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#### **INTENDED USE**

For determination of soluble chloride in drinking, ground, surface and waste water on Thermo Scientific™ Aquakem™ or Gallery™ analyzers.

#### METHOD

Colorimetric method with mercury (II) thiocyanate.

### PRINCIPLE OF THE PROCEDURE

Chloride reacts with mercury (II) thiocyanate to form a soluble non-ionic compound. The thiocyanate ions released reacts in acid solution with iron (III) nitrate to form a red/brown iron (III) thiocyanate complex. The resulting intensity of the stable color produced is measured spectrophotometrically at a wavelength of 480 nm and is related to the chloride concentration by means of a calibration curve.

## **REAGENT INFORMATION**

All reagents need to be ordered separately. For this method only one reagent, R1, is needed.

Ready-to-use reagents		Barcode id
984364 Chloride R1	4 x 20 ml	A03
984365 Chloride R1 L	20 x 20 ml	A03

#### Concentrations

R1	Methanol	14.9 %
	Iron (III) nitrate	2.8 %
	Mercury dithiocyanate	0.08 %
	Nitric acid	≤1%

#### Precautions

Chloride R1 is hazardous.

See separate sheet inside the kit for Hazardous- and Precautionsphrases: H226, H290, H302, H312, H332, H314, H370, H412, P280, P303 + P361 + P353, P305 + P351 + P338, P307 + P311, P273

Exercise the normal precautions required for handling all laboratory reagents.

The products has to be disposed of as laboratory chemical in accordance with local regulations.

#### **Reagent preparation**

The reagents are ready-to-use.

**Note:** Check that there are no bubbles on the surface of reagent when you insert vials into the analyzer.

#### Storage and Stability

Reagents in unopened vials are stable at 2...8  $\,^{\rm C}$  until the expiry date printed on the label.

Refer to reagent definitions in the factory delivered analyzer for the onboard stability.

## SAMPLES

## Sample type

Drinking, ground, surface and waste water.

## Sample preparation

Sample material should be homogenous and representative.

## TEST PROCEDURE

See a separate Application note for Aquakem or Gallery analyzer. Application note is suggestive and should be tailored to sample matrix and concentration in use.

## Materials required but not provided

Deionized water (aseptic and free of heavy metals) and general laboratory equipment.

# Standard solutions available: 984721 Cloride Std, 1000 mg/l

## Calibration

Calibration is polynomial/2<sup>nd</sup> order. Spline can also be used.

For Aquakem Application Chloride, 500 mg/l calibration standard was used.

For Gallery Application Chloride Low, a 100 mg/l calibration standard was used.

For Gallery Application Chloride High, a 500 mg/l calibration standard was used.

## **Quality Control**

Use quality control samples at least once a day. Run the quality control sample always after each calibration, and before the daily sample load to verify the reagent on board stability and every time a new reagent vial is used. It is also recommended to use two levels of controls. The control intervals and limits must be adapted to the individual laboratory requirements. The results of the quality control sample(s) should fall within the limits pre-set by the laboratory.

# CALCULATION OF RESULTS

The results are calculated automatically by the analyzer using a calibration curve.

Lot dependent calibration curve can be found from Certificate of Analysis. Please see section Additional Material for instructions.

## LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE

## Interference

Interference can arise from substances which reduce iron (III) to iron (II) and mercury (III) to mercury (II) such as bromide, sulfide, thiocyanate, cyanides including complex cyanides, nitrite, ammonia and non-ionic detergents.

## PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

The results obtained in individual laboratories may differ from the performance data given.

## MEASURING RANGE

Analyzer	Name of the application and range	Extended measuring range	
Aquakem	Chloride * – 100 mg/l	Up to 1000 mg/l	
Gallery	Chloride Low *- 20 mg/l	Up to 100 mg/l	
Gallery	Chloride High * -100 mg/l	Up to 500 mg/l	

# **Quantitation Limit**

The quantitation limit is the lowest amount of analyte in a sample which can be quantitatively determined with suitable precision and accuracy. The quantitation limit can be estimated for example by multiplying 5 to 10 times the SD of a blank sample.

## Method Detection Limit (MDL)

The minimum concentration of an analyte that can be identified, measured and reported with 99% confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero.

Application	Sample	n	Average (mg/l)	SD	MDL (mg/l)
Chloride L	blank	7	0.23	0.011	0.035 *
	blank	50	0.22	0.042	0.349 **

MDL was determined using Gallery analyzer.

\*MDL =  $3.14 \times SD$  (blank sample, n = 7)

\*\*MDL =  $3 \times SD$  + average (blank sample, 5 batches, n = 50)

#### Precision Gallery analyzer

	Pond Water (mg/l)		Tap Water (mg/l)		Pond Water (mg/l)			
	Ν	50	Ν	50	Ν	50		
	Mean	2.53	Mean	4.91	Mean	16.50		
	SD	CV %	SD	CV %	SD	CV %		
Within run	0.031	1.2 %	0.030	0.6 %	0.075	0.5 %		
Between run	0.011	0.4 %	0.020	0.4 %	0.224	1.4 %		
Total	0.033	1.3 %	0.036	0.7 %	0.236	1.4 %		

## **OTHER REMARKS**

The results obtained in individual laboratories may differ from the given performance data due to e.g. sample matrix, concentrations or analysis



environment. Each laboratory is responsible to verify the method to prove the analysis performance.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

Please refer to local legal requirements. It is recommended to empty the analyzer cuvette waste bin and waste water daily. Emptying should be done immediately after the analysis when using hazardous reagents/solutions.

**Note:** If using reagents/solutions that react with each other, cuvette waste bin and waste water should be emptied and washed between use of these reagents.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1) ISBN 0117516260
- 2) EPA Method 325.2
- 3) SM 4500 CI E
- 4) EN ISO 15682
- 5) ISO 15923-1

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Certificate of analysis and SDS are available at www.e-labeling.eu/TSF

Applications for Gallery and Aquakem automated analyzers are available upon request from the local sales representative. Information in the Application note can change without prior notice.

## MANUFACTURER

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