

# S-Dome, S-Flex & S-Guard

**CDA and Hi-Flo Options** 



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## PREFACE

This document has been produced to provide guidance for the installation and use of the Micron Weed Management (MWM) system and associated accessories.

Operators of the Micron Weed Management (MWM) system should read this document thoroughly and understand the correct use of this equipment and necessary safety precautions before attempting to install or operate the spray equipment or its associated accessories.

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All spray applications illustrated in this Document are provided for guidance only. When using pesticides users should always refer to the product label and any local or national regulations for specific conditions of use.

#### **Prohibitions in Use**

The Micron Weed Management (MWM) system is designed for use with agricultural spray products that are approved for use in the intended crop situation.

The use of non-approved products is strictly prohibited.

The equipment should **not** be used to spray the following materials

- Any form of petrochemical fuel or volatile oils
- Strong Acids
- Concentrate solvents

## SYMBOLS USED ON THE EQUIPMENT AND IN THIS DOCUMENT



$\bigcirc$	Mandatory Prohibition		Caution or Warning	0	Mandatory Instruction	
	<b>Do not</b> insert fingers or foreign objects		Warning – risk of electric shock		Refer to Instructions	
	<b>STOP</b> - Do not proceed with this action		Caution – Surface may be hot		Eye protection – must be worn	
$(\mathfrak{K})$	Keep Clear – Keep all persons clear of this area		Warning – risk of crushing of hands or fingers		Gloves – must be worn	
	Warning – danger from leaking substances		Warning – risk of crushing of whole body or limbs from side	R	Protective Clothing – must be worn	
	Warning – risk of danger from escaping high pressure fluid		Warning – risk of crushing of whole body or limbs from above		Wash hands – hands must be washed after handling	
	<b>Toxic</b> – risk of contact with toxic substances	×	Harmful – substance is harmful		Danger to the environment– risk of contamination	

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The Micron Weed Management (MWM) system is designed for the precision application of weed control products at low spray volumes without drift. The spray is generally shielded, and each spray head incorporates either low volume rotary atomisers for controlled droplet application (CDA) or pressure nozzles for higher spray volumes (HiFlo). The MWM system is designed primarily for the application of weed control products in bands in tree and bush crops. The MWM system can also be used to apply selective and non-selective herbicides in the crop inter-row at reduced dose rates and volumes as only a proportion of the area is treated.

The spray shields are mounted on a breakaway arm which allows the domes to rotate on a centre bearing and roll around tree or bush crops. With the SprayGuard variant the dome is fixed.



Description	Spray Width 'W'
S-Dome 400	0.4 metres
S-Dome 600	0.6 metres
S-Dome 900	0.9 metres
S-Dome 1200	1.2 metres

#### Spray-Flex Product Range

	Description	Spray Width 'W'
(w)	S-Flex 400	0.4 metres
	S-Flex 600	0.6 metres
	S-Flex 900	0.9 metres

#### Spray-Guard Product Range

Description	Spray Width 'W'
S-Guard 1200	1.2 metres



Figure 1- A typical configuration

Micron Weed Management (MWM) system

#### 1.1 Breakaway & Dome Features

(Drawing needs updated to include flow control unit and electrical conduit)



Figure 2 - Component recognition (all above needs drawing update)

#### **Technical Specification** 1.2

Specification						
Model names:	S-Dome, S-Flex, S-Guard					
Description: A covered or controlled drift spray h either CDA (controlled Droplet App atomiser or HiFlo pressure no:						
Models: (available as CDA or Hi-Flo)	SD400, SD600, SD1000, SD1200. SF250, SF400, SF600, SF900, SG1200?					
Manufacturer:	Goizper Group, Spain					
Year of Manufacture:	Refer to serial number plate					
Finish:	Black, Grey, stainless metal parts with yellow domes					
Weight <sup>1</sup>						
S-Dome 400	17 kg					
S-Dome 600	18 kg					
S-Dome 900	26 kg					
S-Dome 1200	36 kg					
S-Flex 400	17 kg					
S-Flex 600	18 kg					
S-Flex 900	19 kg					
S-Guard	17 kg					

