# **Peracetic Acid**

# Method

### References: Developed by CHEMetrics, Inc.

Because it is a strong disinfectant, peracetic acid is an excellent sanitizing agent for the food and beverage industry. Peracetic acid is used to disinfect equipment, pasteurizers, tanks, pipelines, evaporators, fillers, and contact surfaces in food processing plants. It is especially effective in eliminating the osmotolerant microbes (e.g. the yeast Zygosaccharomyces bailii) in beverage plants producing high-sugar products. The pulp and paper industry uses peracetic acid as a delignification and bleaching agent.

In the Peracetic Acid DDPD test method, the sample is treated with an excess of potassium iodide. Peracetic acid oxidizes the iodide to iodine. The iodine then oxidizes DDPD, a methyl-substituted form of DPD (N, N-diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) to form a purplecolored species that is directly proportional to the peracetic acid concentration in the sample. Results are expressed as ppm (mg/L) peracetic acid.

Various oxidizing agents such as halogens, ozone, ferric ions, and cupric ions will produce high test results. Hydrogen peroxide does **not** interfere if present at levels comparable to the peracetic acid levels.



## V-2000 Multi-Analyte Photometer (See page 12 for instrumental features)

#### Range: 0.40-4.00 ppm Method: DDPD

Vacu-vials Kit	Cat# K-7903
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perfor tests: thirty ampoules, Activator Solution, 25 mL sample cup, ampoule instructions, calibration table, and MSDS.	

Vacu-vials Kits require the use of the V-2000 Photometer or a spectrophotometer capable of accepting a 13 mm diameter round cell. Instrument sold separately.

Kit Components common to Peracetic Acid	
Description	Cat#
Sample Cup Pack, 25 mL (6 ea) Ampoule Blank Pack (5 ea)	A-0013 A-0023

<sup>1</sup>The accessory pack supplies enough solution to perform at least 200 tests.

#### Instructions are posted on our website.

If no shelf-life is listed for a product, then the shelf-life is at least 2 years.



Range: 0-1 & 1-5 ppm

MDL: 0.05 ppm / Method: DDPD	
	Cat#
CHEMets Kit	K-7905
CHEMets Refill, 30 ampoules	R-7905
Activator Solution Pack, six 10 mL bottles	A-79001
Low Range Comparator 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0 ppm	C-7901
High Range Comparator 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 ppm	C-7905
Kit comes in a plastic case and contains everything needed to perform a tests: Refill, Low and High Range Comparators, Activator Solution, 25 is sample cup, instructions, and MSDS.	

