

Ti Application Note No. T- 23

Title: Hydroxide and carbonate in alkaline plating baths for cadmium, copper, lead or zinc

Summary: Determination of hydroxide and carbonate in alkaline plating baths by potentiometric titration with HCl using the combined glass electrode.

Sample: Alkaline plating baths for cadmium, copper, lead or zinc

Sample Preparation: none

Instruments and Accessories: 702, 716 or 736 Titrino or 726 Titroprocessor, 6.0219.100 comb. glass electrode

Analysis: Pour ca. 50 mL dist. water into a beaker, add 2.00 mL sample and 5 mL w(BaCl₂) = 25 % and titrate with c(HCl) = 1 mol/L.

Calculation: 1 mL c(HCl) = 1 mol/L corresponds to 40.00 mg NaOH
106.00 mg Na₂CO₃

$$\text{g/L NaOH} = \text{EP1} * \text{C01} / \text{C00}$$

$$\text{g/L Na}_2\text{CO}_3 = (\text{EP2} - \text{EP1}) * \text{C02} / \text{C00}$$

EP1 = titrant consumption in mL to reach the first EP

EP2 = titrant consumption in mL to reach the second EP

C00 = 2.00 (sample size in mL)

C01 = 40

C02 = 106

Remarks: Stop the titration after the second equivalence point. Alkaline plating baths can contain cyanides, which are very toxic for you and the environment. Therefore work should be performed in a fume hood.