Minimum workin	g temperature:		+5°C	
Working pressure:	1-3 bar (15 – 4	5 psi)	Hydraulic pressure nozzles	
	0.1 - 1 bar (8 - 10 psi)		CDA atomisers	
Flow range/nozzle:	0.46 – 1.9	97 l/min	Hydraulic pressure nozzles	
Flow range/atomiser:	60 -300 ml/min		CDA atomisers	
Max.Operating speed:	12 kph (when spraying)			
Shield operating height:	25 – 50 mm (above ground when spraying)			
Filter size <sup>2</sup> :	50 Mesh (blue - ISO19732)			
Optional Accessories	Tank & pump s	systems, Vario	us Mounting Chassis	

Weights for S-dome and S-flex include the breakaway and standard ATV mounting tubes.
 Not included with your S-Dome, S-Flex or S-Guard. If using tank systems NOT supplied by Goizper Group then these MUST include an inline filter of 50 mesh size (blue – ISO19732).

## 2 SAFETY

## 2.1 Mechanical and Electrical Hazards



The main mechanical hazards when using Micron spray equipment are risk of entrapment to fingers and limbs from moving parts. Warning signs are located at points of potential injury. As sprayers operate on a low voltage 12V system that does NOT present a significant risk from electrical shock

#### **Operator Protection**



Wear Gloves



Wear a face shield or Eye Protection



Wear Protective Clothing



Wash hands

Operators **MUST** always read the product label **BEFORE** using pesticides and follow advice regarding use of personal protective equipment (PPE). When handling concentrates operators should wear gloves, protective clothing, boots and eye protection or a face shield to protect eyes and skin. Some products may also require the use of a respirator mask

#### 2.2 Working with Pesticides



Always read the product label and adhere to maximum dose rates and safety precautions.



Protect the environment by avoiding run off into ditches or waterways at all times.

## 2.3 Hand Wash Tank

A hand wash facility of 15Litres should be available for use with the spray system. This should be filled with **clean water only.** 

## 2.4 Drift Reduction Measures

The S-Dome and S-Flex units are fitted with shields low to the ground making them less susceptible to spray drift than unshielded spray nozzles. The S-Guard is fitted with a protective guard for the atomiser but uses an open spray pattern but with large controlled drop sizes to avoid drift. This allows the S-Guard to be used to spray close under established trees like Olives without any part of the spray head contacting the trees.

Wind tunnel studies in the UK have indicated drift reductions in excess of 90% over conventional unshielded sprayers with the Micron Weed Management range and hence these are suitable as a Drift Reducing Technology (DRT)

Below are UK star ratings for drift reduction with the S-Flex, S-Dome. LERAP (Local Environmental Risk Assessment for Pesticides)

Equipment	Nozzle/disc	Flow rate or pressure	Star rating
S-Flex CDA	Spinning Disc	100 – 300 ml/min	***
S-Flex HiFlo	Fulljet FL-5VC	2.0 bar	***
S-Dome HiFlo	Teejet XR 04	2.0 bar	***
S-Dome CDA	Disc	150 – 300 ml/min	***

Note: The maximum drift reduction of >75% receives 3 star rating.

Table 1 – LERAP Drift reduction rating (2 m/sec wind speed)

Spray heads **must** always maintain close contact with the ground. When operating on uneven or rough ground reduce speed to ensure the spray heads **do not** bounce.

The following measures may be used to further reduce any risk of spray drift.

- Schedule treatment for the early morning or the evening hours (there is generally less wind).
- With the Hi Flo units avoid spraying at pressures above 30 psi (2 bar) where possible.
- Keep the working height of the spray heads as low as possible. The risk of drifting increases as the distance between the shield and ground increases.
- Avoid operating at excessive speeds and flow rates.

#### 3 INSTALLATION

#### Notes for CDA Installation

The tank system should be regulated to an output pressure of 8 to 10 psi. The tank system **must** include an inline filter of 50 mesh size (blue – ISO19732). The CDA spinning disc atomisers are used with a flow gauge with adjustable trimmer to regulate flow according to vehicle speed, application volume and band width.

#### **Notes for Hi-Flo Installation**

The Hi-Flo spray heads are fitted with standard hydraulic pressure nozzles and will easily integrate with most tank systems. Flow rates will depend on nozzles size and pressure. Micron Hi-Flo systems will normally operate at between 1 and 2 bar (15 to 30 psi). Your tank system **must** include an inline filter of 50 mesh size (blue – ISO19732).

