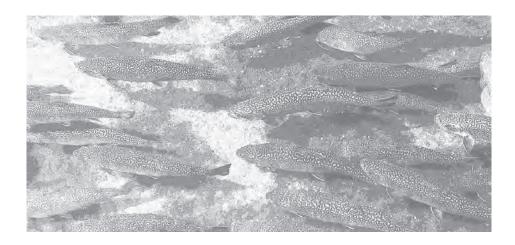
Fresh Water Aquaculture



Test Kit Instruction Manual Code 3633-05





This booklet provides step-by-step detailed instructions for the Code 3633-05 test kits. It is important to review these instructions thoroughly before attempting to perform the tests by the short-form instructions contained in the case lid. To order individual reagents or test kit components, use the specified code number.

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TESTING HINTS / REAGENT CARE



Tightly close all reagent containers immediately after use. Be sure not to interchange caps and pipets from different containers.



Avoid prolonged exposure of equipment and reagents to direct sunlight. Protect reagents and components from extreme heat and cold.

Wipe up any reagent chemical spills, liquid or powder, as soon as they occur. Refer to label and accompanying

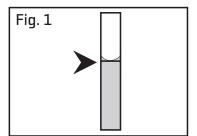


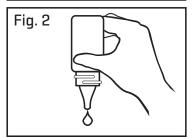
Use care when dispensing or handling all reagents. Some reagents also may cause permanent stains if spilled.

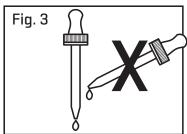


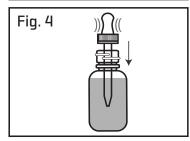
ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE

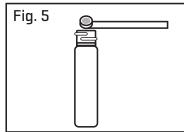
- Clean glassware is a must for accurate results.
 Thoroughly rinse test tubes before and after each test. Caps and stoppers should also be cleaned after each use.
- 2. Use test tube caps, not your fingers, to cover test tubes and flasks during shaking or mixing.
- 3. When adding sample to calibrated test tube, be sure vial is filled to the appropriate mark. The bottom of the liquid (meniscus) should be level with the desired mark. (Fig. 1)
- 4. When dispensing reagents from bottles filled with dropper plug and cap, be sure to hold bottle vertically and gently squeeze to dispense the appropriate number of uniform drops. (Fig. 2)
- 5. For those reagents to be added with the screwcap pipet assemblies enclosed, remove polyseal cap on bottle and replace with the screwcap pipet. NOTE: Place the polyseal caps back on the reagent bottles for longer periods of storage. Be sure that both pipet assemblies and polyseal caps are thoroughly cleaned before placing on bottles to avoid contamination.
- 6. When dispensing reagents from pipets, hold pipet vertically to assure uniform drop size. This is extremely important when performing drop count titrations. (Fig. 3)
- 7. To fill pipets, squeeze rubber bulb and immerse into reagent. Release bulb to fill. (Fig. 4)
- 8. To accurately dispense powdered reagents with spoon, tap spoon on edge of reagent container to remove excess reagent. (Fig. 5)
- 9. When performing tests that include Octa-Slide Comparators, the comparator should be positioned between the operator and non-direct sunlight. This allows the light to enter through the light-diffusing screen at the back of the comparator for optimum color comparison.











GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS





Store the test kit in a cool dry area.



Read all instructions and note precautions before performing the test procedure. Read all Safety Data Sheets (SDS) at

Read the labels on all reagent bottles. Note warnings and first aid information. Reagents marked with a * on instructions are considered possible health hazards.



Keep all equipment and reagent chemicals out of the reach of young children.



Avoid contact between reagent chemicals and skin, eyes, nose, and mouth.



Wear safety glasses when performing test procedures.



