

## Parent FAQs

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q What sizes and colors do GumDrops come in?**

GumDrops come in two sizes: **Preemie** (smallest size) – Lime Green; **Newborn** (largest size) – Orange, Pink and Blue. GumDrop is specially designed to be light weight and with a natural nipple shape that babies love.

**Q Which size GumDrop is best for my baby?**

GumDrop Newborn size (Orange, Pink and Blue) is designed for newborns and babies without teeth who are successfully breastfeeding or bottle feeding.

**Q What babies should use the Preemie size?**

GumDrop Preemie size (Lime Green) is designed for preemies or smaller term babies for use in the hospital. Most babies will transition to the Newborn size (Orange, Pink and Blue) once they are successfully breastfeeding or bottle feeding.

**Q If a baby is using the Preemie (Lime Green) size GumDrop in the hospital. What size should parents order for use at home?**

We recommend the Newborn size (Orange, Pink and Blue). Most babies discharged from the hospital to home should use the Newborn size. We do not recommend the Preemie size for home use.

**Q What materials are GumDrop pacifiers made of?**

GumDrops Pacifiers are made of a plastic inner guard, over-molded with medical grade silicone. GumDrops are phthalate-free, latex-free and BPA-safe.

**Q What safety requirements does the GumDrop pacifier meet?**

Pacifiers are regulated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an agency of the U.S. government. GumDrop passes the required safety tests (Consumer Product Safety Commission Part 1511).

NOTE: NEVER attach anything to or block the holes in the rim of a pacifier. If your baby swallows a pacifier, the holes ensure your baby could breathe until you get medical help.

**Q Can GumDrop be used by breastfeeding babies?**

GumDrop has a natural nipple shape that helps avoid "nipple confusion." Many breastfeeding moms have written reviews to tell us that GumDrop is good for breastfeeding babies and for babies that do not root well. The American Academy of Pediatrics published guidelines in November 2005 recommending pacifier use for all babies over 3 months of age to help reduce the incidence of SIDS.

**Q When a baby is starting to get teeth and likes to chew on the GumDrop. Is that OK?**

No. GumDrop is not a teether. We recommend you purchase a teether for your baby. (We have some cute teethers in bright tropical colors on our webstore.)

**Q What should a parent look out for if their baby is teething or has teeth and is using the GumDrop?**

We strongly recommend you check the pacifier frequently for signs of wear due to chewing. If there are any tears, especially in the nipple, discard the pacifier and discontinue use, or use a new pacifier.

**Q If a baby put her upper lip over the top? Does it mean it's too small?**

This does not mean the pacifier is too small. It is very common with GumDrop because of the low profile. The babies do this for comfort.



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## GumDrop™ Pacifier Parent FAQs (continued)

### Q When should a baby stop using GumDrop?

If your baby becomes big enough to fit the GumDrop all the way into the mouth, we recommend you stop using it.

### Q What is the best way to clean GumDrop pacifiers?

Wash regularly in hot water with mild detergent; rinse thoroughly before giving to baby. To sanitize, place in boiling water for two minutes. Let it cool before giving to baby. Some parents put GumDrops in the dishwasher or use a home sterilizer. All these methods are safe.

### Q What's the difference between the Natural and Vanilla versions; and Why Vanilla?

The only difference is a light vanilla scent. Professional literature suggests vanilla scent might be soothing to babies.

### Q How long does the vanilla scent last?

Based on feedback from parents, the scent could last up to 6 months.

### Q How can parents order GumDrop pacifiers?

Visit the online store: [www.gumdroppacifier.com](http://www.gumdroppacifier.com)

Or phone a friendly staff member at: 800-396-1550, 9 am – 5 pm EST.

### Q Is GumDrop available in stores for parents to purchase?

For most customers, the most convenient way to purchase GumDrop is through the online store. GumDrop is available in some specialty stores and hospital gift shops. For a list of retail outlets go to [www.gumdroppacifier.com](http://www.gumdroppacifier.com).



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