

ROTATIONAL WORMING MADE EASY

Horse owners often have to choose from a large selection of worming pastes and it can be difficult to decide which product is best for your horse. Before selecting a worming paste there are some important points that should be remembered:

- ✔ All horses should be wormed on a regular basis. Horses grazing in heavily stocked paddocks are most likely to have heavy worm burdens, however, even stabled horses will have worms.
- ✔ Grazing horses should be wormed every 6-8 weeks, particularly if paddocks are heavily stocked. Stabled horses usually only require worming every 3 months.
- ✔ Some worming pastes are not safe for pregnant mares or young foals so always read the label carefully.
- ✔ Worming pastes differ in their spectrum of activity. Some pastes are "all-wormers" and effectively kill all the important parasites while others may not be effective against individual parasites such as tapeworms or bots.
- ✔ You do not need to treat for tapeworms and bots every 6-8 weeks, so you do not have to use an "all-wormer" at every drench.
- ✔ There are two main families of worming compounds - the "Mectins" and the "B-Z" or benzimidazole wormers. On some horse properties, small redworms have become resistant to B-Z wormers. Ask your vet to check for worm resistance on your property if you are concerned.

WHICH PRODUCT SHOULD I USE?

Value Plus Coloured Wormers make choosing the correct worming paste easy, as there are three different worming pastes to suit the varying needs of every horse owner.



VALUMAX® - RED TUBE is an "all-wormer" paste which contains two worming compounds, abamectin and praziquantel. Abamectin is a "mectin" drench which quickly and safely kills redworms, bloodworms, roundworms, lungworms, threadworms, pinworms and bots, while praziquantel is highly effective in removing tapeworms.

You can safely use **VALUMAX®** every time you worm your horse or, you may wish to use a less expensive wormer such as **VALUMEC™** or **EQUINOX®** as your regular wormer and save **VALUMAX®** for strategic tapeworm and bot control once or twice each year.

VALUMEC™ - GREEN TUBE is a "mectin" wormer which contains the active ingredient abamectin. **VALUMEC™** kills all of the important internal parasites of horses except for tapeworms. If you use **VALUMEC™** as your regular 6-8 weekly worming paste you should give **VALUMAX®** at least once each year to ensure that tapeworms are controlled. If you prefer a liquid drench, **VALUMEC™** is also available in a 100mL bottle.

EQUINOX® - ORANGE TUBE is a "B-Z" wormer which contains the active ingredient oxfendazole. This paste is very safe in horses of all ages and kills redworms, bloodworms, roundworms, pinworms and threadworms and also sterilises worm eggs. It does not kill bots or tapeworms, so if you are using **EQUINOX®** as your routine wormer, make sure that you give one or two doses of **VALUMAX®** each year (ideally in late May and late August) to break the bot fly lifecycle and to remove tapeworms.

PARASITE RESISTANCE

Bear in mind that some worms can become resistant to worming compounds so it is advisable to rotate between different drench families each year, and not just between brands.

Value Plus Coloured Wormers are ideal for use in a drench rotation program as the range contains two "mectin" pastes and a B-Z paste. **NEVER** underdose with any worming paste as this will increase the chance of worm resistance developing.

