

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

It dissolves in sodium hydroxide TS.

**Identification** Determine the infrared absorption spectra of Acetaminophen, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of dried Acetaminophen Reference Standard: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

**Melting point** 169 – 172°C

**Purity (1) Chloride**—Dissolve 4.0 g of Acetaminophen in 100 mL of water by heating, cool with shaking in ice water, allow to stand until ordinary temperature is attained, add water to make 100 mL, and filter. To 25 mL of the filtrate add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.014%).

(2) **Sulfate**—To 25 mL of the filtrate obtained in (1) add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.019%).

(3) **Heavy metals**—Proceed with 2.0 g of Acetaminophen according to Method 4, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(4) **Arsenic**—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Acetaminophen according to Method 3, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(5) **Related substances**—Dissolve 0.050 g of Acetaminophen in 1 mL of methanol, add the mobile phase to make 50 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add the mobile phase to make exactly 200 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with 10  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid Chromatography according to the following conditions. Determine each peak area of both solutions by the automatic integration method: the total area of all peaks other than the peak area of acetaminophen from the sample solution is not larger than the peak area of acetaminophen from the standard solution.

**Operating conditions**—

**Detector:** An ultraviolet absorption photometer (wavelength: 225 nm).

**Column:** A stainless steel column about 4 mm in inside diameter and about 15 cm in length, packed with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu$ m in particle diameter).

**Column temperature:** A constant temperature of about 40°C.

**Mobile phase:** A mixture of 0.05 mol/L potassium dihydrogenphosphate, pH 4.7 and methanol (4:1)

**Flow rate:** Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of acetaminophen is about 5 minutes.

**Selection of column:** Dissolve 0.01 g each of Acetaminophen and *p*-aminophenol in 1 mL of methanol, add the mobile phase to make 50 mL, to 1 mL of this solution add the mobile phase to make 10 mL. Proceed with 10

$\mu$ L of this solution under the above operating conditions, and calculate the resolution. Use a column giving elution of *p*-aminophenol and acetaminophen in this order with the resolution between these peaks being not less than 7.

**Detection sensitivity:** Adjust the detection sensitivity so that the peak height of acetaminophen obtained from 10  $\mu$ L of the standard solution is about 15% of the full scale.

**Time span of measurement:** About 6 times as long as the retention time of acetaminophen after the solvent peak.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 0.3% (0.5 g, 105°C, 2 hours).

**Residue on ignition** Not more than 0.10% (1 g).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.02 g each of Acetaminophen and Acetaminophen Reference Standard, previously dried, dissolve in 2 mL of methanol, and add water to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 3 mL each of these solutions, add water to make exactly 100 mL, and use these solutions as the sample solution and the standard solution, respectively. Determine the absorbances,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of the sample solution and the standard solution at the wavelength of maximum absorption at about 244 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using water as the blank.

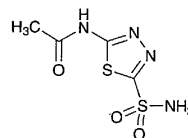
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount (mg) of } C_8H_9NO_2 \\ &= \text{amount (mg) of Acetaminophen Reference Standard} \\ &\quad \times \frac{A_T}{A_S} \end{aligned}$$

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

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Acetazolamide

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$C_4H_6N_4O_3S_2$ ; 222.25

*N*-(5-Sulfamoyl-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)acetamide [59-66-5]

Acetazolamide contains not less than 98.0% and not more than 102.0% of  $C_4H_6N_4O_3S_2$ , calculated on the dried basis.

**Description** Acetazolamide occurs as a white to pale yellowish white, crystalline powder. It is odorless, and has a slight bitter taste.

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

**Melting point:** about 255°C (with decomposition).

**Identification (1)** To 0.1 g of Acetazolamide add 5 mL of sodium hydroxide TS, then add 5 mL of a solution of 0.1 g of hydroxylammonium chloride and 0.05 g of copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate in 10 mL of water: a light yellow color develops. Then heat this solution for 5 minutes: a deep yellow

low color is produced gradually.

