

Irgasan (Triclosan) PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name:	Irgasan (Triclosan)
Product Number:	1002
CAS Number:	3380-34-5
Molecular Formula:	C ₁₂ H ₇ Cl ₃ O ₂
Molecular Weight:	289.54
Form:	Powder
Appearance:	White powder
Solubility:	Basic solution: Soluble Diethyl ether: Soluble Ethanol: Soluble Methanol: Soluble Water: Slightly soluble
Source:	Synthetic
Water Content (Karl Fischer):	≤0.1%
Melting Point:	56-60 °C
Storage Conditions:	2-8 °C
Description:	Irgasan (Triclosan) is a broad spectrum antibacterial agent that inhibits bacterial fatty acid synthesis. Irgasan is slightly soluble in water and freely soluble in ethanol and methanol.
Mechanism of Action:	Irgasan demonstrates a bacteriostatic effect by binding to the enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase (enoyl-ACP), an enzyme involved in fatty acid synthesis. After forming a complex, nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD) binds and prevents enoyl-ACP from participating in the fatty acid synthesis cycle which inhibits bacterial cell growth. Triclosan permeabilizes the bacterial envelope.
Spectrum:	Gram-negative bacteria, Gram-positive bacteria, Fungi.
Microbiology Applications	 Irgasan is used as a media supplement in <i>Pseudomonas</i> and <i>Yersinia</i> isolation agars. During the 1990s, bacterial isolates with reduced susceptibility to Irgasan were produced in lab experiments by repeated exposure to sublethal concentrations. Since 2000, a number of studies have verified resistance among dermal, intestinal, and environmental microorganisms. (Yazdankhah, 2006). Resistance in <i>E. coli</i> is acquired through a missense mutation in the <i>fabl</i> gene (Heath et al, 2010).

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