



**Rustler<sup>®</sup>**

# CANOLA PRODUCT GUIDE

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### CONTROL OF KEY GRASS WEEDS:

- Annual Ryegrass
- Barley grass
- Canary grass
- Fescue
- Great Brome
- Prairie Grass
- Rat's Tail Fescue
- Silver Grass
- Squirrel Tail
- Winter Grass
- Wild Oats

### REGISTERED IN:

- Canola
- Legume Pastures (lucerne, clover and medics) grown for forage, hay or seed production
- Oilseed Poppies
- Vegetables

### KEY ATTRIBUTES:

- Strong soil residual herbicide.
- Effective grass weed control when applied as a pre-emergent incorporated by sowing (IBS).
- Non-volatile - extending the window for incorporation.
- Targets grass weeds as they germinate preventing competition with the crop.
- Compatible with a range of knockdown herbicides and insecticides.

**GROUP D HERBICIDE**

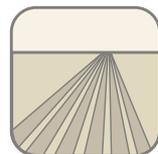
GETTING THE BEST RESULT FROM RUSTLER
Target germinating grasses and weeds
Apply to a firm, clod-free seedbed
Apply to moist soil, or prior to moderate rainfall
Ensure adequate and even soil coverage
Maintain water rates at minimum 70L/ha using a coarse droplet
Place canola seed below applied band of Rustler

### SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION



#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Rustler requires adequate soil moisture for effective weed control. Rustler is effective in warm moist soils on small germinating grass weeds, its efficacy improves dramatically when soil temperatures decline below 10°C. Cool moist soils in the months following application will encourage strong residual grass weed control.



#### MINIMUM OR ZERO TILLAGE SYSTEMS

Maximum control is achieved on target weed seeds germinating close to the soil surface. Best results are achieved from minimum or zero tillage systems where weed seeds are close to the surface.



#### SPRAY APPLICATION

Adequate and even soil coverage at application is critical for Rustler efficacy. Apply Rustler as a pre-emergent for canola at the label rate of 1L/ha. Water rates should be maintained at a minimum of 70L/ha water, using a coarse droplet. Coarse droplets combined with the minimum recommended water rate will improve soil coverage.



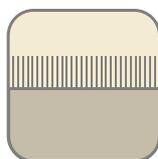
#### SEED PLACEMENT & EQUIPMENT

Canola seed should ideally be sown below the applied band of Rustler to avoid reduced plant vigour. Sowing with knife points and press wheels is regarded as the safest sowing configuration when using Rustler. Crop safety when using disc seeding systems is variable based on seed placement.



#### SOWING SPEED

Fast sowing speeds can throw treated soil into adjacent furrows where the increased Rustler concentration may lead to crop damage. A slow, steady sowing speed will help keep the Rustler treated soil in the inter-row where it is most effective against germinating weeds.



#### STUBBLE LOADING

High stubble loadings or ash from a recently burnt paddock can lead to poor soil contact. Results may be unsatisfactory if ground cover from stubble exceeds 50%. Standing stubble will cause less efficacy loss compared to stubble that has been dropped to the ground via mechanical means or grazing. It is best to delay application to recently burnt paddocks or windrows until rainfall occurs to disturb the layer of ash. Rustler binds to ash stronger than it does to stubble (ash is free carbon).

Caution: The potential for seedling damage may occur on:

- light soils with low organic matter if heavy rainfall follows sowing
- dry sown canola crops treated with Rustler after heavy rain events



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## RE-CROPPING INTERVALS

Application prior to sowing will minimise risk posed to the following season's cereal crop. In a failed crop scenario where canola establishment is poor, options for re-sowing with alternative crops are limited. Advice should be sought from a FMC technical specialist in this situation.

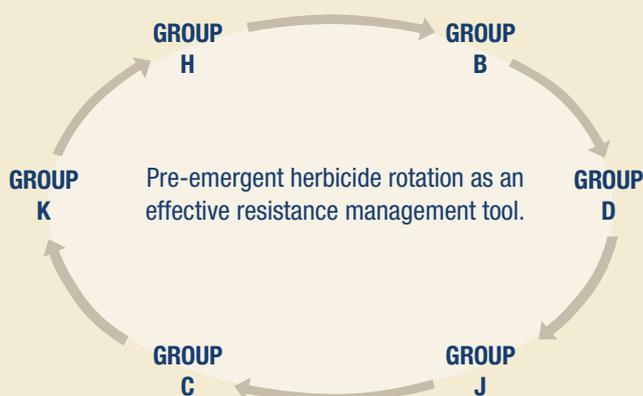
CROP	RE-CROPPING INTERVAL
Cereals (wheat, barley, Oats, Triticale)	9 monts <sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Provided there has been sufficient soil moisture over summer to commence breakdown.

