



# ATRIMMEC® PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR

**For Systemic Chemical  
Pinching & Pruning  
of Ornamental Plants**



**ACTIVE INGREDIENT:**  
Dikegulac-sodium (Sodium salt of  
2,3:4,6-bis-O-(1-methylethylidene)-  
α-L-xyllo-2-hexulofuranosonic  
acid) ..... 18.5%  
**INERT INGREDIENTS:** ..... 81.5%  
TOTAL 100.0%

Contains 1.67 lb. dikegulac-sodium per gallon or  
200 grams active ingredient per liter.

Contains 17% equivalent of the free acid.

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## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN CAUTION

See below for additional  
Precautionary Statements  
and Statement of  
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OBSERVE ALL PRECAUTIONS AND  
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.**

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### Hazards to Humans & Domestic Animals

**CAUTION:** May be harmful if inhaled. Avoid breathing spray mist. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of contact immediately flush eyes or skin with plenty of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists. Do not use on food or fodder crops.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Applicators and other handlers must wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants, waterproof gloves, and shoes plus socks. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry.

#### User Safety Recommendations

##### Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.

#### Environmental Hazards

For terrestrial uses, do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment washwater.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

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

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

### AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard 40 CFR part 170.

This standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted-entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

For early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil, or water, wear: coveralls, waterproof gloves, and shoes plus socks.

### STORAGE & DISPOSAL

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

**Storage:** Store in original container in a locked storage area. Keep from freezing. To prevent cross-contamination, do not store near other pesticides, fertilizers, seeds, food or feed.

**Pesticide Disposal:** Wastes resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility.

**Container Disposal: For plastic containers:** Triple rinse (or equivalent). Then offer for recycling or reconditioning, or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or incineration, or, if allowed, by state and local authorities, by burning. If burned, stay out of smoke.

### ATRIMMEC® PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR IS EASY TO USE

- Mix with water in a well-rinsed sprayer. Finished spray should be used the same day it is prepared. Do not mix ATRIMMEC with fertilizers or other chemicals.
- A surfactant is incorporated in the product. No additional wetting agent is needed.
- Plant foliage should be dry when spray is applied.
- On very hot, sunny days, spray preferably early in the morning or late in the afternoon.
- Spray entire plant until wet. Thorough coverage of foliage is the key to good results.
- Avoid spray drift to neighboring plants.
- After spray has dried, respraying may overdose previously treated plants. Be careful to avoid overlapping treatment of plants.
- If treated plants are subject to rainfall or overhead irrigation within 6 hours after spraying, effectiveness may be reduced.
- Trimming after applying ATRIMMEC may interfere with the action of the product.

### ATRIMMEC FOR GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY CROPS

#### WHAT ATRIMMEC DOES

ATRIMMEC is a systemic plant growth regulator applied as a foliar spray that reduces or breaks apical dominance and enhances lateral branching.

ATRIMMEC is absorbed through the leaves and translocated to the shoot tips. Pinching effect is limited to sprayed branches.

ATRIMMEC will chemically pinch unpruned shoots and will also increase branching of trimmed shoots.

ATRIMMEC produces full, well-branched plants with more abundant bloom.

ATRIMMEC reduces the need for mechanical pinching and pruning.

#### CONSIDERATIONS WHEN USING ATRIMMEC FOR GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY CROPS

- Best response is obtained on lush spring growth or under good growing conditions. Avoid treating plants under cool weather conditions or extremely hot summer temperatures.

- Plants must be well rooted and actively growing. Do not treat wilted or dormant plants. Plants must be healthy and not under stress from drought, nutritional deficiency or disease. Avoid treating plants under conditions favoring root disease, such as standing water in poorly drained soil.
- ATRIMMEC should be applied on shorter, more tender new shoots than usually considered appropriate for hand pinching.
- For optimal results, remove any flower buds or flowers present, and trim all long shoots.
- ATRIMMEC is best absorbed by fully developed leaves. If plants have been heavily pruned at least two pairs of expanded leaves should remain on each shoot.
- For best results use ATRIMMEC on rooted cuttings or young liners. One application is usually sufficient to get good frame branching. Subsequent pinching of older plants can be done with ATRIMMEC to further improve branching.
- In frost-susceptible regions, the final treatment should be made sufficiently early in the season so that the new growth will harden off before frost.
- Overdosing with ATRIMMEC may result in marked chlorosis, necrotic terminal shoots and delayed regrowth. Underdosing may result in little or no pinching effect.

