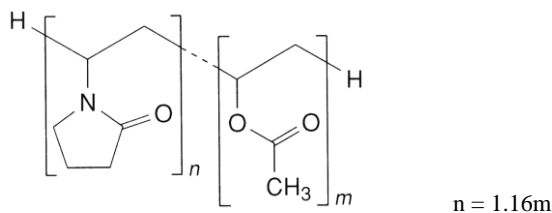


# Copovidone



$(C_6H_9NO)_n, (C_4H_6O_2)_m$   $(C_6H_9NO: 111.14)_n + (C_4H_6O_2: 86.09)_m$

Copolymer of 1-ethenylpyrrolidin-2-one and ethenyl acetate

(Poly[(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)ethylene-co-(1-acetoxyethylene)]) [25086-89-9]

## Definition

Copovidone is a copolymer of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate at the ratio by weight of 3:2.

It, calculated on the dried basis, contains not less than 7.0% and not more than 8.0% of nitrogen (N: 14.01), and not less than 35.3% and not more than 42.0% of vinyl acetate ( $C_4H_6O_2$ : 86.09).

## Labelling

Label it to indicate its nominal K-value.

## Identification

Determine the infrared absorption spectrum of Copovidone, previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours, as directed in the potassium bromide disk method under the Infrared Spectrophotometry, and compare the spectrum with the Reference Spectrum or the spectrum of Copovidone Reference Standard previously dried at 105°C for 3 hours: both spectra exhibit similar intensities of absorption at the same wave numbers.

## K-value

Weigh exactly an amount of Copovidone, equivalent to 1.000 g, calculated on the dried basis, and dissolve in water to make exactly 100 ml, allow to stand for 60 minutes, and use this solution as the sample solution. Perform the test with the sample solution and with water at 25°C as directed in Method 1 under the Viscosity Determination, and calculate the K-value by the following formula. The K-value of Copovidone is not less than 90.0% and not more than 110.0% of the nominal K-value.

$$K = \frac{1.5 \log v_{rel.} - 1}{0.15 + 0.003c} + \frac{\sqrt{300c \log v_{rel.} + (c + 1.5c \log v_{rel.})^2}}{0.15c + 0.003c^2}$$

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36  $c$ : Mass (g) of Copovidone in 100 mL of the solution, calculated on the dried basis.37  $v_{rel}$ : Kinetic viscosity of the solution relative to that of water.

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40 **pH**41 Dissolve 1.0 g of Copovidone in 10 ml of water: the pH of this solution is between 3.0  
42 and 7.0.

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44 **Purity** (1) Clarity and color of solution - Dissolve 1.0 g of Copovidone in 10 ml of water:  
45 the solution is clear or slightly opalescent and colorless to pale yellow or pale red.

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47 (2) Aldehydes - Weigh accurately about 1 g of Copovidone, and dissolve in 0.05 mol/L  
48 pyrophosphate buffer solution, pH 9.0 to make exactly 100 mL. Stopper tightly, warm  
49 at 60°C for 60 minutes, allow to cool to room temperature, and use this solution as the  
50 sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.140 g of acetaldehyde ammonia trimer  
51 trihydrate in water to make exactly 200 mL. Dilute 1.0 mL of this solution, add 0.05  
52 mol/L pyrophosphate buffer solution, pH 9.0 to make exactly 100 mL, and use this  
53 solution as the standard solution.54 Measure exactly 0.5 mL each of the sample solution, the standard solution and water  
55 (for blank test), transfer to separate cells with a path length of 1 cm, add 2.5 mL of 0.05  
56 mol/L pyrophosphate buffer solution, pH 9.0, and 0.2 mL of  $\beta$ -nicotinamide adenine  
57 dinucleotide TS to each of those cells, mix and stopper tightly. Allow to stand for 2 to  
58 3 minutes at 22±2°C, and perform the test with these solutions as directed under the  
59 Spectrophotometry using water as the control solution. Determine the absorbances,  
60  $A_{t1}$ ,  $A_{s1}$  and  $A_{b1}$ , of the subsequent solutions of the sample solution, the standard  
61 solution and water (blank) at 340 nm. Then, add 0.05 mL of aldehyde dehydrogenase  
62 TS to each of the cells, stir stopper tightly. Allow to stand at 22±2°C for 5 minutes.  
63 Determine the absorbances,  $A_{t2}$ ,  $A_{s2}$  and  $A_{b2}$ , of these solutions in the same manner as  
64 above: the content of aldehyde is not more than 500 ppm (as acetaldehyde).

