

## Cefminox sodium PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Cefminox sodium

Product Number: C124

**CAS Number:** 92636-39-0

Molecular Formula:  $C_{16}H_{20}N_7NaO_7S_3$ 

Molecular Weight: 541.56

Form: Powder

Appearance: White powder

Source: Semi-synthetic

Water Content (Karl

Fischer):

18.0-20.0%

**pH:** 4.5-6.0

Optical Rotation: +62° to +72°

Storage Conditions: -20°C

**Description:** Cefminox sodium is a second generation cephalosporin antibiotic and is

soluble in aqueous solution. TOKU-E offers two forms of cefminox: cefminox

(C076) and cefminox sodium (C124).

**Mechanism of Action:** Like β-lactams, cephalosporins interfere with PBP (penicillin binding protein)

activity involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's are enzymes which catalyze a pentaglycine crosslink between alanine and lysine residues providing additional strength to the cell wall. Without a pentaglycine crosslink, the integrity of the cell wall is severely compromised and ultimately leads to cell lysis and death. Resistance to cephalosporins is commonly due to cells containing plasmid encoded  $\beta$ -lactamases. Cefminox sodium, like many

cephalosporins, is resistant to β-lactamase activity.

**Spectrum:** Cefminox sodium is a broad spectrum antibiotic targeting a wide range of

gram positive and gram negative microbes including anaerobes.

Microbiology Applications Because of its potent properties against anaerobes, cefminox sodium can be

used in cell media culture to select against Bacteroides, Clostridium, and

other susceptible anaerobic bacteria.

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