

# Aloe-Extracts cc

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Aloe Ferox is similar in compositions to Aloe Vera, however the Aloe Ferox, which is found in South Africa's Little Karoo area, has been shown to be the more effective of the two in many respects. In scientific tests performed at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens in Cape Town, South Africa (January 1987), it was found that Aloe Ferox was more effective in most respects than Aloe vera.

I live in the little Karoo, surrounded by seemingly endless numbers of Aloe Ferox (Cape Aloe) plants and having worked for a number of years in the Aloe industry, where most of the product is exported, I decided with the help of a friend to start up a small Aloe extraction plant and concentrate on the abundant health benefits that are available from this wonderful indigenous South African plant.

Our first priority was to be able to find the best way to extract the Aloe gel from leaves obtained from different and numerous farms in the surrounding area. Aloe Ferox is not grown commercially so all our leaves are pruned from Aloes growing in the wild. This is done in an eco friendly way where the plants are not harmed and if anything 'pruning' the bottom ring of leaves enhances the plants growth. The leaves are delivered to the processing plant where they are de-thorned and then the top point, sides and base are trimmed. The leaves are then thoroughly washed and sanitized before being finely sliced then rewashed, shredded and cooked for an optimal time until the gel starts to form.

This gel is separated out of leaf mix and a small amount of preservative added (depending on final product – gel or juice – different preservatives are used). This is necessary as the gel is nutrient rich and micro spores would otherwise flourish in days. If concentrated Aloe gel is being produced then the gel is left as is and given a couple of hours to cool. If juice is being made then water is added to dilute gel mixture to a suitable viscosity. From here different types of additives are included to enhance the health and healing benefits for both the gel – for skin applications – and the juice, -for internal benefits.

Aloe gel is best known if applied topically for its ability to speed the healing of most types of burns from sunburn to other more serious burns, plus a host of other skin conditions.

The Juice taken orally helps with many types of digestive ailments and it appears that the cells of our body whether they are internal cells or skin cells react favourably to the presence of Aloe gel/juice.

The focus of our company is to produce products that are high in percentages of Aloe Ferox and then blend other natural products to compliment the Aloes properties to give maximum overall health and healing benefits.