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# 4-Acetamidophenole/ Paracetamol

### **Chemicals**

- 4-Aminophenole
- Acetic anhydride
- Activated carbon
- Water, dest.

### **Material**

- 500 mL-multiple neck flask
- Lifting platform
- Beaker glasses
- Liquid funnel
- Measuring cyclinder (2x 50 mL)
- Dropping funnel
- Glass stirrer
- Solid matter funnel
- Thermometer with ground-glass joint
- Clamps and screwing sockets
- Heating basket
- Stirring motor with stirrer and guidance
- Drying oven
- Analysis balance
- Reflux condenser

# **Safety instructions**

#### 4-Aminophenole

- H341 H302+H332 H410
- P201 P281 P273 P304+P340 P309+P31
- ATTENTION!!





#### Acetic anhydride

- H226, H302+H332, H314, H335
- P210, P243, P280, P301+P330+P331, P304+P340, P309+P310
- HAZARD!!







### 4-Acetamidophenole

- 302 315 319 335
- 261 305+351+338
- ATTENTION!!







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#### **Reaction equation**

Esterification with acid anhydride

OH
$$H_{3}C$$

# **Experimental procedure**

- Using a fume hood suspend 33.0 g 4-aminophenole in 100 mL water in a 500 mL-multiple neck flask stirring apparatus
- Whilst stirring add drop wise within 15 min (no cooling) 37 mL acetic anhydride
- Stir and heat up to 90°C, then cool to 5°C and stir at this temperature for 20 min
- Suck off the crystallized product and wash 2 times with 50 mL ice water each
- Recrystallize the raw product from 200 mL water at 90°C, using activated carbon
- Then cool to 5°C, suck off the crystallized product sharply, wash with 100 mL ice water and dry to mass consistency at 120°C in the drying oven

### Waste disposal:

• Dispose of the mother liquor in the container for acid solutions

#### **Analysis:**

 Calculation of the yield of product regarding 4-aminophenole in grams and percentage of theory





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## **Preparation list**

#### Chemicals:

4-Aminophenole 33.0 gAcetic anhydride 37 mL

Activated carbon

• Water, dest.

#### Tools:

- Funnel
- Beaker glasses
- Weighing glasses
- Stirring motor
- Stirrer
- Stirrer guidance
- Multiple neck ground-glass flask 500 mL
- Thermometer with ground-glass joint
- Reflux condenser with water tubes
- Dropping funnel
- Heating device
- Powder funnel
- Nutsch filter with round filter
- Evacuation bottle with rubber collar
- Evacuation device
- Measuring cylinder
- Cooling bath
- Glass funnel with matching folded filter
- Porcelain bowl
- Glass stirrer
- Drying oven
- Precision balance





