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Flavor and odor are important factors by which the consumer judges a food product.

The product may be accepted or rejected depending entirely on the freshness of flavor and aroma. Oxidation causes deterioration of these important qualities, resulting in foods with unpleasant flavors and unappetizing odors. Improvements in food preparation, storage temperatures, and packaging help to retard oxidation but may not be satisfactory or economically feasible in many instances. Consequently, substances are needed that can be introduced directly into the food product to inhibit the destructive processes that result in rancidity. For the food processor, Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants meet this need.

Eastman has been producing effective food-grade antioxidants for more than 50 years. Three basic antioxidant compounds — tertiary butylhydroquinone (TBHQ), butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) — are marketed under the trademark Tenox. "Easy-to-use" solution formulations are available containing antioxidants in various combinations and ratios dissolved in food-grade solvents. They also contain citric acid, an effective metal chelating agent and synergist.

Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidants are kosher and are manufactured under rabbinical supervision in full accordance with Jewish dietary laws.

Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants



Excellent stability

Eastman Tenox™ TBHQ food-grade antioxidant —

is Eastman's most effective antioxidant for highly unsaturated vegetable oils and many edible animal fats. It will effectively "carry through" from frying oils and provide excellent stability to finished foods. Tenox TBHQ can be used with BHA and/or BHT in meat and poultry products to provide maximum protection while maintaining compliance with USDA regulations.

Eastman Tenox™ BHA food-grade antioxidant —

can be easily applied to food items because of its outstanding solubility in fats and oils. It is renowned for its carry-through effect into baked foods, providing extended shelf life. Tenox BHA imparts excellent stability to an array of food products, fats, oils, vitamins, pet foods, and packaging materials.

Eastman Tenox™ BHT food-grade antioxidant —

offers excellent solubility in fats and oils and provides carry-through effectiveness in baked foods. Used singly or with other Tenox antioxidants, it imparts stability to fats, oils, cereals, and packaging materials.



Features



Safe

For more than 50 years, Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants have had a record of safe use at effective concentrations in food.



Easily applied — A wide variety of formulations of Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidants are available to fit specific requirements for solubility and addition technique.

Effective in low concentrations — The individual Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidants are effective at concentrations of 0.02% or less.

Do not contribute objectionable odor or flavor to the stabilized product — The purity of Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants and the low concentration required to stabilize food products preclude the contribution of undesirable odor or flavor.

Stable at high temperature — TBHQ will carry through the heat of the frying vat; Eastman Tenox[™] TBHQ, BHA, and BHT food-grade antioxidants have the ability to carry through the heat of the baking oven to protect the final product.

Ensure continued supply — Eastman's basic manufacturing position ensures the food processor both immediate and continued antioxidant availability.

Reasonable cost — Because of the low concentration required, stabilization with Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidants usually costs only a few cents per hundred pounds of the food product.



Physical properties

	Eastman Tenox™ TBHQ food-grade antioxidant	Eastman Tenox™ BHA food-grade antioxidant	Eastman Tenox™ BHT food-grade antioxidant
	OH C(CH ₃) ₃	OH $C(CH_3)_3$ $C(CH_3)_3$ OCH_3	$(CH_3)_3C$ OH $C(CH_3)_3$ CH_3
	tertiary butylhydroquinone	3-tertiarybutyl-4- hydroxyanisole hydroxyanisole	3,5-di-tert-butyl-4- hydroxytoluene
Molecular weight	166.22	180.25	220
Physical appearance	White to light tan powder	White to slightly yellow solid	White granular crystals
Boiling point, 760 mm Hg, °C	300	264–270	265
Melting point, °C	126.5–128.5	48–63	69.7
Odor	Very slight	Slight	Very slight
	very stight	Sugni	very stight
Solvent		Solubility, % (approx.)	
Water, 25°C	<0.4	<0.1	Insoluble
Glycerol, 25°C	23	1	Insoluble
Ethyl alcohol, 25°C	60	80	32
Propylene glycol, 25°C	30	63	2
Cottonseed oil, 25°C	10	30	27
Corn oil, 25°C	10	30	26
Canola oil, 25°C	6	30	26
Soybean oil, 25°C	10	30	26
Palm oil, 50°C	10	65	55
Lard, 50°C	15	65	50







