

Test Kit Instruction Manual Code 3637





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Review the instructions thoroughly before attempting to perform the tests by the short-form instructions contained in the case lid. To order individual reagents or test kit components, use the specified code number.

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TESTING HINTS / REAGENT CARE

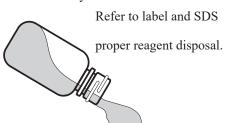


Tightly close all reagent containers immediately after use. Be sure not to interchange caps and pipets from different containers.



Avoid prolonged exposure of equipment and reagents to direct sunlight. Protect reagents and components from extreme heat and cold.

Wipe up any reagent chemical spills, liquid or powder, as soon as they occur.



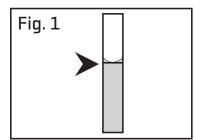
Use care when dispensing or handling all reagents. Some reagents also may cause permanent stains if spilled.

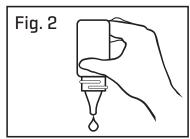


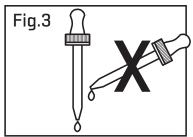
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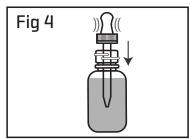
ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE

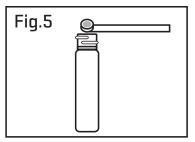
- Clean glassware is a must for accurate results.
 Thoroughly rinse test tubes before and after each test. Caps and stoppers should also be cleaned after each use.
- 2. Use test tube caps, not your fingers, to cover test tubes and flasks during shaking or mixing.
- 3. When adding sample to calibrated test tube, be sure vial is filled to the appropriate mark. The bottom of the liquid (meniscus) should be level with the desired mark. (Fig. 1)
- 4. When dispensing reagents from bottles filled with dropper plug and cap, be sure to hold bottle vertically and gently squeeze to dispense the appropriate number of uniform drops. (Fig. 2)
- 5. For those reagents to be added with the screwcap pipet assemblies enclosed, remove polyseal cap on bottle and replace with the screwcap pipet. NOTE: Place the polyseal caps back on the reagent bottles for longer periods of storage. Be sure that both pipet assemblies and polyseal caps are thoroughly cleaned before placing on bottles to avoid contamination.
- 6. When dispensing reagents from pipets, hold pipet vertically to assure uniform drop size. This is extremely important when performing drop count titrations. (Fig. 3)
- 7. To fill pipets, squeeze rubber bulb and immerse into reagent. Release bulb to fill. (Fig. 4)
- 8. To accurately dispense powdered reagents with spoon, tap spoon on edge of reagent container to remove excess reagent. (Fig. 5)
- 9. When performing tests that use the Octa-Slide 2 Comparator, the comparator should be positioned between the operator and non-direct sunlight. This allows the light to enter through the lightdiffusing screen at the back of the comparator for optimum color comparison.











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GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Instruction

Manual





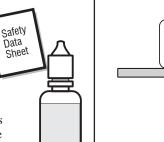
Store the test kit in a cool dry area.

Read all instructions and note precautions before performing

the test procedure. Read all Safety Data Sheets (SDS) at



Read the labels on all reagent bottles. Note warnings and first aid information. Reagents marked with a * on instructions are considered possible health hazards.



Keep all equipment and reagent chemicals out of the reach of young children.

Avoid contact between reagent chemicals and skin, eyes, nose, and mouth.



Wear safety glasses when performing test procedures.



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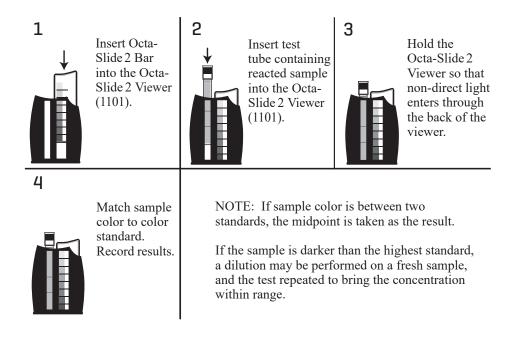
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TEST METHODS

This test kit uses two basic analytical procedures common to field test kits. A brief explanation of each follows:

COLORIMETRIC: OCTA-SLIDE 2 VIEWER

In a visual colorimetric test, a sample is treated with reagent(s) to produce a color reaction, generally in proportion to the amount of test factor present. The sample color is then compared against color standards representing known concentrations of the factor being tested over a specific range.



