Test 0-55 08.11

NANOCOLOR® ortho- and total Phosphate 45

### Method:

Photometric determination as molybdenum blue after acidic hydrolysis and oxidation at 100-120 °C

Range:	5.0–50.0 mg/L P (PO <sub>4</sub> -P)	15–150 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup>
Factor:	047.8	0146.
Wavelength (HW = 5–12 nm):	690 nm	
Decomposition:	30 min at 120 °C/60 min at 100 °C	
Reaction time:	10 min (600 s) at 20-25 °C	

# Contents of reagent set:

20 test tubes total Phosphate 45

- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 45 R2
- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 45 R3
- 1 test tube with 5 mL total Phosphate 45 R4

### Hazard warning:

Reagent total Phosphate 45 R4 contains hazards which are not labelled with <Xi> (certificate of exemption for small quantities), see 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  $PO_4^{3-}$ , 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 or 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:

- $\leq$  1000 mg/L S<sup>2-</sup>;  $\leq$  500 mg/L NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>;  $\leq$  0,1 mg/L As (only ortho-P);
- ≤ 1000 mg/L Cu. Fe. Si: ≤ 100 mg/L Cr(III)

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

#### Procedure:

Requisite accessories: piston pipette with tips

# total Phosphate

Open test tube, add

200 µL (= 0.2 mL) test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10) and

1 NANOFIX total Phosphate 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 total Phosphate R3 and

200 µL (= 0.2 mL) total Phosphate R4, mix.

Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.

# ortho-Phosphate

Filter sample solution.

Open test tube, add

200 μL (= 0.2 mL) test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10),

1 NANOFIX total Phosphate R3 and

**200 μL** (= 0.2 mL) total Phosphate R4, screw cap back on to test tube, shake.

Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.

#### Note:

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

#### Measurement:

For NANOCOLOR® photometers and PF-11/PF-12 see manual, test 0-55.

## Measurement when samples are colored or turbid:

For all NANOCOLOR® photometers see manual, chapter 5.11., 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 Seepage water (REF 925 013)

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