

Product# F1258 - Rodent Liquid Diet, Lieber-DeCarli '82, Ethanol, 4 Liters/Bag

Directions for Preparing 4 Liters of Diet

These directions are for preparing diets that contain 36% kcal from ethanol. To prepare diets with modified ethanol derived calories, see conversion chart.

1. Add dry mix, Product# F1258 (523.6 grams/4 Liters) to a blender container.
2. Measure 3400 mL of cold water (4 degrees Celsius) to the container.
3. Add 268 mL of 95% ethanol (not provided) to the container.
5. Blend for 20-30 seconds at low speed.
6. Product ready to dispense into the feeding tubes

Feeding Instructions

It is recommended to feed the liquid diet in liquid diet feeding tubes as standard water sipper bottles can become clogged with particulates. To fill the liquid diet feeding tubes, place thumb over the feed well and fill with liquid diet from the top. Maintain thumb on the feed well while screwing cap on securely and invert tube to release any trapped air bubbles. Place in feeding tube holder in cage.

The prepared diet should be maintained under refrigeration and should be dispensed within 3 days. The prepared diet should not be kept longer than 48 hours at room temperature to prevent diet deterioration.

If diet has been prepared the previous day, invert bottle several times prior to dispensing to re-suspend particles, which may have settled.

The average mouse will consume 20-30 mL of liquid diet per day. The average rat will consume 80-100 mL of liquid diet per day. Intake will vary with the size and sex of the animal.

A gradual introduction of the liquid diet is recommended. Introduce the liquid diet in the presence of the standard solid diet. Over a period of 3-5 days, increase the amount of liquid diet while decreasing the amount of solid diet to allow the animal to acclimate. Additional acclimation time is required for ethanol containing diets. It is recommended that the animals be gradually introduced to the ethanol diet as follows:

Day 1-3	Feed mixture of 1/3 ethanol diet and 2/3 control diet
Day 4-7	Feed mixture 2/3 of ethanol diet with 1/3 of control diet
Day 8	Feed ethanol diet only

The liquid diet is both a food and water source. A separate water sipper bottle may be provided, but may not be consumed.