DILUTIONS

The calibrated test tubes (0106) included in this kit may be used to perform dilutions for the Ammonia Nitrogen, Iron, Nitrate-Nitrogen and Nitrite Nitrogen tests. Distilled or deionized water is needed to perform dilutions.

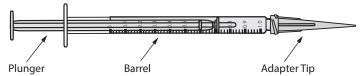
The following table provides a quick reference guide for dilutions of various proportions. Once the dilution is prepared, use this diluted sample to perform the test, and multiply the result by the dilution factor to obtain the actual concentration.

Sample Size	Distilled Water to Bring to 10 mL	Dilution Factor
5.0 mL	5.0 mL	2
2.5 mL	7.5 mL	4

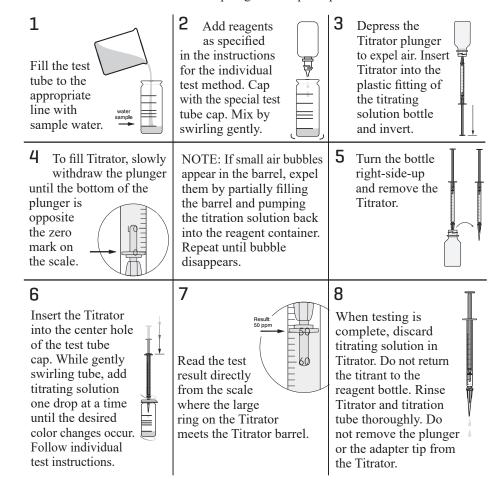
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TITRIMETRIC: DIRECT READING TITRATOR

In a titrimetric method, titrating solution (or titrant) is added to a treated sample until a color change occurs. The volume of titrant required to reach this endpoint is proportional to the concentration of the factor being tested. Direct Reading Titrators provide results directly in the appropriate concentration for the test - no counting of drops, no calculations.



The Titrator consists of a plastic barrel, a plastic plunger, and a plastic adapter tip. The adapter tip reduces the size of the drops that are dispensed, increasing the precision of the test results. DO NOT remove the plunger or adapter tip from the Titrator.



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TEST PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

Proper control of water quality is an essential part of successful aquaponics operation. Immediate test results provided by on-site water analysis equipment can confirm a healthy environment, or give early warning signals for required treatment.

- 1. Develop a routine testing schedule.
- 2. Keep records! Historical data is extremely important if treatments are required. Note environmental conditions, fish activity, feeding habits, etc.
- 3. Observe fish to note any particular behavior or feeding rates, as this may be a sign of stress.
- 4. Observe plants for signs of distress.
- 5. Stable characteristics, such as alkalinity, do not have to be tested as frequently as ones that fluctuate, such as ammonia nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, pH, dissolved oxygen and temperature. Keep in mind that these factors fluctuate throughout the day and in some cases are interdependent.
- 6. Be alert to sudden changes in one factor, as it may be a clue to perform further analysis.



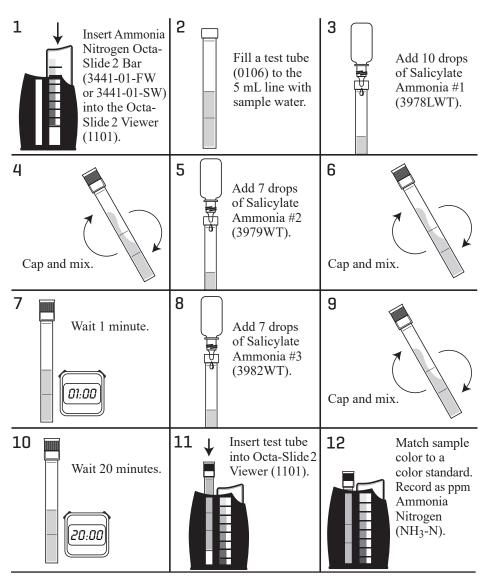
1 part per million (ppm) = 1 milligram per liter (mg/L)

