





# Natural predators for the sustainable management of Thrips.

**PRODUCT SPECS** 

Active Agent Transeius montdorensis

Agent Type Predatory Mite

PRODUCT USES

Thrips Mites

Whitefly Active up to 40°C

Adult and nymphal stages of the predatory mites actively search for and feed on their prey.

#### **BIOLOGY**

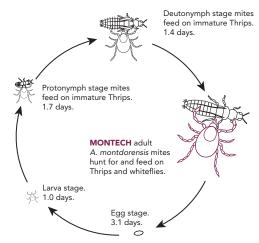
**MONTECH** contains *Transeius montdorensis* predatory mites which feed on Thrips in their immature stages, and are also known to feed on Red Spider Mites. *T. montdorensis* are generally small, pale and pear shaped with a body size of between 0.3 – 0.5mm long.

## MODE OF ACTION

**MONTECH** predatory mites actively hunt for and feed on their prey, including Thrips, whitefly, spider mites and hatching eggs, by crawling on affected plant leaves. The total life cycle from egg to adult is 7 days.

Adult females lay single eggs onto leaf hairs strategically among Thrips populations, eggs develop in 1-2 days. The larvae emerge and develop into protonymphs then deutonymphs which are also predatory, feeding on immature Thrips.

## **MONTECH DEVELOPMENT AND ACTION**



MONTECH mites remain active up to 40°C

## ADVANTAGES OF MONTECH

- > Remains active under a wide range of temperatures, up to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- > No resistance development.
- > No REI and PHI period required.
- > Can be used on both in-door and out-door crops.
- > All natural product; non GMO.
- > Not affected by day length.

#### INTRODUCTION METHOD

Gently sprinkle **MONTECH** onto the crop. Hold the container in a horizontal position and rotate it carefully to evenly mix the predators with the carrier material. Sprinkle the entire contents of the container on to the crop foliage.

RATE SCHED.	Dosage per m²	Interval (days)	Frequency	PHI & REI
Preventative	25	14	As required	
Light Curative	50	7	3	0
Heavy Curative	75	5 - 7	5	

## **BEST PRACTICE ADVICE**

- Use MONTECH to manage pest populations preventatively by targeting pests early in the season.
- > Use immediately upon receipt.
- Micro-humidity should be above 60% and temperature during the day should be around 21°C.
- This predatory mites cannot be used to manage Thrips where temperature is below 10°C, it can however maintain activity at temperatures of up to 40°C.
- › Avoid overhead irrigation for at least 24 hours after application.
- Avoid using incompatible pesticides with this product.

STORAGE		PACKAGING		
Storage temp.	15-18°C	Predatory mites as packed		
Conditions	Dark and dry	Quantity	Pack Size	
Max storage time	1-2 days	25,000	1000ml	
Do not freeze. Store upright in original unopened container.		150,000 Bulk Pack	5000ml	
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If there are any questions about the product, please contact a Bioline AgroSciences Africa specialist in your area.





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