

Liposomal Vitamin C



*High potency vitamin C using liposomal technology
for superior absorption and delivery*

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Designs for Health's Liposomal Vitamin C provides this key foundational nutrient formulated with liposomal technology for optimal absorption and bioavailability. Each 5 mL serving (approximately 1 teaspoon) of this lemon flavored formula provides 1000 mg vitamin C, as sodium ascorbate. The 130 mg sodium per serving facilitates absorption of vitamin C via sodium-dependent transporters.

Immune system support immediately comes to mind when we think of vitamin C, but this nutrient has a host of roles in various tissues and systems beyond bolstering immune defenses. As a cofactor for enzymes involved in the synthesis of serotonin and norepinephrine, adequate vitamin C levels may help individuals maintain a positive mental outlook and mount a healthy response to everyday stress. Its function in catecholamine synthesis may be why vitamin C has long been recognized as helping to support the adrenal glands. In fact, the adrenal glands contain one of the highest concentrations of vitamin C in the body (in both the cortex and medulla), underscoring that this nutrient is instrumental for far more than antioxidant effects.¹

Vitamin C is required for function of the enzymes that transform the amino acids proline and lysine into hydroxyproline and hydroxylysine, key components for the synthesis of collagen—including that which constitutes blood vessels—which underlies, in part, the crucial role of vitamin C in cardiovascular health, and explains why easy bruising and bleeding are potential signs of vitamin C deficiency.

Vitamin C has long been considered as a requirement for biosynthesis of carnitine (from the amino acid lysine), which is needed for enzymatic transport of fatty acids into the mitochondria for subsequent oxidation and generation of ATP.^{2,3} This has been called into question,⁴ but nevertheless, while a multitude of factors affect metabolism and body weight, marginal vitamin C status may impair fat oxidation during submaximal exercise, and optimizing vitamin C levels may facilitate fat loss.^{*5,6}

Finally, vitamin C's antioxidant function is a hallmark of this nutrient. Vitamin C is a potent neutralizer of free radicals and helps to recycle vitamin E and glutathione. Increased levels of oxidative stress are associated with a wide array of chronic health issues. They are both a potential contributor to, and a downstream effect of conditions including but not limited to type 2 diabetes,⁷ Alzheimer's disease,⁸ other neurodegenerative disorders,⁹ and frailty in aging individuals.^{10,11*}

Liposomal Technology

Many nutritionists argue the body's need for vitamin C far surpasses the paltry RDA recommendations. Dr. Linus Pauling, who pioneered extensive research on vitamin C, believed optimal amounts exceed 2,000 mg daily, with even higher amounts potentially exerting a therapeutic effect in acute situations.

Supplement Facts

Serving Size 5 mL (approx. 1 teaspoon)

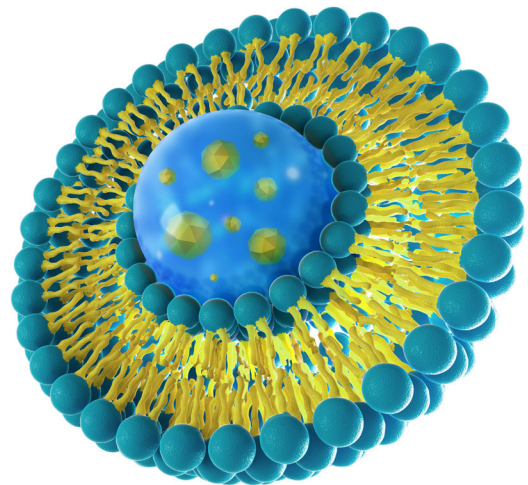
Servings Per Container 24

Amount Per Serving		% Daily Value
Vitamin C (as Sodium Ascorbate)	1000 mg	1111%
Sodium (as Sodium Ascorbate)	130 mg	6%

Other Ingredients: Water, glycerine, ethanol, phospholipids (from sunflower lecithin), natural citrus oils (flavoring).



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Structure of a Liposome

Certain circumstances may necessitate a high dose of vitamin C, but high doses administered orally often lead to diarrhea and other forms of GI discomfort, thus limiting the dose that can be given at one time. Intravenous vitamin C is an effective alternative, but this option may be logistically inconvenient and financially impractical for some individuals. Liposomal Vitamin C is an excellent solution to all of these obstacles. Liposomal delivery provides a well-tolerated, easily absorbed and highly bioavailable form of vitamin C without the unpleasant side-effects of high oral doses. Liposomal Vitamin C also offsets the decrease in absorption known to occur with increasing oral doses.

In addition to enhanced absorption, nutrients delivered via liposomes enter the lymphatic circulation first, bypassing firstpass metabolism in the liver, thus increasing bioavailability.¹² Because this product provides vitamin C as sodium ascorbate, individuals with gastrointestinal sensitivity may tolerate this buffered form better than regular ascorbic acid.

What are liposomes?

Liposomes are spheres made of phospholipids—the primary building blocks of cell membranes. Owing to this structure, liposomes bond easily with cell membranes to facilitate intracellular delivery of their nutrient cargo. Thanks to this enhanced delivery and absorption, nutrients delivered in liposomal form at lower doses may have equal or greater efficacy than higher doses provided in forms that are less bioavailable.

Designs for Health's Liposomal Vitamin C employs liposome particles that are 50-100nm in size, in contrast to 200-600nm particles that are more commonly available from other manufacturers. The smaller sized particles result in increased oral and cellular uptake and faster transmucosal absorption in the mouth, in addition to enhanced absorption throughout the rest of the gastrointestinal tract. In fact, it is recommended to hold the product in the mouth for 30 seconds before swallowing to take advantage of this effective route of absorption. Additionally, clearance of these particles from the bloodstream (via the liver and spleen) is inversely related to size: the smallest particles circulate the longest, increasing the likelihood of absorption at their target tissues. Note that the phospholipids used in this product are derived from sunflower lecithin (soy-free, non-GMO material).

Benefits of Liposomal Delivery

- Superior absorption and intracellular delivery of nutrients
- Phospholipid structure allows for effective delivery of compounds with different solubilities carried within the same particle (e.g., water- and lipid-soluble compounds)
- Liposomes penetrate the blood-brain barrier, an obstacle for other various formulations
- While there is an opportunity for quick absorption in the mouth, liposomes also survive the acidic environment of the stomach, ensuring intestinal uptake and delivery to the lymphatic system
- Liquid liposomal formulations are convenient for those who prefer to swallow fewer pills; also allow for easy dosing

Recommended Use:

As a dietary supplement, take 5 mL (approx. 1 teaspoon) and hold in mouth for 30 seconds before swallowing, or as directed by your health care practitioner.

For a list of references cited in this document, please visit:

<http://catalog.designsforhealth.com/assets/itemresources/liposomal-vitaminC-references.pdf>

Dosing recommendations are given for typical use based on an average 150 pound healthy adult. Health care practitioners are encouraged to use clinical judgement with case-specific dosing based on intended goals, subject body weight, medical history, and concomitant medication and supplement usage.

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