



## Zyban® (Bupropion SR or Wellbutrin SR)

### What is Zyban?

Zyban is a brand name for the drug bupropion hydrochloride. Bupropion hydrochloride, marketed under the names of Zyban®, Wellbutrin® SR and Wellbutrin® XL by GSK (GlaxoSmithKline) is a prescription-strength anti-depressant medicine also used to help people quit smoking. Wellbutrin SR and Wellbutrin XL are typically used to treat depression, while Zyban is most often prescribed as a quit smoking aid. Zyban is taken in pill form.

### Medication:

- Start taking the medication one to two weeks prior to your quit date.
- Begin with a dose of 150 mg every AM for 3 days, then increase to 150 mg two times a day for the duration of treatment (as determined by your doctor).

### How does Zyban Work?

While it isn't understood exactly how bupropion (Zyban) works, we do know that this prescription-strength medicine alters the brain's chemistry. The result is a reduced interest in smoking. Nicotine cravings are diminished. You should take ZYBAN as directed by your doctor.

### Can I Use NRT's with Zyban?

Zyban used in conjunction with a NRT can be a good choice for people who have a lot of trouble with nicotine withdrawal. But this should only be done under Doctor's supervision.

### How can I get Zyban?

Zyban is only available through a prescription. Please talk to your Doctor for more information.

### Precautions. Who should not use Zyban?

Bupropion hydrochloride is not a suitable quit smoking therapy for everyone. Below is a list of conditions under which taking this drug would not be recommended:

- You are taking Wellbutrin® SR or Wellbutrin® XL (both are bupropion HCl)
- You are taking any other medicine containing bupropion HCl
- You have or have had a seizure disorder
- You have or have had an eating disorder
- You are abruptly discontinuing use of alcohol or sedatives(including benzodiazepines)
- You are currently taking or have recently taken a monoamine oxidase inhibitor(MAOI)
- You are allergic to bupropion HCl
- You are pregnant or nursing.
- You should not take this medication if you have an allergic reaction to bupropion.
- *Cardiovascular Disease* – Generally well tolerated; infrequent reports of hypertension.

### Side Effects:

Insomnia                      Dry Mouth                      Headaches  
Change in appetite      Agitation

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