



Create healthier bread with prolonged freshness



Fibrex<sup>®</sup> from Nordic Sugar is a natural fibre product produced from processed sugar beet with a unique composition and water holding ability that is unaffected by heating, freezing and thawing. Fibrex can be used to increase the water content, prolong the freshness and enhance the softness of bread over time as well as prevent frozen dough from drying out. Fibrex will also give a welcome contribution to the dietary fibre content.

Fibrex is available in a wide range of sieve sizes making it easy to create a wide variety of desirable breads. Add Fibrex to your bread recipe and enjoy the extended freshness and shelf life benefits of this natural fibre.

## Benefits

- Increased water content in the dough
- Prolonged freshness and enhanced softness
- Dietary fibre contribution
- Unique product range
- E-number free
- GMO free
- Gluten free



# Fibrex<sup>®</sup> makes a better bread

#### Improved softness

Fibrex 595 (<0.125 mm) has been incorporated in a basic white toast bread to evaluate the impact on volume and softness. In the trials Fibrex was incorporated in a flour blend at dosages of 2 g per 100 g of blend.

The addition of water to the flour and flour/ fibre blend was analysed on a Brabender Farinograph mixer to achieve a similar dough consistency.

For the trials commercial white wheat flour with the following typical specification was used:

Moisture content	14 – 15.5 %
Amylogram gelatinization temp.	80.5 – 84.5 °C
Wet gluten	27.5 – 30.5 %
Protein	11.9 – 13. 1 %
Falling number	260 – 330 sec.

The flour contained ascorbic acid.

The baking trials were preformed by a professional test baker in a industrial baking laboratory. Dough's where made simultaneously for every test using 2 speed spiral mixers. All breads where shaped to similar tension using a Rondo Kombi and evenly distributed onto tin trays, proven and baked in rack oven. The tests were repeated three times to confirm the results.

The finished breads were analysed for weight, volume and softness.

To measure and evaluate softness a modified version of AACC method 74-09.01 was used.

#### Results

Figure 1 shows the percentage increase in water absorption for the flour/ fibre blend as determined by the Farinograph. With the blend of 2% Fibrex and 98% flour the water absorption increased by roughly 6% from 59,6% to 62,9%.

Figure 2 illustrates the volume of the breads after baking. The results confirm that neither the volume nor the volume/weight is significantly affected by inclusion of Fibrex at this level.

In figure 3 the results from the texture analyser are outlined. A higher value indicates harder bread and as demonstrated by the inclusion of Fibrex in the flour/fibre blends gives a positive development of the softness over time. Figure 4 shows the development with regards to the firmness measured in test repetitions two and three where the same positive developments are confirmed.



# Farinograph results



Volume



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D	evelopment time	Stability	FU*
<b>100 % wheat flour</b> Water absorption 59.6 % (corrected for 14 % moisture content)	2.5 min	4.7 min	42
<b>98 % wheat flour + 2 % Fibrex 5</b> Water absorption 62.9 % (corrected for 14 % moisture content)	<b>95</b> 2.3 min	13.5 min	25

Brabender Farinograph E ICC Standard 115/1 \*(ICC / 12min after max)

# Test Recipe

Ingredient	Reference Wheat flour 100%	Fibrex 595 98% Wheat flour/ 2% Fibrex 595
Salt	1.8%	1.8%
Sugar	1.0%	1.0%
Yeast (fresh)	4.0%	4.0%
Bread impro	ver 1.0%	1.0%
Water	59.6%	62.9%

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## Application advice

Fibrex is easy to use and can either be added on top of your normal recipe or by a reduction of flour by following our recommendations below. With a dosage of Fibrex 595 in the range from 0.5% to 2% and addition of water in the ratio between 2:1 and 3.5:1 our experience has shown that it is possible to make a softer dough without compromising process ability and volume. Initially the dough may feel slightly wetter but will equilibrate after few minutes resting. The application advice should only be seen as a guideline and final amount of flour to remove or water to add will be dependent flour type and recipe. If added on top in higher dosages we would also recommend adjusting the level of salt. For the coarser Fibrex particle sizes pre-soaking is recommended to ensure full hydration before mixing.

#### Application advice, existing recipes Per kg flour

Fibrex	Flour	Type of bread	Fraction
+15g	-60g	White/toast bread	595
+20g	-80g	Sweet fermented goods	595
+20g	-80g	All other types of bread	595, 600, 610, 630
+25g	-100g	Coarser bread	595, 600, 610, 630

# Application advice, on top of existing recipes Per kg flour

Fibrex	Water	Type of bread	Fraction
+15g	+30g - 45g	White/toast bread	595
+20g	+40g - 60g	Sweet fermented goods	595
+20g	+40g - 60g	All other types of bread	595, 600, 610, 630

# Fibrex is available in different particle sizes

Recommended types for bakery use	Size in (mm)
Fibrex 595	<0.125
Fibrex 600	<0.5
Fibrex 610	0.4 – 1.4
Fibrex 630	Flaked

# **Composition of Fibrex**

Average nutritional value/100g	
Energy KJ/kcal	266/63
Protein (g)	9
Sugar (g)	5.5
Fat (g)	0.5
Dietary fibre (g)*	67
Minerals (g)	4

\* According to AOAC (73 g according to difference method).

Fibrex is a product of nature, with natural variations according to place of growth of the sugar beet, weather conditions etc. The specification parameters can therefore by definition not be binding, but must be seen as a guideline.

