

# **US Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs**

Occupational Pesticide Handler Unit Exposure Surrogate Reference Table

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# **USEPA / Office of Pesticide Programs / Health Effects Division Occupational Pesticide Handler Unit Exposure Surrogate Reference Table** Unit **Exposure Scenario Exposure Personal Protective** Data Source<sup>3,4,5</sup> Statistic Exposure (Activity, Equipment, Formulation, Site, etc.)1 Route Equipment (PPE) Level<sup>2</sup> (µg/lb ai) Single layer, no gloves (A) AHETF (MEA) Mean 227 Single layer, gloves AHETF (MEA) Mean 51.6 Double layer, gloves (B) Dermal AHETF (MEA) Mean 41.2 **Engineering control** AHETF (MEA) Mean 12.5 (water-soluble packaging) Mixing / Loading Dry Flowable **AHETF** 8.96 No Respirator Mean PF5 (C) **AHETF** Mean 1.79 Inhalation PF10 (D) **AHETF** 0.896 Mean **Engineering control AHETF** 2.6 Mean (water-soluble packaging) Single layer, no gloves **PHED** "Best fit" 8.4 Single layer, gloves **PHED** "Best fit" 6.9 Dermal Double layer, gloves **PHED** "Best fit" 3.4 **Engineering control PHED** "Best fit" 8.6 (closed loading system) Mixing / Loading Granules **PHED** "Best fit" 1.7 No Respirator PF5 (C) **PHED** "Best fit" 0.34 Inhalation PF10 (D) **PHED** "Best fit" 0.17 **Engineering control PHED** "Best fit" 0.083 (closed loading system) Single layer, no gloves (A) AHETF (MEA) Mean 220 Single layer, gloves AHETF (MEA) Mean 37.6 Double layer, gloves (B) AHETF (MEA) 29.1 Dermal Mean **Engineering control** "Best fit" 8.6 **PHED** (closed loading system) Mixing / Loading Liquids No Respirator **AHETF** Mean 0.219 PF5 (C) **AHETF** 0.044 Mean PF10 (D) **AHETF** 0.022 Inhalation Mean **Engineering control PHED** "Best fit" 0.083 (closed loading system) Single layer, no gloves (A) **AHETF** Mean 77.7 Single layer, gloves **AHETF** Mean 57.5 **AHETF** 32.8 Mixing / Loading Wettable Powders Dermal Double layer, gloves (B) Mean **Engineering control** AHETF (MEA) Mean 12.5 (water-soluble packaging)

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No Respirator

**ORETF** 

Inhalation

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Mean

Granules

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	e Scenario Formulation, Site, etc.) <sup>1</sup>	Exposure Route	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Level <sup>2</sup>	Data Source <sup>3,4,5</sup>	Statistic	Unit Exposure (µg/lb ai)	
			Double layer, gloves (E)	MRID 45333401	Mean	11.2	
			No Respirator	MRID 45333401	Mean	12.5	
			PF5 (C)	MRID 45333401	Mean	2.51	
			PF10 (D)	MRID 45333401	Mean	1.25	
		Dermal	Single layer, no gloves (A, F)	MRID 45250702	Mean	4170	
			Single layer, gloves (F)	MRID 45250702	Mean	3030	
Landar / and	eliantan Canan		Double layer, gloves (A, G)	MRID 45250702	Mean	1580	
Loader / app	Loader / applicator, Spoon		No Respirator	MRID 45250702	Mean	121	
		Inhalation	PF5 (C)	MRID 45250702	Mean	24.3	
			PF10 (D)	MRID 45250702	Mean	12.1	
Single-use Injed	ction (gels/pastes)	Applicator exposure expected to be negligible.					
	<del>-</del>		Single layer, no gloves	ORETF	Mean	166000	
		Dermal	Single layer, gloves (E)	ORETF	Mean	24700	
			Double layer, gloves (E, B)	ORETF	Mean	20600	
Loader / applica	Loader / applicator, Plunger duster		No Respirator	ORETF	Mean	1690	
			PF5 (C)	ORETF	Mean	338	
		Inhalation	PF10 (D)	ORETF	Mean	169	
Applicator, Tot	Applicator, Total-release Fogger		Applicator exposure expected to be negligible.				
Applicator, Tree Injection		Applicator exposure expected to be negligible.					
	All application sites, except animals	Dermal	Single layer, no gloves (A)	ORETF	Mean	3660	
			Single layer, gloves	ORETF	Mean	1800	
			Double layer, gloves (B)	ORETF	Mean	1110	
			ORETF No Respirator MRID 41054701 MRID 44739301	ORETF	Mean	61.2	
				MRID 41054701			
				ORETF	Mean	12.2	
		Inhalation	PF5 (C)	MRID 41054701			
Applicator, Trigger-spray Bottle				MRID 44739301			
			PF10 (D)	ORETF	Mean	6.12	
				MRID 41054701			
				MRID 44739301			
		Dermal	Single layer, no gloves (F)	MRID 44433302	Mean	544000	
			Single layer, gloves (F, E)	MRID 44433302	Mean	503000	
	Animal treatments		Double layer, gloves (G, E)	MRID 44433302	Mean	273000	
	, william the detinents	Inhalation	No Respirator	MRID 44433302	Mean	3300	
			PF5 (C)	MRID 44433302	Mean	654	

