

VA Application Note No. V - 129

Title:	Determination of total iron in the ppm range in
	phosphoric acid

Summary:

The concentration of Fe is determined polarographically in phosphoric acid. The method is suitable for iron in concentrations in the ppm range.

Fe(II) and Fe(III) show signals with the same sensitivity.

Sample: Phosphoric acid

Sample preparation: none

Analysis of Fe(total)

Oxalate buffer pH 2.0 c(ammonium oxalate) = 0.25 mol/L

→ adjusted to pH 2 with H₂SO₄

Measuring solution 10 mL ammonium oxalate solution

+ 10 µL phosphoric acid sample

Working electrode (WE) MME (Multi Mode Electrode) 6.1246.020

Auxiliary electrode (AE) Pt 6.0343.000

Reference electrode (RE) Ag/AgCl/KCl (3 mol/L): 6.0728.020 + 6.1245.010

Parameters

Working electrode	SMDE		
Stirrer speed	2000 rpm		
Mode	DP		
Purge time	300 s		
Deposition potential			
Deposition time	0		
Equilibration time	5 s		
Pulse amplitude	50 mV		
Start potential	+0.12 V		
End potential	-0.3 V		
Voltage step	5 mV		
Voltage step time	0.5 s		
Sweep rate	10 mV/s		
Peak potential Fe	-40 mV		



Results:	Fe
	750 mg/L

Determination of Fe

