Accumet Excel XL 25 pH Meter Calibration and Use

1. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

1.1. Accumet Excel XL 25 (S/N XL94005930)

1.2. Combination pH Electrode

1.2.1. Keep electrode stored in pH 4 buffer solution. The fill solution level should not fall more than 0.25" below the cap. If it is below this level, fill with KCl before use.

1.3. Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC) probe

1.4. Buffer solution, pH 7, Fisher Scientific

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1.6. Secondary buffer solution, pH 7, Orion

1.7. Small plastic cups

2. METER CALIBRATION

2.1. Press the black start up button and hold for 5 seconds. Check that the fill hole on the side of the pH probe is exposed. If not, turn the plastic sleeve on the probe to expose the fill hole. Touch the Standardize icon then press **Clear** to clear the previous calibration values and press **ok**.

2.2. Thoroughly rinse the electrode with deionized water and place into a cup containing the Fisher pH 7 buffer and stir. The meter will automatically recognize the buffer. When the reading is stable, "STABLE" appears on the screen. Touch **confirm** to standardize the buffer. Use this reading for the initial pH in the pH meter log. The meter will return to the pH measurement screen. Record the % slope in the comment section for pH 7 buffer in the logbook. Touch **Standardize** on the pH measure screen to access the standardization screen.

2.3. Repeat Step 2.2 for the Fisher pH 4 buffer. (Note the % slope for entering into the logbook.) The "Buffer" section should then display both 4 and 7. If the calibration passes (% slope within 90-102%), the meter will display "Last Standardization time/date".

Repeat Steps 2.1-2.3 if calibration fails.

2.4. Touch the measure icon and take a final reading with the pH 7 Orion buffer solution.

If it does not read at a pH of 6.9-7.1, repeat Steps 2.1-2.4.

2.5. Record the calibration in the *pH_Meter_Log* in LIMS **Laboratory / Technical / Laboratory Logbook**.

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3. pH MEASUREMENT

3.1. Make sure meter is in pH Measure mode. If not, press the **Measure** button. Verify that the fill hole on the side of the probe is exposed before reading. Rinse the ATC probe and electrode, place into the solution to be read, and stir. The ATC probe does not need to be used if the solution is at room temperature.

3.2. When the reading stabilizes, and "STABLE" displays on the screen, record the pH.

3.3. To shut down, close applications and log off. Bring up the task bar by tapping anywhere along the bottom of the screen. Tap the **Start** button that appears then tap the **Shutdown** button then click **Yes**. Turn the plastic sleeve on the pH probe to close the fill hole and return the probe to storage in pH 4 buffer solution.

4. REFERENCES

4.1. Standard Methods 4500-H^+-2000

4.2. Accumet Excel XL series user manual.

APPENDIX OF CHANGES

07/15/2009 Updated to new SOP style. Added References section.

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