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 as amended, for the pesticide  
 registered under **8655-5**  
 EPA Reg. No. acid 99.5%

# Tenox<sup>®</sup> P

## GRAIN PRESERVATIVE

Active Ingredient  
 Inert Ingredients

0.5%

EPA REG. NO. 8655-5  
 EPA Est. 8655-TN-1

8655-5



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**EASTMAN CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, INC., Kingsport, Tennessee 37662**

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Proplonic acid 53 200 kg • 440 lb  
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Tenox P grain preservative is a liquid chemical used to protect high moisture grain from spoilage caused by mold growth while in storage. Grains that may be treated with Tenox P are corn, milo, barley, wheat and oats. Grain that has been treated with Tenox P is used exclusively for livestock feeds. The regulatory status of Tenox P grain preservative is discussed in a subsequent section.

Tenox P grain preservative is propionic acid which is a mild organic acid that is easily digested by livestock. Typical physical properties of Tenox P grain preservative are given on Table 1.

### APPLICATION OF GRAIN PRESERVATIVE

Tenox P grain preservative is applied undiluted to freshly harvested grain by means of low-pressure spray nozzles mounted to cover the grain as it passes through an auger-type applicator. Applicators may be rented or purchased from farm supply dealers and have a treating capacity of 900-1,000 bushels per hour.

Table 1

### TENOX P Grain Preservative Typical Properties\*

Active Ingredient, Propionic Acid, %	99.5
Inert Ingredient, %	0.5
Molecular Weight	74.09
Wt/Vol, 20°C, lb/gal (U.S.)	8.31
kg/liter	1.00
lb/gal (Imperial)	9.97
Refractive Index, $n_D^{25}$	1.3850
Viscosity, 25°C, cp	1.16
Vapor Pressure, 20°C, mm Hg	3.0
Heat of Combustion, kcal/g	4.956
Boiling Point, 760 mm, °C (°F)	141.1 (286.0)
Coefficient of Expansion, 20°C	0.001081
Solubility, 25°C, wt %	
in water	Complete
water in	Complete
Freezing Point, °C (°F)	-22.4 (-8.4)
Flash Point (Tag Open Cup), °C (°F)	54 (130)
(Tag Closed Cup), °C (°F)	52 (126)
Fire Point, °C (°F)	58 (137)
Autoignition Temperature, °C (°F)	436 (820)
Explosive Limits, mg/l	
Lower	79.8
Upper	339
(Propionic Acid associates in the vapor phase.)	
NFPA Code 30, Class	II
DOT Labels Required	Corrosive
DOT Classification	Corrosive material

\*These typical properties are reported for information only. Eastman makes no representation that the material in any particular shipment will conform to the listed properties.

The amount of grain preservative required for a given weight of grain will depend on the moisture content of the grain. The application rate must be increased as moisture content increases, as illustrated in Table 2 and on the product label (Figure 1). To avoid undertreatment it is essential that at least two moisture readings be taken for each wagon load of grain. The acid application rate should then be based on the highest moisture reading, not the average of the readings.

It is important to remember that freshly harvested grain is alive and respiring. Products of grain respiration are carbon dioxide, additional moisture and energy in the form of heat. The respiration rate of dried grain (13-14% moisture) is very low. Conversely, grain at 24-26% moisture and 70°F is respiring at a high rate, producing additional heat and moisture as end products.

Ideal conditions are that harvested grain should be cleaned (scalped) and cooled to 65°F or lower before acid is applied to the grain. At the recommended levels, with uniform application, Tenox P grain preservative creates a hostile, fungicidal environment for microorganisms naturally present on the grain. Tenox P also kills the germ and other respiring parts of the grain, terminating respiration and the resultant buildup of heat and moisture. (Grain preservative should never be applied to *seed grains* because it kills the embryo, thus preventing germination.)

Like all other acids, Tenox P is corrosive. Bins should be cleaned and protected by lining with nontoxic plastic sheeting before they are filled. Metal, wood and concrete storage structures have been coated with raw linseed oil to reduce corrosion. Corrosion resistant paints are available at farm supply dealers. Eastman makes no recommendations as to the effectiveness or utility of any particular brand of corrosion resistant coating or protective barrier.

### EPA REGULATORY STATUS

Tenox P grain preservative has been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency as a fungicide for preserving high-moisture-content grain. The product is available from Eastman in bulk or drum quantities for resale to the agricultural industry.

### Storage and Disposal

Drums that have previously contained Tenox P may contain a hazardous residue unless special cleaning and reconditioning procedures are followed in accordance with an EPA Regulation found at 40 CFR 165.9. Empty drums should first be triple rinsed. Drums in good condition may then be returned to the supplier or drum reconditioner for reuse with the same chemical class of pesticide previously contained, provided such reuse is legal under currently applicable U. S. Department of Transportation regulations including those set forth in 49 CFR 173.28. Other rinsed metal containers should be punctured to facilitate drainage prior to transport to a facility for recycle as scrap metal or for disposal. All rinsed containers may be crushed and disposed of by burial in a sanitary landfill, in conformance with State and local standards or buried in the field by the user of the pesticide. Unrinsed containers should be disposed of in a specially designated landfill.