#### AFTER TREATING PLANTS WITH ATRIMMEC

- Allow sufficient time for the chemical pinching response. There is no visible effect for the first 7 to 10 days. Trimming or hand pinching after applying ATRIMMEC may interfere with the action of the product.
- One to two weeks after treatment, the terminal growth and young leaves will often show distinct yellowing or chlorosis. This is normal and indicates ATRIMMEC is working. This effect is transient and cannot be stopped by giving additional nutrients.
- ATRIMMEC-treated plants will not grow for some weeks and thus will require less fertilizer and water than hand-pinched plants, until the axillary buds break and new growth begins. Do not overfertilize and overwater during this period.
- If growing conditions favor disease, make preventive fungicide applications.
- Give the plants enough space and light for new shoots to develop after axillary buds have broken.
- Cuttings taken from ATRIMMEC-treated plants root and grow normally.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY ORNAMENTALS (TABLE 1)

Suggested use rates of ATRIMMEC vary with different species (Table 1). Where a dosage range is given, use a concentration in the lower part of the indicated range for tender, sensitive varieties; use a concentration in the higher part of the suggested range for vigorous, rank-growing varieties or if temporary retardation of growth is desired.

Sprays should be applied *either* to unpinched shoots when they reach 1 to 3 inches (3 to 8 cm) long *or* to trimmed plants within 3 days after cutting back new growth. Most plants should be treated only once per year.

Spray entire plant until wet. Thorough coverage of foliage is the key to good results. One gallon of finished spray solution covers 400 to 600 sq. ft. (1 liter per 10 to 15 sq. meters).

**TABLE 1  
CHEMICAL PINCHING OF  
GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY CROPS**

SPECIES OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	fl. ozs. per gal.	approx. ml/liter
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> .....	½	4
<i>Acacia farnesiana</i> — Sweet acacia .....	1	8
<i>Aeschynanthus</i> — Lipstick vine .....	½ to ¾	2½ to 5
Arborvitae — <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> .....	¼	2
Azaleas (Rhododendron hybrids) .....	2 to 4	15 to 30
Start treating rooted cuttings. Greenhouse azaleas may be treated several times during the first year of growth. For the final pinch treat no later than early July to avoid delayed bud development and subsequent bloom.		
<i>Begonia</i> — Elatior hybrids.		
<i>Begonia x cheimantha</i> .....	½ to 1	4 to 8
Treat unpinched plants with 2 to 3 inch (5-8 cm) long shoots 8 to 10 weeks before finishing for sale. Rooted leaf cuttings can also be treated.		
Bottlebrush — <i>Callistemon lanceolatus</i> .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
Bougainvillea — <i>Bougainvillea</i> spp. ....	1	8
<i>Buddleia</i> spp. — Butterfly bush .....	½ to 1	2½ to 8
<i>Callistemon lanceolatus</i> — Bottlebrush .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
Cherry-laurel — <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Cissus</i> spp. — Grape ivy .....	½ to 1	4 to 8

