Hop Oil (steam distilled)

❖ Overview

- **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** is produced from steam distillation of leaf hops and contains the complete range of essential oils found in them.

- **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** can be added at various points in the brewing process (typically on the cold side of production) and results in improved aroma yields compared to traditional hopping techniques. By using **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** the so-called “hop creep effect” will NOT occur.

- **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** imparts a pleasant hop aroma to beer which varies depending on the time of the addition.

❖ Specifications

- **Description:** pure hop oil made from steam distillation of leaf hops
- **Key compounds**: myrcene, humulene, caryophyllene, farnesene
- **Bitter substances:** < 0.1 %
- **Viscosity:** approx. 10 mPas at 25 °C (77 °F)
- **Density:** approx. 0.85 g/ml at 20 °C (68 °F)
  approx. 1.0 g/ml at 20 °C (68 °F) if 1:100 diluted in PG

*detailed information is provided in the accompanying certificate of analysis*


❖ Properties

❖ Product Use

❖ Dosage
The required quantity of **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** depends on the point of the addition:
- **Pre-fermentation:** up to 5 g per hl
- **Maturation tank:** 0.5 – 3 g per hl
- **Prior to filtration:** up to 20 g per hl for top fermented beer types; up to 0.2 g per hl for bottom fermented beer types.

The dosage rates above are intended for orientation only; actual additions will depend on the intensity of the aroma desired. Trials performed by injecting oil into the beer with a microliter syringe are helpful for determining the quantity of **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** required.

If **Hop Oil (steam distilled)** is used to replace pellets in existing recipes, 65-75% of the total oil content of the pellets will be sufficient to match the required aroma intensity.

❖ Application
**Hop Oil (steam distilled)** can be added at different stages of beer production. Dosing equipment which pumps the product into the beer stream is preferred for the addition of **Hop Oil (steam distilled)**. Alternatively, it can be added to the tank prior to filling. Shake bottle well before use.

- **Pre-fermentation:** the loss of volatile compounds during fermentation, combined with the biochemical modification of aroma compounds by yeast, can produce a less grassy, more late hopping like aroma.
• Maturation tank: additions to the maturation tank will result in slight changes to the hop aroma, due to yeast activity.

• Prior to filtration: direct additions result in an almost unchanged flavor. However, there are certain losses of non-polar compounds. An earlier addition is recommended to achieve best sensory results.

• Storage

Hop Oil (steam distilled) should be stored at temperatures < 10 °C (50 °F) in screw-top aluminum bottles.

• Best Before Date

Hop Oil (steam distilled) is stable one year from the date it was produced / packaged if stored under the recommended conditions. Packaging can be opened once per week for a period up to 1 month.

• Safety

Any product coming into contact with the skin should be immediately washed off with soap and water. If Hop Oil (steam distilled) 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.

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

Disclaimer: The information provided in this document is believed to be correct and valid. However, Hopsteiner® does not guarantee that the information provided here is complete or accurate and thus assumes no liability for any consequences resulting from its application.

Analytical Methods

• Aroma Compounds

Individual hop oil compounds can be analyzed by means of gas chromatography techniques using the following methods:

- Analytica-EBC 7.12
- ASBC Hops-17