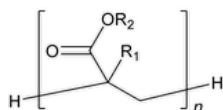


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^Methyl Acrylate, Methyl Methacrylate and Methacrylic Acid (7:3:1) Copolymer 280000 Dispersion



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Poly(methyl acrylate-co-methyl methacrylate-co-methacrylic acid) 7:3:1

CAS RN[®]: 26936-24-3.

DEFINITION

Methyl Acrylate, Methyl Methacrylate and Methacrylic Acid (7:3:1) Copolymer 280000 Dispersion is a 30% aqueous dispersion of a synthetic anionic copolymer based on methyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, and methacrylic acid, with a weight-average molecular weight of approximately 280,000 g/mol. It contains, on the basis of the calculated amount of dry substance in the Dispersion, NLT 9.2% and NMT 12.3% of methacrylic acid units. It may contain suitable surface-active agents.

IDENTIFICATION

- **A. SPECTROSCOPIC IDENTIFICATION TESTS (197), *Infrared Spectroscopy*:** 197F

Analysis: Place 1 drop of Dispersion on a water-resistant crystal disk (silver chloride or KRS-5).¹ After film formation, dry the crystal disk at 80° for approximately 5 min. Let the crystal disk cool down to room temperature prior to measurement.

Acceptance criteria: The IR absorption spectrum of the Dispersion exhibits maxima corresponding to the same wavelengths as those of a similar preparation of [USP Methyl Acrylate, Methyl Methacrylate and Methacrylic Acid \(7:3:1\) Copolymer 280000 Dispersion RS](#) treated in the same manner.

- **B.** It meets the requirements in the Assay.

ASSAY

• PROCEDURE

Sample solution: Dissolve 5 g of the Dispersion in 10 mL of water and add 90 mL of [isopropyl alcohol](#).

Titrimetric system

(See [Titrimetry \(541\)](#).)

Mode: Direct titration

Titrant: [0.5 N sodium hydroxide VS](#)

Endpoint detection: Potentiometric

Analysis: Titrate the solution as directed in *Titrimetric system*. Each milliliter of [0.5 N sodium hydroxide VS](#) is equivalent to 43.045 mg of methacrylic acid (C₄H₆O₂) units.

Calculate, on the dried basis, the percentage of methacrylic acid units in the portion of Dispersion taken:

Result =

$$V \times N \times M_w$$

$$\frac{W \times (100 - \% \text{ LOD})}{100}$$

100

$$\times F \times 100$$

- V = volume of *Titrant* consumed (mL)
- N = normality of the *Titrant* (mol/L)
- M_w = molecular weight of methacrylic acid, 86.09 g/mol
- W = weight of Dispersion taken (g)
- % LOD = the percentage value obtained from the test for *Loss on Drying*
- F = conversion factor, 10^{-3} L/mL

Acceptance criteria: 9.2%–12.3% based on the calculated amount of dry substance in the Dispersion

IMPURITIES

• RESIDUE ON IGNITION (281).

Sample: 2.0 g of the Dispersion

Analysis: Using mild heating conditions (e.g., steam bath, sand bath) to avoid loss of material, evaporate the Dispersion to dryness prior to ignition.

Acceptance criteria: NMT 0.2% residue is obtained, calculated on the weight of the Dispersion taken

• ORGANIC IMPURITIES

Limit of Monomers

Solution A: Add [phosphoric acid](#) dropwise to water to obtain a solution with a pH of 2.0.

Solution B: [Methanol](#) and *Solution A* (70:30) (v/v)

Mobile phase: [Acetonitrile](#) and *Solution A* (10:90) (v/v)

Standard solution: Dissolve approximately 12 mg each of [methacrylic acid](#), [methyl acrylate](#), and [methyl methacrylate](#), each accurately weighed, in 5 mL of [isobutyl alcohol](#), and add [acetone](#) to make exactly 50 mL. Dilute 5.0 mL of the solution to 50 mL with [acetone](#). Dilute 20 mL of the solution to 50 mL with [acetone](#). Take 5.0 mL of the solution and mix with 20 mL of *Solution B*. This solution contains about 0.002 mg/mL each of methacrylic acid, methyl acrylate, and methyl methacrylate.

