

Recommended Specification
ChemScan® mini oP
Ortho-Phosphorous Analyzer

An automatic analyzer for rapid batch analysis of ortho-Phosphorous shall be furnished in accordance with these specifications. The analyzer shall be a “ChemScan mini oP” ortho-Phosphorous Analyzer as manufactured by ASA Analytics in Waukesha, WI.

The analyzer shall automatically detect ortho-Phosphorous through a detection cell in potable water or wastewater samples that contain less than 150 ppm of suspended solids and turbidity of less than 60 NTU. Sample flow shall be from a sample line able to deliver a minimum of one liter per minute sample flow to the analyzer at 5 to 20 psi pressure. (Sample lines, pumps and pressure reduction are by others.) The analyzer shall also provide for automatic zeroing using analysis of a sample blank on every analysis cycle and shall provide for automatic cleaning of the flow cell using a cleaning solution recommended by the manufacturer. Cleaning shall be performed automatically at intervals selected by the operator or at a fixed time of day, selected as a menu choice by the operator. The analyzer shall contain an internal pump for the introduction of cleaning solutions and a manifold to interrupt sample flow and replace it with a flow of cleaning solution, based on self test results or based on established time intervals. Pump heads shall be easily replaceable and shall not require replacement at an interval more often than twice each year under normal operation. The internal pump shall not require replacement more often than once each year. Gravity feed of reagents or maintenance fluids and/or manual introduction of cleaning solutions and/or the use of external pumps for zeroing and cleaning are not acceptable.

Internal sample flow shall not be restricted by capillary tubes, needle valves or other devices with small orifice size. No orifice in the sample flow path into or within the analyzer shall be less than 3/32 inch (2.38 mm) in diameter.

The flow cell chamber shall be easily removed for cleaning without disconnection of power, sample lines, light source or detection optics. The flow cell shall be thermally protected from condensation by use of inert gas between the internal sample windows and the external light entry or exit windows. The flow cell body shall be constructed from CPVC and the cell windows shall be quartz. Light source output intensity shall be continuously monitored prior to light transmittance through the cell to eliminate measurement variations. Maximum drift during an 8 hour period under standard conditions shall not exceed 0.1% of range.

The analyzer shall provide an operator interface including a back lit LCD display. The analyzer shall have a multiple range capability, with the ranges selectable by the operator as a menu choice. Standard ranges shall be 0.03 to 3.00 mg/l as P and 0.10 to 6.00 mg/l as P. The analyzer shall not require the use calibration standards in normal operation. Analysis of a sample blank shall be performed by the analyzer prior to every analysis.

The analyzer shall allow the operator to select the desired interval between each analysis cycle, from a minimum of 5 minutes to a maximum of 9999 minutes.

The analyzer shall permit entry of a single point calibration adjustment or automatic calculation of two point calibration adjustments for slope and offset through the entry of high and low comparison values between ChemScan and grab sample reference samples.

The analyzer shall not require change or replenishment of reagents more often than once each calendar quarter, if operated at 5 minute analysis cycles for low range analysis or if operated at 10 minute analysis cycles for high range analysis. Reagents and analysis of samples shall use a method based on the Vanadomolybdophosphoric Acid Colorimetric Method found in "Standard Methods of Analysis" (4500-P, method C).

The analyzer shall provide a continuous (isolated 4-20mA analog, RS-232 serial, MODBUS RTU) output, 6000 value internal memory log, plus alarms with a set point configurable for a high or low value on the analyzer menu. The analyzer shall have the capability to force data communication outputs to set values for output calibration purposes. The analyzer shall have internal maintenance event logs, easily able to be downloaded to a laptop computer using MS Hyper Terminal software. The analyzer shall be supplied in a NEMA-4X fiberglass enclosure. Power for the analyzer shall be 50 watts at 100 to 240 V AC, 60 cycle, 3 phase, field wired.

The analyzer shall be furnished with an Operation and Maintenance manual containing installation instructions, instructions for startup, instructions for adjustment during operation, plus instructions for periodic and routine maintenance. A startup kit consisting of 10 liter cleaning solution container assembly, sample inlet assembly, drain tube assembly, injector priming tool and one year supply of reagents for low concentration analysis shall be furnished. Reagents shall have a minimum 1 year shelf life under normal storage conditions. The analyzer shall carry a minimum warranty of one year from initial operation, not to exceed 18 months from the date of shipment, covering workmanship, materials and components. Maintenance kit consisting of replacement pump, replacement pump head and one year supply of reagents shall be available from the analyzer manufacturer.

The analyzer shall carry a CSA-US or UL safety approval and shall be designed to operate in an ambient environment of 5 to 50 degrees C.