

## Clavulanate Potassium PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Clavulanate Potassium

Product Number: C232

CAS Number: 61177-45-5 Molecular Formula:  $C_8H_8NO_5K$ 

Molecular Weight: 237.3

Form: Powder

**Appearance:** White to off White Powder

**Solubility:** Soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF or DMSO. Good water solubility.

Source: Streptomyces clavuligerus

Storage Conditions: -20°C

**Description:** Clavulanate Potassium (Potassium Clavulanate) is a stable salt preparation of

Clavulanic Acid, a natural, low-molecular weight  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic. It has weak, broad-spectrum activity but offers synergistic antibacterial activity with penicillins and cephalosporins for greater efficacy against  $\beta$ -lactam resistant

strains.

We also offer:

• Clavulanate Lithium (C064)

• Clavulanic Acid Potassium w/ Cellulose (1:1) (C065)

**Mechanism of Action:** Clavulanate is a potent suicide inhibitor of β -lactamases. It forms a covalent

bond with a serine residue in the enzyme's active site. Inhibition is time-dependent and irreversible. Clavulanic acid  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotics bind and inhibit PBPs (penicillin binding proteins) thus inhibiting bacterial cell wall

synthesis.

Microbiology Applications Clavulanic acid had poor activity against S. aureus, Enterobacteriaceae, and

*P. aeruginosa*. However, it can act synergistically with penicillins and cephalosporins to inhibit  $\beta$  -lactamase-producing *S. aureus* and

Enterobacteriaceae.

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