

# Alka-Seltzer Original Flavor

# **Drug Facts**

## Active ingredient (in each tablet)

**Purpose** 

Buffered aspirin 325 mg (NSAID)\*...... Pain reliever/fever reducer \*nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug

#### Uses

- temporarily relieves minor aches and pains due to:
  - headache
- muscle pain
- backache

- toothache
- menstrual pain colds
- minor pain of arthritis
- temporarily reduces fever

### Warnings

Reye's syndrome: Children and teenagers who have or are recovering from chicken pox or flu-like symptoms should not use this product. When using this product, if changes in behavior with nausea and vomiting occur, consult a doctor because these symptoms could be an early sign of Reye's syndrome, a rare but serious illness.

**Allergy alert:** Aspirin may cause a severe allergic reaction which may include:

- hives facial swelling asthma (wheezing) shock **Stomach bleeding warning:** This product contains an NSAID, which may cause severe stomach bleeding. The chance is higher if you
- are age 60 or older
- have had stomach ulcers or bleeding problems
- take a blood thinning (anticoagulant) or steroid drug
- take other drugs containing prescription or nonprescription NSAIDs (aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, or others)
- have 3 or more alcoholic drinks every day while using this product
- · take more or for a longer time than directed

#### Do not use

- if you are allergic to aspirin or any other pain reliever/fever reducer
- if you have ever had an allergic reaction to this product or any of its ingredients

## Ask a doctor before use if

- · stomach bleeding warning applies to you
- you have a history of stomach problems, such as heartburn
- you have high blood pressure, heart disease, liver cirrhosis, or kidney disease
- you are taking a diuretic
- you have asthma
- you have a sodium-restricted diet

# Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking a prescription drug for

• diabetes • gout • arthritis

## Stop use and ask a doctor if

- an allergic reaction occurs. Seek medical help right away.
- you experience any of the following signs of stomach bleeding:
  - feel faint
    vomit blood
    have bloody or black stools



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- have stomach pain that does not get better
- pain gets worse or lasts more than 10 days
- fever gets worse or lasts more than 3 days
- · redness or swelling is present
- new symptoms occur
- ringing in the ears or a loss of hearing occurs

If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health professional before use. It is especially important not to use aspirin at 20 weeks or later in pregnancy unless definitely directed to do so by a doctor because it may cause problems in the unborn child or complications during delivery.

**Keep out of reach of children.** In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

#### **Directions**

• fully dissolve 2 tablets in 4 ounces of water before taking

adults and children 12 years and over	2 tablets every 4 hours, or as directed by a doctor	do not exceed 8 tablets in 24 hours
adults 60 years and over	2 tablets every 4 hours, or as directed by a doctor	do not exceed 4 tablets in 24 hours
children under 12 years	consult a doctor	

#### Other information

- each tablet contains: sodium 568 mg
- store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat.
- Alka-Seltzer Original Flavor in water contains principally the analgesic sodium acetylsalicylate

*Inactive ingredients* anhydrous citric acid, sodium bicarbonate

**Questions or comments? 1-800-986-0369** (Mon – Fri 9AM – 5PM EST)