Shoulder-mounted Mist Blowers
Good for Weeds, Forester Says

Shoulder-mounted insecticide mist blowers can be used to control "forest weeds" in stands of conifers, according to recent research by a University of Massachusetts scientist.

Trials run in Massachusetts and New Hampshire by Dr. William P. MacConnell, associate professor of forestry at the Amherst school, show these machines are just the thing for applying herbicides in many mixed stands of timber.

Undesirable trees and brush found in forests are controlled by a spray of 2,4,5-T which enters through leaves and flows through the plant's vascular system. Conifers, which have already "hardened off" in August when the mist is applied, are no longer absorbing material through their needles, and are not affected.

This method costs about the same as doing the job from the air, researchers admit, but has other advantages. Ground-applied spray, for example, doesn't drift as far.

Geigy Debuts Metal Chelate
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