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# Methylcellulose Oral Solution

» Methylcellulose Oral Solution is a flavored solution of Methylcellulose. It contains not less than 85.0 percent and not more than 115.0 percent of the labeled amount of methylcellulose.

**Packaging and storage**—Preserve in tight, light-resistant containers, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight and to excessive heat. Avoid freezing.

**Identification**—

- A:** Heat a few mL of Oral Solution: the solution becomes cloudy and a flaky precipitate, which redissolves as the solution cools, appears.
- B:** Pour a few mL of Oral Solution onto a glass plate, and allow the water to evaporate: a thin, self-sustaining film results.

**MICROBIAL ENUMERATION TESTS (61)**, and **TESTS FOR SPECIFIED MICROORGANISMS (62)**—Its total aerobic microbial count does not exceed 100 cfu per mL, and it meets the requirements of the test for the absence of *Escherichia coli*.

**ALCOHOL DETERMINATION, Method II (611)**: between 3.5% and 6.5% of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH.

**Assay**—To boiling flask A, as described under **Methoxy Determination (431)**, transfer an accurately measured volume of Oral Solution, equivalent to 50 mg of methylcellulose. Evaporate on a steam bath to dryness, cool the flask in an ice bath, add the specified amount of hydriodic acid, and proceed as directed under **Methoxy Determination (431)**. Each mL of 0.1 N sodium thiosulfate is equivalent to 1.753 mg of methylcellulose.

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