

YSI 3682 Zobell Solution Instructions

DESCRIPTION

The YSI 3682 Zobell Solution is a reference solution that is used to verify the performance characteristics of redox potential cells such as the YSI 3540 ORP Electrode Assembly. This product is packaged in dry form and must be reconstituted before use. Each amber bottle contains 75% Potassium Chloride, 14% Potassium Ferrocyanide Trihydrate and 11% Potassium Ferricyanide by weight.

The reconstituted solution has a maximum shelf life of 6 months. The shelf life of an unopened bottle is 24 months; it should be stored below 40°C.

To reconstitute the solution, add 125 ±5 mL of deionized or distilled water. (125 mL typically fills the bottle to the bottom of the neck). The label should be marked to indicate the correct expiration date.

CALIBRATION

Pour Zobell Solution into a sample cup. (Suitable cups are provided in the YSI 3565 Sample Cup Pack). Clean and rinse the ORP electrode with deionized or distilled water followed by a rinse of 3682 solution before immersing it in the sample cup. Most pH meters that read in millivolts can be used to take redox potential readings.

Use this product with Ag/AgCl or saturated calomel electrode systems. According to the U.S.G.S., the expected redox potential values for the Ag/AgCl and saturated calomel electrode systems in Zobell reference solutions at 25°C are 231 ±10 mV and 185 ±10 mV respectively.

At 25°C, the reference voltage of the Ag/AgCl and saturated calomel electrode systems in Zobell Solutions varies inversely with temperature according to the following equations. T is in °C.

$$E(\text{Ag/AgCl}) = 0.231 + 0.0013 (25-T) \text{ Volts}$$

$$E(\text{Calomel}) = 0.185 + 0.00164 (25-T) \text{ Volts}$$

The effects of temperature on oxidation-reduction reactions, which form the basis for redox potential measurements, are small but should be considered for temperatures higher or lower than 25°C. Redox potentials for Ag/AgCl and saturated calomel electrode systems in Zobell reference solution are shown in the following table:

TEMP in °C	Ag/AgCl (4M KCl) in millivolts	CALOMEL in millivolts
-5	270.0	234.2
0	263.5	226.0
5	257.0	217.8
10	250.5	209.6
15	244.0	201.4
20	237.5	193.2
25	231.0	185.0
30	224.5	176.8
35	218.0	168.6
40	211.5	160.4
45	205.0	152.2
50	198.5	144.0

The YSI 3682 Zobell Solution is not for food or drug use and can be harmful if swallowed. *It will react with acids to form harmful by-products, including hydrocyanide gas.* Dispose of this product in accordance with all Federal, State and Local Environmental Regulations and Laws concerning health and pollution.

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