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## “Does your Water Meet Global Pharmacopoeial Requirements?”



### Quick Guide to Pharmaceutical Water Conductivity Requirements

- Stage 1: Conductivity vs.  
Temperature Tables
- Stage 2: Conductivity Limit
- Stage 3: Conductivity vs. pH Tables

USP requirements since  
November 15, 1996 and  
NEW EP requirements since July 1, 2004

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## USP <645> Goals

### Fundamental Goals of the changes to USP Purified Water and WFI

- Maintain/Improve existing water quality
- Improve the reliability of the testing (using modern instrumentation)
- Reduce the number of tests
- Make allowances for on-line, in-line testing

### The Three-Stage Method for <645>

#### Stage 1: In-line Test:

A non-temperature compensated conductivity measurement corresponding to a measured temperature. If the conductivity does not exceed  $1.3 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  @  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (or tabulated values in Table A), ***the water meets <645> requirements***. If not, go to Stage 2.

#### Stage 2: Lab Test:

Equilibrate a water sample with air. If the conductivity does not exceed  $2.1 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  at  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , ***the water meets <645> requirements***. If not, go to Stage 3.

#### Stage 3: Lab Test:

Add saturated KCl to the previous sample and measure the pH. If the conductivity does not exceed the allowable level of conductivity (measured in Stage 2) at that pH, based on Table B, ***the water meets <645> requirements***. If the conductivity exceeds that limit, the water test fails.

In addition, there are requirements for the Instrumentation & Sensor specified in <645>. See back page for details.

### Advantages of on-line testing Stage 1:

- Real-time process information. Data may be logged, providing water history.
- Immediate alarms and options.
- Eliminates sample collection, handling and transportation errors, and costly OOS investigations.
- Easier and cost effective.
- In addition, temperature-compensated conductivity remains an excellent technique to observe water quality changes to process control.

## What are the USP & EP Water Conductivity Requirements and how does it affect me?

- USP <645> became mandatory on November 15, 1996 and is continued in subsequent revisions. It is required for USP Purified Water & Water for Injection.
- Effective July 1, 2004, the European Pharmacopoeia (EP) has revised its conductivity requirements for *Aqua ad Iniectionem* (WFI) and *Highly Purified Water*. **These waters have the same 3-stage conductivity limit test required for USP Purified Water & WFI.** This test requirement is harmonized with USP <645> Water Conductivity test.
- Effective July 1, 2004, the EP has revised its requirements for *Aqua Purificata* (Purified Water). It is a single stage test. Measure the temperature and uncompensated conductivity. The conductivity limit is interpolated using the measured temperature and the next lower and higher temperature in Table C. If the measured conductivity does not exceed the conductivity limit, **the water meets the EP requirements.** Otherwise, the water conductivity test fails.

**Table A**  
 <645> Stage 1 Conductivity Limits  
 as a Function of Temperature

Temperature (°C)	Stage 1 Conductivity Limit (µS/cm)
0	0.6
5	0.8
10	0.9
15	1.0
20	1.1
25	1.3
30	1.4
35	1.5
40	1.7
45	1.8
50	1.9
55	2.1
60	2.2
65	2.4
70	2.5
75	2.7
80	2.7
85	2.7
90	2.7
95	2.9
100	3.1

**Table B**  
 <645> Stage 3 Conductivity Limits  
 as a Function of pH

pH	Stage 3 Conductivity Limit (µS/cm)
5.0	4.7
5.1	4.1
5.2	3.6
5.3	3.3
5.4	3.0
5.5	2.8
5.6	2.6
5.7	2.5
5.8	2.4
5.9	2.4
6.0	2.4
6.1	2.4
6.2	2.5
6.3	2.4
6.4	2.3
6.5	2.2
6.6	2.1
6.7	2.6
6.8	3.1
6.9	3.8
7.0	4.6

**Table C**  
 Aqua Purificata Conductivity Limits  
 as a Function of Temperature

Temperature (°C)	Conductivity Limit (µS/cm)
0	2.4
10	3.6
20	4.3
25	5.1
30	5.4
40	6.5
50	7.1
60	8.1
70	9.1
75	9.7
80	9.7
90	9.7
100	10.2

## Meet USP, EP, and future JP Instrumentation Requirements for Purified Water, Highly Purified Water and Water for Injection using Thornton Instruments.

Specification:	USP & EP Requirements	Thornton 770MAX	Thornton 200 Series
<b>Conductivity Sensor and Cell Constant Accuracy*</b>	Verify cell constant within $\pm 2\%$ using a reference solution**, e.g. ASTM D1125 solution D (146.9 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ) or other certified reference solution.	Smart Calibration of all sensors exceeds requirements: $\pm 1\%$ . Conductivity Calibration traceable to ASTM D1125, D5391, and Ultrapure Water. Temperature calibration traceable to NIST.	Calibration of all sensors exceeds requirements: $\pm 1\%$ . Conductivity Calibration traceable to ASTM D1125, D5391, and Ultrapure Water. Temperature calibration traceable to NIST.
<b>Electrode Material</b>	Suitable	316L SS & Titanium	
<b>Conductivity Meter Calibration</b>	NIST traceable 0.1% precision resistors in place of sensor. Traceable to national standard for EP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart Calibration</li> <li>• NIST traceable to 0.05%</li> <li>• Verification &amp; Calibration for resistance &amp; temperature</li> <li>• Recertification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User Calibration</li> <li>• NIST traceable to 0.08%</li> <li>• Verification &amp; calibration for resistance &amp; temperature</li> <li>• Recertification</li> </ul>
<b>Instrument resolution</b>	0.1 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	0.001 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	
<b>Instrument accuracy @ 1.3 <math>\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}</math></b>	0.1 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	( $\pm 0.3\%$ of reading) $\pm 0.004 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	( $\pm 0.5\%$ of reading) $\pm 0.007 \mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
<b>Temperature compensation</b>	Must be read uncompensated	Uncompensated & compensated	
<b>Instrument dynamic range***</b>	$10^2$	$10^6$	$10^4$

\* For EP Purified Water system accuracy is 3% of reading plus 0.1  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ .

\*\* For EP, must use solution less than 1500  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ .

\*\*\* For operation and traceable calibration using a single sensor.

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