# **SUFFUSION**<sup>™</sup>



### A WETTING, PENETRATING, AND RE-WETTING AGENT FOR HORTICULTURAL GROWING MEDIA AVAILABLE IN LIQUID, GRANULAR, OR TABLET FORM FOR PORTABLE APPLICATION.

#### Product Information Bulletin 710

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Suffusion** is an effective blend of surfactants for use on all types of growing media in nurseries, greenhouses, interior plantscapes, and soil production.

Suffusion is specifically developed to:

- Improve water penetration and retention of optimum moisture levels
- Give excellent initial wetting and long term re-wetting
- Assist uniform wetting and drying of the growing media
- Improve drainage
- Easily mix under cold conditions

The patented **Suffusion Tablets** and applicator provide a portable, easy-to-use method of applying **Suffusion**.

**Suffusion Tablets** and portable hose-end applicator were specifically developed to:

- Provide a portable means of applying **Suffusion** where no injector or application equipment is available
- Assist in maintaining plant quality in retail and shipping situations

Active ingredient: Suffusion Liquid is 100% alkoxyether surfactant and the Granules are 22% alkoxyether surfactant.

**Packaging: Suffusion Liquid** is packaged in 2.5 gal. and 30 gal. drums. **Suffusion Granules** are packaged in 50-pound pails. **Suffusion Tablets** are packaged in boxes containing six (6) 250 gram tablets.

# **SIGNAL WORD**

Signal Word = CAUTION

# PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Goggles or a facial-splash shield
- Chemical resistant gloves
- Coveralls or long pants
- Long sleeve shirt
- Shoes and socks

**Do not** expose workers or other persons to this product directly or through drift.

# **HOW TO USE**

Suffusion can be used in the following ways:

- Incorporated in the growing media
- As a drench application
- At low rates in the irrigation/fertigation system
- As a misting agent over freshly stuck cuttings
- As a continuous overhead watering application to remove sitting water on foliage
- As a drench on containers and baskets prior to shipment

# **HOW IT WORKS**

**Suffusion** works by reducing surface tension of applied water, penetrating into dry and water repellent areas, and linking together water-repellent soil and water. Peat, bark or alternative compost substrates are typically candidates for **Suffusion**.

# **BENEFITS TO USER**

Suffusion user benefits include:

- Offering the plant 100% of the media to grow in
- Helping to manage water more efficiently
- Reducing labor and disease issues
- Improving distribution and uptake of nutrients and other media-incorporated materials
- Reducing stress in plants through promoting a healthy growing environment



## **APPLICATION RATES/METHODS**

#### Suffusion Liquid Incorporation into Growing Medium

Production Area	Rate/Cu. Yard	Longevity requirements/Growing media conditions
Containers, field soil Long-term production cycles	6 fl. oz.	Maximum longevity (9-12 months) Severely water repellent media
Pots, hanging baskets Medium-term production cycles	4-5 fl. oz.	Medium longevity (3-6 months) Moderately water repellent media
Flats, pots, trays, plugs Short-term production cycles	2-3 fl. oz.	Short-term activity (2-6 weeks) Slightly water repellent media

#### Suffusion Granules Incorporation into Growing Medium

Production Area	Rate/Cu. Yard	Longevity requirements/Growing media conditions
Containers, field soil Long-term production cycles	2 lbs.	Maximum longevity (9-12 months) Severely water repellent media
Pots, hanging baskets Medium-term production cycles	1 lb.	Medium longevity (3-6 months) Moderately water repellent media
Flats, pots, trays, plugs Short-term production cycles	1/2 lb.	Short-term activity (2-6 weeks) Slightly water repellent media

#### Suffusion Granules Growing Media in Production - Top Dress and Water In

Production Area	Rate		
Containers, pots, hanging baskets and interior plantscapes	2 teaspoons per 1 gallon container 4 teaspoons per 2 gallon container 2 tablespoons per 3 gallon container 3 tablespoons per 5 gallon container		

