

Read the label before opening the container.

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ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS

Only for sale to and use by registered pest control operators.

South Africa Reg. No: L 6277 Act No. 36 of 1947

A fumigant for the control of stored product pests in maize, wheat, sorghum, groundnuts, soya beans, sunflower seed, barley, oats, rye, nuts, dried fruit, tobacco and farinaceous products of the above mentioned agricultural products as well as rodents

IRAC INSECTICIDE GROUP CODE: 24A

ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Aluminium phosphide (fumigant)560g/kg

Product Information Tel no: 072 678 8226

In case of poisoning: 082 446 8946

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Expiry Date:

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WARNINGS:

- Handle with extreme care.
- Poisonous when swallowed.
- The phosphine gas released by the tablets is highly toxic to all forms of animal and human life upon inhalation.
- Store under lock and key in a cool, dry, well ventilated place away from food and feedstuffs.
- Keep out of reach of children, uninformed persons and animals.
- Loose tablets may not be sold or stored for future use.
- **ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS** should only be applied by adult personnel well instructed in its use and familiar with the potential hazards of fumigation and all necessary precautionary measures.
- Recently fumigated grain may, upon removal, liberate harmful concentrations of phosphine gas. Wear a suitable gas mask.
- Phosphine reacts with copper, copper compounds, silver and gold. Pay special attention to electrical equipment. Protect electric boxes, switches and relays adequately by covering with plastic or coating with molten paraffinic wax.
- **Flammable** – Store away from sparks and flames. Phosphine gas is inflammable.
- **PROTECT THE TABLETS AGAINST WATER OR ANY OTHER LIQUID.** Never bring tablets into contact with water or other liquids.
- Keep away from inhabited areas.
- Container should be resealed immediately and not be left open for any length of time.
- In case of poisoning, call a doctor and make label available to him.

Although this remedy has been extensively tested under a large variety of conditions the registration holder does not warrant that it will be efficacious under all conditions because the action and effect thereof may be affected by factors such as abnormal soil, climatic and storage conditions, compatibility with other substances not indicated on the label and the occurrence of resistance of the pest against the remedy concerned as well by the method, time and accuracy of application. The registration holder furthermore does not accept responsibility for damage to crops, vegetation, the environment or harm to man or animal or for lack of performance of the remedy concerned due to failure or the user to follow the label instructions or to the occurrence or conditions, which could not have been foreseen in terms of the registration. Consult the supplier in event of any uncertainty.

PRECAUTIONS:

- Remove top of container in the open air and do not smoke or eat when handling tablets.
- Do not inhale the fumes. Normally fumigation may be carried out without the use of a gas masks but a gas mask should be at hand and be equipped with a special canister for phosphine in case of emergence. Never enter fumigated area when phosphine concentration exceeds 1ppm without a gas mask. Phosphine has a carbide odour which acts as a warning of the presence of the gas. If a strong smell of phosphine is noticed before the charging operation is completed, a gas mask must be used.
- Use rubber gloves when handling the tablets.
- On accidental contact with skin, wash off with soap and water.
- Wear a respirator when handling recently treated grain. Use a gas detector to determine the level of gas present.
- Use total contents of immediate container in one operation if possible. When contents are not fully used, reseal the container and store in a cool dry place.
- Destroy empty container and do not re-use for any other purpose.
- Inhabited buildings must not be fumigated. If warehouses are attached to inhabited buildings the latter must be evacuated before fumigation takes place.

SYMPTOMS OF PHOSPHINE POISONING:

Small quantities - Fatigue, tinnitus, headache, nausea, tight chest, uneasiness.

Large quantities - The above symptoms as well as vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhoea, vertigo, chest pains and dyspnea.

Further exposure will result in cyanosis, ataxia, anoxemia, convulsions, unconsciousness and death.

FIRST AID TREATMENT:

INHALATION: Remove patient from source of poisoning to a well ventilated area and keep him quiet and reassured. Administer manual cardiopulmonary resuscitation if necessary (not mouth to mouth).

