

Methods

Chloride is the most common inorganic anion found in water and wastewater. The Maximum Secondary Contaminant Level for drinking water for chloride is 250 mg/L. Natural sources of salt are the ocean and various salt deposits above and below ground.

Chloride is very corrosive to most metals in systems with elevated pressures and temperatures such as boilers and oil-drilling equipment.

The Mercuric Nitrate Method

References: APHA Standard Methods, 23rd ed., Method 4500-Cl⁻ C - 1997. ASTM D 512-04, Chloride Ion in Water, Test Method A. USEPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 325.3 (1983).

CHEMetrics employs a mercuric nitrate titrant in acid solution with diphenylcarbazone as the end point indicator. Results are expressed as ppm (mg/L) Cl⁻.

The Ferric Thiocyanate Method

References: APHA Standard Methods, 23rd ed., Method 4500-Cl⁻ E - 1997. D. Zall, D. Fisher, M. Garner, "Photometric Determination of Chlorides in Water," *Analytical Chemistry*, Vol 28, No. 11, pp. 1665-1668, November 1956. J. O'Brien, "Automatic Analysis of Chlorides in Sewage," *Wastes Engineering*, pp. 670-672, December 1962.

The Chloride Vacu-vials test employs the ferric thiocyanate chemistry. Chloride reacts with mercuric thiocyanate to liberate thiocyanate ion. Ferric ion reacts with thiocyanate ion to produce an orange-brown thiocyanate complex in proportion to the chloride concentration. Results are expressed as ppm (mg/L) Cl⁻.

Visual Kits

Range: 20-200 ppm MDL: 20 ppm / Method: Mercuric Nitrate	
Titrets Kit , Shelf life 20 months	Cat# *K-2020
Increments: 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 36, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100, 140, 200 ppm	
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: thirty ampoules with valve assemblies, Activator Solution, titrettor, 25 mL sample cup and instructions.	

Range: 50-500 ppm MDL: 50 ppm / Method: Mercuric Nitrate	
Titrets Kit , Shelf life 20 months	Cat# *K-2050
Increments: 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 250, 350, 500 ppm	
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: thirty ampoules with valve assemblies, Activator Solution, titrettor, 25 mL sample cup and instructions.	

Range: 250-2500 ppm MDL: 250 ppm / Method: Mercuric Nitrate	
Titrets Kit , Shelf life 20 months	Cat# *K-2051
Increments: 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 450, 500, 625, 750, 875, 1000, 1250, 1750, 2500 ppm	
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: thirty ampoules with valve assemblies, Activator Solution, titrettor, 25 mL sample cup and instructions.	

*Contains mercury. Dispose according to local, state or federal laws.



Range: 1000-10,000 ppm MDL: 1000 ppm / Method: Mercuric Nitrate	
Titrets Kit , Shelf life 20 months	Cat# *K-2055
Increments: 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1800, 2000, 2500, 3000, 3500, 4000, 5000, 7000, 10,000 ppm	
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: thirty ampoules with valve assemblies, Activator Solution, titrettor, 25 mL sample cup and instructions.	

Range: 10,000-100,000 ppm MDL: 10,000 ppm / Method: Mercuric Nitrate	
Titrets Kit , Shelf life 20 months	Cat# *K-2070
Increments: 10,000, 11,000, 12,000, 13,000, 14,000, 15,000, 16,000, 18,000, 20,000, 25,000, 30,000, 35,000, 40,000, 50,000, 70,000, 100,000 ppm	
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests (except distilled water): thirty ampoules with valve assemblies, Activator Solution, titrettor, 25 mL sample cup, 3.0 mL syringe and instructions.	

Instrumental Kit

Multi-Analyte Photometers V-2000 / V-3000 (See page 14 for instrumental features)

Range: 0-40.0 ppm Method: Ferric Thiocyanate	
Vacu-vials Kit	Cat# *K-2103 ¹
Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform up to 29 tests (except distilled water): thirty ampoules, Activator Solution, 25 mL sample cup, ampoule blank, 1.0 mL syringe and instructions.	

Vacu-vials Kits require the use of a CHEMetrics Direct-Readout Photometer (photometers sold separately) or a spectrophotometer capable of accepting a 13 mm diameter round cell. See page 14 for details.

¹Although the test kit contains 30 ampoules, a fresh reagent ampoule blank must be prepared for each series of tests; therefore, the number of samples that can be tested with each kit will vary from a maximum of 29 to a minimum of 15.

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Components and Accessories	
Description	Cat#
Sample Cup Pack, 25 mL (6 ea)	A-0013
Ampoule Blank Pack (5 ea)	A-0023
Syringe Pack, 1.0 mL (6 ea)	A-0027
Titrettor Pack (1 ea)	A-0053
Syringe Pack, 3.0 mL (6 ea)	A-0063
** Sample Zeroing Accessory Pack	A-0503

** For use when testing colored or turbid samples. See page 13 for details.

Instructions and SDSs are posted on our website.

If no shelf life is listed for a product, then the shelf life is at least 1 year.

⚠ WARNING! The products employing the Mercuric Nitrate method can expose you to chemicals including mercury, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

⚠ WARNING! The product employing the Ferric Thiocyanate method can expose you to chemicals including methanol, which is known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

