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# Ammonium Chloride

NH<sub>4</sub>Cl 53.49  
Ammonium chloride.

Ammonium chloride CAS RN®: 12125-02-9; UNII: 01Q9PC255D.

» Ammonium Chloride contains not less than 99.5 percent and not more than 100.5 percent of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, calculated on the dried basis.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight containers.

**Identification**—A solution (1 in 10) responds to the tests for [Ammonium \(191\)](#), and for [Chloride \(191\)](#).

**pH (791)**: between 4.6 and 6.0, in a solution (1 in 20).

**Loss on drying (731)**—Dry it over silica gel for 4 hours: it loses not more than 0.5% of its weight.

**Residue on ignition (281)**—Add 1 mL of sulfuric acid to about 2 g, accurately weighed, and heat the mixture gently until volatilization is complete: the residue is white, and when ignited, not more than 0.1% of nonvolatile substance remains.

**Limit of thiocyanate**—Acidify 10 mL of a solution (1 in 10) with hydrochloric acid, and add a few drops of ferric chloride TS: no orange-red color is produced.

**Assay**—Transfer about 100 mg of Ammonium Chloride, accurately weighed, to a conical flask, add 10 mL of water, and swirl to dissolve. Add 10 mL of glacial acetic acid, 75 mL of methanol, and 0.5 mL of eosin Y TS. Titrate, with shaking, with 0.1 N silver nitrate VS to a pink endpoint. Each mL of 0.1 N silver nitrate is equivalent to 5.349 mg of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.

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