

# RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE

## DUE TO HAZARDS TO NONTARGET SPECIES

For retail sale and use only by Certified Applicators or persons under their direct supervision and only for those uses covered by the Certified Applicator's Certification.

## FIFRA SECTION 24(c) SPECIAL LOCAL NEED LABEL

For Distribution and Use Only in the State of Montana

# ZP® RODENT OAT BAIT AG

MONTANA STATE REGISTRATION

EPA Reg. No. 12455-102

EPA SLN NO. MT-24-0003

**This product may only be used to control Richardson's ground squirrels, Columbian ground squirrels, Black-tailed prairie dogs, and White-tailed prairie dogs in the sites and during the times listed on this 24(c) SLN Label.**

This label is valid until **December 31, 2026**, or until otherwise amended, withdrawn, canceled, or suspended.

### ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Zinc Phosphide CAS# 1314-84-7

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2.0%

### OTHER INGREDIENTS

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98.0%

### TOTAL

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**100.0%**

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

24(c) Registrant:



Bell Laboratories, Inc.  
3699 Kinsman Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53704

EPA EST. NO. 12455-WI-1<sup>k</sup>

EPA EST. NO. 12455-WI-2<sup>p</sup>

EPA EST. NO. 12455-WI-3<sup>w</sup>

[superscript is first letter of the lot number]

<b>FIRST AID</b>	
<b>If Swallowed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call a poison control center, doctor, or <b>1-877-854-2494</b> immediately for treatment advice, or transport the person to the nearest hospital.</li> <li>• DO NOT DRINK WATER.</li> <li>• Do not administer anything by mouth or induce vomiting unless told to do so by the poison control center or doctor.</li> </ul>
<b>If on Skin or Clothing:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take off contaminated clothing.</li> <li>• Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center, doctor, or <b>1-877-854-2494</b> immediately for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If Inhaled:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move person to fresh air.</li> <li>• If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center, doctor, or <b>1-877-854-2494</b> immediately for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>If in Eyes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.</li> <li>• Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first five minutes, then continue rinsing eye.</li> <li>• Call a poison control center, doctor, or <b>1-877-854-2494</b> immediately for treatment advice.</li> </ul>
<b>HAVE LABEL WHEN OBTAINING TREATMENT ADVICE</b>	
<p align="center"><b>NOTE TO PHYSICIAN OR VETERINARIAN</b></p> <p>Contains the phosphine-producing active, Zinc Phosphide. Probable mucosal damage may contraindicate the use of gastric lavage. For animals ingesting bait and/or showing poisoning signs, induce vomiting by using hydrogen peroxide. Sodium bicarbonate can be given orally to neutralize the stomach acidity. The stomach and intestinal tract can be evacuated, oxygen administered, and cardiac and circulatory stimulants given.</p>	
<p align="center"><b>TREATMENT FOR PET POISONING</b></p> <p>If an animal eats this bait, call a veterinarian, or <b>1-877-854-2494</b> at once.</p>	

## **PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

### **HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

**CAUTION:** Keep away from humans, domestic animals, and pets. Harmful if swallowed, absorbed through the skin, inhaled, or in eyes. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contamination of feed or foodstuffs. Avoid contact with acids. Wash all utensils, spoons, or measuring devices thoroughly after using.

### **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

All handlers, including loaders and anyone who applies bait and retrieves carcasses and unused bait, must wear waterproof gloves.

### **USER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing them. As soon as possible, wash hands thoroughly after applying bait and before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet, and change into clean clothing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This product is extremely toxic to mammals, birds, and other wildlife. Dogs, cats and scavenging mammals and birds might be poisoned if they feed upon animals that have eaten this bait. Do not apply directly to water or to intertidal areas below the mean high-water mark. Do not allow bait to pile on soil surface. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash water or rinsate.

### PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL HAZARDS

Do not use with or store near any oxidizing agents.

### ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSIDERATION

**Notice:** The use of this product may pose a hazard to Federally designated endangered/threatened species. It is a federal offense to use any pesticide in a manner that results in the death of a member of an endangered species. Consult the nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) regional office or the appropriate State Agency for current information on habitats occupied by endangered species.

**Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*).** Do not use this product in habitats occupied or occasionally visited by whooping cranes during the period from 30 days before the expected arrival of cranes to 30 days after the time of their usual departure.

**Black-footed Ferret (*Mustela nigripes*).** Do not use this product within 7 kilometers (4.34 miles) of any prairie dog town to limit risks to the Black-footed Ferret from exposure to Zinc Phosphide or destruction of its prey base, unless the colony is an isolated Black-tailed prairie dog town less than 80 acres in size or an isolated White-tailed prairie dog town less than 200 acres in size, or unless the town had been appropriately surveyed, using methods acceptable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and found by the FWS not to be suitable site for ferret reintroductions.

**Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) and Grizzly Bear (*Ursus actos horribilus*).** Unless the local U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office has determined that there are no gray wolves or grizzly bears in the general vicinity of bait applications in Montana and Wyoming, do not apply this product outdoors within occupied habitat of these species.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.**

This label and the federal label for this product must be in possession of the user at the time of pesticide application. Follow all applicable directions, restrictions, and precautions on the SLN label and the main EPA registered label.

