Octyldodecanol

C_{20}H_{42}O 298.55
1-Dodecanol, 2-octyl-;
2-Octyldodecan-1-ol;
2-Octyldodecanol;
2-Octyldodecyl alcohol [5333-42-6].

**DEFINITION**

Octyldodecanol contains NLT 90.0% and NMT 102.0% of 2-octyldodecanol, the remainder consisting chiefly of related alcohols. It is obtained from sources of vegetable, animal, or synthetic origin.

**IDENTIFICATION**

- **A. CHROMATOGRAPHIC IDENTITY**
  
  **Analysis:** Proceed as directed in the Assay.
  
  **Acceptance criteria:** The retention time of the major peak of the Sample solution, excluding the solvent and internal standard peaks, corresponds to the 2-octyldodecanol peak of the Standard solution.

**ASSAY**

**Change to read:**

- **PROCEDURE**
  
  **Internal standard solution:** 1 mg/mL of 1-pentadecanol (internal standard) in ethanol
  
  **System suitability solution:** Prepare 1 mg/mL each of USP Cetyl Alcohol RS, USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, and USP Oleyl Alcohol RS in an Internal standard solution, and heat the solution in a sealed container in a 50° water bath until all fatty alcohols are dissolved. Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and mix well.
  
  **Standard solution:** Prepare 1.0 mg/mL of USP Octyldodecanol RS in Internal standard solution.
  
  **Sample solution:** Prepare 1.0 mg/mL of Octyldodecanol in Internal standard solution.
  
  **Chromatographic system**
  (See Chromatography (621), System Suitability.)
  
  **Mode:** GC
  
  **Detector:** Flame ionization
  
  **Column:** 0.25-mm × 30-m fused-silica capillary, coated with a 0.25-µm layer of phase G7
  
  **Temperatures**
  
  **Injection port:** 270°
  
  **Detector:** 280°
  
  **Column:** See Table 1.

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<th>Initial Temperature (°)</th>
<th>Temperature Ramp (°/min)</th>
<th>Final Temperature (°)</th>
<th>Hold Time at Final Temperature (min)</th>
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**Table 2**

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<th>Component</th>
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<td>1-Pentadecanol (internal standard)</td>
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<td>Cetyl alcohol</td>
<td>1.08</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stearyl alcohol</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<td>Oleyl alcohol</td>
<td>1.27</td>
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<td>2-Octyldodecanol</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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**Suitability requirements**

**Resolution:** NLT 10.0 between the cetyl alcohol and stearyl alcohol peaks; NLT 2.0 between the stearyl alcohol and oleyl alcohol peaks, System suitability solution

**Tailing factor:** 0.8–1.8 for the 2-octyldodecanol and internal standard peaks, Standard solution

**Relative standard deviation:** NMT 1%, using the area ratio of 2-octyldodecanol to 1-pentadecanol, Standard solution

**Analysis**

**Samples:** Standard solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of 2-octyldodecanol (C_{20}H_{42}O) in the portion of Octyldodecanol taken:

Result = \( \left( \frac{R_s}{R_i} \right) \times \left( \frac{C_S}{C_U} \right) \times 100 \)

- \( R_i \) = peak response ratio of 2-octyldodecanol to the internal standard (peak response of 2-octyldodecanol/peak response of the internal standard) from the Standard solution
- \( R_s \) = peak response ratio of 2-octyldodecanol to the internal standard (peak response of 2-octyldodecanol/peak response of the internal standard) from the Sample solution
- \( C_S \) = concentration of USP Octyldodecanol RS in the Standard solution (mg/mL)
- \( C_U \) = concentration of Octyldodecanol in the Sample solution (mg/mL)

**Acceptance criteria:** 90.0%–102.0% of 2-octyldodecanol

**IMPURITIES**

**Add the following:**

- **[NOTE—On the basis of the manufacturing route, perform either Organic Impurity Test 1 or Organic Impurity Test 2.]**
- **RESIDUE ON IGNITION (281):** NMT 0.1%, determined on 2 g

**Change to read:**

- **ORGANIC IMPURITY TEST 1:**

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Octyldodecanol

System suitability solution: Prepare 1 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS in ethanol, and heat the solution in a sealed container in a 50°C water bath until all fatty alcohols are dissolved. Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and mix well. Dilute the solution with ethanol to obtain a solution containing 0.05 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS.

Sample solution: 1 mg/mL of Octyldodecanol in ethanol

Chromatographic system: Proceed as directed in the Assay, except use split injection with a split ratio of 5:1.

System suitability

Samples: System suitability solution and Sample solution

[NOTE—See Table 3 for the relative retention times.]

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<td>n-Nonadecane</td>
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<td>9-Methyl nonadecane</td>
<td>0.65</td>
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<td>2-Octyl-1-decanol or 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol</td>
<td>0.87</td>
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<td>Stearyl alcohol</td>
<td>0.95</td>
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<td>Oleyl alcohol</td>
<td>0.96</td>
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<td>Linoleyl alcohol</td>
<td>0.99</td>
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<tr>
<td>Octyldodecanol</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2-Octyl-1-tetradecanol or 2-decyl-1-dodecanol</td>
<td>1.17</td>
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*Related linear chain fatty alcohol.

