CHIPCO RONSTAR
Wettable Powder
Formulation Registere

MONMOUTH JUNCTION, N.J. — Rhone-Poulenc Inc.,
Agrochemical Division, announced today EPA registra-
tion of Chipco Ronstar WP. Chipco Ronstar WP is a wet-
table powder formulation of the widely used turf and
ornamental preemergent herbicide, Chipco Ronstar G.
The registration is for turf only but according to Dan
Stahl, Chipco Product Manager, "we already have a pro-
gram for expanding the label and we have put that pro-
gram into action."

Stahl also said "the registration of Chipco Ronstar WP
will give Turf Professionals, who are not geared to use the
granular formulations, the opportunity to benefit from the
preemergent control of goosegrass, crabgrass and other
weeds that Ronstar provides. Unfortunately, the timing
of the registration will not allow us to market Chipco
Ronstar WP until 1986. However, we will use 1985 to
demonstrate the excellent preemergent weed control of
Chipco Ronstar WP to the Turf Professionals."

For more information on Chipco Ronstar WP, write to
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Locating Hydraulic Tube Leaks

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A common spring startup problem associated with
automatic irrigation systems is locating hydraulic tub-
ing leaks. My Assistant, Rheal Ladouceur, devised a sim-
ple device to locate these leaks, that proved very suc-
cessful last spring, saving time and labour.

The widget (see diagram) is essentially a reservoir that
holds red food dye coupled at one end to a portable
compressed air tank (40-60 psi) and at the other to the
hydraulic tubing. *We found leaks within several min-
utes and from as far away as 100 feet or so. In some cases
it was necessary to refill the reservoir. The undiluted red
dye was readily visible at the grass surface.

List of Materials and Assembly
1. Air valve stem - solder to copper pipe
2. 1/2 inch copper pipe
3. Brass adaptor (1/2 in. slip x 1 in. thread) - solder to
copper pipe.
4. Brass hose adaptor 1 in.
5. Hydraulic tube connector - fit and solder to hose
adaptor.

TO OPERATE

Unscrew at hose adaptor, add dye and reattach. Couple
air valve stem to compressed air tank and hydraulic tube
connector to hydraulic tubing and pump dye to locate
leak. ■

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