



# Organoleptic Characteristics of Flavor Materials

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## Ethyl Benzoate<sup>a</sup>

Source: Alfrebro

FEMA# 2422, CAS# 93-89-0, Natural

Natural occurrence: Feijoa, guava, plum, raspberry, rum, strawberry, Virginia tobacco.

Odor: @ 1.0 percent. Spicy, wintergreen, cherry, grape, slightly cooling anisic and powdery with a balsamic and tobacco under note.

Taste: @ 10 PPM. Chemical, cherry vanilla, spicy wintergreen, grape and yara-yara-like.

Possible applications: Root beer, grape, vanilla, banana, cherry, licorice, anise, yara-yara, cranberry and coumarin.

Possible applications: Tropical Fruits such as mango, durian, jackfruit as well as other ripe fruit notes for pineapple, peach, and grape, vegetative nuances for onion and tomato and coffee.

## 1-Methyl-3-Methoxy-4-Isopropyl Benzoate

Source: Oxford Organics

FEMA# 3436, CAS# 1076-56-8, Nature identical

Natural occurrence: Pepper, thyme and marjoram.

Odor: @ 1.0 percent. Herbal, spicy, chemical, slightly medicinal thymol-like with a green chemical phenolic nuance.

Taste: @ 5 PPM. Spicy, herbal, medicinal, carvacrol-like, thyme, green with a peppery marjoram aftertaste.

Possible applications: Tequila, herbal spice notes for thyme and marjoram.

## Ethyl 2-Mercapto Propionate

Source: Oxford Organics

FEMA# 3279, CAS# 19788-49-9, Artificial, Not found to occur in nature

Odor: @ 0.1 percent. Diffusive, strong sulfurous and alliaceous, meaty/brothy with fishy nuances; it has ripe tropical durian and jackfruit notes as well as mango, peach and grape-like nuances.

Taste: @ 0.2 to 0.5 ppm. Sulfurous, meaty and brothy, slightly vegetative and tropical durian like with a savory sautéed onion note.

## 2-Ethyl-4,5-Dimethyl Oxazole

Source: Oxford Organics

FEMA# 3672, CAS# 53833-30-0, Nature identical

Natural occurrence: Coffee, french fried potato.

Odor: @ 1.0 percent. Oily, green vegetative, musty and slightly moldy potato-bin-like, with a beany coffee body and a roasted dark cocoa note; it has a raw nut skin character with tobacco and tomato nuances

Taste: @ 1.0-5.0 PPM. Musty green earthy, coffee beany, brown baked and mashed potato like, nut skin notes with a vegetative tomato and cocoa powder nuances.

Possible applications: Coffee, mashed, baked and fried potato, bread crust, and nut flavors such as

<sup>a</sup> Natural occurrences were obtained from Leffingwell's database.

walnut, almond, pecan, cocoa and chocolate nuances, malt and tobacco.

## **2-Methoxy-3,5- and 6-Isopropyl Pyrazine**

*Source:* Oxford Organics

FEMA# 3358, CAS# 93905-03-4, Nature

identical

*Natural occurrence:* Green peas and potatoes.

*Aroma:* @ 1.0 percent. Green, raw

vegetative, galbanum-like, green pepper, earthy musty, baked potato skin with a slightly nutty nuance.

*Taste:* @ 0.05 to 1.0 PPM. Vegetative, green pepper, potato, celery, mushroom with grassy earthy nuances; peanut hell, radish and tomato-like nuances.

*Possible applications:* Horseradish, mashed, boiled and baked potatoes, radish, celery, mushroom notes. Raw vegetative nuances for green peppers and chili, nut flavors such as walnut and peanut, nuances for radish and tomato.

## **Iso butyl Acetate: Nature Identical**

*Source:* Aldrich.

FEMA # 2175, CAS # 110-19-0

*Natural occurrence:* Apple, banana, cocoa, fig, grape, grape brandy, pear, pineapple, sherry, strawberry and wine.

*Odor:* @ 1.0%. Fruity, fatty, apple and banana like with winey nuances.