Ammonia Nitrogen

DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Salicylate Ammonia #1	*3978LWT-H
*Salicylate Ammonia #2	*3979WT-G
Salicylate Ammonia #3	3982WT-G
Test Tube, 2.5-5-10 mL, plastic, w/cap	0106
Ammonia Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0-2 ppm, fresh water	3441-01-FW
Ammonia Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0-2 ppm, salt water	3441-01-SW
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101

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AMMONIA NITROGEN TEST PROCEDURE



To express results as Unionized Ammonia (NH₃) multiply the test result by 1.2: Unionized Ammonia (NH₃) = ppm Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N) x 1.2

To express results as Ionized Ammonia (NH_4^+) multiply the test result by 1.3: **Ionized Ammonia (NH_4^+) = ppm Ammonia Nitrogen (NH_3-N) x 1.3**

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Ammonia in water occurs in two forms: toxic unionized ammonia (NH3) and the relatively non-toxic form, ammonium ion (NH₄⁺). This test method measures both forms as ammonia-nitrogen (NH₃-N) to give the total ammonia-nitrogen concentration in water. The actual proportion of each compound depends on temperature, alkalinity, and pH. A greater concentration of unionized ammonia is present when the pH value and salinity increase.

- 1. Consult the table below to find the percentage that corresponds to the temperature, pH and salinity of the sample.
- 2. To express the test result as ppm Unionized Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₃-N), multiply the total ammonia-nitrogen test result by the percentage from the table.
- 3. To express the test result as ppm Ionized Ammonia Nitrogen (NH₄-N), subtract the unionized ammonia nitrogen, determined in Step 2, from the total ammonia-nitrogen.

Percentage of Free Ammonia as (NH₃) in Freshwater¹ (FW) and Seawater² (SW) at varying pH and temperature.

	1	l0°C	:	15°C	2	:0°C	2	5°C
рН	FW1	SW2	FW	SW	FW	SW	FW	SW
7.0	0.19		0.27		0.40		0.55	
7.1	0.23		0.34		0.50		0.70	
7.2	0.29		0.43		0.63		0.88	
7.3	0.37		0.54		0.79		1.10	
7.4	0.47		0.68		0.99		1.38	
7.5	0.59	0.459	0.85	0.665	1.24	0.963	1.73	1.39
7.6	0.74	0.577	1.07	0.836	1.56	1.21	2.17	1.75
7.7	0.92	0.726	1.35	1.05	1.96	1.52	2.72	2.19
7.8	1.16	0.912	1.69	1.32	2.45	1.90	3.39	2.74
7.9	1.46	1.15	2.12	1.66	3.06	2.39	4.24	3.43
8.0	1.83	1.44	2.65	2.07	3.83	2.98	5.28	4.28
8.1	2.29	1.80	3.32	2.60	4.77	3.73	6.55	5.32
8.2	2.86	2.26	4.14	3.25	5.94	4.65	8.11	6.61
8.3	3.58	2.83	5.16	4.06	7.36	5.78	10.00	8.18
8.4	4.46	3.54	6.41	5.05	9.09	7.17	12.27	10.10
8.5	5.55	4.41	7.98	6.28	11.18	8.87	14.97	12.40

¹Freshwater data from Trussel (1972).

FOR EXAMPLE:

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A fresh water sample at 20°C has a pH of 8.5 and the test result is 1.0 ppm as total Ammonia-Nitrogen.

- 1. The percentage from the table is 11.18% (or 0.1118).
- 2. 1 ppm total Ammonia-Nitrogen x 0.1118 = 0.1118 ppm Unionized Ammonia-Nitrogen
- 3. Total Ammonia-Nitrogen 1.0000 ppm Unionized Ammonia-Nitrogen -0.1118 ppm Ionized Ammonia-Nitrogen = 0.8882 ppm



²Seawater values from Bower and Bidwell (1978). Salinity for Seawater values = 34 ppt at an ionic strength of 0.701 m.

