

Aim :-

To determine the construction of drying curve for calcium carbonate.

Reference :

Khan and Vyas "Industrial Pharmacy" CBS Publication and distributors, 4th edition, Page No → 39.

Requirement : →

Apparatus :- Petridish, Hot air oven, Weighing balance, Spatula.

Chemicals :- Calcium carbonate.

Principle :-

The behaviour of drying of solid is experienced by drying curve. The time required for drying a batch of weight of material in a dry air oven can be estimated with the help of drying curve. Drying is a mass transfer process consists of the removal of water or other solvent by evaporations from a solid, semisolid, liquid. This process is obtained used as final production steps before, packing products.



## Observation and Calculation

$$W_1 = 17, \quad W_2 = 20, \quad W_3 = 24$$

★ At 0 minute :-

$$\% \text{ moisture content} = \frac{W_3 - W_1}{W_3 - W_1} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{24 - 20}{24 - 17} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{4}{7} \times 100 = 57.14\%$$

★ After 15 minute  $\Rightarrow$  There is no change in the weight of slurry  $W_3 = 24 \text{ gm.}$

$$\% \text{ moisture content} = \frac{24 - 20}{24 - 17} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{4}{7} \times 100 = 57.14\%$$

★ After 30 minute  $\Rightarrow$  The weight of slurry is equal to  $W_2$ ,  $W_3 = 20$ .

$$= \frac{20 - 20}{20 - 17} \times 100 \Rightarrow \frac{0}{3} \times 100 = 0\%$$

Avg moisture content  $:=$

$$= \frac{57.14 + 57.14 + 0}{3}$$

$$= \frac{114.28}{3} = 38.9\%$$



## Theory:

Calcium carbonate is the active ingredient in agricultural lime and is created when ~~the~~ calcium ions in hard water react with carbonate ions to create limescale.

## Procedure:

- i) Take a clean petridish without lid and consider its weight as " $W_1$  gm".
- ii) Note the area of petridish
- iii) Take 10gm calcium carbonate in a clean petridish and consider its weight as " $W_2$  gm".
- iv) Prepare slurry by adding water consider its weight as " $W_3$  gram".
- v) Heat petridish in hot air oven at temperature  $70^\circ\text{C}$ .
- vi) Note down the weight of sample after every 15 minutes.
- vii) Continue drying until there is no change in weight of the sample is obtained.
- viii) Determine percentage moisture content and drying rate by using following formula.  
$$\text{Percentage moisture} = \frac{W_3 - W_2}{W_3 - W_1} \times 100.$$

## Result:

The percentage moisture content are determine to be 38.9%.



