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Vocabulary**

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- review and addition of new terms and definitions, in line with new International Standards published and developed by ISO/TC 23/SC 6.

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# Equipment for crop protection — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines terms commonly used in relation to equipment for applying plant protection products for crop protection.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 General terms

#### 3.1.1

##### **plant protection product** **PPP**

any substance or micro-organism, including a virus, or a mixture or solution composed of two or more of them, prepared in the form in which it is supplied to the user intended: to protect plants or plant products against harmful organisms or prevent the action of such organisms, influence the life processes of plants other than as a nutrient, preserve plant products, destroy undesired plants or parts of plants, or check or prevent the undesired growth of plants

#### 3.1.2

##### **plant protection product container**

collective name for *plant protection product* (3.1.1) packaging such as cans, bottles, bags, sacks or boxes

#### 3.1.3

##### **formulated product**

*plant protection product* (3.1.1) as purchased by users

#### 3.1.4

##### **ready-to-use formulated product**

##### **RTU formulated product**

*formulated product* (3.1.3) that does not require dilution

#### 3.1.5

##### **active ingredient**

substance with primary biological activity for specified uses

#### 3.1.6

##### **carrier**

##### **diluent**

substance used to dilute the *active ingredient* (3.1.5) to aid in metering and delivery

#### 3.1.7

##### **treatment**

operation of applying *plant protection products* (3.1.1) to produce a biological effect

**3.1.8**

**overall treatment**

*treatment* (3.1.7) carried out over the entire area of a crop or field

**3.1.9**

**localised treatment**

*treatment* (3.1.7) carried out over part of a crop or field, generally in bands or spots

**3.1.10**

**treated area**

**sprayed area**

area to which the *treatment* (3.1.7) is intended

**3.1.11**

**spray target**

specific pest, part of the plant, or surface to which the *treatment* (3.1.7) is intended

**3.1.12**

**liquid flow**

**liquid flow rate**

volume of liquid flowing through an appliance or device per unit of time

**3.1.13**

**liquid output**

volume of liquid discharged by an appliance or device per unit of time

**3.1.14**

**air flow**

**air flow rate**

volume of air flowing through an appliance or device per unit of time

**3.1.15**

**air output**

volume of air discharged by an appliance or device per unit of time

**3.1.16**

**application equipment**

device or assembly of components to mix and apply *plant protection products* (3.1.1) and other compatible chemicals, including fertilisers, to the target

**3.2 Equipment for spraying**

**3.2.1 Basic definitions**

**3.2.1.1**

**spraying**

division and emission into the air of a *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) by atomisation into the form of droplets

**3.2.1.2**

**spray**

droplets produced by a *nozzle/atomiser* (3.2.3.1)

**3.2.1.3**

**sprayer**

**spray system**

machines/appliances for application of *plant protection products* (3.1.1) and liquid fertiliser

**3.2.1.4****spray liquid  
spray mixture**

liquid containing the *formulated product* (3.1.3) ready for *spraying* (3.2.1.1)

**3.2.1.5****droplet**

substantially spherical liquid particle, generally with a diameter less than 1500 µm

**3.2.1.6****droplet size**

diameter of the *droplet* (3.2.1.5) in micrometre (µm)

**3.2.1.7****droplet size spectrum**

cumulative distribution of *droplet sizes* (3.2.1.6) by volume or number

**3.2.1.8****volume median diameter****vmd** **$D_{v0,5}$** 

*droplet size* (3.2.1.6) where half the volume of the spray is in larger droplet sizes and half in smaller droplet sizes

**3.2.1.9****number median diameter****nmd** **$D_{n0,5}$** 

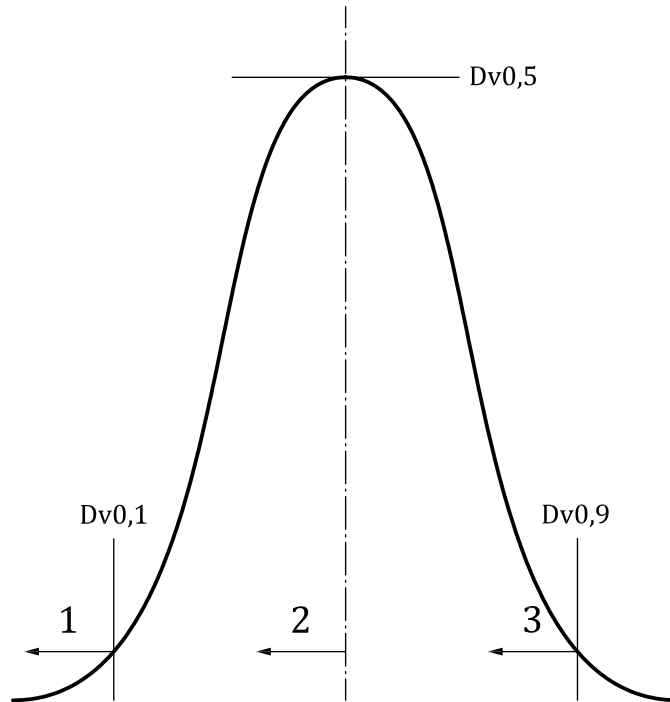
*droplet size* (3.2.1.6) where half the number of droplets in a spray are in larger droplet sizes and half in smaller droplet sizes

Note 1 to entry: The vmd/nmd ratio is used to characterise the uniformity of droplet sizes in a spray.

