

Exp 2. DETERMINATION OF IODINE VALUE IN OILS AND FATS

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2. OBJECTIVES: To perform determination of iodine value in oils and fats.

2.1. INTRODUCTION: The glycerides of the unsaturated fatty acids unite with a definite amount of iodine and the iodine value is therefore a measure of the degree of unsaturation

2.2 PRINCIPLE: The material is treated, in carbon tetrachloride medium, with a known excess of iodine monochloride solution in glacial acetic acid (Wijs solution). The excess of iodine monochloride is treated with potassium iodide and the liberated iodine estimated by titration with sodium thiosulphate solution.

2.3 REQUIREMENTS

Reagents

Potassium Dichromate. Concentrated Hydrochloric Acid.

Potassium Iodide Solution - Prepare a fresh solution by dissolving 10 g of KI free from potassium iodate, in 90 ml of water.

Starch Solution - Tritrate 5 g of starch and 0.01 g of mercuric iodide with 30 ml of cold water and slowly pour it with stirring into one litre of boiling water. Boil for three minutes. Allow to cool and decant off the supernatant clear liquid. Standard Sodium Thiosulphate Solution (0.1N).

Glacial acetic Acid. Iodine Monochloride (ICI) - 98 %.

Wijs Iodine Monochloride Solution Dissolve 10 ml of iodine monochloride in about 1800 ml of glacial acetic acid (chemically pure) and shake vigorously. Pipette 5 ml of this, add 10 ml of KI solution and titrate with 0.1 N standard $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution, using starch solution as indicator. Adjust the volume of the solution till it is approximately 0.2 N.

Carbon Tetrachloride or Chloroform - inert to Wijs solution

2.4 PROCEDURE

Melt the sample if it is not already completely liquid, and filter through a filter paper to remove any impurities and the last traces of moisture. Make sure that the sample as well as the glass apparatus used is absolutely clean and dry. Weigh accurately, by difference, an appropriate quantity of the oil or fat, into a clean dry 500 ml iodine flask or well ground glass-stoppered bottle to which 25 ml of carbon tetra chloride have been added and agitate to dissolve the contents. Add 25 ml of Wijs solution and

replace the glass stopper after wetting with KI solution; swirl for intimate mixing, and allow to stand in the dark for 30 min. in the case of non-drying and semi-drying oils and 1 hr. in the case of drying oils. Carry out a blank test simultaneously under similar experimental conditions. After standing, add 15 ml of KI solution and 100 ml of water, rinsing in the stopper also, and titrate the liberated iodine with standard Na₂S₂O₃ solution, swirling the contents of the bottle continuously to avoid any local excess until the colour of the solution is straw yellow. Add 1 ml of the starch solution and continue the titration until the blue colour formed disappears after thorough shaking with the stopper on.

2.5 CALCULATION

Iodine value: $[12.69(B-S) \times N] / W$

Where, B = Volume, in ml, of Na₂S₂O₃ solution required for the blank, S = volume, in ml, of Na₂S₂O₃ solution required for the sample, N = normality of Na₂S₂O₃ solution, and W = weight, in g, of the material taken for the test.

2.6 RESULTS AND INFERENCE

The mean of the results of two determinations should be reported. The difference between the results of two determinations carried out simultaneously or in rapid succession by the same analyst (repeatability) shall not exceed 0.5. The range of iodine value for animal fats (30-70), non-drying oils (80-110), semi-drying oils (80- 140) and drying oils (125-200) and very small value for waxes. The iodine value of commonly used edible oils is given as below

Type of Oil	Iodine Value	Type of Oil	Iodine Value
Coconut oil	7.5-10.5	Safflower oil	138-146
Cottonseed oil	98-115	Sunflower oil	100-140
Groundnut oil	87-98	Soybean oil	125-140
Mustard oil	98-110	Rice bran oil	90-105
Sesame oil	103-115	Palm oil	44-58

Reference: <https://egyankosh.ac.in>