

F,G: Rubber tube with a clamp
H: Thermometer

(ii) Procedure: Transfer 5.0 g of Natural Aluminum Silicate to the distilling flask A with the aid of 20 mL of water, add about 1 g of glass wool and 50 mL of diluted purified sulfuric acid (1 in 2), and connect A to the distillation apparatus, previously washed with steam streamed through the steam introducing tube E. Connect the condenser C with the receiver D containing 10 mL of 0.01 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS and 10 mL of water so that the lower end of C is immersed in the solution. Heat A gradually until the temperature of the solution in A reaches 130°C, then open the rubber tube F, close the rubber tube G, boil water in the steam generator B vigorously, and introduce the generated steam into F. Simultaneously, heat A, and maintain the temperature of the solution in A between 135°C and 145°C. Adjust the distilling rate to about 10 mL per minute. Collect about 170 mL of the distillate, then stop the distillation, wash C with a small quantity of water, combine the washings with the distillate, add water to make exactly 200 mL, and use this solution as the test solution. Perform the test with the test solution as directed in the procedure of determination for fluoride under the Oxygen Flask Combustion Method. No corrective solution is used in this procedure.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Amount (mg) of fluoride (F: 19.00) in the test solution} \\ &= \text{amount (mg) of fluoride in 5 mL of} \\ &\quad \text{the standard solution} \\ &\times \frac{A_T}{A_S} \times \frac{200}{V} \end{aligned}$$

The content of fluoride (F) is not more than 0.08%.

Loss on ignition Not more than 10% (0.25 g, 900°C, constant mass).

Assay Ignite Magnesium Oxide to constant mass at 900°C, weigh accurately about 0.2 g of the residue, dissolve in 10 mL of water and 4.0 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and add water to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 25 mL of this solution, add 50 mL of water and 5 mL of ammonia-ammonium chloride buffer solution, pH 10.7, and titrate with 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS (indicator: 0.04 g of eriochrome black T-sodium chloride indicator). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

From the volume of 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS consumed, deduct the volume of 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS corresponding to the content of calcium oxide (CaO) obtained in the Purity (5).

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Each mL of 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen} \\ &\text{ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS} \\ &= 2.0152 \text{ mg of MgO} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Each mg of calcium oxide (CaO)} \\ &= 0.36 \text{ mL of 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen} \\ &\text{ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS} \end{aligned}$$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Magnesium Silicate

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Magnesium Silicate contains not less than 45.0% of silicon dioxide (SiO₂: 60.08) and not less than 20.0% of magnesium oxide (MgO: 40.30), and the ratio of percentage (%) of magnesium oxide to silicon dioxide is not less than 2.2 and not more than 2.5.

Description Magnesium Silicate occurs as a white, fine powder. It is odorless and tasteless.

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

Identification (1) Mix 0.5 g of Magnesium Silicate with 10 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, filter, and neutralize the filtrate with ammonia TS: the solution responds to the Qualitative Tests for magnesium salt.

(2) Prepare a bead by fusing ammonium sodium hydrogenphosphate tetrahydrate on a platinum loop. Place the bead in contact with Magnesium Silicate, and fuse again: an infusible matter appears in the bead, which changes to an opaque bead with a web-like structure upon cooling.

Purity (1) Soluble salts—Add 150 mL of water to 10.0 g of Magnesium Silicate, heat on a water bath for 60 minutes with occasional shaking, then cool, dilute with water to 150 mL, and centrifuge. Dilute 75 mL of the resultant transparent liquid with water to 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Evaporate 25 mL of the sample solution on a water bath to dryness, and ignite the residue at 700°C for 2 hours: the mass of the ignited residue is not more than 0.02 g.

(2) Alkali—To 20 mL of the sample solution obtained in (1) add 2 drops of phenolphthalein TS and 1.0 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS: no color develops.

(3) Chloride—Take 10 mL of the sample solution obtained in (1), add 6 mL of dilute nitric acid, dilute with water to 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 0.75 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.053%).

(4) Sulfate—To the residue obtained in (1) add about 3 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and heat on a water bath for 10 minutes. Add 30 mL of water, filter, wash the residue on the filter with water, combine the washings with the filtrate, and dilute to 50 mL with water. To 4 mL of the solution add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid and water to make 50 mL. Perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 1.0 mL of 0.005 mol/L sulfuric acid VS (not more than 0.480%).

(5) Heavy metals—To 1.0 g of Magnesium Silicate add 20 mL of water and 3 mL of hydrochloric acid, and boil for 2 minutes. Filter, and wash the residue on the filter with two 5-mL portions of water. Evaporate the combined filtrate and washings on a water bath to dryness, add 2 mL of dilute acetic acid to the residue, warm until solution is complete, filter, if necessary, add water to make 50 mL, and perform the test using this solution as the test solution. Prepare the control solution with 3.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution, 2 mL of dilute acetic acid and water to make 50 mL (not more than 30 ppm).