INGESTION: Induce vomiting (only when patient is conscious) and repeat until vomit ceases to smell of carbide.

SKIN & EYE CONTACT: Wash affected parts with a gentle flowing copious stream of water. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen and call a physician.

NOTE TO PHYSICIAN

Treat symptomatically. In case of swallowing, perform gastric lavage. Should hypotension develop, consider the cardiac tonic, Dopamine at 5 to 10µg/kg/min. Complications are:

Incipient pulmonary oedema - consider glucocorticoids e.g. 500 to 1 000mg Prednisolone on first day. Progressive lung oedema - give oxygen and by intubation, continuous fluid removal. Counter enzyme-blockage oxygen deficiency by exchange blood transfusion.

Renal failure - consider hemodialysis. Watch for hepatic failure, electrocardiac and electrolyte disturbances. Twenty (20)mL of 20%

Calcium gluconate plus 1 to 2g of 10% Sodium thiosulphate (I.V.) in an adult may also be considered in severe cases.

RESISTANCE WARNING:

For resistance management, **ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS** is a **group code 24A** insecticide. Any insect population may contain individuals naturally resistant to **ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS** and other **group code 24A** insecticides. The resistant individuals can eventually dominate the insect population if these insecticides are used repeatedly. These resistant insects may not be controlled by **ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS** or any other **group code 24A** insecticide.

To delay insecticide resistance:

- Avoid exclusive repeated use of insecticide from the same insecticide group code.
 - Alternate with products from different insecticide group codes.
 - Integrate other control methods (chemical, biological) into insect control programmes.
- For specific information on resistance management contact the registration holder of this product.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE: (Use only as directed)

Aluminium phosphide is for the fumigation of agricultural commodities, specific processed food and animal feeds in silos, railway and road trucks, space fumigation of flour mills, warehouses and rodents. Phosphine, with its high penetration properties, kills rodents and adult and pre-adult stages of insects. Phosphine effectively controls the following insects:

INSECTS

<i>Sitotroga cerealella</i>	Angoumois grain moth
<i>Tenebroides mauritanicus</i>	Cadella
<i>Tribolium spp.</i>	Flour beetle
<i>Lasioderma serricornis</i>	Tobacco (cigarette) beetle
<i>Rhizopertha dominica</i>	Lesser grain borer
<i>Oryzaephilus surinamensis</i>	Saw-toothed grain beetle
<i>Acanthoscelides obtectus</i>	Bean weevil
<i>Bruchus pisorum</i>	Pea weevil
<i>Sitophilus granarius</i>	Granary weevil
<i>Sitophilus oryzae</i>	Rice weevil
<i>Plodia interpunctella</i>	Indian meal moth
<i>Ephestia cautella</i>	Tropical warehouse moth
<i>Ephestia kühniella</i>	Mediterranean flour moth
<i>Cryptolestes spp</i>	Flat beetle
<i>Sitophilus zeamais</i>	Maize weevil
<i>Ephestia cautella</i>	Tobacco moth

APPLICATION:

- ALUMINIUM PHOSPHIDE TABLETS can be added mechanically or by hand to grain as it tumbles into silos.
- For flat storage, tablets are inserted by means of a special probe to push them deep into the grain.
- For all fumigations it is necessary to seal all possible leaks or cover the commodity with gas-tight polyethylene tarpaulins.
- Gas masks are not normally required but should be on hand fitted with a canister against phosphine gas in case of an emergency.
- Never enter a fumigated area when the gas concentration exceeds 1ppm without a gas mask (phosphine testing by means of an Auer or Dräger detector).
- After the required period of fumigation, air thoroughly for 2 to 3 hours by removing all coverings and opening of hatches, windows etc. before entering and handling the commodity.

