

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Methyl heptadecanoate

Catalog number: 1019

Common Name: Methyl margarate;
C17:0 Methyl ester

Source: synthetic

Solubility: chloroform, ethanol, ethyl ether

CAS number: 1731-92-6

Molecular Formula: C₁₈H₃₆O₂

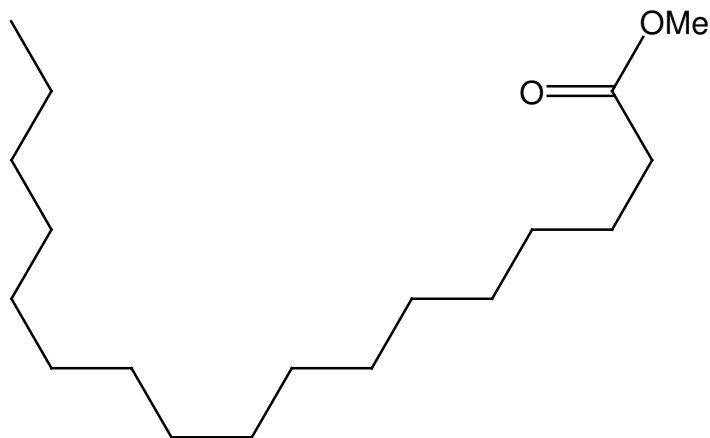
Molecular Weight: 284

Storage: -20°C

Purity: TLC: 99%, GC: >99%

TLC System: hexane/ethyl ether
(85:15 by vol.)

Appearance: solid



Application Notes:

This odd numbered long-chain fatty acid is unusual in most biological systems and is therefore often useful as an internal standard.¹ Heptadecanoic acid is found in trace amounts in the milk of ruminants as it is produced by bacterial flora in the rumen of ruminants.² It can therefore be used as a biomarker of dairy fat intake. Heptadecanoic acid has been used as a comparison to palmitic acid in the study of pheromones because it cannot be converted to the pheromone.³

Selected References:

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3. H. Eltahlawy, J. Buckner, S. Foster "Evidence for two-step regulation of pheromone biosynthesis by the pheromone biosynthesis-activating neuropeptide in the moth *Heliothis virescens*" *Arch Insect Biochem Physiol*, Vol. 64(3) pp. 120-130, 2007

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