

# Phosphate

**Test kit for performing colorimetric tests  
on phosphate ions in surface water and sewage**

**Method:**

Ammonium molybdate forms with phosphate ions phosphomolybdic acid, which is reduced to phosphomolybdenum blue.

**Measurement range:**

0.2–5 mg/L PO<sub>4</sub>-P

**Contents of test kit (\*refill pack):**

sufficient for 80 tests

- 25 mL PO<sub>4</sub>-1\*
- 25 mL PO<sub>4</sub>-2\*
- 2 screw-plug measuring glasses
- 1 slide comparator
- 1 colour chart
- 1 plastic syringe 5 mL
- 1 instructions for use\*

**Hazard warning:**

PO<sub>4</sub>-1 contains sulfuric acid 5–15%, PO<sub>4</sub>-2 contains sodium disulfite 10–25%.

H318 Causes serious eye damage.

P280, P305+351+338 Wear protective gloves / eye protection. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. For further information ask for a safety data sheet.

**Instructions for use:**

*also refer to the pictogram on the back of the color chart*

1. Pour a **5 mL water sample** into each of the measuring glasses using the plastic syringe.  
Place a measuring glass on position A in the comparator.

**Only add the reagent to measuring glass B.**

2. Add **6 drops of PO<sub>4</sub>-1**, seal the glass and mix.
3. Add **6 drops of PO<sub>4</sub>-2**, seal the glass and mix.
4. Open the glass after **10 min** and place it on position B in the comparator.
5. Slide the comparator until the colors match in the inspection hole on top. Check the measurement reading in the recess on the comparator read. Mid-values can be estimated.
6. After use, rinse out both measuring glasses thoroughly and seal them.

The reagents can be used for the **photometric evaluation** with photometer PF-12.

This technique can be used also for analyzing sea water.

**Disposing of the samples:**

The used analysis specimens can be flushed down the drain with tap water and channelled off to the local sewage treatment works.

**Interferences:**

Larger amounts of oxidizing reagents inhibit formation of the blue color complex and have to be destroyed. H<sub>2</sub>S interferes in concentrations above 2 mg/L, but can be expelled after acidification of the water sample. Heavy metals in excess of 10 mg/L can slightly decrease the intensity of the color (vanadium causes an increase in color). Silica interferes in excess of 10 mg/L Si.

**Conversion table:**

mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> -P	mg/L PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	mg/L P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
0.2	0.6	0.5
0.3	0.9	0.7
0.5	1.5	1.1
0.7	2.1	1.6
1	3	2
2	6	5
3	9	7
5	15	12

**Storage:**

Store the test kit in a cool (< 25 °C) and dry place.

**Product data and ordering information**

<b>REF</b>	<b>931 084 (931 284)</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>colorimetric test kit (refill pack)</b>
<b>Range</b>	<b>0 · 0.2 · 0.3 · 0.5 · 0.7 · 1 · 2 · 3 · 5 mg/l (ppm) PO<sub>4</sub>-P</b>
<b>Sufficient for</b>	<b>80 determinations</b>
<b>Shelf life</b>	<b>at least 3 years</b>
<b>Sea water suitability</b>	<b>yes</b>
<b>Detectable with</b>	
<b>PF-12</b>	<b>yes</b>

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