Galbanum Essential Oil

**Main Constituents:**

- **b-Pinene:** 38.6%

**Botanical Name:** Ferula galbaniflua

**Plant Part:** Resin

**Extraction Method:** Steam Distilled

**Origin:** France

**Description:** Galbanum is a small plant with the oil coming from the resin in the stems and roots.

**Color:** Colorless to a pale olive yellow viscous liquid.

**Consistency:** Thick

**Aromatic Scent:** Galbanum Essential Oil possesses an intensely green, fresh leafy odor with a dry woody back-note of balsamic, bark-like character.

**Note:** Top

**Strength of Aroma:** Medium

**Blends well with:** Not known

**Common Uses:** Galbanum Essential Oil is said to have anti-spasmodic property and considered an intermediate between Ammoniac and Asafoetida for relieving air passages. It is especially good for some forms of hysteria and can be used externally as a poultice for inflammatory swellings.

**History:** Galbanum was used by ancient civilizations as an incense. In Egypt, Galbanum was used along with Frankincense and Myrrh in baths, and in making perfume oils and cosmetics.

**Cautions:** Galbanum Essential Oil is non-toxic, non-irritant and non-sensitizing. Use well-diluted and avoid during pregnancy.

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The health benefits of Galbanum essential oil can be attributed to its properties as an anti-arthritic, anti-rheumatic, anti-spasmodic, cicatrisant, circulatory, decongestant, detoxifier, emollient, insecticide, anti-parasitic, and vulnerary substance.

Galbanum is not anything new for us. It has been known since the times of the ancient Roman and Greek civilizations, where it was burnt in incense sticks, mixed in bath water, used in skin balms, and as a perfume. The fresh earthy and woody aroma of this oil brings pleasure to both the mind and soul. It is extracted by steam distillation of the resin that is obtained from the Galbanum plant, which bears the scientific name *Ferula Galbaniflua*. It is native to Iran and some of that nation’s neighbouring countries. The chief constituents of Galbanum Essential Oil are cadinene, cadinol, myrcene and pinene.

Since we are more concerned with its medicinal properties than its aroma, let’s explore them.

**Health Benefits of Galbanum Essential Oil**

**Anti-Aarthritic & Anti-Rheumatic:** Being a good circulatory stimulator and detoxifier, this oil helps cure arthritis and rheumatism by improving blood circulation in the body, particularly in the joints, as well as by promoting the removal of toxic or unwanted substances from the body such as excess water, salts, and uric acid (one of the prime causes behind arthritis and gout).

**Anti-spasmodic:** The essential oil of Galbanum is particularly good at treating muscular spasms. All sportsmen and athletes should pay attention to this! Galbanum essential oil is very good at relieving cramps or muscle pulls. It relaxes the muscles and nerves, along with eliminating spasms. It is also effective on other kinds of spasm, such as those of the respiratory tracts, intestines, and nerves.

**Cicatrisant:** If you have any scars on your face (or anywhere else) and look like a villain (which you are not) and you desperately want to get rid of them, then you should try this essential oil! As a cicatrisant, it diminishes scars and the after marks left by acne, pimples, or pox on the skin. This oil speeds up the growth of new tissues and cells in the affected area and gives it a brand new look. These new tissues will replace the old and damaged tissues of the scars and the scars will eventually vanish.

**Decongestant:** This oil has earned quite a good reputation as a decongestant and is found particularly effective in clearing up the congestion that results from bronchitis. Furthermore, it clears congestion in the nasal tracts, bronchi, trachea, larynx, pharynx, and lungs. This makes breathing easier and helps ensure good sleep when someone suffers from a cough, cold, or bronchitis.
**Detoxifier:** This oil is a good remedy for boils, acne, and abscesses, since it helps to remove the toxins from the blood. Furthermore, it regulates the production of certain hormones, which in turn affect the production of sebum from the sebaceous glands and helps get rid of the skin conditions mentioned above.

**Emollient:** The essential oil of Galbanum has certain effects on the skin that everyone desires. It rejuvenates aging skin and gives it a younger and toned look. It also pulls up sagging skin, frees it from wrinkles, and basically gives you an organic facelift. Stretch marks and fat cracks on the skin are also diminished by this oil. Therefore, it is very beneficial for women who want to get rid of the abdominal fat cracks and stretch marks that often appear after delivery of a baby, after a liposuction, or after a weight reduction regimen. It also keeps the skin smooth, shining, and free from infections.

**Insecticide:** The smell of the essential oil of Galbanum keeps insects away. If used in incense sticks (as it has been used since ancient times), in room freshener sprays, or vapourizers, it can drive mosquitoes, flies, cockroaches, ants, and other insects away. It can also kill certain insects but is not that effective on cockroaches (Remember! They can even survive nuclear explosions).

**Circulatory:** Galbanum essential oil promotes and stimulates the circulation of blood and lymph in the body, thereby giving relief from the diseases arising from obstructed or improper circulation, such as rheumatism, arthritis, and gout.

**Anti-Parasitic:** This oil is very effective in keeping away parasites on both humans and pets, such as louse, fleas, lice, bed-bugs, mosquitoes, and others. If added to bathing water or shampoo, it can help you get rid of the problem of lice in your hair.

**Vulnerary:** The essential oil of Galbanum is good for healing wounds. It does so by promoting the crowding of leucocytes and platelets in the wounded places, as well as by forming a protective covering against any sort of infection. It inhibits any kind of microbial (fungal or bacterial) growth in the wounded area and makes it heal faster.

**Other Benefits:** This oil is used in the treatment of abscesses, acne, and boils due to its detoxifying properties. Just as it is effective in healing wounds, it is also beneficial in healing sores and ulcers, both internal and external. It is also good in giving relief from muscular aches and problems related with lymph. In aromatherapy, it is used to recover from shock, trauma, or depression.

**A Few Words of Caution:** No obvious threats have been found. Still, it should not be used indiscriminately or in very heavy dosages.

**Blending:** The essential oils of Carrot Seed, Geranium, Lavender, Spruce and Rose Otto form good blends with the essential oil of Galbanum.