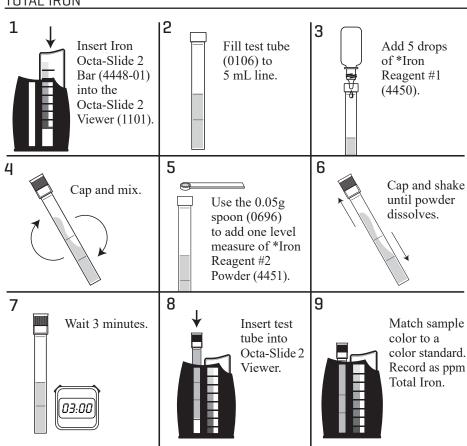
Iron

CONTENTS	CODE
*Iron Reagent #1	*4450-G
*Iron Reagent #2 Powder	*4451-S
*Ferrous Iron Reagent	*4453-S
Spoon, 0.05 g, plastic	0696
Test Tubes, 2.5-10 mL, plastic, w/cap	0106
Iron Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0.5 - 10.0 ppm	4448-01
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101

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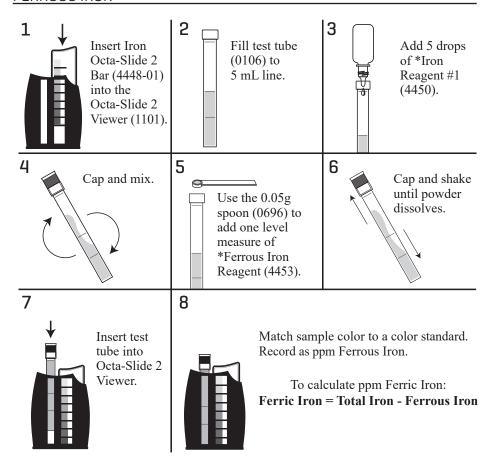
IRON TEST PROCEDURE

TOTAL IRON



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FERROUS IRON



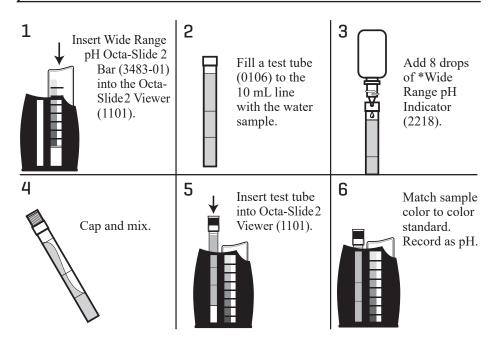
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DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Wide Range Indicator	*2218-G
Test Tube, plastic, w/cap	0106
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
Wide Range pH Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 5.0-10.0	3483-01

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pH TEST PROCEDURE

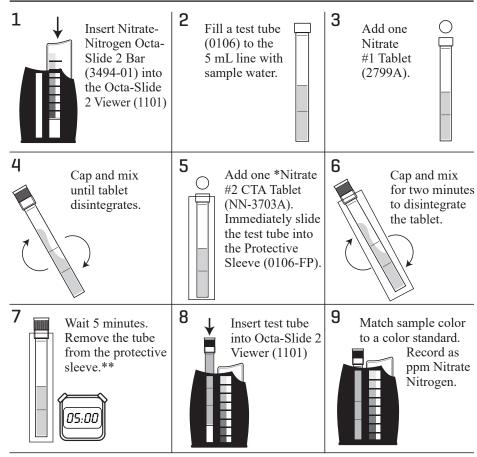


Nitrate Nitrogen

DESCRIPTION	CODE
Nitrate #1 Tablets	2799А-Н
*Nitrate #2 CTA Tablets	*NN-3703A-H
Test Tubes, 2.5-10.0 mL, plastic, w/caps	0106
Protective Sleeves	0106-FP
Nitrate-Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0-15 ppm	3494-01
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101

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NITRATE NITROGEN TEST PROCEDURE



NOTE: To convert to Nitrate, multiply results by 4.4. Record as ppm Nitrate.