**TABLE 1 (Continued)  
CHEMICAL PINCHING OF  
GREENHOUSE AND NURSERY CROPS**

SPECIES OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	fl. ozs. per gal.	approx. ml/liter
<i>Clerodendrum</i> spp. — Glorybower .....	¾ to 1½	5 to 10
<i>Cleyera japonica</i> .....	2	16
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp. ....	½ to 1	4 to 8
Crape myrtle — <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
For miniature crape myrtle varieties, use 1 fl. oz. of ATRIMMEC per gallon.		
<i>Elaeagnus</i> spp. ....	1 to 1½	8 to 12
<i>Eugenia myrtifolia</i> .....	1 to 1½	8 to 12
<i>Euonymus</i> spp. ....	¾ to 1	4 to 8
<i>Fatsyhedera lizei</i> .....	¾ to 1	6 to 8
<i>Forsythia</i> spp. ....	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Fuchsia</i> hybrids .....	½ to 1½	4 to 12
Treat rooted cuttings with 2 to 3 pairs of leaves or as soon as branching becomes desirable, but not later than 10 to 12 weeks before finishing for sale.		
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> .....	1½ to 3	12 to 24
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
Glorybower — <i>Clerodendrum</i> spp. ....	¾ to 1½	5 to 10
Grape ivy — <i>Cissus</i> spp. ....	½ to 1	4 to 8
<i>Hedera helix</i> — English ivy .....	1	8
Holly — <i>Ilex</i> spp. ....	¾ to 2½	5 to 20
To induce branching treat vegetative growth in early spring.		
To prevent berry set on Japanese holly, <i>Ilex crenata</i> , use ¾ to 1½ fl. oz. of ATRIMMEC per gallon at any time from prebloom, tight bud stage through midbloom.		
Ivy, English — <i>Hedera helix</i> .....	1	8
Ivy, Geranium — <i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> .....	1	8
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. — Juniper .....	¼ to ½	2 to 4
<i>Kalanchoe</i> hybrids .....	¾ to 1½	5 to 12
To induce lateral branching, more compact growth with a greater number of inflorescences, treat 2 days after pinching the main shoot.		
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> — Crape myrtle .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
For miniature crape myrtle varieties use 1 fl. oz. ATRIMMEC per gallon.		
<i>Lantana camara</i> .....	½ to 1	4 to 8
<i>Ligustrum</i> spp. — Privet .....	½ to 1	4 to 8
Lipstick vine — <i>Aeschynanthus</i> spp. ....	½ to ¾	2½ to 5
Oleander — <i>Nerium oleander</i> .....	1 to 1½	8 to 12
<i>Osmanthus</i> spp. ....	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Pachystachys lutea</i> — Shrimp plant .....	½ to 1	4 to 8
Treat 1 day after mechanical pinching.		
<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> — Ivy geranium .....	1	8
<i>Photinia fraseri</i> .....	2 to 4	15 to 30
After mechanical pinching or trimming apply two treatments at a 10 to 14 day interval to induce lateral bud break.		
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i> .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
Privet — <i>Ligustrum</i> spp. ....	½ to 1	4 to 8
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> — Cherry-laurel .....	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i> .....	2 to 3	16 to 24
<i>Raphiolepis indica</i> .....	1½ to 2½	12 to 20
Apply a single treatment or two treatments at a 10 to 14 day interval to induce lateral bud break.		
<i>Schefflera arboricola</i> .....	2	16
Shrimp plant — <i>Pachystachys lutea</i> .....	½ to 1	4 to 8
Treat 1 day after mechanical pinching.		
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> — Arborvitae .....	¼	2
<i>Verbena</i> hybrids .....	½ to ¾	2½ to 5
Treat unpinched seedlings, or plants from cuttings 1 day after manual pinching.		
<i>Viburnum</i> spp. ....	1½ to 2	12 to 16
<i>Xylosma</i> spp. ....	1½ to 2	12 to 16

#### NON-AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

The requirements in this box apply to use of this product that are NOT within the scope of the Worker Protection Standard for agricultural pesticides (40 CFR Part 170). The WPS applies when this product is used to produce agricultural plants on farms, forests, nurseries, or greenhouses.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application.

#### ATRIMMEC — For Landscape Maintenance

##### WHAT ATRIMMEC DOES

ATRIMMEC is a growth retardant for use on hedges, shrubs, trees and groundcovers. It can also be used on certain trees and shrubs to prevent flowering and fruit set.

ATRIMMEC is a systemic plant growth regulator usually applied as a foliar spray. It is absorbed by the leaves and translocated to the shoot tips. Growth retardant effect is limited to sprayed branches.

ATRIMMEC solutions may also be injected into the trunks of larger trees to retard growth of certain broadleaf species along rights-of-way, city streets, parks, and other areas where there is need for reducing the frequency of manual pruning.

ATRIMMEC temporarily stops shoot elongation and promotes lateral branching. This reduces the need for trimming and pruning. It can also improve the appearance of landscape ornamentals by gradually filling in growth and providing a more uniform, compact shape.

### CONSIDERATIONS WHEN USING ATRIMMEC FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

#### LOOKING FOR A FORMAL APPEARANCE?

Trim the shrub or groundcover to shape, leaving at least two pairs of expanded leaves on each shoot to absorb the spray. Apply ATRIMMEC within three days.

#### LOOKING FOR A MORE NATURAL APPEARANCE?

Either trim only the long, wild shoots and immediately apply ATRIMMEC spray or trim shrub or groundcover to shape, allow the new shoots to grow at least two inches (5 cm), and then apply ATRIMMEC spray.

#### RESPONSES WITH ATRIMMEC

After an application of ATRIMMEC in spring, plants can usually be maintained in acceptable shape for a full season. Under extremely good growing conditions or in areas with a long growing season, two treatments per year may be considered on certain species. However, in areas with a short growing season only a single spring treatment is recommended.