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67 Content (ppm) of aldehydes as acetaldehyde = 
$$\frac{(A_{T2} - A_{T1}) - (A_{B2} - A_{B1})}{(A_{S2} - A_{S1}) - (A_{B2} - A_{B1})} \times \frac{C}{M} \times 100000$$

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70  $M$ : Weighed amount (g) of Copovidone, calculated on the dried basis.71  $C$ : Concentration (mg/mL) of acetaldehyde in the reference solution, calculated from  
72 the weight of the acetaldehyde ammonia trimer trihydrate with the factor 0.72.

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74 (3) Peroxides - Weigh exactly an amount of Copovidone, equivalent to 4.0 g calculated

75 on the dried basis, dissolve in water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as  
76 the sample solution. To 25 mL of the sample solution add 2 mL of titanium (III)  
77 chloride-sulfuric acid TS, and mix. Allow to stand for 30 minutes, and perform the  
78 test with this solution as directed under the Spectrophotometry, using a solution  
79 prepared by adding 2 mL of 13% sulfuric acid to 25 mL of the sample solution as a  
80 blank: the absorbance of the subsequent solution of the sample solution at 405 nm is  
81 not more than 0.35 (not more than 400 ppm, as hydrogen peroxide).

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83 (4) Hydrazine - Weigh exactly an amount of Copovidone, equivalent to 2.5 g calculated  
84 on the dried basis, transfer to a 50-mL centrifuge tube, add 25 mL of water, and stir to  
85 dissolve. Add 500  $\mu$ L of a solution of salicylaldehyde in methanol (1 in 20), stir and  
86 warm at 60°C for 15 minutes in a water bath. Allow to cool, add 2.0 mL of toluene,  
87 stopper tightly, shake vigorously for 2 minutes, centrifuge, and use the upper layer of  
88 the mixture as the sample solution. Separately, dissolve 0.09 g of salicylaldazine in  
89 toluene to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 1 mL of this solution, add toluene to make  
90 exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with  
91 these solutions as directed under the Thin-layer Chromatography. Spot 10  $\mu$ L each of  
92 the sample solution and the standard solution on a plate coated with a 0.25 mm layer  
93 of dimethylsilanized silica gel with fluorescent indicator for thin-layer chromatography.  
94 Develop the plate with a mixture of methanol and water (2:1) to distance of about  
95 three-fourths of the length of the plate, and air-dry the plate. Examine under  
96 ultraviolet (main wavelength: 365 nm): the  $R_f$  value of the fluorescent spot from the  
97 standard solution is about 0.3, and the fluorescent of the spot from the sample solution  
98 corresponding to the spot from standard solution is not more intense than that of the  
99 spot from the standard solution (not more than 1 ppm).