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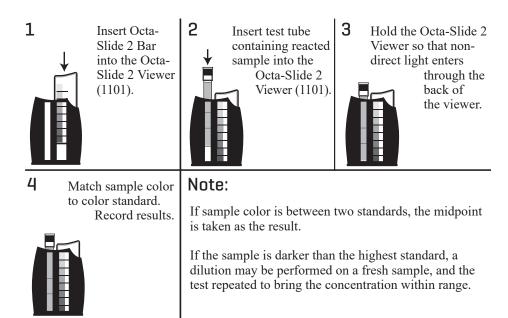


TEST METHODS

This test kit uses two basic analytical procedures common to field test kits. A brief explanation of each follows:

COLORIMETRIC: OCTA-SLIDE 2 VIEWER

In a visual colorimetric test, a sample is treated with reagent(s) to produce a color reaction, generally in proportion to the amount of test factor present. The sample color is then compared against color standards representing known concentrations of the factor being tested over a specific range.



DILUTIONS

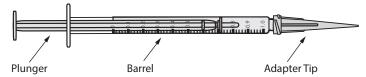
The calibrated test tubes (0106) included in this kit may be used to perform dilutions for the Ammonia Nitrogen and Nitrite Nitrogen tests. Distilled or deionized water is needed to perform dilutions.

The following table provides a quick reference guide for dilutions of various proportions. Once the dilution is prepared, use this diluted sample to perform the test, and multiply the result by the dilution factor to obtain the actual concentration.

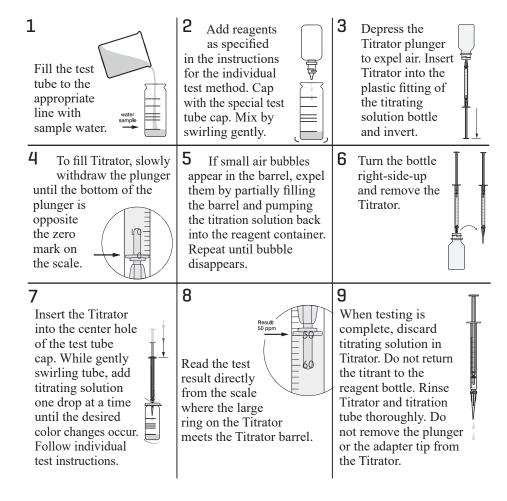
Sample Size	Distilled Water to Bring to 10 mL	Dilution Factor
5.0 mL	5.0 mL	2
2.5 mL	7.5 mL	4

TITRIMETRIC: DIRECT READING TITRATOR

In a titrimetric method, titrating solution (or titrant) is added to a treated sample until a color change occurs. The volume of titrant required to reach this endpoint is proportional to the concentration of the factor being tested. Direct Reading Titrators provide results directly in the appropriate concentration for the test – no counting of drops, no calculations.



The Titrator consists of a plastic barrel, a plastic plunger, and a plastic adapter tip. The adapter tip reduces the size of the drops that are dispensed, increasing the precision of the test results. DO NOT remove the plunger or adapter tip from the Titrator.



TEST PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

Proper control of water quality is an essential part of successful aquaculture operation. Immediate test results provided by on-site water analysis equipment can confirm a healthy environment, or give early warning signals for required treatment.

- 1. Develop a routine testing schedule.
- 2. Keep records! Historical data is extremely important if treatments are required. Note environmental conditions, fish activity, feeding habits, etc.
- 3. Observe fish to note any particular behavior or feeding rates, as this may be a sign of stress.
- 4. Stable characteristics, such as alkalinity and hardness, do not have to be tested as frequently as ones that fluctuate, such as ammonia nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, pH, dissolved oxygen and temperature. Keep in mind that these factors fluctuate throughout the day and in some cases are interdependent.
- 5. Be alert to sudden changes in one factor, as it may be a clue to perform further analysis.



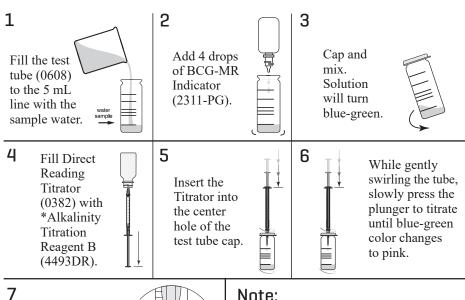
Alkalinity

DESCRIPTION	CODE
BCG/MR Indicator	2311-PG-E
*Alkalinity Titration Reagent B	*4493DR-H
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-200 Range	0382

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The Direct Reading Titrator is calibrated in terms of total alkalinity expressed as parts per million (ppm) Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃). Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 4 ppm CaCO₃.