Plants must be well rooted and actively growing. Do not treat wilted or dormant plants. Plants must be healthy and not under stress from drought, nutritional deficiency or disease. Avoid treating slow growing plants under cool weather conditions or extremely hot summer temperatures.

Best response is obtained on lush spring growth or under good growing conditions.

Temporary reduction or suppression of flowering may be observed in shrubs and groundcovers such as alyssum, oleander, star jasmine and gazania, but normal bloom returns 3 to 6 weeks after spraying.

Chlorosis of the growing tip and terminal growth may occur a few weeks after the spraying of some species. This is usually transient but may persist up to 6 weeks on certain shrubs such as forsythia, oleander and privet. Fully expanded foliage is not affected.

Overdosing with ATRIMMEC may result in marked chlorosis and necrotic terminal shoots. Underdosing may result in little or no growth retardant effect.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GROWTH CONTROL OF LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS (TABLE 2)

Suggested use rates of ATRIMMEC vary with different species (Table 2). Where a dosage range is given, use a concentration in the lower part of the indicated range for tender, sensitive varieties; use a concentration in the higher part of the suggested range for vigorous, rank-growing varieties.

Spray volume will vary with the size of plants and amount of foliage. Spray to wet. On hedges, shrubs and groundcovers one gallon of finished spray solution covers 400 to 600 sq. ft. (1 liter per 10 to 15 sq. meters). Small trees up to 16 ft. (5 meters) tall require 1 to 5 gallons (5 to 20 liters) per tree. Larger trees 20 to 30 ft. (6 to 9 meters) in height will require 10 to 15 gallons (40 to 60 liters) of finished spray solution per tree. Thorough coverage provides the best results.

**TABLE 2**  
**GROWTH CONTROL OF**  
**LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS**

SPECIES OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	fl. ozs. per gal.	approx. ml/liter
Arborvitae ( <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> )	1	8
Abelia ( <i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> )	1	8
Alyssum ( <i>Alyssum</i> spp.)	2	16
Ash, Arizona or Velvet ( <i>Fraxinus velutina</i> )	1 to 2	8 to 16
Ash, Shamel ( <i>Fraxinus uhdei</i> )	1 to 2	8 to 16
Barberry ( <i>Berberis</i> spp.)	1	8
Bottlebrush ( <i>Callistemon</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24