Sample solution: Transfer 11 g of the Dispersion to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with [acetone](#) to volume, and mix. Add 5 mL of this solution dropwise while continuously stirring into a beaker that contains 20.0 mL of *Solution B*, accurately measured. Remove the precipitated polymer by centrifugation of an aliquot until the solution is clear.² Use the clear supernatant.

Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 200 nm

Column: 4.6-mm × 12.5-cm; 7-μm packing [L1](#)

Flow rate: 2 mL/min

Injection volume: 20 μL

System suitability

Sample: *Standard solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for methacrylic acid, methyl acrylate, and methyl methacrylate are 1.0, 1.2, and 3.3, respectively.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between methacrylic acid and methyl acrylate; NLT 8.0 between methyl acrylate and methyl methacrylate

Tailing factor: 0.8–1.5, determined for each analyte

Relative standard deviation: NMT 5.0%, determined for each analyte

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of each monomer in the weight of the Dispersion taken:

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response of the monomer (methacrylic acid, methyl acrylate, or methyl methacrylate) from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response of the monomer (methacrylic acid, methyl acrylate, or methyl methacrylate) from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the monomer (methacrylic acid, methyl acrylate, or methyl methacrylate) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = concentration of the Dispersion in the *Sample solution* (mg/mL)

Acceptance criteria: NMT 0.01% for total monomers, based on the weight of the Dispersion taken

SPECIFIC TESTS

• COAGULUM CONTENT

Analysis: Weigh a stainless steel sieve with 90- μ m openings or a suitable single-woven wire cloth with a mesh width of 90 μ m, and filter 100 g of the Dispersion through it. [NOTE—Suitable single-woven wire cloth mesh meets the requirements set in ISO 9044.] Wash the sieve or the cloth with distilled water until a clear filtrate is obtained, and dry the sieve or the cloth to constant weight at 110°.

Acceptance criteria: The weight of the residue is NMT 1000 mg/100 g (1%).

• LOSS ON DRYING (731)

Analysis: Dry at 110° for 5 h.

Acceptance criteria: 68.5%–71.5%

• pH (791): 2.0–3.5

• **MICROBIAL ENUMERATION TESTS (61)** and **TESTS FOR SPECIFIED MICROORGANISMS (62):** The total aerobic microbial count is NMT 10^3 cfu/g, and the total combined molds and yeasts count is NMT 10^2 cfu/g.

• VISCOSITY

Diluent (ethanol/tris-hydrochloride buffer mixture): Weigh 9.0 g of [tris\(hydroxymethyl\)aminomethane](#). Transfer it and add 35 mL of [1 N hydrochloric acid](#) into a 1-L volumetric flask. Dissolve in water with stirring and fill up to volume. The pH value of the solution should be 8.3 ± 0.2 . Mix the solution and [absolute alcohol](#) (ethanol) using a 1:1 ratio to a homogenized solution by shaking or stirring. [NOTE—The shelf life of the *Diluent* is 12 weeks.]

Sample solution: Accurately weigh about 350 mg of the sample into a 100-mL volumetric flask. Dissolve it completely in 50 mL of *Diluent* with shaking for at least 1 h. Fill the graduated flask with *Diluent* to below the calibration mark, and adjust the temperature to 20° in a water bath for at least 15 min. Fill up to the calibration mark with *Diluent*.

Blank solution: Prepare as directed in the *Sample solution* without adding the sample.

Analysis: The determination is carried out with an automatic suspended-level capillary viscometer ([Figure 1](#)).

