LETTER FROM THE KIT INVENTOR

Thank you for purchasing our U.S. Patented (# 6,696,300) Arsenic Quick ™ II Kit. Our company has trademarked the kits Quick™ because of the short 14 minute time for analysis.

The Drinking Water standard of the US EPA and the World Health Organization (WHO) allows a maximum contaminant level of 10 ppb (μ g/L) for Arsenic. The old US EPA level of 50 ppb (μ g/L) remains as the maximum contaminant level for many countries in the world.

For several years, Industrial Test Systems, Inc. (ITS) committed a major research & development effort to provide better and safer arsenic test kits. The goal was achieved. The test was made safer by using tartaric acid, instead of strong acids, for the reduction of inorganic arsenic (As⁺³/As⁺⁵) to arsine gas. For these efforts a US Patent was granted for the acceleration of the arsenic detection chemistry by the addition of metal enhancers, iron and nickel salts. This permits Arsenic field tests to be completed faster. The Quick[™] II series of kits use a modified Turret cap which allows detection of arsenic below 10 ppb (μ g/L). The reduction reactions utilized in all kits are as follows:

 $Zn + 2H^+ \rightarrow Zn^{+2} + H_2 \text{ (gas) and } As_4O_6 + 12 \text{ } Zn + 24H^+ \rightarrow 4AsH_3\text{(gas)} + 12 \text{ } Zn^{+2} + 6H_2O \text{ (pH 1.6)}$

The analysis is performed in a closed reaction bottle (plastic) with an appropriate volume of sample (50 to 500 ml). After the 10 minute reduction reaction, the mercuric bromide strip or testing pad is removed and matched to the color chart or color analyzed by the Quick[™] Arsenic Scan instrument. A light yellow to brown color change indicates that arsenic is present. The color intensity is proportionately related to the concentration of arsenic in the sample. NOTE: ITS test kits detect free inorganic arsenic only. ICP-MS methods detect inorganic and organic arsenic. If organic arsenic is present, ITS kit results can be expected to give lower values when compared to ICP-MS results.

Quick[™] Arsenic Test Kits Available:

US Patent # 6696300

PRODUCT NAME (PART NUMBER)	NO. OF TESTS	EPIT / ETV Text Kerified Performance	OPTIMUM RANGE* ppb (µg/L)	TYPICAL COLOR CHART DETECTION LEVELS ppb (µg/L)	TYPICAL ACCURACY** OF DUPLICATES USING QUICK™ ARSENIC SCAN	
Arsenic Quick™ Mini Kit (481396-5) (Can also be used for soil analysis.)	5	YES	10 to 200	0, 5, 10, 20, 60, 100, 300, 500, >500, >>500	+/-18 ppb or +/-30%	
Arsenic Quick™ II Mini Kit (481303–5)	5	YES	3 to 20	<1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 20, 25, 30, 40, >50, >80, >120, >160	+/-1.2 ppb or +/-16%	
Arsenic Low Range Quick™ II Mini Kit (481301-5)	5	YES	1 to 10	<0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, >20, >30, >50	+/-0.8 ppb or +/-14%	
Arsenic Ultra–Low Quick™ II (481300-5)	5	YES	0.5 to 6	0, 0.3, 0.7, 1.0, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 20, >20	+/-0.4 ppb or +/-12%	
Arsenic Quick™ Kit (481396) (Can also be used for soil analysis.)	100	YES	10 to 200	0, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400, 500, >500	+/-18 ppb or +/-30%	
Arsenic Low Range Quick™ (481297 -i)	50	YES	7 to 80	<2, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100, >150, >300	+/-8 ppb or +/-25%	
Arsenic Quick™ II (481303)	50	YES	3 to 20	<1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 20, 25, 30, 40, >50, >80, >120, >160	+/-1.2 ppb or +/-16%	
Arsenic Low Range Quick™ II (481301)	50	YES	1 to 10	<0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, >20, >30, >50	+/-0.8 ppb or +/-14%	
Arsenic Ultra-Low Quick™ II (481300)	25	YES	0.5 to 6	0, 0.3, 0.7, 1.0, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 20, >20	+/-0.4 ppb or +/-12%	
Quick™ Arsenic Scan Instrument (481305)	1 meter	YES	N/A	0.01 to >1.00 color density ppb (μg/L) (as low as 0.2 ppb (μg/L) arsenic)	(see above)	

Information on the performance characteristics of Quick[™] can be found at www.epa.gov/etv, or call ITS at 1-800-861-9712 for a copy of the ETV verification report. The use of the ETV® Name or Logo does not imply approval or certification of this product nor does it make any explicit or implied warranties or guarantees as to product performance.

*Range can be expanded by diluting the sample with Arsenic-free water. * A with any test, actual results will fail within a range around the actual value. The Typical Accuracy listed is from data generated by a technician in our lab using the Quick[™] Arsenic Scan instrument measuring interference-free angevous arsenic standards. Kit expected accuracy is the larger of the two values listed. (Example using Quick[™] If the mean is 40 ppb, then the typical accuracy is +/18 ppb which is larger than +/12 ppb (40 ppb X 30%)].

Where precision is important, ITS recommends that you run the water sample in duplicate, since the typical color matching is within one color block. For best precision consider the purchase of our Quick™ Arsenic Scan instrument. This unit is ideal for use with all test kits. Please contact our sales department at 803-329-9712 for more information or to order the Quick™ Arsenic Scan instrument.

Typical shelf life of kits is over 12 months. The kit includes First Reagent (Tartaric acid with iron and nickel salts); Second Reagent (MPS, an oxidizer); Third Reagent (zinc dust); and mercuric bromide strips, which contains about 1mg mercury per strip. After use, the strips should be discarded according to local environmental regulations. Valuable safety information about the kit is in the MSDS literature. As a safeguard to minimize the operator's exposure to arsine and hydrogen gas, please run all tests in a well-ventilated area away from open flames and other sources of ignition. Arsine gas is highly toxic; and this precaution becomes more urgent if the water sample has high arsenic levels.

Cordially yours,

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