

Item: **Pears, sweetened, diced (Type IV)**

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Approximate Caloric Value Per Serving: **100**

Component Classification: **Secondary**

Estimated Shelf Life: **36 months at 80°F**

Item Characteristics

Appearance: Discernible pale yellow to light beige colored dices that are practically free of mushy pears, seeds, stem and core material.
Syrup or fruit juices shall be thin and translucent.

Odor: Slight to moderate sweet cooked pear.

Flavor: Slight to moderate sweet cooked pear.

Texture: Tender to slightly firm and shall not be mushy.
Syrup or fruit juices thin and free flowing.

Possible Deteriorative Changes

Appearance: Extreme darkening. Indistinct dices or excessive mushy pears.
Syrup or fruit juices thick and opaque.

Odor: Fermented, sour, musty.

Flavor: Musty, old, overly tart or sour, bitter, caramelized, fermented.

Texture: Excessively soft or mushy. Syrup or fruit juice thick or starchy and not free flowing.

Unique Examination/Test Procedures

Special Notes