Calculate the average content from the contents of 10 tablets: it meets the requirements of the test when each content deviates from the average content by not more than 25%. When there is 1 tablet showing a deviation exceeding 25% and not exceeding 30%, determine the content of an additional 20 tablets in the same manner. Calculate the 30 deviations from the new average of all 30 tablets: it meets the requirements of the test when 1 tablet may deviate from the average content by between 25% and 30%, but no tablet deviates by more than 30%.

Disintegration test Nitroglycerin Tablets meet the requirements of the Disintegration Test, provided that the time limit of the test is 2 minutes, and the use of the disks is omitted

Assay Weigh accurately and disintegrate, by soft pressing, not less than 20 Nitroglycerin Tablets. Weigh accurately a portion of the powder, equivalent to about 3.5 mg of nitroglycerin (C₃H₅N₃O₉), add exactly 50 mL of acetic acid (100), shake for 1 hour, filter, and use this filtrate as the sample solution. Separately, weigh accurately about 0.09 g of potassium nitrate, previously dried at 105°C for 4 hours, dissolve in 5 mL of water, and add acetic acid (100) to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 10 mL of the solution, add acetic acid (100) to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Measure exactly 2 mL each of the sample solution and the standard solution, to each solution add 2 mL of salicylic acid TS, shake, allow to stand for 15 minutes, and add 10 mL of water. Render the solution alkaline with about 12 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (2 in 5) while cooling in ice, and add water to make exactly 50 mL. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry, using a solution, prepared with 2 mL of acetic acid (100) in the same manner, as the blank. Determine the absorbances, A_T and A_S , of the subsequent solutions of the sample solution and the standard solution at 410 nm, respectively.

> Amount (mg) of nitroglycerin ($C_3H_5N_3O_9$) = amount (mg) of potassium nitrate $\times 0.7487 \times \frac{A_T}{A_S} \times \frac{1}{20}$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers. Storage—Light-resistant, and not exceeding 20°C.

Nitrous Oxide

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N₂O: 44.01

Nitrous Oxide contains not less than 97.0 vol% of N_2O .

Description Nitrous Oxide is a colorless gas at room temperature and at atmospheric pressure, and is odorless.

1 mL of Nitrous Oxide dissolves in 1.5 mL of water and in 0.4 mL of ethanol (95) at 20°C and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa. It is soluble in diethyl ether and in fatty oils.

1000 mL of Nitrous Oxide at 0°C and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa weighs about 1.96 g.

Identification (1) A glowing splinter of wood held in Nitrous Oxide: it bursts into flame immediately.

(2) Transfer 1 mL each of Nitrous Oxide and nitrous oxide directly from metal cylinders with a pressure-reducing valve to gas measuring tubes or syringes for gas chromatography, using a polyvinyl chloride induction tube. Perform the test with these gases as directed under the Gas Chromatography according to the conditions of the Assay: the retention time of the main peak from Nitrous Oxide coincides with that of nitrous oxide.

Purity Maintain the containers of Nitrous Oxide between 18°C and 22°C for more than 6 hours before the test, and correct the volume at 20°C and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa.

- (1) Acid or alkali—To 400 mL of freshly boiled and cooled water add 0.3 mL of methyl red TS and 0.3 mL of bromothymol blue TS, and boil for 5 minutes. Transfer 50 mL of this solution to each of three Nessler tubes marked A, B and C. Add 0.10 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS to tube A, 0.20 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS to tube B, stopper each of the tubes, and cool. Pass 100 mL of Nitrous Oxide through the solution in tube A for 15 minutes, employing delivery tube with an orifice approximately 1 mm in diameter and extending to within 2 mm of the bottom of the Nessler tube: the color of the solution in tube A is not deeper orange-red than that of the solution in tube B and not deeper yellow-green than that of the solution in tube C.
- (2) Carbon dioxide—Pass 1000 mL of Nitrous Oxide through 50 mL of barium hydroxide TS in a Nessler tube, in the same manner as directed in (1): any turbidity produced does not exceed that produced in the following control solution.

Control solution: To 50 mL of barium hydroxide TS in a Nessler tube add 1 mL of a solution of 0.1 g of sodium hydrogen carbonate in 100 mL of freshly boiled and cooled water.

- (3) Oxidizing substances—Transfer 15 mL of potassium iodide-starch TS to each of two Nessler tubes marked A and B, add 1 drop of acetic acid (100) to each of the tubes, shake, and use these as solution A and solution B, respectively. Pass 2000 mL of Nitrous Oxide through solution A for 30 minutes in the same manner as directed in (1): the color of solution A is the same as that of the stoppered, untreated solution B.
- (4) Potassium permanganate-reducing substance—Pour 50 mL of water into each of two Nessler tubes marked A and B, add 0.10 mL of 0.02 mol/L potassium permanganate VS to each of the tubes, and use these as solution A and solution B, respectively. Pass 1000 mL of Nitrous Oxide through solution A in the manner as directed in (1): the color of solution A is the same as that of solution B.
- (5) Chloride—Pour 50 mL of water into each of two Nessler tubes marked A and B, add 0.5 mL of silver nitrate TS to each of the tubes, shake, and use these as solution A and solution B, respectively. Pass 1000 mL of Nitrous Oxide through solution A in the same manner as directed in (1): the turbidity of solution A is the same as that of solution B.
- (6) Carbon monoxide—Introduce 5.0 mL of Nitrous Oxide into a gas-cylinder or a syringe for gas chromatography from a metal cylinder holding gas under pressure and fitted with a pressure-reducing valve, through a directly connected polyvinyl tube. Perform the test with this according to the Gas Chromatography under the following

conditions: no peak is observed at the same retention time as that of carbon monoxide.

