

What is Melzing™?

Melzing™ is specially formulated to deliver the exact amount of ginger needed to combat nausea due to morning sickness, motion sickness or any other reason. Also contains pure New Zealand Manuka honey for an energy boost.

Where does the name come from?

“Mel” is latin for honey, and the scientific name for ginger is Zingiber officinale. It will also give you a bit of a “Zing” by making you feel better.

Who is this product for?

Ginger is very effective for nausea but a large dose is needed and most ways in which people take ginger do not deliver the correct amount e.g. ginger beer. Melzing™ has been designed for people suffering from nausea and/or vomiting due to any cause, including motion sickness, morning sickness and sickness from cancer treatments.

What are the ingredients?

In each 250ml Melzing™ container there is:

- 150ml New Zealand Manuka honey
- 76ml glycerin
- 24ml concentrated ginger extract delivering 500mg ginger/24ml

What is the dosage?

Adults - 2-3 pumps (4-6ml) as required, maximum of 12 pumps (24 ml) per 24 hours

Children - Age 9-18 / 2 pumps (4 ml), as required, maximum of 8 pumps (16 ml) per 24 hours; **Age 2-8** / 1 pump (2 ml), as required, diluted in water, maximum of 4 pumps (8 ml) per 24 hours

How do I take it?

Simply use the pump to dispense the correct amount onto a spoon and eat. Alternatively, you can pump Melzing™ into a cup or glass and add hot water to taste and make a great honey and ginger drink (as the product is quite strong, this may be the best way for younger children).

How does it work?

It is not known for certain, but it is thought that ginger reduces nausea and vomiting by acting on serotonin receptors in both the gastrointestinal system and in the central nervous system.

How effective is it?

Ginger has been used for centuries for nausea relief and many studies have proven that it is effective. The key thing is to get the correct dose of ginger. Most ginger products do not deliver enough ginger, and Melzing™ has been specially formulated and designed to accurately deliver the optimal dose.

Several studies have showed that ginger helps motion sickness, and the UK Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists said in its recent first guidance document on common pregnancy complaints, that ginger may help pregnant women with sickness who do not want to take drugs¹. The NHS in the UK also recommends ginger for this reason.

Many studies have found that ginger is effective for motion or travel sickness - as it has been traditionally used for²⁻³. It can also be as effective as the medicines that doctors usually prescribe for treating the nausea that can occur after having surgery²⁻³.

Melzing™ came about through Dr. Holt's work advising people with cancer on what complementary natural products they could use, to help with both cancer and treatment side effects. He has long recommended the use of ginger at the correct dose, based on several studies, but including an enormous study of people undergoing chemotherapy who had severe nausea and vomiting - the study found that ginger was very effective and the ideal dose needed was discovered⁴.

Why use Melzing™ instead of other ginger products?

Yes, you could have ginger biscuits or ginger beer, or add ginger to your food, but it would then be very hard to make sure that you are consuming the right amount.

Melzing™ contains the correct dose you need, through a novel and accurate dispensing method. The few products available that do contain enough ginger to be effective towards nausea can be very strong and burn your mouth. Melzing™ does have a bit of a kick, however we found through extensive taste-testing that most people thought it tasted great, and that if it was too strong, this could be overcome by diluting it in hot or cold water. The Melzing™ pump means that the whole family can receive the exact dose they need for their age, and it tastes great if eaten neat or taken as a drink. The Melzing™ container is easy to carry around and, overall, Melzing™ makes it super-convenient to receive the full benefit of ginger when you have nausea or vomiting.

Is it safe?

Melzing™ is 100% natural containing honey, ginger and glycerin. Ginger is listed as a food on the FDA's "generally regarded as safe" list and, unlike many products for nausea, does not cause drowsiness or blurred vision. It is safe if taken in the correct dose. The only side effect of note is that massive doses - around 10 times the recommended dose of Melzing™ - could in theory cause bleeding in people who have bleeding disorders or who are taking blood-thinning medications.

If symptoms persist, you should see your healthcare professional. Melzing™ is not recommended for children aged under 2 years.

Who are HoneyLab?

HoneyLab is a New Zealand pharmaceutical company with several platforms of clinical research, including dermatology, pain, and nutrition. HoneyLab are running the world's largest programme of medical honey research. The research programme is directed by Dr. Shaun Holt. Shaun has both Pharmacy and Medical degrees from the UK, lectures at Victoria University of Wellington and is one of New Zealand's most experienced clinical researchers.

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