*Taste:* @ 10 PPM: Ripe lifting fruity banana, apple and pineapple like with winey and tropical notes.

*Possible applications:* Pineapple, pear, apple, banana, winey notes, mint enhancers, strawberry and juicy fruit compositions.

## **2,5-Dimethyl-3(2H)-Furanone**

*Source:* Oxford Organics

Not FEMA approved, CAS# 14400-67-0, Nature

identical

*Natural occurrence:* Wheat bread, coffee, passion fruit juice, wild rice and canned mango.

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Creamy buttery brown, caramelllic, nutty, bready with coffee beany nuances; popcorn-like with a slightly lactonic coconut and a honey nuance.

*Taste:* @ 12.5 to 100 PPM. Dairy brown buttery, condensed milk with fatty and sour yogurt notes, and slightly caramel-like, nutty and bread crust nuances.

*Possible applications:* Milk, butter, ghee and cheese flavors, chocolate, vanilla, brown sugar, walnut, caramel, molasses, canned apricot and peach nuances and coffee.

## **Carvomenthone (Tetra hydro Carvone)**

*Source:* Frutarom

FEMA# 3176, CAS# 499-70-7, Nature identical

*Natural occurrence:* Native spearmint and *Mentha arvensis*.

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Sweet spicy and cooling, spearmint minty, slightly peppermint-like and herbal; the cooling aftertaste increases with time.

*Taste:* @ 5.0 PPM. Woody, herbal, spear mint and cooling with a green minty nuance.

*Possible applications:* Spearmint and peppermint boosters, herbal tea flavors, mouthwash and other oral care and cough cold preparations; cordial and liqueur flavors.

### **Methyl Naphthyl Ketone (Oranger Crystals) Artificial**

*Source:* Polarome  
*FEMA#* 2723, *CAS#* 93-08-3, Not found in nature

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Sweet naphthyl, fruity, orange blossom-like, anisic and powdery.

*Taste:* @ 10 PPM. Naphthyl, floral, green fruity, slightly coconut and orange blossom-like.

*Possible applications:* Grape, coumarin replacers, coconut, vanilla, berry raspberry and strawberry, mandarin citrus.

### **Phenoxy Ethyl Isobutyrate: Artificial**

*Source:* Abaco  
*Natural occurrence:* Not found in nature

*Odor:* @ 1 percent. Sweet fruity green, powdery, floral with a slightly peach-like nuance.

*Taste:* @ 5 PPM. Green, fruity apple-like.

*Possible applications:* Heat-stable note for apple, berry, pineapple, peach, grape, apricot, grape and tea flavors.

### **Styrax Resinoid Absolute**

*Source:* Givaudan  
*FEMA#* 3037, *CAS#* 9000-64-0, Natural

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Chemical, sweet powdery, berry with a balsamic vanilla nuance.

*Taste:* @ 15 PPM. Chemical, powdery, sweet berry balsamic.

*Possible applications:* Cranberry, balsamic nuances for vanilla, berry, cinnamon and nut flavors.

### **Tetrahydrofurfuryl Propionate**

*Source:* Oxford Organics  
*FEMA#* 3058, *CAS#* 2217-33-6, Artificial, Not found in nature

*Odor:* @ 10.0 percent. Weak, musty, sweetly ethereal, tropical rummy, solvent winey and fermented, with an overripe fruity banana nuance.

*Taste:* @ 50 to 100 PPM. Musty, solventy, fruity, slightly fermented, rummy, malt-like with an overripe fruit nuance.

*Possible applications:* Tropical fruits such as mango, berry nuances, banana, rum and malt flavors.

### **Clove Leaf Oil, Madagascar**

*Source:* Charabot  
*FEMA#* 2325, *CAS#* 8000-34-8, Natural

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Spicy, aromatic, woody, clove-like with a sharp and slightly smoky nuance.

*Taste:* @ 10 PPM. Spicy, aromatic, woody clove.

*Possible applications:* Spice and herbal blends, ketchup spice, red hot confections, oral care products, banana, cola flavors and tropical fruit nuances.

