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## Anion-Exchange Resin, 50- to 100-Mesh, Styrene-Divinylbenzene

—Strongly basic, cross-linked resin containing quaternary ammonium groups and about 4% of divinylbenzene. It consists of tan-colored beads that may be relatively free flowing. It is available in the chloride form which can be converted to the hydroxide form by regeneration with a sodium hydroxide solution (5 in 100). For satisfactory regeneration a contact time of at least 30 minutes is required after which it must be washed free of excess alkali. Insoluble in water, in methanol, and in acetonitrile. Suitable for use in column chromatography.

[NOTE—A suitable resin is “Dowex 1X4,” available from Sigma-Aldrich, [www.sigma-aldrich.com](http://www.sigma-aldrich.com).]

**Moisture Content of Fully Regenerated and Expanded Resin:** Transfer 10 to 12 mL of the resin (as received) to a flask, and convert it completely to the chloride form by stirring with 150 mL of hydrochloric acid (5 in 100) for not less than 30 minutes. Decant the acid, and wash the resin in the same manner with distilled water until the wash water is neutral to litmus.

Transfer 5 to 7 mL of the regenerated resin to a glass filtering crucible, and remove only the excess surface water by very careful suction filtration. Transfer the conditioned, dried resin to a tared weighing bottle, and weigh. Dry in a vacuum oven at 100° to 105° and at a pressure of 50 mm of mercury for 16 hours. Transfer from the vacuum oven to a desiccator, and cool to room temperature. Reweigh. The loss in weight is between 50% and 65%.

**Total New Volume Capacity:** Transfer 2.5 to 3 mL of the conditioned, undried (See *Moisture Content*, above) resin to a 5-mL graduated cylinder, and fill it with water. Remove any air bubbles from the resin bed with a stainless steel wire, and settle the resin to its minimum volume by tapping the graduated cylinder. Record the volume of the resin.

Transfer the resin with 100 mL of water to a 250-mL flask. Add 2 mL of sulfuric acid, heat to 70° to 80°, and hold at that temperature for 5 minutes with occasional stirring (do not boil). Cool to room temperature, and add 2.5 mL of nitric acid (1 in 2), 2 mL of ferric ammonium sulfate TS, and 0.20 mL of 0.1 N ammonium thiocyanate. Titrate with 0.1 N silver nitrate VS until the solution turns colorless, and add a measured excess (1 to 5 mL). Heat to boiling to coagulate the silver chloride precipitate. Cool to room temperature, add 10 mL of nitrobenzene, shake vigorously, and titrate the excess silver nitrate with 0.1 N ammonium thiocyanate VS.

$$(\text{net mL AgNO}_3 \times N)/(\text{mL of resin}) = \text{mEq/mL}$$

The total exchange capacity of the regenerated, wet resin is more than 1.0 mEq per mL.

**Wet Screen Analysis:** The purpose of this test is to identify properly the mesh size of the resin. To obtain an accurate screen analysis requires special apparatus and technique.

Add 150 mL of resin to 200 mL of distilled water in an appropriate bottle, and allow it to stand at least 4 hours to completely swell the resin. Transfer by means of a graduated cylinder 100 mL of settled and completely swollen resin to the top screen of a series (20-, 50-, 100-mesh) of 20.3-cm brass screens. Thoroughly wash the resin on each screen with a stream of distilled water until the resin is completely classified, collecting the wash water in a suitable container. Wash the beads remaining on the respective screens back into the 100-mL cylinder, and record the volume of settled resin on each screen: not less than 80% of the resin is between 50- and 100-mesh.

**Auxiliary Information** - Please [check for your question in the FAQs](#) before contacting USP.

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