

Ti Application Note No. T- 12

Title: Cationic surfactants in hair conditioner

Summary: Determination of cationic surfactants in hair conditioner by potentiometric titration with dioctylsodium sulphosuccinate using the «Ionic Surfactant» electrode.

Sample: Hair conditioner

Sample Preparation: Dissolve 0.5 ... 2.5 g sample in 20 mL isopropanol with stirring and heating. While stirring slowly add 80 mL dist. water. During this procedure the solution gets turbid but stays homogeneous.

Instruments and Accessories: 702, 716 or 736 Titrino or 726 Titroprocessor, 6.0507.120 «Ionic Surfactant» electrode and 6.0726.100 reference electrode (bridge electrolyte $c(\text{NaCl}) = 1 \text{ mol/L}$)

Analysis: Titrate the prepared sample solution with bis(2-ethylhexyl)-sodium sulphosuccinate (= dioctylsodium sulphosuccinate, Na DOS), $c(\text{Na DOS}) = 0.01 \text{ mol/L}$.

Calculation: $\text{mmol/g cationics} = \text{EP1} * \text{C01} / \text{C00}$

EP1 = titrant consumption in mL
C00 = sample weight in g
C01 = 0.01 (concentration of the titrant in mol/L)

Remarks: To get a completely homogeneous solution it is absolutely necessary to dissolve the sample in isopropanol first.

Result:
AVG(10) = 0.0808 +/- 0.0004 mmol/g cationics