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ProductInformation

Ammonium iron(III) sulfate dodecahydrate

Product Number **F3629**
Store at Room Temperature

Product Description

Molecular Formula: $FeNH_4(SO_4)_2 \cdot 12H_2O$
Molecular Weight: 482.2
CAS Number: 7783-83-7
Melting Point: approximately 37 °C[1]
Density: 1.71 g/cc[1]
Synonym(s): ammonium ferric sulfate dodecahydrate, ferric ammonium sulfate dodecahydrate, ferric alum, iron alum[1]

Ammonium ferric sulfate is a reagent that is used as a mordant in dyeing and textile printing.[1] It is also utilized in analytical chemistry as an iron standard.[2]

In biochemistry, ammonium ferric sulfate is used as a catalyst for the generation of free radicals.[3,4] Increased xanthine oxidase and xanthine oxidoreductase activity in cultured rat cells has been demonstrated in the presence of ammonium ferric sulfate.[5] Ammonium ferric sulfate may be used as an iron source to restore enzymatic activity in apoenzymes, such as for soybean lipoxygenase 3.[6]

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in 1% (v/v) aqueous HCl (100 mg/ml), with heat as needed, yielding a clear, yellow to brown solution. A 0.1 M aqueous solution of ferric ammonium sulfate has a pH of 2.5.[1]

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