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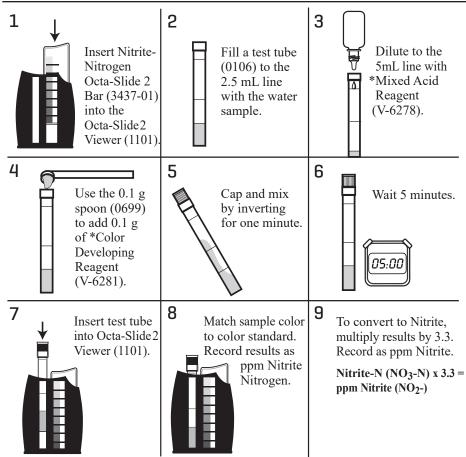
^{**} Nitrate #2 CTA Tablets (NN-3707) are sensitive to UV light. The Protective Sleeve (0106-FP) will protect the reaction from UV light. If testing indoors, there is no need to use the Protective Sleeve in this procedure.

Nitrite Nitrogen	
DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Mixed Acid Reagent	*V-6278-H
*Color Developing Reagent	*V-6281-D
Spoon, 0.1 g, plastic	0699
Test Tube, plastic, w/cap	0106
Dispenser Cap	0692
Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
Nitrite Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar, 0.05-0.8 ppm	3437-01

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NOTE: Place Dispenser Cap (0692) on *Mixed Acid Reagent (V-6278-H). Save this cap for refill reagents.

NITRITE NITROGEN TEST PROCEDURE



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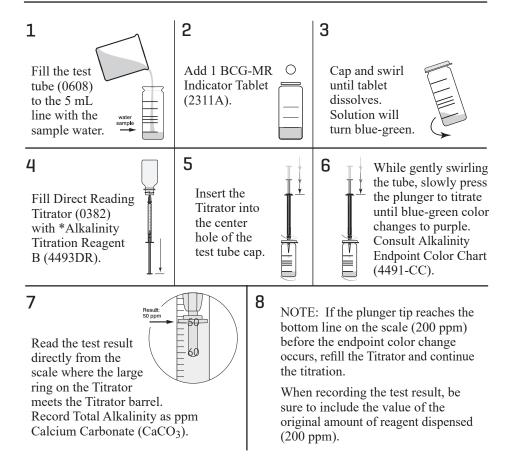
Alkalinity

DESCRIPTION	CODE
BCG/MR Indicator Tablets	2311А-Н
*Alkalinity Titration Reagent B	*4493DR-H
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-200 Range	0382
Alkalinity Endpoint Color Chart	4491-CC

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The Direct Reading Titrator is calibrated in terms of total alkalinity expressed as parts per million (ppm) Calcium Carbonate (CaCO₃). Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 4 ppm CaCO₃.

ALKALINITY TEST PROCEDURE



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Dissolved Oxygen

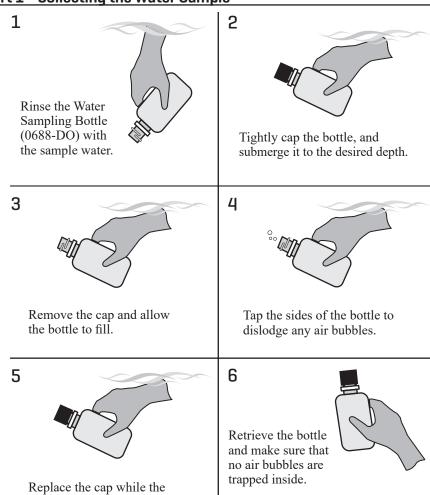
DESCRIPTION	CODE
*Manganous Sulfate Solution	*4167-G
*Alkaline Potassium Iodide Azide Reagent	*7166-G
*Sulfuric Acid, 1:1	*6141WT-G
Sodium Thiosulfate, 0.025N	4169-H
Starch Indicator Solution	4170PS-G
Direct Reading Titrator, 0-10 Range	0377
Test Tube, 5-10-12.9-15-20-25 mL, glass, w/cap	0608
Pipet, plain, plastic, w/cap	0392
Water Sampling Bottle, 60 mL, glass	0688-DO

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The Titrator is calibrated in terms of Dissolved Oxygen expressed as ppm Dissolved Oxygen. Each minor division on the Titrator scale equals 0.2 ppm Dissolved Oxygen.

