



>>Entry Name: Zinc phosphate (Zn₃(PO₄)₂)

Synonym(s): Zinc phosphate (3:2), 9Cl, 8Cl. Zinc orthophosphate

CAS Registry Number: 7779-90-0

Extra CAS Registry Numbers(s): 13847-22-8

Zn₃(PO₄)₂

Molecular Formula: O₈P₂Zn₃

Molecular Weight: 386.113

Accurate Mass: 381.694279

Percentage Composition: O 33.15%; P 16.04%; Zn 50.81%

Use/Importance: Important in dental cements, metal coatings, corrosion inhibitors, pigments

Solubility: V. sl. sol. H₂O. Easily sol. dil. aq. HCl

>>Derivative: Monohydrate

CAS Registry Number: 27176-06-3

Source/Synthesis: Manuf. from tetrahydrate at 250°

>>Derivative: Dihydrate

CAS Registry Number: 14485-28-0

Source/Synthesis: Possibly formed by dehydration of the tetrahydrate at *ca.* 110-150°. Monoclinic

>>Derivative: Tetrahydrate

CAS Registry Number: 7543-51-3

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from ZnSO₄ aq. + (NH₄)₂HPO₄ or K₂HPO₄ aq. at r.t.; or ZnO + H₃PO₄ aq.

Physical Description: Colourless plates with weak birefringence

Other Data: Loses 2H₂O at 150°, 1H₂O at 200°. The fourth H₂O is stable at up to 250°. Also reported to lose 4H₂O at 105-175° → anhydrous α-salt

>>Variant: α-form

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sharing tetrahedra, Zn-O 186-203 pm

Other Data: Stable at <962° when converts into β-form. Unstable in presence of impurity ions eg. Mn²⁽⁺⁾, Mg²⁽⁺⁾, Cd²⁽⁺⁾. Traces of Mn²⁽⁺⁾ cause green luminescence

>>Variant: β-form

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Source/Synthesis: Obt. from α-form at >962°

Melting Point: Mp 1060°

Other Data: Exhibits red luminescence with traces Mn²⁽⁺⁾. At Mp and above loses P₄O₁₀

>>Variant: γ-form

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Source/Synthesis: Obt. from hopeite at 920°

Other Data: Stable at <900° and only in the presence of some impurity ions eg. Mn²⁽⁺⁾, Mg²⁽⁺⁾, Cd²⁽⁺⁾. Traces of Mn²⁽⁺⁾ cause red luminescence