



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Ergosterol
Other means of identification	
Catalog number	1241007
CAS number	57-87-4
Synonyms	Provitamin D2
Chemical name	(3 β , 22E)-Ergosta-5,7,22-trien-3-ol
Recommended use	For analytical laboratory use only.
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States
Telephone	Customer Service 301-881-0666
Website	www.usp.org
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & 1-800-424-9300 Canada CHEMTREC outside US & +1 703-527-3887 Canada

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Acute toxicity, oral Category 2 Acute toxicity, dermal Category 3 Acute toxicity, inhalation Category 2 Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure Category 1 (organs)
Environmental hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.
Label elements	



Signal word	Danger
Hazard statement	Fatal if swallowed. Toxic in contact with skin. Fatal if inhaled. Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Do not breathe dust. Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area. In case of inadequate ventilation wear respiratory protection. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing.

Response	If swallowed: Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Rinse mouth. If on skin: Wash with plenty of water. Take off immediately all contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse. Call a poison center/doctor if you feel unwell. If inhaled: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a poison center/doctor. Get medical advice/attention if you feel unwell.
Storage	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed. Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.
Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	Pharmaceutical related compound of unknown potency.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Ergosterol	Provitamin D2	57-87-4	100

Information provided in the SDS is not specific to the lot provided. Refer to the label and USP Certificate/Product Information Sheet for the assigned value of a particular lot.

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Remove person to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if the substance is inhaled. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. Call a physician or poison control center immediately.
Skin contact	Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Do not induce vomiting without advice from poison control center. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if substance is ingested. Induce artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Hypercalcemia Pharmaceutical related compound of unknown potency. It is not known if occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP materials, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits	No exposure limits noted for ingredient(s).
Biological limit values	No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).
Appropriate engineering controls	No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.
Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment	
Eye/face protection	Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.
Skin protection	
Hand protection	Consider double gloves. Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.
Other	Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.
Respiratory protection	Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.
Thermal hazards	Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.
General hygiene considerations	Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of USP materials.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.
Physical state	Solid.
Form	Crystalline solid.
Color	Colorless. White. Pale yellow
Odor	Not available.
Odor threshold	Not available.
pH	Not available.
Melting point/freezing point	330.8 - 361.4 °F (166 - 183 °C) / 338 °F (170 °C)
Initial boiling point and boiling range	Not available.

Flash point	Not available.
Evaporation rate	Not available.
Flammability (solid, gas)	Not available.
Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits	
Explosive limit - lower (%)	Not available.
Explosive limit - upper (%)	Not available.
Vapor pressure	<0.0000001 kPa (77 °F (25 °C))
Vapor density	Not available.
Relative density	Not available.
Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Practically insoluble.
Solubility (other)	Chloroform: Soluble. Benzene: Soluble. Ethanol: Slightly soluble. Ethyl ether: Slightly soluble.
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Molecular formula	C28H44O
Molecular weight	396.66

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Stable at normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Fatal if inhaled.
Skin contact	Toxic in contact with skin. Based on a related compound, this material may cause: Hypercalcemia.
Eye contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Ingestion	Fatal if swallowed. Based on a related compound, this material may cause: Hypercalcemia.

Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics	Vitamin D analogs: Hypercalcemia. Gastrointestinal disturbances. Dry mouth. Metallic taste. Bone or muscle pain. Tiredness. Weakness. Headache. Confusion. Irregular heartbeat.
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Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity	Fatal if inhaled. A related material showed inhalation toxicity in animals. Fatal if swallowed. A related material showed oral toxicity in animals. Toxic in contact with skin. A related material showed dermal toxicity in animals.
Skin corrosion/irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Respiratory or skin sensitization	
Respiratory sensitization	Knowledge about sensitization hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization	Knowledge about sensitization hazard is incomplete.
Germ cell mutagenicity	Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.
Carcinogenicity	Knowledge about carcinogenicity is incomplete.

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Not listed.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure	Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Aspiration hazard	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Further information	Pharmaceutical related compound of unknown potency. It is not known if occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity	The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
Persistence and degradability	No data is available on the degradability of this product.
Bioaccumulative potential	
Mobility in soil	No data available.
Other adverse effects	No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations	Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code	The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products	Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging	Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

UN number	UN2811
UN proper shipping name	Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Ergosterol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	6.1
Subsidiary hazard	-
Packing group	II
Environmental hazards	
Marine pollutant	No.

IATA

UN number	UN2811
UN proper shipping name	Toxic solid, organic, n.o.s. (Ergosterol)
Transport hazard class(es)	
Class	6.1
Subsidiary hazard	-

Packing group
Transport in bulk according to
Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and
the IBC Code
DOT; IATA

II
Not applicable.



General information

It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations

This product is a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1053)

Not listed.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical

Yes

Classified hazard categories

Acute toxicity (any route of exposure)
Specific target organ toxicity (single or repeated exposure)

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

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International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals (AICIS)	No
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	No
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	Yes
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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