# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **Pyrogallol**

Item No. 20347

CAS Registry No.: 87-66-1

Formal Name: 1,2,3-benzenetriol

Synonyms: Antioxidant PY, Benzene-1,2,3-triol,

> C.I. 76515, Fouramine Brown AP, NSC 5035, 2,3-Dihydroxyphenol,

1,2,3-Trihydroxybenzene

MF:  $C_6H_6O_3$ FW: 126.1 **Purity:** ≥98% UV/Vis.:

 $\lambda_{max}$ : 267 nm A crystalline solid Supplied as:

-20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

## **Laboratory Procedures**

Pyrogallol is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the pyrogallol in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Pyrogallol is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of pyrogallol in ethanol and DMF is approximately 30 mg/ml and approximately 20 mg/ml in DMSO.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of pyrogallol can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of pyrogallol in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

Pyrogallol is a natural oxidant that can generate superoxide (O2-) in alkaline solutions through autoxidation to a semiquinone radical. Importantly, the semiquinone radical can react with  $O_2$  in an acidic environment to produce a quinone and  $H_2O_2$ . Pyrogallol autoxidation is used in superoxide dismutase activity assays. It can also be used in assays to assess antioxidant capacity. Pyrogallol is used in some biological systems as an O2- scavenger.4 In other biological systems, it is used as an O2- generator.5,6 Pyrogallol effectively scavenges DPPH radical (Item No. 14805) and ABTS+ in vitro. Pyrogallol is a product of tannin degradation to gallic acid (Item No. 11846) by ruminant microbes and has hepatotoxic and nephrotoxic effects in vivo.8

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