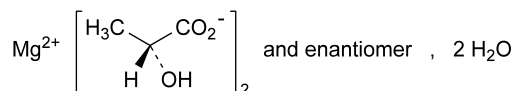


01/2008:2160 DEFINITION

**MAGNESIUM LACTATE DIHYDRATE**

Magnesii lactas dihydricus

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>MgO<sub>6</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>OM<sub>r</sub> 238.5

## DEFINITION

Magnesium bis(2-hydroxypropanoate) or mixture of magnesium (2*R*)-, (2*S*)- and (2*RS*)-2-hydroxypropanoate dihydrate.

*Content*: 98.0 per cent to 102.0 per cent (dried substance).

## CHARACTERS

*Appearance*: white or almost white, crystalline or granular powder.

*Solubility*: slightly soluble in water, soluble in boiling water, practically insoluble in ethanol (96 per cent).

## IDENTIFICATION

- A. It gives the reaction of lactates (2.3.1).  
B. It gives the reaction of magnesium (2.3.1).

## TESTS

**Solution S.** Dissolve 5.0 g with heating in *carbon dioxide-free water R* prepared from *distilled water R*, allow to cool and dilute to 100 ml with the same solvent.

**Appearance of solution.** Solution S is not more opalescent than reference suspension II (2.2.1) and not more intensely coloured than reference solution BY<sub>6</sub> (2.2.2, *Method II*).

**pH** (2.2.3): 6.5 to 8.5 for solution S.

**Chlorides** (2.4.4): maximum 200 ppm.

Dilute 5 ml of solution S to 15 ml with *water R*.

**Sulphates** (2.4.13): maximum 400 ppm.

Dilute 7.5 ml of solution S to 15 ml with *distilled water R*.

**Iron** (2.4.9): maximum 50 ppm.

Dilute 4 ml of solution S to 10 ml with *water R*.

**Heavy metals** (2.4.8): maximum 20 ppm.

12 ml of solution S complies with test A. Prepare the reference solution using *lead standard solution (1 ppm Pb) R*.

**Loss on drying** (2.2.32): 14.0 per cent to 17.0 per cent, determined on 0.500 g by drying in an oven at 125 °C.

## ASSAY

Dissolve 0.180 g in *water R* and dilute to 300 ml with the same solvent. Carry out the complexometric titration of magnesium (2.5.11).

1 ml of 0.1 M *sodium edetate* is equivalent to 20.25 mg of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>MgO<sub>6</sub>.

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corrected 6.0**MAGNESIUM OXIDE, HEAVY**

Magnesii oxidum ponderosum

MgO  
[1309-48-4]M<sub>r</sub> 40.30

## DEFINITION

*Content*: 98.0 per cent to 100.5 per cent of MgO (ignited substance).

## CHARACTERS

*Appearance*: fine, white or almost white powder.

*Solubility*: practically insoluble in water. It dissolves in dilute acids with at most slight effervescence.

## IDENTIFICATION

- A. 15 g has an apparent volume (2.9.15) before settling of not more than 60 ml.  
B. Dissolve about 15 mg in 2 ml of *dilute nitric acid R* and neutralise with *dilute sodium hydroxide solution R*. The solution gives the reaction of magnesium (2.3.1).  
C. Loss on ignition (see Tests).

## TESTS

**Solution S.** Dissolve 5.0 g in a mixture of 30 ml of *distilled water R* and 70 ml of *acetic acid R*, boil for 2 min, cool and dilute to 100 ml with *dilute acetic acid R*. Filter, if necessary, through a previously ignited and tared porcelain or silica filter crucible of suitable porosity to give a clear filtrate.

**Appearance of solution.** Solution S is not more intensely coloured than reference solution B<sub>3</sub> (2.2.2, *Method II*).

**Soluble substances**: maximum 2.0 per cent.

To 2.00 g add 100 ml of *water R* and boil for 5 min. Filter whilst hot through a sintered-glass filter (40) (2.1.2), allow to cool and dilute to 100 ml with *water R*. Evaporate 50 ml of the filtrate to dryness and dry at 100-105 °C. The residue weighs a maximum of 20 mg.

**Substances insoluble in acetic acid**: maximum 0.1 per cent. Any residue obtained during the preparation of solution S, washed, dried, and ignited at 600 ± 50 °C, weighs a maximum of 5 mg.

**Chlorides** (2.4.4): maximum 0.1 per cent.

Dilute 1 ml of solution S to 15 ml with *water R*.

**Sulphates** (2.4.13): maximum 1.0 per cent.

Dilute 0.3 ml of solution S to 15 ml with *distilled water R*.

**Arsenic** (2.4.2, *Method A*): maximum 4 ppm, determined on 5 ml of solution S.

**Calcium** (2.4.3): maximum 1.5 per cent.

Dilute 1.3 ml of solution S to 150 ml with *distilled water R*. 15 ml of the solution complies with the test.

**Iron** (2.4.9): maximum 0.07 per cent.

Dissolve 0.15 g in 5 ml of *dilute hydrochloric acid R* and dilute to 10 ml with *water R*. Dilute 1 ml of the solution to 10 ml with *water R*.

**Heavy metals** (2.4.8): maximum 30 ppm.

To 20 ml of solution S add 15 ml of *hydrochloric acid R1* and shake with 25 ml of *methyl isobutyl ketone R* for 2 min. Allow to stand, then separate and evaporate the aqueous layer to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 ml of *acetic acid R* and dilute to 30 ml with *water R*. 12 ml of the solution complies with test A. Prepare the reference solution using *lead standard solution (1 ppm Pb) R*.

