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Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets

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DEFINITION

Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets contain NLT 90.0% and NMT 110.0% of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$).

IDENTIFICATION

- **A.** The retention time of the major peak from the *Sample solution* corresponds to that from the *Standard solution*, as obtained in the Assay.

ASSAY

• PROCEDURE

Buffer solution: 0.5 g/L of [sodium 1-heptanesulfonate](#) and 0.5 g/L of [sodium chloride](#) in [water](#). Before final dilution, adjust with 0.06 M [phosphoric acid](#) to a pH of 3.85.

Mobile phase: [Acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer solution* (1:9). [NOTE—To improve the separation, the composition of [acetonitrile](#) and *Buffer solution* may be changed to 1:19, if necessary.]

Diluent: 1.25% solution of [acetonitrile](#) in [water](#)

Standard solution: ($L/4000$) mg/mL of [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Diluent*, where L is the labeled quantity, in mg, of metformin hydrochloride in each Tablet

System suitability stock solution: 12.5 µg/mL each of [USP Metformin Related Compound B RS](#) and [USP Metformin Related Compound C RS](#) in *Diluent*

System suitability solution: Dilute 0.5 mL of the *System suitability stock solution* with the *Standard solution* to 50 mL.

Sample stock solution: Finely powder NLT 10 Tablets. Transfer powder, equivalent to the average Tablet weight, to a homogenization vessel, and add 500 mL of a 10% [acetonitrile](#) solution. Alternately, homogenize and allow to soak until the sample is fully homogenized. [NOTE—A suggested homogenization sequence is as follows. Homogenize the sample using five pulses, each of 5 s, at about 20,000 rpm, and allow to soak for 2 min. Repeat these steps two additional times.]

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the *Sample stock solution* through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size, discarding the first 3 mL of filtrate. Transfer 25 mL of the filtrate to a 200-mL volumetric flask, and dilute with [water](#) to volume.

Chromatographic system

(See [Chromatography \(621\)](#), [System Suitability](#).)

Mode: LC

Detector: UV 218 nm

Column: 3.9-mm × 30-cm; 10-µm packing [L1](#)

Column temperature: 30°

Flow rate: 1 mL/min

Injection volume: 10 µL

Run time: Until after the elution locus of metformin related compound C

System suitability

Sample: *System suitability solution*

[NOTE—The relative retention times for metformin related compound B, metformin, and metformin related compound C are 0.86, 1.0, and 2.1–2.3, respectively. Metformin related compound C can have a variable retention time. The composition of the *Mobile phase* may be changed to 1:19, if it elutes at a relative retention time of less than 2.1.]

Suitability requirements

Resolution: NLT 1.5 between the peaks due to metformin related compound B and metformin

Tailing factor: NLT 0.8 and NMT 2.0 for the metformin peak

Relative standard deviation: NMT 1.5% for the metformin peak and NMT 10% for each of the peaks due to metformin related compound B and metformin related compound C

Analysis

Samples: *Standard solution* and *Sample solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) in the portion of Tablets taken.

$$\text{Result} = (r_U/r_S) \times (C_S/C_U) \times 100$$

r_U = peak response from the *Sample solution*

r_S = peak response from the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

C_U = nominal concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the *Sample solution*

Acceptance criteria: 90.0%–110.0%

PERFORMANCE TESTS

Change to read:

- [DISSOLUTION \(711\)](#).

Test 1

Medium: [pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution](#); 1000 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg

Times: 1, 3, and 10 h

Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45-μm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) released at each time point:

$$\text{Result} = [(A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (V - V_S) + (C_{60} \times V_S) + (C_{180} \times V_S)] \times (100/L)$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

V = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)

V_S = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)

C_{60} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 1 h (mg/mL)

C_{180} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 3 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Table 1](#).

Table 1

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved, 500-mg Tablet (%)	Amount Dissolved, 750-mg Tablet (%)
1	20–40	22–42
3	45–65	49–69
10	NLT 85	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 2: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 2*.

Medium: Prepare as directed for *Test 1*; 1000 mL.

