REF 985076

Test 0-76 06.20 NANOCOLOR[®] ortho- and total Phosphate 1

Method:

Photometric determination as molybdenum blue after acidic hydrolyzes and oxidation at 100–120 °C The test is equivalent to the EPA method 365.3.

Range:	Tube test 0.05–1.50 mg/L P (PO ₄ -P) 0.2–5.0 mg/L PO ₄ ^{3–}	Semi-micro cuvette 50 mm 0.010–0.800 mg/L P (PO ₄ -P) 0.03–2.50 mg/L PO ₄ ^{3–}
Wavelength (HW = 5–12 nm):	690 nm	
Decomposition:	30 min at 120 °C or 60 min at 100 °C	
Reaction time:	10 min (600 s) at 20–25 °C	

Contents of reagent set:

- 20 test tubes total Phosphate 1
- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 1 R2
- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 1 R3
- 1 test tube with 5 mL total Phosphate 1 R4

Hazard warning:

Information on hazards can be found on the outer label and on the safety data sheet. The safety data sheet can be downloaded from *www.mn-net.com/SDS*.

Preliminary tests:

If the order of magnitude of the concentration in a sample is not known, a preliminary test with QUANTOFIX[®] Phosphate (3–100 mg/L PO₄^{3–}, REF 91320) or *VISOCOLOR[®] ECO* Phosphate (0.2–5 mg/L PO₄-P, REF 931084) rapidly gives this information. From the order of magnitude the required dilution can be calculated and prepared directly.

Interferences:

Precipitations after hydrolysis can be removed by membrane filtration prior to the determination. If higher amounts or organic compounds and/or organic phosphorus compounds are present, use NANOCOLOR[®] NanOx Metal (REF 918978) for decomposition.

The following quantities of ions will not interfere: $\leq 2 \text{ mg/L} \text{ As, NO}_2^-$, S^{2-} (only ortho-P); $\leq 20 \text{ mg/L} \text{ Fe, Cu, Cr}$; $\leq 100 \text{ mg/L} \text{ Si, } < 150 \text{ mg/L} \text{ COD}$ (reference to potassium hydrogen phthalate)

The method ortho P can be applied also for the analysis of sea water.

Procedure:

Requisite accessories: piston pipette with tips

total Phosphate

Open test tube, add

- 4.0 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10) and
- 1 NANOFIX R2, screw cap back on to test tube, shake.
 - (Close NANOFIX tube immediately after use.)
- Place tube in heating block and start heating block.
- After 30/60 min remove test tube from heating block and allow to cool down to room temperature.
- Add
- 1 NANOFIX R3 and
- 200 µL (= 0.2 mL) R4, mix.
 - Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.

ortho Phosphate

Filter sample solution.

- Open test tube, add
- 4.0 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10),
 1 NANOFIX R3 and
- **200 µL** (= 0.2 mL) R4, screw cap back on to test tube, shake. Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.

Notes:

The concentration of condensed phosphates is the difference between total phosphate **without** Phosphate R2 and ortho phosphate.

Fast cooling of the cells/cuvettes under cold water can lead to clot formation by the NANOFIX capsules.

Lower ortho phosphate concentrations (0.010–0.800 mg/L PO_4 -P) can be determined by using semi-micro cuvettes 50 mm (REF 91950):

Test sample	Blank value
Filter sample solution.	
Open test tube, add	Open test tube, add
4.0 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must	4.0 mL distilled water,
be between pH 0 and 10),	
1 NANOFIX R3 and	1 NANOFIX R3 and
200 µL (= 0.2 mL) R4, close and mix.	200 μL (= 0.2 mL) R4, close and mix.

After 10 min pour the contents of the test tubes into semi-micro cuvettes 50 mm and measure [method 176x]. In analogy, also lower total phosphate concentrations can be determined.

Measurement:

For MACHEREY-NAGEL photometers see manual, test 0-76.

Measurement when samples are colored or turbid: For all MACHEREY-NAGEL photometers see manual, use key for correction value.

Photometers of other manufacturers:

For other photometers check whether measurement of round glass tubes is possible. Verify factor for each type of instrument by measuring standard solutions.

Analytical quality control:

NANOCONTROL ortho Phosphate (REF 92576) or NANOCONTROL Multistandard Sewage outflow 2 (REF 925010)

Disposal:

Information about disposal can be found on the safety data sheet. The safety data sheet can be downloaded from *www.mn-net.com/SDS*.