

Ethambutol PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Ethambutol

Product Number: E009

CAS Number: 74-55-5

Molecular Formula: $C_{10}H_{24}N_2O_2$

Molecular Weight: 204.31 Form: Powder

Appearance: White crystalline powder

Source: Synthetic

Melting Point: 199-204°C

Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

Description: Ethambutol is a unique slightly soluble (7.58 mg/mL) antitubercular antibiotic

which inhibits cell wall formation in Mycobacterium species.

Mechanism of Action: Ethambutol inactivates arabinosyl transferase, an enzyme responsible for

transporting mycolic acids to the cell wall. Without this enzyme, cell

permeability is increased leaving the oraganism vulnerable to toxic matter.

Spectrum: Ethambutol targets primarily species of the Mycobacterium genus including

Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

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