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101 (5) 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate - Weigh accurately 0.25 g of copovidone and  
102 dissolve in a mixture of water and acetonitrile [(23 : 2) (v : v)] to make exactly 10 mL.  
103 Use this solution as the sample solution. Separately, transfer 50 mg of each  
104 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate and dissolve in methanol to make exactly 100  
105 mL. Pipet accurately 1 mL of this solution and add methanol to make exactly 100 mL.  
106 Pipet accurately 5 mL of this solution, add a mixture of water and acetonitrile [(23 :  
107 2)(v : v)] to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the standard solution.  
108 Perform the test with exactly 20  $\mu$ L each of the sample solution and the standard  
109 solution as directed under Liquid Chromatography according to the following  
110 conditions, and determine the peak areas;  $A_{Ta}$ ,  $A_{Tb}$ ,  $A_{Sa}$ , and  $A_{Sb}$  of  
111 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate in each solution, the content of neither  
112 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone nor vinyl acetate is more than 10 ppm. After each test with the  
113 sample solution, elute and wash away the remaining sample by passing the mobile

114 phase through the column backwards for about 30 minutes. Store the sample solution  
115 and standard solution at a temperature not above 10°C, and use within 8 hours.

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117 Content (ppm) of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone =  $(2.5 / M) \times (A_{Ta} / A_{Sa})$

118 Content (ppm) of vinyl acetate =  $(2.5 / M) \times (A_{Tb} / A_{Sb})$

119  $M$ : Amount (g) of copovidone, calculated on the dried basis

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121 *Operating conditions -*

122 Detector: An ultraviolet absorption photometer (Wavelength: 235 nm for 1-vinyl-2-  
123 pyrrolidone and 205 nm for vinyl acetate)

124 Column: Two stainless steel columns, one is about 4 mm in inside diameter and about  
125 33 mm in length and the other is about 4 mm in inside diameter and about 250 mm in  
126 length, packed each with octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5 μm  
127 in particle diameter), and used as the pre-column and the separation column,  
128 respectively.

129 Column temperature: A constant temperature of about 40°C

130 Mobile phase: A mixture of water and acetonitrile [(23 : 2)(v : v)]

131 Flow rate: 1.0 ml/min.

132 Retention time: 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate are about 17minutes and  
133 about 22 minutes.

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135 *System suitability -*

136 System performance: When the procedure is run with 20 μL of the standard solution  
137 at the measuring wavelength of 205 nm under the above operating conditions,  
138 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate are eluted in this order with the resolution  
139 between the peaks being not less than 2.0.

140 System repeatability: When the test is repeated 6 times with 20 μL of the standard  
141 solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of the  
142 peak areas of 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and vinyl acetate is not more than 2.0%.

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144 (6) 2-Pyrrolidone—Weigh accurately about 1 g of Copovidone, and added 5 mL of  
145 methanol for liquid chromatography and dissolved by using ultrasonication. Added  
146 water to make exactly 100 mL, and use this solution as the sample solution.  
147 Separately, dissolve 0.150 g of 2-pyrrolidone in a mixture of water and methanol for  
148 liquid chromatography [19 : 1 (v : v)] to make exactly 100 mL. Pipet 3 mL of this  
149 solution, add a mixture of water and methanol [19 : 1 (v : v)] to make exactly 100 mL,  
150 and use this solution as the standard solution. Perform the test with exactly 20 μL  
151 each of the sample solution and the standard solution as directed under the Liquid

152 Chromatography according to the following conditions, and determine the peak areas,  
153  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ , of 2-pyrrolidone in each solution: the content of 2-pyrrolidone is not more  
154 than 0.5%. After each test with the sample solution, wash away the polymeric  
155 material of Copovidone from the guard column by passing the mobile phase through  
156 the column backwards for about 30 minutes at the same flow rate as applied in the  
157 test.

$$158 \text{ Content(\% of 2-pyrrolidone)} = \frac{A_T}{A_S} \times \frac{0.45}{M}$$

159  $M$ : Weighed amount (g) of copovidone, calculated on the dried basis.

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161 *Operating conditions –*

162 Detector : An ultraviolet spectrophotometer (detection wavelength: 205nm)

163 Column : Stainless steel column 4.0 mm in inside diameter and about 10 mm in  
164 length, and 4.6 mm in inside diameter and about 150 mm in length, packed with  
165 octadecylsilanized silica gel for liquid chromatography (5  $\mu\text{m}$  in particle diameter), and  
166 use them as a guard column and a separation column, respectively.

