



Iron II and III Reagent Set (300 tests) – HI96777-03

## Description

Surface water typically contains up to 0.7 mg/L of iron. Drinking water typically contains up to 0.3 mg/L of iron, but this level may increase significantly if plumbing fixtures contain iron. In well-oxygenated, non-acidic waters, iron exists mainly in the ferric form ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) and will precipitate as iron oxide hydroxide ( $\text{FeO}(\text{OH})$ ). However, anoxic water may have high levels of dissolved ferrous iron ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ), which could precipitate in heating/cooling systems or other equipment after exposure to air. The Iron (II)/(III) method can be used to distinguish between the ferrous ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) and ferric ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) forms of iron in a 2-step measurement process.

The HI96777-03 are high quality reagents that are pre-measured, allowing for users to achieve fast and accurate colorimetric measurements. These reagents use an adaptation of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 3500-Fe B, Phenanthroline Method. During the first measurement, ferrous iron ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) reacts with 1,10-phenanthroline to form an orange-red complex. During the second measurement, ferric iron ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) is converted to ferrous iron ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) by the addition of Reagent B; the resulting measurement is the sum of ferrous ( $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ) and ferric ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) iron.