

by an almost continuous ring consisting of stone cells; nearly round bundles of fibers in the outer region of the ring; wall of each stone cell often thickened in a U-shape; secondary cortex lacking stone cells, and with a small number of sclerenchymatous fibers coarsely scattered; parenchyma scattered with oil cells, mucilage cells and cells containing starch grains; medullary rays with cells containing fine needles of calcium oxalate.

Identification To 2.0 g of pulverized Cinnamon Bark add 10 mL of diethyl ether, shake for 3 minutes, filter, and use the filtrate as the sample solution. Perform the test with this solution as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10 μ L of the sample solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (2:1) to a distance of about 10 cm, and air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm): a purple spot develops at the *R_f* value of about 0.4. Spray evenly 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine TS upon the spot: a yellow-orange color develops.

Loss on drying Not more than 15.5% (6 hours).

Total ash Not more than 5.0%.

Essential oil content Perform the test with 50.0 g of pulverized Cinnamon Bark as directed in the Essential oil content under the Crude Drugs, provided that 1 mL of silicon resin is previously added to the sample in the flask: the volume of essential oil is not less than 0.5 mL.

Powdered Cinnamon Bark

Cinnamomi Cortex Pulveratus

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Powdered Cinnamon Bark is the powder of Cinnamon Bark.

Description Powdered Cinnamon Bark is red-brown to brown in color. It has a characteristic aroma and a sweet, pungent taste with a slightly mucilaginous and astringent aftertaste.

Under a microscope, Powdered Cinnamon Bark reveals starch grains, fragments of parenchyma cells containing them; fragments of fibers, oil cells containing yellow-brown oil droplets, stone cells, cork stone cells, cork tissue, and fine crystals of calcium oxalate. Starch grains are simple and compound grains 6 to 15 μ m in diameter.

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Purity Petiole—Under a microscope, Powdered Cinnamon Bark does not reveal epidermal cells, hairs, cells containing chlorophyll granules, and fragments of vascular bundle.

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Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Cinnamon Oil

Oleum Cinnamomi

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Cinnamon Oil is the essential oil distilled with steam from the leaves and twigs or bark of *Cinnamomum cassia* Blume or from the bark of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* Nees (*Lauraceae*).

It contains not less than 60 vol% of the total aldehydes.

Description Cinnamon Oil is a yellow to brown liquid. It has a characteristic, aromatic odor and a sweet, pungent taste.

It is clearly miscible with ethanol (95) and with diethyl ether.

It is practically insoluble in water.

It is weakly acid. Upon aging or long exposure to air, it darkens and becomes viscous.

Specific gravity d_{20}^{20} : 1.010 – 1.065

Identification Shake 4 drops of Cinnamon Oil with 4 drops of nitric acid: the mixture forms white to light yellow crystals at a temperature below 5°C.

Purity (1) Rosin—Mix 1.0 mL of Cinnamon Oil with 5 mL of ethanol (95), then add 3 mL of freshly prepared, saturated ethanol solution of lead (II) acetate trihydrate: no precipitate is produced.

(2) Heavy metals—Proceed with 1.0 mL of Cinnamon Oil according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 4.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 40 ppm).

Assay Pipet 5.0 mL of Cinnamon Oil into a cassia flask, add 70 mL of sodium hydrogensulfite TS, and heat the mixture in a water bath with frequent shaking to dissolve completely. To this solution add sodium hydrogensulfite TS to raise the lower level of the oily layer within the graduate portion of the neck. Allow to stand for 2 hours, and measure the volume (mL) of the separated oily layer.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total aldehydes (vol\%)} \\ = [5.0 - (\text{volume of separated oily layer})] \times 20 \end{aligned}$$

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Storage—Light-resistant.