

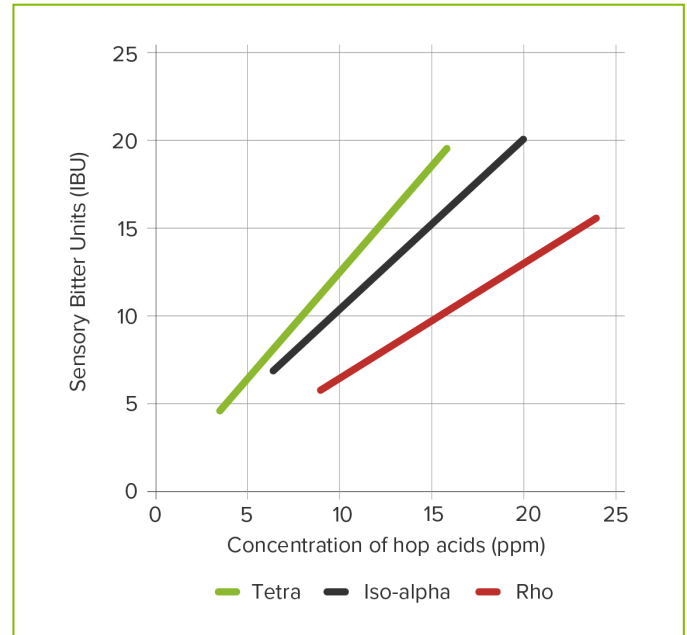
RHO ISO-EXTRACT 10 %

OVERVIEW

Rho Iso-Extract 10 % (Rho 10%) is a pure, aqueous solution of the potassium salts of rho iso-alpha acids derived from CO₂ hop extract.

Rho 10% provides protection against lightstruck flavor when used as the sole source for bitterness or in combination with other light stable hop products.

Compared to regular iso-alpha acids, **Rho 10%** imparts a smoother, non-lingering bitterness.



SPECIFICATIONS

Short description	light-stable, aqueous hop extract with mild bitterness
Alpha acids	below detection limit
Iso-alpha acids	below detection limit
Rho iso-alpha acids	10.0 ± 0.2 % (w/w) HPLC or corresponding UV spectro-photometric value
pH	8.8 ± 0.5
Density	ca. 1.01 g / ml (20°C)
Viscosity	2 - 6 mPas (20° C / 68° F)

PROPERTIES

APPEARANCE

Rho 10% is a liquid that is reddish-brown to amber in color.

FLAVOR

Rho 10% only imparts bitterness. Compared to regular iso-alpha acid products, Rho 10% lends a smoother, non-lingering bitterness to beer. Depending on the total bitterness and type of beer, the intensity of the bitterness of rho iso-alpha acids is 60 to 70 % of that achieved with iso-alpha acids. Thus, the sensory factor of rho iso-alpha acids is 0.6 - 0.7 times the bitterness of iso-alpha acids at a value of 1.0.

UTILIZATION

When added to conditioned beer prior to the final step in filtration, utilization of rho iso-alpha acids is typically 70 - 85 %. If added to the wort kettle, utilization is around 45 - 55%. Actual utilization will vary from brewery to brewery due to differences in equipment and process conditions.

LIGHT STABILITY

Rho 10% only provides protection against lightstruck flavor in the complete absence of alpha acids and iso-alpha acids. Rho 10% can be used in conjunction with any Hopsteiner® light stable product to achieve light stability.

QUALITY

All Hopsteiner® products are processed in facilities which fulfill internationally recognized quality standards. A monitoring system for residues is in place.

PACKAGING

Our products are delivered in their respective recommended standard packaging. Alternatives may be possible upon customer request.

Standard packages of our processing plants in the USA (US) and Germany (DE) are:

- Canister 20 kg (US / DE)
- Jug 10 kg (US)
- Pail 20 kg (US)

USAGE

Rho 10% is typically used as a post-fermentation addition. However, it may be applied as a partial or even complete addition to the wort in order to reduce the risk of bacterial infection.

FOR LIGHT STABLE BEER

For maximum protection against lightstruck flavor, it is essential that no other sources of non-reduced iso-alpha acids are inadvertently introduced into the wort or beer. Therefore, the following must be carefully implemented:

- exclusive use of light stable hop products throughout the entire process.
- avoid contamination through equipment surfaces previously in contact with regular iso-alpha acids.
- never pitch wort with yeast that has been in contact with regular alpha and iso-alpha acids.

DOSAGE

Dosage of Rho 10% is based on an estimated or known utilization and the desired intensity of bitterness in the beer. The fact that the bitterness of rho iso-alpha acids is about 30 % less than that of iso-alpha acids derived from conventional hop products must be taken into consideration (see Flavor section).

APPLICATION

Rho 10% can be used as delivered. For a post-fermentation addition, we recommend in-line addition directly into the beer stream, preferably at a point where vigorous mixing is assured, after primary filtration and gravity adjustment. The addition must be completed prior to final clarification and should take place over at least 70 % of the total volume being transferred. If dilution is necessary, always add Rho 10% to demineralized water first and adjust the pH to 8.5 - 9.5 using either potassium hydroxide (KOH) or potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃). Laboratory scale testing is recommended prior to commercial use. If containers are used over several days, it is recommended that the headspace be flushed with nitrogen (CO₂ is not suitable).

CLEANING RECOMMENDATION

Rho 10% should not be left in dosing lines at low temperatures. Lines and dosing pumps should be flushed with warm, slightly alkaline, demineralized water or ethanol for purposes of cleaning.

STORAGE

The recommended storage temperature in the original unopened packaging is 5 - 25 °C (41 - 77 °F).

For prolonged storage, a temperature of 10 - 20 °C (50 - 68 °F) is ideal.

BEST BEFORE DATE

Under the recommended storage conditions, the shelf life from the date of production/ packaging is at least 1 year.

SAFETY

Ensure good ventilation of the workplace and wear personal protective equipment. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Do not inhale vapors or dusts. For full safety information, please refer to the relevant Hopsteiner® safety data sheet.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

International approved methods listed in committees such as ASBC or Analytica-EBC using current standards are applied.

PRODUCT ANALYTICS

Concentration of bitter substances

- Analytica-EBC 7.9 (HPLC)

BEER ANALYTICS

Concentration of reduced iso-alpha acids in beer

- Analytica-EBC 9.47 (HPLC)

The standard formula for calculating bitter units in beer (Analytica-EBC 9.8 or ASBC Beer-23A) may need to be adjusted as it results in too low values when using higher amounts of Rho 10%.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

We are pleased to offer assistance and advice on:

- safety data sheets
- support for brewing trials on a pilot or commercial scale
- analytical services and information about analytical procedures

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