**TABLE 2 (Continued)**  
**GROWTH CONTROL OF**  
**LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS**

SPECIES OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	fl. ozs. per gal.	approx. ml/liter
Bougainvillea ( <i>Bougainvillea</i> spp.)	2	16
Temporary suppression of flowering may be observed 3 to 6 weeks after spraying		
<i>Buddleia</i> spp. (Butterfly bush)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Butterfly bush ( <i>Buddleia</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Callistemon</i> spp. (Bottlebrush)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Cape honeysuckle ( <i>Tecomaria capensis</i> )	2 to 3	16 to 24
Cherry-laurel ( <i>Prunus</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Cotoneaster ( <i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Crataegus</i> spp. (Hawthorn)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Cypress ( <i>Cupressus</i> spp.)	1	8
Elaeagnus ( <i>Elaeagnus</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Elm, Chinese ( <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> )	2	16
Elm, Siberian ( <i>Ulmus pumila</i> )	1 to 2	8 to 16
Euonymus ( <i>Euonymus</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Eugenia ( <i>Eugenia myrtifolia</i> )	2	16
Ficus ( <i>Ficus repens</i> )	2 to 3	16 to 24
Fig, Laurel ( <i>Ficus nitida</i> )	2	16
Firethorn ( <i>Pyracantha</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Forsythia ( <i>Forsythia</i> spp.)	2	16
Treat only spring growth. Summer treatments may retard flower bud set and development		
<i>Fraxinus velutina</i> (Arizona or Velvet Ash)	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i> (Shamel Ash)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Gazania ( <i>Gazania</i> spp.)	2	16
Hardy orange ( <i>Poncirus trifoliata</i> )	2	16
Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
<i>Hedera canariensis</i> (Algerian Ivy)	2 to 3	16 to 24
<i>Hedera helix</i> (English Ivy)	2	16
Holly ( <i>Ilex</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Use 3 fl. oz. of ATRIMMEC per gallon for growth control of Yaupon holly ( <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> )		
Avoid spraying Japanese holly ( <i>Ilex crenata</i> ) just before or during the flowering period if berry display is desired.		
Honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera</i> spp.)	3	24
Ivy, Algerian ( <i>Hedera canariensis</i> )	3	24
Ivy, English ( <i>Hedera helix</i> )	2 to 3	16 to 24
Jasmine, Star ( <i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i> )	2	16
Orange jessamine ( <i>Murraya paniculata</i> )	2	16
Juniper ( <i>Juniperus</i> spp.)	1	8
Lantana ( <i>Lantana camara</i> )	1 to 2	8 to 16
Ligustrum ( <i>Ligustrum</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Use 2 fl. oz. of ATRIMMEC per gallon on waxleaf privet ( <i>Ligustrum japonica</i> "Texanum")		
Lippia, Creeping ( <i>Phyla nodiflora canescens</i> )	2	16
<i>Lonicera</i> spp. (Honeysuckle)	3	24
<i>Morus alba</i> (Mulberry)	2	16
Mulberry, White ( <i>Morus alba</i> )	2	16
<i>Murraya paniculata</i> (Orange Jessamine)	2	16
Oleander ( <i>Nerium oleander</i> )	1 to 2	8 to 16
Osmanthus ( <i>Osmanthus</i> spp.)	2	16
Periwinkle ( <i>Vinca minor</i> )	2	16
Photinia, Red tip ( <i>Photinia fraseri</i> )	3	24
Pittosporum ( <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> )	2	16
Podocarpus, Yew ( <i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> )	2	16
<i>Poncirus trifoliata</i> (Hardy Orange)	2	16
Privet ( <i>Ligustrum</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Use 2 fl. oz. of ATRIMMEC per gallon on waxleaf privet ( <i>Ligustrum japonica</i> "Texanum")		
<i>Prunus</i> spp. (Cherry-laurel)	2 to 3	16 to 24
Raphiolepis ( <i>Raphiolepis indica</i> )	2 to 3	16 to 24
<i>Tecomaria</i> ( <i>Tecomaria capensis</i> )	2 to 3	16 to 24
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> (Arborvitae)	1	8
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i> (Star Jasmine)	2	16
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> (Chinese Elm)	2	16
<i>Ulmus pumila</i> (Siberian Elm)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Viburnum ( <i>Viburnum</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24
<i>Vinca minor</i> (Periwinkle)	2	16
Willow ( <i>Salix</i> spp.)	1 to 2	8 to 16
Xylosma ( <i>Xylosma</i> spp.)	2 to 3	16 to 24

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPRESSION OF FLOWER AND FRUIT FORMATION (TABLE 3)

ATRIMMEC spray applied prebloom or during the flowering period of certain ornamentals reduces or eliminates bloom and prevents fruit set.

Certain landscape trees and shrubs are allergenic during bloom. Ripe fruit falling on sidewalks, streets and parked cars present a difficult clean-up problem which can often be reduced or prevented with a single spray treatment.

The spray concentration and timing of treatments are given in Table 3 for each species of tree or shrub. ATRIMMEC treatment is generally ineffective for these purposes after fruit has begun to set.

Foliar injury may occur if ATRIMMEC is applied to drought-stressed trees. Treat healthy, vigorously growing trees only.

Complete spray coverage is essential for good results. See suggested spray volumes indicated for growth control of landscape ornamentals.

**TABLE 3  
SUPPRESSION OF  
FLOWER AND FRUIT FORMATION**

SPECIES OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	fl. ozs. per gal.	approx. ml/liter
Olive, ornamental ( <i>Olea europaea</i> ) . . . . .	2½ to 5	20 to 40
Treat at any time from prebloom period after floral rachis has elongated about ½ inch (1.3 cm) through early bloom. Best results are obtained in early spring during the tight bud stage of the prebloom period.		
Privet, glossy ( <i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> ) . . . . .	¾ to 1½	5 to 12
Treat when flower parts have elongated 1 to 3 inches (2.5 to 7.5 cm), since subsequent vegetative growth will cover the dead floral rachis and maintain satisfactory appearance. Treatment at a later stage when flower parts are 4 to 6 inches (5 to 15 cm) leaves the dead floral parts visible for the remainder of the season.		
Rose, multiflora ( <i>Rosa multiflora</i> ) . . . . .	¾ to 1½	5 to 12
Apply ATRIMMEC at any time from the prebloom period when plants are in full foliage and flower buds have formed through early bloom (10 to 15% bloom).		
Holly Japanese ( <i>Ilex crenata</i> ) . . . . .	¾ to 1½	5 to 12
To prevent berry set apply at any time from prebloom, tight bud stage through midbloom.		

