Sprayer Calibration

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- Sometimes Much less!!!!
 - Telar 1oz per acre
 - Shark 2oz per acre



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- 1acre=little less than football field (no endzones)
 - (43,560^2 vs 48,000ft^2)
- Roundup-32 fl oz per acre
 - 1 quart = two pints
- Milestone- 7 fl oz/acre
 - 7 oz = Little more than ½ a can of beer
- Shark- 1oz
 - 1.5oz+shot of whiskey



- Three Reasons
 - One: Economics Pesticides are expensive....
 - Telar 1 oz = \$19.3
 - Milestone 7oz= \$17.7
 - Labor?? 14\$/hour Minimum wage....

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 - Label
 - Water, wildlife etc.

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- Carl Bell, Cheryl Wilen
- 80 Experienced Applicators
 - Backpack
 - Orchard Gun
 - Spot

Sprayer type	Mean GPA	GPA Range	1% glyphosate Gallons/acre
Backpack	41	10-100	0.41
Orchard Gun	127	24-352	1.3
Spot Spray	628	80-1560	6.3

Glyphosate-

- Keystone Pest Solution
 - 2.5 Gallons-\$99.00
 - 1%-1.6% V/V spot



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Roundup Pro Cost/Acre					
Gal/acre	1%	Dollars/ac	1.60%	Dollars/ac	
20	0.20	7.92	0.32	12.67	
40	0.40	15.84	0.64	25.34	
60	0.60	23.76	0.96	38.02	
80	0.80	31.68	1.28	50.69	
100	1.00	39.60	1.60	63.36	
150	1.50	59.40	2.40	95.04	
600	6.00	237.60	9.60	380.16	





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- Speed
- Pressure
- Orifice size



Step One

- Nozzle Selection
- What are you spraying?
 - Contact pesticide?
 - Systemic pesticide?
 - Target Gallons/acre?
 - Droplet Size?



Can you tell what flow rate this nozzle should deliver?

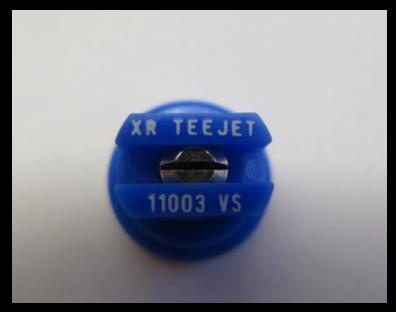


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This XR (extended range) flat fan nozzle is a 11003. It should deliver 0.3 gallons per minute at 40 psi with a spray angle of 110°. The VS stands for "visiflow", the nozzle body material (visiflow plastic).

Flow Rate

- Volume of liquid / Time
 - Nozzle orifice size
 - Number of nozzles
 - Pressure
 - Viscosity (oil vs water)





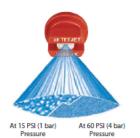
Typical Applications:

See selection guide on page 4 for recommended typical applications for XR TeeJet tips.

Features:

- Excellent spray distribution over a wide range of pressures—15–60 PSI (1–4 bar).
- Ideal for rigs equipped with sprayer controllers.
- Reduces drift at lower pressures, better coverage at higher pressures.
- Available in stainless steel, ceramic and polymer in 80° and 110° spray angles with VisiFlo* color-coding.

- Ceramic is available with corrosiveresistant polypropylene VisiFlo colorcoded tip holder in 80° capacities 03–08 and 110° capacities 02–08.
- XR110025 only available in VK.
- XR80025 and XR80035 only available in VS.
- Brass available in 110° only.
- Automatic spray alignment with 25612-*-NYR Quick TeeJet* cap and gasket. Reference page 64 for more information.
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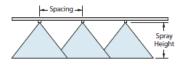






CONTACT PRODUCT	SYSTEMIC PRODUCT	DRIFT MANAGEMENT
EXCELLENT	GOOD	GOOD
GOOD*	VERY GOOD*	VERY GOOD*

^{*}At pressures below 30 PSI (2.0 bar)



