

Investment Opportunities in Petroleum Jelly

Description:

Petroleum jelly or petrolatum was discovered as a paraffin-like material coating oil rigs. Since then, it has been used in various ointments and as a lubricant. Petroleum jelly is a mixture of mineral waxes and oils that together lock moisture in skin, moisturizing it to repair and relieve dryness. They are stabilized in such a fashion that the oil appears to form the internal phase, whereas the wax compound forms the external phase.

Petroleum jelly is made by the waxy petroleum material that formed on oil rigs and distilling it. The lighter and thinner oil-based products make up petroleum jelly, also known as white petrolatum or simply as petrolatum. Robert Chesebrough is the chemist who devised and patented this process. Basically, the crude material undergoes vacuum distillation. The still residue is then filtered through bone char to yield petroleum jelly.

At room temperature, petroleum jelly is an odourless semi-solid which consists of a mixture of hydrocarbons.

Petroleum jelly has a fibrous or grease-like structure and also possesses a discreet drop point and penetration value. Petroleum jelly may be considered as microcrystalline wax which has absorbed the oil, resulting in an amorphous jelly-like mass. It is mostly available in two colours namely white and yellow.

Petroleum jelly is hugely versatile, and it's used all over the world to protect and heal dry skin, from dry, cracked hands to hard skin on heels, as well as for beauty purposes, like softening the lips or highlighting the cheekbones.

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