Test 0-80 02.17

NANOCOLOR® ortho- and total Phosphate 15

## Method:

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

| Range:                     | 0.30–15.00 mg/L P (PO <sub>4</sub> -P) 1.0–45.0 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup> |
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| Wavelength (HW = 5–12 nm): | 690 nm   |
| Decomposition:             | <b>30 min</b> at 120 °C or <b>60 min</b> at 100 °C                                 |
| Reaction time:             | <b>10 min (600 s)</b> at 20–25 °C  |

## Contents of reagent set:

20 test tubes total Phosphate 15

- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 15 R2
- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 15 R3
- 1 test tube with 5 mL total Phosphate 15 R4

## Hazard warning:

Reagent R2 contains sodium peroxodisulfate 20-100 %, reagent R4 contains sulfuric acid 5-15 %.

H317, H334 May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

P261, P272, P280, P302+352, P304+340, P333+313, P342+311, P363 Avoid breathing dust. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves/eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/... IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POI-SON CENTER/doctor/... Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. For further information ask for a safety data sheet.

## 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 PO<sub>4</sub>³-, REF 913 20) 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 of organic compounds and/or organic phosphorus compounds are present, use NANOCOLOR® NanOx Metal (REF 918 978) for decomposition.

The following quantities of ions will not interfere:  $\leq$  10 mg/L As, NO $_2^-$ , S $^{2-}$  (only ortho-P);  $\leq$  100 mg/L Fe, Cu, Cr;  $\leq$  500 mg/L Si, < 1500 mg/L 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

0.5 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. 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

0.5 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10),

1 NANOFIX R3 and

**200**  $\mu$ L (= 0.2 mL) R4, mix.

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.

#### Measurement:

For NANOCOLOR® photometers and PF-12 see manual, test 0-80.

## Measurement when samples are colored or turbid:

For all NANOCOLOR® 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 Multistandard Sewage influx (REF 925 012)