

# Hardness, Iron and pH Test Kit

HA-62 and HA-62A (183700 and 183701) DOC326.98.00016

### **Test preparation**

CAUTION: A Review the Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS) for the chemicals that are used. Use the recommended personal protective equipment.

- Put the color disc on the center pin in the color comparator box (numbers to the front).
- Use sunlight or a lamp as a light source to find the color match with the color comparator box.
- Rinse the tubes with sample before the test. Rinse the tubes with deionized water after the test.
- If the color match is between two segments, use the value that is in the middle of the two seaments.
- If the color disc becomes wet internally, pull apart the flat plastic sides to open the color disc. Remove the thin inner disc. Dry all parts with a soft cloth. Assemble when fully dry.
- To verify the test accuracy, use a standard solution (buffer solution for pH test) as the sample.

#### Hardness:

- Hold the dropper vertically above the sample. Do not let the dropper touch the bottle during the titration.
- To record the hardness result as mg/L, multiply the gpg (grains per gallon) value by 17.1.

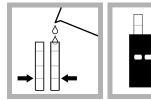
### Iron:

- Use the indoor light color disc when the light source is fluorescent light. Use the outdoor light color disc when the light source is sunlight.
- Undissolved reagent does not have an effect on test accuracy.
- If the sample contains rust or precipitated iron, fully mix the sample and then fill the tubes. Wait 2–5 minutes after the FerroVer reagent is added. Dissolved iron develops a color immediately.
- If high iron levels are possible (30 mg/L), dilute the sample as follows. Use a 3-mL syringe to add 2.5 mL of sample to each tube. Dilute the sample to the 5-mL mark with deionized water. Use the diluted sample in the test procedure and multiply the result by 2. To make a larger dilution, add 1 mL of sample to each tube. Dilute the sample to the 5-mL mark with deionized water. Use the diluted sample in the test procedure and multiply the result by 5.

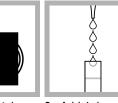
#### pH:

 More than 1 mg/L chlorine interferes with the pH test. To remove chlorine from the sample, add 1 drop of 0.1 N sodium thiosulfate solution to 25 mL of sample and mix. Use this dechlorinated sample in the test procedure. The sodium thiosulfate removes a maximum of 10 mg/L chlorine from the sample.

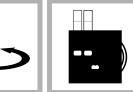
### Test procedure—pH (6.6–8.4 pH units)



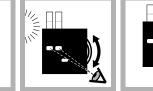
1. Fill two tubes to 2. Put one tube the first line (5 mL) into the left with sample. opening of the color comparator box.



3. Add 4 drops of 4. Swirl to mix. phenol red pH indicator solution to the second tube.



tube into the color comparator box.



5. Put the second 6. Hold the color comparator box in front of a light source. Turn the color disc to find



# in pH units in the scale window. the color match.

## Replacement items

Description	Unit	ltem no.
FerroVer <sup>®</sup> Iron Reagent Powder Pillows, 5 mL	100/pkg	92799
Hardness 1 Buffer Solution	100 mL MDB	42432
Hardness 2 Indicator Solution	100 mL MDB	42532
Hardness 3 Titrant Solution	100 mL MDB	42632
Phenol red pH indicator solution	100 mL MDB	21132
Color disc, iron, indoor light, 0–4 mg/L	each	9262400
Color disc, iron, outdoor light, 0–4 mg/L	each	9263800
Color disc, iron, indoor light, 0–7 mg/L	each	9261000
Color disc, iron, outdoor light, 0–7 mg/L	each	9263700
Color disc, pH, phenol red, 6.6–8.4 pH units	each	9261100
Bottle, square, glass, 29 mL	6/pkg	43906
Measuring tube, plastic, 5.83 mL	each	43800
Color comparator box	each	173200
Glass viewing tubes, 18 mm	6/pkg	173006
Stoppers for 18-mm glass tubes and AccuVac Ampuls	6/pkg	173106

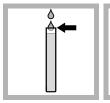
## **Optional items**

Description	Unit	ltem no.
pH 7.0 buffer solution, colorless	500 mL	1222249
Sodium thiosulfate, 0.1 N	100 mL MDB	32332
Standard solution, hardness (20 gpg) and iron (2 mg/L)	500 mL	47949
Syringe, Luer-Lok <sup>®</sup> Tip, 3 mL	each	4321300
Water, deionized	500 mL	27249

### Test procedure—Hardness (0–20 gpg CaCO<sub>3</sub>)

sample into the

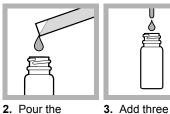
mixing bottle.

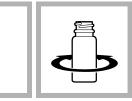


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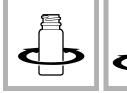
measuring tube

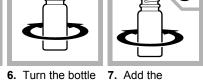
with sample.



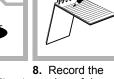


**4.** Turn the bottle **5.** Add one drop left and right to of the Hardness 2 left and right to Indicator Solution. mix. A pink color develops.





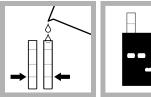
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7. Add the Hardness 3 Titrant number of drops. Solution by drops. Mix after each drop. Count the drops until the color changes from pink to blue.

The number of drops of the titrant solution is the result in gpg.

# Test procedure—Iron (0-4 mg/L Fe and 0-7 mg/L Fe)



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Solution.

Hardness 1 Buffer mix.









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FerroVer Iron Pillow to the second tube.

orange color develops. comparator box.

tube into the color comparator box in in mg/L in the front of a light source. Turn the color disc to find

the color match.

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