

tion of lead (II) oxide in a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5), and heat for 10 minutes at 70°C with occasional shaking; no dark brown color develops in the aqueous layer.

(5) Readily carbonizable substances—Melt 5.0 g of Paraffin placed in a Nessler tube at a temperature near the melting point. Add 5 mL of sulfuric acid for the test of Readily Carbonizable Substances, and warm at 70°C for 5 minutes in a water bath. Remove the tube from the water bath, immediately shake vigorously and vertically for 3 seconds, and warm for 1 minute in a water bath at 70°C. Repeat this procedure five times: the color of the sulfuric acid layer is not darker than that of the following control solution.

Control solution: Add 1.5 mL of Cobaltous Chloride Colorimetric Stock Solution, 0.5 mL of Cupric Sulfate Colorimetric Stock Solution and 5 mL of liquid paraffin to 3.0 mL of Ferric Chloride Colorimetric Stock Solution, and shake vigorously.

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

Liquid Paraffin

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Liquid Paraffin is a mixture of liquid hydrocarbons obtained from petrolatum. Tocopherols of a suitable form may be added at a concentration not exceeding 0.001% as a stabilizer.

Description Liquid Paraffin is a colorless, transparent, oily liquid, nearly free from fluorescence. It is odorless and tasteless.

It is freely soluble in diethyl ether, very slightly soluble in ethanol (99.5), and practically insoluble in water and in ethanol (95).

Boiling point: above 300°C.

Identification (1) Heat Liquid Paraffin strongly in a porcelain dish, and fire: it burns with a bright flame and the odor of paraffin vapor is perceptible.

(2) Heat 0.5 of Liquid Paraffin with 0.5 g of sulfur with shaking carefully: the odor of hydrogen sulfide is perceptible.

Specific gravity d_{20}^{20} : 0.860 – 0.890

Viscosity Not less than 37 mm²/s (Method 1, 37.8°C).

Purity (1) Odor—Transfer a suitable amount of Liquid Paraffin to a small beaker, and heat on a water bath: a foreign odor is not perceptible.

(2) Acid or alkali—Shake vigorously 10 mL of Liquid Paraffin with 10 mL of hot water and 1 drop of phenolphthalein TS: no red color develops. Shake this solution with 0.20 mL of 0.02 mol/L sodium hydroxide: a red color develops.

(3) Heavy metals—Ignite 2.0 g of Liquid Paraffin in a crucible, first moderately until charred, then between 450°C and 550°C to ash. Cool, add 2 mL of hydrochloric acid, and evaporate on a water bath to dryness. To the residue add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare

the control solution as follows: to 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 10 ppm).

(4) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Liquid Paraffin, according to Method 3 except that after addition of 10 mL of a solution of magnesium nitrate hexahydrate in ethanol (95) (1 in 50), add 1.5 mL of hydrogen peroxide (30), and fire to burn. Perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

(5) Solid paraffin—Transfer 50 mL of Liquid Paraffin, previously dried at 105°C for 2 hours, to a Nessler tube, and cool in ice water for 4 hours: the turbidity produced, if any, is not deeper than that of the following control solution.

Control solution: To 1.5 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid and water to make 50 mL, add 1 mL of silver nitrate TS, and allow to stand for 5 minutes.

(6) Sulfur compounds—Prepare a saturated solution of lead (II) oxide in a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 5), and mix 2 drops of this clear solution with 4.0 mL of Liquid Paraffin and 2 mL of ethanol (99.5). Heat at 70°C for 10 minutes with frequent shaking, and cool: no dark brown color develops.

(7) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons—Take 25 mL of Liquid Paraffin by a 25-mL measuring cylinder, transfer to a 100-mL separator, and wash out the cylinder with 25 mL of hexane for ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry. Combine the washings with the liquid in the separator, and shake vigorously. Shake this solution vigorously for 2 minutes with 5.0 mL of dimethylsulfoxide for ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry, and allow to stand for 15 minutes. Transfer the lower layer to a 50-mL separator, add 2 mL of hexane for ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry, shake vigorously for 2 minutes, and allow to stand for 2 minutes. Transfer the lower layer to a 10-mL glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, and centrifuge between 2500 revolutions per minute and 3000 revolutions per minute for about 10 minutes, and use the clear solution obtained as the sample solution. Transfer 25 mL of hexane for ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry to another 50-mL separator, shake vigorously for 2 minutes with 5.0 mL of dimethylsulfoxide for ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometry, and allow to stand for 2 minutes. Transfer the lower layer to a 10-mL glass-stoppered centrifuge tube, centrifuge between 2500 revolutions per minute and 3000 revolutions per minute for about 10 minutes, and use the clear solution thus obtained as a control solution. Immediately determine the absorbance of the sample solution using the control solution as the blank: not more than 0.10 at the wavelength region between 260 nm and 350 nm.

(8) Readily carbonizable substances—Transfer 5 mL of Liquid Paraffin to a Nessler tube, and add 5 mL of sulfuric acid for readily carbonizable substances. After heating in a water bath for 2 minutes, remove the tube from the water bath, and immediately shake vigorously and vertically for 5 seconds. Repeat this procedure four times: the Liquid Paraffin layer remains unchanged in color, and the sulfuric acid layer has no more color than the following control solution.

Control solution: Mix 3.0 mL of Ferric Chloride Colorimetric Stock Solution with 1.5 mL of Cobaltous Chloride Colorimetric Stock Solution and 0.50 mL of Cupric Sulfate Colorimetric Stock Solution.

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.