**DUOLITE™ AP143/1083** Pharmaceutical Grade Anion Exchange Resin (Cholestyramine Resin USP)

**Description**

DUOLITE AP143/1083[^1] resin is an insoluble, strongly basic, anion exchange resin in the chloride form supplied as a dry, fine powder. DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin is suitable for pharmaceutical applications either as an active ingredient or as a carrier for acidic (anionic) drug substances. A monograph for Cholestyramine Resin USP appears in the United States Pharmacopoeia/National Formulary. DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin conforms to the compendial specifications.

A Drug Master File for this product is maintained with the United States Food and Drug Administration.

**Identification**

DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin can be identified by infrared spectroscopy, as shown in the example Figure 1. Letters of authorization granting access to the file by FDA in support of NDA and ANDA submittals will be provided upon request.

DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin is manufactured in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) for bulk pharmaceutical chemicals.

**Figure 1: Duolite AP143/1083 IR Spectrum**

![IR Spectrum](https://example.com/ir_spectrum.png)

**Typical Properties**

These properties are typical but do not constitute specifications.

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<th>Property</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ionic form</td>
<td>Chloride</td>
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<td>Particle size[^2]</td>
<td>100% min. &lt;425 microns</td>
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<td>85% min. &lt;150 microns</td>
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<td>50% min. &lt;75 microns</td>
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<td>Loss on drying[^2] [^3]</td>
<td>12.0% maximum</td>
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<td>Heavy metals[^2] [^3]</td>
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<td>Identity (by IR spectrum)[^2] [^3]</td>
<td>Identical to USP reference standard</td>
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<td>pH of slurry[^2] [^3]</td>
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Typical Physical Properties

DUOLITE AP143/1083 complies with the compendial specifications for Cholestyramine Resin USP when tested in conformance to the compendial test methods presented in current USP/NF. The resin is described as a “White to buff colored, hygroscopic, fine powder. Is odorless or has not more than a slight amine-like odor. Insoluble in water, in alcohol, in chloroform and in ether.”

Chemical Properties

DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin is derived from a copolymer of styrene and divinylbenzene with quaternary ammonium functionality. The mobile, or exchangeable, anion is chloride which can be exchanged for, or replaced by, virtually any anionic species. DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin is an insoluble salt of a strong base and a strong acid; hence, its ability to exchange anions is largely independent of pH. The chemical structure of DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin is shown below in Fig. 2.

![Chemical Structure](image)

**Figure 2**

Application

- Taste Masking
- Drug Stabilisation
- Controlled Release
- Active Ingredient

When used as a drug carrier, DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin provides a means for binding medicinal agents onto an insoluble polymeric matrix; this can be an effective technique to minimize taste and odor problems associated with the drug.
Controlled or sustained release properties can also be imparted to oral dosage formulations through the formation of resin-drug complexes (drug resinates). The drug is released from the resin in vivo as the drug resinate reaches equilibrium with the high electrolyte concentrations typically found in the gastrointestinal tract.

When used as an active ingredient, DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin binds bile acids; this leads to replenishment of the bile acids through increased catabolism of serum cholesterol, resulting in lowered serum cholesterol levels.

**Drug Loading**

Batch equilibration is the preferred practice when loading a drug or other sorbate into finely divided ion exchange resin powders. Due to its fine particle size, DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin does not lend itself to conventional columnar operations used with ion exchange resins.

The total anion exchange capacity represents the maximum achievable capacity for exchanging cations, measured under ideal laboratory conditions. The capacity which will be realized when loading a drug onto DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin will be less than this ideal; typically loadings will normally be between 5% and 50% of this maximum. The actual amount of a drug loaded onto DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin will be influenced by such factors as the inherent selectivity of the anion exchange resin for the drug, the drug’s concentration in the loading solution and the concentration of competing anions also present in the loading solution. The rate of loading will be affected by the activity of the drug and its molecular dimensions as well as the extent to which the polymer phase is swollen during loading.

When utilizing a batch or equilibrium contact to load a drug or other anionic sorbate onto DUOLITE AP143/1083 resin, it is usually desirable to load as much as possible of the substance of value onto the resin. Complete transfer of the drug from the loading solution is not likely in a single equilibrium stage. Accordingly, more than one equilibration may be required in order to achieve the desired loading onto the resin. The use of two or more loading stages, separating the resin from the liquid phase between stages, is an effective means of achieving maximum loading of the drug onto the resin while maintaining minimum loss of drug from the liquid phase of the final stage.

Although carefully controlled laboratory experiments are required to establish precise loading and elution conditions, a few general principles can be used. High loading capacity will be favored by high charge density in the drug. A high loading rate is favored by lower molecular weight. Higher drug concentrations in the loading solution, with a minimum of competing anions, will also favor higher adsorption capacity.

**Drug Release**

The rate and completeness of drug desorption in vivo will be controlled by the diffusion rate of the drug through the polymer phase of the resin (usually a function of molecular weight), the selectivity of the drug for the resin and the concentration of electrolytes in the desorption environment.

**Material Safety Data Sheets**

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Caution: Acidic and basic regenerant solutions are corrosive and should be handled in a manner that will prevent eye and skin contact. In addition, the hazards of other organic solvents should be recognized and steps taken to control exposure.

Nitric acid and other strong oxidizing agents can cause explosive reactions when mixed with ion exchange resins. Proper design of process equipment to prevent rapid buildup of pressure is necessary if use of an oxidizing agent such as nitric acid is contemplated. Before using strong oxidizing agents in contact with ion exchange resins, consult sources knowledgeable in the handling of these materials.

Note: Ion exchange resins and polymeric adsorbents, as produced, contain by-products resulting from the
Ion exchange resins and polymeric adsorbents, as produced, contain by-products resulting from the manufacturing process. The user must determine the extent to which organic by-products must be removed for any particular use and establish techniques to assure that the appropriate level of purity is achieved for that use. The user must ensure compliance with all prudent safety standards and regulatory requirements governing the application. Except where specifically otherwise stated, Rohm and Haas Company does not recommend its ion exchange resins or polymeric adsorbents as supplied as being suitable or appropriately pure for any particular use. Consult your Rohm and Haas technical representative for further information.

**Cholestyramine Applications Reference List**


Kunin, Robert; Blood cholesterol reducing pharmaceutical composition; 1998; Patent US 5840339.

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