#### 3.1 Initial Assembly (S-Dome/S-Flex/ S-Guard)

The Micron Weed management system is supplied as a series of modules each with individual assembly instructions.



Figure 3 Example of assembly instructions for each module

#### 3.2 Atomiser / Nozzle types

#### **CDA Rotary atomiser**

There are three rotary atomiser versions. One for the S-Guard that delivers a 1.2m wide band in large drops, a second that fits to the 1200,900 and 600 S-Flex and S—Dome variants and a third that fits the 400 series narrow band S-Flex and S-Dome units



#### 3.3 Mounting to an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

Once the various modules are assembled, it is recommended to mount the spray heads to the front rack of the ATV with vertical support arm (S frame style). Check the weight limit for the rack is not exceeded. Some additional local fabrication may be necessary to fit some vehicles.



Installation on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) 'S' Frame style



- Select the correct height using the pin and index holes and clamp bolt to lock in position. The spray shield should be between 25 mm and 50 mm from the ground when spraying.
- Ensure that the breakaway can operate freely without touching the ATV.



## 3.4 Mounting to a Tractor

It is recommended to mount the spray heads to your tractor at a point just behind the front wheel. Ensure that the spray heads can be easily seen from the operator's position. Ensure that there is sufficient space for the breakaway to operate fully and that the operator's access to the vehicle is not impaired. Modify the 'T'-bar support tube or fabricate a suitable alternative to fit your tractor. For further advice on fitting the spray heads contact the Goizper distributor.



Figure 6 – Installation to tractor

#### 3.5 Tank System

It is recommended to always use the Micron Weed Management tank systems. Refer to the instructions supplied with the tank system.



60 L Tank System

## 3.6 Electrical Installation – Needs new drawings

Depending on the number of arms (1 or 2), the electrical diagram is different:



#### 3.7 Flow Control

#### CDA units

Flow control for the rotary atomisers on the CDA units is achieved using a rotameter with adjustable trimmer to regulate flow rate. The liquid flow lifts a ball on the gauge and indicates the flow on a graduated scale.

To the rear of each flow gauge is a 6mm push fit fitting on the upper outlet to connect the feed hose to each individual atomiser – one flow gauge per CDA atomiser. There is also a 6mm push fit inlet at the base of each gauge connected via the manifold to the main inlet from the pump.



Typical plumbing circuit arrangement



Rotameter with adjustment valve 'trimmer' and calibrated measurement cauge

The flow gauge is also supplied in modular form in single, twin and four-way versions that can be assembled together for multiple spray atomisers.



CDA modular flow gauge system

To set the flow rate to each atomiser, first open the individual flow adjustment trimmers to about three quarters open by turning anti-clockwise. Then adjust the return to tank valve to obtain a flow rate some 20% higher than required on the gauges. Then use the individual trimmer on each valve to set the flow to each spray atomiser head as calculated according to band width, vehicle speed and application rate. The inlet pressure from the tank and pump unit should be reading around 8-10 psi on the pressure gauge. If lower or higher then adjust the main return to tank valve and reset the trimmers to desired flow rate.

Mount the Flow Control in a convenient position visible to the operator.

## - SINGLE FLOW CONTROL: 8M12F810 (250 ml/min; 0.06 US GPM) HIG 8M13F810 (500 ml/min; 0.12 US GPM) Ē ے ×4 1. F Ħ 1 2.b 2.a 8 3. HG x1 x1 and the second s



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DOUBLE FLOW CONTROL:

#### Hi Flo nozzles

The feed hose of Micron Hi Flo models should be connected directly to the outlet hose from the pump. Again, the valve for return to tank can be used to regulate the pressure in the spray lines. The flow rate from each nozzle will be dependent on nozzle size and pressure. Refer to nozzle flow rates and pressures for correct output.

#### 3.8 Breakaway and actuator



#### 3.9 Ancillaries and domes



## 3.10 Transport



When transporting the sprayer on public highways it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure the implement and tanking system can be safely moved and all road regulations complied with.

When transporting the sprayer operators **must** lift all the breakaway assemblies into their raised positions and lock them using the clamp bolt assembly. Also check the driver's vision is not obscured. ATV units are usually transported with a flat bed trailer and pickup truck.