Food	A 19 4	Permitted	Limitation or tolerance			
additive regulation	Application	antioxidant BHA	(Percent by weight of food unless otherwise specif			
21 CFR 182.3169			0.02% (200 ppm) singly or in co	. , ,		
21 CFR 182.3173	General uses	BHT	fat or oil portion of food includ	. ,		
21 CFR 172.185		TBHQ	except where prohibited by Sta	ndard of Identity		
		Specific foods				
21 CFR 172.615	Chewing-gum base	BHA, BHT	0.1% (1,000 ppm) singly or in co	ombination		
	Synthetic flavoring	ВНА				
21 CFR 172.515	substances and adjuvants	DITA	0.5% (5,000 ppm) of flavoring (oil		
	Active dry yeast		0.1% (1,000 ppm)			
	Beverages and					
21 CFR 172.110	desserts from dry mixes	ВНА	0.0002% (2 ppm)			
	Dry mixes for	NIIA	0.009% (90 ppm)			
	beverages and desserts			These limits		
	Dry diced glazed fruit		0.0032% (32 ppm)	on		
	Dry breakfast cereals		0.005% (50 ppm)	total product weight		
21 CFR 172.110	Emulsion stabilizers for shortening		0.02% (200 ppm)	product weight		
and/or	Potato granules	BHA and/or BHT	0.001% (10 ppm)			
21 CFR 172.115	Potato flakes, sweet potato flakes,					
	and dehydrated potato shreds		0.005% (50 ppm)			
		Food standards				
21 CFR 137.350	Enriched rice	BHT	0.0033% (33 ppm)			
21 CFR 161.175	Frozen raw breaded shrimp	BHA, BHT	0.02% (200 ppm) on fat or oil o	content		
21 CFR 166.110 and			0.02% (200 ppm) singly or in co	ombination based		
9 CFR 318.7	Margarine	BHA, BHT, TBHQ	on finished product (TBHQ bas	ed on fat or oil)		
			0.02% (200 ppm) singly or in co	ombination		
21 CFR 164.110	Mixed nuts	BHA, BHT, TBHQ	based on fat or oil content			

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Food		Permitted	Limitation or tolerance
additive regulation	Application	antioxidant	(Percent by weight of food unless otherwise specified)
	Meat	and meat food products	
			0.003% (30 ppm) singly, 0.006% (60 ppm) in combination, with no
			antioxidant exceeding 0.003% (30 ppm), based on total weight of
	Dry sausage		finished product
0.050.040.7	Fresh pork and/or beef sausage, brown-		0.01% (100 ppm) singly, 0.02% (200 ppm) in combination, with
	and-serve sausage, pregrilled beef patties,	BHA, BHT	no antioxidant exceeding 0.01% (100 ppm), based on fat or oil
9 CFR 318.7	pizza toppings, and meatballs	TBHQ	content of finished product
			0.01% (100 ppm) singly or in combination based on total weight of
	Dried meats		finished product
	Rendered animal fat or a combination of		0.01% (100 ppm) singly, 0.02% (200 ppm) in combination, with no
	such fat and vegetable fat		antioxidant exceeding 0.01%
	Poultry	and poultry food produc	cts
	Rendered poultry fat or various poultry	BHA, BHT, TBHQ	0.01% (100 ppm) singly, 0.02% (200 ppm) in combination, with no
9 CFR 381.147	products	DHA, DHI, IBHQ	antioxidant exceeding 0.01%, based on fat content







Regulations outside the United States

In countries other than the United States, prospective antioxidant users should consult the appropriate government agency in the specific country regarding the specific regulatory requirements for antioxidants. It is the responsibility of our customers to determine that their use of our product(s) is safe, lawful, and technically suitable in their intended applications.



Table 3

European Community — Directive 95/2/EC

Permitted	EC
antioxidant	regulation
ВНА	E320
BHT	E321
TBHQ	E319

Note: Each EC member country establishes maximum permitted levels for various uses for antioxidants.

Selecting the appropriate antioxidant



Protection

Cooked foods require antioxidants that will remain stable when exposed to the temperatures of baking or frying. **Legal status** — The selection of antioxidants is limited to compounds approved under applicable regulations.

Type of fat or oil — The selected antioxidant must be highly effective in the particular fat or oil being stabilized.

Ease of dispersion — For maximum efficiency, the antioxidant system should be one that can be easily dissolved and thoroughly dispersed in the fat and oil portions of the food product.

Need for carry through — Cooked foods require antioxidants that will remain stable when exposed to the temperatures of baking or frying and provide protection to the finished products.

