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# Coal Tar

**DEFINITION**  
Coal Tar is the tar obtained as a by-product during the destructive distillation of bituminous coal at temperatures in the range of 900°–1100°. It may be processed further either by extraction with alcohol and suitable dispersing agents and maceration times or by fractional distillation with or without the use of suitable organic solvents.

**IMPURITIES**  
• [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#).  
**Sample:** 100 mg  
**Acceptance criteria:** NMT 2.0%

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**  
• **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.

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

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