## 4 PREPARING FOR SPRAYING









Wash hands

Wear Gloves

#### 4.1 Pre-spray inspection

Before using the sprayer for the first time check all hose connections are secure and electrical functions are operating correctly. Check for leaks using water only if using the sprayer for the first time or after a period of prolonged storage.

## 4.2 Sprayer Setup

When calibrating it is important to note the number of atomisers or nozzles on each spray head.

The CDA units have rotary atomisers with individual flow control to each.

Hi Flo systems use hydraulic pressure nozzles. The 400 and 600 Hi Flo units have one nozzle centrally mounted; larger units have a twin nozzle arrangement. The table below describes each configuration.

Model	Nozzles	Туре
CDA Units	1	Spinning Disc
Hi Flo 400 and 600	1	Single flat fan (XR)
HiFlo 900 and 1200	2	Twin flat fan (XR)

## **5** CALIBRATION

The flow rate per atomiser/nozzle is calculated using the following formula

Flow rate per atomiser/nozzle (I/min) =

Band width (m) x Vehicle speed (kph) x Application Volume (I/ha) / 600

Note: Metric units must be used for this formula

#### For example:

Two S-Flex CDA 400 spray heads 9left and right) on an ATV travelling at 6 kph applying 40 l/ha of spray mix.First calculate the flow required for each S-Flex CDA 400 as follows:-

Band width = 0.4m

Vehicle speed = 6 kph

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#### Application volume = 40 l/ha

Flow rate per S-Flex CDA 400 (I/min) = 0.4 m x 6 kph x 40 l/ha / 600 = 0.16 l/min

Set each head to 160ml/min r so two heads would be **total of** 320ml/min output The Landrooter <sup>TM</sup> app can also be used to calculate the correct flow rate for each nozzle.

#### 5.1 Use of Landrooter<sup>™</sup> wizard

In order to make easier the calibration, we suggest using LANDROOTER WIZARD.



## 5.2 Calculating Treated Area as Percentage of Field Area

When spraying with a band sprayer the area sprayed will be less than the area of the field. It is important to distinguish between area sprayed as 'treated area' and the area of the field as 'Field Area' see below.



The 'treated area' can be considered as a percentage of the 'field area'. This percentage is the same as that of the band width as a percentage of the row width for each spray pass



Example: If spraying two bands each 0.4 m wide using two S-Flex 400 units between trees planted at 2.0 m distance then only 40% of the area is treated

#### (2 x 0.4 / 2.0 x 100 = 40%)

Using the example above and spraying rate of 40 litres per hectare. Reduce the application rate (40 l/ha) by the same ratio as the band width to row width (40%) to calculate the actual application rate per hectare.40 l x 0.4 (or 40%) = 16 litres of spray mix per field hectare.

## 5.3 Calculating the Tree Length (Km) Sprayed Per Tank Fill

Tree length sprayed (km) =

10 x Tank Contents (L) / (Application Rate I/ha x Band Width m)

#### Example:

2 x S-Flex 400 = 0.8 m band Tank contents = 80 l Application rate = 40 l/ha Tree length sprayed (km) = 10 x 80 litre / (40 l/ha x 0.8 m) = 25 km

## 5.4 Calculating Mixing Rates

Always read the product label to identify the maximum quantity of product to be applied per hectare e.g. 2 litres product per hectare.

Calculate the total volume of spray mix required as follows

Spray Mix Volume (litres) = Volume Rate (I/ha) x Band Width (metres) x Field Area (ha) / Row Width (metres)							
Volume Rate (l/ha):	This is the total amount of spray mix to be sprayed per hectare.						
Band Width (metres):	This is the width covered by the shield or combination of shields.						
Field Area (ha):	This is the total area of field.						
Row Width (metres):	This is the distance between tree or crop rows.						

#### Example:

Using the above example of 40 l/ha application rate in trees planted at 2 m distance with two S-Flex 400 heads each 0.4 m (0.8 m total) on an area of 5 ha.

