

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

Occupational Pesticide Handler Unit Exposure Surrogate Reference Table

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Exposure Scenario (Activity, Equipment, 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)
			PF10 (C)	MRID 49602401	Mean	892
			PF50 (D)	MRID 49602401	Mean	178
	atic Fogger/Mister (with re-entry criction)	Applicator not present, exposure assumed negligible.				
			Single layer, no gloves (A)	AHETF	Mean	1770
			Single layer, gloves	AHETF	Mean	1590
			Single layer, gloves, chemical- resistant hat	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	215
		Dermal	Double layer, gloves (B)	AHETF	Mean	1480
			Double layer, gloves, chemical-resistant hat (B)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	141
Applicator, Truck-n	Applicator, Truck-mounted Fogger/Mister		Engineering control (Enclosed Cab)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	14.6
			No Respirator	AHETF	Mean	4.71
			PF10 (C)	AHETF	Mean	0.471
		Inhalation	PF50 (D)	AHETF	Mean	0.094
			Engineering control (Enclosed Cab)	AHETF	Mean	0.068
			Single layer, no gloves (A)	PHED	"Best fit"	1300
		Dermal	Single layer, gloves	PHED	"Best fit"	360
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Mixer/Loader/Applica	ator, Termiticide Injection	Inhalation	No Respirator	PHED	Mean	2.79
			PF10 (C)	PHED	Mean	0.279
			PF50 (D)	PHED	Mean	0.056
	Liquids		Single layer, no gloves (A)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	220
		Dermal	Single layer, gloves	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	37.6
			Double layer, gloves (B)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	29.1
			No Respirator	AHETF	Mean	0.219
		Inhalation	PF10 (C)	AHETF	Mean	0.022
Pour in/on			PF50 (D)	AHETF	Mean	0.0044
	Granules		Single layer, no gloves (A)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	23.6
		Dermal	Single layer, gloves	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	8.12
			Double layer, gloves (B)	AHETF (MEA)	Mean	5.80
			No Respirator	AHETF	Mean	0.825
		Inhalation	PF10 (C)	AHETF	Mean	0.083
			PF50 (D)	AHETF	Mean	0.017

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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) MRID 41054701 MRID 44739301 **ORETF** PF10 (C) MRID 41054701 6.12 Mean MRID 44739301 **ORETF** PF50 (D) MRID 41054701 1.22 Mean MRID 44739301 Single layer, no gloves (F) MRID 44433302 544000 Mean Single layer, gloves (F, E) MRID 44433302 Mean 503000 Dermal Double layer, gloves (G, E) MRID 44433302 Mean 273000 Animal treatments No Respirator MRID 44433302 Mean 3300 Inhalation PF10 (C) MRID 44433302 Mean 330 66 PF50 (D) MRID 44433302 Mean 112 Single layer, no gloves MRID 45333401 Mean Dermal Single layer, gloves (E) MRID 45333401 Mean 11.2 11.2 Double layer, gloves (E) MRID 45333401 Mean Granules No Respirator MRID 45333401 Mean 12.5 Inhalation PF10 (C) MRID 45333401 Mean 1.25 PF50 (D) MRID 45333401 Mean 0.25 MRID 44439901 Single layer, no gloves Mean 4042000 MRID 45519601 MRID 44439901 Applicator, Shaker can Dermal Single layer, gloves 110000 Mean MRID 45519601 MRID 44439901 Double layer, gloves (B) 72600 Mean MRID 45519601 Dusts MRID 44439901 No Respirator Mean 17500 MRID 45519601 MRID 44439901 PF10 (C) 1750 Inhalation Mean MRID 45519601 MRID 44439901 PF50 (D) 350 Mean MRID 45519601 "Best fit" 104000 Single layer, no gloves (A) **PHED** Single layer, gloves 71000 Dermal **PHED** "Best fit" Trap/bait station Re-fillable Double layer, gloves (B) "Best fit" **PHED** 40280 Inhalation No Respirator **PHED** 380 Mean

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Occupational Pesticide Handler Unit Exposure Surrogate Reference Table							

Exposure Scenario (Activity, Equipment, Formulation, Site, etc.)¹		Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Level <sup>2</sup>	Data Source <sup>3,4,5</sup>	Statistic	Unit Exposure (μg/lb ai)
		PF10 (C)	PHED	Mean	38
		PF50 (D)	PHED	Mean	7.6
Single-use		Applicator exposure	expected to be neglig	ible.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the description of the scenario is silent on specific equipment, sites, formulations, etc., the data are applicable to all potential applications for that scenario.