### **3-Mercapto-3-Methylbutyl Formate (3-Methyl-3-Thiobutyl Formate)**

*Source:* Oxford Organics  
*FEMA#* 3855, *CAS#* 50746-10-6, Artificial  
*Natural occurrence:* Coffee.

*Odor:* @ 0.1 percent. Roasted coffee, nutty, meaty/eggy, alliaceous and sulfurous skunk-like, rubbery with a catty/fuzzy ripe tropical fruit nuance and a slight minty under note.

*Taste:* @ 0.5-1.0 PPM. Roasted savory meaty burnt rubber, caramelized onion and sulfurous coffee nutty or beany character; it has a tropical fruit catty or fuzzy peach skin note.

*Possible applications:* Soft cheeses, cooked meaty notes, ripe and tropical fruits such as durian, coffee

and nut flavors, blackcurrant, grapefruit, peach as well as onion and egg nuances.

### **3-Methyl-2-Butanethiol-1, (Prenyl Mercaptan)**

*Source:* Oxford Organics

FEMA# 3896, CAS# 5287-45-6, Nature identical

*Natural occurrence:* Beer and coffee.

*Odor:* @ 1.0% Triacetin. Sulfurous seared meaty, alliaceous garlic and onion, roasted coffee, with a stale beer and aged cultured/sweaty cheesy and egg-like nuances.

*Taste:* @ 0.01-0.5PPM. Sulfurous, roasted garlic and roasted coffee beans, grilled meaty with a nutty nuance.

*Possible applications:* Garlic, coffee, grilled or seared meat, tuna, and pork, ripe aged cheeses.

### **Thymol Methyl Ether**

*Source:* Oxford Organics

Nature Identical

*Natural occurrence:* Orange, oregano, sweet marjoram, thyme and tangerine.

*Odor:* @ 1 percent. Green, herbal, dirty thyme like, oily, slightly woody with an anthranilate grapey nuance.

*Taste:* @ 1.0 to 3.0 PPM. Warm, green herbal, dirty thyme/oregano spicy, vegetative with a woody and oily mouth feel.

*Possible applications:* Spice blends such as thyme, oregano and marjoram, MSG replacers; grape nuances methyl salicylate modifiers, savory nuances. ■

### **Cassia Oil Redistilled**

*Source:* Citrus & Allied

FEMA# 2258, CAS# 8007-80-5, Natural

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Sweet cinnamon, spicy.

*Taste:* @ 10 PPM. Sweet cinnamon, spicy with a dirty woody nuance.

*Possible Applications.* Cinnamon flavors, oral care products, confections, ketchup spice blends, cola flavors, red-hot candy.

### **Clove Bud Oil: Natural**

*Source:* Charabot

FEMA# 2323, CAS# 8000-34-8

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Rich sweet spicy woody clove.

*Taste:* @ 5 PPM. Rich aromatic, woody, clove spice.

*Possible applications:* Spice blends, cake mixes, confections and candy flavors, oral care products.

### **Isobutyl Formate**

*Source:* Fleurchem

FEMA# 2197, CAS# 542-55-2, Natural

*Natural occurrence:* Apple, beer, grape brandy, pineapple, rum and vinegar.

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Impacting ethereal, rum-like with a fresh pineapple character.

*Taste:* @ 10 PPM. Ethereal, rummy, fresh pineapple fruity with a good impact.

*Possible applications:* Apple, pineapple, rum, whiskey and cognac.

### **Vanillin Isobutyrate: Artificial**

*Source:* Fleurchem.

FEMA# 3754, CAS# 20665-85-4, Not found in nature

*Odor:* @ 1.0 percent. Sweet powdery vanillin, slightly cooked creamy, cake like, nutty and vanilla bean-like.

*Taste:* @ 5 PPM. Sweet vanillin, creamy and dairy-like, almond marzipan candy, cookie, piecrust and cake-like.

*Possible applications:* Vanilla, almond, baked goods, chocolate, vanilla bean nuances, cherry fruit.