

SELTZER ROCKET

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How does it work? The fizzing you see when you drop the Alka Seltzer tablet in water is the same sort of fizzing that you see when you mix baking soda and vinegar. The acid mixes with the sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) to produce bubbles of carbon dioxide gas. If you look at the ingredients of Alka Seltzer, you will find that it contains citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.



We can thank Sir Isacc Newton for what happens next! When the built-up carbon dioxide gas is too great and the lid pops off, **Newton's Third Law** explains why the film canister flies across the room, "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." The lid goes one way and the film canister shoots out of the tube in the opposite direction. Isn't science COOL?

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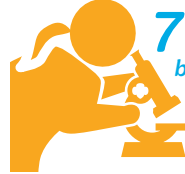
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