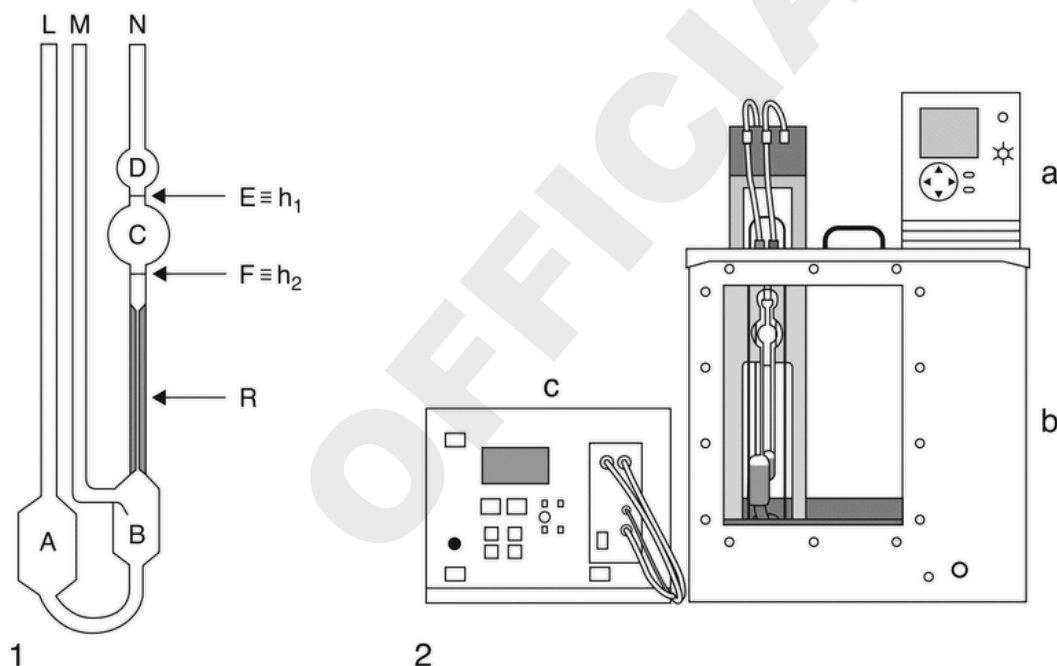


Figure 1. Automatic suspended-level (or Ubbelohde-type) capillary viscometer.

Figures and characters in [Figure 1](#) are defined as follows. 1: specific view of capillary viscometer; 2: automatic suspended-level capillary viscometer, including the temperature control unit (a), heat bath (b), and viscosity measuring unit (c).

Calibrate the viscometer at the test temperature by using fluids of known viscosities of appropriate viscosity standards to determine the viscometer constant, k .

Calculate the viscometer constant, k , in mm^2/s^2 :

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$$k = \eta / (\rho \times t)$$

η = known viscosity of the liquid ($\text{mPa} \cdot \text{s}$)

ρ = density of the liquid (g/mL)

t = flow time for the liquid to pass from the upper mark to the lower mark (s)

Using a glass suction filter with a pore diameter of 40–100 μm , filter the *Blank solution*. [NOTE—Rinse the filter properly with the *Blank solution* before filtering the solution for the measurement.] Measure the filtered *Blank solution* at 20°. Fill the viscometer through tube (L) with a sufficient quantity of the blank liquid that is appropriate for the viscometer being used or by following the manufacturer's instructions. Carry out the filling with the tube in a vertical position. Fill bulb (A) with the liquid, and also ensure that the level of liquid in bulb (B) is below the exit to the ventilation tube (M). Then place the viscometer into the measurement stand that is located in the temperature-controlled bath stabilized at 20°, and control the temperature to $\pm 0.1^\circ$. Maintain the viscometer in a vertical position for a time period of NLT 30 min to allow the sample temperature to reach equilibrium. Prior to the measurement, the liquid to be measured is sucked upward inside the capillary viscometer through two measurement planes (h_2 and h_1) that are designed as light barriers or thermistor sensors, depending on the viscometer type. The pumping pressure is controlled automatically by a viscosity measuring unit. Design a measuring program/procedure to ensure that the suspended spherical level will form prior to the start of the measurement. Measure the time required for the level of the liquid to drop from mark (E $\equiv h_1$) to mark (F $\equiv h_2$) to a precision of ± 0.01 s. Perform the measurement three times for the same filling of the viscometer, with the first measurement considered as a preliminary test (wetting measurement); calculate the mean from the other two flow times.

Repeat the same procedure with the *Sample solution*.

In the capillary viscometer, the *Blank solution* (B) or the *Sample solution* (S) flows through a narrow capillary due to the force of gravity.