Optimum Spray Height

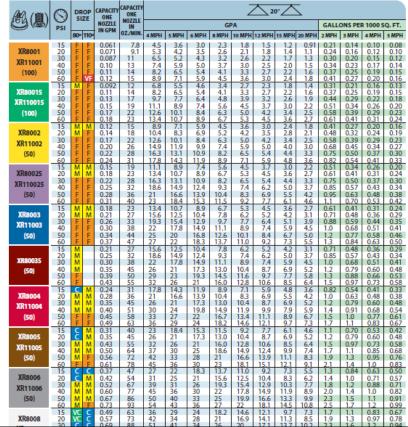
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80°	30"
110°	20"

How to order: Specify tip number.

Examples: XR8004VS

Stainless Steel with VisiFlo color-coding

The catalog has a lot of information on droplet size and gallons per acre -at a given pressure- at typical spacing and travel speeds.





Even if you have the manufacturer's listed rate from the catalog, it's still a good idea to measure the *actual* flow rate from the nozzle (why might these differ?)



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- Clogged nozzles
- Incorrect pressure
 - Faulty pressure gauge??
- Hose lengths





Tools you will need to measure flow rate.









Plus or minus 5%!

- Important to measure
- Average output of each nozzle
- Help detect worn/clogged nozzles

How to change flow rate?

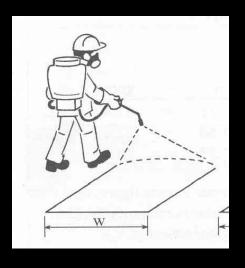
- Increase or decrease pressure
- Change nozzle orifice size

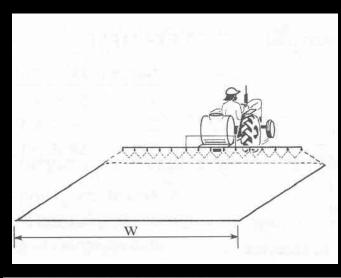
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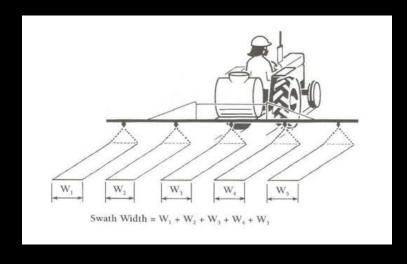
- Speed*Swath = land rate
- How fast you cover "land"

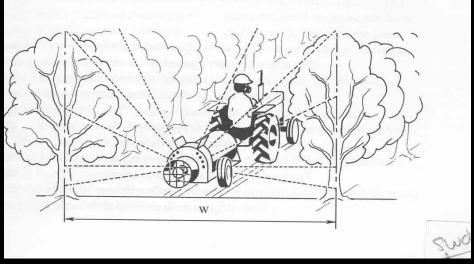


Swath measurements









Swath

- Effective boom width
 - Nozzle spacing
 - Number of nozzles
 - Example
 - 6 nozzle's*20 inch spacing=120inches=10 ft. boom width



Speed

- ATV/tractor-test speedometer
 - Drive over application area
 - Fill spray tank half full (exact volume known)
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- Walking consistent speed
 - Metronome



How to change land rate

- Alter speed
- Alter Swath



Application Rate

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- Gallons/acre
- Figure out how much pesticide to add to the tank!

