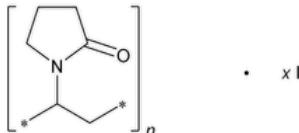


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Povidone–Iodine



$(C_6H_9NO)_n \cdot xI$
 2-Pyrrolidinone, 1-ethenyl, homopolymer, compound with iodine;
 1-Vinyl-2-pyrrolidinone polymer, compound with iodine
 CAS RN®: 25655-41-8; UNII: 85H0HZU99M.

DEFINITION

Povidone–Iodine is a complex of Iodine with Povidone. It contains NLT 9.0% and NMT 12.0% of available iodine (I), calculated on the dried basis.

IDENTIFICATION

• A.

Sample solution: 100 mg/mL

Analysis: Add 1 drop of the *Sample solution* to a mixture of 1 mL of starch TS and 9 mL of water.

Acceptance criteria: A deep blue color is produced.

• B.

Sample solution: 100 mg/mL

Analysis: Spread 1 mL of the *Sample solution* over an area of 20 cm × 20 cm on a glass plate, and allow to air-dry at room temperature in an atmosphere of low humidity overnight.

Acceptance criteria: A brown, dry, non-smearing film is formed, and it dissolves readily in water.

ASSAY

• AVAILABLE IODINE

Sample solution: Place 5 g of Povidone–Iodine in a 400-mL beaker, and add 200 mL of water. Cover the beaker, and stir by mechanical means at room temperature for NMT 1 h to dissolve as completely as possible.

Titrimetric system

Mode: Direct titration

Titrant: 0.1 N sodium thiosulfate VS

Analysis: Titrate the *Sample solution* immediately with *Titrant*, adding 3 mL of starch TS as the endpoint is approached. Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction. Each mL of 0.1 N sodium thiosulfate is equivalent to 12.69 mg of iodine (I).

Acceptance criteria: 9.0%–12.0% of available iodine (I) on the dried basis

OTHER COMPONENTS

• IODIDE ION

Determination of total iodine

Sample: 500 mg of Povidone–Iodine

Titrimetric system

(See [Titrimetry \(541\)](#), [Residual Titrations](#).)

Mode: Residual titration

Titrant: 0.1 N silver nitrate VS

Back-titrant 0.1 N ammonium thiocyanate VS

Endpoint detection: Visual

Analysis: Dissolve the *Sample* in 100 mL of water in a 250-mL conical flask. Add sodium bisulfite TS until the color of iodine has disappeared. Add 25.0 mL of *Titrant* and 10 mL of nitric acid.

Titrate the excess silver nitrate with *Back-titrant*, using ferric ammonium sulfate TS as the indicator. Perform a blank determination. Each mL of 0.1 N silver nitrate is equivalent to 12.69 mg of iodine (I). From the percentage of total iodine, calculated on the dried basis, subtract the percentage of available iodine (see Assay for available iodine), to obtain the percentage of iodide ion.

Acceptance criteria: NMT 6.6% on the dried basis

- [NITROGEN DETERMINATION, Method II \(461\)](#): 9.5%–11.5% of nitrogen (N) is found, calculated on the dried basis

IMPURITIES

- [RESIDUE ON IGNITION \(281\)](#).

Sample: 2 g

Acceptance criteria: NMT 0.025%

SPECIFIC TESTS

- [LOSS ON DRYING \(731\)](#).

Sample: 5.0 g

Analysis: Dry the *Sample* at 105° until the difference between two successive weighings at 1-h intervals is NMT 5.0 mg.

Acceptance criteria: NMT 8.0%

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.

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