

Nitrite Vacu-vials® Kit

K-7003: 0.080 - 0.800 ppm N

Instrument Set-up

For CHEMetrics photometers, follow the **Setup and Measurement Procedures** in the operator's manual. For spectrophotometers, follow the manufacturer's specifications to set the wavelength to 520 nm and to zero the instrument using the ZERO ampoule supplied.

Safety Information

Read MSDS (available at www.chemetrics.com) before performing this test procedure. Wear safety glasses and protective gloves.

Test Procedure

1. Fill the sample cup to the 25 mL mark with the sample to be tested (fig 1).
2. Place the Vacu-vial ampoule, tip first, into the sample cup. Snap the tip. The ampoule will fill leaving a bubble for mixing (fig 2).
3. To mix the ampoule, invert it several times, allowing the bubble to travel from end to end.
4. Dry the ampoule and wait **10 minutes** for color development.
5. Insert the Vacu-vial ampoule into the photometer, flat end first, and obtain a reading in ppm (mg/Liter) nitrite-nitrogen as NO₂-N. Accuracy may be compromised if test results are outside the stated test range.

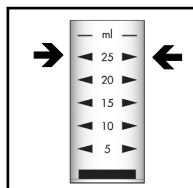


Figure 1

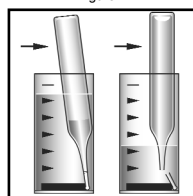


Figure 2

NOTE: Only use the equation below if you are using a spectrophotometer that is not pre-calibrated for CHEMetrics products:

$$\text{ppm N} = -0.258 (\text{abs})^2 + 0.988 (\text{abs}) - 0.018$$

Test Method

The Nitrite Vacu-vials®¹ test kit employs the azo dye formation method.^{2,3} In an acidic solution, nitrite diazotizes with a primary aromatic amine and then couples with another organic molecule to produce a highly colored azo dye. The resulting pink-orange color is proportional to the nitrite concentration in the sample.

1. Vacu-vials is a registered trademark of CHEMetrics, Inc. U.S. Patent No. 3,634,038
2. APHA Standard Methods, 21st ed., method 4500-NO₂-B (2005).
3. EPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, method 354.1 (1983).

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