

## **SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

### **1. NAME OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Vectocert 1.25% w/v Pour-On Solution for Sheep

### **2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

<u>Active Substance</u>	<u>% w/v</u>
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Cypermethrin High:Cis (80:20)	1.25
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<u>Excipients</u>	
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Green s Dye (E142)	0.02
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For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1

### **3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Pour-On Solution.  
Clear blue non-aqueous solution.

### **4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

#### **4.1 Target Species**

Sheep.

#### **4.2 Indications for use, Specifying the Target Species**

For the treatment and control of headflies, and treatment of ticks and biting lice in sheep. For the prevention and treatment of blowfly strike in sheep.

#### **4.3 Contraindications**

Not to be used in lambs less than one week old.  
For the prevention of blowfly strike; do not administer to animals of less than 12.5 kg bodyweight.  
Avoid treating very young lambs if the weather is unseasonably hot.

#### **4.4 Special Warnings for Each Target Species**

None

## 4.5 Special Precautions for Use

### i) Special precautions for use in animals

Vectocert 1.25% w/v Pour-On Solution for Sheep minimises mothering-up problems after treatment. However, care must be taken not to apply the product right to the lamb's tail, as a ewe recognises a young lamb partly by the smell of the tail area.

Blowflies are attracted by dirty, damp wool or open wounds. The more common site for fly strike is the rump due to soiling caused by diarrhoea and urine staining. The efficacy of Vectocert 1.25% w/v Pour-On is reduced in the presence of soiled or dirty wool. Therefore, sheep must be crutched (dagged) regularly and appropriate worm control measures employed.

Take care not to apply product in the sheep's eyes. This precaution should be observed particularly when treating breeds with little wool on their heads. Full operating and maintenance instructions, including details on the use of nozzles are supplied with each applicator gun. Please read carefully before use. Maintain applicator gun carefully to ensure accurate dosage.

For external use only.

### ii) Special Precautions to be taken by the person administering the product to animals

This product is harmful if swallowed and may cause skin, eye or respiratory irritation. This product may also cause hypersensitivity (allergic) reactions. People with known hypersensitivity to cypermethrin should avoid contact with the product.

Handle this product with great care to avoid accidental exposure.

Wear eye protection, protective clothing, rubber gloves and boots when applying the product.

Make sure when attaching the recommended applicator gun onto the container that the coiled retainer is secured onto the cap and the applicator.

Wear a disposable mask when applying as a fan-spray for the prevention of blowfly-strike.

Use in a well-ventilated area and avoid inhaling the vapour.  
Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst using the product.

Wash splashes from skin and eyes immediately with plenty of clean water. If irritation persists seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet to the physician.

Remove contaminated clothing immediately and wash exposed skin with plenty of clean water.

Wash hands and exposed skin before eating, drinking or smoking and after work.

In case of accidental ingestion or mouth contact, immediately rinse the mouth with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

Avoid handling treated animals.

iii) Other precautions

As a precautionary measure sheep must be kept away from watercourses for at least one hour following treatment (see section 5.3, 'Environmental properties').

**4.6 Adverse Reactions (frequency and seriousness)**

None known.

**4.7 Use during pregnancy or lactation**

No restrictions. Pregnant ewes must be handled with care.

**4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

The product must be applied only with the recommended applicator gun, as the product may have a detrimental effect on certain components of conventional dosing guns.

**4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route**

On completion of each treatment cycle of the product and before the dosing gun is stored, immediately expel any remaining product in the dosing gun.

Administer by means of the recommended applicator gun as follows:

**Blowflies:**

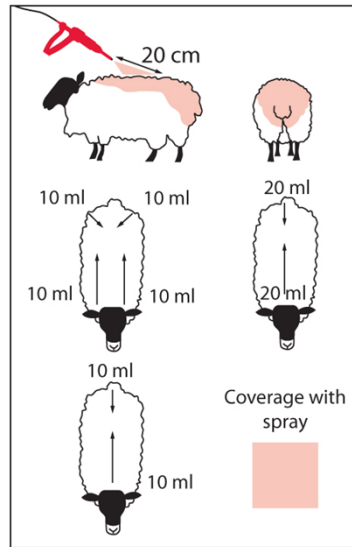
Prevention of blowfly strike

<u>Bodyweight</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Doses per litre</u>
Up to 25 kg*	20 ml	50
25 to 40 kg	30 ml	33
Over 40 kg	40 ml	25

\*Do not administer to animals of less than 12.5 kg bodyweight.

