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EZ1004 Boron Analyser

Method and reagent sheets

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1. Legal information

Manufacturer: AppliTek NV/SA

Distributor: Hach Lange GmbH

The translation of the manual is approved by the manufacturer.

2. Analytical specifications

Please refer also to the respective technical datasheet at Hach Support Online.

| Boron - All specifications | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analysis method | Colorimetric measurement using Azomethine-H colour solution | | | |
| Parameter | B (Boron) | | | |
| Cycle time | Standard measurement cycle time: 25 minutes Internal dilution: + 5 min. External dilution: + 10 min. | | | |
| Limit of detection (LOD) | ≤ 0.05 mg/L | | | |
| Precision/Repeatability | Better than 3% full scale range for standard test solutions | | | |
| Cleaning | Automatic; frequency freely programmable | | | |
| Calibration | Automatic, 2-point; frequency freely programmable | | | |
| Validation | Automatic; frequency freely programmable | | | |
| Interferences | Several species including aluminum [Al], Copper [Cu], iron [Fe], zinc [Zn] and molybdate [Mo]. Large amounts of colour and turbidity interferes. Fats, oil, proteins, surfactants and tar. | | | |
| Measuring ranges | % of range - Dilution | | Low range (mg/L) | High range (mg/L) |
| | B | 25% of standard range | 0.050 | 0.5 |
| | C | 50% of standard range | 0.100 | 1.0 |
| | 0 | standard range | 0.200 | 2.0 |
| | V | internal dispenser dilution (factor 5) | 1.0 | 10 |
| | W | internal dispenser dilution (factor 10) | 2.0 | 20 |
| | X | internal dispenser dilution (factor 25) | 5.0 | 50 |

3. Analysis method

Summary

The borate ions react with azomethine-H in an acidic medium to form a yellow dye. The absorption is measured at a wavelength of 405 nm.

Analysis steps

The analysis vessel is cleaned and filled with fresh sample. After sampling and addition of the buffer the initial absorbance value is measured at 405 nm. Next, the colour solution is added and after respecting a stirring period – performed to obtain complete colour development – the final absorbance value is determined. With the obtained absorbance values, the boron concentration can be calculated according to Beer's law.

Calibration


The calibration procedure measures a REF1 B solution (channel 9, REF1 valve) and a REF2 B solution (channel 10, REF2 valve) to adapt the slope and offset factors by means of a two point calibration.


The calibration is performed in the MAIN method.

Remark

The methods cannot be started at the same time.

4. Reagents

| ⚠ CAUTION | |
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|  | Chemical exposure hazard. Obey laboratory safety procedures and wear all of the personal protective equipment appropriate to the chemicals that are handled. Read the safety data sheet from the supplier before bottles are filled or reagents are prepared. For laboratory use only. Make the hazard information known in accordance with the local regulations of the user. |

| ⚠ CAUTION | |
|---|--|
|  | Chemical exposure hazard. Dispose of chemicals and wastes in accordance with local, regional and national regulations. |

4.1 Reagent overview and consumption

In the tables below, the products that are needed to prepare the reagents are listed. The product name, the formula, the molecular weight, the CAS No. and the amount needed to prepare 1 liter of the reagents is given. Check the consumption of the reagents (28 days) to adapt the volumes needed.

| Product | Consumption | Consumption/28 days A rata 1 analysis/25 min | Recommended containers |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Buffer solution | ~ 1.5 mL / analysis | ~ 3.0 L | Plastic – 5 L |
| Colour solution* | ~ 1.5 mL / analysis | ~ 2.5 L | Plastic, Dark – 5 L |
| REF1 solution | ~ 0.5 L / calibration | / | Plastic – 1 L |
| REF2 solution | ~ 0.5 L / calibration | / | Plastic – 1 L |

* Store in fridge during operation

4.2 DI-water overview and consumption

| | Rinse water (mL/analysis) Type I | Dilution water (mL/analysis) Type I | Total (mL/analysis) | Consumption/28 days A rata 1 analysis / 25 min |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| B | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| C | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| 0 | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| V | 60 mL | 15 mL | 75 mL | 121 L |
| W | 60 mL | 15 mL | 75 mL | 121 L |
| X | 60 mL | 15 mL | 75 mL | 121 L |

Remark

The indicated volumes are an estimation of the consumption for rinse and dilution water, based on a standard operating procedure, as defined in the specifications of the EZ analyser. Please be aware that, depending on the sample matrix, the rinse water volumes might increase.

4.3 Storage and quality of chemicals

Quality of chemicals

All chemicals should be of Reagent grade, ACS grade or better (*). The use of pro analysis chemicals is recommended. Poor quality of the reagents can affect the analyser performance.