Exposure monitoring data representing all levels of PPE for all scenarios are 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:

- (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) "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%).
- (D) "PF50" respirator exposure calculated from available "no respirator" exposure data by dividing by 50 (i.e., a PF50 respirator is assumed to reduce inhalation exposure by 98%).
- (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%).
- (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%).
- (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%).

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

<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, 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
	Published 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						
Jun2018	•	Replaced data for Open Pour Loading Granules with new AHETF data. Scenarios effected: Loading Granules as well as Feed-through and Pour in/on						
	•	PF5 respirators revised to PF10, bringing EPA up to date with long-standing assumptions and practice by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institutes for the Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).						
	•	PF50 respirators added as a potential PPE option.						
	•	Separated and edited the "Mixer/Loader/Applicator, Fogging Equipment (handheld, portable, stationary)" into "Mixer/Loader/Applicator, Handheld/Portable Fogger/Mister" and "Mixer/Loader/Applicator, Automatic/Stationary Fogger/Mister (without re-entry restriction)"						
	•	Edited scenario for "Applicator, Truck-mounted Fogger" to "Applicator, Truck-mounted Fogger/Mister"						
	•	Edited scenario for "Applicator, Stationary Fogger (with re-entry restriction)" to "Applicator, Stationary/Automatic Fogger/Mister (with re-entry restriction)"						
	•	For manually pressurized handwand, clarified Structural treatments by adding a scenario for Exterior building components and moving Structural treatments to a different surrogate dataset						
	•	Added scenarios for Microencapsulate formulations with liquid AHETF data as the surrogate dataset Removed inapplicable engineering control scenarios from Pour in/on scenarios Edited "Paintbrush/roller" to "Brush/roller"						
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	•	Corrected inhalation unit exposures for Handgun/Turf/Water-soluble Packets. Previously mistakenly showed values for liquid formulations (i.e., copy/paste error). EPA calculations, however, used correct unit exposures.						
March2020	•	Added data from new AHETF study AHE1023 (Handgun Applications in Greenhouses/Nurseries), replacing PHED Scenario 35 previously						
		used for greenhouse and mushroom house and replaces AHE1013 previously used for nursery scenarios						
	•	Removed MRID 45773201 as a surrogate data source [decision made during review of AHE1023 - Handgun Applications in						
		Greenhouses/Nurseries; consideration of influence of formulation (WPs vs DFs) and study deficiencies (pre-measured bags)]						
	•	• Updated select PHED scenarios to refine breathing rate assumption and use of arithmetic mean unit exposure:						
		<ul> <li>Applicator/aerial/granules (PHED Scenario 8);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Aerosol can, non-animals (PHED Scenario 10);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Applicator, Solid Broadcast Spreader, Open and Closed Cab (PHED Scenario 15 and 16);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Applicator, Brush/Roller (PHED Scenario 22);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Flagger, Liquids (PHED Scenario 25);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Flagger, Granules (PHED Scenario 26);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Loader/Applicator, Belly Grinder (PHED Scenario 30);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Manually-pressurized Handwand (PHED Scenario 32);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Manually-pressurized Handwand (PHED Scenario 33);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Backpack Sprayer (PHED Scenario 34);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Mech Pressurized Handgun (PHED Scenario 19);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Applicator, Termiticide Injection (PHED Scenario 37);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Applicator, Granules by Hand Dispersal (PHED Scenario 17);</li> </ul>						
		<ul> <li>Applicator, Groundboom Enclosed Cab (PHED Scenario 14)</li> </ul>						
	•	Added exposure scenarios for applications to "conifer plantations"						

	Revised "Exposure Scenario" labels to match Occupational Handler Exposure Calculator (link)	
May 2021	<ul> <li>Added data from new AHETF study AHE1022 (Mechanical Transfer of Liquids), replaces PHED Scenario 6 previously used for loading pesticide formulations using closed loading systems</li> <li>Added data from new AHETF study AHE1016 (Closed System Loading of Solid Formulations) and EPA MRID 44180401 (Merricks, 1993 replaces PHED Scenario 6 previously used for loading solid formulation pesticide formulations using closed loading systems</li> <li>For closed loading systems and water-soluble packaging: included unit exposures with and without chemical-resistant gloves and water-soluble packaging.</li> </ul>	96),