- 180 gallon/tank=Tank Size
- 15 gallons/acre= Application volume
- Desired application rate= 1.5oz Telar/acre

How much Telar do you put in tank?



$$\frac{1 \, acre}{15 \, gallons} * \frac{180 \, gallons}{1 \, tank} =$$



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$$\frac{1.5 \ oz \ Telar}{1acre} * \frac{12 \ acres}{1 \ tank} = \frac{18oz \ Telar}{1 \ tank}$$





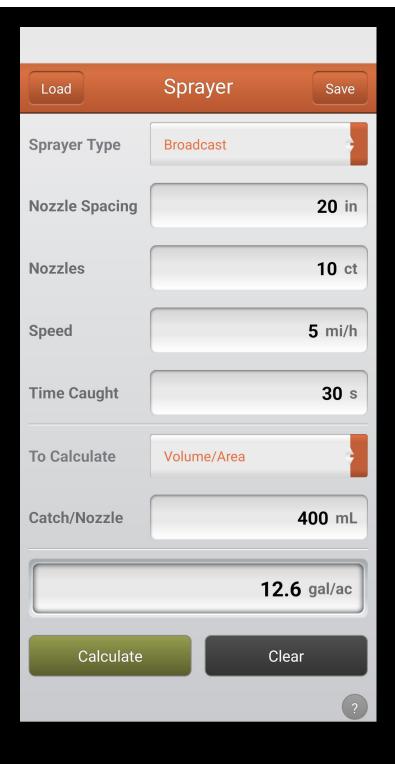
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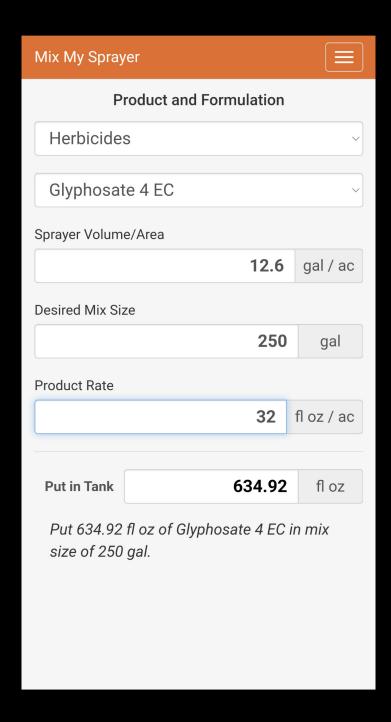
With a few of these apps on your phone or tablet, you should be able to quickly work through some common spraying hang-ups. By making sure that your sprayer is properly calibrated and the correct amounts of products are in the tank you can breathe easier knowing that you have one less thing to worry about.

	Company / Organization	iPhone	iPad	Android
Sprayer Calibration				
Calibrate My Sprayer	Clemson University	x	x	x
Sprayer Calibration Calculator	Univ. of Illinois	x	x	x
Ag Tools	Noble Research Institute	x	x	x
Nozzle Selection				
Spray Tips Guide	AgPhD / Hypro	x	x	x
SpraySelect	TeeJet	x	x	
NozzleCalc	GreenLeaf	x	x	x
Spray It	Нурго	x		x
Nozzle Select	John Deere	x	x	x
Hardi Nozzles(IOS) / HARDI(Android)	Hardi	x		x
TipWizard	Wilger	x	×	x
Mixing and Loading				
TankCalc US	Syngenta	x		
TankMix	DuPont	x		
Tank Mix Calculator	FarmLogic	x	x	x
Mix My Sprayer	Clemson University	x	x	x

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Outside

- Calibrate Backpack
 - Principles will work for all sprayers
- Calibrate where you will be spraying!
 - In the field
 - Too the vegetation
 - Ground vs 3 ft. tall



- 1 Acre = 43560 ft^2
- 1 gallon = 128oz
- 43560/128 = 340 ft^2
- So number of oz used to cover 340 ft^2 = Gallons/acre!
- Time application, and collect liquid



No math

$$\frac{44oz}{340.31 ft^{2}} * \frac{1gallon}{128oz} * \frac{42560ft^{2}}{1 acre} =$$



No math

$$\frac{440z}{340.31} * \frac{1gallon}{1280z} * \frac{42560ft^2}{1} = \frac{44 \ gal}{1}$$



How else can you get 340 ft^2?



