# Colorimeter Series

# **Nitrate 44**

Range(s):  $0-44 \text{ ppm NO}_3^-$ ,  $0-10.0 \text{ ppm NO}_3^-$ N



#### **Procedure**

- 1. Turn on the Colorimeter.
- 2. Select a test menu (ALL TESTS, RECENT TESTS, or FAVORITES) containing Nitrate 44 using ◀▶.
- 3. Select Nitrate 44 using ▲▼; then press ENTER **⑤**.
- Select a chemical form (NO<sub>3</sub> or NO<sub>3</sub>-N) for expression of test results using ▲▼.
- 5. Rinse and fill 50 mL dilution vial to 15 mL mark with sample water.
- 6. Using the 0.5 g dipper spoon, add 1 level dipper Nitrate 44 Reagent A. **Firmly** secure cap.
- 7. Shake dilution vial for 10-15 seconds.
- 8. Select TIMER using **♦** ; then press ENTER **⑤**.
- Remove cap from dilution vial. Using the 0.15 g dipper spoon, add 1 level dipper Nitrate 44 - Reagent B. Firmly secure cap.

- 10. Select START using **♦**; then press ENTER **②**. (A 1-minute [01:00] countdown will begin.)
- 11. Shake dilution vial vigorously.

Note: Shaking technique will affect test color development. For best results, perform test multiple times using a known standard solution and adjust shaking technique as needed to obtain correct results.

- When the timer beeps, discontinue shaking and allow particles to settle.
- Remove cap from dilution vial. Rinse and fill a clean, dry 25 mm sample cell to the 10 mL mark with sample; then cap.
- 14. Select EXIT using **◄▶**; then press ENTER **②**.
- 15. Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks per User's Manual.

- Select ZERO using ◀►; then press ENTER ⑤. Zero will be displayed.
- 17. Remove sample cell from sample cell compartment; then remove cap.
- Select TIMER using ▲▼; A 2-minute [02:00] countdown will be displayed.
- Using the 0.05 g dipper spoon, add 1 compressed dipper Nitrate 44 - Reagent C; then cap and invert 10 times to mix thoroughly.
- 20. Immediately select START by pressing ENTER **②**. Select AUTO using **◄▶**; then press ENTER **③**. Insert sample cell into sample cell compartment. Align marks.
- When the timer beeps, the instrument will read the sample and the result will be displayed.

### Interferences

Biguanide (as product), all levels – positive interference
Molybdenum, all levels – negative interference
Nitrite, all levels – positive interference
Polymer (PAA), all levels – negative interference
Zinc, all levels – positive interference
The following analytes were tested to the levels listed and found not to cause any interference up to the specified values:

Alkalinity, Total ( $CaCO_3$ ) – 200 ppm

Bromine – 10 ppm Chloride – 3640 ppm Chlorine – 10 ppm Copper – 0.25 ppm

Cyanuric Acid – 100 ppm Fluoride – 10 ppm Hardness, Calcium (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) – 1000 ppm Hardness, Magnesium (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) – 1000 ppm Hydrogen Peroxide – 34 ppm Iron, Ferric – 0.25 ppm Iron, Ferrous – 0.5 ppm Manganese – 0.8 ppm Phosphate – 100 ppm

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# Interferences (continued)

Phosphonate – 20 ppm Polyphosphate – 5 ppm Silica – 150 ppm Sulfate – 1000 ppm Sulfite – 100 ppm

## **Test Method**

## Chromotropic Acid

Reduction of nitrate to nitrite is achieved with zinc metal under acidic conditions. Sulfanilamide reacts with nitrate-nitrogen forming a diazonium salt capable of coupling with chromotropic acid. This coupling reaction forms a colored complex with an intensity proportional to the concentration of nitrate in a sample.

# **Estimated Detection Limit**

 $0.43 \text{ ppm NO}_3$ 

Recreational Water

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Using a single lot of reagent and a standard solution of 25 ppm  $NO_3^-$ , an individual analyst obtained a standard deviation with the instrument of  $\pm$  2 ppm  $NO_3^-$ .

# Application Ordering Info

Precision

#### Reagent Pack

K-8035 Nitrate 44

Formulated for exclusive use with Taylor's TTi® Colorimeter.

#### Reagent Pack Components

R-8035A Nitrate 44 - Reagent A

R-8035B Nitrate 44 - Reagent B

R-8035C Nitrate 44 - Reagent C

