacturer warrants the quality to their product so long as they are acquired in original sealed packages. The user bear the risk of damage resulting from factors beyond the manufacturer’s control. The manufacturer declines all liability for damage resulting from improper storage or use of the product.

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Before using the product, please read the attached label and accompanying packaging leaflet.
Use pesticides safely

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