The required tank contents for the S-Flex spray heads will be:

Mix Volume (litres)	=	Volume Rate (I/ha)	X	Band Width (metres)	x	Field Area (ha)	/	Row Width (metres)	=	80
		40		0.8		5		2.0		iiti es

## 5.5 Measuring the flow rate

#### Flow Rate CDA

#### Measuring output flow rate from the CDA atomiser (disc type atomisers only)

On the 600,900 and 1200 models simply remove the feed nozzle to the atomiser disc and measure the discharge over 1 minute with the pump on.



On the 400 models remove the atomiser disc then measure the discharge over 1 minute with the pump on.



#### Flow Rate from Hi Flo Nozzles

Check the required flow rate for each nozzle using the Landrooter App or formulae in section 5 of this document. Select the nozzle and pressure required from the following table.

Nozzle Type	Pressure (Bar)					
	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	
DG95 015	-	-	0.48	0.54	0.59	
DG95 02	-	-	0.65	0.72	0.79	
DG95 03	-	-	0.96	1.08	1.18	
XR 02	0.46	0.56	0.65	0.72	0.79	
XR 03	0.68	0.83	0.96	1.08	1.18	
XR 04	0.91	1.12	1.29	1.44	1.58	
FCX2	0.74	0.85	1.05	1.17	1.29	
FCX3	1.12	1.35	1.58	1.76	1.93	
FL-5/VC	1.19	1.43	1.69	1.81	1.97	

Table 2 - Flow rates per nozzle (I/min) with Hi Flo nozzles

#### Flow Rate Test - Hi Flo Nozzles

The flow chart above should provide a good indication of the flow rate from each nozzle size at different pressures.

To check the nozzle output you will require a stop watch and a graduated measuring cylinder large enough to hold the output volume expected over 1 minute.

- Start the spraying pump and ensure the output from the nozzle is steady.
- Place the measuring cylinder under the nozzle and measure the quantity of liquid dispensed in one minute.



• The flow rate is determined by the line pressure and nozzle used. If the flow rate is not correct (as calculated in section 5) then adjust the spray line pressure or change the nozzle as required.

#### 60 Litre ATV Tank



1	Rinse Tank	11	Pressure release valve
2	Main Tank	12	Drain valve
3	Hand wash Tank	13	Hand wash valve
4	3 way valve	14	Manometer
5	50 mesh Filter	15	Rotameter 1
6	Pump	16	Solenoid valve 1
7	50 mesh Filter	17	Stopper
8	Return valve	18	Rotameter 2
9	Quick connectors	19	Solenoid valve 2
10	Return flow		

\* Flow diagram is for double arm system. Single arm system is the same without items 18 and 19.

#### 200 litre Tank



1	Spray Tank	7
2	Rinse Tank (clean water only)	
		8
3	Hand Wash Tank	9
	(may be fitted separately on ATV)	10
4	Spray Tank Agitation	11
5	Tank Selection Valve	
	(main tank or rinse tank)	12
6	Pressure Gauge	13
	(spray line)	

			1	
200	Litre	Tank	system	Features

Pressure Regulating Valve

(Electric, Hydraulic or PTO driven)

Spray Boom/Line Isolation Valve

**Drain Isolation Valve** 

**Outlet Stop Valve** 

**Drain Outlet** 

Filter<sup>1</sup> Pump

## 6 SPRAYING

#### **Application Method**

Operators using vehicles without an enclosed cabin **must** wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) during spraying. Plan the spray route to avoid driving over sprayed areas. Switch off flow to spray atomisers / nozzles at the end of each row.



When spraying fence lines or the last tree row it will be necessary to operate only one spray head.



## 7 CLEANING









Wear Gloves

Wear Eye Protection

Wear Protective Clothing

Wash hands

When spray is complete rinse out the spray lines, pump and atomiser/nozzles with clean water and spray out any washings onto the treated area or a suitable non crop area. Do not exceed maximum dose rates.

Wash down any contaminated surfaces with clean water and detergent in a secure area or biobed where washings are retained and cannot enter waterways or drain into adjacent areas.

## 7.1 Disposal of Washings



Always dispose of chemicals and washings in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Pesticides **must** always be handled and stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and stored in their original containers.



Avoid contamination of waterways or drainage ditches when disposing of washings and follow local regulations regarding the safe use and disposal of pesticides.

#### 8 MAINTENANCE

Micron spraying equipment will require routine maintenance; the user should regularly inspect the equipment for damage or wear and replace any damaged or significantly worn items immediately. Any moving parts should be lubricated with a suitable good quality lubricant. Always flush through pump, hoses and atomisers/nozzles with clean water after spraying to avoid nozzle blockages.

