Peracetic Acid (PAA)[1] and Hydrogen Peroxide (H_2O_2)

DPD Method[1] — Method 10290

0.10 to 10.00 mg/L PAA / 0.05 to 5.00 mg/L H_2O_2 — Powder Pillows

Scope and application: For testing peracetic acid and hydrogen peroxide in water.

[1] Adapted from *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 4500-PAA (peracetic acid only)

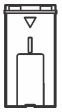
Test preparation

Instrument specific table

Table 1 shows all of the instruments that have the program for this test. The table also shows requirements that can change between instruments, such as adapter and sample cell requirements.

To use the table, select an instrument, then read across to find the applicable information for this test.

Table 1 Instrument-specific information

Instrument	Adapter	Sample cell orientation	Sample cell
DR6000	—	The orientation key is toward the arrow on the universal cell adapter.	4864302 
DR5000	A23618	The orientation key is toward the user.	
DR3900	LZV846 (A)	The orientation key is away from the user.	
DR1900	9609900 or 9609800 (C)	The 1-cm path is aligned with the arrow on the adapter.	
DR900	—	The orientation key is toward the user.	
DR3800 DR2800 DR2700	LZV585 (B)	The 1-cm path is aligned with the arrow on the adapter.	5940506 

Before starting

Samples must be analyzed immediately after collection and cannot be preserved for later analysis.
In bright light conditions (e.g., direct sunlight), close the cell compartment, if applicable, with the protective cover during measurements.
Review the Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS) for the chemicals that are used. Use the recommended personal protective equipment.
Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations. Refer to the Safety Data Sheets for disposal information for unused reagents. Refer to the environmental, health and safety staff for your facility and/or local regulatory agencies for further disposal information.

Items to collect

Description	Quantity
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 25-mL	2
Ammonium Molybdate Reagent	3 drops

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Items to collect (continued)

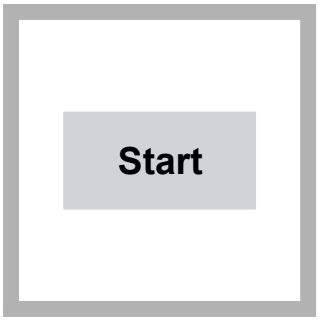
Description	Quantity
Potassium Iodide Solution, 20%	3 drops
Sample cells (For information about sample cells, adapters or light shields, refer to Instrument specific table on page 1.)	3

Refer to Consumable and replacement items on page 5 for order information.

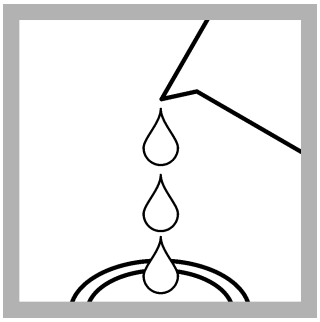
Sample collection

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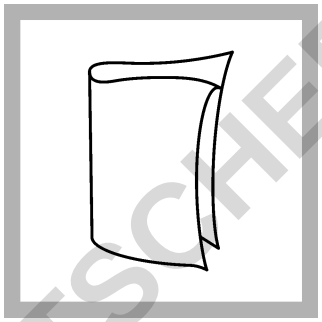
Test procedure—PAA and Hydrogen Peroxide



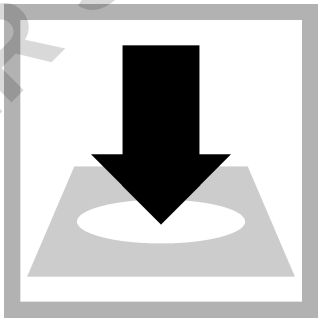
1. Start program **790 PAA**. For information about sample cells, adapters or light shields, refer to Instrument specific table on page 1.
DR900: Change the chemical from Cl_2 to PAA. Select Advanced Options > Chemical Form > PAA.



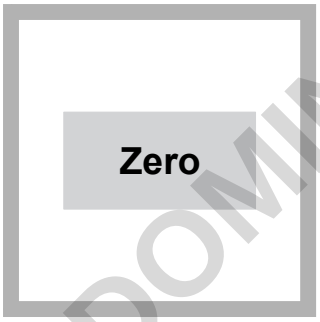
2. Prepare the blank: Fill a sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample.



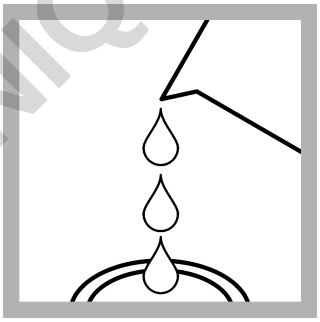
3. Clean the blank sample cell.



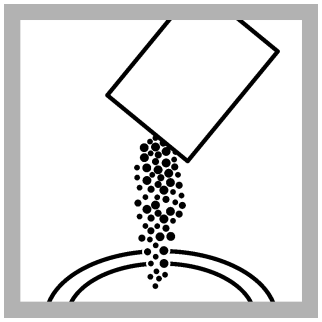
4. Insert the blank into the cell holder.



5. Push **ZERO**. The display shows 0.0 mg/L PAA.



6. Prepare the sample: Fill a second sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample.

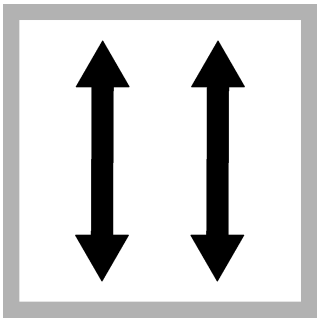


7. Add the contents of one DPD Total Chlorine Powder Pillow for 25-mL samples to the sample.

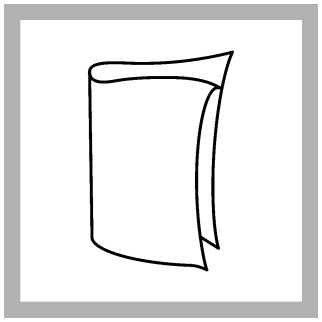


8. Start the instrument timer. A 1-minute reaction time starts. Immediately go to the next step.

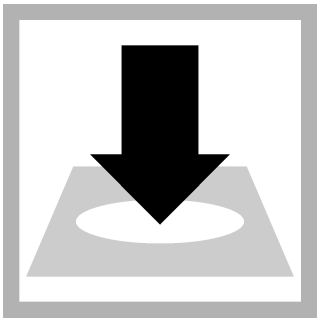
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9. Put the stopper on the sample cell. Shake the sample cell about 20 seconds to dissolve the reagent. Invert slowly to remove air bubbles.



10. Clean the sample cell during the reaction time.



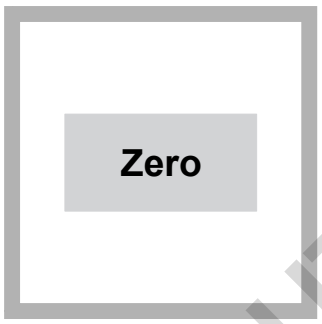
11. Insert the prepared sample into the cell holder.



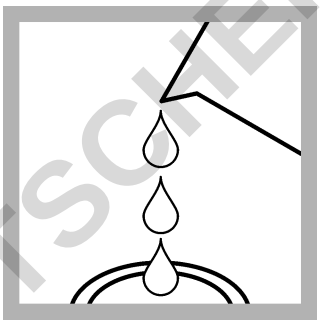
12. When the timer expires, push **READ**. Results show in mg/L PAA. Do not wait more than 60 seconds to read the sample. Keep the sample cell in the cell holder and continue to the next step.



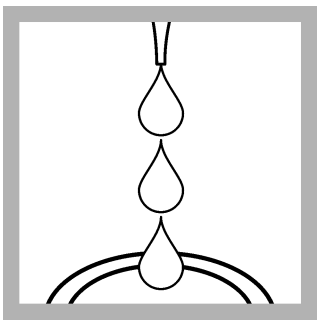
13. Start program **791 H2O2**.
DR900: Change the chemical from Cl_2 to H_2O_2. Select Advanced Options > Chemical Form > H2O2.



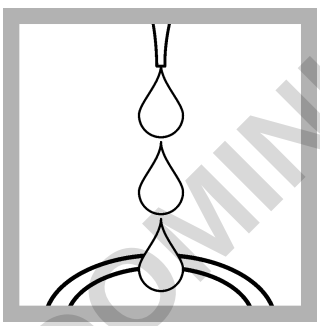
14. With the reacted PAA sample in the cell holder, push **ZERO**. The display shows 0.0 mg/L H_2O_2.



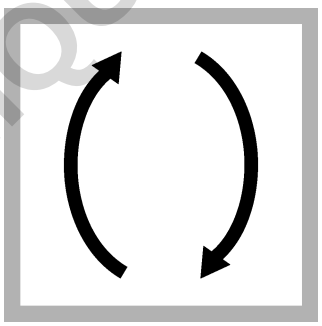
15. Prepare the sample: Fill a third sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample.



16. Add 3 drops of the Potassium Iodide Solution.



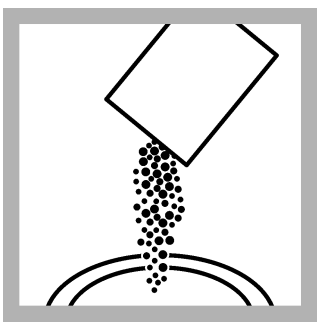
17. Add 3 drops of the Ammonium Molybdate Reagent.



18. Put the stopper on the sample cell. Invert the sample cell to mix.

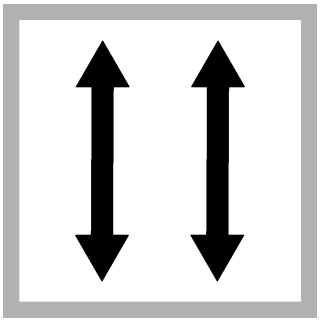


19. Start the instrument timer. A 6-minute reaction time starts.



20. When the timer expires, add one DPD Total Chlorine Powder Pillow for 25-mL samples to the sample.

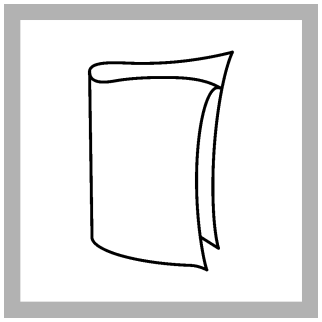
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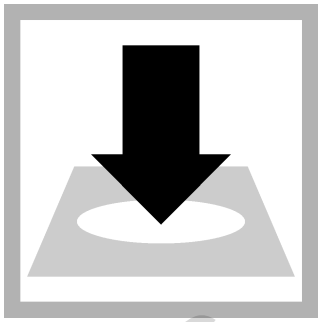
21. Put the stopper on the sample cell. Shake the sample cell to dissolve the reagent.
A pink color shows when PAA and/or H_2O_2 is in the sample.



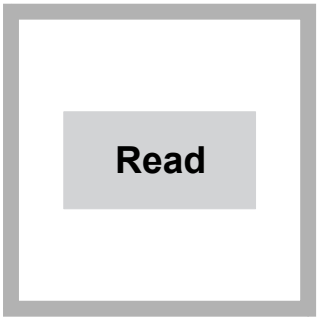
22. Start the instrument timer. A 30-second reaction time starts. Make sure that the powder has fully dissolved and that there are no air bubbles. Invert slowly to remove air bubbles.



23. Clean the sample cell during the reaction time.



24. Insert the prepared sample into the cell holder.



25. When the timer expires, push **READ**. Results show in mg/L H_2O_2. Do not wait more than 60 seconds to read the sample.

Interferences

Interfering substance	Interference level
Acidity	More than 150 mg/L $CaCO_3$. The full color may not develop or the color may fade instantly. Adjust to pH 6–7 with 1 N Sodium Hydroxide. Measure the amount to add on a separate sample aliquot, then add the same amount to the sample that is tested. Correct the test result for the dilution from the volume addition.
Alkalinity	More than 250 mg/L $CaCO_3$. The full color may not develop or the color may fade instantly. Adjust to pH 6–7 with 1 N Sulfuric Acid. Measure the amount to add on a separate sample aliquot, then add the same amount to the sample that is tested. Correct the test result for the dilution from the volume addition.
Bromine, Br_2	Positive interference at all levels
Chlorine Dioxide, ClO_2	Positive interference at all levels
Inorganic chloramines	Positive interference at all levels
Chloramines, organic	May interfere may interfere in the results for PAA and H_2O_2
Hardness	No effect at less than 1000 mg/L as $CaCO_3$

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Interfering substance	Interference level
Manganese, oxidized (Mn^{4+}, Mn^{7+}) or Chromium, oxidized (Cr^{6+})	Pre-treat the sample as follows: **1.** Adjust the sample pH to 6–7. **2.** Add 3 drops of Potassium Iodide (30-g/L) to 10 mL of sample. **3.** Mix and wait 1 minute. **4.** Add 3 drops of Sodium Arsenite (5-g/L) and mix. **5.** Use the test procedure to measure the concentration of the treated sample. **6.** Subtract this result from the result without the treatment to obtain the correct chlorine concentration.
Ozone	Positive interference at all levels
Peroxides	May interfere
Highly buffered samples or extreme sample pH	Can prevent the correct pH adjustment (of the sample) by the reagents. Sample pretreatment may be necessary.

Summary of method

Total DPD reacts with PAA to form a pink color. Hydrogen peroxide does not interfere with the PAA reaction. The hydrogen peroxide reaction requires the addition of catalysts and a longer reaction time. The measurement wavelength is 530 nm.

Consumable and replacement items

Required reagents

Description	Quantity/Test	Unit	Item no.
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillow, 25-mL	2	100/pkg	1406499
Ammonium Molybdate Reagent	3 drops	100 mL MDB	193332
Potassium Iodide Solution, 20%	3 drops	100 mL	1456842

Optional reagents and apparatus

Description	Unit	Item no.
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 25 mL	1000/pkg	1406428
Pipet, adjustable volume, 1.0–5.0 mL	each	BBP065
Pipet tips, for 1.0–5.0 mL pipet	75/pkg	BBP068
Dropper, LDPE, 0.5 –1.0 mL	20/pkg	2124720

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