



Technical Datasheet

Glycerol

Meets USP-NF, EP, BP, JP and IP testing specifications

Product Code: TC503M

Product Description:

Molecular weight: 92.09 Molecular formula: C₃H₈O₃

CAS No.: 56-81-5

Quality Control:

Appearance (USP)

Clear, colourless syrupy liquid; hygroscopic

Appearance (EP, BP)

Colourless or almost colourless, syrupy liquid; very

hygroscopic

Appearance (JP)

A clear colourless and viscous liquid; hygroscopic

Appearance (IP)

A clear colourless or almost colourless, syrupy liquid; very

hygroscopic

Solubility (USP)

Insoluble in chloroform, in ether and in fixed and volatile

oils. Miscible with water and with alcohol.

Solubility (EP, BP)

Miscible with water and with ethanol (96%), slightly soluble

in acetone, Practically insoluble in fatty oils in essential oil.

Solubility (JP)

Miscible with water and with ethanol (99.5%)

Solubility (IP)

Miscible with water and with ethanol (95%); slightly soluble in acetone; practically insoluble in ether and in fixed oils and

volatile oils

Identification: FTIR (JP)

Matches with the standard pattern

Identification A: FTIR (USP, IP)

Matches with the standard pattern

Identification A : RI (EP, BP)

1.4700 - 1.4750

Identification B, System suitability: Resolution (GC)

(USP)

>= 1.5 between diethylene glycol & glycerin

Identification B: Diethylene glycol & ethylene glycol:

GC (USP)

<= 0.10% (each for diethylene glycol & ethylene glycol is

found)

Identification B : FTIR (EP, BP)

Matches with the standard pattern

Identification B (IP)

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A blue ring develops at the interface of the two liquids. Allow to stand for 10 min., the blue colour does not diffuse

into the two layer

Identification C (USP)

The retention time of the glycerin peak of the sample solution corresponds to that obtained in the standard solution

Identification C : Relative density (EP, BP)

1.258 - 1.268

Identification C (IP)

Complies

Identification D: RI (IP)

1.4700 - 1.4750 (at 20°C)

Appearance of solution (EP, BP, IP)

20% Solution in water is colourless.

Acidity or alkalinity (EP, BP)

<= 0.2 mL of 0.1M NaOH is required to change the colour of

the indicator to pink

Acidity or alkalinity (JP)

The solution in neutral

Acidity or alkalinity (IP)

<= 0.2 mL of 0.1M NaOH is required to produce a pink

colour

Residue of ignition (USP, JP)

<=0.01%

Ester (EP, BP)

>= 8.0 mL of 0.1M HCl is required to change the colour of

the indicator

Colour (USP, JP)

Passes Test

Iron (IP)

<= 0.0004%

Chloride (IP)

<= 0.0025%

Chloride (USP, EP, BP, JP)

<= 0.001%

Calcium (JP)

The solution remains unchanged

Heavy metals (JP, IP)

<= 0.0005%

Arsenic (JP)

<= 0.0002%

Aldehyde (EP, BP)

<= 0.001%

Sulphate (USP, JP)

<= 0.002%

Sulphate (IP)

<= 0.003%

Ammonium (JP)

The gas evolved does not change moistened red litmus paper to blue

Acrolin, glucose or other reducing substances (JP)

The colour of the solution does not change and no turbidity is produced

System suitability: Resolution 1: GC (JP)

>= 40 (between the peak of ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol)

System suitability: Resolution 2: GC (JP)

>= 10 (between the peak of diethylene glycol and glycerin)

Ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol & related substances 1 (JP)

<= 0.1% (the amount of the peaks other than the glycerin, ethylene glycol and diethylene glycol)

Ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol & related substances 2 (JP)

<= 1.0% (the total amount of the peaks other than the glycerin)

Fatty acid & ester (JP)

<= 3.0 mL of 0.1 mol/L NaOH is consumed

Suger (EP, BP, IP)

The solution remains blue and no precipitate is formed.

Halogenated compound (EP, BP)

<= 0.0035%

Readily carbonizable substances (JP)

The solution has no more colour than matching fluid H

Aldehyde and reducing substances (IP)

The test is not valid unless the standard solution is pink

Ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol and related substances : GC (IP)

The area of any secondary peak in the chromatogram obotained with the test solution is less than the area of the peak corresponding to diethylene glycol in the chromatogram obtained with the reference solution

Ester (IP)

>= 8.0 mL of 0.1M hydrochloric acid is required to decolourise the solution

Sulphated ash (EP, BP, IP)

<= 0.01%

Related substance : System suitability : Resolution : GC (EP, BP)

>= 7.0 between the peaks due to impurity A and glycerol

Related substance: Impurity A: GC (EP, BP)

<= 0.1%

Related substance: Any other impurity: GC (EP, BP)

<=0.1%

Related substance: Total impurity: GC (EP, BP)

<=0.50%

Organic impurities 1: Related compound : System

suitability: Resolution: GC (USP)

>= 7.0 between diethylene glycol and glycerin

Organic impurities 2: Related compound: Individual impurity (USP)

<=0.1%

Organic impurities 3: Related compound: Total

impurity: GC (USP)

<=1.0%

Organic impurities: Limit of chlorinated compound

(USP)

<= 0.003% of Cl

Organic impurities: Fatty acids and esters (USP)

<= 1.0 mL of 0.5N NaOH is consumed

Specific gravity (USP)

>=1.249

Specific gravity (JP)

>= 1.258

Refractive index (JP)

>= 1.470

Refractive index (EP, BP)

1.4700 - 1.4750

Water (K.F.) (USP)

<=5.0%

Water (K.F.) (EP, BP, JP, IP)

<= 2.0%

Assay (NaOH T, anhydrous basis) (USP)

99.00 - 101.00%

Assay (NaOH T, anhydrous basis) (EP, BP, JP, IP)

98.00 - 101.00%

Storage and Shelf Life:

Store below 30°C away from bright light.

Shelf life is 48 months.

Use before expiry date given on the product label.

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