

Vitamin D3 Complete 5000 IU Softgels is formulated to respect the crucial importance of balancing vitamin D with vitamin A, especially for those who know they require extra vitamin D.* It also contains the other oil-soluble vitamins, K2 (menaquinone-7) and DeltaGOLD® tocotrienols (part of the vitamin E family).* The formulation is based on the understanding that repletion and maintenance of vitamin D levels is best accomplished with modest, regular doses of vitamin D, balanced by vitamin A, and this may better support vitamin D's interaction with the many kinds of tissues in the human body that have vitamin D receptors.*

This formula matches our best-selling Vitamin D3 Complete 5000 Fish Gelatin capsules but is provided here in easy to swallow bovine gelatin softgels.

Key Features

and Tocotrienols*

softgels

• Pure, oil-soluble Vitamin D in high potency,

Same formula as our best-selling Vitamin

D3 Complete 5000 Fish Gelatin capsules, but in easy to swallow bovine gelatin

offset with pre-formed Vitamin A*

Further optimized with vitamin K2

in the potent Menaquinone-7 form,



#57261 60 softgels

#57660 120 softgels

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The formula is enhanced with vitamin K2, which works with vitamin D to support proper calcium metabolism and bone health.^{*} Tocotrienols provides powerful antioxidant protection, and the base of hypoallergenic safflower oil provides an oil medium well suited for the absorption of all four fat-soluble vitamins.^{*} It is made with no added preservatives, and is encapsulated in easy-to-swallow bovine gelatin capsules which are gentle on the stomach. The softgels contain a natural carob extract and zinc oxide to protect the contents against degradation from light.

Vitamin D deficiency is now recognized as widespread. Systemic calcium homeostasis regulation is the well-known action of vitamin D, but in addition to bone tissue, researchers have identified up to fifty different target tissues that have vitamin D receptor activity.* Vitamin D is involved with the regulation of growth, reproduction, seasonal adaptation, and the immune, cardiovascular, nervous, respiratory, and neuroendocrine systems.*

Vitamins do not work in isolation, and nowhere is this more clearly demonstrated than in the interactions among the oilsoluble vitamins. Their multiple roles in human metabolism are intertwined and interdependent in a complex system of dynamic synergism. For example, excessive vitamin A intake may increase bone fracture risk in older people, but studies

Supplement Facts

Serving Size Servings Per Container	60 (#57261) or 12	1 Softgel 20 (#57660)
Amount Per Serving	% Daily Value*	
Vitamin A (as 3000 IU of Retinyl Palmitate) Vitamin D3 (as 5000 IU of Cholecalciferol)	900 mcg RAE 125 mcg	100%
Vitamin K2 (as Menaquinone-7)	100 mcg	83%
Tocotrienols (as DeltaGOLD® Tocotrienols)	5 mg	†

Other ingredients: Gelatin, safflower oil, glycerin, purified water, carob extract, zinc oxide.

Suggested Use: As a dietary supplement, 1 softgel with a meal, or as directed by a healthcare practitioner.

Caution: Proper blood monitoring recommended for higher doses.

show that when vitamin A is taken with vitamin D, together they help prevent bone loss, a clear demonstration that these oil-soluble vitamins work best together.*

Excessive vitamin A with low or normal vitamin D can look like vitamin D deficiency. Excessive vitamin D with low or normal vitamin A can look like vitamin A deficiency. And the blood levels of the functionally deficient nutrient can remain within normal ranges. By supplementing vitamin D with vitamin A, both an unbalanced excess and an artificial deficiency of either one is avoided. In fact, taking them together may increase the effectiveness of lower doses, as well as reduce the risk of higher doses.*

Vitamin A is also an important nutrient. Up to 50% of individuals do not efficiently convert beta-carotene to vitamin A, and may be at risk for vitamin A deficiency. Few of us eat vitamin A-rich foods, such as liver or kidney, on a regular basis. Vitamin A supports many body functions, including mucosal immunity and vision health.* The Council for Responsible Nutrition considers 10,000 IU of preformed vitamin A per day to be safe for most people.

Vitamin K is involved with processes that help retain minerals in the bone matrix, protect soft tissue from calcification, and support nervous system functions.* Vitamin D's best known role, that of supporting bone health, is supported synergistically by vitamin K2. Vitamin D may both increase the demand for vitamin K and interact beneficially with K-dependent proteins. Some research suggests that some problems with too much vitamin D may actually be due to insufficient vitamin K2. Vitamin A is now thought to help spare vitamin K, further counteracting potential depletion by excess vitamin D.

Many studies looking at vitamin K2 for bone and arterial functions have used menaquinone-4 (MK-4), which is a synthesized chemical compound. MK-4 has a half-life of only 1-2 hours, so very high doses are usually needed, which require medical supervision for those on pharmaceutical blood thinners. Menaquinone-7 (MK-7) is a long chain menaquinone, naturally derived from natto fermentation. It has a serum half-life of 3 days, and even doses as low as 45 µg/day have been found to be biologically active and effective, with little potential for negative interactions.*

Vitamin E is the fourth oil-soluble vitamin, and may interact beneficially with the other oil-soluble vitamins.* Provided in the form of DeltaGOLD[®] tocotrienols from annatto bean, it has shown superior antioxidant capacity.*

Preliminary clinical observations suggest that when cholecalciferol is precipitated onto a medium, such as cellulose or lactose powder, the resultant dry powder form of vitamin D may be inefficiently absorbed and/or utilized by some individuals. By providing pure oil-form vitamin D in a safflower oil base, in easily digestible gelatin softgels, we insure that Vitamin D3 Complete 5000 IU Softgels avoids all such absorption concerns.

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