



Fat experiments

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The Determination of the Acid Value of a Fat



Aim:

To determine:

- ☐ The age of the fat.
- ☐ The quality of the fat.



The factors that change the fat :

- ❑ the atmospheric oxygen that react with the double bound to form peroxide.
- ❑ The microorganisms that hydrolyze the fat with libration of free fatty acids and glycerol.



The result of this change:

The fat and oil become rancid (bad or sour)



Hint :

The more free fatty acids the more the acidity and age of the oil





can you suggest methods to determine the age of a given oil?



Important to Remember:

The amount of free fatty acids present gives an indication of the age and quality of the fat.



The usual method:

Titration with a base.

the most common base is KOH.

The result of the titration is the acid value.



The acid value:

the number of milligrams of KOH required to neutralize the free fatty acid present in 1 g of fat.



The procedure:

- 1-Weigh about 5 ml of fat in a flask.
- 2-Add 25 ml of fat solvent to the flask.
- 3-Add 1 ml of phenolphthaleine solution, mix well.
- 4-Titrate with 0.01N KOH. End point is when the faint pink color persist for 30 seconds.
- 5-Note the volume (V) for KOH required. Calculate the acid value



Calculation:

- ❑ Molecular weight of KOH is 56
- ❑ 1 liter N KOH contains 56 g.
- ❑ 1 ml of N KOH contains 56 mg.
- ❑ 1 ml of 0.01N KOH contains 0.56 mg
- ❑ Acid value = $(V \times 0.56) / \text{weight of fat used}$

The Iodine Number of a Fat





Introduction:

Double bonds in unsaturated fatty acid are capable to be broken down and bind halogens (iodine, bromine and chloride).

The number of grams of iodine absorbed by 100 g of fat, called the "iodine number"



The aim:

is a measure of the degree of unsaturation.



The methods:

- 1) The Wijs method, which uses iodine chloride (ICl).
- 2) The Hanus method, which uses iodine bromide (IBr).



N.B.:

The Hanus reagent is more stable .

the Wijs method gives results 2 to 5 percent higher and the iodine numbers are closer to the theoretical values.

° The principle:





Procedure:

Each student will analyse two fat samples dissolved in chloroform. Note the concentration of each sample.

1-Pipette 10 ml of each fat sample provided in separate flasks. Label each flask.

2-Add exactly 25 ml of Hanus iodine solution from a burette to each flask.

3-Set up a blank (separate flask) by adding 10 ml of chloroform to 25 ml of Hanus iodine solution. Only one blank flask is enough for all the students.

4-Close the flasks with glass stoppers, mix well by swirling and allow to stand at room temperature for 30 mins. In a dark cabinet with occasional swirling.

5-Add 10 ml of 15% potassium iodide solution to each flask and mix.



Procedure:

6-Add about 50 ml of water, washing down any iodine solution that may be found on the wall of the flask and the stopper.

7-Titrate the iodine with 0.1N sodium thiosulphate from 50 ml burette until the color of the solution is pale yellow.

8-Add 2 ml of 1% starch solution as indicator. The solution in the flask turns blue.

9-Continue the titration until the blue color disappears, mixing well during the final stages of titration.

10-To ensure complete removal of the iodine, stopper the flask and shake vigorously. If the blue color returns, continue the titration.

11-Record the volume used for your sample and blank.

Calculations:

$$\text{Iodine Number} = \frac{(b-a) \times 0.01269 \times 100}{\text{Weight of fat in g}}$$

- Where b is the volume of titer (sodium thiosulphate) with the blank.
- And a is the volume of titer (sodium thiosulphate) with the sample.

Atomic mass of iodine = 126.90447