Calculate viscosity parameters of the *Sample solution* from the temperature-dependent flow time of the *Blank solution*, t_B , and that of the *Sample solution*, t_S , in seconds, as follows.

If the flow time is less than the minimum flow time listed in national and international norms per capillary size number, minimize the flow times using the kinetic energy correction (Hagenbach correction) Δt , in seconds.

Calculate the kinematic viscosity of the *Blank solution*, ν_B , and of the *Sample solution*, ν_S , in mm^2/s :

$$\nu_B = k \times (t_B - \Delta t_B)$$

$$\nu_S = k \times (t_S - \Delta t_S)$$

k = viscometer constant (mm^2/s^2)

Δt_B = kinetic energy correction of the *Blank solution* (s)

Δt_S = kinetic energy correction of the *Sample solution* (s)

The kinetic energy correction can be avoided by choosing a capillary size number with a flow time for the *Blank solution* or the *Sample solution* more than the minimum flow time for the used capillary size number listed in national and international norms, because under this circumstance, the kinetic energy correction is typically less than 1%.

Calculate the dynamic viscosity of the *Blank solution*, η_B , and of the *Sample solution*, η_S , in $\text{mPa} \cdot \text{s}$:

$$\eta_B = \nu_B \times \rho_B$$

$$\eta_S = \nu_S \times \rho_S$$

ν_B = kinematic viscosity of the *Blank solution* (mm^2/s)

ρ_B = density of the *Blank solution* (g/mL)

ν_S = kinematic viscosity of the *Sample solution* (mm^2/s)

ρ_S = density of the *Sample solution* (g/mL)

Incidentally, this also demonstrates the relationship of capillary viscometry (kinematic viscosity, ν_B or ν_S) to the rotational viscometry (dynamic viscosity, η_B or η_S).

Calculate the relative viscosity, η_{rel} , which is larger than 1:

$$\eta_{\text{rel}} = \eta_S / \eta_B$$

At adequately low concentrations, the density of the *Blank solution*, ρ_B , can be equated with the density of the *Sample solution*, ρ_S , so that

$$\eta_{\text{rel}} \approx v_S / v_B$$

Calculate the concentration, c , in g/mL, of the *Sample solution*:

$$c = m/V$$

m = weight of the sample to prepare the *Sample solution* (g)

V = volume of the *Sample solution* (mL)

Calculate the specific viscosity, η_{spe} :

$$\eta_{\text{spe}} = \eta_{\text{rel}} - 1$$

Calculate the reduced viscosity, η_{red} (viscosity number, Staudinger function), in mL/g:

$$\eta_{\text{red}} = \eta_{\text{spe}} / c$$

For this dispersion measurement, the kinetic energy correction can be avoided. The calculation of reduced viscosity, η_{red} can be simplified using the following equation:

$$\text{Reduced viscosity (mL/g)} = \left(\frac{t}{t_0} - 1 \right) \times \left(\frac{m_p}{V} \right)$$

t = mean flow time of the *Sample solution* (s)

t_0 = mean flow time of the *Blank solution* (s)

V = volume of the *Sample solution*, 100 mL

m_p = weight of the polymer in the *Sample solution* (g)

where

$$m_p(g) = \frac{m_D \times (100 - \% \text{ LOD})}{100}$$

m_D = weight of the Dispersion to prepare the *Sample solution* (g)

% LOD = the percentage value obtained from the test for *Loss on Drying*

The weight-average molecular weight of the copolymer in the dispersion can be calculated using the following equation: Weight-average molecular weight = (reduced viscosity - 2.3936)/0.00038.

Acceptance criteria: 95–130 mL/g for reduced viscosity

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers. Store between 2°–8°. Protect from freezing.
- **LABELING:** The label indicates the name and amount of any substance added as a surface-active agent.

¹ KRS-5 consists of 42% thallium(I) bromide and 58% thallium(I) iodine by molecular weight. Suitable disks of silver chloride and of KRS-5 are examples available from www.internationalcrystal.net.

² Sigma 3-18 centrifuge at 7000 rpm for NLT 5 min has been used in the centrifugation. Equivalent centrifugation conditions are also suitable.

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