DISSOLVED OXYGEN TEST PROCEDURE

Part 1 - Collecting the Water Sample

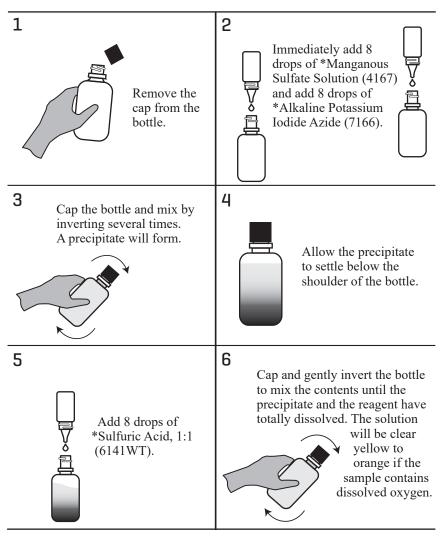


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bottle is still submerged.

Part 2 - Adding the Reagents

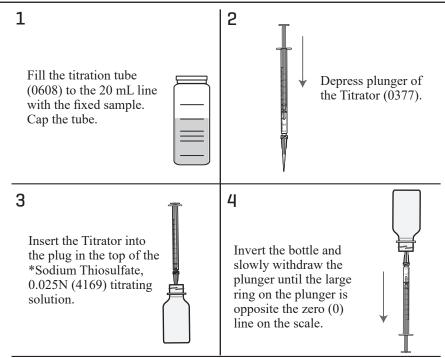
NOTE: Be careful not to introduce air into the sample while adding the reagents.



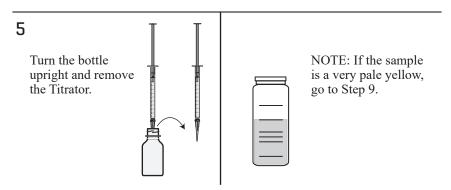
NOTE: At this point the sample has been "fixed" and contact between the sample and the atmosphere will not affect the test result. Samples may be held at this point and titrated later.

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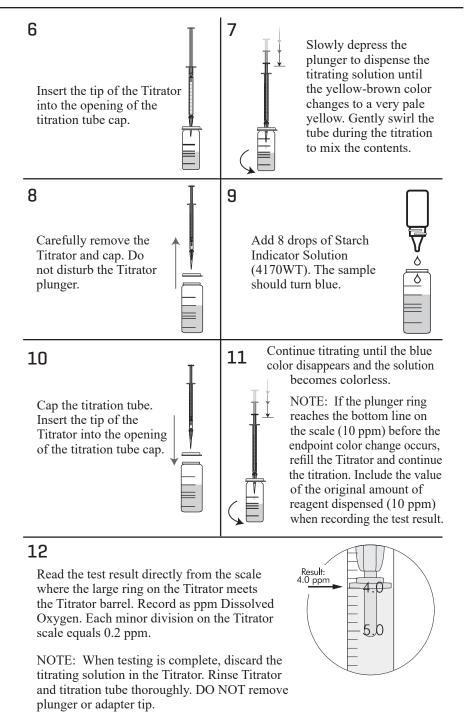
Part 3 - The Titration



NOTE: If small air bubbles appear in the titrator barrel, expel them by partially filling the barrel and pumping the titration solution back into the reagent container. Repeat until bubble disappears.



