

# DROP TEST

## QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUND (QAC) (1 drop = 10 or 25 ppm) & POLYQUAT (1 drop = 3.5 or 9 ppm)

Instr. #5256

### COMPONENTS:

1 x 5256	Instruction
1 x 9012	Pipet, Calibrated (0.5 & 1.0 mL) w/ brown cap, plastic
1 x 9198BR	Sample Tube, Graduated (25 mL) w/ cap & brown dot, plastic
1 x R-0638BR-C	Phenolphthalein Indicator, 2 oz w/ brown cap, DB
1 x R-0736BR-C	Sulfuric Acid .6N, 2 oz w/ brown cap, DB
1 x R-0881-A	Toluidine Blue O Indicator, .75 oz, DB
1 x R-0884-C	QAC Titrating Solution (high range), 2 oz, DB
1 x R-0950-C	Complexing Reagent, 2 oz

TO ORDER REPLACEMENT PARTS AND REAGENTS CALL TOLL-FREE  
800-TEST KIT (800-837-8548).

### PROCEDURE:

CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW PRECAUTIONS ON REAGENT LABELS.  
KEEP REAGENTS AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

NOTE: When dispensing reagents from dropper bottles, **always** hold bottle in a vertical position.

### Quaternary Ammonium Compound (QAC)/Polyquat Test

#### For 1 drop = 10 ppm QAC or 3.5 ppm Polyquat

NOTE: Run a blank using water containing no QAC or polyquat. Record drops of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) used.

1. Rinse and fill 25 mL sample tube (#9198BR) to 25 mL mark with water to be tested.
2. Using 1.0 mL pipet (#9012), add 1.0 mL R-0950 Complexing Reagent. Swirl to mix.

NOTE: If sample water contains a hardness concentration above 500 ppm, add 2.0 mL (2 x 1.0 mL) R-0950 Complexing Reagent.

3. Add 1 drop R-0638BR Phenolphthalein Indicator. Swirl to mix. If sample is colorless, proceed to Step 4. If pink (Fig. 1), add R-0736BR Sulfuric Acid .6N dropwise, swirling after each drop, until color changes from pink to colorless.
4. Add 3 drops R-0881 Toluidine Blue O Indicator. Swirl to mix. Sample will be light blue (Fig. 2).
5. Add R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) dropwise, swirling and counting after each drop, until color changes from light blue to violet pink (Fig. 3).

NOTE: Further addition of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution should produce no additional color change.

6. Subtract drops of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) used in blank from drops used in sample (Step 5). Multiply by 10. Record as parts per million (ppm) QAC as n-alkyl(60% C<sub>14</sub>, 30% C<sub>16</sub>, 5% C<sub>12</sub>, 5% C<sub>18</sub>)dimethylbenzylammonium chloride/n-alkyl(68% C<sub>12</sub>, 32% C<sub>14</sub>)dimethylethylbenzylammonium chloride. For results as polyquat, multiply by 3.5. Record as ppm polyquat as poly[oxyethylene(dimethyliminio)ethylene(dimethyliminio)ethylene dichloride].

NOTE: Equivalences for quaternary ammonium compounds and polyquats other than those listed must be determined by titration with a known standard.

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

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### QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUND (QAC) (1 drop = 10 or 25 ppm) & POLYQUAT (1 drop = 3.5 or 9 ppm)

#### For 1 drop = 25 ppm QAC or 9 ppm Polyquat

NOTE: Run a blank using water containing no QAC or polyquat. Record drops of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) used.

1. Rinse and fill 25 mL sample tube (#9198BR) to 10 mL mark with water to be tested.

2. Using 1.0 mL pipet (#9012), add 0.5 mL R-0950 Complexing Reagent. Swirl to mix.

NOTE: If sample water contains a hardness concentration above 500 ppm, add 1.0 mL R-0950 Complexing Reagent.

3. Add 1 drop R-0638BR Phenolphthalein Indicator. Swirl to mix. If sample is colorless, proceed to Step 4. If pink (Fig. 1), add R-0736BR Sulfuric Acid .6N dropwise, swirling after each drop, until color changes from pink to colorless.

4. Add 1 drop R-0881 Toluidine Blue O Indicator. Swirl to mix. Sample will be light blue (Fig. 2).

5. Add R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) dropwise, swirling and counting after each drop, until color changes from light blue to violet pink (Fig. 3).

NOTE: Further addition of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) should produce no additional color change.

6. Subtract drops of R-0884 QAC Titrating Solution (high range) used in blank from drops used in sample (Step 5). Multiply by 25. Record as parts per million (ppm) QAC as n-alkyl(60% C<sub>14</sub>, 30% C<sub>16</sub>, 5% C<sub>12</sub>, 5% C<sub>18</sub>)dimethylbenzylammonium chloride/n-alkyl(68% C<sub>12</sub>, 32% C<sub>14</sub>)dimethylethylbenzylammonium chloride. For results as polyquat, multiply by 9. Record as ppm polyquat as poly[oxyethylene(dimethyliminio)ethylene(dimethyliminio)ethylene dichloride].

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