Colorimeter Series

Phosphate 3
Range(s): 0-3.00 ppm PO₄³⁻, 0-0.98 ppm P, 0-2.24 ppm P₂O₅ 20-3000 ppb $P0_4^{3-}$, 0-980 ppb P, 0-2240 ppb P_20_5



Procedure

Note: Glassware that has not been properly cleaned may contaminate the sample and affect test results. Clean glassware thoroughly before use with phosphatefree detergent (available in local stores); then rinse with Hydrochloric Acid 3N (R-0737) followed by DI Water (R-0833) or sample water.

- Turn on the Colorimeter.
- 2. For results to be displayed in terms of ppm, select a test menu (ALL TESTS, RECENT TESTS, or FAVORITES) containing Phosphate 3 using **\leftilde**. For results to be displayed in terms of ppb, select a test menu (ALL TESTS, RECENT TESTS, or FAVORITES)

- 3. Select the appropriate test (Phosphate 3 or Phosphate 3000) using $\triangle \nabla$; then press ENTER \bigcirc .
- 4. Select a chemical form (PO₄, P, or P₂O₅) for expression of test results using **AV**.
- 5. Rinse and fill 25 mm sample cell to 10 mL mark with sample; then cap.
- 6. Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks per User's Manual.
- 7. Select ZERO using **♦**; then press ENTER **②**. Zero will be displayed.
- 8. Remove sample cell from sample cell compartment; then remove cap.
- 9. Add 1 mL Phosphate 3 Reagent A; then swirl to mix.

- 10. Using the 0.05 g dipper spoon, add 1 level dipper Phosphate 3 - Reagent B; then cap and swirl to mix for 30 seconds.
- 11. Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks.
- 12. Select TIMER using **♦**; then press ENTER **②**.
- 13. Select START using **♦**; then press ENTER **◎**. (A 5-minute [05:00] countdown will begin.) Immediately select AUTO using **◆**; then press ENTER **②**.
- 14. When the timer beeps, the instrument will read the sample and the result will be displayed.

Interferences

Arsenate, all levels – positive interference Biguanide (as product) > 20 ppm - negative interferenceNitrite > 250 ppm – negative interference

containing Phosphate 3000 using **\leftilde**.

The following analytes were tested to the levels listed and found not to cause any interference up to the specified values:

Alkalinity, Total (CaCO₃) – 500 ppm Azole (BT) - 5 ppm

Azole (TT) - 5 ppmChloride – 3600 ppm Copper – 5 ppm Fluoride – 10 ppm Hardness, Calcium (CaCO₃) – 1000 ppm Iron, Ferric – 10 ppm Iron, Ferrous – 10 ppm

Molybdenum – 10 ppm

Nitrate – 2000 ppm Phosphonate (HEDP) – 20 ppm Polymer – 20 ppm Silica – 150 ppm Sulfate - 1000 ppm Sulfite – 100 ppm Zinc – 10 ppm

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Test Method

Molybdenum Blue

Under acidic conditions, phosphate reacts with ammonium molybdate producing a heteropoly acid, which is then reduced with ascorbic acid to produce an intense blue color proportional to the concentration of phosphate in a sample.

Estimated Detection Limit

0.02 ppm PO₄³⁻ (20 ppb PO₄³⁻)

Precision

Using two lots of reagent and a standard solution of 1.5 ppm PO_4^{3-} (1500 ppb PO_4^{3-}), an individual analyst obtained a standard deviation with the instrument of \pm 0.01 ppm PO_4^{3-} (10 ppb PO_4^{3-}).

Application

Industrial Water, Potable Water, Recreational Water, and Wastewater

Ordering Info

Reagent Pack

K-8005 Phosphate 3

Formulated for exclusive use with Taylor's TTi® Colorimeter.

Reagent Pack Components

R-8005A Phosphate 3 - Reagent A

R-8005B Phosphate 3 - Reagent B

Optional Reagents & Accessories

R-0737 Hydrochloric Acid 3N

R-0833 DI Water

