

Application Note AN-V-070

Determination of iodide in glacial acetic acid

Iodide determination by cathodic stripping voltammetry (CSV) at the HMDE (hanging mercury drop electrode)

Methyl iodide is a key ingredient to facilitate chemical reactions during production of glacial acetic acid. However, this raises the chance of iodide ending up in the final product. This is a problem because manufacturers commonly use acetic acid as a reagent to produce other chemicals, such as vinyl acetate. Even trace amounts of iodide can poison the catalysts used in these processes, increasing costs, and negatively affecting product quality. Regular determination of the iodide concentration ensures the desired quality of acetic acid, safeguarding the integrity of various downstream industrial processes. Using ICP-MS to measure iodine in glacial acetic acid faces challenges due to memory effects that cause high background signals. Cathodic stripping voltammetry (CVS) at the hanging mercury drop electrode (HMDE) overcomes these limitations and provides a robust, cost-effective, and convenient alternative.

SAMPLE

Glacial acetic acid, 99.8%



EXPERIMENTAL

Add 10 mL acetic acid sample and then 2 mL ultrapure water into the measuring vessel. Carry out the determination of iodide using the 884 Professional VA (Figure 1) and the parameters specified in Table 1. The concentration is determined by two additions of iodide standard addition solution.



Figure 1. 884 Professional VA manual for MME.

Table 1. Parameters

Parameter	Setting
Mode	HMDE
Deposition potential	0.1 V
Deposition time	30 s
Start potential	-0.15 V
End potential	-0.5 V
Sweep rate	13 mV/s
Peak potential iodide	-0.32 V

ELECTRODES

- Multi-Mode Electrode pro



RESULTS

The method is suitable for the determination of iodide in acetic acid samples. The limit of detection of the method (for a deposition time of 30 s) is approximately $1 \mu g/L$.



Figure 2. Determination of iodide in glacial acetic acid with CSV.

Table 2. Result

Sample	lodide (μg/L)
Acetic acid	4.85

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