• 10 feet*34 feet =340



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- What about bigger sprayers?
- 20 inch spacing
- 20/12=1.66666 feet
- 340/1.66666=204 feet



- 20 inch spacing
- Seconds to travel 204 feet
- Collect spray volume 1 nozzle
- Number oz=gallons per acre



Data to collect ATV

- Land Rate
 - ATV Speed
 - ATV Swath width
- Flow Rate
 - Pressure
 - Nozzle size
 - Nozzle output per minute
 - Three nozzles- average output
 - +- 5%



Data to collect for backpack

- Math less! kinda...
- 43,560ft^2 in acre
- 128 oz in gallon
- 43560/280=340ft.^2
- Time to spray 18.5*18.5 area (304 ft.^2)
- Volume sprayed over time



Outside!

Conversions you may find useful

- 1 mile=5280 ft.
- 1 acre=43560 ft^2
- 1 gallon=128 fl oz
- 1 oz=29.57 ml
- 1 hour= 3600 seconds



ATV Sprayer

- Speed?
- 100 feet- how fast in seconds?

We are interested in Area....



ATV Sprayer

- Boom Width
 - 3 nozzles
 - 20 inch Spacing
 - 3*20=60 inches
 - 60 inches=5 foot spray width
- Area Sprayed
 - 100 ft. long
 - 5 ft. wide
 - 500 Sq feet area sprayed in X seconds



Flow Rate

- 15 seconds collect nozzles
 - (go to excel sheet to do math)
 - Note pad



Lots of worksheets you can use



Sprayer Calibration

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Grower: Sprayer: Date:

Universal Equation (This formula works for all applications)

Application Rate (gal./sq. ft.) = Flow Rate (gal./min.) ÷

Land Rate: speed (ft./min.) x width (ft.)

Application Rate (gal./acre)= Flow Rate (gal./min.) ÷
Land Rate (acre/min.)

Swath width must correlate to the coverage of the nozzle flow rate measured.

1. Calculate Flow Rate (gal./min.)

1A. Using the charts from the manufacturer's catalog

Manifold	Nozzle	Nozzle	PSI:	Actual PSI:
left or re	t. Type	size	CATALOG Rated Output	(gal/min) ACTUAL Output (gal/min)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
	TOTAL g	al/min =	gal./1 Catalog total flow	

1B. Measure actual sprayer output

- 1. Park sprayer on level ground
- Fill tank about 1/2 full
- 3. Turn on sprayer with nozzles open and adjust pressure to operating pressure
- 4. Open nozzle, place cup underneath to catch the flow

- Fill sprayer half way
- Spray area
- Measure how much liquid was used!

- Tractor sprayer
 - 30 ft. boom
 - 20 inch spacing
 - 18 nozzles
 - 11004 flat fan
 - 250 gallon tank
- Want to spray 2 qt's Roundup/acre over 160 acres

- Book says
 - 40 PSI
 - 11004 Nozzle will flow at .4 gallons per minute
 - 12.8oz -15 seconds
 - 24 gallons/acre at 5mph

- Fill tank half way up- spray for 300 feet
- Takes 42 seconds

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- Land rate= 30 ft boom* 300 ft/ 42 seconds
- Land rate= 9000ft^2/42seconds

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- 5.5 gallons sprayed
- So flow rate= 5.5 gallons/42 seconds

- So application rate?
- Land rate= 9000ft^2/42seconds
- So flow rate= 5.5 gallons/42 seconds
- 1 acre=42,560ft^2

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\frac{5.5 \ gallons}{42 \ seconds} * \frac{42 \ seconds}{9000 ft^2} * \frac{43,560 ft^2}{1acre} =
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Stationary Method

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- $\frac{1 \, second}{7.333 \, feet}$ *204 feet=27.8 seconds
- On 20 inch spacing, 5 miles per hour, need to collect liquid for 27.8 seconds to get sprayer output