(2) To 0.02 g of Acetazolamide add 2 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, boil for 10 minutes, cool, and add 8 mL of water: this solution responds to the Qualitative Tests for primary aromatic amines.

(3) To 0.2 g of Acetazolamide add 0.5 g of granulated zinc and 5 mL of diluted hydrochloric acid (1 in 2): the gas evolved darkens moistened lead (II) acetate paper.

**Purity (1)** Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Acetazolamide in 10 mL of sodium hydroxide TS: the solution is clear and colorless to pale yellow.

(2) Chloride—To 1.5 g of Acetazolamide add 75 mL of water, and warm at 70°C for 20 minutes with occasional shaking. After cooling, filter, and to 25 mL of the filtrate add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.20 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.014%).

(3) Sulfate—To 25 mL of the filtrate obtained in (2) add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.038%).

(4) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Acetazolamide according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).

(5) Silver-reducing substances—Wet 5 g of Acetazolamide with 5 mL of aldehyde-free ethanol, and add 125 mL of water, 10 mL of nitric acid and exactly 5 mL of 0.1 mol/L silver nitrate VS. Stir for 30 minutes by protecting from light, filter through a glass filter (G3), and wash the residue on the glass filter with two 10-mL portions of water. Combine the filtrate with the washings, to the solution add 5 mL of ferric ammonium sulfate TS, and titrate with 0.1 mol/L ammonium thiocyanate VS: not less than 4.8 mL of 0.1 mol/L ammonium thiocyanate VS is consumed.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 0.5% (0.5 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

**Residue on ignition** Not more than 0.1% (0.5 g).

**Assay** Weigh accurately about 0.15 g of Acetazolamide, and dissolve in 400 mL of water in a water bath by heating. After cooling, add water to make exactly 1000 mL. Pipet 5 mL of the solution, add 10 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and then add water to make exactly 100 mL. Determine the absorbance  $A$  of this solution at the wavelength of maximum absorption at about 265 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry.

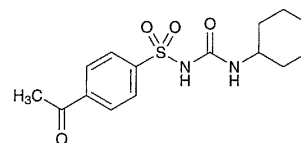
$$\text{Amount (mg) of } C_4H_6N_4O_3S_2 = \frac{A}{474} \times 200,000$$

**Containers and storage** Containers—Well-closed containers.

Storage—Light-resistant.

## Acetohexamide

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$C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_4S$ : 324.40

4-Acetyl-*N*-(cyclohexylcarbonyl)benzenesulfonamide  
[968-81-0]

Acetohexamide, when dried, contains not less than 98.0% of  $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_4S$ .

**Description** Acetohexamide occurs as a white to yellowish white powder.

It is freely soluble in dimethylformamide, sparingly soluble in acetone, slightly soluble in methanol and in ethanol (95), and practically insoluble in water.

Melting point: about 185°C (with decomposition).

**Identification (1)** Dissolve 0.10 g of Acetohexamide in 100 mL of methanol. To 5 mL of the solution add 20 mL of 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS and 75 mL of methanol, and use the solution as the sample solution (1). Determine the absorption spectrum of the sample solution (1) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using methanol as the blank, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum 1: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths. Separately, to exactly 10 mL of the sample solution (1) add methanol to make exactly 50 mL, and use the solution as the sample solution (2). Determine the absorption spectrum of the sample solution (2) as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using methanol as the blank, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum 2: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

(2) Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Acetohexamide, previously dried, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

**Purity (1)** Chloride—Dissolve 1.5 g of Acetohexamide in 40 mL of dimethylformamide, add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and dimethylformamide to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 0.45 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and dimethylformamide to make 50 mL (not more than 0.011%).

(2) Sulfate—Dissolve 2.0 g of Acetohexamide in 40 mL of dimethylformamide, and add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and dimethylformamide to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: to 0.40 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and dimethylformamide to make 50 mL (not more than 0.010%).

(3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 g of Acetohex-