

# HALLSTAR® C1215

## ALKYL BENZOATE

### NATURAL

A unique, natural version  
of the common emollient,  
solubilizer, wetting agent  
and UV filter solvent

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C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate has been available in the market and used in cosmetic products for over 100 years. During that time, market products have all been produced using synthetic alcohols and benzoic acid. HallStar Beauty has produced a natural version of the ingredient, conforming to the ISO 16128 Natural Standard. HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural is a unique emollient ester derived from benzoic acid and natural mid-chain alcohols. It is non-oily, non-sensitizing, non-comedogenic and stable over a broad pH range. The ingredient is commonly used as an anti-tacking agent, emollient, solubilizer, and solvent for UV filters and other lipophilic active ingredients, as well as a wetting agent for dry powders and pigments.

## NEW INGREDIENT, SAME INCI

HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural is engineered to meet the same performance expectations as the market's synthetic versions while increasing products' natural index, especially sunscreens with organic filters. Because it retains the same INCI designation and CAS Number, this new ingredient can accelerate brands' product development requirements, saving time and costs.

## TECHNICAL DATA

- INCI: C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate
- CAS #: 68411-27-8 [C12-15 Alkyl esters]
- Recommended usage level: 1% to 30%
- Patent application filed
- Required HLB: ~12

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance: clear, thin liquid
- Odor: very mild or odorless
- Acid value mg KOH/g: <0.5
- Saponification value: ~184
- Viscosity @ 25 oC: <50 cP
- Specific gravity @25 oC: ~0.93
- Hydroxyl value: 8.0 maximum
- Free moisture %: <0.5
- Dielectric constant: 3.85
- ISO 16128 natural index: >60%

## APPLICATIONS



Sun care creams, lotions, oils and sprays



Bath and massage oils



Skin care creams, lotions and oils



Hydrating body washes



Hair conditioners and conditioning shampoos



Decorative cosmetics



Hair styling products



Foundations and tinted moisturizers



Baby care



Shaving products



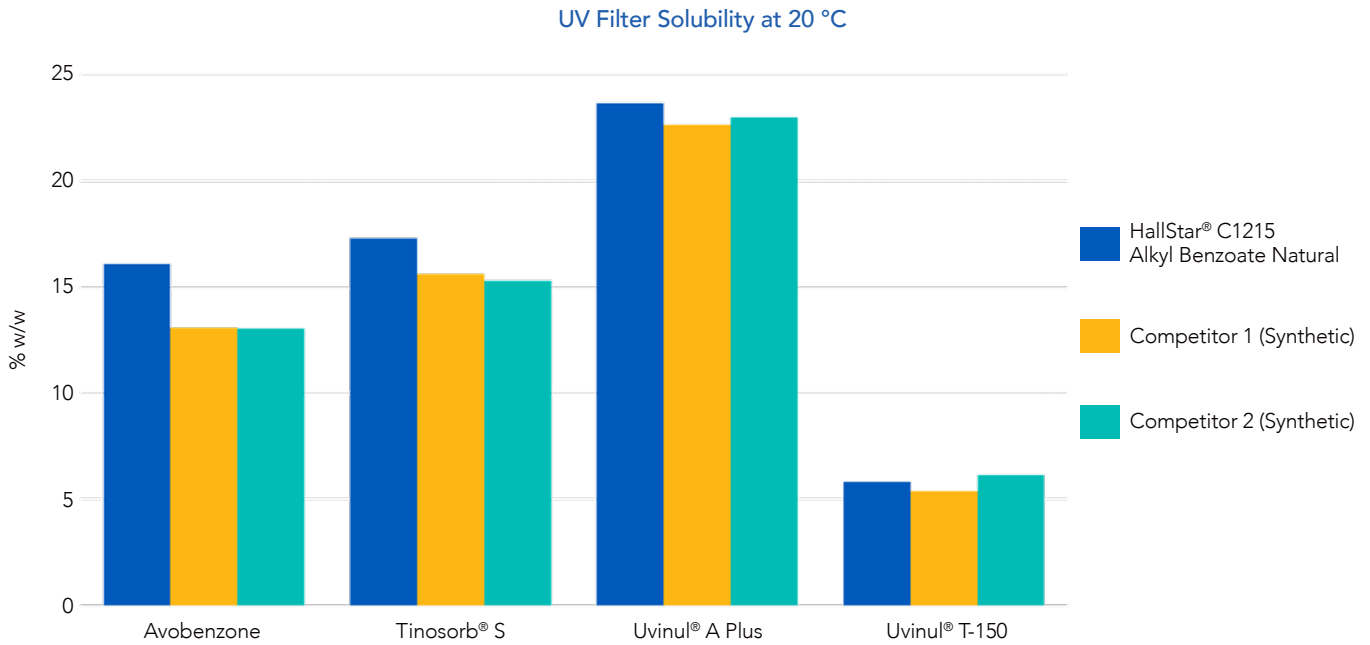
Antiperspirants and deodorants



Hallstar produces HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural at our high capacity manufacturing facility in Greensboro, North Carolina.

