

**ProductInformation** 

GLUTATHIONE PEROXIDASE (GSH-px; Glutathione; hydrogen-peroxidase oxidoreductase; EC 1.11.1.9) From Human Erythrocytes

Product No. G4013

Lyophilized powder containing approx. 20% protein (W/C), 25% sucrose and 3% dithiothreitol; balance consists primarily of sodium phosphate buffer salts.

## **Unit Definition:**

One unit will catalyze the oxidation by  $H_2O_2$  of 1.0 micromole of reduced glutathione (GSH) to oxidized glutathione (GS-SG) per minute at pH 7.0 at 25 °C.

Note: At the reported pH optimum of 8.8 we have found the activity to be approx. 10 times that at pH 7.0. However, to remain consistent with literature and avoid complications arising from non-enzymatic oxidation of GSH, our unit is defined at pH 7.0.

## Reconstitution and Stability:

- a) Store lyophilized powder desiccated below 0 °C.
- b) Reconstitute in appropriate buffer containing at least 1 mM dithiothreitol.
- c) When reconstituted as in (b), the enzyme is stable in the frozen state. Since the enzyme loses approx. 20% activity after 4 freeze-thaw cycles, it is recommended that the reconstituted enzyme be divided into smaller "working aliquots" and frozen for later use.

## Reference:

Wendel, A., Enzymatic Basis of Detoxication, Jacoby, W.B., ed., Academic Press, N.Y., 333 (1980).