1. CEREAL GRAINS AND OILSEEDS - BULK STORAGE

Method of storing and directions for application	Minimum exposure time	DOSAGE			
		Maize, wheat, sorghum, rice and other cereal grains, shelled groundnuts with bulk density of approximately 700 – 800kg/m ³	Rye, oats, barley and buck wheat with a bulk density of approximately 600 – 700kg/m ³	Sunflower seed with a bulk density of approximately 400kg/m ³	Unshelled groundnuts with a bulk density of approximately 300kg/m ³
a) <u>Absolutely gas tight silo bins.</u> * Apply on the conveyor belt while grain is being fed into the silo bin. Silo bins must be filled completely in shortest possible time.	14 days	2,2 tablets per ton	2,7 tablets per ton	4,3 tablets per ton	5,57 tablets per ton
b) <u>Reasonably gas tight silo bins.</u> ** Apply on the conveyor belt while grain is being fed into the silo bin. Silo bins must be filled completely in shortest possible time.	5 days	6 tablets per ton	7 tablets per ton	11 tablets per ton	15 tablets per ton
c) <u>Horizontal loose bulk.</u> By using probes penetrate into the grain then cover with fumigation sheets within 2 hours after application has started.	5 days	6 tablets per ton (4 tablets/m ³)	7 tablets per ton (4 tablets/m ³)	11 tablets per ton (4 tablets/m ³)	15 tablets per ton (4 tablets/m ³)
d) <u>Stacked bags (all foodstuff commodities).</u> Distribute on and around stack.	5 days	4 tablets/m ³	Stacks must be covered gasproof with plastic sheeting.		
e) <u>FGD and FZ railway trucks.</u> Trucks to be made gas proof. Apply tablets uniformly during loading or distribute over floor of truck.	5 days	210 tablets per truck for all commodities	The fumigation may only be done in collaboration with the control board concerned and Spoonet.		

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2. CEREAL GRAINS, OILSEEDS AND OTHER FOOD COMMODITIES - BAGGED

Method of storing and directions for application	Minimum exposure time	DOSAGE	REMARKDS
<u>Grain Bag Stacks</u> . Distribute tablets evenly throughout the stack. Stacks must be covered with plastics sheeting.	5 days	4 tablets/m ³	Ensure that the bagged commodity is sealed in gas tight fumigation sheets.

3. CEREAL(PROCESSED & UNPROCESSED) LEGUMES, DRIED FRUIT & OTHER PACKED FOOD COMMODITIES

Method of storing and directions for application	Minimum exposure time	DOSAGE	REMARKDS
a) <u>Small scale storage</u> . Commodities to be treated must be exposed to the gas in a gas tight area or under gas tight tarpaulins.	5 - 8 days	3 - 4 tablets/m ³	Dosage depends on gas tightness of space containing commodities.
b) <u>Pests in empty storage areas – space fumigation</u> . Seal premises thoroughly before application.	3 - 6 days	½ - ¾ tablet/m ³	Dosage depends on gas tightness of premises.
c) <u>Tobacco</u> . ONLY for fumigation of raw and processed tobacco, in stacks, bales, cases or hogsheds.	4 days but preferably 8 - 10 days	1 tablet/m ³	Do not exceed dosage. Cover with gas tight tarpaulin and seal down.

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PEST	DOSAGE	REMARKS
Gerbilles	1 tablet per hole	Shallow disc the area to block all holes. Next day only treat active holes by placing 1 tablet as deep into burrow as possible. This is about 1 metre and retreat the next day if new holes are detected. It is recommended to apply tablets in the afternoon before gerbilles become active in the evening.
Field rats and mice	1 or more tablets per hole depending on burrow size	Application method to be adapted to suit the circumstances in each case but in general place tablets as deep into rodent burrow as possible. Retreat after a week if further activity is detected.
Moles	1 tablet as far into the tunnel as possible	Apply in the morning when moles are generally less active. Avoid unnecessary noise and movement as moles are easily alerted and the smell of gas causes them to block the tunnels and escape death. All burrows in an area must be treated simultaneously. Treat new mound by carefully removing soil to expose burrow entrance. Ensure tunnel is not blocked with soil.

GENERAL DOSING:

1. Damp soil gives better results as the tablets is activated more easily into gas.
2. Stuff a ball of paper into the hole for sealing, cover with soil and tramp down. Successful control of rodents depends on sufficient exposure to the gas.