Apply as a fan-spray to the surface of the fleece on the back and hindquarters of the sheep using the Pour-On Gun fitted with the fan-spray nozzle. Half the dose should be applied to the shoulders, back and flanks, and half to the rump. The distance between the nozzle and the fleece should be approximately 20 cm. Each dose will require 2 or 3 sweeps to apply. THE PRODUCT WILL PREVENT

**BLOWFLY STRIKE ONLY ON AREAS COVERED BY SPRAY.** One application will give 6-8 weeks protection. Re-treat as required.



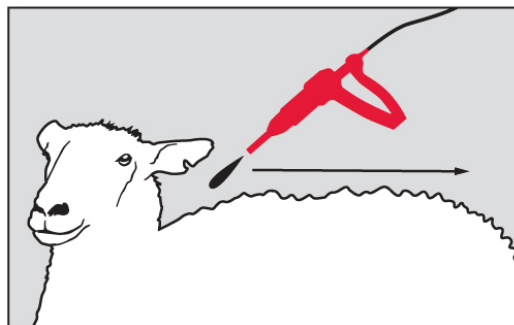
Treatment of blowfly strike

Apply directly to all the affected parts at the rate of 2.5 ml per 100 –150 cm<sup>2</sup> (roughly the size of a hand). The T-bar nozzle should be used. Most strikes will require 5-10 ml. Ensure that all affected parts are treated. A single application is sufficient to ensure that larvae are expelled and killed within a few hours.

**Lice:** 5 ml per 20 kg bodyweight up to a maximum of 20 ml.

<u>Bodyweight</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Doses per litre</u>
Up to 20 kg	5 ml	200
21 to 40 kg	10 ml	100
41 to 60 kg	15 ml	66
Over 60 kg	20 ml	50

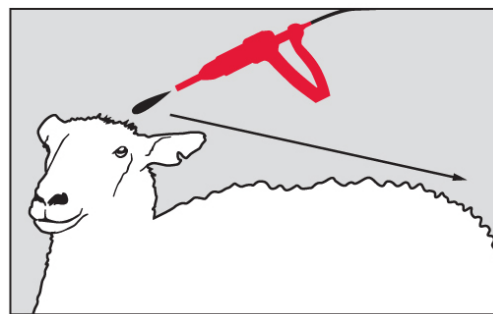
Using the straight nozzle on the applicator gun, apply as a pin-stream from the shoulders to the rump along the middle of the backline. Sheep may be treated off-shears or at any time during the year.



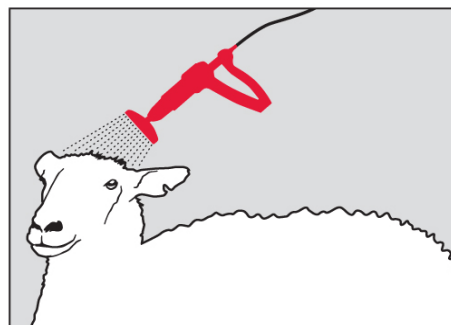
**Ticks:** Adult sheep and lambs greater than 10 kg: 10 ml per 20 kg bodyweight, up to a maximum of 40 ml. Lambs under 10 kg: 5 ml followed 3 weeks later by a 10 ml application.

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Up to 10 kg	5 ml	200
11 to 20 kg	10 ml	100
21 to 40 kg	20 ml	50
41 to 60 kg	30 ml	33
Over 60 kg	40 ml	25

Using the straight nozzle on the Pour-On Gun, apply as a pin-stream from the crown of the head to the top of the rump.



**Headflies:** 5 ml per animal irrespective of size.  
Apply to the top of the head between the ears using the T-bar nozzle.  
Take care not to apply product in the sheep's eyes.  
One application before the start of the headfly season will give up to 4 weeks protection. Re-treat as required.



This product contains a blue dye to aid in the identification of treated animals. The colour is temporary and will fade from the fleece within 48 hours of application.

### Overdose

Toxic signs in mammals are tremors, hyperexcitability, salivation, choreoathetosis and paralysis, rarely leading to death. Usually, the signs disappear rapidly and the animals recover, generally within a week.

There is no specific antidote but symptomatic therapy can be given if considered necessary.

#### **4.10 Withdrawal Periods**

Meat and offal: 8 days.

Milk: Not to be administered to animals producing milk for human consumption.

### **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

**ATCvet code: QP53AC08**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: ectoparasiticides for topical use, incl. Insecticides.

#### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Cypermethrin is a neuropoison acting on the axons in the peripheral and central nervous system of insects by interacting with sodium channels.

#### **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

Synthetic pyrethroids are generally metabolised in mammals through ester hydrolysis, oxidation and conjugation and there is no tendency to accumulate in tissues.

#### **5.3 Environmental Properties**

Cypermethrin is moderately persistent and non-mobile in soil. It is extremely toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Cypermethrin is toxic to dung insects. Long term effects on dung insects caused by continuous or repeated use of the product cannot be excluded.

### **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

#### **6.1 List of excipients**

Green Dye (E142)  
Butyl dioxitol

#### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

None known.

#### **6.3 Shelf-Life**

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale:  
24 months.

Shelf life after first opening of the immediate packaging: 3 months.

#### **6.4 Special Precautions for Storage**

Do not store above 25°C.  
Protect from direct sunlight.  
Keep the container tightly closed.  
Store away from food, drink, and animal feeding stuffs.

#### **6.5 Nature and Contents of Immediate Packaging**

The product is provided in white high-density polyethylene Carrick Flat Bottom Containers with polypropylene closures and induction heat-sealed wadding, at 1 litre, 2.5 litre, and 5 litre pack sizes.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

#### **6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal product or waste material derived from the use of such products**

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste material derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

EXTREMELY DANGEROUS to aquatic invertebrates. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with the product or empty container.

### **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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### **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

Vm 50146/4037

### **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION**

13 April 2012

### **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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