

TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET:

CALCIUM CARBONATE (CHALK) - LIQUOR TREATMENT

PRODUCT NAME:

Calcium Carbonate
(Chalk)

E170

PRODUCT CODE:

CHALK

COMMODITY CODE:

28369917

PACKAGING:

25 KG

Description

Calcium Carbonate (Chalk) is a salt used to increase the mineral content of brewing liquor to improve its brewing quality and produce the desired beer characteristics.

Benefits

- Increases alkalinity for dark beers such as milds, porters and stouts.
- Balances pH reducing effects of dark grains in soft water areas.
- Increases wort pH.
- Improves health and vigour of the yeast
- Adds Calcium Ions
- Reduces beer stone and can prevent gushing in beer



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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Refer to the **Product Specification Sheet** or contact us on
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HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Refer to the **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)**

	Bitter	Strong Bitter	Lager (65°C)	Porter	Mild	Wheat	Stout
Calcium	180-220	200-220	120-140	130-160	120-140	180	120-140
Alkalinity	30-50	30-50	30-50	100	100	35	150
Chloride	150-300	200-300	Low	200-300	300	250	300
Sulphate	250-400	300-400	Low	200-300	150	220	100

Principle

TABLE 1. TYPICAL LEVELS OF IONS IN BREWING LIQUOR USED TO PRODUCE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BEER (ALL FIGURES ARE IN MILLIGRAMS PER LITRE COMMONLY KNOWN AS PPM)

The objective of liquor treatment is to convert your water supply into acceptable brewing liquor.

Treating your brewing liquor is vitally important. When applied correctly all the steps throughout the brewing process will be at the optimum pH. If it is applied incorrectly you will get poor extract and beer that is difficult to clarify.

Calcium Carbonate contains essential calcium ions and increases alkalinity which is useful for dark beers such as milds, stouts and porters to balance the pH decreasing effect of dark grains being utilised by the yeast during fermentation.

Application and rates of use

Calcium Carbonate is normally added to the grist prior to mashing.

Calcium Carbonate should NOT be added to the hot liquor tank (HLT), as some constituents are insoluble. They will remain in the hot liquor tank as opposed to being released into the grist, thus requiring the HLT to be cleaned on a regular basis.

Rates of Calcium Carbonate should be determined based on the final brew-length and are dependant on the levels of calcium and alkalinity in your untreated liquor.

Levels of the relevant ions present in your liquor can be obtained from your Local Water Authority or you can send in 50ml of your raw liquor to Murphy's laboratory for a full analysis and suggested treatment rates. Please note Local Authority reports can provide results that are not up to date and this may affect your calculations for ideal dosage rates. It is advisable to check the analysis of your water at least once a year, or on a more regular basis if the supply changes.

Once you have obtained your analysis of your raw liquor you can then calculate your dosage rates by selecting which beer type you wish to brew and refer to table 1, this will help you determine how many ions to add. Knowing this information you can calculate the amount of Calcium Carbonate needed to increase the relevant ions to the ideal level.

Murphy and Son are happy to help calculate you addition rates.

Guidelines for use

- Check that the product is within its shelf life before use
- Test you water regularly to obtain ideal dosage rates for the best results
- Read the Safety Data Sheet prior to use

Storage and Shelf life

- Store in original container
- Keep containers sealed when not in use
- The shelf life at the recommended storage conditions is 3 years.



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