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168 Column temperature : A constant temperature of about 40°C.

169 Mobile phase : a mixture of water and methanol [19 : 1 (v : v)]

170 Flow rate : 0.8 mL/min.

171 Retention time: 2-pyrrolidone = about 7 min.

172 *System suitability -*

173 System performance: When the procedure is run with 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of the standard solution  
174 under the above operating conditions, the number of theoretical plates and the  
175 symmetry factor of the peak of 2-pyrrolidone are not less than 5000 and not more than  
176 1.5, respectively.

177 System repeatability : When the test is repeated six times with 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of the standard  
178 solution under the above operating conditions, the relative standard deviation of  
179 obtained peak areas of 2-pyrrolidone is not more than 2.0%.

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181 **Loss on drying**

182 Not more than 5.0% (0.5 g, 105°C, 3 hours).

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184 **Residue on ignition**

185 Not more than 0.1% (1 g).

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188 **Assay**

189 Vinyl acetate

190 Weigh accurately about 2 g of Copovidone into a 250 mL borosilicate glass flask, add an  
 191 exactly measured 25 mL of 0.5 mol/L potassium hydroxide-ethanol Standard Solution  
 192 for Volumetric Analysis and a few glass beads, and heat under reflux for 30 min.  
 193 Titrate immediately (while still hot) with 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid Standard  
 194 Solution for Volumetric Analysis (indicator: 1 mL of phenolphthalein TS)( $n_1$  mL of 0.5  
 195 mol/L hydrochloric acid Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis). Carry out a  
 196 blank test under the same conditions ( $n_2$  mL of 0.5 mol/L hydrochloric acid Standard  
 197 Solution for Volumetric Analysis). Calculate the percentage of copolymerized vinyl  
 198 acetate in the Copovidone taken by the formula:

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$$200 \text{ Content (\% of vinyl acetate) } = 0.1 \times \frac{86.09}{56.11} \times \frac{28.05(n_2 - n_1)}{M}$$

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204  $M$ : Weighed amount (g) of Copovidone, calculated on the dried basis.

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#### 206 Nitrogen

207 Weigh accurately about 0.1 g of Copovidone, and place in a Kjeldahl flask. Add 5 g of  
 208 a powdered mixture of 33 g of potassium sulfate, 1 g of cupric sulfate and 1 g of  
 209 titanium dioxide, and wash down any adhering sample from the neck of the flask with  
 210 a small amount of water. Add 7 mL of sulfuric acid allowing to flow down the inside  
 211 wall of the flask. Heat the flask gradually until the solution has a clear, yellow-green  
 212 color, and the inside wall of the flask is free from a carbonized material, and then heat  
 213 for further 45 minutes. After cooling, add cautiously 20 mL of water, and connect the  
 214 flask to the distillation apparatus previously washed by passing steam through it. To  
 215 the absorption flask add 30 mL of a solution of boric acid (1 in 25), 3 drops of  
 216 bromocresol green-methyl red TS and sufficient water to immerse the lower end of the  
 217 condenser tube. Add 30 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (2 in 5) through the  
 218 funnel, rinse cautiously the funnel with 10 mL of water, immediately close the clamp  
 219 attached to the rubber tube, then start the distillation with steam to obtain 80 to 100  
 220 mL of the distillate. Remove the absorption flask from the lower end of the condenser  
 221 tube, rinsing the end part with a small quantity of water, and titrate the distillate with  
 222 0.025 mol/L sulfuric acid Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis until the color of  
 223 the solution changes from green through pale grayish blue to pale grayish red-purple.  
 224 Perform a blank determination in the same manner, and make any necessary  
 225 correction.

226 Each mL of 0.025 mol/L sulfuric acid Standard Solution for Volumetric Analysis  
 227 = 0.700 mg of N