**3.2.1.10****span**

measure of range of *droplet sizes* (3.2.1.6) in a spray

Note 1 to entry: Span is expressed as  $\frac{D_{v0,9} - D_{v0,1}}{D_{v0,5}}$  (see [Figure 1](#)).



**Key**

- 1 10 % of spray volume below this size
- 2 50 % of spray volume below this size
- 3 90 % of spray volume below this size

**Figure 1 — Droplet spectrum parameters for calculation of span**

**3.2.1.11  
droplet volume fraction**

$D_{v0,x}$   
droplet size (3.2.1.6) where the fraction 0,x of the spray volume (3.2.2.14) is in smaller droplet sizes

Note 1 to entry: See also [Figure 1](#).

**3.2.1.12  
sauter mean diameter**

**SMD**

$D_{3:2}$   
diameter of a droplet having the same volume/surface area ratio as the entire spray

**3.2.1.13**

**mist**

spray with *volume median diameter* (3.2.1.8) between 50 µm and 100 µm

**3.2.1.14**

**fog**

**aerosol**

spray with *volume median diameter* (3.2.1.8) under 50 µm where the droplets are effectively suspended in air with little or no settling by gravity

**3.2.1.15**

**controlled droplet application**

**cda**

spray with a narrow *droplet size spectrum* (3.2.1.7), designed for a specific target, defined by limits of vmd/nmd ratio or *span* (3.2.1.10)



**3.2.1.16****flat spray**

spray with a flat shape

**3.2.1.17****flat fan spray**

spray with a thin flat ellipsoid shape

**3.2.1.18****conical spray**

spray with a conical shape

**3.2.1.19****solid stream spray**

spray with a cylindrical shape

**3.2.1.20****sprayer liquid delivery system**

system for delivery of *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)) from the *spray tank* ([3.2.9.1](#)) to the *nozzle/atomiser* ([3.2.3.1](#))

**3.2.1.21****sprayer set up**

combination of nozzle and boom parameters and sprayer adjustment on a specific sprayer model

**3.2.1.22****spray quality**

classification of *droplet size spectrum* ([3.2.1.7](#)) against a reference

**3.2.1.23****spray volume fraction**

$V_y$

fraction of the *spray volume* ([3.2.2.14](#)) in droplets smaller than  $y$  micron

**3.2.2 Types of spraying**

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**3.2.2.1****hydraulic energy spraying****hydraulic pressure spraying**

*spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) obtained by using only the hydraulic energy of the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#))

**3.2.2.2****centrifugal spraying**

*spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) obtained by the use of centrifugal force imparted to the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)), generally by mechanical rotational energy from a spinning disc, cup or gauze

**3.2.2.3****pneumatic spraying**

*spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) obtained by the action of a high velocity air stream on the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)), generally after the nozzle outlet and using a distributor/plate

**3.2.2.4****air-assisted spraying**

*spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) in which the droplets are carried wholly or partly by a flow of artificially created air

**3.2.2.5****electrostatic spraying**

*spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) obtained by the use of electrostatic forces or where electrostatic forces are used to aid *spray deposition* ([3.7.2.9](#))

**3.2.2.6**

**ultra-sonic spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) obtained either partly or wholly by (ultra-)sonic energy

**3.2.2.7**

**thermal spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) obtained either partly or wholly by thermal energy

**3.2.2.8**

**twin fluid spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) obtained by the action of a pressurised air stream mixed with the *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) before the nozzle outlet

**3.2.2.9**

**precision spraying**

directed and/or *localised application* (3.6.2.6) to improve spray targeting

EXAMPLE Using sensors, maps, etc.

