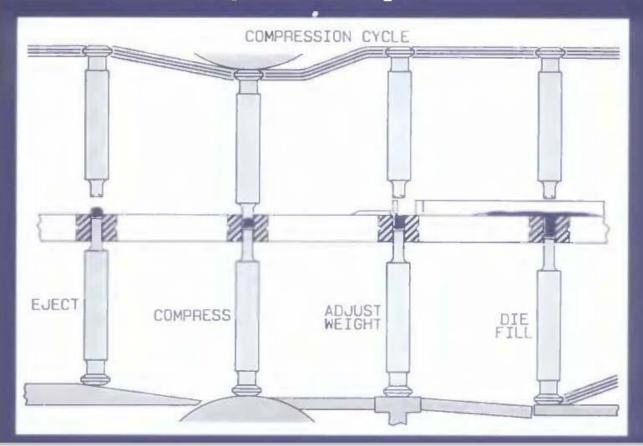
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Preface

Several years have passed since the first edition of Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms: Tablets was published. During this time, considerable advances have been made in the science and technology of tablet formulation, manufacture, and testing. These changes are reflected in this updated, revised and expanded second edition.

The tablet dosage form continues to be the most widely used drug delivery system for both over-the-counter and prescription drugs. The term tablet encompasses: the usual compressed tablet; the compressed tablet that is sugar- or film-coated to provide dissolution in either the stomach or the intestine, or partially in the stomach and partially in the intestine; layered tablets for gastric and intestinal release; effervescent tablets; sustained-release tablets; compressed coated tablets; sublingual and buccal tablets; chewable tablets; and medicated lozenges. These various dosage forms are described in depth in the three volumes of this series.

In the first volume, the various types of tablet products are discussed; the second volume is concerned with the processes involved in producing tablets, their bioavailability and pharmacokinetics; and in the third volume, additional processes in tablet production are discussed, as well as sustained drug release, stability, kinetics, automation, pilot plant, and quality assurance.

The first chapter in Volume 1 describes "Preformulation Testing." This second edition of the chapter contains an extensive amount of new material on substance purity, dissolution, the concept of permeability, and some of the pharmaceutical properties of solids. In the second chapter, "Tablet Formulation and Design," the plan for developing prototype formulas has been revised and an approach, using statistical design, is presented. There is consideration given to those elements in tablet formulation that are of importance to the operation of tablet presses with microprocessor controls.

There have been so many advances in the technology of wet granulation and direct compression methods since the first edition that what had previously been one chapter has now been expanded into two chapters.



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