Tenox P must be stored or disposed of in a manner that will prevent contamination of water, food, or feed. Spillage of Tenox P should be neutralized with sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, chalk, or agricultural lime. Unused Tenox P may be disposed of in a landfill approved for pesticides, incinerated, or buried in a safe place away from water supplies. Open dumping is prohibited.

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Table 2  
Suggested Application Rate<sup>a</sup> for TENOX<sup>®</sup> P Grain Preservative

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Fluid oz of Tenox P per cwt. of Grain <sup>b</sup>	8.7	10.3	11.9	13.4	15.0	16.6	18.2	19.8	21.3	22.9	24.5

<sup>a</sup>Increasing the suggested rate of application in the table by 25% for the top 10% of the grain placed in each storage bin will provide additional protection against the effect of normal moisture migration in the grain during storage.

<sup>b</sup>Determined by conversion using the following formula:

$$(\text{Pounds of Tenox P per ton of Grain}) \times 0.79 = (\text{Fluid oz. of Tenox P per cwt. of Grain})$$

## TOXICITY AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

**Toxicity.** Studies on the toxicity of Tenox P have been conducted at the Health, Safety, and Human Factors Laboratory, Eastman Kodak Company, and elsewhere.

This compound is moderately toxic for laboratory animals. The acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> is greater than 400 mg/kg in rats when administered as a 1% solution in water. The intraperitoneal LD<sub>50</sub> for rats is 200-400 mg/kg.<sup>1</sup> Other investigators report the acute oral LD<sub>50</sub> for rats as 4.29 g/kg.<sup>2</sup> Propionic acid is severely irritating to the skin of guinea pigs.<sup>1</sup> The skin LD<sub>50</sub> for rabbits is 0.5 ml/kg.<sup>2</sup> It is a severe eye irritant capable of causing permanent eye damage.<sup>2</sup> Rats survived exposure for eight hours to concentrated vapor.<sup>2</sup> The vapor is irritating to the eyes, nose, and throat.

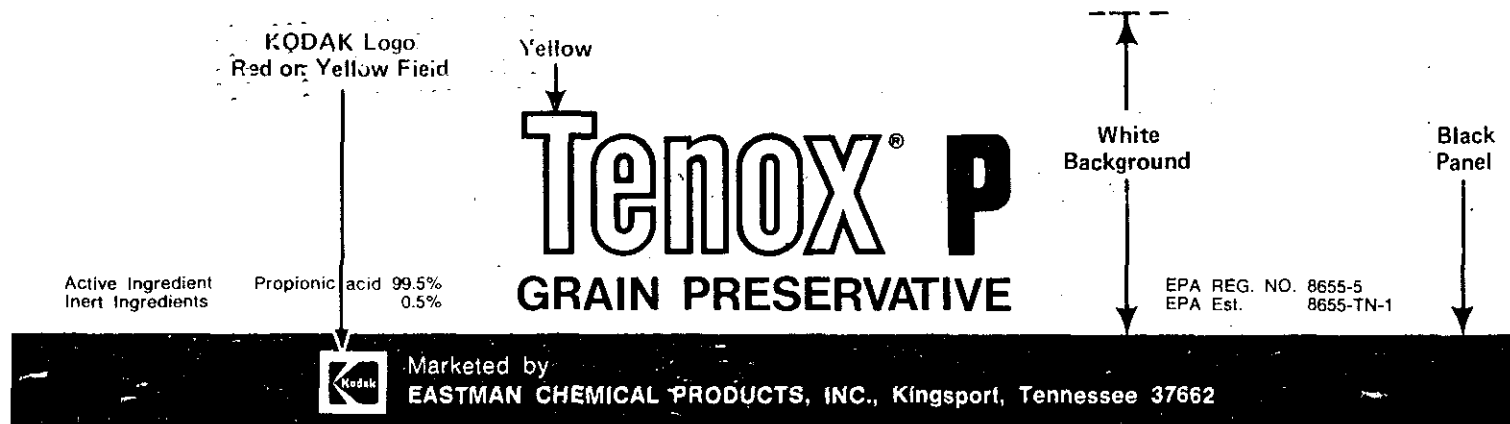
**Handling and Storing.** For equipment mentioned which is not supplied by Eastman, appropriate industrial hygiene and other safety preparations recommended by the manufacture of the material should be followed.

The attached Material Safety Data Sheet provides safety precautions that should be observed in the handling and storing of Tenox P.

### References

1. Unpublished data, Health, Safety, and Human Factors Laboratory, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.
2. Smyth, H. F., et al., Range-Finding Toxicity Data: List VI, Amer. Indust. Hyg. Assoc. J., 23:95, 1962.

Figure 1  
Registered Specimen Label



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