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO RETARD GROWTH OF TREES BY TRUNK INJECTIONS (TABLE 4)**

ATRIMMEC may be used to retard growth of certain broadleaf tree species along utility rights-of-way, city streets, parks, and other areas where there is a need for reducing the frequency of manual pruning. Tree growth is highly variable depending upon species, location, climatic factors, environmental conditions, and it is recommended that users establish by testing on a limited number of trees the best rates to produce the desired growth reduction under local growing conditions before large scale tree injection programs are pursued. For control of growth, solutions of ATRIMMEC are injected into the tree trunk as described below.

**TIMING OF INJECTION**

On deciduous trees, best results are obtained when winter trimmed or untrimmed trees are injected with ATRIMMEC solution after the first flush of leaves is ¾ to fully developed and before shoot growth begins. Broadleaf evergreens may be treated during seasonal flushes of growth.

**MIXING**

Pour the amount of ATRIMMEC indicated (Table 4) into a partially filled tank, then add the necessary quantity of water to complete the desired volume of solution for injection.

**EQUIPMENT**

Best results are obtained when the total volume of injected ATRIMMEC is distributed evenly throughout the tree. The pressurized injection system developed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Nursery Crop Research Laboratory, Delaware, Ohio (G. K. Brown — 1978 *Journal of Arboriculture* 4:7-13) has proven effective for injection of ATRIMMEC.

**INJECTION TECHNIQUES**

Trees that are 6 to 16 inches in DBH (diameter breast height) require 3 injection holes equally spaced around the tree trunk. Trees greater than 16 inches DBH require 6 injection holes. Holes should be in the zone between root flare and about 40 inches above the ground.

Drill injection holes horizontally into the trunk, so that the growth regulator will be injected into the outer sapwood to facilitate rapid uptake. Injection holes should not penetrate the wood more than 2½ inches and drill size should not exceed 7/32 inch. Use injection pressures of 100 to 200 psi to achieve rapid uptake of solution. Do not exceed pressure of 200 psi.

**CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC AND VOLUME INJECTED DILUTE SOLUTIONS**

ATRIMMEC at the rates indicated for each tree species should be diluted with water to the required volume for injections.

When tree crown or leaf area is considered larger than normal, use concentrations in the higher part of the suggested range. For trees with very small crowns or leaf area, concentrations in the lower part of the suggested range should be used.

The volume of ATRIMMEC dilute solution injected is dependent upon the tree size. The total injection volume (TIV) of ATRIMMEC solution is determined by measuring the diameter of the tree at breast height (DBH) and utilizing one of the following formulas:

	Number of injection holes required	Total injection volume in ml (TIV)	Volume per injection hole
For trees 6-16 inches DBH	3	TIV = (DBH)² x 1.59	TIV / 3
For trees greater than 16 inches DBH	6	TIV = DBH x 25.25	TIV / 6

**CONCENTRATE SOLUTION**

More concentrated solutions of ATRIMMEC can be used for tree injection. These are prepared by increasing the amount of ATRIMMEC per unit volume by 2 to 4 times the amount recommended for dilute injection solutions and by reducing the TIV by a proportionate amount. The highest suggested concentration for tree injection is a 4X concentration in ¼ the volume calculated for dilute solutions.

**PRECAUTIONS**

Do not inject ATRIMMEC into drought-stressed trees or trees that do not appear healthy. Do not inject ATRIMMEC into bearing fruit or nut trees or sugar maple trees tapped for sugar.

**TABLE 4  
GROWTH CONTROL OF TREES BY TRUNK INJECTION**

SPECIES OF TREE	CONCENTRATION OF ATRIMMEC IN WATER	
	ml of ATRIMMEC diluted with water to 1 liter	fl. oz. ATRIMMEC diluted with water to 1 gallon
Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> ) . . . . .	60 to 90	8 to 12
London planetree ( <i>Platanus acerifolia</i> ) . . . . .	60 to 90	8 to 12
Bigleaf, Norway, Red and Silver maples ( <i>Acer macrophyllum, A. platanoides, A. rubrum and A. saccharinum</i> ) . . . . .	60 to 90	8 to 12
Eucalyptus ( <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.) . . . . .	60 to 90	8 to 12
( <i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i> ) . . . . .	30 to 60	4 to 8
Cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> ) . . . . .	60 to 90	8 to 12
Shamel ash ( <i>Fraxinus uhdei</i> ) . . . . .	175 to 250	23 to 32
Hackberry ( <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> ) . . . . .	225 to 375	30 to 50
Water oak ( <i>Quercus nigra</i> ) . . . . .	250 to 500	32 to 64

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