Sodium Bromide

NaBr: 102.89

Sodium Bromide, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of NaBr.

**Description** Sodium Bromide occurs as colorless or white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless.

It is freely soluble in water, and soluble in ethanol (95).

It is hygroscopic, but not deliquescent.

**Identification** A solution of Sodium Bromide (1 in 10) responds to the Qualitative Tests for sodium salt and for bromide.

**Purity**

1. Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Bromide in 3 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

2. Alkali—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Bromide in 10 mL of water, add 0.10 mL of 0.05 mol/L sulfuric acid VS and 1 drop of phenolphthalein TS, heat to boil, and cool: the solution is colorless.

3. Chloride—Make a calculation from the result obtained in the Assay. Not more than 97.9 mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS is consumed for 1 g of Sodium Bromide.

4. Sulfate—Perform the test with 2.0 g of Sodium Bromide. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.024%).

5. Iodide—Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Bromide in 10 mL of water, add 2 to 3 drops of iron (III) chloride TS and 1 mL of chloroform, and shake: no red-purple color develops in the chloroform layer.

6. Bromate—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Bromide in 10 mL of freshly boiled and cooled water, and add 2 drops of potassium iodide TS, 1 mL of starch TS and 3 drops of dilute sulfuric acid. Shake the mixture gently, and allow to stand for 5 minutes: no blue color develops.

7. Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Sodium Bromide according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

8. Barium—Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Bromide in 10 mL of water, add 0.5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and 1 mL of potassium sulfate TS, and allow to stand for 10 minutes: no turbidity is produced.

9. Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Sodium Bromide according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

**Loss on drying** Not more than 5.0% (1 g, 110°C, 4 hours).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.4 g of Sodium Bromide, previously dried, and dissolve in 50 mL of water. Add 10 mL of dilute nitric acid and 50 mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS, exactly measured, and titrate the excess silver nitrate with 0.1 mol/L ammonium thiocyanate VS (indicator: 2 mL of ammonium iron (III) sulfate TS). Perform a blank determination.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS = 10.289 mg of NaBr

**Containers and storage** Containers—Tight containers.

Sodium Chloride

NaCl: 58.44

Sodium Chloride, when dried, contains not less than 99.5% of NaCl.

**Description** Sodium Chloride occurs as colorless or white crystals or crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a saline taste.

It is freely soluble in water, very slightly soluble in ethanol (95), and practically insoluble in diethyl ether.

**Identification** A solution of Sodium Chloride (1 in 20) responds to the Qualitative Tests for sodium salt and for chloride.

**pH** Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Chloride in 10 mL of water: the pH of this solution is between 4.5 and 7.0.

**Purity**

1. Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Chloride in 5 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

2. Bromide—Dissolve 1.0 g of Sodium Chloride in water to make 100 mL. To 5 mL of the solution add 3 drops of dilute hydrochloric acid and 1 mL of chloroform, and add dropwise 3 drops of sodium toluenesulphonchloramide TS with shaking: no yellow to yellow-red color develops in the chloroform layer.

3. Iodide—Dissolve 0.5 g of Sodium Chloride in 10 mL of water, add 3 drops of iron (III) chloride TS and 1 mL of chloroform, and shake. Allow to stand for 30 minutes, and shake again: no red-purple color develops in the chloroform layer.

4. Heavy metals—Proceed with 5 g of Sodium Chloride according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 1.5 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 3 ppm).

5. Barium—Dissolve 3.0 g of Sodium Chloride in water to make 30 mL, and filter. To 10 mL of the filtrate add 2 mL of dilute sulfuric acid, and allow to stand for 2 hours: the solution has no more turbidity than the following control solution.

Control solution: To 10 mL of the filtrate add 2 mL of water, and allow to stand for 2 hours.

6. Calcium or magnesium—Dissolve 0.20 g of Sodium Chloride in 20 mL of water, add 2 mL of ammonia TS, 2 mL of ammonium oxalate TS and 2 mL of disodium hydrogen phosphate TS, and then allow to stand for 5 minutes: no turbidity is produced.