

Statement of Composition:

Glomus intraradices.....2.00 propagules/cc
"NONPLANT FOOD INGREDIENT"

Net Weight: 8.39 lb./gal (1.00 kg/l)

Expiration Date: This product will expire on_____

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

General Information: Ascend™ NTC is a Vesicular-Arbuscular Mycorrhizal soil inoculant for use in deficient soil conditions, such as artificial or sterile growth media, soils that have been flooded or fallowed for extended periods, solarized, fumigated, and pasteurized sterile media. Ascend™ NTC can also be used following applications of soil pesticides that reduce VAM populations. Ascend™ NTC is labeled for use in greenhouse, nursery, ornamental, vineyard, orchards, and turf applications; excluding treatment of ecto, ecto-endo and ericoidal Mycorrhiza plant families. Ascend™ NTC can be applied prior to planting, at planting, or during the growing season. Do not apply Ascend™ NTC prior to soil sterilization. To achieve best results, this product should be used in an integrated management program and early in the plant's development.

Mixing Instructions:

Ascend™ NTC is not ready for use until Ascend™ NTC and Ascend™ Dry Concentrate (DC) are mixed. Your packet of Ascend™ DC is attached to this container and has further mixing instructions. Mixing should take place just prior to application, and at the quantity to be used. Combine ingredients at the concentrations specified by the Ascend™ DC label and shake, stir or agitate for five minutes before use. Ascend™ NTC is ready for use after mixing and when the liquid has turned **green** in color. *Do not use Ascend™ NTC if liquid is not green in color.*

Ascend™ NTC is compatible with a wide range of soil applied fertilizers. To assure compatibility of Ascend™ NTC with new fertilizers and other soil conditioners, pour the components into a small container in the correct proportions. After a thorough mixing, let stand for 5 minutes. If the combination remains mixed, or can be readily remixed, the mixture is compatible. The following are a short list of incompatibilities: Maintain a pH between 6-8 by avoiding strongly acidic/basic conditions and biocides such as chlorine, free ammonia and some fungicides. Do not mix with Aqueous Ammonia, Sulfuric Acid, Urea Sulfuric Acid, Phosphoric Acid, Soil Fumigants or Soil Fungicides. When using Ascend™ NTC following pesticide and fumigant treatments make applications after the toxicant has dissipated (Refer to pesticide label for guidelines). There are, at the time of this printing, no other known incompatibilities.

Handling: Follow appropriate general safety procedures. In case of accidental exposure, flush with plenty of water. Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for additional information.

SHAKE, STIR OR AGITATE BEFORE USE. When handled in bulk quantities, storage in a cone bottomed tank is recommended to facilitate agitation. When stored in a cone bottomed tank, agitate 10 minutes prior to use. When stored in

APPLYING ASCEND™ NTC

Ascend™ NTC is designed for use as a Vesicular-Arbuscular Mycorrhizal soil and root inoculant for deficient soils. Apply Ascend™ NTC in close proximity to the seed and newly developing root system. Ascend™ NTC can be applied via seedline shank injection, drip chemigation, subsoil drip line chemigation, drenching, mixing in the transplant water or using a soil covering method, or in the media preparation.

Soil Moisture: Application should be made under "good seedbed conditions". This includes thorough cultivation of the soil and pre-irrigation to 50 to 75% soil moisture conditions. Soil moisture can be estimated by squeezing a handful of soil into a ball. If the ball holds its shape and then easily breaks up, moisture is sufficient.

Environmental factors: Ascend™ NTC is sensitive to ultraviolet (UV) light. Ascend™ NTC should be applied using a subterranean technique or in sufficient water to move the product off the soil surface and into the plant root zone. To get the optimum results from Ascend™ NTC apply when the soil is between 50 and 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Note: The use of Ascend™ NTC may affect crop nutrient response through increased root surface area, caution should be exercised when applying Ascend™ NTC with fertilizers to prevent "fertilizer salt" induced phytotoxicity. Where fertilizer salts are the combination of Nitrogen, Potassium and metal salts, do not exceed 5 lb. of total salt on the seedline and/or 10 lb. of salt per inch away from the seedline and roots. Where warranted, adjust fertilizer rates and replace with a maximum of a 1:1 ratio of up to 15 gallons of Ascend™ NTC/acre/application.

