

Glossary of Terms for Marijuana Concentrates, THC Extractions

GENERAL: Post #1

Marijuana: a greenish-gray mixture of the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and/or seeds of the hemp plant, *Cannabis sativa*, *cannabis indica*, and *cannabis ruderalis*. Marijuana is used by smoking, eating, drinking, inhaling the vapors and applying to the skin. Also known as *weed*, *pot*, *herb*, *pot*, *grass*, *bud*, *ganga*, *Mary Jane*, *chronic*, *dope*, and *hydro* among many other slang terms.

Cannabinoids: The chemical compounds unique to cannabis. There are over 100 known cannabinoids, THC being the primary and most well-known.

Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC): the mind-altering chemical contained in the cannabis sativa plant. This is the chemical that gets users high.

Cannabidiol (CBD): A cannabinoid associated with the medical marijuana community. It is less popular for recreational users because it is not intoxicating. CBD is currently being researched to learn more about its properties.

Potency: The percentage of THC in a given sample of marijuana. It is widely acknowledged that potency is difficult to calculate due many variations of the cannabis sativa plant as well as how it is grown and harvested varies greatly. Most experts agree that THC potency has risen over the last few decades, now approaching up to 30%. Marijuana concentrates contain even higher levels of THC that could range from 40% to 80%.

Flower/Bud: The actual flower of the marijuana plant that is harvested and used for the creation of marijuana products. *Flower* has also been referred to as the “old fashioned” way of smoking marijuana as opposed to use of concentrates.

Hydroponics: A system of growing plants, including marijuana, without the use of soil.

Kush: A popular strain, or brand, of cannabis plants.

420: A way to identify with the marijuana culture. The date, 4/20 is known as a date to celebrate getting high, and the time 4:20, is noted as an “official” time to get high. 420 is found around pop culture, in movies, online, and on shirts and hats.

Edibles: The term for marijuana that is ingested by mouth. Any edible food or drink that has been infused with cannabis extracts. Baked goods are the most common form of edible, but additional forms include flavored coffee drinks, breads, and candies, among others. Marijuana-infused butters or oils are also sold for individuals to make their own edibles.

Medibles: A term for edibles that are sold as “medical”, though the product is the same thing as edibles.

CONCENTRATES-SPECIFIC: Post #2

Marijuana concentrates: a highly potent THC concentrated mass that is extracted from the marijuana plant, most commonly similar in appearance to honey or butter. It is known on the street as *honey oil* or *budder*. Also knowns *THC Extractions* or *Marijuana Extracts*

Butane Hash Oil (BHO): a highly potent concentrate of cannabinoids made by dissolving marijuana in plant form in a solvent (usually butane). The resulting product is also referred to as *budder*, *honey oil*, *dabs*, or *shatter*, depending on how it is manufactured. BHO has a very high THC potency. The use of butane in extraction of BHO is cause for safety concerns as it is highly flammable and has resulted in violent explosions.

Wax: A common name for marijuana concentrates. It is a softer, opaque oil that has lost it's transparency through the extraction process. Depending on the method used to extract it, waxes may take on varying consistencies. Waxes tend to be harder, non-transparent oils. *Budder* and *honeycomb* are considered versions of wax.

Budder/Honey/Honey Oil: Slang terms used to describe marijuana extracts using butane. It is waxy in appearance, like honey or butter.

Shatter: A brittle form of BHO. It has the look of transparent amber glass and has a reputation for being the purest and cleanest type of extract.

Dabbing: The practice of smoking the THC-rich extracts of the marijuana plant, in the form of oils, waxes, or shatter, all of which contain extremely large amounts of THC. The extracts are usually prepared with butane (lighter fluid).

Tincture: A liquid preparation of marijuana (extract or plant-based) made with alcohol and usually dispensed using a dropper under the tongue.

Topical: A preparation of cannabis that has been added to a product, such as lotion or a cream and applied to the skin.

Vaporizer: A smoking device used to consume marijuana or tobacco products by heating the oils and creating a vapor for the user to inhale. There are three components to vaporizers: the cartridge which holds the concentrate, a heating device, and a power source (usually a battery). Vaporizers can be used to disguise marijuana use, as it is more difficult to detect. Users believe this method to be safer than smoking, though there has not been research to support that belief.

Oil Rig: A device or bong specially used for smoking marijuana concentrates. Adapters can be added to traditional bongs or pipes.

710: upside down, spells "OIL", a common term for dabs and marijuana concentrates. Like 420, 710 is a way to identify with the concentrates culture.

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