STOCK CONCENTRATE MIXING



STEP 1

STOCK CONCENTRATE PROCEDURE



CAUTION: A CONCENTRATE SHOULD NEVER BE FED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PLANTS, THE CONCENTRATE MIX IS MEANT FOR MAKING A BATCH RESERVOIR.



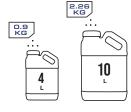
If using a different concentrate mix rate, see **Dosage Reference Guide.**



Fill container
with water to about
80% of final volume.



B Empty entire contents of Pro Line Pouch.
(always use a full pouch)

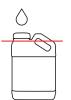


Mix thoroughly until all granules are dissolved.
(approx 15-45 minutes)



Top off container to final volume.

Mix one final time for 1-2 minutes to ensure stock tank uniformity before validating.





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RECOMMENDED:

Use Concentrate Validation Procedure to ensure proper EC has been achieved prior to feeding plants.



If desired EC is achieved, proceed to making a Batch Reservoir.

STEP 2

BATCH RESERVOIR PROCEDURE



NOTE: USE YOUR STOCK CONCENTRATE TO MIX A RESERVOIR TO FEED DIRECTLY TO PLANTS.

This procedure is for hand mixing a batch reservoir. If you are using a dosing system, refer to our **Irrigation Systems document.**



Fill reservoir with water and add Balance.

Follow our Balance Procedure.



Use this chart to determine the proper dosage of each **Pro Line** concentrate.

| Dosage in mL/10 L 226 grams/Liter CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| TARGET EC | PRO GROW / PRO BLOOM | PRO CORE | | | | | |
| 1.0 | 27 mL | 16 mL | | | | | |
| 1.5 | 42 mL | 25 mL | | | | | |
| 2.0 | 57 mL | 34 mL | | | | | |
| 2.5 | 73 mL | 44 mL | | | | | |
| 3.0 | 90 mL | 54 mL | | | | | |
| 3.5 | 107 mL | 64 mL | | | | | |
| 4.0 | 124 mL | 75 mL | | | | | |

Measure each concentrate and add to reservoir separately.

CAUTION: COMBINING PRODUCTS
IN CONCENTRATE FORM WILL
GENERATE PRECIPITATION.

For example: If you have a 200 liter reservoir and wish to feed 3.0 EC Pro Core and Pro Bloom here is what to do:



90 mL Pro Bloom x 20 (200 liter reservoir) = 1800 mL concentrate (90x20=1800 mL)



54 mL Pro Core x 20 (200 liter reservoir) = 1080 mL concentrate (54x20=1080 mL)



Mix thoroughly; check EC and pH.

If EC is off, troublehoot.

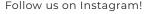


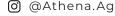
If EC is on, let's feed.



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CONCENTRATE VALIDATION PROCEDURE



Why Validate?

Before feeding your plants, it is best practice to make sure that you have the proper EC. Try to keep the EC between the acceptable range, found below. An EC outside the acceptable range may affect fertilizer performance.



NOTE: WE RECOMMEND THESE EC METERS: MYRON ULTRAPEN™ PT1, HANNA DIST®4, APERA EC20



CAUTION: DO NOT VALIDATE THE CONCENTRATES WITHIN THE SAME MIXING VESSEL. EACH CONCENTRATE SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN VALIDATION.

When to Validate?

After you have mixed your stock concentrate. This procedure is performed only from concentrate. If you have not yet mixed a stock concentrate, scan the QR code to access our **Concentrate Mixing Procedure.** Then come back to validate the EC.

Concentrate Mixing Procedure



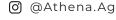
| | PRO | CORE | PRO GROW / | PRO BLOOM | |
|---|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| 0 | Using an accurate scale, weigh 1000 g RO water (1000ml) | | Using an accurate scale, weigh 1000 g RO water (1000ml) | | 1000 |
| 2 | Using a syr 10.8 mL For 113g / L | 5.4 mL For 226g / L | Using a syrin 18 mL For 113g / L | 9.0 mL For 226g / L | |
| 3 | EMPTY syringe into water vessel | STIR vigorously | EMPTY syringe into water vessel | STIR vigorously | |
| 4 | CHECK EC Using a freshly calibrated EC meter, take reading when stabilized. | | CHECK EC Using a freshly calibrated EC meter, take reading when stabilized. | | (3) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4 |
| 6 | Target: 1.5 Range: 1.4 - 1.6 Acceptable Range ±6% 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 | | Target: 1.9 Range: 1.8 - 2.0 Acceptable Range ±6% | | If EC levels are on target, let's feed. → |

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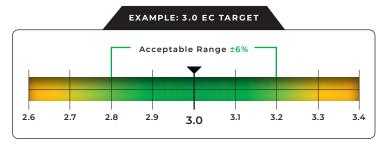
BATCH RESERVOIR EC TROUBLESHOOTING



Expected EC Tolerances

Mixing concentrate tanks is not highly accurate due to the reasons listed. Our batch testing validates that the mineral balance is always within our established ranges and regulatory tolerance. When mixed at any concentration, this is considered a "reference solution" meaning that at any EC or dosage rate, the mineral ratio is consistent.

Plants adapt to small variations in EC as they do variations in substrate pH. **Plus or minus 6% is acceptable** and will not impact fertilizer performance.



NOTE: A stock concentrate should always be validated by hand mixing a small batch or running through a dosing system to ensure the output to the crop is within the desired range.

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What can affect output EC?

Containers and measuring devices

- a. Surface tension
- b. Inaccurate line markings
- c. Inaccurate filling

±5%

Bag weight variations

- a. Absorbing moisture or dry out can vary bag weight
- b. Filling rate can vary slightly



Meter calibration

- a. Water temperature impacts meter accuracy
- b. Old or dirty probes
- c. Manufacturer variability



Injector settings

a. Upper and lower ranges have different variability



Mixing procedure

a. See Troubleshooting Procedure



PRO Troubleshooting Procedure STEP 2 STEP 4 STEP 1 STEP 3 SCAN or TAP Did you mix Did you top off Have you Have you a full pack your stock tank validated manually to target volume the product (bag or validated the YES YES YES YES is fully after adding reference pouch)? fertilizer? dissolved? solution? If EC is NO NO NO NO still outside Expected EC Check bottom Mixing partial Adding fertilizer to Follow Tolerance. of tank visually or Concentrate VALIDATION bags may result complete volume Report to Validation in variations results in a more use a probe to feel Athena® Procedure for undissolved in EC and in dilute solution. fertilizer mineral ratios. RECOMMENDATION RECOMMENDATION RECOMMENDATION Use a smaller Next time mix using the Heat water, use NOTE: Dissolving can take pouch and mix proper procedure. This agitation pump, up to 60 minutes. longer if increase mixing time, entire contents time simply dose at a hand mixing or with cold higher rate to hit target EC or mix at a lower rate. water source.

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