

73760 Eucalyptus oil

Eucalyptus (family of the Myrtaceae) is common in South Australia and Tasmania, but it is cultivated in many warmer regions. Oil can be won from many different kinds of Eucalyptus. In Australia they know about 180 sorts with different characteristics.

Eucalyptus leaves contain 0.0084% to 4.2% ethereal oil. The best known Eucalyptus is *E. globulus*, growing fast and up to 70 m high. Its oil is a light yellow or pale greenish liquid with pleasant smell, consisting of approximately two thirds of Eucalyptol (Cineol), the main cause of smell and effect. Larger quantities may cause irritations. It is used in medicine and cosmetics.

Eucalyptol: Sum formula: $C_{10}H_{18}O$, mol mass: 154.2 g/mol

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V.Grafe: Grafes Handbuch der organischen Warenkunde, Stuttgart 1930.