**3.2.2.10**

**sensor activated spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) adaptation using sensors

**3.2.2.11**

**crop adapted spraying**

**canopy adapted spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) adaptation based on physical characteristics of the crop, e.g. canopy size and/or density

**3.2.2.12**

**underleaf spraying**

*spraying* (3.2.1.1) where the spray target (3.1.11) is the underside of the leaves

**3.2.2.13**

**spray dose**

quantity of *plant protection product* (3.1.1) applied

**3.2.2.14**

**spray volume**

quantity of *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) applied

**3.2.3 Droplet generators**

**3.2.3.1**

**nozzle**

**atomiser**

device to form droplets from a *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4)

**3.2.3.2**

**hydraulic energy nozzle**

part or an assembly of parts with an orifice through which the *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) is forced under hydraulic pressure to provide the energy to obtain a spray at the orifice

**3.2.3.3**

**fan nozzle**

*hydraulic energy nozzle* (3.2.3.2) with an orifice in the shape of a slit or elliptical orifice, producing a flat shape of spray

**3.2.3.4**

**flat fan nozzle**

*fan nozzle* (3.2.3.3) producing a thin flat ellipsoidal spray

**3.2.3.5****double flat fan nozzle**

*flat fan nozzle* (3.2.3.4) having two separate orifices when mounted, intended to direct spray into and rearward of the direction of travel

**3.2.3.6****centrifugal energy nozzle****rotary nozzle****rotary atomiser**

device atomising the *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) by centrifugal energy

**3.2.3.7****deflector nozzle****anvil nozzle****impact nozzle****flood(ing) nozzle**

*hydraulic energy nozzle* (3.2.3.2) with a deflector producing a flat shape of spray, with the shape of the spray dependent on the deflector

**3.2.3.8****off-centre nozzle**

*nozzle* (3.2.3.1) in which the fan pattern is not symmetrical around the centerline of travel for the nozzle

EXAMPLE End nozzle.

**3.2.3.9****off-centre fan nozzle**

*fan nozzle* (3.2.3.3) in which the angle of the spray shape and volume distribution are asymmetrical about the nozzle axis

**3.2.3.10****directional nozzle**

*nozzle* (3.2.3.1) which enables the direction of spray to be altered

**3.2.3.11****cone nozzle**

*hydraulic energy nozzle* (3.2.3.2) in which the *spray liquid flows* (3.1.12) rotationally, or is swirled, producing a conical sheet of spray

**3.2.3.12****hollow cone nozzle****disc-core nozzle**

*cone nozzle* (3.2.3.11) in which most of the *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) is in the outside of the conical spray pattern

**3.2.3.13****solid cone nozzle****full cone nozzle**

*cone nozzle* (3.2.3.11) in which *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4) is directed throughout the conical spray pattern

**3.2.3.14****solid stream nozzle**

*nozzle* (3.2.3.1) which produces a cylindrical spray

**3.2.3.15****impinging stream nozzle**

*hydraulic energy nozzle* (3.2.3.2) designed so that spray is produced by the impact of two or more streams of *spray liquid* (3.2.1.4)

**3.2.3.16**

**pneumatic nozzle  
air shear nozzle**

*atomiser* ([3.2.3.1](#)) in which the spray is produced by the action of an air stream on the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#))

**3.2.3.17**

**twin fluid nozzle  
air atomising nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) in which mixing of spray liquids or the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)) and air takes place under pressure within the nozzle with the spray discharged through a common nozzle tip

**3.2.3.18**

**adjustable nozzle**

*hydraulic energy nozzle* ([3.2.3.2](#)) designed so that the *spray liquid flow rate* ([3.1.12](#)) to the nozzle tip and spray droplet size can be altered without changing the components

**3.2.3.19**

**vibratory nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) in which an oscillating solid surface is the primary source of energy used to produce the spray

**3.2.3.20**

**ultra-sonic nozzle**

*pneumatic* ([3.2.3.16](#)) or *vibratory nozzle* ([3.2.3.19](#)) in which energy is imparted to the spray by (ultra-) sonic waves

**3.2.3.21**

**fog nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) for producing a fog

**3.2.3.22**

**pre-orifice nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) with an internal orifice that meters the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)) prior to producing spray at the nozzle tip

**3.2.3.23**

**variable orifice nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) with an adjustable opening to vary *spray liquid flow rate* ([3.1.12](#)) and/or droplet size

**3.2.3.24**

**air induction nozzle  
venturi nozzle**

*pre-orifice nozzle* ([3.2.3.22](#)) with a hole in the chamber between the two orifices to suck external (generally atmospheric) air into a reduced pressure chamber to mix with the *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#))

**3.2.3.25**

**pulse width modulation nozzle  
PWM nozzle**

*nozzle* ([3.2.3.1](#)) using a controlled solenoid valve to determine the volume of *spray liquid* ([3.2.1.4](#)) sprayed from the nozzle, thereby allowing independent variation of *spray liquid flow rate* ([3.1.12](#)) and *spraying* ([3.2.1.1](#)) pressure

**3.2.3.26**

**vibrating reed nozzle**

*vibratory nozzle* ([3.2.3.19](#)) in which individual droplets are formed from a needle point attached to an oscillating reed