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Peat Inoculant Application Guide



For optimal performance sow treated seed within 6 hours of inoculation and no later than 24 hours after inoculation into moist soil.

Slurry Inoculation Method

- 1. Ensure correct inoculant group is being used for the seed to be sown.
- 2. Prepare a slurry by mixing contents of pack with cool, clean, non-chlorinated water in ratios described below.

Mixing Ratios for Slurry Application		
Standard Pack	0.25kg	1L water
Jumbo Pack	1.25kg	4–5L water
Mega Pack	2.5kg	8–10L water

- 3. Mix well to ensure that inoculant is thoroughly dispersed.
- Apply slurry over the correct weight of seed and mix until all seeds are coated.
 or
- 5. Pump (or pour) freshly prepared slurry from the drum into the path of grain legume seed going up a slow-moving flighted auger into a grain bin.



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Compatibility

- Do not tank mix with or apply directly after agricultural pesticides, fertilisers or trace elements such as zinc and copper.
- Most seed treatments and pesticides are toxic to rhizobia. Check with ALOSCA Technologies for compatibility.
- Excessive use of starter Nitrogen or high levels of nitrate in the soil can delay or reduce nodulation.

Double Rate Inoculation

- Increasing application rates may improve results.
- A double rate of inoculant increases the introduced rhizobia population and ensures optimal nodulation and plant performance.
- Most beneficial in the following conditions:
 - Paddocks with no recent history of the legume to be planted.
 - Paddocks experiencing long sustained dry periods, with sub optimal soil moisture content.
 - Soil pH is below 5.2, as these soils will reduce nodulation and plant vigour.
 - Soil with low organic matter, clay content and soil nitrate.

Storage

- Keep inoculants in a cool, dry area (ideally below 10°C), except for a few inoculants for tropical/subtropical legumes, which should be stored at 20 to 25°C.
- Do not freeze inoculants.
- Minimise exposure to direct sunlight.
- Store freeze-dried inoculants in the fridge, NOT in the freezer.
- Use inoculants before their use-by-date.
- Never expose inoculants to high temperatures, e.g. in a vehicle. Use an insulated box to keep them cool.
- Reseal inoculant packages after opening to reduce moisture loss and avoid contamination.

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