

Sunett ® - Type A - Chemical and physical properties

Synonyms	Acesulfame potassium salt (Acesulfame K)
Definition Chemical name: CAS number: E number: EINECS number: Chemical formula: Relative molecular mass:	Potassium salt of 6-methyl-1.2.3-oxathiazin-4(3H)-one-2.2-dioxide 55589-62-3 E 950 259-715-3 C ₄ H ₄ NO ₄ SK 201.24
Description	Odourless, white, crystalline powder having an intensively sweet taste Approximately 200 times as sweet as sucrose. Very soluble in water (approx. 270 g/L at 20 °C); less soluble in acetone (approx. 0.8 g/L at 20 °C) and ethanol (approx. 1 g/L at 20 °C).
Identification Ultra-violet absorption: Test for potassium:	UV-Maximum 227 <u>+</u> 2 nm (solution of 0.01 g/L in water) Positive
Purity	
Assay:	99.5 % to 100.5 % of C ₄ H ₄ NO ₄ SK, on dry weight basis
Loss on drying:	Not more than 0.2 % (105 °C, 2 hours)
pH-value:	5.5 - 7.5 (1 % water solution)
Assay of potassium:	17 % - 21 %
5-CI-Acesulfame K	Not more than 2 ppm
Organic Impurities	Not more than 20 ppm of UV active components
Filtration test:	No residues (100g dissolved in 1000 mL water / filtration over 0.45 μ m membrane filter)
Heavy metals:	Not more than 5 ppm (expressed as lead)
Lead:	Not more than 0.1 ppm
Arsenic:	Not more than 0.1 ppm
Cadmium	Not more than 0.1 ppm
Selenium:	Not more than 0.2 ppm
Mercury	Not more than 0.01 ppm
Fluoride:	Not more than 1 ppm
Sulphate:	Not more than 20 ppm
Particle size distribution	Min. 95 % smaller than 1000 microns
Shelf life	5 years from date of manufacture provided that the product is stored in the originally closed packaging protected from sunlight, at ambient temperature (max. 30 °C) and dry (max. 65 % relative humidity) conditions

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