

Polymer Free 500

Range(s): 20-500 ppm polymer as PAA (Polyacrylic Acid)



Procedure

Note: When testing multiple samples simultaneously, a separate sample cell with an unreacted sample of the water tested must be used to zero the colorimeter. Please note that varying the test procedure from the original can affect the precision of the test.

Note: For accurate results it is recommended to perform an adjust calibration for the respective polymer in use.

- Using the filtration apparatus, filter at least 25 mL of sample water into 25 mL sample tube (part #9198).
- Using the 3 mL syringe (part #6045), dispense 2 mL of filtered sample into the dilution vial and dilute to 50 mL with DI Water (R-0833); then cap and swirl to mix thoroughly.

- Turn on the Colorimeter.
- Select a test menu (ALL TESTS, RECENT TESTS, or FAVORITES) containing Polymer Free 500 using ◀▶.
- Select Polymer Free 500 using ▲▼; then press ENTER ⊙.
- Rinse and fill 25 mm sample cell to 10 mL mark with diluted sample; then cap.
- Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks per User's Manual.
- Select ZERO using ◀▶; then press ENTER ⊙. Zero will be displayed.
- Remove sample cell from sample cell compartment; then remove cap.

- Add 1 mL Polymer Free - Reagent A; then swirl to mix.
- Add 1 mL Polymer Free - Reagent B; then cap and swirl to mix thoroughly.
- Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks.
- Select TIMER using ◀▶; then press ENTER ⊙.
- Select START using ◀▶; then press ENTER ⊙. (A 5-minute [05:00] countdown will begin.) Immediately select AUTO using ◀▶; then press ENTER ⊙.
- When the timer beeps, the instrument will read the sample and the result will be displayed.

Interferences

The following analytes interfere at the specified levels in the diluted sample:

- Alkalinity, Total (CaCO₃) ≥ 200 ppm – positive interference
- Azole (BT) ≥ 20 ppm – positive interference
- Azole (TT) ≥ 10 ppm – positive interference
- Copper ≥ 10 ppm – positive interference
- Fluoride ≥ 10 ppm – negative interference
- Hardness, Calcium (CaCO₃) all levels – negative interference
- Iron, Ferric ≥ 5 ppm – negative interference

- Iron, Ferrous ≥ 10 ppm – negative interference
- Molybdate ≥ 50 ppm – negative interference
- Phosphate ≥ 30 ppm – negative interference
- Polyphosphate ≥ 5 ppm – positive interference
- Propylene Glycol ≥ 1% – negative interference
- Silica > 250 ppm – negative interference
- Sulfate ≥ 500 ppm – negative interference
- Zinc ≥ 10 ppm – positive interference

The following analytes were tested to the levels listed and found not to cause any interference up to the specified values:

- Bromine – 5 ppm
- Chloride – 1000 ppm
- Chlorine – 5 ppm
- Nitrate – 2000 ppm
- Nitrite – 2000 ppm
- Sulfite – 100 ppm

Test Method

Turbidity (Absorptometric)

Active polymer reacts with a buffered reagent to produce a precipitate, which is directly proportional to the concentration of free polymer in a sample.

Note: Polymer treatments are available as blends of polyacrylic acid and monomers such as maleic acid, polysulfonates, etc. The available polyacrylic acid active solids come in different strengths. Calibration for this method is based on a low molecular weight polyacrylic polymer with an average molecular weight of ~2000. The results are expressed as ppm active solids based on 100% polyacrylic acid active solids. Technical data information provided by the supplier usually indicates the % composition of polymers present in the formulation.

Estimated Detection Limit

18 ppm polymer as PAA (Polyacrylic Acid)

Precision

Using two lots of reagent and a standard solution of 300 ppm polymer as PAA (Polyacrylic Acid), an individual analyst obtained a standard deviation of ± 19 ppm polymer as PAA (Polyacrylic Acid).

Application

Industrial Water

Ordering Info**Reagent Pack**

K-8006 Polymer Free

Formulated for exclusive use with Taylor's TTI® Colorimeter.

Reagent Pack Components

R-8006A Polymer Free - Reagent A

R-8006B Polymer Free - Reagent B

R-0833 DI Water

#6045 Syringe, 3 mL

#6249 Filter Disc Holder, 25 mm, Millipore™ (for 6247 & 6260)

#6257 Filter Discs, Syringe, 2.5 μ m, 25 mm, Whatman™, 100/box

#6260 Syringe (no filter disc holder or filter discs), 30 mL, plastic

#9198 Sample Tube, Graduated (25 mL) w/ cap, plastic