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm

Times: 1, 2, 6, and 10 h

Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable polyethylene filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration that is similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) (C_1), in *Medium* at each time point (t):

$$\text{Result} = (A_U \times C_S \times D_U) / A_S$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

C_S = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

D_U = dilution factor of the solution under test

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at each time point by the following formulas.

Percentage dissolved at the first time point (1 h):

$$\text{Result} = (C_1 \times V \times 100) / L$$

C_1 = content of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* at the first time interval (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 1000 mL

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Percentage dissolved at the second time point (2 h):

$$\text{Result} = [C_2 \times (V - SV_1) + C_1 \times SV_1] \times (100/L)$$

C_2 = content of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* at the second time interval (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 1000 mL

SV_1 = volume of the sample withdrawn at 1 h (mL)

C_1 = content of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* at 1 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Percentage dissolved at the n th time point:

$$\text{Result} = \{C_n \times [V - (n - 1)V_S] + (C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_{n-1}) \times V_S\} \times (100/L)$$

C_n = content of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* at the n th time interval (mg/mL)

V = volume of *Medium*, 1000 mL

n = time interval of interest

V_S = volume of sample withdrawn at each time interval (mL)

C = as $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{n-1}$, the content of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* at each time interval (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Table 2](#).

Table 2

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	20–40
2	35–55
6	65–85
10	

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 3: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 3*.

Medium, Apparatus 1, and Apparatus 2: Proceed as directed in *Test 1*.

Times: 1, 2, 5, and 12 h for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg; and 1, 3, and 10 h for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg

Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) released at each time point:

$$\text{Result} = \{[(A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (V - V_S) + (C_{60} \times V_S) + (C_{120} \times V_S) + (C_{300} \times V_S) + (C_{720} \times V_S)] \times 100\} / L$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

V = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)

V_S = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)

C_{60} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 1 h (mg/mL)

C_{120} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 2 h (mg/mL)

C_{300} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 5 h (mg/mL)

C_{720} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 12 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Tables 3](#) and [4](#).

Table 3. For Tablets Labeled to Contain 500 mg

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	20–40
2	35–55
5	60–80
12	NLT 85

Table 4. For Tablets Labeled to Contain 750 mg

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	22–42
3	49–69
10	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 4: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 4*.

Medium: Prepare as directed for *Test 1*; 1000 mL.

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm

Times: 1, 3, 6, and 10 h

Detector: UV 250 nm (shoulder)

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) (C_t), in *Medium* at each time point (t), by the formulas specified in *Test 2*.

Tolerances: See [Table 5](#).

Table 5

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved (%)
1	20–40
3	45–65
6	65–85
10	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution \(711\)](#), [Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 5: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 5*.

Medium: [pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution](#); 900 mL, deaerated

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm, with the vertical holder described in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#)

Times: 2, 8, and 16 h

Detector: UV 250 nm

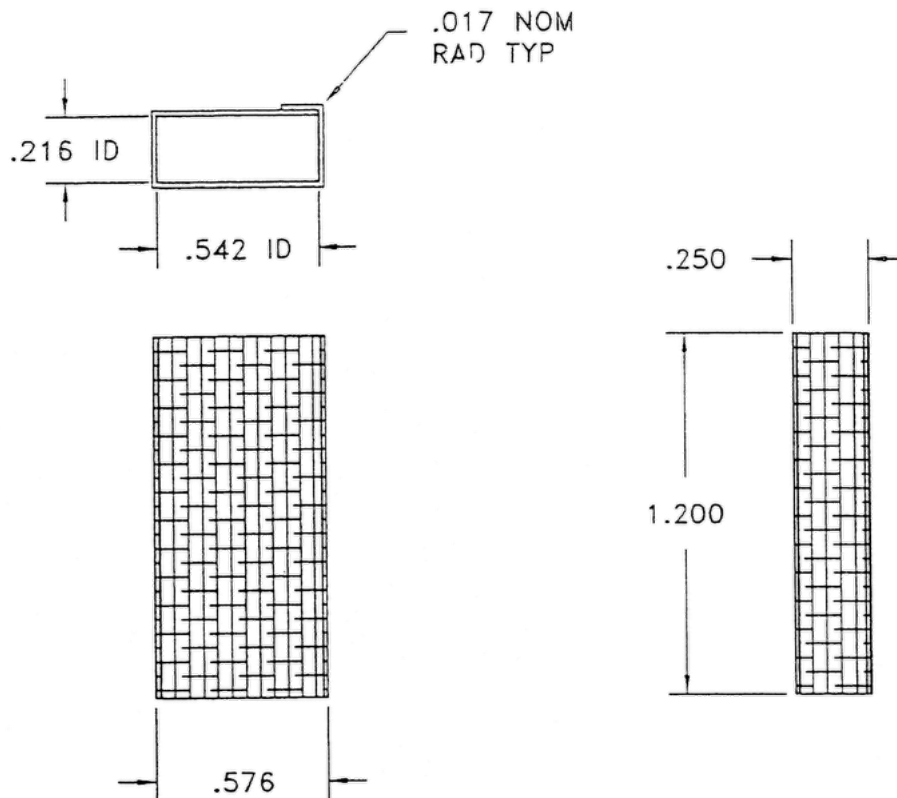
Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45-µm pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Place a vertical sample holder into each basket (see [Figures 1](#) and [2](#)). Place 1 Tablet inside the sample holder, making sure that the Tablets are vertical at the bottom of the baskets.

