

Help Prevent the Spread of Fish Pathogens

Use Virkon® Aquatic to disinfect your boats, trailers, fishing gear, waders, etc. before moving between bodies of water.



Why disinfect?

Anglers, boaters, water skiers and other user groups often travel between various lakes and streams. This can lead to the inadvertent transfer of fish pathogens through the movement of contaminated boats, fishing gear, sporting equipment and etc. Recent fish disease outbreaks (such as in the Great Lakes Region) are increasing awareness regarding the need for routine disinfection procedures. Numerous government agencies are now asking the public to implement disinfection procedures to help stop the spread of fish pathogens and other invasive species.

What should be disinfected?

Any hard surface materials which come in contact with infected, or potentially infected water bodies should be disinfected before being moved to any other water body. Common items which can be contaminated and require disinfection include; boats, jet skis, trailers, vehicles, fishing tackle, nets, boots, waders, dive suits, hoses, and other similar equipment.

Why use Virkon® Aquatic for disinfection?

Virkon® Aquatic is a cleaning and disinfecting product which is considered by many fish disease experts to be effective in helping prevent pathogens from spreading from one body of water to another. Virkon® Aquatic is specifically formulated, EPA registered, and independently proven for use as a disinfectant against viruses (including ISA, IPN, and snakehead rhabdovirus) bacteria, and fungi. Unlike bleach, Virkon® Aquatic solutions are non-corrosive and non-irritating to skin and eyes. It is being used by anglers, private boat owners, divers, as well as numerous state and federal agencies.

How to disinfect with Virkon® Aquatic

Virkon® Aquatic is available in single use foil packets (see photo above) and 10 pound tubs. Fill a container with 1 gallon of water and add entire packet contents. Stir or agitate until the powder dissolves. This makes a 1% Virkon Aquatic solution which is the recommended solution strength. Smaller items can be immersed into the solution. For larger items (boats, trailers, etc.) the solution can be applied using a hand sprayer or brush. One gallon of solution is sufficient to treat 135 square feet. Do not immerse metal objects in Virkon Aquatic solutions for long periods as 10 minutes is the maximum necessary contact time.

Once mixed with water, Virkon Aquatic solutions are non corrosive and are non irritating to skin and eyes. Before mixing with water, the powder form is corrosive and is irritating to skin and eyes. Follow use and safety instruction as outlined on the product label.



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