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## PROCEDURE TO CHECK NAOH STRENGTH

Where $\mathrm{C}=$ weight of a 12 to 16 oz . container
$\mathrm{W}=$ weight of distilled water
$\mathrm{T}=$ weight of tartaric acid

1. Weigh a clean empty container (C) of 12 to 16 Fl . Oz. size to 3 decimal places.
2. Add about a cup of distilled water and record the new weight of container and water. ( $\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{W}$ )
3. Stir in and dissolve about $1 / 4$ teaspoon of tartaric acid. Mix well. Weigh the container again. $\quad(\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{W}+\mathrm{T})$ Subtracting the weight of container (C) gives the weight of the water solution of tartaric acid $(\mathrm{W}+\mathrm{T})$. Subtracting the weight of container and water $(\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{W})$ from $(\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{W}+\mathrm{T})$ gives the weight of tartaric acid added.
4. The weight of tartaric acid (T) divided by the wight of the solution (W+T) multiplied by $100 \%$ gives the weight percent of tartaric acid in the water. Acid testing 15 ml . of this solution with normal test procedure should yield an answer close to that calculated as below.

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\text { Percent acid }=\mathrm{T} \text { divided by } \mathrm{W}+\mathrm{T} \text { times } 100 \%
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