

# Chlorine Vacu-vials® Kit

**K-2513:** 0 - 5.00 ppm N (Prog. # 32)

## Instrument Set-up

For CHEMetrics photometers, follow the **Setup and Measurement Procedures** in the operator's manual. For spectrophotometers, follow the manufacturer's instructions to set the wavelength to **515 nm** and to zero the instrument using the ZERO ampoule supplied.

## Free Chlorine 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).
3. To mix the ampoule, invert it several times, allowing the bubble to travel from end to end. Tap the bottom of the ampoule on a hard surface to cause any tiny bubbles that have collected on the ampoule wall to rise to the top of the liquid in the ampoule.
4. Dry the ampoule. Obtain a test result **between 30 seconds and 1 minute** after snapping the tip.
5. Insert the Vacu-vial ampoule into the photometer, flat end first, and obtain a reading in ppm (mg/Liter) chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>).

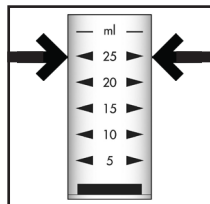


Figure 1

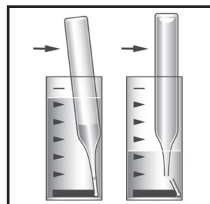


Figure 2

**NOTE:** If using a spectrophotometer that is not precalibrated for CHEMetrics products, then use the equation below or the **Concentration Calculator** on the website.

$$\text{ppm} = 0.35 (\text{abs})^2 + 3.81 (\text{abs}) - 0.02$$

## Total Chlorine Procedure

1. Add 5 drops of S-2500 Activator Solution to the empty sample cup.
2. Fill the sample cup to the 25 mL mark with the sample to be tested.
3. Immediately perform the **Free Chlorine Procedure** starting with Step 2.

## Test Method

The Chlorine Vacu-vials®<sup>1</sup> test kit employs the DPD chemistry.<sup>2,3</sup> Free chlorine oxidizes DPD (N,N-diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) to form a pink colored species in direct proportion to the chlorine concentration. Other oxidizing agents, including ozone, will produce high test results. Chlorine at concentrations significantly above the test range may prevent proper color development causing low test results.

Total chlorine, the sum of free and combined chlorine, is determined by adding an excess of potassium iodide to the sample. Chloramines (combined chlorine) oxidize the iodide to iodine. The iodine then oxidizes DPD to the pink colored species.

1. Vacu-vials is a registered trademark of AquaPhoenix Scientific, LLC U.S. Patent No. 3,634,038

2. APHA Standard Methods, 23rd ed., Method 4500-Cl G - 2000

3. EPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 330.5 (1983)

## Safety Information

Read SDS before performing this test procedure. Wear safety glasses and protective gloves.

