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# Dehydrated Alcohol Injection

» Dehydrated Alcohol Injection is Dehydrated Alcohol suitable for parenteral use.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight, single-dose containers, preferably of Type I glass, and store at controlled room temperature. The container may contain an inert gas in the headspace.

**Identification**—

- A:** Mix 5 drops in a small beaker with 1 mL of potassium permanganate solution (1 in 100) and 5 drops of 2 N sulfuric acid, and cover the beaker immediately with a filter paper moistened with a solution recently prepared by dissolving 0.1 g of sodium nitroferricyanide and 0.25 g of piperazine in 5 mL of water: an intense blue color is produced on the filter paper, the color becoming paler after a few minutes.
- B:** To 5 mL of a solution (1 in 10) add 1 mL of 1.0 N sodium hydroxide, then slowly (over a period of 3 minutes) add 2 mL of 0.1 N iodine: the odor of iodoform develops, and a yellow precipitate is formed within 30 minutes.

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY (841):** not more than 0.8035 at 15.56°, indicating not less than 96.8%, by weight, of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH.

- Acidity**—To 50 mL, in a glass-stoppered flask, add 50 mL of recently boiled water. Add phenolphthalein TS, and titrate with 0.020 N sodium hydroxide to a pink color that persists for 30 seconds: not more than 10.0 mL of 0.020 N sodium hydroxide is required for neutralization.
- Limit of nonvolatile residue**—Evaporate 40 mL in a tared dish on a water bath, and dry at 105° for 1 hour: the weight of the residue does not exceed 1 mg.

**Water-insoluble substances**—Dilute it with an equal volume of water: the mixture is clear and remains clear for 30 minutes after cooling to 10°.

**Aldehydes and other foreign organic substances**—Place 20 mL in a glass-stoppered cylinder that has been thoroughly cleaned with hydrochloric acid, then rinsed with water and finally with the dehydrated alcohol to be tested. Cool the contents to approximately 15°, and add, by means of a carefully cleaned pipet, 0.10 mL of 0.10 N potassium permanganate, noting accurately the time of addition. Mix at once by inverting the stoppered cylinder, and allow it to stand at 15° for 5 minutes: the pink color does not entirely disappear.

**Amyl alcohol and nonvolatile, carbonizable substances**—Allow 25 mL to evaporate spontaneously from a porcelain dish, carefully protected from dust, until the surface of the dish is barely moist: no red or brown color is produced immediately upon the addition of a few drops of sulfuric acid.

**Ultraviolet absorbance**—Record the UV absorption spectrum between 340 nm and 235 nm in a 1-cm cell, with water in a matched cell in the reference beam: the absorbance is not more than 0.08 at 240 nm, and 0.02 between 270 nm and 340 nm, and the curve drawn through these points is smooth.

**Limit of acetone and isopropyl alcohol**—To 1.0 mL add 1 mL of water, 1 mL of a saturated solution of dibasic sodium phosphate, and 3 mL of a saturated solution of potassium permanganate. Warm the mixture to 45° to 50°, and allow to stand until the permanganate color is discharged. Add 3 mL of 2.5 N sodium hydroxide, and pass, without washing, through a sintered-glass filter. Prepare a control containing 1 mL of the saturated solution of dibasic sodium phosphate, 3 mL of 2.5 N sodium hydroxide, and 80 µg of acetone in 9 mL. To each solution add 1 mL of furfural solution (1 in 100), and allow to stand for 10 minutes, then to 1.0 mL of each solution add 3 mL of hydrochloric acid: any pink color produced in the test solution is not more intense than that in the control.

**Methanol**—To 1 drop add 1 drop of water, 1 drop of dilute phosphoric acid (1 in 20), and 1 drop of potassium permanganate solution (1 in 20). Mix, allow to stand for 1 minute, and add sodium metabisulfite solution (1 in 20), dropwise, until the permanganate color is discharged. If a brown color remains, add 1 drop of the dilute phosphoric acid. To the colorless solution add 5 mL of freshly prepared chromotropic acid TS, and heat on a water bath at 60° for 10 minutes: no violet color appears.

**Other requirements**—It meets the requirements under [Injections and Implanted Drug Products \(1\)](#).

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