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Do you know what's in your hand sanitiser?

Not all sanitisers are created equal, and there has been a definite rise in sanitiser-related skin issues (such as eczema) since the start of the pandemic.

In fact, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) has recently published amendments to their national standard (SANS 490) that specifies the requirements for all alcohol-based liquid, gel, foam, and aerosol hand sanitisers and hand rubs.

Some manufacturers have been using methanol as an alcohol substitute, which is cheaper but very toxic.

Others may not be using cheaper alcohol alternatives, but rather using a much lower alcohol %, which then doesn't offer the required protection.



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What should I be looking for?

The WHO recommends using sanitisers with a 60 - 70% Ethyl Alcohol content, and that a 60% isopropanol alcohol-based sanitiser should contain 1.45% glycerol as a moisturising agent, to protect the skin from excessive drying.

Ethyl Alcohol is the most cost-effective alcohol used in consumer hand sanitisers. Hospital-grade Propyl Alcohol is more effective than Ethyl Alcohol, hence a lower % is needed in order to meet the same efficacy levels.

When you buy your next hand sanitiser, look for the following information:

- an alcohol content of at least 60%;
- a list of the active and inactive ingredients and the adverse effects they may cause;
- instructions for use and mandatory warnings;
- the batch code and expiry date; and
- the full address of the manufacturer.



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Initial's hand sanitiser

Initial offers a full range of 70% Ethanol hand sanitisers (pure alcohol with no additives).

We also offer a 60% Propyl alcohol sanitiser combined with additional Phenol as the main biocide in its formula. Biocide is what remains on the hands or surface to create a barrier and to effect the killing of viruses.

Hand sanitisers with high alcohol content but without a suitable biocide evaporate faster, and thus have less contact time. Initial hand sanitisers are an accredited Log 5 EN1276* product.

**EN1276 is an international benchmark standard for hand sanitising and anti-bacterial handwash products.*

**For more information on what goes into
our hand sanitisers, or to place an order,
contact our team today:**

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