

Reimagining Probiotics Protection with Breakthrough Active Material Science Technologies

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About Aptar CSP Technologies



- Joined AptarGroup in August 2018
- Premier active material science solutions expert delivering innovative, highly-engineered, active packaging solutions
- Headquarters Auburn, Alabama, USA, with
 +500 dedicated employees in 4 countries
- +1.2 billion components manufactured annually,
 4 manufacturing locations worldwide (US, France & China)
- + 600 worldwide patents
- ISO-9001, ISO-13485 and ISO-14001 certified





Broad Therapeutic Expertise









Platform Technology Serving Broad Therapeutic Areas





Packaging of Probiotics Formulations Constraints

- Most probiotics strains are sensitive to moisture and temperature
- Some strains like Next Generation Probiotics (NGPs) are also very sensitive to oxygen and light
- Traditional packaging like bottles or coldform (alu/alu) blisters do not address initial moisture content
- Finished products storage at +4°C is less compatible with modern life
- To mitigate risk, manufacturers increase the number of strains/CFUs





Determining the Need for Active Packaging in Probiotics





Do you have a package or device that is tight and has headspace?



3-Phase Activ-Polymer[™] Technology: The Solution to These Challenges

Active Material Science Platform Technology

Material Science: Adding Chemistry to Polymers







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HOW IT WORKS:

- Channels created within a polymer allow movement of gases
- "Active" particles are added to polymer to:
 - Adsorb or Absorb (moisture)
 - Scavenge (gases, odors, reactive impurities, formaldehyde, other VOCs)
 - **Release/Emit** (aromas, biocides, antimicrobials, nutrients, CO₂)
- **Gas diffusion** is controlled through the channel composition
- Allow high load of active compound in limited headspace



Active Packaging – Putting Chemistry into Polymers

3-Phase Activ-Polymer[™] Material

Allows the **control of kinetics** based upon formulation:

- Uptake rate can be increased or decreased •
- Absorption capacity can be increased or decreased ۲
- Buffered RH solutions for products susceptible to over-drying









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Active Packaging – Putting Chemistry into Polymers

Tightly Sealed Environment

Utilizing 3-Phase Activ-Polymer[™] technology requires a tightly sealed environment

- Chemistry required determined
- Gas or moisture transmission rates reviewed
- Focus on seals associated with package
- Amount of 3-phase material required depends on how tight of an environment it will be placed in







Active Material Science Platform Technology



Ability to incorporate single or multiple chemistries into a polymer solution that retains the performance of the chemistries while maintaining the physical properties of the polymer



*Applications in development



Probiotics Formulations Activ-Vial[™]

Technology Applications



- CSP[™] Flip-Top Activ-Vial[™] with integrated 3-Phase Activ-Polymer[™] sleeve
- Patented "Close In The Mold" Technology Ensures
 Moisture-Tight Seal
- Maintains seal integrity throughout shelf life and consumer use life
- Child-Resistant/Senior-Friendly Closures
- Screw-Top versions also available





CSP™ Bottles Calculated RH Maintained



64ml and 110ml



CSP™ Bottles RH Maintained



54ml, 78ml, 112ml, 150ml



Humidity Control During Use Life





Probiotics capsules will remain dry during all use life

Probiotic Capsules – Water Activity



(CSP[™] Activ-Vial[™] vs Alu/Alu Blisters)





Study performed in partnership with UAS Labs, a leading probiotic manufacturer.



Probiotic Capsules – Strain Potency



(CSP[™] Activ-Vial[™] vs Alu/Alu Blisters)





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Water Activity in Probiotics + Cranberry



CSP[™] Activ-Vial[™] vs. Amber Glass with Desiccant





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Potency of Probiotics + Cranberry Capsules



CSP™ Activ-Vial™ vs. Amber Glass with Desiccant





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3 Years Stability Results



In collaboration with Targedys (France)



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Probiotics Formulations Activ-Polymer[™] Molded Components

Probiotics Applications: Molded Components

- Can be integral device component (ex: reconstitution cap or straw)
- Adsorbs moisture, O₂, odors, etc.
- Maintains very tight dimensional tolerances



Activ-Tab™ Probiotics Oil Suspension



Bormioli 3 Phase Probiotics Powder X-Straw Drug or Food Supplements Administration





Probiotic Oil Drops Stability



(CSP[™] Molded Activ-Polymer[™] vs. Control)



CSP[™] Molded Activ-Polymer[™] in graph uses 1 Tablet:

- 3mm thick x 8mm OD
- 0.2 gram



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Probiotics Formulations Activ-Blister[™] Solutions

Probiotics Application Activ-Blister[™] Solutions

- Incorporating 3-Phase Activ-Film[™] into blister packaging solutions
- 3-Phase Activ-Film[™] heat staked to foil
- Protects product from moisture, oxygen, CO₂, reactive impurities and odors
- Active headspace protection achieved without extra steps (e.g. gas flush/purging, secondary packaging, or refrigeration)
- Size reduction → move from cold-form foils to thermoforms for a smaller blister footprint (40-60% smaller)







Activ-Blister™ Solutions



Results compared to Cold Form Blisters and HDPE Bottles





Activ-Blister™ Solutions



Results of Aclar-type thermoformed blisters + Activ-Film

Aclar [®] type	Temp/RH (°C/%RH)	Days to saturation
Rx160	25/60	209
Rx160	30/65	71
Rx160	40/75	21
UltRx2000	25/60	370
UltRx2000	30/65	220
UltRx2000	40/75	71
UltRx6000	25/60	1036
UltRx6000	30/65	647
UltRx6000	40/75	209

Assume ~6.6mm x ~13mm x 1mm piece for Size 0 capsule





Probiotic Capsule Water Activity



(Standard PVC.PvdC Blister Packaging vs. Activ-Blister™ Packaging with CSP Activ-Film™)



Probiotic Capsule Potency



(Standard PVC.PvdC Blister Packaging vs. Activ-Blister™ Packaging with CSP Activ-Film™)



Probiotic Stick Pack Water Activity



(CSP[™] Activ-Film[™] vs. No Activ-Film[™], Ambient Conditions)





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Probiotic Stick Pack Stability



(CSP[™] Activ-Film[™] vs. No Activ-Film[™])





Thank you for your attention!

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