# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## Fluorescein-5-maleimide

Item No. 16383

CAS Registry No.: 75350-46-8

Formal Name: 1-(3',6'-dihydroxy-3-oxospiro

[isobenzofuran-1(3H),9'-[9H]xanthen]-

5-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2,5-dione

Synonyms: 5-Maleimido-fluorescein, 5-MF

MF:  $C_{24}H_{13}NO_{7}$ FW: 427.4 **Purity:** 

 $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 225, 278 nm 494/519 nm UV/Vis.: Ex./Em. Max:

Supplied as: A solid -20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years HO OH

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

#### **Laboratory Procedures**

Fluorescein-5-maleimide is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the fluorescein-5-maleimide in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Fluorescein-5-maleimide is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of fluorescein-5-maleimide in these solvents is approximately 2, 20, and 30 mg/ml, respectively.

#### Description

Fluorescein-5-maleimide is an activated fluorescent molecule (excitation: 494 nm, emission: 519 nm) that is used to easily conjugate fluorescein to proteins.<sup>1-3</sup> The maleimide group reacts optimally with sulfhydryl groups on cysteine side chains at pH 7, forming a stable thioether bond.<sup>4</sup> The compound can be used to label proteins for the detection of conformational changes, assembly of multisubunit complexes, and ligand-binding processes.5

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