

# **Next Generation Soil Surfactant for Professional Turf**

SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

- > New molecular design
- > Unique performance characteristics
- > Curative & preventative control of LDS
- > Assists both root and leaf targeted fungicide performance
- > Improves root development



#### **New Generation Soil Surfactant**

HydroForce Ultra represents a surfactant advancement in managing water in professional turf situations.

HydroForce Ultra is a new chemistry, with a unique molecular design, developed in partnership with one of the leading manufacturers of block co-polymer technology in the United States. The new molecular design, comprises of a block co-polymer with a modified structure to provide unique performance characteristics.

HydroForce Ultra is manufactured in the united states to the strictest standards. The product comes available in a 10L pack size and has been developed and is supported by Dr Stan Kostka, Dr Mike Fidanza and Dr Cale Bigalow from Rhizosolutions LLC.

## Key Benefits of HydroForce Ultra

- Novel molecule, with a unique structure for maximising wettability and responsiveness to hydrophobic soil surfaces, whilst maximizing air to water ratio's for improved plant performance.
- Provides both curative and preventative performance on localized dry spot.
- Manufactured in the USA to the highest possible standards.
- > Extensively field tested, with excellent performance in the USA, Europe, Asia and Australia. Performed well even in the toughest of conditions, proving effective where competitive products struggled.
- > US University research has shown that HydroForce Ultra can be used to enhance fungicidal performance and improve turf quality during tough summer conditions.
- HydroForce Ultra is tank mix compatible with a range of products.
- > HydroForce Ultra has shown in Australian Field trials to enhance root development.
- > HydroForce Ultra provides at least equivalent performance to competitive products at significantly lower use rates.

### The Uniqueness of the HydroForce Ultra Molecule

The molecule in HydroForce Ultra is a block co-polymer, with the structure and balance (defined in the illustration below) of the molecule modified to enhance adsorption to hydrophobic materials and to radically increase the wettability and responsiveness of treated surfaces to applied water, giving it unique performance characteristics.

Large hydrophobic base (nonpolar) to the molecule, binds with the non-polar organic coatings on the soil particle via adsorption. Hydrophobic organic coatings forming on soil particle as a result of thatch decomposition.

**Soil Particle** 

 Shorter polar, Hydrophillic ends extend into pore spacing to capture water and hydrate the soil environment for root uptake. The shorter ends, allow for enhanced air to water ratio's within the soil.

Hydration occurs as roots collect water from the weak hydrogen bonds formed on the hydrophilic ends.



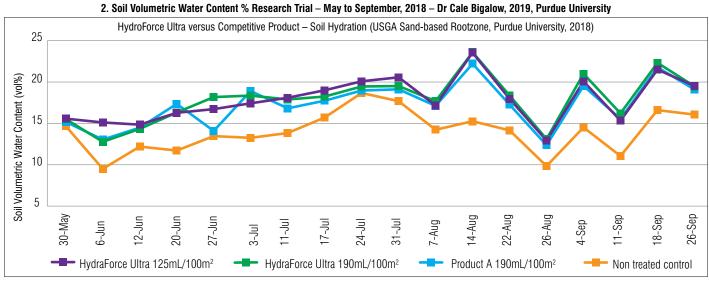
# HydroForce Ultra Research

1. Turf Quality Assessment Research: Summer months USA – May to September Purdue University Trial: Dr Cale Bigalow: 2018 August Assessment Date Comparison

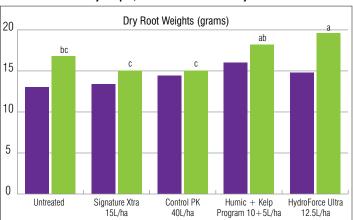


Competitor 1 – 19L/ha HydroForce Ultra – 12.5L/ha Competitor 2 – 16L/ha Non-treated Turf

Result: HydroForce Ultra produced excellent playing conditions, extremely resilient turfgrass and high turf quality under severe stress.



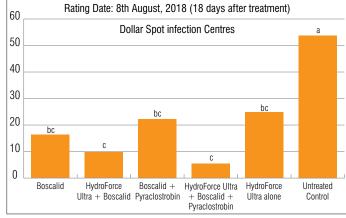
**Result:** HydroForce Ultra is effective at managing volumetric water content to target levels.



3. Root development & Plant Health Research Trial @ Oxley Bowling Club, Brisbane – January to April, 2020 – Trial conducted by G-Censeo Research

**Result:** HydroForce Ultra assists in improving root weights in Couch turf during stressful summer conditions. Product Applications applied 7/1/20, 18/2/20, 17/3/20. Dry Root weights taken on 5/3/2020 and 24/4/2020.

4. Improvement in Fungicidal Performance Research Trial – Penn State University (August, 2018) – Trial conducted by Dr Mike Fidanza



**Result:** HydroForce Ultra assists in improving disease control of foliar diseases by effectively reducing leaf wetness. Surfactant was removed from the leaf the night of the applications.







# HydroForce Ultra – Application Details

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Situation	Application Rate	Comments
Golf Greens and Fine Turf	<b>Monthly Program:</b> 12.5 L/ha in 800 L of water every 30 days or 6.25 L/ha in 800 L of water every 15 days	Irrigate after application to move product into the root zone.
	<b>Curative:</b> 12.5 to 19 L/ha in 800 L of water and repeat as needed	
Fairways	6.25 L/ha in 800L of water every 30 days	Irrigate after application to move product into the root zone.
Sports Turf	6.25 to 12.5 L/ha in 800L of water every 30 days	Irrigate after application to move product into the root zone.

### **Fungicide Compatibility Guide**

FRAC Group	Active Ingredient	Trade Name	Formulation	HydroForce Ultra Compatibility*
M3	Mancozeb	Fore	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
M5	Chlorothalonil	Daconil, Dacogreen	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
2	Iprodione	Chipco, Rovral, Voltar	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
3	Propiconazole	Banner, Regiment	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
4	Metalaxyl-M	Subdue, Solitaire	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
7	Boscalid	ТВС	Dry-WDG	Good, no issue, no settling.
11	Azoxystrobin	Heritage, Azo-Force	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
12	Fludioxynil	Medallion	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
14	PCNB	Terrachlor	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
21	Cyazofomid	Segway	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
28	Propamocarb	Banol	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.
29	Fluazinam	Compass	Liquid	Some separation and settlings. Needs good agitation.
22	Fosetyl-Al	Signature, Grenadier	Dry – WDG	Some separation and settlings. Needs good agitation.
33	Potassium Phosphite	Control PK	Liquid	Good, no issue, no settling.

\*HF Ultra added to fungicide/water mix – visual results rated after 30 minutes. Data supplied by Rhizosolutions LLC.

HydroForce Ultra is compatible with a range of fungicides. Prior to application, evaluate all tank mixes for compatibility and treat a small area to assess effects on turf quality.

## **Maximising performance**

- > Shake well before each use.
- For maximum performance, apply HydroForce Ultra at recommended rates followed by a light irrigation to move the product into the root zone.
- > Keep container closed when not in use.
- > Mix in spray tanks with water and agitation.
- > May require addition of a defoamer.

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