

MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES

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A marijuana concentrate is a highly potent form of THC, extracted from green, leafy marijuana buds, most commonly appearing similar to honey or butter. On the street, it is known as "honey oil". Other common names, include: THC Extractions, Marijuana Extracts, Extracts or even **BUTANE HASH OIL (BHO)**. BHO is created by running traditional marijuana (in its plant-based form) through some type of solvent, even butane. After "the run" they will cook off the butane, leaving a paste known as "concentrates" or dabs, budder, honey oil, or shatter. The use of butane in extraction of dabs has caused explosions leading to injuries of the individuals making the hash oil. Butane is not the only way these extractions are created. Other solvents include propane, Co2, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol and even water (known as bubble hash).

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Wax is one of the more common names for marijuana concentrates as is the term "shatter". As the maker of these products continues to refine the product into higher purity levels, it can reach the level of "shatter". Shatter is a glass-like substance that can also look like a clear or amber colored hard taffy. Basically, if you are unable to make shatter, the product will be wax.

Why all the effort you ask? The THC content in traditional marijuana is much lower than dabs/concentrates. THC concentrates can be as high as 90% or higher. These levels include the oil form that is in vape pen cartridges. On a side note, dabs or concentrates can be THC, CBD or both (all depends on the grower/processor).

There are different forms of terminology associated with dabs. One term is "710" which is the word "OIL" upside down. This is similar to the term 420 which is the national stoner time/holiday. 710 is known as the secondary stoner holiday. You may observe many pro-drug businesses highlighting these dates in their promotions, via online marketing with sales or even specials on their

products. Another term is “oil rig”. An oil rig is basically a bong that is used to smoke dabs. There are a couple of small differences on an oil rig but it will look like a bong to most people.

Dabs are rapidly evolving and as I frequently say, “this drug doesn’t stay in their own lane”. There is a lot of information out on dabs/concentrates, but one of the best things you can do is attend a class or webinar.

As I say “You Can’t Stop What You Don’t Know”.