Summer rainfall can be erratic with the top 10cm of soil experiencing wetting and drying periods. Rustler breakdown over summer will occur when the top 10cm of soil is moist. As the soil dries breakdown will decrease and won't recommence until sufficient rainfall is received.

## RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

Rustler is from the Group D Herbicide subgroup labelled Benzamides.



Rotating herbicide groups is an important resistance management tool when used as a part of a broader integrated weed management strategy.

Rotating pre-emergent herbicides ensures that the life of a specific product is extended.

## PRODUCT ATTRIBUTES

### Mode of action

Rustler is absorbed by plant roots, preventing cell division (mitosis) of target weeds.

Following application target plants exhibit signs of reduced root growth and development. Leaves become discoloured and less erect, gradually changing colour to red or yellow. Field experience indicates that symptoms may develop within a couple of weeks under ideal conditions.

### UV Stability

Rustler is relatively UV stable, allowing an extended window for incorporation in comparison to trifluralin.

### Solubility

Rustler is relatively insoluble (15 mg/L at 25°C).

Following application, eighty percent of Rustler will be present 10mm from the soil surface (under normal field conditions). Best results are achieved when sufficient rainfall occurs soon after application, or soil movement from sowing incorporates the product into the weed root zone. Infiltration could potentially be greater in sandy soils.

### Breakdown

Rustler requires both adequate soil moisture and warm conditions to breakdown. The half-life of propyzamide significantly increases in soil temperatures below 10°C. Soil pH has no role in the breakdown of Rustler.

Soil conditions during spring sowing are often warm with good or variable soil moisture. For optimal control apply Rustler as close as possible to sowing. Application at the recommended rate of Rustler close to sowing will not lead to significant breakdown of the product before it is required for weed control. Coming into winter soils are cooling, the rate of breakdown will be decreasing, and the rate of applied Rustler will be sufficient to control the weed flush at this time.

### Activity

Rustler must make contact with the soil to be effective as a pre-emergent. Application of Rustler prior to weed germination will allow rains to provide sufficient soil moisture for weed root systems to extend into the band of Rustler. Emerging weeds that germinate below this layer may escape control.

Rustler activity is directly related to soil temperature and moisture. The effectiveness of Rustler in cool growing conditions is linked to the slow growth rate of the target weeds. Weeds take up Rustler but do not have the metabolic ability to break down the active, enabling excellent control in ideal conditions.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE IN CANOLA

CROP	WEEDS CONTROLLED	STATE	RATE L/ha	CRITICAL COMMENTS
Canola	Annual Ryegrass, Barley Grass, Canary Grass, Fescue, Great Brome, Prairie Grass, Rat's Tail Fescue, Silver Grass, Squirrel Tail, Wild Oats, Winter Grass.	All States	1	Incorporate by sowing (IBS) when weeds are at the pre-emergent stage.

### Withholding Period:

Canola: Harvest – Not required when used as directed.

Grazing – Do not graze or cut for stock food for 12 weeks after application.

### RUSTLER COMPATIBILITIES AND TANK MIXING

For compatibilities of Rustler 500SC and Rustler 900WG with other chemical products refer to the Rustler Compatibility document at [www.rustlerherbicide.com.au](http://www.rustlerherbicide.com.au)

Physical compatibility with Rustler should be determined prior to mixing with a product not listed in the Rustler Compatibility document, or when mixing Rustler as a component of a 3-way tank mix.

Always read the product label for the manufacturer's tank mix recommendations and to determine individual product compatibility options and correct mixing orders for individual products. If unsure, perform a jar test before proceeding to determine physical compatibility. Physical compatibility does not always guarantee biological compatibility.

### MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

Failure to follow correct tank mixing orders or compatibility recommendations can lead to poor application and potentially poor weed control. For correct mixing order refer to FMC's Tank Mixing Order document at [www.fmccrop.com.au](http://www.fmccrop.com.au)

Ensure that any products added to the tank prior to Rustler have completely dispersed. Similarly, ensure Rustler has completely dispersed before adding a product to the tank mix.

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