

Technical Data

Sodium Bicarbonate

USP Powdered No. 1

Meets **United States Pharmacopeia** and **Food Chemicals Codex** Specifications
Not Intended for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) Use

Formula NaHCO₃

Molecular Weight 84.01

Chemical Abstract Services

Name Carbonic Acid Monosodium Salt
Number 144-55-8

Particle Size Distribution

Screen Size	Cumulative % Retained	
	Minimum	Maximum
USS 100 (150 μm)	0	2
USS 200 (75 μm)	20	45
USS 325 (45 μm)	60	100

General Properties

Typical bulk density, lb/ft³ (kg/m³) 61 (978)
Particle density, g/cm³ 2.22
pH of 1% solution @ 25°C (77°F) 8.3
Appearance White crystalline powder
Thermal decomposition Decomposes (without melting) into Na₂CO₃, H₂O, and CO₂

Specifications and Requirements

	USP	FCC
Assay (dry basis)	99.0% - 100.5%	99% minimum
Insoluble substances	Meets USP requirement	Passes FCC test
Loss on drying	0.25% max	0.25% max
Ammonia	Meets USP requirement	Passes FCC test
Arsenic	2 ppm max	3 ppm max (as As)
Heavy metals	No USP requirement	5 ppm max (as Pb)
Carbonate	Meets USP requirement	No FCC requirement
Chloride (as Cl ⁻)	150 ppm max	No FCC requirement
Sulfur Compounds	150 ppm max	No FCC requirement
Identification	Responds to USP tests for sodium and bicarbonate	Positive in FCC tests for sodium and bicarbonate

Standard Containers

50 lb (22.7 kg) bags
One ton super sacks
Bulk hopper cars and trucks

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