



## Benzpyrimoxan Technical Guide







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Benzpyrimoxan (BPX) is a novel insecticidal active ingredient invented by NIHON NOHYAKU CO., LTD. BPX has excellent activity against planthoppers, which are severe pests of rice in many countries.





The BPX logo is designed with a musical note and staff because BPX is believed to harmonize every element of crop production such as nature, cultivation techniques and crop protection technologies.



# **Excellent hopper control with novel power**

#### Excellent efficacy against planthoppers in rice

BPX shows good performance against brown planthopper (BPH) and whitebacked planthopper (WBPH).



*Nilaparvata lugens* Brown planthopper (BPH)



Sogatella furcifera Whitebacked planthopper (WBPH)

### Novel mode of action (MoA)

BPX is an ecdysone titer disruptor. This is a novel MoA which shows unique ecdysis disruption symptoms and does not show cross resistance with existing molecules currently used in planthoppers.

### Soft on beneficials

Safe for spiders, mirid bugs, honeybees, etc. BPX has an excellent fit in integrated pest management (IPM) programs by preserving natural enemies.



## **Physicochemical properties and Toxicology**

#### Name

- Common name: Benzpyrimoxan (ISO)
- Chemical name: 5-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyloxy]pyrimidine (IUPAC)

### Physicochemical properties

- Appearance: Light brown to white colored crystalline powder
- Solubility in water: 5.04 mg/L (19.9-20.2°C)
- Partition coefficient: log Pow = 3.42 (24.5°C)

#### Chemical structure



#### Toxicology

- Acute oral: Rat Male LD50 >2000 mg/kg
- Acute dermal: Rat Male and Female LD50 >2000 mg/kg
- Aquatic organisms: Carp LC50 = 2.2 mg/L (96 hours)
- Mutagenicity: Ames Negative
- Primary eye irritation: Rabbit Slightly irritant
- Primary skin irritation: Rabbit Slightly irritant
- Skin sensitization: LLNA Non sensitizer

Maximization test: Sensitizer



# Insecticidal spectrum

	Pest		Activity*
	Brown planthopper	Nilaparvata lugens	++++
	White backed planthopper	Sogatella furcifera	+++
	Small brown planthopper	Laodelphax striatella	+++
	Green rice leafhopper	Nephotettix cincticeps	++
Llomintoro	Tea green leafhopper	Jacobiasca formosana	+
Hemiptera	Sorghum plant bug	Stenotus rubrovittatus	+
	Brown wing green bug	Plautia crossota	_
	Cotton aphid	Aphis gossypii	++
	Green peach aphid	Myzus persicae	+
	Sweetpotato whitefly Biotype Q	Bemisia tabaci	+
	Mulberry scale	Pseudaulacaspis pentagona	-
Lepidoptera	Diamond back moth	Plutella xylostella	-
Thysanoptera	Western flower thrips	Frankliniella occidentalis	-
Diptera	Tomato leaf miner	Liriomyza sativae	-
Coleoptera	Rice water weevil	Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus	-
Orthoptera	Rice grasshopper	Oxya spp.	_
Acarina	Two spotted spider mite	Tetranychus urticae	-

#### **BPX** selectively controls planthoppers and has low activity on other pests.

*Mortality	< 1	++++	: Excellent
LC90	1-3	+++	: High
[mg a.i./L]	3-30	++	: Moderate
	30-100	+	: Low
	>100	_	: Very low or None



## Effect of BPX on beneficial organisms

Species	Method		Observation	LC50[mg a.i./L]
White butterfly parasite wasp <i>Cotesia glomerata</i>	Pupa	Pupa dipping	After 5 days	> 200
Silk moth Bombyx mori	Larva	Leaf spray	After 5 days	> 100
Phytoseiulus predatory mite <i>Phytoseiulus persimilis</i>	Egg	Egg and feed spray	After 4 days	> 200
Neoseiulus predatory mite Neoseiulus californicus	Egg	Egg and feed spray	After 4 days	> 100
Wolt spider Pardosa pseudoannulata	Adult	Crop spray	After 7 days	> 100
Cyrtorhinus mirid bug <i>Cyrtorhinus lividipennis</i>	Nymph	Feed dipping	After 9 days	> 200
Tytthus mirid bug <i>Tytthus chunennsis</i>	Nymph	Feed dipping	After 10 days	> 100
Microvelia water strider <i>Microvelia</i> spp.	Nymph	Nymph and feed spray	After 4 days	> 100

Species	Method		Observation	LD50, LC50
Western honey bee Apis mellifera	Adult	Acute oral	After 48 hrs	> 100 µg a.i./bee
		Acute dermal	After 48 hrs	> 100 µg a.i./bee
	Hive	Greenhouse Spray for crop	After 19 days	No effect for larvae (100 mg a.i./L)

Beneficial organisms are highly tolerant to BPX, which makes BPX an excellent fit for IPM.



# Mode of Action

BPX interferes with ecdysone metabolism which causes ecdysone titers to remain higher than normal during the molting process. As a result, ecdysis is disrupted leading to the planthopper's death.





# Symptoms of BPX in BPH





# Stage wise insecticidal activity for BPH



1<sup>st</sup> instar



3<sup>rd</sup> instar



5<sup>th</sup> instar



Adult

LC90 [mg a.i./L]				
1 <sup>st</sup> instar	3 <sup>rd</sup> instar	5 <sup>th</sup> instar (0 days old)	5 <sup>th</sup> instar (1-2 days old)	Adult
0.3-1	0.3-1	0.3-1	> 3	> 100

High insecticidal activity against the nymphal stage.





# **Uptake pathway**

LC90 [mg a.i./L] against BPH 3 <sup>rd</sup> instar				
Dermal + Oral Oral				
0.3-1	0.3-1	1		

Both dermal and oral exposure contributes to the insecticidal activity of BPX.





# **Speed of action**





### **Rainfastness on rice**



BPX shows good rainfastness. Once the spray solution has dried, BPX treatments followed by a rain-simulation have equal efficacy to treatments not followed by a rain-simulation.





## Insecticidal activity against wild populations of BPH

Deputation	Year collected	LC90 [mg a.i./L]		
Population		BPX	Dinotefuran	
Karnataka, India	2018	0.1-0.3	1-3	
Andhra Pradesh, India	2019	0.1-0.3	1-3	
Wakayama, Japan (Susceptible population)	1983	0.3-1	0.03-0.1	

BPX shows high activity against wild populations of BPH, which is comparable to that of the susceptible population.



## **Field trial**



**BPX controls BPH for at least 14 days.** 



# FAQ

### **Q** Does BPX have any efficacy against adult hoppers?

A: BPX has not been shown to cause mortality in adults. There is also no evidence of sub-lethal effects such as reduced life-span or reduced fecundity.

### **Q** Is there phytotoxicity risk by BPX treatment for rice?

A: Phytotoxicity risk for rice is very low, so BPX is a crop friendly solution for hopper control.

### **Q** Does BPX show systemic action?

A: BPX has no or very low systemic action. Good spray coverage is required for best efficacy.

#### **Q** Does BPX show vapor action?

A: No vapor action from BPX has been detected.

#### **Q** How many times can BPX be sprayed in one crop season?

A: For resistance management purposes, no more than one application per season is recommended.



