

GB Photometer Cl, pH, TA

● Operation



Switch the unit on using the ON/OFF switch.

Cl

The display shows the following:



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

METHOD

The display shows the following:

Fill a clean vial with the water sample up to the 10 ml mark, screw the cap on and place 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. Screw the cap back on 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:	2 LED: λ ₁ = 528 nm (filter) ; λ ₂ = 605 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

● Chlorine 0,05 - 6,0 mg/l

(a) Free Chlorine

Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").

0.0.0

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. Screw the cap on and replace 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 and put the vial back into the sample chamber, repositioning the Δ and ∇ marks.

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. Screw the cap on and replace 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

● Total Alkalinity 5 - 200 mg/l CaCO₃

0.0.0

Perform zero calibration (see "Operation").

Remove the vial from the sample chamber. Add a ALKA-M-PHOTOMETER tablet and mix to dissolve using a clean stirring rod. Screw the cap on and replace the vial in the sample chamber making sure the Δ and ∇ marks are aligned.



Press the ZERO/TEST key.

tA

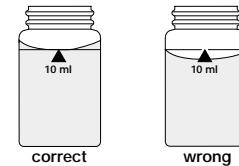
The method symbol flashes for approx. 3 seconds.

RESULT

The mg/l CaCO₃ value is shown in the display. Rinse the vial and cap thoroughly after each test.

Tolerance: ± 5 % Full Scale

● Correct filling of the vial



● 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.

Material Safety Data Sheets: www.tintometer.de

Ensure proper disposal of reagent solutions.

● Troubleshooting: Guidelines for photometric measurements

1. Vials, stoppers 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. Fingerprints or droplets of water on the sides of the vial can result in errors.
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 graduations facing toward the housing mark.
5. Zero calibration and test must be carried out with the sample chamber lid closed.
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 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.

● 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 → CAL tA (Scroll)



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

≡ **METHOD** ≡

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.

≡ **METHOD** ≡

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

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*

Total Alkalinity: between 50 and 150 mg/l CaCO₃

* 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 74

tA: Manufacturing calibration incorrect / erase

E 71

Cl: User calibration incorrect / erase

E 73

pH: User calibration incorrect / erase

E 75

tA: User calibration incorrect / erase

● Chemical methods notes

● 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 measurements 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 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 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.

● pH

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.