

LSD

AKA: Lysergic Acid Diethylamide

Acid, tabs, trips, blotters, panes

Strawberries, Ohms, Barts etc

Related compounds include LSA and 1P-LSD

Popularity: amongst 16-24yr olds: 2.7% report ever using

1.0% use in last year (CSEW 2019/20)

Slightly down on previous yr but much higher than ten years ago

Method of Use: swallowed, held in mouth

Dose range:

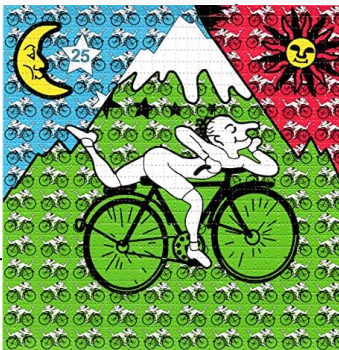
moderate: 100-150ug **strong:** 175-225ug

Mechanism: still not fully understood; may act as an agonist at serotonin receptors but also thought to act as a dopaminergic agent and increase glutamate levels.

Duration: 8-12hrs

Effects:

+ve: hallucinatory, altered thinking,
-ve: panic, scary visions or thoughts



Law: Class A, Sch.1

Profile

Hallucinogen, psychedelic

Cost: £2-5/tab

Source: made in Europe, UK

Purity: LSD on blotters can vary massively in strength. Other drugs sold on blotters easily mistaken for LSD include 1P-LSD and 25i-NBOME – more likely to cause convulsions

Indicators: dilated pupils, delusional behaviour, altered thinking, hilarity, responding to non-visible and non-audible cues

Risks: MH Problems, accidents when intoxicated, unpleasant hallucinogenic experiences

High-dose LSD was much more popular recreationally in the late 1960's and early 70's. It experienced a lower dose renaissance with the dance music scene. With improved access to LSD via the dark web, more young people seem to be experimenting with it. It is being explored as treatment for depression and "microdosing" – using sub-psychedelic doses of LSD for mood-enhancement – has increased.