## **REF 985 076**

# Test 0-76 12.16 NANOCOLOR<sup>®</sup> ortho- and total Phosphate 1

#### Method:

Photometric determination as molybdenum blue after acidic hydrolyzes and oxidation at 100–120  $^\circ C$  The test is equivalent to the EPA method 365.3.

Range:	Tube test 0.05–1.50 mg/L P (PO <sub>4</sub> -P) 0.2–5.0 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup>	Semi-micro cuvette 50 mm 0.010–0.800 mg/L P (PO <sub>4</sub> -P) 0.03–2.50 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup>
Wavelength (HW = 5–12 nm):	690 nm	
Decomposition:	30 min at 120 °C or 60 min at 100 °C	
Reaction time:	10 min (600 s) at 20−25 °C	

### Contents of reagent set:

20 test tubes total Phosphate 1

- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 1 R2
- 1 tube NANOFIX total Phosphate 1 R3
- 1 test tube with 5 mL total Phosphate 1 R4

### Hazard warning:

Test tubes contain sulfuric acid 5–15%, reagent R2 contains sodium peroxodisulfate 20–100%, reagent R4 contains sulfuric acid 5–15%.

H317, H334 May cause an allergic skin reaction. May cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled.

P261, P272, P280, P302+352, P304+340, P333+313, P342+311, P363 Avoid breathing dust. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wear protective gloves/eye protection. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water/... IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention. If experiencing respiratory symptoms: Call a POISON CENTER/doctor/... Wash contaminated clothing before reuse. For further information ask for a safety data sheet.

### Preliminary tests:

If the order of magnitude of the concentration in a sample is not known, a preliminary test with QUANTOFIX<sup>®</sup> Phosphate (3–100 mg/L PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, REF 913 20) or *VISOCOLOR<sup>®</sup> ECO* Phosphate (0.2–5 mg/L PO<sub>4</sub>-P, REF 931 084) rapidly gives this information. From the order of magnitude the required dilution can be calculated and prepared directly.

### Interferences:

Precipitations after hydrolysis can be removed by membrane filtration prior to the determination. If higher amounts or organic compounds and/or organic phosphorus compounds are present, use NANOCOLOR<sup>®</sup> NanOx Metal (REF 918 978) for decomposition.

The following quantities of ions will not interfere:  $\le 2 \text{ mg/L} \text{ As, NO}_2^-$ , S<sup>2-</sup> (only ortho-P);  $\le 20 \text{ mg/L} \text{ Fe, Cu, Cr}$ ;  $\le 100 \text{ mg/L} \text{ Si, } < 150 \text{ mg/L} \text{ COD}$  (reference to potassium hydrogen phthalate)

The method ortho P can be applied also for the analysis of sea water.

### Procedure:

Requisite accessories: piston pipette with tips

### total Phosphate

	Open test tube, add
4.0	<b>mL</b> test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10) and
1	<b>NANOFIX</b> R2, screw cap back on to test tube, shake.
	(Close NANOFIX tube immediately after use.)
	Place tube in heating block and start heating block.
	After 30/60 min remove test tube from heating block and allow to cool down to room temperature.
	Add
1	NANOFIX R3 and
200	μL (= 0.2 mL) R4, mix.
	Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.

### ortho Phosphate

Filter sample solution.		
Open test tube, add		
<b>4.0 mL</b> test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 0 and 10),		
1 NANOFIX R3 and		
<b>200 µL</b> (= 0.2 mL) R4, screw cap back on to test tube, shake.		
Clean outside of test tube and measure after 10 min.		

### Notes:

The concentration of condensed phosphates is the difference between total phosphate **without** Phosphate R2 and ortho phosphate.

Fast cooling of the cells/cuvettes under cold water can lead to clot formation by the NANOFIX capsules.

Lower ortho phosphate concentrations (0.010–0.800 mg/L  $PO_4$ -P) can be determined by using semi-micro cuvettes 50 mm (REF 919 50):

Test sample	Blank value
Filter sample solution.	
Open test tube, add	Open test tube, add
4.0 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must	4.0 mL distilled water,
be between pH 0 and 10),	
1 NANOFIX R3 and	1 NANOFIX R3 and
200 µL (= 0.2 mL) R4, close and mix.	<b>200 μL</b> (= 0.2 mL) R4, close and mix.

Pour the contents of test tubes into semi-micro cuvettes 50 mm and measure after 10 min [method 176x]. In analogy, also lower total phosphate concentrations can be determined.

### Measurement:

For NANOCOLOR® photometers and PF-12 see manual, test 0-76.

### Measurement when samples are colored or turbid:

For all NANOCOLOR® photometers see manual, use key for correction value.

### Photometers of other manufacturers:

For other photometers check whether measurement of round glass tubes is possible. Verify factor for each type of instrument by measuring standard solutions.

### Analytical quality control:

NANOCONTROL ortho Phosphate (REF 925 76) or NANOCONTROL Multistandard Sewage outflow 2 (REF 925 010)

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