



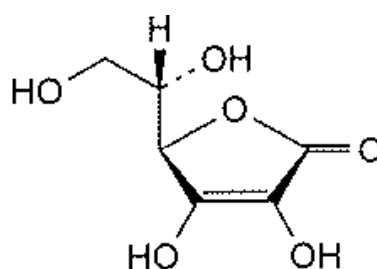
## SPECIFICATION OF ASCORBIC ACID

### DESCRIPTION

A white or almost white, crystalline powder or colorless crystals, becoming discolored on exposure to air and moisture.

### PROPERTIES

Molecular Formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub>
Relative Molecular Mass	176.13
Chemical Name	L-2, 3, 5, 6-hydroxy-2-hexenic acid-γ-lactones
CAS Number	50-81-7
Structural Formula	



### APPLICATIONS

Mainly used in producing various medicines, it is an important medicine



for clinical supplementary treatment. It can be used in food additive. It is a good and safe nutritional agent, antiseptic and baking agent of flour processing. It can also be used in feed additive and it can improve animals' immunity.

### **COMPENDIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Ascorbic Acid meets the requirements of USP/BP/CP current version when tested according to these compendia.

Identification	Positive
Clarity of solution	Clear, $\leq$ BY <sub>7</sub>
Specific rotation	+20.5° to +21.5°
PH	2.1-2.6
Melting point	About 190°C
Residual on ignition	$\leq$ 0.1%
Impurity E	$\leq$ 0.2%
Heavy metals	$\leq$ 10 ppm
Copper	$\leq$ 5ppm
Iron	$\leq$ 2ppm
Assay	99.0% ~ 100.5%

### **STABILITY**

Ascorbic acid powder is nonvolatile stable in the dry state, however, upon



exposure to atmospheric moisture; it can deteriorate, and oxidizes readily to aqueous solution. Contact with iron, copper or nickel salts should be avoided.

### **PACKING&STORAGE**

Ascorbic acid bulk materials are packed in two plastic bags, and the inner plastic bag is thermal sealed, the outer plastic bag is blue and thermal sealed. Then pack in a carton box (or drum), sealed with adhesive tape (or lead sealing). Store in a non-metallic and sealed container, keep in a dry place and away from light.

### **SHELF LIFE**

At least 36 months from date of manufacturing provided the container is unopened and stored under the above-mentioned conditions.