

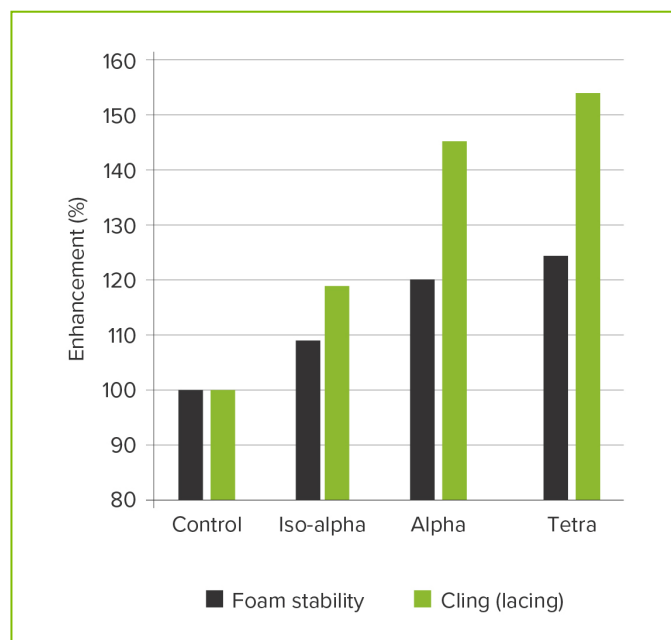
# TETRA ISO-EXTRACT

## OVERVIEW

**Tetra Iso-Extract (Tetra)** is a pure, aqueous solution of the potassium salts of tetrahydro iso-alpha acids derived from CO<sub>2</sub> hop extract.

**Tetra** greatly enhances beer foam when used as a post-fermentation replacement for a portion of conventional bittering products.

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



## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Short description</b>	light-stable, aqueous hop extract with intense bitterness and foam-stabilizing properties
<b>Alpha acids</b>	below detection limit
<b>Iso-alpha acids</b>	below detection limit
<b>Tetrahydro-Iso-alpha acids</b>	9.0 ± 0.5 % (w/w) HPLC   10.0 ± 0.5 % (w/w) Spectro
<b>pH</b>	9.5 ± 1.0
<b>Density</b>	ca. 1.02 g / ml (20°C)
<b>Viscosity</b>	2 - 6 mPas (20° C / 68° F)

## PROPERTIES

### APPEARANCE

Tetra is a homogeneous, clear aqueous solution that is amber in color.

### FLAVOR

Tetra provides 1.0 to 1.3 times the sensory bitterness compared to that achieved with iso-alpha acids. The actual intensity of bitterness depends primarily on the quantity of bittering units and the type of beer. Therefore, the target number of bittering units must be determined in preliminary tests in order to achieve the correct level of sensory bitterness.

### UTILIZATION

Based on HPLC analysis of the finished beer, utilization of Tetra is 60 - 80 %, depending on the timing and efficiency of the addition. Actual utilization will vary from brewery to brewery due to differences in equipment and process conditions.

### LIGHT STABILITY

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

## **FOAM STABILITY**

Tetra enhances both foam retention and cling. An improvement in beer foam is already noticeable at 2 - 3 mg/l of tetrahydro iso-alpha acids in the finished beer.

## **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**

Tetra is typically used as a post-fermentation addition and prior to the final step in filtration.

## **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 is based on the product concentration, an estimated or known utilization and the desired intensity of bitterness in the beer. The fact that the perceived bitterness of Tetra is about 1.0 to 1.3 times the bitterness of iso-alpha acids derived from conventional hop products must be taken into consideration. The correct dosage of Tetra must be determined through trials at the brewery.

## **APPLICATION**

We recommend adding Tetra at full strength (undiluted) into the center of the beer stream for at least 70 % of the total volume being transferred. An accurate, high pressure dosing pump is required to add the product into the beer stream at a point where vigorous mixing is assured. Tetra can be added at ambient temperatures. If dilution is necessary, always add Tetra to demineralized water first and adjust the pH to 8.5 - 9.5 using either potassium hydroxide (KOH) or potassium carbonate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>). 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 (CO<sub>2</sub> is not suitable).

## **CLEANING RECOMMENDATION**

Tetra 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 2 years.

## **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)
- ASBC Hops-18 (Spectro)

## **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 Tetra.

Foam stability and Cling test

- NIBEM Cling
- NIBEM-T Meter
- Pour Test
- Ross & Clark
- Steinfurth Foam Stability Tester

## **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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