

**NITRAZEPAM** CAS No. 146-22-5

Nitrazepam IP/ BP

C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 281.27

7-Nitro-5-phenyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one

[146-22-5]

99%



Nitrazepam, when dried, contains not less than 99.0% of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

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It is freely soluble in acetic acid (100), soluble in acetone and in chloroform, slightly soluble in methanol, in ethanol (95) and in ethanol (99.5), very slightly soluble in *diethylether*, and practically insoluble in water.

**Melting point: about 227<sup>o</sup> C (with decomposition).**

Identification

(1) To 3 mL of a solution of Nitrazepam in methanol (1 in 500) add 0.1 mL of sodium hydroxide TS: a yellow color is produced.

(2) To 0.02 g of Nitrazepam add 15 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, boil for 5 minutes, cool, and filter: the filtrate responds to the **Qualitative Tests <1.09> for primary aromatic amines.**

(3) Neutralize 0.5 mL of the filtrate obtained in (2) with sodium hydroxide TS, add 2 mL of ninhydrin TS, and heat on a water bath: a purple color is produced.

(4) Determine the absorption spectrum of a solution of Nitrazepam in ethanol (99.5) (1 in 100,000) as directed under Ultraviolet-visible Spectrophotometry <2.24>, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wavelengths.

**Purity :**

(1) **Clarity and color of solution**—Dissolve 0.10 g of Nitrazepam in 20 mL of acetone: the solution is clear and pale yellow to light yellow in color.

(2) **Heavy metals <1.07>**—Proceed with 1.0 g of Nitrazepam according to Method 2, and perform the test. Prepare the control solution with 2.0 mL of Standard Lead Solution (not more than 20 ppm).

(3) **Arsenic <1.11>**—Prepare the test solution with 1.0 g of Nitrazepam according to Method 3, and perform the test (not more than 2 ppm).

(4) **Related substances**—Dissolve 0.25 g of Nitrazepam in a 10 mL of mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1), and use this solution as the sample solution. Pipet 1 mL of the sample solution, add a mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1) to make exactly 20 mL, pipet 2 mL of this solution, add a mixture of methanol and chloroform (1:1) to make exactly 50 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with these solutions as directed under Thin-layer Chromatography <2.03>. **Spot 10 mL** each of the sample solution and standard solution on a plate of silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography. Develop the plate with a mixture of nitromethane and ethyl acetate (17:3) to a distance of about 10 cm, and **air-dry the plate. Examine under ultraviolet light (main wavelength: 254 nm):** the spots other than the principal spot from the sample solution are not more intense than the spot from the standard solution.

Loss on drying <2.41> 4 hours).

Residue on ignition <2.44>

Assay Weigh accurately about 0.4 g of Nitrazepam, previously dried, and dissolve in 40 mL of acetic acid (100). Titrate <2.50> with 0.1 mol/L W perchloric acid VS (potentiometric

titration). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 0.1 mol/L W perchloric acid VS

= 28.13 mg of C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.

Storage—Light-resistant.

Not more than 0.5z (1 g, 1059 C,

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Packing: 25kg /drum or on request.

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