#### 8.1 Service and Inspection intervals

ltem	Action	Frequency
Spray nozzle (Hi-Flo).	Remove and Clean. Check flow rate.	Start of each season and during as required
Feed Nozzle (CDA).	Remove and Clean. Check flow rate.	Start of each season and during as required
Atomiser disc or drum and recirculation cap.	Remove and Clean.	Start of each season and during as required.
Atomiser Motor.	Remove and clean contact. Ensure the motor is free from moisture before refitting.	As required should issues arise
Flow meter.	Flush through with clean water.	After each use.
Spray lines and ancillary items.	Check for leaks. Check for correct operation of valves and regulators.	Start of each season
Filters	Check and clean all filters.	Start of each season and as required during
Shield brushes.	Check for excessive wear or damage.	Start of each season
Mechanical defects.	Inspect operation of mechanical components. Grease moving parts as required.	Start of each season.

Joints, pivot pins and bearings.	Check for excessive wear and adequate lubrication.	Annually.
Greased joints and grease nipples.	Pack with grease.	Annually.
Moving Parts.	Check for free and smooth operation and adequate lubrication.	Annually.

#### 8.2 Sprayer storage

- Ensure the system is drained of all fluids including those in any rinse tank or hand-wash tank. Dispose of washings appropriately.
- Where winter temperatures approach freezing it is necessary to add antifreeze into the main tank and circulate around pump and spray lines to prevent
- Store the equipment in a covered and well-ventilated area. Store away from direct sunlight.
- Ensure brushes (if fitted) are suspended above ground to prevent damage during storage.
- Before use drain anti-freeze from system is used during winter. Rinse through with clean water before spraying.

## 9 TROUBLESHOOTING

Mechanical Faults					
Problem	Possible Cause	Action			
Breakaway arm stiff or does not move.	Pivot seized.	Dismantle, clean and lubricate pivot.			
Breakaway arm loose and does not return to stop.	Return spring detached or broken.	Reattach or replace spring.			
Dome/Shield does not rotate freely.	Dome/shield bearing seized.	Replace bearing.			

### 9.1 Hi-Flo

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
Pump runs but no output from	Tank empty.	Refill tank.
nozzle.	Blocked nozzle.	Remove and clean nozzle.
	Blocked filter.	Check and clean all filters.
	Blocked hose.	Purge all hoses.
	Kinked hose.	Straighten all hoses.
	Faulty pump.	Replace the pump.
Low flow rate or flow rate	Tank level low or empty.	Refill tank.
varies.	Partially blocked nozzle.	Remove and clean nozzle.
	Blocked filter.	Check and clean all filters.
	Blocked hose.	Purge all hoses.
	Kinked hose.	Straighten all hoses.
	Supply pressure too low.	Increase supply pressure to between 1 and 2 bar.
	Faulty Pump.	Replace Pump.
	Air in system.	Purge air from system.
	Aerated spray fluid.	Reduce pump operation or agitation.
High flow rate.	Incorrect or worn nozzle.	Replace with new nozzle.
	Supply pressure too high.	Reduce supply pressure to between 1 and 2 bar.

## 9.2 CDA

Problem	Possible Cause	Action
Pump and CDA atomiser not operating.	Inline switch is off. Blown fuse. Loose connection at battery or backplate. Incorrect wiring at backplate or control unit.	Switch on. replace fuse. Check all connections; tighten as necessary. Check wiring and re-wire as necessary.
Blows fuse with control unit switched off.	Wiring on main lead or backplate reversed.	Check wiring and re-wire as necessary.

