

## Econazole nitrate PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Econazole nitrate

Product Number: E001

**CAS Number:** 68797-31-9

**Molecular Formula:**  $C_{18}H_{15}CI_3N_2O \cdot HNO_3$ 

Molecular Weight: 444.70 Form: Powder

**Appearance:** White or almost white crystalline powder

**Source:** Synthetic

**Water Content (Karl** 

Fischer):

Loss on drying: <0.5%

Melting Point: 162 -166°C

Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

**Description:** Econazole nitrate is an insoluble (0.00148 mg/mL) imidazole antifungal that

specifically targets the cell membrane of fungi.

**Mechanism of Action:** Econazole nitrate increases cell permeability by inhibiting enzymes involved in

ergosterol synthesis. The increase of permeability has a toxic effect on the

fungi and leads to cell death.

**Spectrum:** Econazole nitrate targets fungi responsible for tinea (ringworm) especially

Trichophyton and Microsporum species.

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