

Potash Soap

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Potash Soap contains not less than 40.0% as fatty acids.

Method of preparation

Fixed oil	470 mL
Potassium Hydroxide	a sufficient quantity
Water or Purified Water	a sufficient quantity
To make 1000 g	

Dissolve Potassium Hydroxide, in required quantity for saponification, in Water or Purified Water, add this solution to fixed oil, previously warmed, add a sufficient quantity of Ethanol if necessary, stir thoroughly, heat in a water bath, and continue the saponification. After complete saponification, add Water or Purified Water to make 1000 g.

Description Potash Soap occurs as a yellow-brown, transparent, unctuous, soft mass, having a characteristic odor.

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

Purity Silicic acid and alkali—Dissolve 10 g of Potash Soap in 30 mL of ethanol (95), and add 0.50 mL of 1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS: no turbidity is produced. Add 1 drop of phenolphthalein TS to this solution: no red color develops.

Assay Weigh accurately about 5 g of Potash Soap, dissolve in 100 mL of hot water, and transfer to a separator. Acidify the mixture with dilute sulfuric acid, and cool. Extract the solution with 50-mL, 40-mL, and 30-mL portions of diethyl ether. Wash the combined diethyl ether extracts with 10-mL portions of water until the washing contains no acid. Transfer the diethyl ether solution to a tared flask, evaporate diethyl ether on a water bath at a temperature as low as possible. Dry the residue at 80°C to constant mass, and weigh as fatty acids.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Potassium Carbonate

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K₂CO₃: 138.21

Potassium Carbonate, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of K₂CO₃.

Description Potassium Carbonate occurs as white granules or powder. It is odorless.

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

A solution of Potassium Carbonate (1 in 10) is alkaline.

It is hygroscopic.

Identification A solution of Potassium Carbonate (1 in 10) responds to the Qualitative Tests for potassium salt and for

carbonate.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Potassium Carbonate in 20 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Heavy metals—Dissolve 1.0 g of Potassium Carbonate in 2 mL of water and 6 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and evaporate to dryness on a water bath. Dissolve the residue in 35 mL of water and 2 mL of dilute acetic acid, dilute with water to 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution as follows: evaporate 6 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid on a water bath to dryness, add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution to dryness, and dilute with water to 50 mL (not more than 20 ppm).

(3) Sodium—Dissolve 1.0 g of Potassium Carbonate in 20 mL of water, and perform the test as directed under the Flame Coloration Test (1): no persisting yellow color is produced.

(4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 0.5 g of Potassium Carbonate, according to Method 1, and perform the test using apparatus B (not more than 4 ppm).

Loss on drying Not more than 1.0% (3 g, 180°C, 4 hours).

Assay Dissolve about 1.5 g of Potassium Carbonate, previously dried and accurately weighed, in 25 mL of water, titrate with 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS until the blue color of the solution changes to yellow-green, boil cautiously, then cool, and titrate until a greenish yellow color develops (indicator: 2 drops of bromocresol green TS).

Each mL of 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS
= 69.10 mg of K₂CO₃

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Potassium Hydroxide

水酸化カリウム

KOH: 56.11

Potassium Hydroxide contains not less than 85.0% of KOH.

Description Potassium Hydroxide occurs as white fused masses, in small pellets, in flakes, in sticks and in other forms. It is hard and brittle, and shows a crystalline fracture.

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

It rapidly absorbs carbon dioxide in air.

It deliquesces in the presence of moisture.

Identification (1) A solution of Potassium Hydroxide (1 in 500) is alkaline.

(2) A solution of Potassium Hydroxide (1 in 25) responds to the Qualitative Test for potassium salt.

Purity (1) Clarity and color of solution—Dissolve 1.0 g of Potassium Hydroxide in 20 mL of water: the solution is clear and colorless.

(2) Chloride—Dissolve 2.0 g of Potassium Hydroxide in water, and add water to make 100 mL. To 25 mL of the solu-