



Technical Information



Xemium®: The New Standard of Fungicidal Seed Protection



Growers worldwide require healthy crop plants from the start, ensuring good quality and greater yields. BASF now offers a new family of seed-coating products based on *Xemium*, which is the latest innovation to emerge from our fungicide research program. In numerous field trials carried out around the globe, *Xemium* has been highly effective in protecting cereals, corn, soybeans, cotton, and many other crops from a wide range of pathogens.

Our innovative **Xemium** technology sets a new standard of fungicidal seed-based protection. **Xemium**-containing products can be easily used to coat seeds, setting a new benchmark in controlling a wide range of diseases that afflict various crops. Another reason why **Xemium** is so effective is that it exhibits outstanding mobility in both the plant and its roots.



Xemium: Mode of Action



The active ingredient **Xemium**, is a succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor (SDHI). It belongs to the chemical class of carboxamides, compounds that are potent inhibitors of Complex II, a crucial enzyme in the mitochondrial respiratory chain of fungal pathogens. Inhibiting this enzyme causes cellular ATP levels to rapidly decrease – thus enabling highly effective and selective control of fungi. Its molecular structure includes a trifluoro-biphenyl group, which enables **Xemium** to spread throughout the plant with unique speed and efficiency.

3D model of Xemium



Xemium®: Physical and Chemical Properties

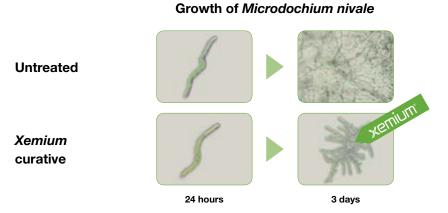
Trade name:	Xemium	
Proposed common name:	Fluxapyroxad	
Molecular weight:	381.31 g/mol	
Formula:	C ₁₈ H ₁₂ F ₅ N ₃ O	
Water solubility:	3.4 mg/L (20° C)	
Log P _{ow} :	3.1 (mean value)	
Odor:	odorless	
Melting point:	157° C	
Density:	1.42 g/cm ³	

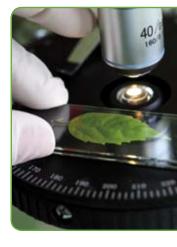


The physical and chemical properties of **Xemium** permit easy formulation and seed-coating. Based on our experience, **Xemium** can also be readily combined with other active ingredients.

Xemium: Effects on Fungal Development

Xemium controls a wide range of fungal development stages for a broad range of pathogens. For example, it inhibits spore germination and mycelium growth in developing fungi.





In vitro tests on Microdochium nivale

Source: Agar spores; 24 hours of curative treatment with 0.023 mg/ml of Xemium; BASF SE, Dr. Speakman, 2011

Xemium[®]: Characteristics



The unique molecular properties of **Xemium** make it readily available to the plant. After being taken up, **Xemium** enters the transpiration stream and travels throughout the plant with the water flow. This plant-wide distribution, together with its high activity level, ensures protection from the first developmental stages – thus providing reliable, consistent disease control. Seed treatment with **Xemium** and resulting control of disease will contribute to a better stand, which is a foundation for a healthier crop and yield.

Xemium has exhibited excellent translocation in various leaf and root stages in both monoand dicotyledonous crops. It is continuously distributed throughout the root mass, protecting the entire system and resulting in stronger roots.

Xemium controls a very broad range of fungal pathogens belonging to the following major classes: *Ascomycetes, Basidiomycetes, Deuteromycetes, and Zygomycetes.* Like all SDH inhibitors, it does not affect *Peronosporomycetes*.

Xemium can be combined with existing available solutions for application to seeds, either as a premixed coating or as a tank mix.

Xemium is readily taken up by the roots and evenly distributed throughout young plants at early stages.

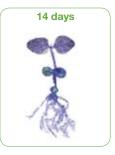


















Distribution of radio labeled **Xemium** within different plants. Source: BASF SE, Dr. Schiffer. ¹⁴C ADME study with soybeans and wheat plants. Levels of radio-activity represented by color.

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Xemium[®]: Control Spectrum

Xemium is very effective for controlling major diseases that affect cereals, corn, cotton, soybeans, oilseeds rape, and many other crops. It also enables unprecedented control of *Rhizoctonia*.

Its use on other crops and additional application modes are currently being evaluated.

Soybeans	Root and stem rot Seed/ seedling rot	Rhizoctonia solani Fusarium solani	
	Leafspot	Alternaria sp.	
	Seed Rot	Phomopsis sp.	
	Colletotrichum	Colletotricum truncatum	
	Mould	Penicillium-/ Aspergillus sp.	
	Early reduction of:		
	Soybean rust	Phakopsora pachyrhizi	

Corn	Root and stem rot	Rhizoctonia solani	
	Fusarium wilt or blight	Fusarium sp.	N/M

Cereals	Bunt / Stinking smut	Tilletia sp.	
	Leaf stripe	Pyrenophora gramineum	A state of
	Loose smut	Ustilago nuda	Contraction of the second
	Pink snow mould	Microdochium nivale	Nº C
	Seedling blight	Fusarium sp.	
	Sharp eyespot	Rhizoctonia cerealis	
	Early reduction of:		
	Septoria leaf blotch	Septoria tritici	
	Powdery mildew	Blumeria graminis	
	Yellow (stripe) rust	Puccinia striiformis	3 B As /
	Net blotch	Pyrenophora teres	A SEA
	Scald	Rhynchosporium secalis	V / DE
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Cotton	Root and stem rot	Rhizoctonia solani	10 A
	Fusarium wilt or blight	Fusarium solani	C.
	Black root rot	Thielaviopsis basicola	643

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Oilseed rape	Root and stem rot	Rhizoctonia solani	
	Fusarium wilt or blight	Fusarium solani	V.
	Black stem disease	Phoma sp. (seed-borne)	



Xemium®: Registration



Registration of **Xemium** seed treatments for all major crops is planned in all important regions:

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Europe	\checkmark			\checkmark	
North America	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	V
South America	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark		V
Asia	V	V	V		\checkmark

Xemium products (for both foliar application and seed treatment) will be registered worldwide in accordance with global maximum residue levels (MRLs). Import tolerances are also being established for exported and imported crops to enable free trade of **Xemium**-treated produce.





 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Xemium}}$ - worldwide import tolerances to ensure free trade



Xemium®: Application

Xemium-containing products uphold the high standards that all innovative BASF seed treatment products must meet with regard to formulation and handling.

Xemium is available as an FS (water-based) formulation for seed treatment.

From our experience, combining **Xemium**-containing products with other products in tank mixes does not diminish the ease of use or effectiveness of any of the ingredients.





Benefits for Your Seed

The new **Xemium** technology enables:

- Advantageous new mode of action for seed treatment application
- Outstanding mobility and distribution in young plants and their roots
- Benchmark protection of seeds by controlling *Rhizoctonia* and *Fusarium* solani as well as many other pathogens
- Reliable and robust application in any weather
- Complete protection when combined with other active ingredients (e.g. F500[®], Triticonazole, Prochloraz, etc.)
- Healthy plants from the start, thus ensuring greater yields
- Complements the genetic potential of seed varieties by supporting healthy crops from the very beginning





The Value of Xemium® for Growers



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