Discoloration tendencies — Some discoloration may occur with TBHQ in the presence of alkaline pH, certain proteins, and sodium salts.

Method of application — The technique for application may dictate the antioxidant systems that can be used.

Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidant formulations

		usage levels					
Food-grade _	(weight %	of fat or oil)	Composition, % ^a				
antioxidant solution	FDA	USDA	ВНА	BHT	TBHQ	Citric acid	
Eastman Tenox [™] 4	0.05	0.05	20	20	_	_	
Eastman Tenox [™] 4B	0.1	0.05	20	_	_	_	
Eastman Tenox [™] 8	0.1	0.05	_	20	_	_	
Eastman Tenox [™] 20	0.1	0.05	_	_	20	10	
Eastman Tenox [™] 20A	0.1	0.05	_	_	20	3	
Eastman Tenox [™] 21	0.1	0.05	_	_	20	1	
Eastman Tenox [™] 25	0.1	0.1	_	10	10	3	
Eastman Tenox [™] R	0.1	0.05	20	_	_	20	

^aCarriers used in solution formulations include vegetable oil, propylene glycol, and/or mono- and diglycerides or ethanol.

In addition to the solutions listed, solution formulations can be custom-made on request for specific uses (minimum order required).



Animal fats need antioxidant protection to help stabilize them for use in foods such as broths and soups.



Typical properties^a

Food-grade antioxidant solution	Color	Viscosity @ 25°C, cP ^b	Specific gravity, 20°/20°C	Solubility in fats and oils	Effectiveness in vegetable oils	"Carry through" in baked foods
Eastman Tenox [™] 4	Light straw	61	0.942	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Eastman Tenox™ 4B	Light straw	69	0.951	Excellent	Good	Excellent
Eastman Tenox™ 8	Light straw to light amber	49	0.925	Excellent	Good	Good
Eastman Tenox™ 20	Light amber to golden brown	235	1.087	Good	Excellent	Good
Eastman Tenox™ 20A	Golden brown	369	0.998	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Eastman Tenox [™] 21	Golden brown	284	0.991	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Eastman Tenox [™] 25	Golden brown	190	0.938	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Eastman Tenox™ R	Light straw	229	1.117	Good	Good	Excellent

^aProperties reported here are typical of average lots. Eastman makes no representation that the material in any particular shipment will conform exactly to the values given. ^bBrookfield Model RVT–Spindle 2, speed 20 rpm





Antioxidants can be used to improve the stability of food products such as margarine.

Application methods



Application

Stabilize by blending the antioxidant with seasoning mix. When applying antioxidants to food products, it is essential that the antioxidants are thoroughly dissolved and dispersed in the fat or oil portions. Since only small amounts of Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants are required for protection of foods, the method of incorporating the antioxidants may determine the success of stabilization. Choice of method depends on the product, the process, and available equipment. Tenox antioxidants can be applied by one or more of the following techniques.

Direct method — A fat, oil, or wax can be stabilized by heating to a minimum of 60°C (140°F) and agitating sufficiently to dissolve the antioxidant. The agitation (not so vigorous that excessive air is entrapped) should be continued for an additional 20 minutes to ensure uniform distribution.

Antioxidant concentrate method — Concentrated solutions of antioxidants can be prepared by dissolving Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidant in a small quantity of fat or oil heated to 93°C–121°C (200°F–250°F). The hot concentrate or a predissolved formulation of Tenox antioxidant can be introduced into the fat directly or by metering. Agitation is required for thorough distribution.

Proportionate method — The antioxidant or a concentrate of the antioxidant in the oil to be stabilized may be proportioned or metered into a pipeline through which the hot oil (60°C/140°F minimum) is being circulated. A stainless steel proportioning pump is used to meter the antioxidant or antioxidant concentrate into the oil at the desired rate. The antioxidant solution is fed into the inlet to the circulating pump.

The success of the proportioning technique depends on the length of the pipeline and the turbulence provided by the circulating pump. It is suggested that the pipeline be a minimum of 2 inches in diameter and approximately 100 feet long. Turbulence should be sufficient to thoroughly mix the antioxidant in the oil before the mixture reaches the final storage tank.

Spray method— Food products such as nuts can be sprayed directly with a dilute antioxidant solution. The concentration of the solution should be adjusted to provide the desired amount of antioxidant and to ensure uniform distribution on the surface of the products.

