

# GB Photometer Br Cl pH

## ● Operation



Switch the unit on using the ON/OFF switch.

Cl

The display shows the following:



Select the test required using the MODE key:  
Br → Cl → pH → Br → ..... (Scroll)

METHOD

The display shows the following:

Fill a clean vial with the water sample up to the 10 ml mark, replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber with the Δ-mark on the vial aligned with the ∇-mark on the instrument.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

METHOD

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

0.0.0

The display shows the following:

After zero calibration is completed, remove the vial from the sample chamber.

Add the appropriate reagent tablet; a colour will develop in the sample.

Replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber with the Δ and ∇ marks aligned.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

METHOD

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The result appears in the display.

### Repeating the analysis:

Press the ZERO/TEST key again.

### New zero calibration:

Press the MODE key until the desired method symbol appears in the display again.

## ● User messages

EOI

Light absorption too great. Reasons: zero calibration not carried out or, possibly, dirty optics.

+Err or HI

Measuring range exceeded or excessive turbidity.

-Err or LO

Result below the lowest limit of the measuring range.

LO BAT

Replace 9 V battery, no further analysis possible.

## ● Technical data

Light source:	LED, filter (λ = 528 nm)
Battery:	9 V-block battery (Life 600 tests).
Auto-OFF:	Automatic switch off 5 minutes after last keypress
Ambient conditions:	5-40°C rel. humidity (non-condensing).
CE:	DIN EN 55 022, 61 000-4-2, 61 000-4-8, 50 082-2, 50 081-1, DIN V ENV 50 140, 50 204

## ● Bromine 0,1-13,5 mg/l

0.0.0

### Total Bromine (free and combined)

Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").

Empty the vial and then add a DPD No. 1 tablet. Crush the tablet with a clean stirring rod then add the water sample to the 10 ml mark. Mix well with the stirring rod to dissolve the tablet. Replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber making sure the Δ and ∇ marks are aligned.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

Br

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The result is shown in the display in mg/l total bromine.

**Tolerance in mg/l:** 0 - 2,3 : ± 0,12 > 6,8 - 9 : ± 0,68  
> 2,3 - 4,5 : ± 0,25 > 9 - 13 : ± 0,90  
> 4,5 - 6,8 : ± 0,45

## ● Chlorine 0,05-6,0 mg/l

### (a) Free Chlorine

Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").

Empty the vial and then add a DPD No. 1 tablet. Crush the tablet with a clean stirring rod then add the water sample to the 10 ml mark. Mix well with the stirring rod to dissolve the tablet. Replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber making sure the Δ and ∇ marks are aligned.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

Cl

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The result is shown in the display in mg/l free chlorine.

### (b) Total Chlorine

Remove the vial and add one DPD No. 3 tablet to the coloured test solution. Mix to dissolve with the stirring rod. Replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber making sure the Δ and ∇ marks are aligned.

**Wait for a colour reaction time of two minutes.**



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

Cl

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The result is shown in the display in mg/l total chlorine. Rinse the vial and cap thoroughly after each test.

### (c) Combined Chlorine

Combined Chlorine = Total Chlorine - Free Chlorine

**Tolerance:** 0-1 mg/l: ± 0.05 mg/l > 3-4 mg/l: ± 0.30 mg/l  
> 1-2 mg/l: ± 0.10 mg/l > 4-6 mg/l: ± 0.40 mg/l  
> 2-3 mg/l: ± 0.20 mg/l

## ● pH-value 6,5-8,4

0.0.0

Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").

Remove the vial from the sample chamber. Add a PHENOLRED/PHOTOMETER tablet and mix to dissolve using a clean stirring rod. Replace the cap tightly and place the vial in the sample chamber making sure the Δ and ∇ marks are aligned.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

pH

The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The pH value is shown in the display. Rinse the vial and cap thoroughly after each test.

**Tolerance:** ± 0.1 pH

## ● Chemical methods notes

### ● Bromine / Chlorine

#### 1. Vial cleaning

As many household cleaners (e.g. dishwasher detergent) contain reducing substances, the subsequent determination of oxidation agents (e.g. chlorine) may show lower results.

In order to rule out this measurement error, we refer users to ISO 7393 / Part 1 and Part 2:

"The glass appliances should be free of chlorine consumption and used exclusively for this process (determination of free chlorine and total chlorine). Chlorine consumption-free glass appliances are obtained by placing them in a sodium hypochlorite solution (0.1 g/l) for 1 hour and then rinsing thoroughly with water."

N.B.: As an alternative to the sodium hypochlorite solution, the vial may also be placed in chlorinated swimming pool water and then thoroughly rinsed with water before use.

#### 2. Preparing the sample

When preparing the sample, the escape of chlorine or bromine gases, e.g. by pipetting or shaking, must be avoided. The analysis must take place immediately after taking the sample. The DPD colour development is carried out with a pH value of 6.3 - 6.5. The reagent tablets therefore contain a buffer for the pH value adjustment. Strongly alkaline or acidic water must, however, be neutralised before the analysis.

#### 3. Turbidity (lead to errors)

The use of the DPD No. 1-tablet in samples with high calcium ion content (and/or high conductivity) can lead to turbidity of the sample and therefore incorrect measurements. In this event, the reagent tablet "**DPD No. 1 High Calcium**" should be used as an alternative. Even if the turbidity does not occur until after the DPD No. 3-tablet has been added, this can be prevented by using the "**DPD No. 1 High Calcium-tablet**".