(6) Arsenic—To 0.4 g of Magnesium Silicate add 5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, heat gently to boiling while shaking well, cool rapidly, and centrifuge. Mix the residue with 5 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid with shaking, centrifuge, then add 10 mL of water to the residue, and repeat the extraction in the same manner. Concentrate the combined extracts on a water bath to 5 mL. Use this solution as the test solution, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 5 ppm).

Loss on ignition Not more than 34% (0.5 g, 850°C, 3 hours).

Acid-consuming capacity Place about 0.2 g of Magnesium Silicate, accurately weighed, in a glass-stoppered flask, add exactly 30 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS and 20 mL of water, shake at $37 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 hour, and cool. Pipet 25 mL of the supernatant liquid, and titrate the excess hydrochloric acid, while stirring well, with 0.1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS until the pH becomes 3.5.

1 g of Magnesium Silicate, calculated on the anhydrous basis by making allowance for the observed loss on ignition determined as directed in the preceding Loss on ignition, consumes not less than 140 mL and not more than 160 mL of 0.1 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS.

Assay (1) Silicon dioxide—Weigh accurately about 0.7 g of Magnesium Silicate, add 10 mL of 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid TS, evaporate on a water bath to dryness, add 25 mL of water to the residue, and heat on a water bath for 15 minutes with occasional stirring. Filter the supernatant liquid through filter paper for assay, add 25 mL of hot water to the residue, stir, and decant the supernatant liquid on the filter paper to filter. Wash the residue in the same manner with two 25-mL portions of hot water, transfer the residue onto the filter paper, and wash with hot water until the last washing does not respond to the Qualitative Tests (1) for sulfate. Place the residue and the filter paper in a platinum crucible, incinerate with strong heating, and ignite between 775°C and 825°C for 30 minutes, then cool, and weigh the residue as *a* (g). Moisten the residue with water, and add 6 mL of hydrofluoric acid and 3 drops of sulfuric acid. Evaporate to dryness, ignite for 5 minutes, cool, and weigh the residue as *b* (g).

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Content (\% of silicon dioxide (SiO}_2\text{))} \\ &= \frac{a - b}{\text{mass (g) of the sample}} \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Magnesium oxide—Weigh accurately about 0.3 g of Magnesium Silicate, transfer to a 50-mL conical flask, add 10 mL of 0.5 mol/L sulfuric acid VS, and heat on a water bath for 15 minutes. Cool, transfer to a 100-mL volumetric flask, wash the conical flask with water, add the washings to the volumetric flask, dilute with water to 100 mL, and filter. Pipet 50 mL of the filtrate, shake with 50 mL of water and 5 mL of diluted 2,2',2''-nitrilotriethanol (1 in 2), add 2.0 mL of ammonia TS and 10 mL of ammonia-ammonium chloride buffer solution, pH 10.7, and titrate with 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS (indicator: 0.04 g of eriochrome black T-sodium chloride indicator).

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Each mL of 0.05 mol/L disodium dihydrogen} \\ & \text{ethylenediamine tetraacetate VS} \\ &= 2.0152 \text{ mg of MgO} \end{aligned}$$

(3) Ratio of percentage (%) of magnesium oxide (MgO) to silicon dioxide (SiO₂)—Calculate the quotient from the percentages obtained in (1) and (2).

Containers and storage Containers—Well-closed containers.

Magnesium Sulfate

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MgSO₄·7H₂O: 246.47

Magnesium Sulfate, when ignited, contains not less than 99.0% of MgSO₄: 120.37.

Description Magnesium Sulfate occurs as colorless or white crystals. It has a cooling, saline, bitter taste.

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

It dissolves in dilute hydrochloric acid.

Identification A solution of Magnesium Sulfate (1 in 40) responds to the Qualitative Tests for magnesium salt and for sulfate.

pH Dissolve 1.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate in 20 mL of water: the pH of this solution is between 5.0 and 8.2.

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

(2) Chloride—Perform the test with 1.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate. Prepare the control solution with 0.40 mL of 0.01 mol/L hydrochloric acid VS (not more than 0.014%).

(3) Heavy metals—Proceed with 2.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate according to Method 1, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 10 ppm).

(4) Zinc—Dissolve 2.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate in 20 mL of water, and add 1 mL of acetic acid and 5 drops of potassium hexacyanoferrate (II) TS: no turbidity is produced.

(5) Calcium—Dissolve 1.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate in 5.0 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, add water to make 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 1.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate in 2.0 mL of standard calcium solution and 5.0 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, add water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry according to the following conditions, and determine the absorbances, *A_T* and *A_S*, of both solutions: *A_T* is not bigger than *A_S* - *A_T* (not more than 0.02%).

Gas: Combustible gas—Acetylene or hydrogen

Supporting gas—Air

Lamp: Calcium hollow-cathode lamp

Wavelength: 422.7 nm

(6) Arsenic—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Magnesium Sulfate according to Method 1, and perform the test using Apparatus B (not more than 2 ppm).

Loss on ignition 45.0 - 52.0% (1 g, after drying at 105°C for 2 hours, ignite at 450°C for 3 hours).