## UV FILTER SOLUBILITY

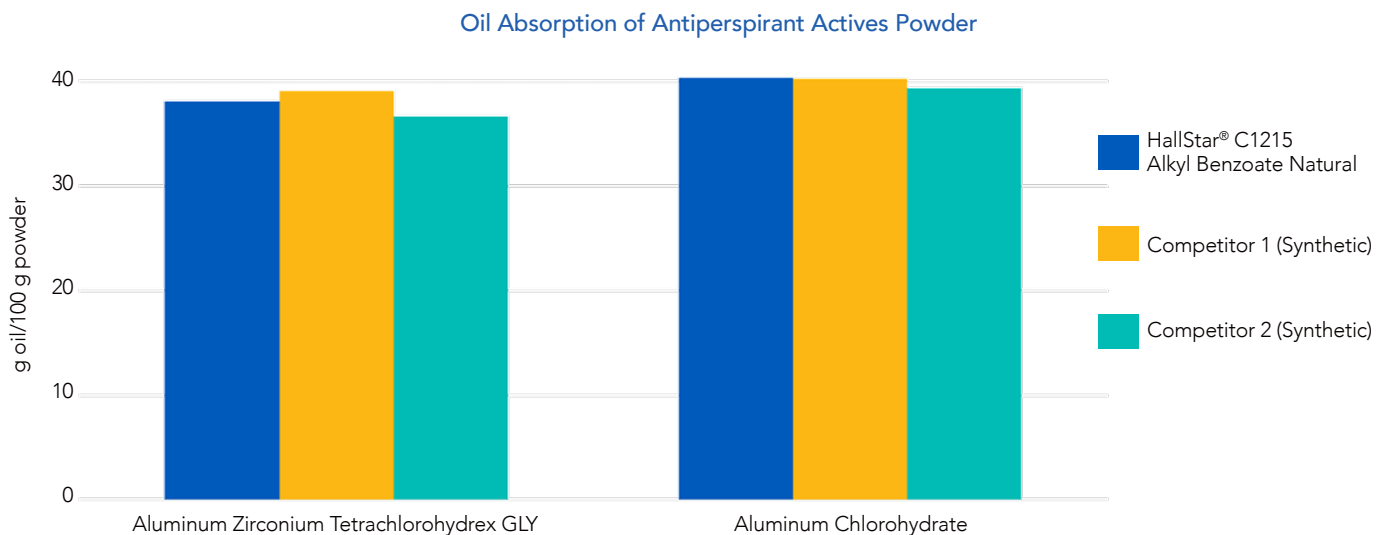
HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural exhibited similar solvency across common UV filters compared to synthetic products on the market.



USP <1236> Solubility Measurements, following the Saturation Shake-Flask method, 24 hours at 20 °C

## OIL ABSORPTION

HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural oil absorption properties of common antiperspirant actives were shown to be comparable to competitive synthetic products.

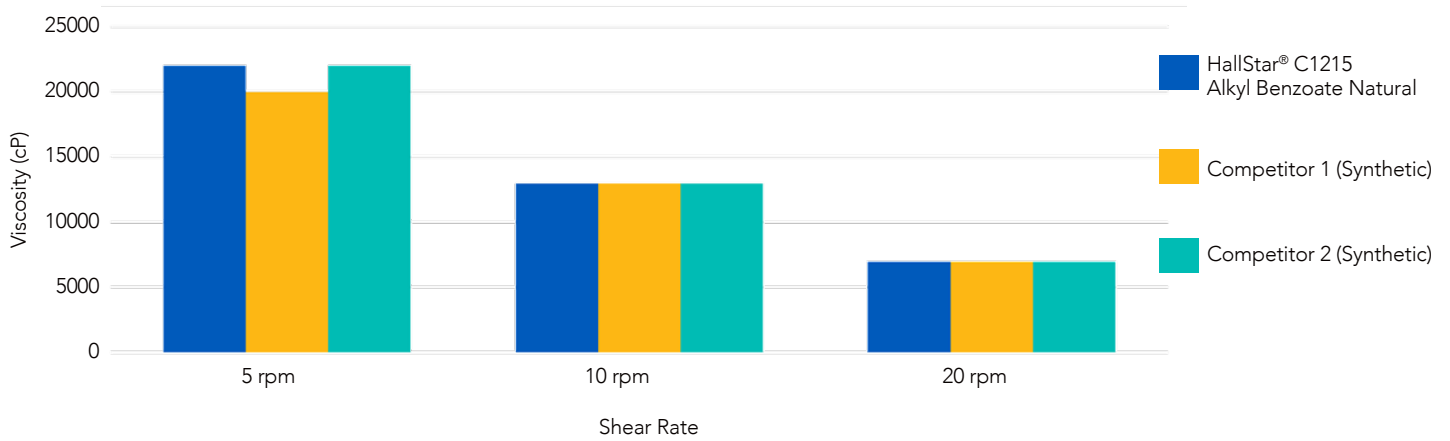


Adapted from ASTM D281 – 95 Standard Test Method for Oil Absorption of Pigments by Spatula Rub-out

## PIGMENT WETTING FOR COATED ZINC OXIDE

HallStar® C1215 Alkyl Benzoate Natural exhibits equivalent pigment wetting properties to competitor materials. All three premixes show virtually identical viscosities across different shear rates, which also indicates similar flow properties.

Viscosity of 30% Premixes of Coated ZnO in Oil Under Varying Shear Rates



Zinc Oxide Coating: Triethoxycaprylylsilane; Mixing Procedure: FlackTek SpeedMixer® 3 x 2 minutes @ 2500 rpm



Visual appearance of premixes represents complete wetting of 30% zinc oxide, indicated by the high level of shine, smoothness and absence of visible grains.

Viscosity: Brookfield DV II, T-F, 25°C, cP