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Specification

Church & Dwight Co., Inc. Arm & Hammer™ Sodium Bicarbonate USP Grade 1

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	United States Pharmacopoeia	Food Chemicals Codex
Description	Sodium Bicarbonate contains not	A white crystalline powder. It is stable
	less than 99.0 percent and not more	in dry air, but slowly decomposes in
	than 100.5 percent of NaHCO ₃	moist air. Its solutions, when freshly
	calculated on the dried basis.	prepared with cold water, without
		shaking, are alkaline to litmus. The
		alkalinity increases as the solutions
		stand, are agitated or are heated.
Identification	A solution of it responds to the tests	A 1 in 10 solution gives positive tests
	for sodium and bicarbonate.	for sodium and for bicarbonate.
Loss on Drying	Not more than 0.25% of its weight.	Not more than 0.25% by weight
Insoluble Substances	Dissolve 1 g in 20 ml of water; the	Passes test
	resulting solution is complete and	
	clear.	
Normal Carbonate	Meets test.	-
Chloride	Not more than 0.015%	-
Limit of Sulfur Compounds	Not more than 0.015%	-
Arsenic	Not more than 2 ppm	-
Heavy Metals	Not more than 5 ppm	-
Limit of Ammonia	Meets requirements.	Passes test
Residual Solvents	Meets requirements.	-
Assay – dry basis	Not less than 99.0% and not more	Not less than 99% NaHCO ₃ after
- -	than 100.5% of NaHCO ₃	drying
Lead	-	Not more than 2 mg/Kg

Granulation (Powdered)

		Ro-Tap Cumulative % Retained	
Sieve Size (USS)	Microns	Minimum	Maximum
100	149	0	2
200	74	20	45
325	44	60	100

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Empirical Formula	NaHCO ₃	
CAS Number	144-55-8	
Other Names	Bicarbonate of Soda	
	Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate	
	Baking Soda	
Chemical Abstract Name	Carbonic acid monosodium salt	
E Number	E-500(ii)	
Appearance	White crystalline powder	
Taste	Slightly alkaline	
Molecular Weight	84.01	
Thermal Decomposition	Decomposes without melting into Na ₂ CO3, H ₂ O and CO ₂	
Crystal Density	137.3 lb /ft³, 2.2 g / cc	
BTU / Ib at 72°F	0.249	
Solubility in water at 77°F	Approximately 9.5%	
Solubility in Alcohol	Insoluble	
Alkali Equivalent	1 lb NaHCO3 = 0.369 lb Na2O	
Acid Equivalent	1 lb NaHCO₃ = 0.435 lb HCl	
Carbon Dioxide Equivalent	1 lb NaHCO ₃ = 0.524 lb CO ₂	
pH 1% aqueous soln at 77°F	Approximately 8.3.	

