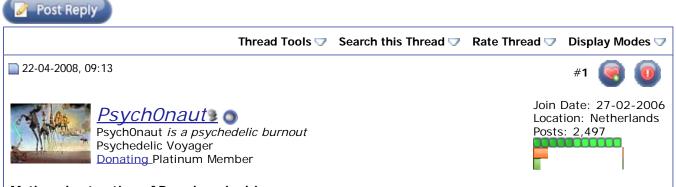




Methamphetamine Chemistry Discussion of the synthesis of methamphetamine





### Methanol extraction of Pseudo-ephedrine

SWIM went to Great-Brittain during his autumn holiday, 6 months ago. There he bought 2 packs of Pseudo-ephedrine tablets at 24x60mg per pack. SWIM knows from previous experience that in contrary to the infamous Sudafed and other brandname Pseudo-ephedrine tablets, there is no GAAK in Boots's own brand of Pseudo-ephedrine tablets. These tablets are ideal to extract with methanol, which often gives quantative yields of a clean, pure product. An acid-base extraction is only unnessecary effort for these pills, and only causes a lower yield. A methanol extraction is the ideal extraction for these tablets. SWIM has performed a methanol extraction on these tablets, and made pictures of each step, for educational purposes.



The stuff: a morter and pestle and 2 packs of tablets, at 24x60mg per pack, in total 2880mg pseudo-ephedrine.



The tablets, fairly small, round, white tablets, free from nasty additives which make the extraction more difficult.



The tablets in the morter. They have to be grinded as fine as possible so the powder has the largest surface as possible. This improves the extraction.



The extraction. SWIM had soaked the 48 finely grinded tablets in aproximately 125ml methanol for over 4 days. Occasionally he shaked the solution so all the particles came in contact with the methanol, to extract as much pseudo-ephedrine as possible.



After being soaked in methanol for over 4 days, the slurry was filtrated under vacuum in a buchnerfunnel. The pillmass(the residue) was kept for a second extraction of 10 days, to get the last bit out, and the methanol(the filtrate) was poured in a beaker and put on hotplate.



The pseudo-ephedrine after boiling down the methanol. The pseudo-ephedrine dried quickly after boiling down, because methanol is pretty volatile.



Another picture of the resulte after boiling down, this time from above. The endresult smelled clearly like pseudo-ephedrine, a substance with a somewhat sweet scent, as SWIM knows from previous experiences. The endresult was nice and white as well, and barely discolored due to the boiling down.

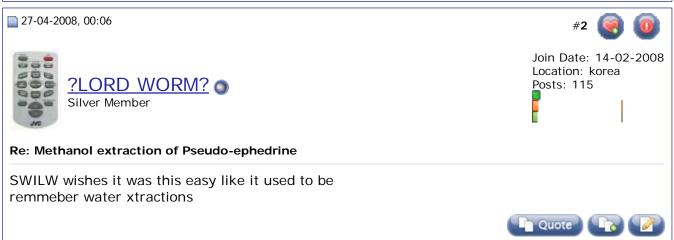


The extracted pseudo-ephedrine on the scale, 2.70 grams or 2700mg. In the picture above SWIMs scale was a little bit off, he weighed it twice before and it read 2.70 grams, but when he tried to take a picture of it, he accidentally bumped the scale and the scale went off, but the total amount was 2.70 grams. A yield of 2.70 grams is a very nice result for a first extraction, in percentage, thats a 93,75% yield. SWIM knows from previous experiences that during the second extraction he'll extract the remaining amount of pseudo-ephedrine, but he has to wait for 10 days. When that's finished as well he'll have the full 2.88 grams, or 2880 mg of pseudo-ephedrine, but for now he's already very satisfied with the results.

The Netherlands is a country below sea-level, we would drown if we wouldn't stay high all the time ..

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### Re: Methanol extraction of Pseudo-ephedrine

Actually, that is NOT all pse.

Now take that pile of powder and add a small amount of water.....what happens? Yes, immediate precipitation of GAK. The product as is , is not clean enough to get a successful reduction.

Even after a water precipitation, GAK still remains and HAS to be removed to get anywhere near a pure product suitable for a reduction.

There are many brands available BUT ALL OF THEM are now no longer available in packs of 24 due to the government believing it is being used for meth amphetamine production. You can now only buy 1 pack of 12 at a store as a result - Prior to this, you could by at least 3, shit they even did specials of 'BUY 2, GET 1 FREE' - Not anymore. We are lucky, they wanted to make it prescription only, even though there is NO meth problem in the UK!

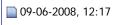
I know tons of dealers and there is no meth about in any decent quality or quantity and thats if you can get it at all. Brighton and London (gay clubs) has meth but again its limited and not good quality. TOns of everything else though!

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Yeah who wants speed when theres so much cheap xtc available. They're different but x has alot of the upsides meth has.









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