Operating conditions—

Detector: A thermal-conductivity detector.

Column: A column about 3 mm in inside diameter and about 3 m in length, packed with 300 to $500 \mu m$ zeolite for gas chromatography (0.5 nm in pore size).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 50°C.

Carrier gas: Hydrogen or helium.

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of carbon monoxide is about 20 minutes.

Selection of column: To 0.1 mL each of carbon monoxide and air in a gas mixer add carrier gas to make 100 mL, and mix well. Proceed with 5.0 mL of the mixed gas under the above operating conditions. Use a column giving well-resolved peaks of oxygen, nitrogen and carbon monoxide in this order.

Detection sensitivity: Adjust the sensitivity so that the peak height of carbon monoxide obtained from 5.0 mL of the mixed gas used in the selection of column is about 10 cm.

Assay Withdraw Nitrous Oxide as directed in the Purity. Introduce 1.0 mL of Nitrous Oxide into a gas-measuring tube or syringe for gas chromatography from a metal cylinder under pressure through a pressure-reducing valve and a directly connected polyvinyl tube. Perform the test with this solution as directed under the Gas Chromatography according to the following conditions, and determine the peak area $A_{\rm T}$ of air. Separately, introduce 3.0 mL of nitrogen into a gas mixer, add carrier gas to make exactly 100 mL, mix thoroughly, and use this as the standard mixed gas. Proceed with 1.0 mL of this mixture as directed in the case of Nitrous Oxide, and determine the peak area $A_{\rm S}$ of nitrogen in the same manner.

Amount (vol%) of N₂O =
$$100 - 3 \times \frac{A_T}{A_S}$$

Operating conditions—

Detector: A thermal-conductivity detector.

Column: A column about 3 mm in inside diameter and about 3 m in length, packed with silica gel for gas chromatography (300 to $500 \mu m$ in particle diameter).

Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 50°C.

Carrier gas: Hydrogen or helium.

Flow rate: Adjust the flow rate so that the retention time of nitrogen is about 2 minutes.

Selection of column: To 3.0 mL of nitrogen in a gas mixer add Nitrous Oxide to make 100 mL, and mix well. Proceed with 1.0 mL of the mixed gas under the above operating conditions. Use a column giving well-resolved peaks of nitrogen and nitrous oxide in this order.

System repeatability: Repeat the test five times with the standard mixed gas under the above operating conditions: the relative standard deviation of the peak area of nitrogen is not more than 2.0%.

Containers and storage Containers—Metal cylinders. Storage—Not exceeding 40°C.

Norepinephrine

Noradrenaline Norepirenamine

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C₈H₁₁NO₃: 169.18

(RS)-2-Amino-1-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)ethanol [51-41-2]

Norepinephrine, when dried, contains not less than 98.0% of dl-norepinephrine ($C_8H_{11}NO_3$).

Description Norepinephrine occurs as a white to light brown or slightly reddish brown, crystalline powder. It is odorless.

It is freely soluble in acetic acid (100), very slightly soluble in water, and practically insoluble in ethanol (95) and in diethyl ether.

It dissolves in dilute hydrochloric acid and in dilute acetic acid.

It gradually changes to brown by air and by light.

Identification (1) Dissolve 0.01 g of Norepinephrine in 10 mL of dilute acetic acid, and use this solution as the sample solution. To 5 mL of the sample solution add 1 drop of iron (III) chloride TS: a green color is produced.

(2) Transfer 1 mL each of the sample solution obtained in (1) to two test tubes, A and B, and add 1 mL of water to each tube. Add 10 mL of potassium hydrogen phthalate buffer solution, pH 3.5, to A, and 10 mL of phosphate buffer solution, pH 6.5, to B. To each of these solutions add 1.0 mL of iodine TS, allow to stand for 5 minutes, and add 2.0 mL of sodium thiosulfate TS: no color or a pale red color develops in test tube A, and a deep red-purple color develops in test tube B.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 0.10 g of Norepinephrine in 10 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS, and add water to make 100 mL: the solution is clear and colorless.

- (2) Arterenone—Dissolve 0.050 g of Norepinephrine in 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid TS to make exactly 100 mL. Determine the absorbance of the solution at 310 nm as directed under the Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry: it is not more than 0.1.
- (3) Epinephrine—Dissolve 10.0 mg of Norepinephrine in 2.0 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (1 in 2). Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add water to make 10 mL, then mix with 0.3 mL of a solution of sodium nitrite (1 in 100), and allow to stand for 1 minute: the solution has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: Dissolve 2.0 mg of Epinephrine Bitartrate Reference Standard and 0.090 g of Norepinephrine Bitartrate Reference Standard in water to make exactly 10 mL. Measure exactly 1 mL of this solution, add 1.0 mL of diluted acetic acid (100) (1 in 2) and water to make 10 mL, and proceed in the same manner.