Calculate, in mg/mL, the content of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) (C_t), in *Medium* at each time point (t), by the formulas specified in *Test 2*.

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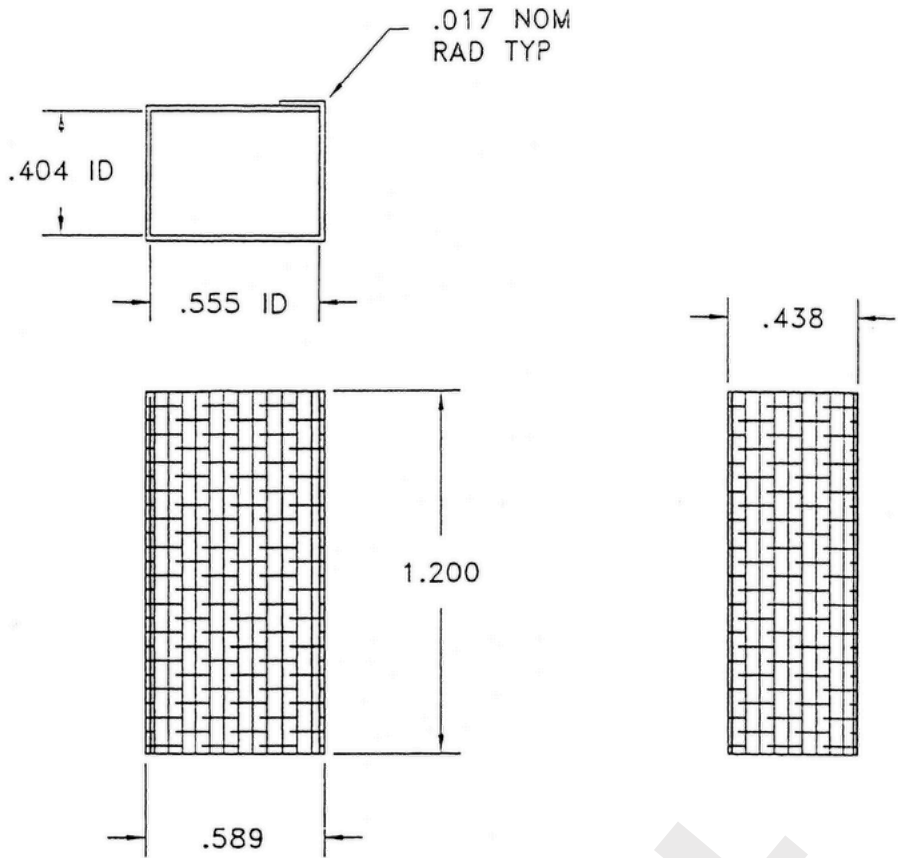


NOTES:

1. MATERIAL: 316SS OR EQUIVALENT .017 WIRE VERTICAL MEAS SQUARE WEAVE WITH .039 SQUARE OPENINGS.
2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES. TOLERANCES TO BE $\pm .010$

Figure 1.

