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## What is Agmax Bloatbuster

**Agmax Bloatbuster** is a premium-grade Alcohol Ethoxylate bloat drench ideal for drenching, using through an in-line dispenser or trough treatment. It is alkathene pipe friendly. It is ACVM approved for use in farm dairies. ACVM No A7621

## Features of Agmax Bloatbuster

- Premium-grade Alcohol Ethoxylate
- Formulated for effective prevention and treatment of bloat
- Inline dispenser and alkathene pipe friendly
- 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 ( $4 \div 90 \times 100$ ). 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

### Moderate Risk Conditions

Drench twice daily with 4ml per cow of Bloatbuster concentrate which has been diluted with at least 2 parts water to 1-part Bloatbuster.

### High Risk Conditions

Drench twice daily with 7ml per cow of Bloatbuster concentrate which has been diluted with at least 2 parts water to 1-part Bloatbuster.

### Notes:

The exact dilution rate you'll use depends on the dose size delivered by your drench gun. If, for example, your gun delivers 60mls total and you want to give the "moderate risk" dose of 4ml, mix 4ml Bloatbuster with 56ml of water.

If you are uncertain about the mixing rate required to achieve the correct dose with your drenching equipment, call Agmax.

### Drenching for treatment

Using a long-neck bottle, drench cow with 30ml Bloatbuster diluted with 600ml water.

**Trough treatment** (may be less effective than drenching)

**Premix** 1-part Bloatbuster with 2 parts water

**Initial Charge** Two weeks before expected start of bloat risk, add premix to troughs at 60ml/10 cows

**Moderate Risk Conditions** Add premix to troughs at 90ml/10 cows

**High Risk Conditions** Add premix to troughs at 150ml/10 cows

### Notes

Ensure cows have no access to untreated water. Always leave trough ballcocks open. Treat troughs at least once every 12 hours. If trough capacity is small, or herd is very large, add half the recommended dose to troughs every 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.

FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY  
READ LABEL CAREFULLY BEFORE USE

**AGMAX**  
**BLOAT BUSTER**

**EFFECTIVE TREATMENT AND  
PREVENTION OF BLOAT IN CATTLE**

CONTAINS RED COLOUR. THIS IS AN ALCOHOL ETHOXYLATE TYPE PRODUCT  
Active Ingredient: POLYOXYETHYLENE POLYOXYPROPYLENE ALKYL ETHER 902.7 g/L

**DRENCHING/TROUGH TREATMENT  
FORMULATED FOR DILUTION WITH COLD WATER**

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