**Loss on ignition**: maximum 8.0 per cent, determined on 1.00 g at 900 ± 25 °C.

## ASSAY

Dissolve 0.320 g in 20 ml of *dilute hydrochloric acid R* and dilute to 100.0 ml with *water R*. Using 20.0 ml of the solution, carry out the complexometric titration of magnesium (2.5.11).

1 ml of 0.1 M sodium edetate is equivalent to 4.030 mg of MgO.

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## MAGNESIUM OXIDE, LIGHT

### Magnesii oxidum leve

MgO  
[1309-48-4]

$M_r$  40.30

#### DEFINITION

**Content:** 98.0 per cent to 100.5 per cent of MgO (ignited substance).

#### CHARACTERS

**Appearance:** fine, white or almost white, amorphous powder.

**Solubility:** practically insoluble in water. It dissolves in dilute acids with at most slight effervescence.

#### IDENTIFICATION

- 15 g has an apparent volume (2.9.15) before settling of at least 100 ml.
- Dissolve about 15 mg in 2 ml of dilute nitric acid R and neutralise with dilute sodium hydroxide solution R. The solution gives the reaction of magnesium (2.3.1).
- Loss on ignition (see Tests).

#### TESTS

**Solution S.** Dissolve 5.0 g in a mixture of 30 ml of distilled water R and 70 ml of acetic acid R, boil for 2 min, cool and dilute to 100 ml with dilute acetic acid R. Filter, if necessary, through a previously ignited and tared porcelain or silica filter crucible of a suitable porosity to give a clear filtrate.

**Appearance of solution.** Solution S is not more intensely coloured than reference solution B<sub>2</sub> (2.2.2, Method II).

**Soluble substances:** maximum 2.0 per cent.

To 2.00 g add 100 ml of water R and boil for 5 min. Filter whilst hot through a sintered-glass filter (40) (2.1.2), allow to cool and dilute to 100 ml with water R. Evaporate 50 ml of the filtrate to dryness and dry at 100-105 °C. The residue weighs a maximum of 20 mg.

**Substances insoluble in acetic acid:** maximum 0.1 per cent.

Any residue obtained during the preparation of solution S, washed, dried, and ignited at 600 ± 50 °C, weighs a maximum of 5 mg.

**Chlorides** (2.4.4): maximum 0.15 per cent.

Dilute 0.7 ml of solution S to 15 ml with water R.

**Sulphates** (2.4.13): maximum 1.0 per cent.

Dilute 0.3 ml of solution S to 15 ml with distilled water R.

**Arsenic** (2.4.2, Method A): maximum 4 ppm, determined on 5 ml of solution S.

**Calcium** (2.4.3): maximum 1.5 per cent.

Dilute 1.3 ml of solution S to 150 ml with distilled water R. 15 ml of the solution complies with the test.

**Iron** (2.4.9): maximum 0.1 per cent.

Dissolve 50 mg in 5 ml of dilute hydrochloric acid R and dilute to 10 ml with water R. Dilute 2 ml of this solution to 10 ml with water R.

**Heavy metals** (2.4.8): maximum 30 ppm.

To 20 ml of solution S add 15 ml of hydrochloric acid R1 and shake with 25 ml of methyl isobutyl ketone R for 2 min. Allow to stand, then separate and evaporate the aqueous layer to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1.5 ml of acetic acid R and dilute to 30 ml with water R. 12 ml of the solution complies with test A. Prepare the reference solution using lead standard solution (1 ppm Pb) R.

**Loss on ignition:** maximum 8.0 per cent, determined on 1.00 g at 900 ± 25 °C.

#### ASSAY

Dissolve 0.320 g in 20 ml of dilute hydrochloric acid R and dilute to 100.0 ml with water R. Using 20.0 ml of the solution, carry out the complexometric titration of magnesium (2.5.11).

1 ml of 0.1 M sodium edetate is equivalent to 4.030 mg of MgO.

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## MAGNESIUM PEROXIDE

### Magnesii peroxidum

#### DEFINITION

Mixture of magnesium peroxide and magnesium oxide.

**Content:** 22.0 per cent to 28.0 per cent of MgO<sub>2</sub> ( $M_r$  56.30).

#### CHARACTERS

**Appearance:** white or slightly yellow, amorphous, light powder.

**Solubility:** practically insoluble in water and in ethanol (96 per cent). It dissolves in dilute mineral acids.

#### IDENTIFICATION

- Dissolve about 15 mg in 2 ml of dilute nitric acid R and neutralise with dilute sodium hydroxide solution R. The solution gives the reaction of magnesium (2.3.1).
- Dissolve 0.1 g in 2 ml of dilute sulphuric acid R and dilute to 10 ml with water R. Shake 1 ml of this solution with 5 ml of ether R and 0.5 ml of potassium dichromate solution R1. The ether layer is blue.

#### TESTS

**Solution S1.** Dissolve cautiously 5.0 g in 40 ml of hydrochloric acid R1. Cautiously evaporate the solution to 10 ml and dilute to 100 ml with a mixture of equal volumes of acetic acid R and distilled water R. Filter, if necessary, through a previously ignited and tared porcelain or silica filter crucible of suitable porosity to give a clear filtrate. Keep the residue for the test for acid insoluble substances.

**Solution S2.** Dilute 5 ml of solution S1 to 25 ml with distilled water R.

**Appearance of solution.** Solution S1 is not more intensely coloured than reference solution B<sub>4</sub> (2.2.2, Method II).