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# Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium Tablets

» Carboxymethylcellulose Sodium Tablets contain an amount of sodium (Na) equivalent to not less than 6.5 percent and not more than 9.5 percent of the labeled amount of carboxymethylcellulose sodium.

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

**Identification**—Digest a quantity of powdered Tablets, equivalent to about 1 g of carboxymethylcellulose sodium, with 50 mL of water until solution is virtually complete, and filter: the filtrate responds to the following tests.

- A:** To about 30 mL of the solution add 3 mL of hydrochloric acid: a white precipitate is formed.
- B:** To the remainder of the solution add an equal volume of barium chloride TS: a fine, white precipitate is formed.
- C:** The filtrate from *Identification* test A responds to the tests for [Sodium \(191\)](#).

**DISINTEGRATION (701):** 2 hours.

**UNIFORMITY OF DOSAGE UNITS (905):** meet the requirements.

**Assay**—Weigh and finely powder not less than 20 Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 500 mg of carboxymethylcellulose sodium, add 80 mL of glacial acetic acid, heat the mixture on a steam bath for 2 hours, cool to room temperature, and titrate with 0.1 N perchloric acid VS, determining the endpoint potentiometrically. Each mL of 0.1 N perchloric acid is equivalent to 2.299 mg of Na.

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