ALKALINITY TEST PROCEDURE



Read the test result directly from the scale where the large ring on the Titrator meets the Titrator barrel. Record Total Alkalinity as ppm Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃).

Note:

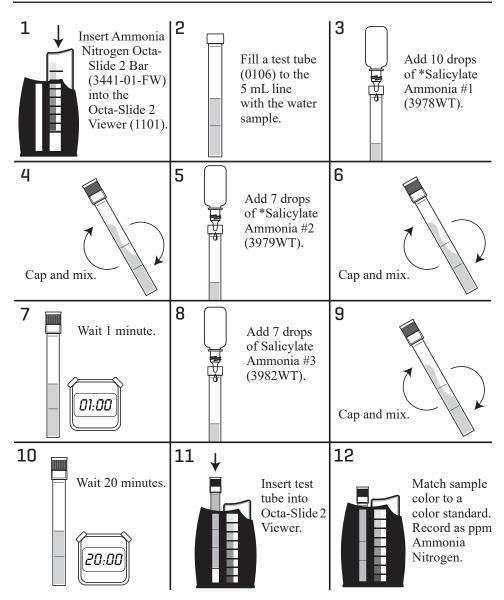
If the plunger tip reaches the bottom line on the scale (200 ppm) before the endpoint color change occurs, refill the Titrator and continue the titration.

When recording the test result, be sure to include the value of the original amount of reagent dispensed (200 ppm).

Ammonia Nitrogen	
DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Salicylate Ammonia #1	*3978LWT-G
*Salicylate Ammonia #2	*3979WT-G
Salicylate Ammonia #3	3982WT-G
Test Tube, 2.5-5-10 mL, plastic, w/cap	0106
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
Ammonia Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0-2.0 ppm, Fresh Water	3441-01-FW

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AMMONIA NITROGEN TEST PROCEDURE



Calculations:

To express results as Ammonia (NH₃):

Ammonia (NH₃) = ppm Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) x 1.2

To express results as Ammonium (NH $_4^+$): Ammonium (NH $_4^+$) = ppm Ammonia Nitrogen (NH $_3$ -N) x 1.3

AMMONIA IN AQUARIUMS

Ammonia in water occurs in two forms: toxic unionized ammonia (NH_3) and the relatively non-toxic form, ammonium ion (NH_4^+). This test method measures both forms as ammonia-nitrogen (NH_3^-N) to give the total ammonia-nitrogen concentration in water. The actual proportion of each compound depends on temperature, salinity, and pH. A greater concentration of unionized ammonia is present when the pH value and salinity increase.

- 1. Consult the table below to find the percentage that corresponds to the temperature, pH and salinity of the sample.
- 2. To express the test result as ppm Unionized Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N), multiply the total ammonia-nitrogen test result by the percentage from the table.
- 3. To express the test result as ppm Ionized Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₄-N), subtract the unionized ammonia nitrogen, determined in Step 2, from the total ammonia-nitrogen.

Percentage of Free Ammonia as (NH₃) in Freshwater¹ (FW) and Seawater² (SW) at varying pH and temperature.

	1	0°C	1	5°C	2	0°C	2	5°C
рН	FW1	SW2	FW	SW	FW	SW	FW	SW
7.0	0.19		0.27		0.40		0.55	
7.1	0.23		0.34		0.50		0.70	
7.2	0.29		0.43		0.63		0.88	
7.3	0.37		0.54		0.79		1.10	
7.4	0.47		0.68		0.99		1.38	
7.5	0.59	0.459	0.85	0.665	1.24	0.963	1.73	1.39
7.6	0.74	0.577	1.07	0.836	1.56	1.21	2.17	1.75
7.7	0.92	0.726	1.35	1.05	1.96	1.52	2.72	2.19
7.8	1.16	0.912	1.69	1.32	2.45	1.90	3.39	2.74
7.9	1.46	1.15	2.12	1.66	3.06	2.39	4.24	3.43
8.0	1.83	1.44	2.65	2.07	3.83	2.98	5.28	4.28
8.1	2.29	1.80	3.32	2.60	4.77	3.73	6.55	5.32
8.2	2.86	2.26	4.14	3.25	5.94	4.65	8.11	6.61
8.3	3.58	2.83	5.16	4.06	7.36	5.78	10.00	8.18
8.4	4.46	3.54	6.41	5.05	9.09	7.17	12.27	10.10
8.5	5.55	4.41	7.98	6.28	11.18	8.87	14.97	12.40

¹Freshwater data from Trussel (1972).