Other methods — Other innovative means can be used to apply Eastman Tenox[™] food-grade antioxidants to various food products. For instance, meat products such as sausages may be effectively stabilized by blending the antioxidant formulation and seasoning mix into the sausages. Cereal products can be protected by incorporating the antioxidant into the waxed liners of the packages.

Antioxidant effectiveness



Evaluating antioxidant performance

Accelerated tests conducted under controlled conditions are normally used to evaluate antioxidant performance.

The effect of antioxidants on the oxidative stability of fats, oils, or food products can be most realistically measured by subjecting samples to actual storage conditions and examining them periodically. This method of testing usually requires too much time to be practical. For this reason, accelerated tests conducted under controlled conditions are normally used to evaluate antioxidant performance.

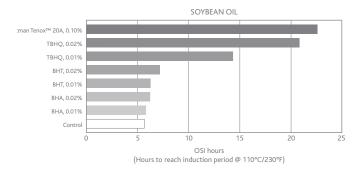
If comparing data obtained by different methods, it is important to consider how the methods differ and what is being measured. For these reasons, direct data comparisons are not feasible if data is obtained by varying methods.

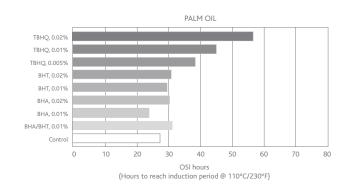
Active Oxygen Method (AOM) — The Active Oxygen Method has been widely used for years on fats and oils that are liquid at the test temperature. It is not applicable to solid material. Air is bubbled through the heated test sample to speed oxidation and shorten testing time. Periodic analyses show when the peroxide value indicates the induction point. For vegetable fats and oils, the accepted industry standard is 70 meq peroxide/kg of fat or oil.

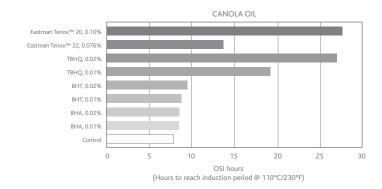
Oil Stability Index (OSI) — The Oil Stability Index is an automated, accelerated method of measuring stability of fats and oils. Fat or oil samples held at a constant temperature between 110°C and 130°C are exposed to a stream of purified air. Over time the oil or fat begins to oxidize, giving rise to volatile organic acids. The volatile decomposition products, trapped in a measuring vessel filled with distilled water, are continuously monitored with a conductivity probe. The "induction period" is the time at which the rapid acceleration of oxidation occurs and is recorded as number of hours.

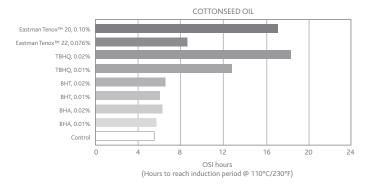
Oven storage tests

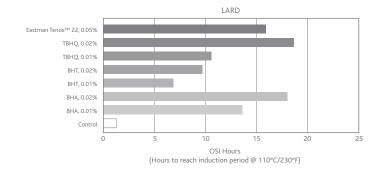
Higher temperatures will accelerate oxidation. Oven storage tests, such as the Schaal Oven Stability test, are shelf storage tests conducted at elevated temperatures to speed up the procedure. Periodic odor and flavor evaluations are commonly used; however, chemical analyses such as peroxide value may be used to determine rancidity development in the samples.

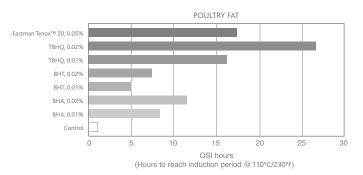


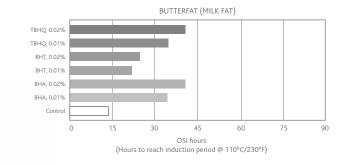






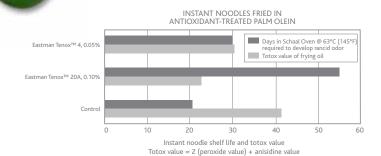


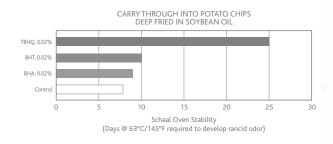


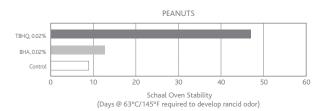


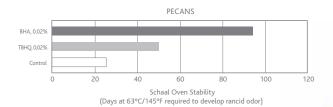


 $\label{eq:Differential scanning calorimetry} \mbox{(Stability is time [minutes] to oxidize @ 80°C/175°F in an O_2 atmosphere)}$











Antioxidants can be added to essential oils and flavorings to protect against oxidation during shipment and storage. The protection can also carry over into the food product.