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Exposure Scenario (Activity, Equipment, Formulation, Site, etc.)¹		Exposure Route	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Level <sup>2</sup>	Data Source <sup>3,4,5</sup>	Statistic	Unit Exposure (µg/lb ai
			PF10 (D)	MRID 44433302	Mean	327
	Granules		Single layer, no gloves	MRID 45333401	Mean	112
		Dermal	Single layer, gloves (E)	MRID 45333401	Mean	11.2
			Double layer, gloves (E)	MRID 45333401	Mean	11.2
			No Respirator	MRID 45333401	Mean	12.5
		Inhalation	PF5 (C)	MRID 45333401	Mean	2.51
			PF10 (D)	MRID 45333401	Mean	1.25
	Dusts		Single layer, no gloves	MRID 44439901	Mean	404200
Applicator, Shaker can				MRID 45519601		
		Dormal	Single layer, gloves	MRID 44439901	Mean	110000
		Dermai		MRID 45519601		
			Double layer, gloves (B)	MRID 44439901	Mean	72600
				MRID 45519601		
			No Respirator	MRID 44439901	Mean	17500
				MRID 45519601		
		Inhalation	PF5 (C)	MRID 44439901	Mean	3500
		Innaiation		MRID 45519601		
			PF10 (D)	MRID 44439901	Mean	1750
				MRID 45519601		
	Re-fillable		Single layer, no gloves (A)	PHED	"Best fit"	10400
Trap/bait station		Dermal	Single layer, gloves	PHED	"Best fit"	71000
			Double layer, gloves (B)	PHED	"Best fit"	40280
			No Respirator	PHED	"Best fit"	470
		Inhalation	PF5 (C)	PHED	"Best fit"	94
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the description of the scenario is silent on specific equipment, sites, formulations, etc., the data is applicable to all potential applications for that scenario.

Single-use

Exposure monitoring data representing all levels of PPE for all scenarios is unavailable. In order to represent different PPE levels, exposure values are calculated using assumptions for the protection afforded by additional layers of clothing, chemical-resistant gloves, or respirators. Exposure assessors should be mindful of the uncertainties that this convention introduces into the overall calculations. In all cases, estimates based on direct measurements representing the PPE-level specified are the most reliable. If a scenario uses PPE calculation assumptions, they are identified in the table with one or more of the following notations:

PF10 (D)

"Best fit"

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Applicator exposure expected to be negligible.

- (A) "No glove" hand exposure back-calculated from available "gloved hand" exposure data by multiplying by 10 (i.e., chemical-resistant gloves are assumed to reduce hand exposure by 90%).
- (B) "Double layer" body exposure calculated from available "single layer" body exposure data by dividing by 2 (i.e., an additional layer of clothing is assumed to reduce body exposure by 50%).
- (C) "PF5" respirator exposure calculated from available "no respirator" exposure data by dividing by 5 (i.e., a PF5 respirator is assumed to reduce inhalation exposure by 80%).
- D) "PF10" respirator exposure calculated from available "no respirator" exposure data by dividing by 10 (i.e., a PF10 respirator is assumed to reduce inhalation exposure by 90%).
- (E) "Gloved" hand exposure calculated from available "no glove" hand exposure data by dividing by 10 (i.e., chemical-resistant gloves are assumed to reduce hand exposure by 90%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Single layer = long-sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes plus socks. Double layer = "coveralls" in addition to single layer.

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F) "Single layer" body exposure calculated from available "total deposition" body exposure data by dividing by 2 (i.e., an additional layer of clothing is assumed to reduce body exposure by 50%).

