# **REF 985047**

# Test 0-4703.23NANOCOLOR®Nonionic surfactants 15

#### Method:

Nonionic surfactants (ethoxylates with 3 to 20 ether bridges) react with an indicator (TBPE) to form a complex, which is extracted with dichloromethane.

Range: Wavelength (HW = 5 - 12 nm): Reaction time: Reaction temperature: 0.3 – 15.0 mg/L Triton<sup>®</sup> X-100 620 or 610 nm 2 min (120 s) 20 – 25 °C

#### Contents of reagent set:

20 test tubes Nonionic surfactants 15

# Hazard warning:

Test tubes contain dichloromethane 90-100% and methanol 3-10%. H341, H351 Suspected of causing genetic defects. Suspected of causing cancer. P201, P280 sh Obtain special instructions before use. Wear protective gloves/eye protection. For further information ask for a safety data sheet.

# Interferences:

Cationic surfactants cause high results.

Anionic surfactants cause low results, depending on the kind of the anionic surfactant. The following ions will not interfere: < 1000 mg/L K<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>; < 500 mg/L NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>; < 200 mg/L Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>; < 100 mg/L Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>; < 50 mg/L Cu<sup>2+</sup>; < 10 mg/L NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>.

The method cannot be applied for the analysis of sea water.

### Procedure:

Requisite accessories: piston pipette with tips

Open test tube, add

4.0 mL test sample (the pH value of the sample must be between pH 4 and 9), close and shake gently for 2 min (with a frequency of 2-3 times per second).
Clean outside of test tube and measure after 2 min (wait for phase separation).

#### Measurement:

For MACHEREY-NAGEL photometers see manual, test 0-47.

### Note:

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The calibration curve is calculated as Triton<sup>®</sup> X-100. For measuring other nonionic surfactants verify calibration curve by measuring standard solutions.

# Photometers of other manufacturers:

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