

# SHELL-GUARD® RTU

## Ready-To-Use Wood Preservative

**A Penetrating Broad Spectrum Wood Preservative for the Protection and Treatment of Wood Against Decay, Termites, Carpenter Ants and Wood Boring Beetles.**

- ◆ *Use Shell-Guard RTU to prevent wood decay and insect damage to all interior and exterior wood.*
- ◆ *Use Shell-Guard RTU to eliminate wood destroying insects and wood decay.*

ACTIVE INGREDIENT  
Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate ---10% by weight  
(NaBO<sub>8</sub> · 4H<sub>2</sub>O)  
OTHER INGREDIENTS -----90% by weight  
Total 100%

EPA Reg. No. 59905-12

## CAUTION

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**NOT FOR FOOD OR DRUG USE**

### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

#### HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

**CAUTION.** Harmful if swallowed. Causes moderate eye irritation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Do not leave container where children or animals may gain access.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Shell-Guard RTU solutions carelessly spilled or applied to cropland or growing plants, including trees and shrubs, may kill or seriously retard plant growth. This pesticide is toxic to fish and wildlife. Do not contaminate water by cleaning of equipment or disposal of wastes. Do not discharge effluent containing this product into lakes, streams, ponds, estuaries, oceans or other waters unless in accordance with the requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and the permitting authority has been notified in writing prior to discharge. Do not discharge effluent containing this product to sewer systems without previously notifying the local sewage treatment plant authority. For guidance contact your State Water Board or Regional Office of the EPA.

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Loaders, applicators and other handlers must wear: Long sleeve shirt and long pants, shoes plus socks, protective eyewear, chemical resistant gloves (such as barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, polyvinyl chloride or viton) and, in confined spaces, a respirator with an organic removing cartridge with a prefilter approved for pesticides (MSHA/NIOSH approval number prefix TC-14G), or a NIOSH approved respirator with an organic vapor (OV) cartridge with any N, R, P or HE prefilter.

#### USER SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Users should wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.  
Users should remove clothing immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.  
Users should remove personal protection equipment immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible wash thoroughly.

#### FIRST AID

<b>IF SWALLOWED</b>	Immediately call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice. Have person sip 1 to 2 glasses of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.
<b>IF IN EYES</b>	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15 - 20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
<b>IF INHALED</b>	Move person to fresh air. If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth, if possible. Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.
<b>IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING</b>	Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15 - 20 minutes. Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor, or going for treatment. In case of emergency, you may also contact Chemtrec at 1-800-424-9300 for emergency medical treatment information Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Central Time). After 4:30 p.m. call your poison control center.	

#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.  
**Storage:** Store in a dry place. Do not store where children or animals may gain access. Protect from freezing.  
**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:** Do not reuse empty container. Consult Federal, State, or Local authorities for approved disposal procedures.

See Next Page for Directions for Use.

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**Schroeder Log Home Supply, Inc.**

**1-800-359-6614 www.loghelp.com**

**Shell-Guard® RTU** is a formulation of boron compounds with additives that allow the active ingredient to penetrate throughout the wood. **Shell-Guard RTU** offers far greater wood protection than other preservatives that treat only the surface.

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE:**

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

#### **Safe Handling Procedures**

Spills and over-spray may be cleaned with a damp cloth or absorbed with appropriate materials. When applying this product in confined spaces, it is recommended that ventilation or an exhaust system be provided. If this is impractical, the use of a NIOSH approved respirator designed for protection from organic vapors is recommended.

#### **Surface Preparation**

Apply only to bare, dry wood. Remove any previous finishes or water repellents before applying **Shell-Guard RTU**. Surfaces to be treated should be clean and free of dirt and other contaminants. If the finished appearance is a primary concern, mold and mildew should also be removed prior to application of **Shell-Guard RTU**. If detergents or cleaners are used to prepare the surface, rinse thoroughly and allow surface to dry prior to application of **Shell-Guard RTU**.

#### **Coverage**

One (1) gallon of **Shell-Guard RTU** will treat between 150 to 250 square feet of wood surface area (one coat). Actual coverage will vary, depending on the surface texture and porosity of the wood being treated.

#### **Application Instructions**

Apply one (1) coat of **Shell-Guard RTU** to all exposed sides of lumber or plywood. For lumber thicker than one (1) inch, apply a second coat after the first has been absorbed. Wait at least 20 minutes between applications.

**Shell-Guard RTU** treated exterior wood should not be exposed to rain or snow for at least 24 hours after treatment. If necessary, cover freshly treated exterior wood with a tarp

#### **Maintenance of Treated Surfaces**

**Shell-Guard RTU** should be applied annually to exterior unfinished bare wood surfaces. For longer protection, exterior surfaces that have been treated with **Shell-Guard RTU** may be subsequently coated with a water resistant finish such as paint or exterior stain. Interior surfaces do not require coating except in situations involving repeated moisture contact or high humidity, such as shower stalls, bathhouses, saunas, etc. It is important to allow **Shell-Guard RTU** to completely dry (at least 24 hours) before applying any protective finish. The finish or topcoat should be applied within two (2) weeks of treatment. Although a wide variety of paints and stains have been successfully used over **Shell-Guard RTU** treated wood, it is always a good idea to coat a small section of treated wood with the finish to be used and check for compatibility prior to complete application.

#### **Cleanup**

Use soap and water to clean up tools.

#### **Notice**

Seller makes no warranty expressed or implied, concerning the use of this product other than as indicated on the label. Buyer assumes all risk of use and/or handling of this material when use and/or handling is contrary to label instructions. Because of many varying conditions affecting use and application, manufacturer warns complete prevention of decay by fungi or other organisms is not guaranteed. Neither manufacturer nor seller shall be liable in respect to any injury or damages suffered by reason of the use of this product for a purpose not indicated by the label, or when used contrary to the directions or instructions hereon, nor with respect to breach of any warranty not expressly specified herein. Buyer accepts this material subject to these terms, and assumes all risk of usage and handling except when used or handled in accordance with this label. There are no expressed or implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose, except as specifically stated herein. Manufacturer shall not be liable for any consequential damages based on the use of the product.

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