

Pistol – Frequently Asked Questions

How quickly will Pistol work?

The weed “knockdown” process takes 7-14 days, depending on weed species.

How long will Pistol last?

Pistol will prevent weed germination up to six months and sometimes more depending on soil type.

I have weeds in gravel; can I use Pistol on them?

Pistol is approved for use on any permeable surface, including gravel, ballast overlying soil.

Can I apply Pistol around trees and shrubs?

Pistol is fine to be used around mature trees and shrubs. Use a spray shield if necessary to protect any green tissue.

Should I clear the area before applying the product?

It is not recommended to clear the area before application as the product must be absorbed by the leaves in order to control them.

When should I use Pistol?

At any time when the weeds are actively growing, ideally March to September.

Can I apply Pistol to bare soil?

Yes Pistol can be applied to bare soil, but not recommended in drought or very dry conditions as results could be impaired.

Can I re-seed after application?

Pistol is not recommended for use in areas that are to be re-seeded.

Can I cultivate the soil after application?

Pistol is intended for soil not intended to bear vegetation and should only be applied to areas where the soil is to remain relatively untouched after application. To disturb the soil would allow weeds the opportunity to germinate through the herbicide “barrier.”

Pistol needs LERAP B what is this?

UK scheme known as ‘Local Environment Risk Assessment for Pesticides’ (LERAP) by which certain pesticides have an aquatic buffer zone requirement when applied by horizontal boom or broadcast air-assisted sprayers. To reduce the buffer zone width, there is a legal obligation to carry out and record a LERAP assessment

Is Pistol safe to animals?

There is no risk to animals that walk on to the sprayed area.

How long can I keep Pistol before I use it?

Providing the product is stored in a frost free environment the product will remain good to use for two years after its date of production.

How about deep rooted perennials?

Established weeds such as dock, dandelion & thistles should be treated post emergence as this will utilise Pistol's knockdown and residual action and control these difficult weeds much better.

Why is there a wide variation in water volumes required?

The more dense the weed growth, the higher the water volume when spraying to “run off”. Smaller weeds and bare soil require less water volume in order to achieve control.

Can I use Pistol in showery weather?

Pistol is rainfast within one hour of application.