

Natural Scent Quick Reference

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Concrete

These solid waxy aromatic fats are the result of chemical extraction methods.

Absolute

When a solid concrete is processed by further chemical extraction, the result is a liquid (or less viscous) absolute.

Essential Oil

Essential oils are usually the result of steam distillation, wherein plant materials are steamed at above 212 degrees for over an hour. Rarely, some aromatic woods are processed by dry distillation, which gives the final essential oils a lightly toasted scent.

Graded Essential Oil

For example, *ylang ylang Extra* is the essential oils from the first steam distillation of one hour at 212 degrees. *Ylang ylang I* is the essential oil from the next phase of the distillation, usually four hours at 245 degrees. *Ylang ylang II* is the third phase of distilling essential oils from the same re-used plant matter. *Ylang ylang III* is the least desirable, least expensive essential oil that results from the final distillation. *Ylang Ylang Complete* is the essential oil from the complete uninterrupted 22-hour long process.

Hydrosol

Hydrosols are the waste product from the steam distillation process. The hydrosol is the condensed steam collected during distillation. In rare cases, such as rose water and lavender water, the hydrosol has a desirable fragrant scent and can be sold.

Expression

Mechanically cold-pressed oils, usually citrus, are very susceptible to oxidation by light and moderate room temperatures.

Enfleurage Pomade

Generally produced by allowing flowers to remain in contact with a fat and replenishing them with fresh flowers every three days. After about a month, the flowers are removed and the resulting fragrant fat is refined with ethyl alcohol. For example, Monoi de Tahiti is solid coconut oil that has been impregnated with scent by monoi flowers.

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