GENERAL RATE DETERMINATION GUIDELINES:

GENERAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

Use 15 to 30 gallons per broadcast acre equivalent early in the growing season, or as needed. See the placement specific and crop specific guidelines below for further efficiency. As this product is only of benefit to plant roots: *Applications of high placement accuracy will allow lower rates, while low placement accuracy will necessitate a higher rate.*

SPECIFIC APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

Banding: For banded (shank injection, band drench or drip) applications, the area actually is the area covered by the band, not the total cropland planted. Some application recommendations are based on treating in the root zone and these rates are generally specified as amounts of product per treated acre. If rates are expressed as amount per treated acre and banded applications are used, the amount of product used will be proportionately less. The following formula can be used to calculate the amount of Ascend™ NTC needed per acre of crop when banded applications are made:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Band width in inches.} & & \text{Broadcast rate/A} & & \text{Total amount needed.} \\ \text{-----} & \times & \text{-----} & = & \text{-----} \\ \text{Row spacing in inches.} & & \text{per number of} & & \text{Per one acre of field.} \\ & & \text{acres in field.} & & \end{array}$$

Drenching Method: Apply Ascend™ NTC in sufficient water to move Ascend™ NTC off the soil surface and into the root zone, but not beyond. See band application calculations above for instructions for calculating the amount of product to apply in a drench application.

Soil Covering Method: At planting time apply 30 gallons of Ascend™ NTC per total acre equivalent. Please reference the banding application notes listed above concerning band application calculation efficiencies. Apply the specified dosage to the soil around the seed and to the covering soil as it fills in the furrow. The product should be below the seed and roots as much as possible.

Chemigation Application Guidelines: Apply 15-30 gallons of Ascend™ NTC per acre depending on the crop, depth of application, and water holding capacity of the soil. For proper application:

1. Determine the area (length x width) to be treated, divide by the number of acres and multiply by the rate per the number of acres to be treated. This number is the total gallons of Ascend™ NTC needed to treat the field or irrigation block.

2. Ascend™ NTC can be safely metered into drip systems. Determine the amount of water needed to saturate the root zone (0.5" to 1.25" of water), divide this by the time needed to apply the necessary water. This number is the time required to make the application of Ascend™ NTC.

3. Divide the number of gallons from Step 1 by the treatment time in Step 2. This number is the application rate of Ascend™ PA per unit of time. Apply Ascend™ PA at this treatments rate until desired application rate has been reached.

Drip Chemigation Calibration Instructions: During pre-irrigation check drip tape for uniform distribution (See calibration information below) and repair if necessary. Once the system is calibrated add the amount of Ascend™ NTC required for treatments as calculated above, or generally 3-8 gallons per total acre, to the middle third of the irrigation set. Follow these guidelines:

Step-by-Step Instructions

- Each run of the irrigation system must be calibrated separately to determine the time it takes water to move through the system and to make sure all emitters are putting out the same amount of water.
- Before starting to calibrate, operate the system until all emitters are putting out equal flow rates or until the system is operating at full pressure.
- Only pressure injection or venturi equipment is recommended.
- Determine the area to be treated in each irrigation run.
- For calibration, substitute a concentrated detergent or a soluble fertilizer in the injection tank. The detergent will bubble as it leaves the emitters. The time period over which bubbles occur should be checked for both the closest and farthest emitters. If these times are not within two minutes of each other, adjust the dilution rate and/or the injection rate. If a soluble fertilizer is used, measure the time intervals with a salt bridge.
- If the period of detection of the indicator solution between the emitters are within two minutes of each other, comparable coverage will be obtained. If they are not, make adjustments by increasing the dilution ratio, using more water per part Ascend™ NTC or adjust the injector to a slower rate.
- Once the system is calibrated, dilute the needed amount of Ascend™ NTC with water using a minimum of 5 parts water/fertilizer solution to 1 part Ascend™ NTC.
- Do not begin to inject Ascend™ NTC into the system until all emitters are producing equal flow rates, or until the system is at full pressure.
- Inject Ascend™ NTC into the system in the middle of the irrigation set of a 1/2 - 1 inch of irrigation water. With at least 1/4" of additional water to move product off of the surface.

CROP SPECIFIC USE RATES:

Nursery (Greenhouse Agricultural, Horticultural or Ornamental) applications include, but are not limited to:

Media Inoculant - Apply 4-10 oz. per cubic foot of media just prior to planting.

Soil drench - Apply 5 oz. per square yard or see examples below. Apply in sufficient water to move product into the root zone without excess leaching at the rates below:

Containerized: In flat trays with cell sizes below 2 square inches apply product at 16 to 24 oz. Ascend™ NTC per 100 plants. For pot applications see the table below. Applications of Ascend™ NTC should be made each time the root zone is disturbed or a plant is moved from a flat to a pot and into a field.

For a 100 pot application:

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| - 4-5" | pots use | 100 oz. |
| - 6-7" | pots use | 80 oz. |
| - 8-10" | pots use | 60 oz. |
| - 12" | pots use | 50 oz. |

Transplants and At-planting:

When used in transplant operations apply Ascend™ NTC with enough transplant water/fertilizer solution to move into and/or infiltrate the root zone. Following the rate guidelines below:

Trees, Shrubs and Vines: Ascend™ NTC should be applied to the planting site, but can be applied in the transplant water or as a basal drench following planting. For deep root feeding apply product in sufficient water to move Ascend™ NTC into and throughout the root zone. Ascend™ NTC should be applied at 1/2 fluid ounce product per quarter inch of stem diameter (at the soil surface). One half ounce., per plant, is the minimum application rate recommended.