FOR EXAMPLE:

A fresh water sample at 20°C has a pH of 8.5 and the test result is 1.0 ppm as total Ammonia-Nitrogen.

- 1. The percentage from the table is 11.18% (or 0.1118).
- 2. 1 ppm total Ammonia-Nitrogen x 0.1118 = 0.1118 ppm Unionized Ammonia-Nitrogen

3. Total Ammonia-Nitrogen		1.0000 ppm
Unionized Ammonia-Nitrogen	-	0.1118 ppm
Ionized Ammonia-Nitrogen	=	0.8882 ppm

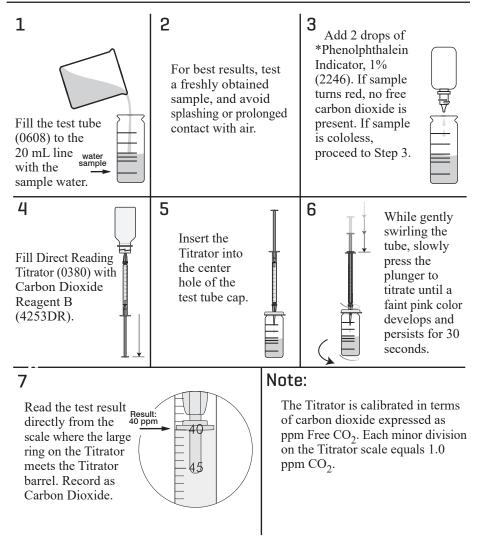
²Seawater values from Bower and Bidwell (1978). Salinity for Seawater values = 34 ppt at an ionic strength of 0.701 m.

Carbon Dioxide

DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Phenolphthalein Indicator, 1%	*2246-E
Carbon Dioxide Reagent B	4253DR-H
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-50 Range	0380
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608

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CARBON DIOXIDE TEST PROCEDURE



Chloride	
DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Chloride Reagent #1	*4504-E
*Chloride Reagent #2	*4505DR-H
*Phenolphthalein Indicator, 1%	*2246-E
*Sulfuric Acid, 0.5N	*6090-E
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-200 Range	0382
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608

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The Titrator is calibrated in terms of chloride expressed as ppm $C\Gamma$. Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 4.0 ppm $C\Gamma$.

HIGH CHLORIDE AND SALINITY READINGS

For high chloride and salinity readings the sample must be carefully diluted to bring it within a practical range for titration. Dilutions of 1 to 20 or 1 to 100 are recommended. (For example: 1 mL of sample water is diluted to a total of 20 mL with distilled water. This is a 1 to 20 dilution.) Titration tube is then filled to 15 mL line with diluted sample, and the titration is performed as described. The Titrator reading is multiplied by the appropriate conversion factor given below for parts per million (ppm), parts per thousand (ppt), or percent (%) Chloride.

1 to 20 DILUTION

ppm chloride	=	Titrator Reading x 20
ppt chloride	=	Titrator Reading x 0.02
% chloride	=	Titrator Reading x 0.002

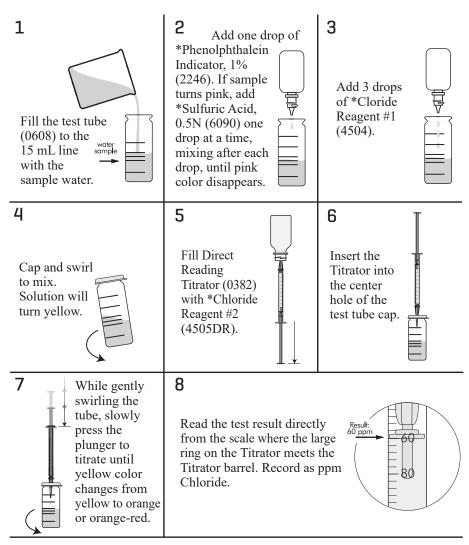
1 to 100 DILUTION

ppm chloride = Titrator Reading x 100 ppt chloride = Titrator Reading x 0.1 % chloride = Titrator Reading x 0.01

To convert parts per thousand (ppt) Chloride to parts per thousand (ppt) Salinity use the following formula:

ppt salinity = (1.805 x ppt chloride) + 0.03

CHLORIDE TEST PROCEDURE



Note:

If the plunger tip reaches the bottom line on the scale (200 ppm) before the endpoint color change occurs, refill the Titrator and continue the titration. When recording the test results be sure to include the value of the original amount of reagent dispensed (200 ppm).