Samples: System suitability solution and 1 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS in ethanol, and heat the solution in a sealed container in a 50°C water bath until all fatty alcohols are dissolved. Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and mix well. Dilute the solution with ethanol to obtain a solution containing 0.05 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS.

Sample solution: 1 mg/mL of Octyldodecanol in ethanol

Analyses

Samples: System suitability solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of each related fatty alcohol and branched chain aldehyde in the Sample solution taken:

\[ \text{Result} = \left( \frac{r_o}{r_U} \right) \times 100 \]

where:
- \( r_o \) = peak response of n-nonadecane (9-methyl nonadecane, each of the linear chain fatty alcohols and branched chain fatty alcohols, or any other unspecified related fatty alcohol or impurity) from the Sample solution
- \( r_U \) = sum of all the peak responses, excluding peak responses due to solvent, from the Sample solution

Acceptance criteria: Disregard any unspecified peaks that are less than 0.05% and any peaks due to solvent.

Sum of unspecified related fatty alcohols and impurities: NMT 1%

Sum of n-nonadecane, 9-methyl nonadecane, 2-octyl-1-decanol, 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol, 2-octyl-1-tetradecanol, and 2-decyl-1-dodecanol: NMT 1.5%

Add the following:

**ORGANIC IMPURITY TEST 2: LIMIT OF BRANCHED CHAIN FATTY ALCOHOLS AND BRANCHED CHAIN ALDEHYDE**

System suitability solution: Prepare 1 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS in ethanol, and heat the solution in a sealed container in a 50°C water bath until all fatty alcohols are dissolved. Allow the solution to cool to room temperature, and mix well. Dilute the solution with ethanol to obtain a solution containing 0.05 mg/mL each of USP Stearyl Alcohol RS, USP Oleyl Alcohol RS, USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS, and USP Octyldodecanol RS.

Sample solution: 1 mg/mL of Octyldodecanol in ethanol

Chromatographic system: Proceed as directed in the Assay, except use split injection with a split ratio of 5:1 and run time of 30 min.

System suitability

Samples: System suitability solution and Sample solution

[NOTE—See Table 4 for the relative retention times for branched chain fatty alcohols and branched chain aldehyde.

Table 4

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<td>2-Octyl-1-decanol or 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol</td>
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Related linear chain fatty alcohol.

Samples: System suitability solution and Sample solution

Calculate the percentage of each branched chain fatty alcohol and branched chain aldehyde peak in the Sample solution according to Table 4.

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 2.0 between the stearyl alcohol and oleyl alcohol peaks; NLT 2.0 between the linoleyl alcohol and 2-octyldodecanol peaks, System suitability solution

Analysis

Samples: System suitability solution and Sample solution

Identify each branched chain fatty alcohol peak and branched chain aldehyde peak in the Sample solution according to Table 4.

Calculate the percentage of each branched chain fatty alcohol (2-octyl-1-decanol, 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol, 2-octyl-1-tetradecanol, or 2-decyl-1-dodecanol),
broadened chain aldehyde (2-octyldodecanal), or any unspecified fatty alcohol or impurity in the portion of Octyldodecanol taken:

\[
\text{Result} = \left( \frac{r_u}{r_T} \right) \times 100
\]

- \( r_u \) = peak response of each branched chain fatty alcohol (2-octyl-1-decanol, 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol, 2-octyl-1-tetradecanol, or 2-decyl-1-dodecanol), branched chain aldehyde (2-octyldodecanal), or any unspecified fatty alcohol or impurity from the Sample solution.
- \( r_T \) = sum of all the peak responses, excluding peak responses due to solvent, from the Sample solution.

**Acceptance criteria:** Disregard any unspecified peaks that are less than 0.05%, and any peaks due to solvent.

1. **Sum of unspecified fatty alcohols and impurities:**
   - NMT 5%
2. **Branched chain fatty alcohols (2-octyl-1-decanol, 2-hexyl-1-dodecanol, 2-octyl-1-tetradecanol, and 2-decyl-1-dodecanol):**
   - NMT 5%
3. **Branched chain aldehyde (2-octyldodecanal):**
   - NMT 2%

**SPECIFIC TESTS**

- **FATS AND FIXED OILS** (401), *Acid Value:* NMT 0.5
- **FATS AND FIXED OILS** (401), *Hydroxyl Value:* 175–190
- **FATS AND FIXED OILS** (401), *Iodine Value:* NMT 8
- **FATS AND FIXED OILS** (401), *Peroxide Value:* NMT 5.0
- **WATER DETERMINATION** (921), Method I:
  - NMT 0.5%

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **PACKAGING AND STORAGE:** Preserve in tight containers.

**LABELING:** If a test for Impurities other than Organic Impurity Test 1 is used, the labeling states the test with which the article complies. Label it to indicate whether it is derived from vegetable, animal, or synthetic sources.

**Change to read:**

- **USP REFERENCE STANDARDS** (11)
  - USP Cetyl Alcohol RS
  - USP Linoleyl Alcohol RS
  - USP Octyldodecanol RS
  - USP Oleyl Alcohol RS
  - USP Stearyl Alcohol RS