Blows fuse when control unit is switched on.	Short to earth.	Check all wiring for earth faults and repair.	
CDA atomiser does not	Obstruction in atomiser disc.	Remove and clean atomiser	
operate.	Atomiser faulty.	disc.	
		Replace atomiser unit	
Pump operates intermittently.	Loose electrical connection.	Check all connections; tighten	
		as necessary.	
Pump will not operate.	Loose electrical connection.	Check connections.	
	Faulty pump motor.	Check or replace pump motor.	
Pump runs but no flow from	Tank empty.	Refill tank.	
outlet.	Blocked nozzle.	Remove and clean.	
	Blocked filter.	Check and clean	
	Blocked hose.	Clean all hoses.	
	Kinked hose.	Straighten all hoses.	
	Float stuck in flow meter.	Clean with water.	
	Solenoid not opening.	Check wiring and operation	

## **10 SPRAYER DISPOSAL**



Dispose of equipment in accordance with local regulations. Clean to remove any chemical residues and dispose of accordingly



Avoid contamination of the environment with any sprayer washings

Dismantle equipment as far as practical and clean all parts.

Dispose of the component parts by material type in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

#### 1. Vehicle Stability Calculations

The user should take appropriate steps to determine the correct centre of gravity of the equipment configuration and loads to be used. The following calculation is provided as a guide for agricultural tractor mounted installations. For other vehicle types refer to the vehicle manufacturer's instructions.



Figure 3 - Stability of tractor machine combinations

# $I_{\rm F,\,min} = \frac{(I_{\rm R}\,{\rm x}\,({\rm c}+{\rm d})) - (T_{\rm F}\,{\rm x}\,{\rm b}) + (0.2\,{\rm x}\,T_{\rm E}\,{\rm x}\,{\rm b})}{{\rm a}+{\rm b}}$

- $T_{
  m E}$  [kg] Mass of unladen tractor <sup>1</sup>
- $m{T}_{
  m F}$  [kg] Front axle load of unladen tractor 4
- $T_{
  m R}$  [kg] Rear axle load of unladen tractor 4
- $I_{
  m R}$  [kg] Combined mass of rear mounted implement and/or rear ballast  $^2$
- $I_{
  m F}$  [kg] Combined mass of front mounted implement and/or front ballast 5
- *a* [m] Distance from centre of gravity for combined front mounted implement and/or front ballast to front axle centre <sup>3</sup>
- **b** [m] Tractor wheelbase 4 6
- *c* [m] Distance from rear axle centre to centre of lower link balls 4 6
- d [m] Distance from centre of lower link balls to centre of gravity for combined rear mounted implement and/or rear ballast 5 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> refer to manufacturers information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> refer to section technical specification

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> to be measured

	2.	Conversi	on Factors		
1 yard		=	3 feet	=	0.91 metre
1 metre		=	39.37 inches	=	1.09 yards
1 statute mile		=	0.87 nautical mile	=	1.61 kilometres
1 nautical mile		=	1.15 statute mile	=	1.85 kilometres
1 kilometre		=	0.62 statute mile	=	0.54 nautical mile
1 statute mile		=	1760 yards	=	5280 feet
1 nautical mile		=	2027 yards	=	6081 feet
1 kilometre		=	1094 yards	=	3282 feet
1 metre/sec		=	2.237 miles per hr	=	196.9 ft/min
1 acre		=	43560 sq feet	=	4840 sq yards
1 acre		=	4047 sq metres	=	0.40 hectare
1 hectare		=	107600 sq feet	=	11955 sq yards
1 hectare		=	10000 sq metres	=	2.47 acres
1 sq mile		=	640 acres	=	259 hectares
1 sq kilometre		=	247 acres	=	100 hectares
1 US gal		=	0.83 Imp gal	=	3.78 litres
1 Imp gal		=	1.20 US gals	=	4.54 litres
1 litre		=	0.26 US gal	=	0.22 Imp gal
1 US pint		=	16 US fl ounces	=	0.47 litres
1 Imp pint		=	20 Imp fl ounces	=	0.57 litre
1 US gal/acre		=	8 US pint/acre	=	9.45 litres/hectare
1 Imp gal/acre		=	8 Imp pints/acre	=	11.35 litres/hectare
1 litre/hectare		=	0.11 US gal/acre	=	0.081 Imp gal/acre
1 pound		=	16 ounces	=	0.45 kilogram
1 kilogram		=	2.20 pounds	=	35.3 ounces
1 ounce		=	28.35 grams		
1 pound/sq inch		=	0.068 atmosphere	=	0.067 bar
1 atmosphere		=	14.70 pounds/sq in	=	1.01 bar
1 bar		=	14.50 pounds/sq in	=	0.98 atmosphere
1 kilopascal		=	0.01 bar	=	0.145 pounds/sq in



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