Molybdate Vacu-vials® Kit

K-6703: 0 - 25.0 ppm Mo (Prog. # 115)

Instrument Set-up

For CHEMetrics photometers, follow the **Setup and Measurement Procedures** in the operator's manual. For spectrophotometers, set the wavelength to 400 nm. A sealed ZERO ampoule is supplied in this kit for zeroing when the sample is colorless and not turbid. For improved accuracy with colored or turbid samples, Sample Zeroing Accessory Pack, Cat. # A-0503 is recommended. Using the sample cup, snap the tip of the A-0503 ampoule in the sample (see figure 2 below). Invert the ampoule to mix. Dry the ampoule and use it in place of the supplied ZERO ampoule to zero the instrument.

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).
- To mix the ampoule, invert it several times, allowing the bubble to travel from end to end.
- 4. Dry the ampoule. Obtain a test result 1 minute after snapping tip.
- 5. Insert the Vacu-vial ampoule into the photometer, flat end first, and obtain a reading in ppm (mg/Liter) molybdenum (Mo).
 - NOTE: If using a spectrophotometer that is not pre-calibrated for CHEMetrics products, then use the equation below or the Concentration Calculator found under the Support tab at www.chemetrics.com.

ppm = 26.4 (abs) - 0.4

NOTE: To convert to ppm molybdate (MoO₄), multiply test result by 1.67.

Test Method

The Molybdate Vacu-vials¹ test kit employs the catechol chemistry^{2,3}. In a mildly reducing alkaline solution, catechol reacts with hexavalent molybdenum to form a yellow-orange colored chelate in direct proportion to the hexavalent molybdenum concentration.

- 1. Vacu-vials is a registered trademark of CHEMetrics, LLC U.S. Patent No. 3,634,038
- 2. Haight, G. P; Paragamian, V., Analytical Chemistry, p. 32, 642, 1960
- 3. Onishi, H.; Sandell, E. B., Photometric Determination of Trace Metals, 4th ed., Part 1, p. 295, 1978

Safety Information

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

Visit www.chemetrics.com to view product demonstration videos. Always follow the test procedure above to perform a test.



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