Turf:

General: Applications to grass should be made on newly planted, renovated (aerated, plugged), or during a root flush on established grass stands. Apply as a broadcast application at 0.5 to 1.25 quarts per 1000 square feet in enough water to ensure movement away from sunlight and into the root zone. For low volume spray applications, hand watering or brief sprinkler irrigation may be used to immediately after application to move product off surface. Best results are obtained with early spring through summer, primary inoculant, applications coinciding with root flush.

Turf Applications

- Greens and tees	0.5 to 1.25 quarts per 1,000 sq. ft.
- Fairways or Overseeding	5 gallons per acre
- Athletic turf	0.5 to 1.25 quarts per 1,000 sq. ft.
- Sod installation/planting	1 quart per 1,000 sq. ft.

CROPS THAT CAN BE TREATED WITH ASCEND™ NTC:

Below is a partial list of the nursery, turf and ornamental plants that can be treated with Ascend NTC. For a listing of Agricultural crops refer to the Ascend PA label.

Acacia	Bulbs, All	Euonymus	Mahonia	Pistachio	Sweet Gum
Agapanthus	Cacao	Fig	Maiden Grass	Photinia	Sycamore
Alder	Cactus	Fescue	Marigold	Poa anua	Tulip
Almonds	Camellia	Fern	Mango	Pittosporum	Taxus
Apples	Carrisa	Forsythia	Maple, All	Pome fruit, All	Tea
Apricot	Cassava	Fountain Grass	Mimosa	Podocarpus	Texas Mountain Laurel
Araucaria	Ceanothus	Fuchsia	Mondo Grass	Poinsettia	Trumpet Creeper
Artichoke	Cedar	Gardenia	Mesquite	Poplar	Virburnum
Ash	Cherry	Geranium	Morning Glory	Prunes	Vinca
Asparagus	Chinese Tallow Tree	Grape, All	Nasturtium	Raphiolapis	Walnut
Avocado	Chrysanthemum	Grapefruit	Oil Palm	Raspberry	Yellow Poplar
Bamboo	Citrus, All	Grass	Olive	Red Maple	Yew, Pacific
Banana	Clover	Green Ash	Oregano	Redwood	Yew Podocarpus
Basil	Coconut Palm	Guayule	Orange	Roses, All	Yucca
Bayberry	Coffee	Hibiscus	Palms, All	Rosemary	Xylosma
Beans, All	Coral Tree	Holly	Pampas Grass	Russian Olive	
Begonia	Cotton Easter	Hoop Pine	Passion Fruit	Ryegrass	
Bent Grass	Cottonwood	Impatiens	Papaya	Sagebrush	
Bermuda Grass	Crabpeas	Jobba	Parsley	Saltbush	
Black Locust	Crab Tree	Juniper	Paw Paw	Snap Dragons	
Blackberry	Creosote Bush	Kinickinik	Peach	Sourwood	
Blue Grama	Currant	Kiwi	Pear	Sprenger Fern	
Blue Grass	Cypress	Lemon	Peas	Strawberry	
Box Elder	Date Palm	Ligustrum	Pecan	Stone fruit, All	
Boxwood	Dogwood	Live Oak	Petunia	Sudan Grass	
Brazil. Rubber Tree	Dwarf Burning Bush	Magnolia	Pacific Yew	Sumac	
	Elm	Mahogany		Sunflower	
				Sugar Maple	

Do not use Ascend™ NTC on these plant families:

Some plant families do not become colonized successfully by the endomycorrhizal fungus even in the most favorable growing conditions. The following lists are plant families, and examples for each:

- Betulaceae (Birch)
- Caryophyllaceae (Carnation)
- Cruciferae (Broccoli, Cauliflower, Turnip and Mustard)
- Ericaceae (Blueberry, Cranberry, Heath, Rhododendron and Azalea)
- Juncaceae (Rush)
- Orchidaceae (Cattleya, Orchid and Phalaenopsis)
- Proteaceae (Protea)
- Brassica (Cabbage)
- Chenopodiaceae (Beet and Spinach)
- Cyperaceae (Sedge)
- Fagaceae (Beech, Oak)
- Myrtaceae (Eucalyptus)
- Pinaceae (Pine, Fir and Spruce)
- Salicaceae (Willow)

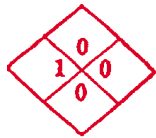
STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Storage: Store Dry Concentrate packets in a cool dry place out of the sun. Although not necessary, storage between 40 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit will extend the products potency. Ascend™ PA should not be allowed to freeze. Keep containers tightly closed when not in use.

Container Disposal: Triple rinse (or equivalent), then puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by incineration, or if allowed by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

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