Packaging

Table 6

Types of packaging



Solution formulations										
	Bulkdrum II Plastic drums									
Food-grade	275 U.S. gal	30 U.S. gal	55 U.S. gal	6 U.S. gal						
antioxidant solution	(1040.99 L)	(113.56 L)	(208.19 L)	(22.71 L)						
Eastman Tenox [™] 4										
Eastman Tenox [™] 4B										
Eastman Tenox [™] 8										
Eastman Tenox™ 20										
Eastman Tenox [™] 20A										
Eastman Tenox [™] 21										
Eastman Tenox™ 25										
Eastman Tenox [™] R										

Applications

Several Eastman Tenox™ food-grade antioxidants are recommended for each product in the following application guide. This is due to the vast differences in existing regulations in various countries.

Anin	nal feeds	Baked	l products	Bake	ry mixes	Bakery	shortening	Bever	age mixes
Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] 25 Tenox [™] R	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 8 Tenox™ 25	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 25	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 25	Tenox™ 20A	Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ BHA
Ca	andies	С	ereals	Chev	ving gum	Cit	rus oils	C	ookies
Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 20A Tenox™ 25	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 8	Tenox [™] BHA	Tenox [™] BHT	Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] BHA	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 20A Tenox™ 25
Cos	smetics	Cr	ackers	Dese	ert mixes	Edi	ble fats	Fi	sh oils
Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] 25 Tenox [™] BHA Tenox [™] BHT	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] 8 Tenox [™] 25	Tenox [™] 4B Tenox [™] A	Tenox [™] BHA	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] 25 Tenox [™] BHA Tenox [™] BHT Tenox [™] TBHQ	Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] TBHQ
Fish	Fish products		Flavorings		ing oils	Ined	lible fats		Lard
Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox™ TBHQ	Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] BHA	Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox™ 21 Tenox™ TBHQ	Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] R	Tenox [™] 4	Tenox™ 20A Tenox™ 25
Mai	rgarines	Meat	products	Min	eral oils		Nuts	Packagi	ng materials
Tenox [™] 20A Tenox [™] 21	Tenox™ 25 Tenox™ TBHQ	Tenox™ 4 Tenox™ 4B	Tenox [™] 8 Tenox [™] 20A Tenox [™] 25	Tenox™ 4B	Tenox™ BHA Tenox™ BHT	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B Tenox [™] 8 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] BHA Tenox [™] BHT Tenox [™] TBHQ	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B Tenox [™] 8	Tenox [™] BHA Tenox [™] BHT
									Rice
Pe	Pet foods		nto chips	Pou	ltry fat	Poultr	y products	(brown, poli	shed & rice bran)
Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox™ R	Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] 21	Tenox [™] 20	Tenox [™] TBHQ	Tenox [™] 20	Tenox™ 20A	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] 8

Rice	Rice (enriched)		Sausages		Shrimp (breaded)		Snack foods Spices		Spices
Tenox [™] 8		Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ 20A Tenox™ 25	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox [™] 8 Tenox [™] A	Tenox [™] 20 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox [™] 21 Tenox [™] 25	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox™ 25
	Tallow Vegetable oils Vitamins		Waxes		Yeast				
	Tenox™ 20A	Tenox [™] 20	Tenox™ 21	Tenox [™] 4 Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ A	Tenox [™] BHA			
Tenox [™] 4	Tenox [™] 25	Tenox [™] 20A	Tenox™ TBHQ	Tenox [™] 8	Tenox™ BHA	Tenox™ BHT	Tenox™TBHQ	Tenox [™] 4B	Tenox™ BHA

Additional information

- Z-1 Quality Products From Eastman for the Food Market
- Z-15 Tenox TBHQ Antioxidant Versus BHT in Fats and Oils (also available in Portuguese and Spanish)
- Z-17 TBHQ Safety
- ZG-183 Tenox Antioxidants for Meat and Poultry
- ZG-194 Schaal Oven Storage Stability Test
- ZG-248 Tenox Food-Grade Antioxidants for Refined Vegetable Oils
 - (also available in Spanish)
- ZG-268 AOCS Oil Stability Index
- ZG-269 Antioxidants for Cereal, Confectionery, and Snack Foods
- P-207 Certification of Kosher Products From Eastman Chemical Company

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