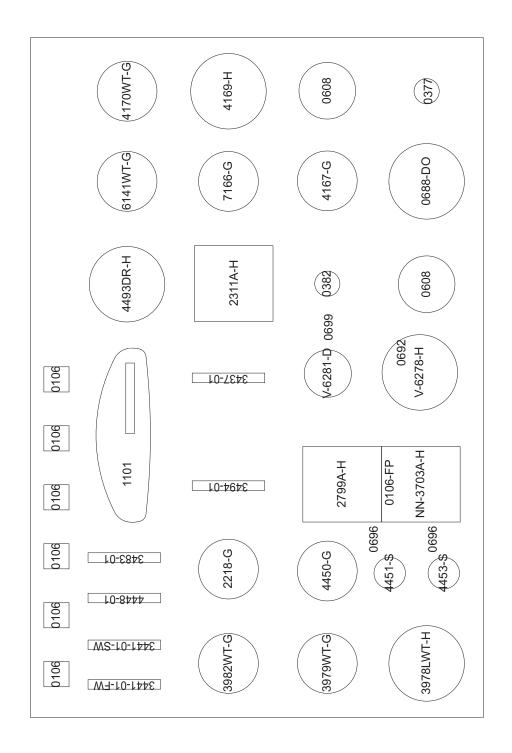
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KIT CONTENTS

QUANTITY	CONTENTS	CODE
1	Salicylate Ammonia #1	3978LWT-H
1	Salicylate Ammonia #2	3979WT-G
1	Salicylate Ammonia #3	3982WT-G
1	Iron Reagent #1	4450-G
1	Iron Reagent #2 Powder	4451-S
1	Ferrous Iron Reagent	4453-S
1	Wide Range Indicator	2218-G
1	Nitrate #1 Tablets	2799А-Н
1	Nitrate #2 Tablets	NN-3703A-H
1	Mixed Acid Reagent	V-6278-H
1	Color Developing Reagent	V-6281-D
1	BCG/MR Indicator Tablets	2311А-Н
1	Alkalinity Titration Reagent B	4493DR-H
1	Manganous Sulfate Solution	4167-G
1	Alkaline Potassium Iodide Azide	7166-G
1	Sulfuric Acid 1:1	6141WT-G
1	Sodium Thiosulfate, 0.025 N	4169-H
1	Starch Indicator Solution	4170WT-G
6	Test Tubes, w/cap	0106
2 2	Test Tube, w/cap	0608
2	Spoon, 0.05 g	0696
1	Spoon, 0.1 g	0699
1	Protective Sleeve	0106-FOP
1	Dispenser Cap	0692
1	Direct Reading Titrator, 0 – 200 Range	0382
1	Direct Reading Titrator, 0 − 1- Range	0377
1	Water Sampling Bottle, 60 mL, glass	0688-DO
1	Octa-Slide 2 Viewer	1101
1	Ammonia-Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar for Fresh Water	3441-01-FW
1	Ammonia-Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar for Salt Water	3441-01-SW
1	Iron Octa-Slide 2 Bar	4448-01
1	Wide Range Octa-Slide 2 Bar	3483-01
1	Nitrate Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar	3494-01
1	Nitrite Nitrogen Octa-Slide 2 Bar	3437-01
1	Alkalinity Endpoint Color Chart	4491-CC

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RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

Phosphate Test Kit Code 3114-02

Range 0.5–10.0 ppm and 10.0–100.0 ppm, Ascorbic Acid Method, Octa-Slide 2 Comparator

Chlorine Test Kit Code 3308-01

Range 0.2-3.0 ppm, DPD Method, Octa-Slide 2 Comparator

Carbon Dioxide Test Kit Code 7297-DR-01

Range 0-50 ppm, Titration to phenolphthalein endpoint, Direct reading Titrator

Potassium Test Kit Code 3138-01

Range 6-50 ppm, Turbidity Reading Tube

Sulfate Test Kit Code 7778-01

Range 20-200 ppm, Barium Tablet Method, Octa-Slide 2 Comparator

Hardness Test Kit Code 4824-DR-LT-01

Range 0–200 ppm Calcium, Magnesium and Total Hardness, EDTA Titration, Direct Reading Titrator

Plant Tissue Test Kit - Macronutrients Code 5026-01

Quantitative results (abundant/adequate/deficient) for Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium

Plant Tissue Test Kit - Micronutrients Code 5261-01

Presence/absence for Boron, Manganese, Copper, Zinc and Ferrous/Ferric Iron

Dissolved Oxygen Sampler Code 1054-DO

Armored Thermometer Code 1066

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