

Quality Solutions for the Testing of Pharmaceuticals

2016 EDITION



156 mm. Premature fracture or sign of wear at the edges indicates that such tablets may not withstand the rigours of transportation.

All Friability Drums are now fitted with an aperture such that it is no longer necessary to remove and open the Friability Drum in order to load and remove the samples.

At the start of the test, the drum automatically revolves until the aperture(s) faces the operator so that the tablets can be loaded. On completion of the test, the drum stops and then reverses automatically emptying the contents of the drum into the waiting collection tray(s). All Friability Drums are completely interchangeable, i.e. they will fit either side of the tester.

Abrasion Drums for carrying out tests into attrition are also available as an optional extra. The Abrasion Drum comprises of a drum 20 cm diameter with a series of baffles, which carry the tablets to a predetermined height before sliding off and reproduces the action of the tablets rubbing against each other during transport.

All testers can be equipped with a choice of either USP Friability Drums and/or Abrasion Drums. Dual drum units can, for example, be fitted with one Friability and one Abrasion Drum, thus allowing comparisons to be made between the two parameters under identical test conditions.

OPERATION

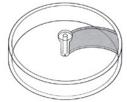
Considerable attention was paid to the design of the FR and FRV series to ensure that the number of actions necessary to perform a test are kept to a minimum. Consequently, once the method (number of revolutions or time) has been selected and the test duration set, it is only necessary to press the START key to initiate the test.

The standard test procedure is to take a sample of 10 tablets (a sample equivalent to 6.5 grams should be taken if the tablets weigh less than 650 mg), the weight of which has already been determined (W1). The tablets should be de-dusted prior to weighing.

The tablets are then placed into the test drum and allowed to rotate 100 times. The tablets are then reweighed (W2), having first removed any accumulated dust, and the results calculated in terms of % weight loss utilising the formula (W1-W2) \times 100 divided by W1. In general, a maximum weight loss of not more than 1% is acceptable for most tablets. If necessary, repeat the test twice more basing the result on the mean of the three tests.

Dimensions (mm): FR 1000 / FRV 1000 = $290 \times 360 \times 350 \text{ mm} (w \times d \times h)$

FR 2000 / FRV 2000 = $342 \times 360 \times 350 \text{ mm} (w \times d \times h)$



Schematic of Friability Drum



Schematic of Abrasion Drum

Cat. No. Description

Friability Tester FR 1000 (Fixed Speed - 1 Drum) 1402 Friability Tester FR 2000 (Fixed Speed - 2 Drums) Friability Tester FRV 1000 (Variable Speed - 1 Drum) 1404 Friability Tester FRV 2000 (Variable Speed - 2 Drums) 1405 Extra for Numbering & Certification (per Drum) 1406 IQ/OQ/PQ Documentation Pack 1410 Qualification Tools Abrasion Drum (Optional extra) Friability Drum (Spare) 1408 1409 Device for angling friability tester at 10 degrees



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