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NOTES:

- 1. MATERIAL: 316SS OR EQUIVALENT .017 WIRE VERTICAL MEAS SQUARE WEAVE WITH .039 SQUARE OPENINGS.
- 2. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES. TOLERANCES TO BE +/- .010

Figure 2.

Tolerances: See [Table 6](#).

Table 6

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved, 500-mg Tablet (%)	Amount Dissolved, 1000-mg Tablet (%)
2	NMT 30	NMT 30
8	60–85	65–90
16	NLT 90	NLT 90

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 6: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 6*.

Medium: [pH 6.8 phosphate buffer solution](#); 1000 mL, deaerated

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm, with USP sinker, if necessary

Detector: UV 233 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable hydrophilic polyethylene filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) released at each time point:

$$\text{Result} = \{[(A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (V - V_S) + (C_{60} \times V_S) + (C_{180} \times V_S) + (C_{600} \times V_S)] \times 100\}/L$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

V = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)

V_S = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)

C_{60} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 1 h (mg/mL)

C_{180} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 3 h (mg/mL)

C_{600} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 10 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Table 7](#).

Table 7

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved, 500-mg Tablet (%)	Amount Dissolved, 750-mg Tablet (%)
1	20–40	20–40
3	45–65	45–65
10	NLT 85	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to

[Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 7: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 7*.

Medium: Prepare as directed in *Test 1*; 1000 mL.

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg

Apparatus 2: 50 rpm, with USP sinker, for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg

Times: 1, 3, and 10 h

Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) released at each time point:

$$\text{Result} = \{[(A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (V - V_S) + (C_{60} \times V_S) + (C_{180} \times V_S) + (C_{600} \times V_S)] \times 100\} / L$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

V = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)

V_S = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)

C_{60} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 1 h (mg/mL)

C_{180} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 3 h (mg/mL)

C_{600} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 10 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Table 8](#).

Table 8

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved, 500-mg Tablet (%)	Amount Dissolved, 750-mg Tablet (%)
1	20–40	20–40
3	45–65	40–60
10	NLT 85	NLT 80

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 8: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 8*.

Medium: Prepare as directed in *Test 1*; 1000 mL.

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg

Apparatus 2: 100 rpm, with sinker, for Tablets labeled to contain 500 mg

Times: 1, 2, 6, and 10 h

Detector: UV 232 nm

Standard solution: [USP Metformin Hydrochloride RS](#) in *Medium*

Sample solution: Pass a portion of the solution under test through a suitable filter of 0.45- μ m pore size. Dilute, if necessary, with *Medium* to a concentration similar to that of the *Standard solution*.

Analysis: Calculate the percentage of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) released at each time point:

$$\text{Result} = \{[(A_U/A_S) \times C_S \times (V - V_S) + (C_{60} \times V_S) + (C_{120} \times V_S) + (C_{360} \times V_S) + (C_{600} \times V_S)] \times 100\}/L$$

A_U = absorbance of the *Sample solution*

A_S = absorbance of the *Standard solution*

C_S = concentration of the *Standard solution* (mg/mL)

V = initial volume of *Medium* in the vessel (mL)

V_S = volume withdrawn from the vessel for previous samplings (mL)

C_{60} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 1 h (mg/mL)

C_{120} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 2 h (mg/mL)

C_{360} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 6 h (mg/mL)

C_{600} = concentration of metformin hydrochloride in *Medium* determined at 10 h (mg/mL)

L = label claim (mg/Tablet)

Tolerances: See [Table 9](#).

Table 9

Time (h)	Amount Dissolved, 500-mg Tablet (%)	Amount Dissolved, 750-mg Tablet (%)
1	20–40	20–40
2	30–50	35–55
6	65–85	75–95
10	NLT 85	NLT 85

The percentages of the labeled amount of metformin hydrochloride ($C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCl$) dissolved at the times specified conform to [Dissolution \(711\), Acceptance Table 2](#).

Test 9: If the product complies with this test, the labeling indicates that it meets USP *Dissolution Test 9*.

Medium: 0.05 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.8; 1000 mL

Apparatus 1: 100 rpm, for Tablets labeled to contain 750 mg