Dissolved Oxygen

DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Manganous Sulfate Solution	*4167-G
*Alkaline Potassium Iodide Azide Reagent	*7166-G
*Sulfuric Acid, 1:1	*6141WT-G
Sodium Thiosulfate, 0.025N	4169-Н
Starch Indicator Solution	4170PS-G
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-10 Range	0377
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608
Pipet, plain, plastic, w/cap	0392
Water Sampling Bottle, 60 mL, glass	0688-DO

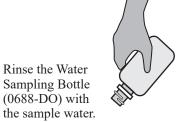
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The Titrator is calibrated in terms of Dissolved Oxygen expressed as ppm Dissolved Oxygen. Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 0.2 ppm Dissolved Oxygen.

DISSOLVED OXYGEN TEST PROCEDURE

Part 1 - Collecting the Water Sample

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Tightly cap the bottle, and submerge it to the desired depth.

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Remove the cap and allow the bottle to fill

Tap the sides of the bottle to dislodge any air bubbles.

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Retrieve the bottle

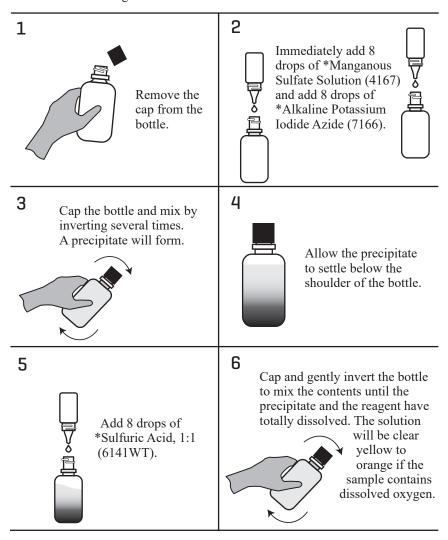


Replace the cap while the bottle is still submerged.

and make sure that no air bubbles are trapped inside.

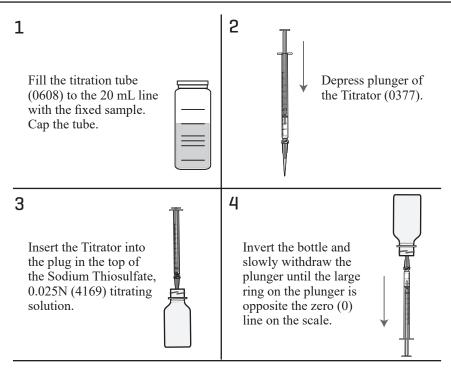
Part 2 - Adding the Reagents

NOTE: Be careful not to introduce air into the sample while adding the reagents.

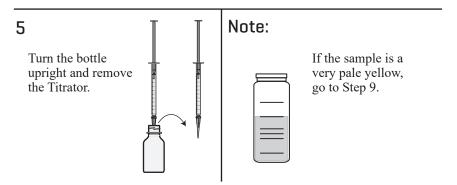


NOTE: At this point the sample has been "fixed" and contact between the sample and the atmosphere will not affect the test result. Samples may be held at this point and titrated later.

