

IRON (Fe)

Products with liquid iron for all generations, need and tastes

VALENS[®] **Super Iron VALENS**[®] vith Thiamin, Folic Acid and mins B6, B12 and C al orange flavor and xylitol Super Iron Liquid Iron with Thiamin, Folic Acid Fe and Vitamins B6, B12 and C With natural orange flavor and xylitol

Valens SUPER IRON

Orange flavored liquid for kids (3+) and adults



ABOUT VALENS SUPER IRON

- Orange-flavored food supplement with liquid iron, thiamin, folic acid and vitamins B6, B12 and C.
- Contains **Ferrochel**®, patented and highly bioavailable iron bysglicinate form that is gentler on the stomach and does not interfere with absorption of other minerals.
- Contains carefully selected vitamins, which are necessary for maximum utilization of iron.
- Particularly beneficial for:
 - Pregnant and breastfeeding women
 - Children and adolescents
 - Elderly
 - Vegans
- Suitable for children from the **age of 3** as well as adults.



INGREDIENTS AND DOSING

Active ingredients in 10 ml:

- Iron: 18 mg (129% NRV*)
- Vitamin C: 24 mg (30% NRV*)
- Thiamin: 2 mg (182% NRV*)
- Vitamin B6: 2 mg (143% NRV*)
- Folic acid: 400 µg (200% NRV*)
- Vitamin B12: 4 µg (160% NRV*)

Recommended daily dose:

- Adults: 10 ml (2 teaspoons)
- Children (3-7 years old): 2,5 ml (1/2 teaspoon)
- Children (7-14 years old): 5 ml (1 teaspoon)



Packing: 200 ml PET or glass bottle.





Banana flavored drops for kids (3+)



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- Banana-flavored drops with liposomal iron, vitamin D3 and vitamin B6.
- Contains liposomal iron SunActive® Fe, patented ferric pyrophosphate, which doesn't leave the unpleasant (metallic) aftertaste.
- Liposomal form enables better iron absorption.
- Contains vitamin B6 to support normal red blood cell formation and vitamin D3 for normal function of the immune system.
- Suitable for children from the **age of 3** as well as adults.





INGREDIENTS AND DOSING

Active ingredients in 1 ml:

- Iron: 7 mg (50% NRV*)
- Vitamin B6: 0,7 mg (50% NRV*)
- Vitamin D: 5 µg (100% NRV*)

Recommended daily dose:

- Children from the age of 3: 1 ml
- Adults: 2 ml

*NRV – Nutrient reference value



Packing: 30 ml PET or glass bottle with dispenser



Valens IRON

Orange flavored oral spray for kids (3+) and adults



ABOUT VALENS IRON

- Orange-flavored oral spray with highly bioavailable iron formulation.
- Contains **Ferrazone**®, ferric sodium EDTA, that is gentler on the stomach and enables better absorption.
- Suitable for children from the **age of 3** as well as adults.
- Unique due to it's handy oral spray form.

Particularly beneficial for:

- Pregnant and breastfeeding women
- Children and adolescents
- Elderly
- Vegans





INGREDIENTS AND DOSING

Active ingredients in 1 ml:

• Iron: 14 mg (100% NRV*)

Recommended daily dose:

- Children from the age of 3: 1 ml
- Adults: 2 ml





ADVANTAGES AT A GLANCE

- All products contain highly bioavailable forms of iron.
 - Gentler on the stomach.
 - Do not leave unpleasant metallic aftertaste.
- Addition of strategically selected vitamins.
- For all generations, needs and preferences.
- Pleasant taste due to natural juices and flavors.
- Made in **GMP certified facility** in **EU**.
- Made in **Slovenia (EU)**
- Suitable for vegans.





MORE INFORMATION

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IRON (Fe)

- An essential mineral for human health (we must get it from food)
- There is plenty of iron-rich food sources, such as liver and red meat, dry fruit, beans, nuts.
- Iron participates in a variety of metabolic processes, indispensable to human life:
 - Transportation of oxygen around your body.
 - Formation of red blood cells and hemoglobin.
- In the human body, iron is found:
 - In red blood cells as **hemoglobin**, which is responsible for oxygen transport from lungs to tissues and organs,
 - In muscle cells as myoglobin, which supplies oxygen to the muscles,
 - as ferritin, iron containing protein, circling the blood \rightarrow body's iron store



IRON DEFICIENCY

- The most common nutritional disorder in the world.
- Occurs when iron intake is too low to replace the amount we lose every day.
- When iron intake is chronically low, stores (ferritin) can become depleted, decreasing hemoglobin levels.
- In the most severe cases, it causes **iron deficiency anemia**, a condition in which body lacks adequate healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen to the body's tissues.
- Causes:
 - Blood loss
 - Inadequate diet
 - Inability to absorb iron
 - Pregnancy

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SYMPTOMS

- Fatigue and weakness,
- Dizziness,
- Short breath,
- Chest pain, headaches,
- Weak immune system,
- Poor appetite ...
- Cold hands and feet,
- Brittle hair and nails,
- Pale skin ...

Groups of people with increased risk for iron deficiency:

- 1. Women (due to blood loss during menstrual cycle).
- 2. Childen and adolescents (due to fast growth).
- **3.** Elderly (due to low absorption rate).
- 4. Vegans and vegetarians (due to inadequate diet)





TREATING IRON DEFICIENCY

- 1. Increasing the intake of foods that are rich in iron.
- **2.** Supplementation with food supplements.
- 3. Prescribed medication, taken orally.
- 4. Intravenous administration of iron.
- Supplements contain different iron formulations inorganic and organic. Most commonly used is ferrous sulfate.
- Inorganic forms such as ferrous sulfate can cause stomach upset, gastrointestinal symptoms and have low bioavailability and absorption rate¹.





FERROCHEL®

• Ferrochel $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ Organic form - Ferrous Bisglycinate Chelate

ADVANTAGES:

- **1.** Has up to **4-times better absorption** compared to ferrous sulfate^{2,3}.
- 2. Causes less than half the gastric distress incidents compared to ferrous sulfate in adolescents and adult women^{2,4}.
- 3. Does not cause **negative side effects with other nutrients**.
- 4. Clinically proven efficient in treating iron deficiency anemia^{2,3,4.}
- 5. Neutral taste.

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In nature, highly bioavailable forms of minerals are packaged **in proteins**.

- It protects them from binding to other food.
- It prevents irritation in the gastrointestinal tract
- It increases bioavailability → the human body is very efficitent at absorbing amino-acids

Chelated iron is a supplemental form of iron that has been chemically altered to allow it to pass through the digestive system without breaking apart. Chelate is a complex compound, consisting of a central metal atom (iron), attached to a large molecule – such as amino **acid glycine**.





SUNACTIVE® FE

- Ferric pyrophosphate is water-insoluble iron compound, often used for food fortification as is **causes no adverse color** and **flavor changes**
 - Downside: it has mediocre absorption
- **SunActive Fe** is a dispersable form of ferric pyrophosphate, produced with special patented **micronization technology** and mixed with emulsifier.

ADVANTAGES:

- 1. Improved iron bioavailability ⁵.
- 2. Less iron taste.
- **3.** Mild on gastrointestinal system.



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FERRAZONE®

- Ferric Sodium ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA)
- Inorganic salt and one of the most commonly used for food fortification

ADVANTAGES:

- **1.** High bioavailability and efficiency in treating iron deficiency anemia⁶.
- **2.** No metallic taste.
- **3.** No teeth staining.
- 4. No digestive side effects.



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