If a scenario does not have one of these notations, the data underlying the recommended values is a direct match for the indicated level of PPE.

<sup>(</sup>G) "Double layer" body exposure calculated from available "total deposition" body exposure data by dividing by 4 (i.e., two layers of clothing are assumed to reduce body exposure by 75%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> PHED = Pesticide Handler Exposure Database; AHETF = Agricultural Handler Exposure Task Force; ORETF = Outdoor Residential Exposure Task Force; MRID = Master Record Identification (#).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Where applicable, the notation "MEA" is added to signify that the default values reflect an (upward) adjustment by the U.S. EPA for potential inefficiency of the hand wash and face/neck wipe exposure monitoring methods. MEA = Method Efficiency Adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Where applicable, the notation "fRA" is added to signify that the default value reflects an (upward) adjustment by the U.S. EPA to reflect that the underlying data did not meet benchmark accuracy objectives. fRA = fold Relative Accuracy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Due to the effect that the back-calculation from "gloved hands" to represent "non-gloved hands" has on distributional variability and parametric estimates, no adjustment was made to hand measurements to represent unit exposures for "single layer, no gloves". That is, the unit exposure for "single layer, gloves" is also assigned to "single layer, no gloves".

# Attachment 1 Documentation of Revisions

Date	Documentation of Revisions				
Apr2011	Original version, modeled based on "PHED Surrogate Guide"				
	Reflects move from data from PHED to AHETF for following scenarios				
	Open Cab Groundboom				
	Open Mix/Load Liquids				
	Open Mix/Load Dry Flowable				
	olished EPA webpage on occupational pesticide handler exposure, including link to reference table				
May2011	Replaced PHED values for "Closed Cab Airblast" with those from AHETF				
Jun2011	Replaced PHED values for "Open Cab Airblast" with those from AHETF				
	Corrected unit exposure for "Mixer / Loader / Applicator, Low-pressure Handwand, Wettable Powder, Double layer, gloves" from 620				
	μg/lb ai to 6200 μg/lb ai				
Sep2011	Reflects overhaul of exposure scenario assignment of available surrogate data				
	<ul> <li>New scenarios added (e.g., pet/animal treatments)</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Scenario subsets added (e.g., power handgun site subsets)</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Available individual proprietary studies assigned</li> </ul>				
	Footnotes edited				
	Orientation changed to landscape to accommodate scenario additions				
Mar2012	• Corrected "Dip" and "Sponge" inhalation unit exposures to reflect use of ½ LOD without correction for field fortification per standard				
	policy				
	Corrected "Mixing / Loading Liquids" inhalation unit exposures to 2 significant figures				
	Removed PPE footnote notation "(H)" since that does not apply to any scenario				
	Corrected PPE notations for "Spoon" scenario to reflect exposure monitoring of "total deposition with chemical-resistant gloves"				
	For "Mechanically-pressurized Handgun Sprayer", added "Specialty Agricultural Crops" to a sub-set category				
	Added "Documentation of Revisions" as an attachment				
Mar2013	Aerial Applicator scenario: PHED replaced with data from the AHETF				
	Re-assigned MRID45773201 to drench/soil-directed applications of wettable powders only				
	Footnote (G) typographical correction: "100%" corrected to "75%" (unit exposures are unchanged)				
Sept2015	Additional livestock treatment scenarios incorporated (backpack and mechanically-pressurized handgun)				
	Wildlife management incorporated into mechanically-pressurized handgun scenario				
	Mushroom houses incorporated into mechanically-pressurized handgun scenario and manually-pressurized handwand scenario				
	Granule formulations added to "animal, feed-through" scenario				
	Characterized Animal treatments as "Pet" or "Livestock"				
	• Incorporated new data from AHETF for backpack applicator and mechanically-pressurized handgun applicators in rights-of-ways and other				
	similar use patterns.				
	Added tree injection applicator scenario.				
Nov2016	Incorporated new data from AHETF for mixing/loading wettable powders and mixing/loading water-soluble packets				
	Added clarifying footnotes to the "Data Source"				
	Added scenario for "Mixer/Loader/Applicator, Fogging Equipment (handheld, portable, stationary)"				
	Added scenario for "Applicator, Truck-mounted Fogger"				
	Added scenario for "Applicator, Stationary Fogger (with re-entry restriction)"				
	Added scenario for "Applicator, Wipe/Towelette"				

• Revised table formatting for "Applicator, Pour in/on" scenario