

Chemical Factsheet

Dichlorvos (DDVP)

General Information

- Fact Sheet: [DDVP.pdf](#)
- Product Names:
 - Spectracide Bug Stop Pest Strip** (Spectrum Brands)
 - Hot Shot No-Pest Strip** (Spectrum Brands)
 - Rockland C-EM-DIE** (Value Gardens Supply), formulated with [Piperonyl butoxide](#), [Pyrethrins](#)
 - Vapona** (Value Gardens Supply)
 - Sentry Collar** (Sergeant's Pet Care Products)
- Chemical Class: Organophosphate insecticide
- Uses: Agricultural sites, commercial, institutional and industrial sites; in and around homes; on pets, in greenhouses; mushroom houses; storage areas for bulk, packaged and bagged raw and processed agricultural commodities; food manufacturing/processing plants; animal premises; and non-food areas of food-handling establishments.

Target pests are flies, gnats, mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, cockroaches, armyworms, chinch bugs, clover mites, crickets, cutworms, grasshoppers, and sod webworms.
- Alternatives: [Organic Agriculture](#), [Least-Toxic Insect Control](#), [Least-Toxic Pet Care](#)
- Beyond Pesticides rating: [Toxic](#)

Health and Environmental Effects

See citations at end of document.

- Cancer: Possible (1), Yes (2)
- Endocrine Disruption: Not documented
- Reproductive Effects: Yes (3)
- Neurotoxicity: Yes (4)
- Kidney/Liver Damage: Yes (4)
- Sensitizer/ Irritant: Yes (4)
- Birth/Developmental: Not documented
- Detected in Groundwater: Not documented
- Potential Leacher: Yes (4)
- Toxic to Birds: Yes (5)
- Toxic to Fish/Aquatic Organisms: Yes (5)
- Toxic to Bees: Yes (4)

Residential Uses as Found in the ManageSafe™ Database

- [Cockroaches](#)

Additional Information

- Regulatory Status:
 - [EPA DDVP Fact Sheets](#)

- [EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision \(RED\) signed](#) (7/2006)
- Beyond Pesticides' OP cumulative risk RED [comments](#) (2002)
- California Environmental Protection Agency: [Dichlorvos \(DDVP\) Risk Characterization Document](#) (1996)
- Supporting information:
 - [Daily News Blog entries](#) (Beyond Pesticides)
 - [PAN Pesticides Database: Dichlorvos](#) (Pesticide Action Network)
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