

# DEEP HEAT MAX STRENGTH

(menthol and methyl salicylate cream)

Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. Nevertheless you still need to use Deep Heat Max Strength carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- You must see a doctor if your symptoms do not improve.
- If any of the side effects become serious or if you notice any side effect not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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## 1. What Deep Heat Max Strength is and what it is used for

Deep Heat Max Strength is a non-greasy, pain relieving cream to be applied to the skin. It is used for the relief of muscular pains and stiffness including:

- Backache and lumbago
- Sciatica (pain in the lower back and thigh)
- Fibrositis (muscle tenderness or stiffness)
- Rheumatic pain (in muscles, tendons, joints or bones)
- Bruises
- Sprains

## 2. Before you use Deep Heat Max Strength

**Do not use Deep Heat Max Strength if you have an allergy**

- to any of the ingredients (see Section 6)
- to painkillers such as aspirin, ibuprofen and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

**Do not use Deep Heat Max Strength on:**

- young children
- your eyes or other sensitive areas. If this occurs accidentally wash away with plenty of clean water
- broken or inflamed skin.

Deep Heat Max Strength is only for use on the skin.

Do not take by mouth.

**Take special care with Deep Heat Max Strength**

See your doctor before using Deep Heat Max Strength if you:

- are pregnant or breastfeeding
- have asthma.

**Taking other medicines**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes any medicines you have bought without a prescription.

See your doctor before using Deep Heat Max Strength if you are taking

- **anticoagulants** (medicines that thin the blood).

**Pregnancy and breastfeeding**

See your doctor before using Deep Heat Max Strength if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

### 3. How to use Deep Heat Max Strength

Deep Heat Max Strength is for adults and older children only.

- always try on a small area first
- gently massage a thin layer of Deep Heat Max Strength to the affected area until the cream is rubbed in
- apply Deep Heat Max Strength 2-3 times daily
- always wash your hands immediately after use so that you do not transfer it to sensitive areas such as your lips or eyes. If this occurs, wash away with plenty of clean water.
- if your symptoms do not improve see your doctor
- stop using Deep Heat Max Strength if you get excessive skin irritation or other unwanted effects

#### **If you use more Deep Heat Max Strength than you should**

If you accidentally squeeze out too much cream use a tissue to wipe off any excess.

If you or a child accidentally swallow the cream contact your doctor or hospital immediately.

#### **If you forget to use Deep Heat Max Strength**

If you forget to use the cream apply Deep Heat Max Strength again when you remember.

Do not use the cream more than 3 times in one day.

### 4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines Deep Heat Max Strength can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following effects may occur, particularly if you have sensitive skin or if you use Deep Heat Max Strength in hot weather or after a hot bath:

- temporary skin redness
- burning sensation

Stop using Deep Heat Max Strength and tell your doctor if you experience excessive skin irritation or other unwanted effects.

**If any side effects get severe or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet please tell your doctor or pharmacist.**

### 5. How to store Deep Heat Max Strength

**Keep out of the reach and sight of children.** Store below 25°C.

Do not use after the expiry date which is printed on the tube and carton. The 'expiry' date refers to the last day of that month.

Take any Deep Heat Max Strength that is out of date to a pharmacist for disposal.

### 6. Further information

#### **What Deep Heat Max Strength contains**

The active substances are:

- Methyl salicylate 30.00% w/w
- Menthol 8.00% w/w

The other ingredients are: sorbitan stearate, polyoxyethylene hexadecyl ether, glyceryl stearate, sodium lauryl sulphate, poloxamer 407, Dowicil 200 and water.

#### **What Deep Heat Max Strength looks like and contents of the pack**

Deep Heat Max Strength is a white cream. Each tube contains 35g.

Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturer:



The Mentholatum Company Limited, East Kilbride, G74 5PE, Scotland, UK.  
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For any information about this product please contact the manufacturer at the above address.

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