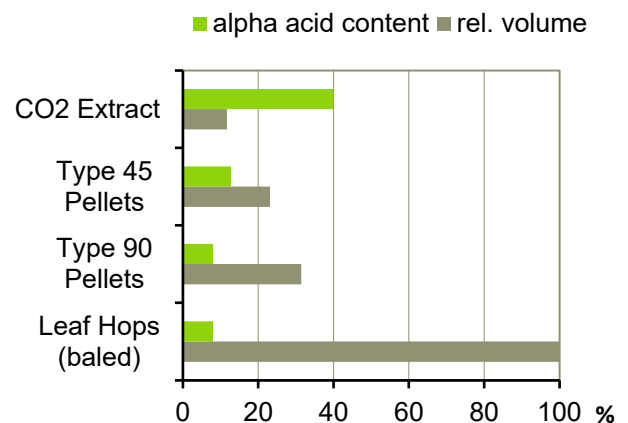


CO₂ Hop Extract

❖ Overview

- **CO₂ Hop Extract** is produced through the extraction of hop pellets with food-grade carbon dioxide in a liquid or supercritical form.
- **CO₂ Hop Extract** contains alpha acids, beta acids and essential oils and can be used to partially or entirely replace leaf hops or hop pellets in the brewing process.
- **CO₂ Hop Extract** offers a concentrated and practical alternative to leaf hops or hop pellets. Moreover, **CO₂ Hop Extract** has a long shelf life.

Comparison of the volumes of various hop products (8 % alpha acids)



❖ Specifications

- Description: golden green to amber extract, highly viscous at room temperature
- Alpha acids*: max. 65 %
- Beta acids*: max. 30 %
- Hop oil*: 3 – 12 %
- pH: 4.0 (± 0.5)
- Viscosity*: 200 – 400 mPas at 45 °C (113 °F)
- Density: 0.9 – 1.0 g/ml at 20 °C (68 °F)

*dependent on variety and crop year

❖ Properties

• Appearance

Golden green to amber in color, **CO₂ Hop Extract** is a thick syrup (depending on the hop variety and extraction conditions) that becomes more fluid when warmed.

• Utilization

If **CO₂ Hop Extract** is boiled for at least 50 minutes, utilization within the range of 32 – 38 % can be expected. Actual utilization will vary from brewery to brewery due to differences in equipment and process conditions.

• Flavor

The flavor characteristics of the original hops are almost completely retained in **CO₂ Hop Extract**. Early additions of **CO₂ Hop Extract** during wort boiling mainly serve to impart bitterness.

• Chemical Residues

Nitrates and heavy metals are almost entirely eliminated in **CO₂ Hop Extract**. In addition, many pesticide and fungicide residues are largely removed by the CO₂ extraction process.

• Quality

All Hopsteiner® products are processed in facilities which fulfill internationally recognized quality standards.

❖ Packaging

CO₂ Hop Extract can be packaged in cans, pails and drums according to customer requirements:

Cans: 0.5 to 4 kg (USA)
0.5 to 4.2 kg (Germany)
Pails: 4 to 20 kg (USA only)
Drums: 50 and 200 kg

CO₂ Hop Extract can be produced to any alpha acid concentration desired by our customers and packaged in cans (e.g. 450 g of alpha acids per can).

Alternatively, the alpha acid content of **CO₂ Hop Extract** can be standardized to any given concentration using glucose. The container is then filled to a standard weight (e.g. 30 % alpha acids in 1 kg cans).

❖ Product Use

CO₂ Hop Extract is typically added to the wort kettle as a complete or partial replacement for leaf hops or hop pellets.

• Dosage

Kettle additions of **CO₂ Hop Extract** are based on the concentration of alpha acids, an estimated or known utilization and the desired intensity of bitterness in the beer.

• Application

For the highest possible utilization, **CO₂ Hop Extract** should be added early in the wort boiling process. **CO₂ Hop Extract** is not very suitable for late hop additions due to its nonpolar character. However, in this situation, better results can be achieved with pre-isomerized kettle extracts such as IKE or PIKE, products that are more soluble in wort.

Pre-warming cans of **CO₂ Hop Extract** is not necessary. Suspending punctured cans in the boiling wort will ensure that all of the extract is completely flushed out into the kettle.

If **CO₂ Hop Extract** is added by means of automatic dosing units, it should be warmed to 45 °C (113 °F) and gently mixed to ensure perfect dosing.

- **Storage**

CO₂ Hop Extract should be stored in sealed containers at temperatures < 10 °C (50 °F). Opened containers should be used within a few days.

- **Best Before Date**

CO₂ Hop Extract is stable for eight years from the date it was produced / packaged if stored under the recommended conditions.

- **Safety**

CO₂ Hop Extract is a natural product and may be safely handled using routine precautions to avoid contact with skin and, in particular, the eyes. Any product coming into contact with the skin should be immediately washed off with soap and water or an appropriate hand cleanser. If **CO₂ Hop Extract** gets into the eyes, flush with copious amounts of water until clear and seek medical attention.

For full safety information, please refer to the relevant Hopsteiner® safety data sheet.

The lead conductance value can be measured using the following methods:

- Analytica-EBC 7.6
- ASBC Hops-8 (II)

- **Concentration of Hop Oil**

The hop oil concentration can be measured using the following methods:

- Analytica-EBC 7.10
- ASBC Hops-13

❖ Technical Support

We are pleased to offer assistance and advice on the full range of Hopsteiner® products:

- copies of all relevant analytical procedures
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- assistance with pilot or full-scale brewing trials
- special analytical services

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❖ Analytical Methods

- **Concentration of Bitter Substances**

Alpha and beta acids can be measured using the following methods:

- HPLC according to Analytica-EBC 7.7 or ASBC Hops-14 with the current ICE standard
- spectrophotometric method according to ASBC Hops-8 (I)