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## SPECIFICATION SHEET

**PRODUCT:** Black Pepper, Ground  
**SPECIFICATION NOS:** SEE CHART BELOW

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**Foodservice Jars/Packets:**

**Industrial Cartons/Barrels:**

| Item No.     | Product Description:        |  | Item No. | Product Description:     |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|----------|--------------------------|
| 80201, 80202 | Black Pepper, Coarse        |  | 90201    | Black Pepper, Coarse     |
| 80203, 80204 | Black Pepper, ½ Cracked     |  | 90203    | Black Pepper, ½ Cracked  |
| 80205, 80206 | Black Pepper, ¼ Cracked     |  | 90205    | Black Pepper, ¼ Cracked  |
| 80207, 80208 | Black Pepper, 14 Mesh       |  | 90207    | Black Pepper, Extra Fine |
| 80209, 80210 | Black Pepper, Table Grind   |  | 90211    | Black Pepper, 18 Mesh    |
| 80211, 80212 | Black Pepper, 18 Mesh       |  | 90052    | Black Pepper, Regular    |
| 80213, 80214 | Black Pepper, 20 mesh       |  | 90217    | Black Pepper, 28 Mesh    |
| 80215, 80216 | Black Pepper, 24 Mesh       |  | 90219    | Black Pepper, 30 Mesh    |
| 80077, 80078 | Black Pepper, Regular       |  | 90224    | Black Pepper, Fine       |
| 80217, 80218 | Black Pepper, 28 Mesh       |  |          |                          |
| 80219, 80220 | Black Pepper, 30 Mesh       |  |          |                          |
| 80221, 80222 | Black Pepper, 38 Mesh       |  |          |                          |
| 80223, 80224 | Black Pepper, Fine or Extra |  |          |                          |

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:** This product is prepared by grinding the dried immature berries *Piper nigrum L.*

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:**

**COLOR** Blackish and whitish to grayish depending on granulation  
**AROMA** Characteristics penetrating aroma  
**FLAVOR** Pungent biting notes

**ANALYTICAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

**ASH, TOTAL** 7.0% maximum  
**ASH, ACID INSOLUBLE** 1.5% maximum  
**VOLATILE OIL** 1.5% minimum  
**MOISTURE** 14.0% maximum



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**SCREEN (GRANULATION) Specifications (U.S Standard):**

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| ½ Cracked   | Retained on 6 mesh            |
| ¼ Cracked   | Through 8 mesh, over 12 mesh  |
| 12-14 Mesh  | Through 9 mesh, over 15 mesh  |
| 18-22 Mesh  | Through 16 mesh, over 40 mesh |
| 24-30 Mesh  | Through 22 mesh, over 40 mesh |
| Regular     | Through 22 mesh               |
| Fine Ground | 80.0% through 38 mesh         |
| Extra Fine  | 80.0% through 40 mesh         |

**MICROBIOLOGICAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

| Analyte Description | Specifications | Treatment May Be                    |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>E. coli</i>      | <10 CFU/g      | Propylene Oxide,<br>Ethylene Oxide, |
| <i>Salmonella</i>   | NEGATIVE/375g  | Steam or Irradiation                |

**EXTRANEIOUS MATTER:** Free of objectionable foreign matter and complies with the requirements of the USA Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

**ALLERGEN STATEMENT:** This product does NOT contain any of the “Big-8 FDA Allergens”.

**GMO STATEMENT:** This product sourced by Tampico Spice Company, Inc. has no known sources of genetically modified seed lines. No tests have been performed to validate this statement.

**GLUTEN STATEMENT:** This product by nature does not contain the gluten proteins found in wheat, rye or barley. This product has not been tested to verify gluten levels less than 20 ppm.

**VEGAN STATEMENT:** This product does not contain any animal derived products including meat, milk, seafood, eggs, honey or bone char.

**HALAL STATEMENT:** This product does not contain alcohol, natural L-cysteine extracted from hair or feathers, animal fats and/or extracts, bloods of any origin, blood plasma, pork and/or other meat by-products and alcohol is not used as a processing aid.

**KOSHER STATEMENT:** This product is certified by OU Kosher.

**INGREDIENT STATEMENT:** Black Pepper

**STORAGE:** Cool (50-65°F) and dry area with tightly sealed container.

**SHELF LIFE:** Up to one year if kept under proper storage conditions in original sealed container.

**COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN:** India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam