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CITROFOL® is the globally well-known brand for citrate esters produced by Jungbunzlauer. Worldwide, Jungbunzlauer is the largest producer of citric acid and citrate esters. Product innovation and continuous process improvements in our state-of-the-art plants result in unique high quality products.

Citrate esters are biodegradable as well as compostable and exhibit an excellent toxicological and eco-toxicological profile. They are also versatile and have very good compatibility with numerous polymers and other plasticisers. They are particularly characterised by a high solvating and plasticising efficiency. Fast fusing, low migration and low volatility options are available according to technical requirements.

CITROFOL® esters are REACH registered and provide safe and environmentally friendly solutions. Therefore they are ideal for use in sensitive products like medical devices, food packaging or toys. Constantly advanced competitiveness to common plasticisers resulted in growing use in technical applications. Some of these applications include textile coatings, flooring, wall paper and artificial leather. Various polymeric systems, including PVC, cellulose derivatives as well as acrylics, polyurethanes, polyvinyl acetates, polyactic acids, polyhydroxy alkanoates and polyvinyl butyral can be processed with CITROFOL®.

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Performance – based on renewable raw materials

Jungbunzlauer develops citrate esters to meet the specifications of individual customers. The CITROFOL® range comprises clear, colourless and odourless liquids that are free of suspended solids or foreign matter. All of our citrate esters have low toxicity and are classified as non volatile (non-VOCs).

**CITROFOL® BI**

CITROFOL® BI (Tributyl Citrate) is a plasticiser with excellent fast-fusing behaviour which helps improve mechanical properties during short curing cycles or at reduced temperatures.

Frequently used in:
- Floor polish
- Coatings
- Printing inks
- Adhesives
- Flooring

**CITROFOL® AHII**

CITROFOL® AHII (Tris (2-ethylhexyl) O-acetylcitrate) is an outstanding plasticiser for technical applications, especially where minimal or non-fogging characteristics are desired with low migration.

Frequently used in:
- Artificial leather
- Flooring
- Cable
- Automotive
- Various technical applications

**CITROFOL® BII**

Our most versatile ester is CITROFOL® BII (Tributyl O-acetylcitrate); it is used as a safe alternative to plasticisers under scrutiny for sensitive applications. As such, it is a suitable citrate ester for traditional polymeric products and the newer bio-based plastics.

Compostable plasticiser for a regenerative future

CITROFOL® BII has been certified by the renowned DIN CERTCO institute according to ASTM D 6400 and DIN EN13432 and is granted to bear the seedling symbol as compostable additive.

Frequently used in:
- Toys
- Food packaging
- Medical devices
- Sealant & closures
- Printing inks
Expertise – talent for individual answers

CITROFOL® Systems – customised solutions

There is a clear trend towards voluntary replacement of petrochemical standard plasticisers for safety and environmental reasons.

Jungbunzlauer has developed new citrate plasticiser systems with improved characteristics compared to single esters. CITROFOL® Systems perfectly match the properties of petrochemical standard plasticisers and therefore can replace them without any compromise on processing or functionality of the end product.

The diagram below demonstrates, that CITROFOL® D100 delivers comparable performance in the test formulation to standard or other non-phthalate plasticisers.

Our technical experts will assist all customers to select the CITROFOL® System which best suits their applications, processing and technical capabilities.

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![Diagram showing gelation, migration, water extraction, viscosity, storage stability, Shore A, and product volatility with performance values for different components.](image)

Scale 5 is the best / 1 is the worst
Care – conscious about sustainability

Our environment and climate are endangered by pollution and the unbalanced use of resources. As the world population continues to grow, people are increasingly aware that we must work together to develop a social conscience and address these issues in order to use our resources appropriately. An important part of this belief is choosing business partners who support this vision.

Jungbunzlauer offers environmental, economic and social sustainability.

With the mission “From nature to ingredients” the company commits itself to the security of man and the environment. Jungbunzlauer is a responsible and sustainable leader in naturally derived biodegradable ingredients. The USDA Certification of Jungbunzlauer products is important for all our customers seeking ingredients to formulate natural, bio-based products.

Why to use CITROFOL®

CITROFOL® types offer diverse benefits as they are excellent primary bio-based plasticisers and reduce hardness of numerous polymers without influencing mechanical properties. They contribute the needed plasticity to the processing and improve the elasticity to the final product. Citrate esters are biodegradable within a short time without harming the soil, have risk assessment approvals and are classified as non-VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Additional possibilities for the application of CITROFOL® are as diluent, solvent or lubricant.

More CITROFOL® products

In addition to the described CITROFOL® types in this brochure, Jungbunzlauer also manufactures ethyl ester varieties. These esters are mainly utilised in highly sensitive applications like food, flavour and fragrance, personal care and pharmaceutical.

Please contact Jungbunzlauer for more information.
Jungbunzlauer is represented in all major markets. Our global network of sales companies and distributors covers more than 130 countries.

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- NETHERLANDS – Papendrecht
- SWITZERLAND – Basel

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- USA – Boston
- MEXICO – Mexico City

**ASIA**

- INDIA – Mumbai
- SINGAPORE – Singapore
- JAPAN – Tokyo

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**From nature to ingredients®**

Jungbunzlauer is one of the world’s leading producers of biodegradable ingredients of natural origin. The Swiss-based, international company’s roots date back to 1867. Today, Jungbunzlauer specialises in citric acid, xanthan gum, gluconates, lactics, specialties, special salts and sweeteners for the food, beverage, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry as well as for various other industrial applications.

Jungbunzlauer’s products are manufactured utilising fermentation technology, a natural process. All its products can be used, transported and disposed of in a secure and ecologically safe way. The Group operates manufacturing plants in Austria, Canada, France and Germany.

A worldwide network of sales companies and distributors with a thorough understanding of target markets and client requirements underlie Jungbunzlauer’s high level of market and customer proximity. Committed to its rigorous quality standards, Jungbunzlauer guarantees for the excellence and sustainability of its products and services.

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