

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

PURE VIRGIN SHEA BUTTER

INCI: Butyrospermum parkii (Shea Butter) Fruit

SPECIFICATIONS:

APPEARANCE: Ivory to Yellowish

ODOUR: Characteristic

MELTING POINT: 32 - 45 degrees centigrade

PEROXIDE VALUE: <2 meq/kg

FREE ACIDS: 3.5% Maximum

MICROBIOLOGY: <20 cfu/g

Total Plate Count after 48 hours: No pathogens present

UNSATURATED ACIDS: 6.5% Minimum

VITAMIN A: 1966/IV 100/mg

CINNAMONIC ACID: 0.95

CAUTIONS: This is a natural product that may darken with age. Store in a cool, dark place. Shea Butter contains a natural substance similar in composition to latex & should therefore be avoided by people with allergies to latex.

DESCRIPTION: Wildcrafted & unrefined shea butter is a natural fatty substance that is extracted from the seed kernel of the Shea tree in West & Central Africa. Our Shea Butter is produced using traditional methods & has not been refined. It is a raw, natural product in its purest form.

USES: Shea Butter is used as a fatting agent in cosmetic products, topical ointments, creams & lotions. It has a high content of unsaponifiables, which give a pleasant smooth feel to the skin & make shea butter most applicable to facial, hand & body care products. Shea butter is also recommended for cosmetics such as lipsticks & makeup, sunscreen, & products for sensitive skin. In general, shea butter can be used in most oil based products or in the oil phase of cosmetic & toiletry formulations. Here are some suggested uses: lip balms, lipsticks, sun care, hand & body lotions, moisturisers, bath oils, soaps, rubs & ointments, & body butters. It is important to use at least 10% or more shea butter in a product if you want it to perform better because of the presence of shea butter.

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