#### Suffusion Liquid Growing Media in Production—Drench

Production Area	Rate PPM	Longevity requirements/Growing media conditions
Containers, field soil, balled and burlap stock. Long-term production cycles	1000-1500 13-19 fl. oz./100 gals water	Maximum longevity (6-12 months) Severely water repellent
Pots, hanging baskets	600-1000	Medium longevity (2-6 months)
Medium term production cycles	8-13 fl. oz./100 gals water	Moderately water repellent
Flats, pots, trays	300-500	Short-term activity (2-6 weeks)
Short-term production cycles	4-6 fl. oz./100 gals water	Slightly water repellent

#### **Suffusion Liquid Injector Rates**

			Injector Setting		
Production Area	Rate PPM	Longevity	1:100	1:200	1:300
Containers, field soil, balled and burlap stock. Long-term production cycles	1000-1500	Maximum longevity	13.34-	26.7-	40.0-
	13.34-20 fl. oz./100 gals water	(6-12 months)	20 oz*	40 oz*	60 oz*
Pots, hanging baskets	600-1000	Medium longevity	8.0-	16.0-	24.0-
Medium term production cycles	8-13.34 fl. oz./100 gals water	(2-6 months)	13.34 oz*	26.7 oz*	40.0 oz*
Flats, pots, trays	300-500	Short-term activity	4.0-	8.0-	12.0-
Short-term production cycles	4-6.67 fl. oz./100 gals water	(2-6 weeks)	6.67 oz*	13.34 oz*	20.0 oz*

*rate per gallon stock solution		Injector Setting		
Production Area	Rate PPM	1:100	1:200	1:300
Daily feeding	5 ppm-0.067 fl. oz./100 gal	0.067 oz*	0.134 oz*	0.20 oz*
	5 ppm-2.0 mL/100 gal	2.0 mL*	4.0 mL*	6.0 mL*
Weekly feeding	50 ppm-0.67 fl. oz./100 gal	0.67 oz*	1.34 oz*	2.0 oz*
	50 ppm-20 mL/100 gal	20 mL*	40 mL*	60 mL*

\*rate per gallon stock solution

#### Suffusion Liquid Additional Usage Areas

Growing Media in Production Prior to Shipment

Production Schedule	Rate PPM	
Prior to Shipment	500-1000	Drench containers, hanging baskets and trays prior to shipment
Interior Plantscapes	500-1000	Drench containers, hanging baskets and planters
Misting Cuttings	150	Spray freshly stuck cuttings with a very fine mist to the point of run off
Dying Cut Flowers	150	Incorporate Suffusion in the dye solution
Continuous Overhead Watering Young Plants Established Plants	10-20 20-50	For removal of sitting water on foliage

# SUFFUSION TABLETS & APPLICATOR

**Suffusion Tablets** are designed to be used with the patented, portable hose-end applicator which delivers water with **Suffusion** to plant materials, both indoors and outdoors.

The tablets and hose-end applicator can be used in areas where no injectors are available and portability is important. All that is needed to apply **Suffusion** with the hose-end unit is a water source.

The tablets are placed within the vessel of the hoseend applicator and as water flows over the tablet, it slowly dissolves. Plants receive a dose of **Suffusion** with watering.

**Suffusion Tablets** are specifically formulated for the immediate wetting of dry and water-repellent soil, and to aid in re-wetting.

An application of **Suffusion** through this system results in roughly 80 ppm delivered to the plant material.

Each tablet lasts roughly 1 hour 30 minutes, depending on water pressure and temperature. Each tablet produces roughly 700-1000 gal. of water under normal watering conditions.

The hose-end unit comes with a nozzle that delivers a soft stream of water over plant material. Users may elect to use the hose-end applicator on an in-line basis and deliver water through standard watering nozzles such as a Dramm RedHead<sup>™</sup> Water Breaker.

Some examples of potential Suffusion Tablet uses:

- Shipping areas where no injector is available
- Merchandisers at Big Box retailers
- Retail garden centers
- Remote nursery locations



Applicator in use.

#### **Suffusion Applicator**



Suffusion Tablet



2.375 in. -



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