

## Overview

The test is suitable for the photometric determination of the chemical oxygen demand (COD). The test is equivalent to the methods EPA 410.4, APHA 5220D, DIN ISO 15705-H45 and DIN 38409-H41-1.

The test is suitable for water and wastewater.

- Measuring range: 50–300 mg/L O<sub>2</sub> (method 0331)
- Number of tests: 20
- Wavelength for photometric determination: 436 nm
- Shelf life: 12 months
- Storage temperature: 20–25 °C
- Storage conditions: protected from sunlight, upright.

## Method

The organic compounds of a sample are oxidized by heating the sample in a mixture of sulphuric acid and potassium dichromate. The chemical oxygen demand (COD) of a water sample is the concentration of oxygen that is equivalent to the amount of potassium dichromate consumed. The change in the potassium dichromate concentration is determined via the change in absorbance after digestion.

## Interferences

The following contaminants do not interfere with the test up to the indicated concentrations. The cumulative effect of different interfering ions has not been tested.

Data in mg/L:

- Cl<sup>-</sup>: 1500

Important: For samples in which the chloride content is high, shake the tube to suspend the precipitate prior to adding the sample. If the chloride content is greater than 1500 mg/L, you must dilute the sample or use a chloride masking agent (REF 918911). Once it has reacted in the heating block, the solution must not be cloudy; turbidity can result in suppressed COD values.

This method is not suitable for analyzing seawater.

## Reagents and accessories

Contents of reagents set:

- 20 test tubes R0

Required devices:

- MACHEREY-NAGEL photometer
- MACHEREY-NAGEL heating block
- Digital piston pipette 1–5 mL (REF 916909) with pipette tips (REF 916916)
- Safety bottle for shaking COD tubes (REF 91637)

## Standards

- NANOCOLOR COD 160 (REF 92526)
- NANOCOLOR Multistandard Sewage inflow (REF 925012)

## Sampling and preparation

See DIN EN ISO 5667-3-A21.

## Quality control

The measurement of a blank value and a standard is recommended before every measuring series as quality control measure.

## Quality data:

The following data were determined during production according to ISO 8466-1 and DIN 38402-A51:

- Number of LOTs: 23
- Standard deviation of the method: ± 3 mg/L O<sub>2</sub>
- Coefficient of variation of the process: ± 2 %
- Confidence interval: ± 6 mg/L O<sub>2</sub>

## Specified data for procedure:

- Sensitivity (absorbance of 0.010 A corresponds to): ± 3 mg/L O<sub>2</sub>
- Accuracy of a measurement value: ± 16 mg/L O<sub>2</sub>

LOT-specific certificates are available at [www.mn-net.com](http://www.mn-net.com).

## Procedure

1. Put the sediment in the reaction cuvette into suspension by swirling
2. Open round cell and hold slightly tilted. Pipette 2 mL of sample into test tube
3. Seal test tube and shake vigorously (use safety bottle, cuvette will become hot!).
4. Heat for 2 h at 148 °C or for 30 min at 160 °C
5. Take the tube from the heating block
6. Shake again after 10 min. while still warm
7. Cool to room temperature
8. Clean outside of test tube
9. Measure

## Notes

In contrast to the conditions described in the ISO 15705, the short time COD is characterized by a higher digestion temperature and reduced reaction time. Therefore we recommend to compare the results of the short time COD from time to time with measurements made under the conditions of ISO 15705 (150 ± 5 °C/2 h ± 10 min).

We recommend QUANTOFIX® Chloride (REF 91321) as a pre-test for determining the chloride concentration.

Test a sample of COD-free water (REF 918993) to generate a blank value for the reagent.

The solution remains cloudy until heated.

When using a standard, the measured value is constant over a period of min. 30 min.

When using other photometers, make sure measurements are possible in test tubes (16 mm OD) and calibrate the method.

Information regarding safety can be found on the box' label and in the safety data sheet. You can download the SDS from [www.mn-net.com/SDS](http://www.mn-net.com/SDS).

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