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## What is Agmax Bloatstop

**Agmax Bloatstop** is a blend of Block Co-Polymers. Alkathene pipe friendly and ideal to use through in-line dispenser. It is ACVM approved for use in farm dairies. ACVM No A10385

## Features of Agmax Bloatstop

- A new technology blend of pluronics
- Very effective for treating stock with Bloat
- Inline dispenser and alkathene pipe friendly – no pipe cracking
- Cold water soluble
- 4ml dose rate
- Drench or trough use

## Getting the dose right when drenching

When drenching, here's how to make sure you've got the calculations right. Say you want to give a 4ml dose of bloat concentrate, and your drench gun delivers a 90ml total dose.

4ml is 4.5% of 90ml (4 ÷ 90, ×100). So, no matter how much you mix up at a time, it should contain 4.5% of bloat concentrate. For example, if you are mixing up 60 Litres, the correct amount of bloat concentrates to include is  $60 \times 4.5\% = 2.7$  Litres.

Note that you've got to use three variables for this calculation:

1. The dose rate that you want to give (mls).
2. The total volume your drench gun delivers (mls).
3. The amount you want to mix up at once (Lt).

Tip: CHECK that your gun is really delivering the total volume you think it is!

## Available in the following sizes



- 20 Ltr
- 100 Ltr
- 200 Ltr



### Did you know?

A choice of two Bloat products are available from Agmax:

#### ○ Bloatbuster

BloatBuster has a 4ml dose rate, with 7ml for severe conditions. It is particularly strong on duration of protection after drenching, with most people using it once a day at least some of the time (the exact duration of protection varies with the conditions, and from herd to herd, but the product is noted for its long period of effectiveness).

BloatBuster can be used for drenching, trough treatment and in-line dispenser through alkathene pipe.

#### ○ Bloatstop

This is a NEW technology blend of pluronics.

Bloatstop can be used through an in-line dispenser and is alkathene pipe friendly with no pipe cracking. It is very effective with treating stock with bloat. For drenching or trough use.

It is cold water soluble. The normal low dose rate of 4mls provides good duration of protection.

During severe and challenging bloat conditions we recommend dosing at 7ml per cow dose rate, twice a day (24-hour period)

The product is excellent for trough treatment.

Telephone 0508 524 824 for more information

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## Application

### Drenching

- Make up a premix solution by adding 1 part BLOATSTOP to 4 parts water while stirring and mix thoroughly (warm water will assist mixing in cold weather).
- Dose each animal with 25 - 50ml of mixture, depending on bloat severity, twice daily during or after milking.
- To relieve a severely bloated cow, drench each animal three times with a 50ml dose of premix allowing a 1-2 minute interval between doses.  
Alternatively use a manual treatment of 150ml of premix thoroughly mixed with additional water (preferably warm) from a long necked bottle.

### Pasture Spraying (May be less effective than drenching)

- Allow 15-30ml of premix (1 part BLOATSTOP to 4 parts water) per animal and add additional water to provide sufficient spray volume to cover a 12 hour break. Even coverage of the entire break is essential.
- For pasture spraying to be an effective bloat treatment, sufficient BLOATSTOP must be taken up by grazing cattle. Monitoring the response to pasture spraying on a daily basis is essential.
- Spray only sufficient for immediate requirements as rain will dilute the application reducing efficacy.

### Water Trough Treatment (may be less effective than drenching)

- Troughs should be pre-treated with 150ml premix (1 part BLOATSTOP to 4 parts water) per 100 litres of water and then an additional 16ml of premix added for each animal.
- Ensure cows have no access to untreated water and always leave trough ballcocks open. Treat troughs at least once every 12 hours.
- If trough capacity is small or the herd is very large, add half the recommended dose to troughs every 4 - 6 hours.



Trough Treatment for preventing Bloat.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### *Is surface water a problem?*

If the cows have access to untreated water (such as a stream) trough treatment can be ineffective. Try taking a drink yourself from the stream and then from a bloat-treated trough - which taste do you prefer? Cows do, too!

#### *What about rain?*

Another situation that's said to be risky is when the grass is very wet with dew or rain. The cows may not immediately drink, or perhaps won't drink as much, because of the high-water content of what they're eating. If so, then they may be unprotected during the critical period right after they first enter the paddock.

#### *How much do they need?*

Using Agmax BloatBuster or BloatStop, the normal dose rate per cow is 4ml in each paddock or break. That means you should do the night paddock, too. If there's more than one trough, divide the product evenly between troughs.

#### *How do I dispense it?*

One way is to make a premix with water (see label) and pour the premix directly to the troughs. This works well and ensures maximum concentration when the cows first drink. Or you can use a floating dispenser - also very good, but you need to put an initial charge in all the troughs, so that the initial concentration is adequate right from the start of the "bloat season". Can be used through an in-line dispenser.

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