(* Analytical Reagent (AR), Guaranteed Reagent (GR), UNIVAR, AnalaR, Premium Reagent (PR), ReagentCertified ACS reagent, ACS Plus reagent, puriss p.a. ACS reagent, ReagentPlus®, TraceCERT®, Suprapur®, Ultrapur®, or better are also possible.

Quality of DI-water

All EZ analysers are tested with standard solutions, reagents and dilution water prepared using type I water or better as defined by ASTM D1193-91.

To achieve the specifications as stated on the data sheet, method and reagents sheet and acceptance test reports, the same water quality (or better) must be used for the preparation of the standard solutions, reagents and dilution water.

Additionally the water used for the preparation of the standard solutions for an EZ analyser must be free of the parameter or any of the interferences for the method of that EZ analyser.

Storage of Reagents

While operating the instrument, keep in mind the reagent requirements as stated in the reagent overview, the chapters below and/or in the data sheet of the instrument.

⚠ CAUTION



For longer-term storage: Store the reagents cold; Store the reagents in the dark;
If applicable: Store the reagents in a fridge during operation

⚠ CAUTION



Refresh the reagents after one month (unless stated differently in the chapters below).
Do not mix old reagents with freshly prepared reagents. Remove old reagents from the container before adding freshly prepared reagents.

4.4 Buffer solution

| Products | Formula | MW (g/mol) | CAS No. | 1 litre solution |
|------------------|--|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Ammonium acetate | $C_2H_7NO_2$ | 77.08 | 631-61-8 | 400 g |
| Acetic acid | $C_2H_4O_2$ | 60.05 | 64-19-7 | 200 mL |
| EDTA | $C_{10}H_{14}N_2Na_2O_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ * | 372.2 | 6381-92-6 | 11.2 g |

Preparation

Dissolve 400 g ammonium acetate ($C_2H_7NO_2$) in 500 mL de-ionized water. Next, add 200 mL acetic acid ($C_2H_4O_2$) and 11.2 g EDTA. Mix and fill up to 1 litre with de-ionized water.

4.5 Colour solution

| Products | Formula | MW (g/mol) | CAS No. | 1 litre solution |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Azomethine H-monosodium salt | $C_{17}H_{12}NNaO_8S_2$ | 445.40 | 5941-07-1 | 8.5 g |
| Glycerin (glycerol) 99% | $C_3H_8O_3$ | 92.09 | 56-81-5 | 100 mL |

Preparation

Dissolve 100 mL of glycerin in 500 mL de-ionized water. Next, add 8.5 g of azomethine-H monosodium salt. Gently heat the solution (max. 30°C) while stirring until completely dissolved. Transfer into a volumetric flask of 1 litre. Mix and dilute to the mark with de-ionized water. Cool down (20 °C) before use.

Store the reagent in a closed, plastic container and in a fridge (10 à 20°C) during operation to ensure stability up to 28 days.

4.6 Calibration solution

| Products | Formula | MW (g/mol) | CAS No. | 1 litre solution |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Boric acid | H ₃ BO ₃ | 61.83 | 10043-35-3 | 2.861 g |

Preparation

500 mg/L B stock solution

Prepare a stock solution of 500 mg/L B: Dissolve accurately 2.861 g boric acid (H₃BO₃) in 500 mL de-ionized water using a volumetric flask of 1000 mL. Add de-ionized water up to the mark grade.

B standard solution – REF2

Prepare a standard solution for calibration according to the following table: take accurately x mL of the 500 mg/L B stock solution and transfer into a volumetric flask of 1000 mL. Add de-ionized water up to the mark grade.

| | Measuring range | Concentration REF2 | Amount of stock solution to add to 1 litre |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| B | 0.5 mg/L B | 0.5 mg/L B | 1.0 mL |
| C | 1.0 mg/L B | 1.0 mg/L B | 2.0 mL |
| 0 | 2.0 mg/L B | 2.0 mg/L B | 4.0 mL |
| V | 10 mg/L B | 10 mg/L B | 20 mL |
| W | 20 mg/L B | 20 mg/L B | 40 mL |
| X | 50 mg/L B | 50 mg/L B | 100 mL |

B standard solution – REF1

Prepare a standard solution of 0 µg/L B. Use de-ionized water.

4.7 Cleaning solution (facultative)

The cleaning procedure should prevent any build-up of chemicals in the analyser. To obtain an effective cleaning procedure one has to test the cleaning solution and the cleaning interval for each application. Perform the selected cleaning solution and interval for a trial period, check then the effectiveness of the procedure and change if necessary.

| Change Information | |
|---|--|
| Date: 26/05/2026 | Previous version: Edition 2.00 to Edition 2.10 |
| Reason for Change | |
| - Optimization of preparation colour solution | |
| Description of Change | |
| - Discontinued the use ascorbic acid in colour solution. Use of Azomethine H-monosodium salt with different CAS number for improved colour preparation. Reduction of the amount of Azomethine H-monosodium salt hydrate from 10 g to 8.5 g. | |