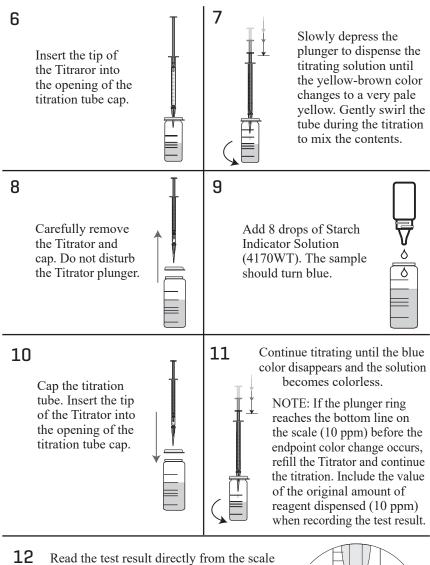
Part 3 - The Titration



NOTE: If small air bubbles appear in the titrator barrel, expel them by partially filling the barrel and pumping the titration solution back into the reagent container. Repeat until bubble disappears.

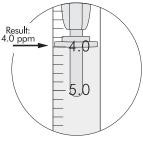


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12 Read the test result directly from the scale where the large ring on the Titrator meets the Titrator barrel. Record as ppm Dissolved Oxygen. Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 0.2 ppm.

NOTE: When testing is complete, discard the titrating solution in the Titrator. Rinse Titrator and titration tube thoroughly. DO NOT remove plunger or adapter tip.



Hardness

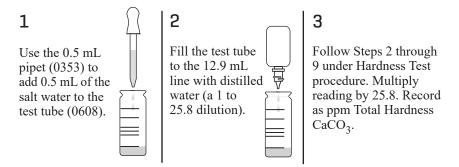
DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Hardness Reagent #5	*4483-E
*Hardness Reagent #6 Solution	*4485-E
Hardness Reagent #7	4487DR-H
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25, glass, w/cap	0608
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-200 Range	0382
Pipet, 0.5 mL, plastic	0353

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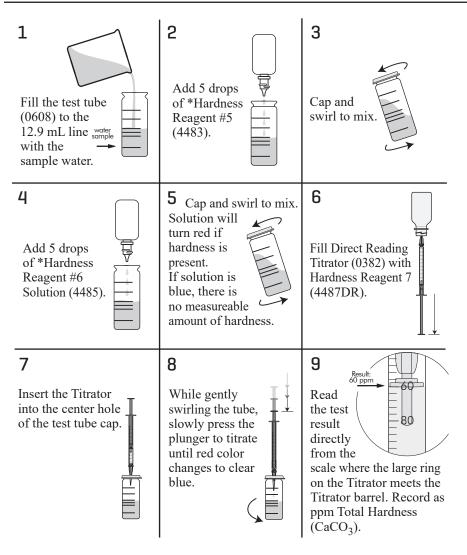
The Titrator is calibrated in terms of Total Hardness expressed as parts per million (ppm) Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃). Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 4 ppm CaCO₃.

ANALYSIS OF HARDNESS IN SALT WATER

When sea and estuarine waters containing very high levels of mineral salts are to be tested, the sample must be diluted before titration. This test set is supplied with a calibrated pipet for perforning the simple, convenient dilution described below:



HARDNESS TEST PROCEDURE

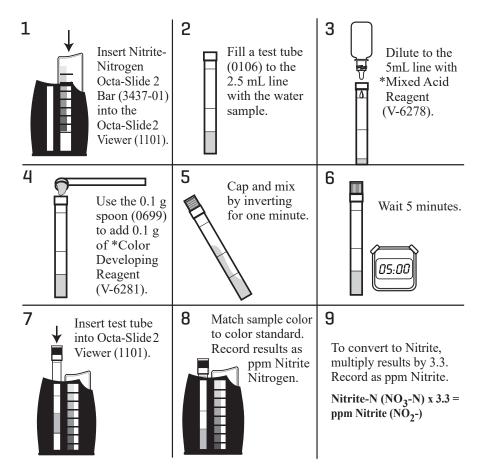


Nitrite Nitrogen

DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Mixed Acid Reagent	*V-6278-H
*Color Developing Reagent	*V-6281-D
Spoon, 0.1 g, plastic	0699
Test Tube, plastic, w/cap	0106
Dispenser Cap	0692
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
Nitrite Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0.05-0.8 ppm	3437-01

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NOTE: Place Dispenser Cap (0692) on *Mixed Acid Reagent (V-6278-H). Save this cap for refill reagents.



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DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Wide Range Indicator	*2218-G
Test Tube, plastic, w/cap	0106
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
Wide Range pH Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 5.0-10.0	3483-01

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