

**PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET**  
**GAVISCON DOUBLE ACTION MINT**

Sodium alginate  
Sodium bicarbonate  
Calcium carbonate

Please read this leaflet carefully before you take this medicine. If you are not sure about anything ask your pharmacist or doctor.

**What is Gaviscon Double Action Mint and what is it used for?**

Gaviscon Double Action Mint is a combination of two antacids (calcium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate) and an alginate and works in two ways:

- 1) Neutralising excess stomach acid to relieve the pain and discomfort.
- 2) Forming a protective barrier over the stomach contents to soothe the burning pain in your chest.

Gaviscon Double Action Mint is used for the treatment of symptoms of gastro-oesophageal reflux such as acid

regurgitation, heartburn and indigestion, which may occur, for example, following meals or during pregnancy and for symptoms of excess stomach acidity (hyperacidity).

**Before taking Gaviscon Double Action Mint**

**Do not take this product if:**

- You know you are allergic to any of the ingredients as very rarely difficulty in breathing and skin rashes have occurred (see further information for a full list of ingredients).

**Take special care before treatment with Gaviscon Double Action Mint:**

This medicine contains small amounts of sodium (11.06mmol per 20ml) and calcium (6.5 mmol per 20ml). If you have been advised to follow a diet restricted in either of these please consult your doctor.

You can take this product if you are pregnant or breast feeding.

This product contains methyl (E218) and propyl (E216) parahydroxybenzoates which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed).

**Taking Other Medicines**

Do **not** take this product within two hours of taking other medicines by mouth as it can interfere with the action of some other medicines. This is especially important if you are taking antihistamines, antibiotics (tetracyclines and quinolones such as norfloxacin), iron preparation, antifungals such as ketoconazole, digoxin and beta-blockers (for heart conditions), neuroleptics (for mental illness), thyroxine, chloroquine (for malaria) and bisphosphonates (for osteoporosis).

**How to take Gaviscon Double Action Mint**

Check that the cap seal is unbroken before first using this product.

For oral use. Shake well before use.

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**Adults and children 12 years and over:**

Take 10-20ml (two to four 5ml spoonfuls) after meals and at bedtime, up to four times a day, or as directed by your doctor. **Children**

**under 12 years:** Should only be taken on medical advice. If you take too much of this product you may feel bloated. It is unlikely to cause you any harm, but please consult your doctor or pharmacist. If you forget a dose it is not necessary to double the dose next time, just carry on taking as before.

**After taking Gaviscon Double Action Mint:** If symptoms persist after 7 days consult your doctor.

**Possible side effects**

Very rarely (less than 1 in 10,000 patients treated) an allergic reaction to the ingredients may occur. Symptoms of this may include skin rash, itching, difficulty breathing, dizziness, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat. If you experience these or any other side-effects stop taking the product

and consult your doctor immediately. Also you can help to make sure that medicines remain as safe as possible by reporting any unwanted side effects via the internet at <http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard> Alternatively you can call Freephone 0800 100 3352 (available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Fridays) or fill in a paper form available from your local pharmacy.

**How to store Gaviscon Double Action Mint**

Do not use this product after the expiry date (EXP: month/year) shown

- Use within 6 months of opening
- Keep out of the reach and sight of children
- Do not store above 30°C.

Do not refrigerate or freeze

**Further information**

Each 10 ml of oral suspension contains 500mg sodium alginate, 213mg sodium bicarbonate and 325mg calcium carbonate as the active ingredients.

The other ingredients are carbomer, methyl

(E218) and propyl (E216) parahydroxybenzoates, sodium saccharin, mint flavour, sodium hydroxide and water. This product does not contain sugar or gluten. Manufacturer and PL Holder in UK: Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK) Ltd., Hull, HU8 7DS. Export distributors: Reckitt & Colman (Overseas) Ltd., Hull, HU8 7DS, UK. Gaviscon and the sword and circle are trade marks.

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