#### 4. Exceeding of the measuring range

Concentrations above 10 mg/l of chlorine (13 mg/l of bromine) can produce results within the measuring range up to 0 mg/l. In this event, the water sample must be diluted and the measurement repeated.

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For photometric determination of pH values, only use PHENOLRED-tablets in black printed foil pack and marked PHOTOMETER.

pH values below 6.5 and above 8.4 can produce results inside the measuring range. A plausibility test (pH meter) is recommended. Water samples with low values of Total Alkalinity-m may give wrong pH readings.

## ● Method notes

Observe application options, analysis regulations and matrix effects of methods. Reagent tablets are designed for use in chemical analysis only and should be kept well out of the reach of children. Ensure proper disposal of reagent solutions.

Material Safety Data Sheets: [www.tintometer.de](http://www.tintometer.de)

Reagent solutions must be disposed of appropriately

## ● Calibration Mode



Press MODE key and **keep it depressed**.



Switch unit on using ON/OFF key.  
Release MODE key after approx. 1 second.

**CAL**

Select the test required using the MODE key:  
CAL Cl → CAL pH → ..... (Scroll)



Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").  
Press the ZERO/TEST key.



The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

**0.0.0**

The display shows the following in alternating mode:

**CAL**



Place the calibration standard to be used in the sample chamber with the Δ and ▽ marks aligned.  
Press the ZERO/TEST key.



The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

**RESULT**

**CAL**

The result is shown in the display, alternating with CAL.

If the result displayed corresponds with the value of the calibration standard (within the tolerance quoted), exit calibration mode by pressing the ON/OFF key.



Otherwise, pressing the MODE key once increases the displayed value by 1 digit.



Pressing the ZERO/TEST key once decreases the displayed value by 1 digit.

**CAL**

Pressing the relevant key until the displayed value equals the value of the calibration standard.

**RESULT + x**



By pressing the ON/OFF key, the new correction factor is calculated and stored in the user calibration software.

: :

Confirmation of calibration (3 seconds).

## ● Note

A calibration for the bromine test is not necessary. Bromine readings are calculated out of the chlorine calibration using a factor of 2,25.

**CAL**

Factory calibration active.

**cAL**

Calibration has been set by the user.

## ● Recommended calibration values

Chlorine: between 0,5 and 1,5 mg/l\*  
pH: between 7,6 and 8,0\*

\* or rather values mentioned in the reference standard kits

## ● User calibration : cAL

Manufacturing calibration : CAL

To reset the calibration to the factory setting:



Press both the MODE and ZERO/TEST and **keep them depressed**.



Switch the unit on using the ON/OFF key. Release the MODE and ZERO/TEST keys after approx. 1 second.

The following messages will appear in turn on the display:

**SEL**

The calibration is reset to the factory setting.

**CAL**

(SEL stands for Select)

or:

**SEL**

Calibration has been set by the user. (If the user calibration is to be retained, switch the unit off using the ON/OFF key.)

**cAL**



Calibration is reset to the factory setting by pressing the MODE key. The following messages will appear in turn on the display:

**SEL**

**CAL**



Switch the unit off using the ON/OFF key.

## ● User notes

**E 10**

Calibration factor "out of range"

**E 70**

Cl: Manufacturing calibration incorrect / erase

**E 72**

pH: Manufacturing calibration incorrect / erase

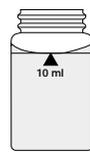
**E 71**

Cl: User calibration incorrect / erase

**E 73**

pH: User calibration incorrect / erase

## ● Correct filling of the vial



correct



wrong

## ● Troubleshooting: Guidelines for photometric measurements

1. Vials, caps and stirring rods should be cleaned thoroughly **after each analysis** to prevent errors being carried over. Even minor reagent residues can cause errors in the test results. Use the brush provided for cleaning.
2. The outside of the vial must be clean and dry before starting the analysis. Clean the outside of the vials with a towel. Fingerprints or other marks will be removed.
3. Zero calibration and test must be carried out with the same vial as there may be slight differences in optical performance between vials.
4. The vials must be positioned in the sample chamber for zero calibration and test with the Δ-mark on the vial aligned with the ▽-mark on the instrument.
5. Place the cover on the sample chamber for zero calibration and test.
6. Bubbles on the inside of the vial may also lead to errors. In this case, fit the vial with a clean stopper and remove bubbles by swirling the contents before starting test.
7. Avoid spillage of water or reagent solution in the sample chamber. If water should leak into the photometer housing, it can damage electronic components and cause corrosion.
8. Contamination of the windows over the light source and photo sensor in the sample chamber can result in errors. If this is suspected check the condition of the windows.
9. When using reagent tablets, use only tablets in black printed foil. For pH value determination, the PHENOLRED-tablet foil should also be marked PHOTOMETER.
10. The reagent tablets should be added to the water sample without being handled.
11. Large temperature differentials between the photometer and the operating environment can lead to incorrect measurement due to, for example, the formation of condensate in the area of the lens or on the vial.
12. To avoid errors caused by stray-light do not use the instrument in bright sunlight.