



Application Note AN-T-220

Sodium chloride content in dough and bread

Determination of the sodium chloride content according to AOAC 971.27

For millenia, bread and salt—the staple food of humankind, has been vital for sustenance. Salt has been known as the «white gold» since ancient times and is what enhances the flavor in many products.

The increase of health consciousness in the past few decades has led to efforts in reducing the sodium chloride content in all food products. If consumed in excess, sodium may damage the cardiovascular system. It is therefore in the interest of food

manufacturers to reduce the salt content and while preserving the flavor of the food.

To ensure consistent quality, it is critical to know the exact salt content in the raw materials and the final products. This is only possible by performing precise measurements during the production process.

It is possible to determine sodium chloride in dough and bread quickly according to AOAC 971.27 with the Eco Titrator equipped with an Ag Titrode.

SAMPLE AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

This application is demonstrated on bread dough made from white flour and whole wheat bread.

An appropriate amount of sample is weighed into the

sample beaker and CO₂-free water is added. Then the sample is homogenized with the Polytron.

EXPERIMENTAL

The determinations are carried out on an Eco Titrator equipped with an Ag Titrode and a Polytron for sample preparation.

An appropriate amount of sample is weighed into the sample beaker and CO₂-free water as well as nitric acid solution is added.

While stirring, the solution is titrated until after the first equivalence point with standardized silver nitrate solution.



Figure 1. Eco Titrator equipped with an Ag Titrode.

RESULTS

Well-defined NaCl values and titration curves are obtained for the tested samples.

The results are summarized in **Table 1**. An exemplary titration curve is displayed in **Figure 2**.

Table 1. Results for the sodium chloride content according to AOAC 971.27 with an Eco Titrator equipped with an Ag Titrode.

Sample (n = 6)	Mean NaCl in %	SD(rel) in %
Bread dough	1.03	0.1
Whole wheat bread	2.31	0.1

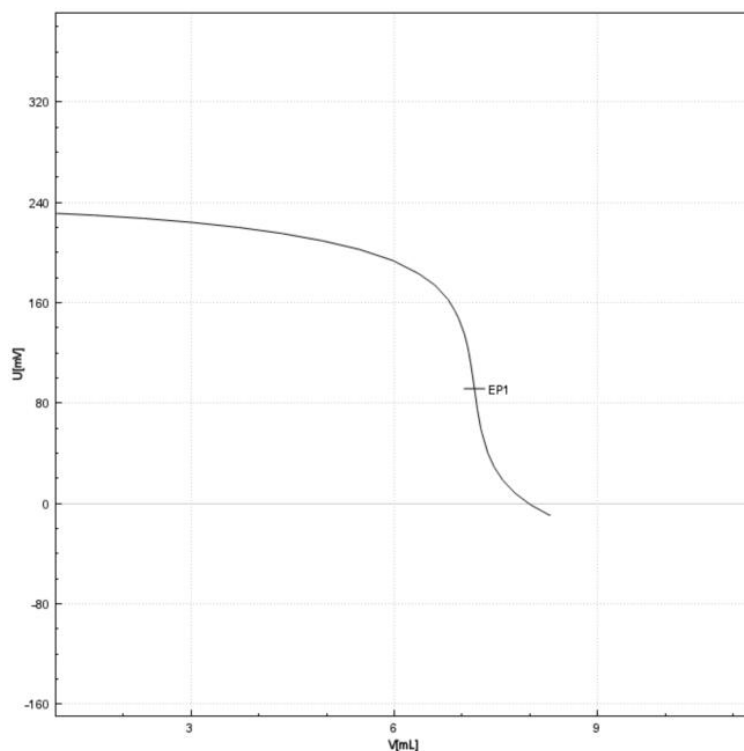


Figure 2. Titration curve of the determination of the sodium chloride content of whole wheat bread on an Eco Titrator.

CONCLUSION

Titration is a precise and reliable method to determine the sodium chloride content in dough and bread. Using the Eco Titrator equipped with an Ag Titrode allows a fast determination. The system offers both low-priced and user-friendly handling. Pre-installed

methods on the Eco Titrator makes it easy for customers without laboratory experience to get started with precise and fast titrations, perfect for bakeries.

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CONFIGURATION



Eco Titrator Salt

L'Eco Titrator compact avec agitateur magnétique intégré et interface utilisateur tactile est idéal pour les analyses de routine. Il délivre toujours des résultats conformes aux BPL tout en occupant un minimum d'espace (env. DIN A4).

L'Eco Titrator plus vous propose un ensemble complet permettant d'analyser le chlorure dans des échantillons les plus divers. L'ensemble comprend un titreur, une unité de cylindre de 10 mL ainsi qu'une Ag-Titrode, une électrode ne nécessitant aucune maintenance pour le titrage par précipitation au nitrate d'argent.



Polytron PT 1300 D

Polytron PT 1300 D - version Metrohm

Homogénéisateur pouvant être commandé directement par le logiciel OMNIS, tiamo™ ou le Touch Control.

Le Polytron PT 1300 D se compose d'un module de contrôle et d'un moteur. Le système d'accouplement au moteur permet un remplacement facile et rapide des agrégats sans outils supplémentaires.

Les échantillons solides peuvent être fragmentés sans difficulté. Cet appareil est également idéal pour obtenir un bon mélange dans le cas d'échantillons visqueux.