### RANGELANDS, PASTURES, ALFALFA, WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY, AND ADJACENT NON-CROP

#### **RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRRELS AND COLUMBIAN GROUND SQUIRRELS**

**USE RESTRICTIONS:** For control of Richardson's ground squirrels (*Urocitellus richardsonii*) and Columbian ground squirrels (*Urocitellus columbianus*). Product must not be applied on roads, near residential or public use areas or over water.

- Apply bait only once per season at a time when ground squirrels show good acceptance of grains.
- Do not apply if rain is forecast within 2 days after bait application.

#### **HAND BAITING:**

Apply bait only to bare ground within 3 ft. of ground squirrel burrow entrances in rangeland, pastures, alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley, and adjacent non-crop areas.

**Pretreatment:** Do not apply bait unless tests with untreated oats show good acceptance of grains by ground squirrels in areas to be treated.

**Prebaiting (Strongly Recommended):** Scatter one teaspoon of nontoxic oats on bare ground near all active ground squirrel burrows in the treatment area. Do not apply toxic bait until nontoxic prebait is consumed. Prebaiting has been shown to increase acceptance of toxic bait by the target ground squirrel species.

**Baiting:** Use an appropriately calibrated bait dipper to apply bait at 4 grams (one teaspoon) per active burrow. Scatter bait evenly on bare ground near burrow entrance. Do not place bait in piles or pour down the burrow entrance.

#### **BROADCAST BAITING:**

Apply only to rangeland and adjacent non-crop areas. Do no broadcast bait on sites where ground cover is greater than 50 percent where ground squirrels will not find sufficient bait to be effective.

**Pretreatment:** Do not apply bait unless tests with untreated oats show good acceptance of grains by ground squirrels in the areas treated.

**Prebaiting (Strongly Recommended):** Broadcast 3 to 6 pounds of nontoxic oats per swath acre 2 to 3 days prior to applying toxic bait. Prebaiting has been shown to increase acceptance of the toxic bait by the target ground squirrel species.

**Baiting:** Broadcast 3 to 6 pounds of toxic bait per swath acre, not to exceed 6 pounds of bait per acre. Use the higher rates on sites with denser vegetative growth. An untreated interval varying from 20 feet but not to exceed 100 feet may be left between baited swaths depending on the density of ground cover. Apply the toxic bait swaths to the same sites that prebait was applied.

### **RANGELANDS AND ADJACENT TIMBER AREAS**

#### **BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOGS AND WHITE-TAILED PRAIRIE DOGS**

**USE RESTRICTIONS:** This product may be used to control Black-tailed prairie dogs (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) and White-tailed prairie dogs (*C. leucurus*) in rangelands and adjacent timber areas in Montana only.

From January 1 through June 30, do not use or apply this product in any Black-tailed prairie dog complex greater than 80 acres or in any White-tailed prairie dog complex greater than 200 acres, unless the areas have been “block cleared” by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Note that a prairie dog complex is a group of prairie dog towns within 4.34 miles of one another. From July through December, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Montana State Office for Black-footed Ferret Survey Guidelines before using this product on prairie dog complexes larger than the areas indicated above.

Do not apply this product on croplands, on roads, near residential or public use areas, or over water. Apply bait at times of year when target species are accepting grains readily. Observe prebaited areas for evidence of consumption of prebait by target and nontarget species. Apply bait only after most of prebait has been consumed by target species. Do not apply toxic bait at any location where endangered species have been observed or may occur, or at any location where nontarget species were observed eating prebait or are believed to have consumed prebait.

**ACCEPTANCE TESTS:** Check prairie dog bait acceptance by selecting 20-30 burrows spaced 30 or more feet apart in the area to be baited. Mark each burrow with a surveyor's flag or by other means so that they can be relocated. Scatter 4 grams (1 teaspoon) of untreated oats in a bait spot near each marked burrow. Bait acceptance is considered good if bait is eaten within one or two days.

**PREBAITING:** Prebait with 4 grams (1 teaspoon) of untreated oats by scattering the oats in a bait spot near every prairie dog burrow in the area to be baited one to two days prior to the anticipated time of baiting. Prebaiting typically increases acceptance of treated baits by prairie dogs.

**BAITING:** Apply one bait spot per burrow opening. Apply by hand (wear protective gloves) as a scattered bait spot located on bare ground near mounds, borrow openings or adjacent feeding areas. Use a calibrated dipper to scatter 4 grams (1 teaspoon) of bait per spot. Do not apply on soft mound dirt or down burrow opening. Bait during the dry, arid conditions when little or no green vegetation is present and when bait acceptance test show that prairie dogs are readily accepting grains. Apply this toxic bait no more than once per year.

#### **STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**

**Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.**

**PESTICIDE STORAGE:** Store only in original container, in a cool, dry place inaccessible to children and pets. Keep containers closed and away from other chemicals.

**PESTICIDE DISPOSAL:** Pesticide wastes are toxic. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal Law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of by use according to label instructions, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

**CONTAINER HANDLING:** Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling, if available. Completely empty bag by shaking and tapping sides and bottom to loosen clinging particles. Empty residue into application equipment. Dispose of bags in an approved waste disposal facility.

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