



Colophony

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Where is this allergen found?

Colophony comes from the sap of coniferous trees such as pines, junipers, firs, and cedars. Colophony (or rosin) is found in personal care and beauty products, topical medications, surface coatings, lubricants, adhesives and sealants, as well as the rosin for string instruments and dancers' shoes. Another potential source of exposure to colophony is diapers and feminine hygiene products. Colophony derivatives are also found in shoe adhesives, particularly as a tackifier in the rubber cements that are used for sole attachment or for attaching layers below the insole.

How can you avoid contact with this allergen?

Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- Colophony
- Abietic alcohol
- Abietyl alcohol
- Methyl abietate alcohol
- Disproportionated rosin
- Colophonium
- Rosin gum
- Rosin
- Wood or pine rosin
- Tall oil
- Abietic acid

What are some products that may contain this allergen?

Asphalt
Coated Papers
Cosmetics

- Blush
- Eyeshadows
- Lip balm
- Lipsticks
- Mascara
- Powder foundation

Dental Products

- Dental cements
- Fluoride varnishes
- Impression pastes
- Periodontal dressings

Diapers/Feminine Napkins

Furniture Polishes and Waxes

Glues/Adhesives

Hydrocolloid Dressings

Industrial Greases/Oils/Solvents

Lacquers and Varnishes

Linoleum

Paints and Stains

Pine-Oil Cleaners

Printing Inks

Rosins

- For dancers' shoes
- For violin, viola and cello

Soldering Materials

Stamps

Tapes

Topical Medications

- Acne treatment cream
- Antiseptic salve

Waterproofing Materials

Wax Depilatories

Waxed Threads

Wood and Sawdust

Wood Fillers

Yellow Laundry Bar Soap

For additional information about products that might contain this allergen, visit the Consumer Product Information Database (householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov) online at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.