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## PREFACE

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## WATERS—DETERMINATION OF MANGANESE—FLAME ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROMETRIC METHOD

**1 SCOPE.** This standard sets out a method for the determination of filtrable manganese in waters using flame absorption spectrometry. A procedure for the determination of non-filtrable manganese is set out in Appendix A.

**2 APPLICATION.** This method is applicable to natural and waste waters having a filtrable manganese concentration in the range 0.005 mg/L to 5.0 mg/L.

Manganese in the range 0.05 mg/L to 5.0 mg/L may be determined by direct aspiration. The range 0.005 mg/L to 0.05 mg/L requires a prior extraction.

NOTE: The lower limit of detection for direct aspiration for saline waters may be higher than that for fresh waters.

**3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following standards are referred to in this standard:

AS 2031 Recommendations for the Selection of Containers and Preservation of Water Samples for Chemical and Microbiological Analysis  
Part 1—Chemical

AS 2134 Code of Practice for the Chemical Analysis of Materials by Flame Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

AS 2162 Code of Practice for the Use of Volumetric Glassware

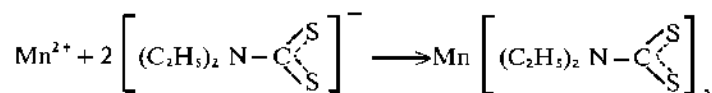
#### 4 PRINCIPLE.

**4.1 Direct aspiration.** Manganese in the concentration range 0.5 mg/L to 5.0 mg/L is determined by direct aspiration of a sample into an air-acetylene flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer and the absorption measured at 279.5 nm. For saline samples a nitrous oxide-acetylene flame may be used to overcome matrix effects.

**4.2 Extraction procedure.** To extend the range to 0.005 mg/L it is necessary to concentrate the manganese using a complexing/extraction technique. The complexing/extraction technique may also be used to separate the manganese from the matrix as an alternative to direct aspiration into a nitrous oxide-acetylene flame.

At pH 5 to 6, manganese(II) is chelated by sodium diethyldithiocarbamate (NaDDC). The chelate is extracted into a known volume of diisobutyl ketone (DIBK), then back extracted into dilute acid and this extract is used for the determination of the metal by atomic absorption spectrometry.

**5 REACTION.** The chelation reaction for the extraction procedure may be represented by the following equation:



#### 6 REAGENTS.

**6.1 General.** Unless otherwise specified, use only analytical grade reagents and doubly distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

##### 6.2 Solids.

**6.2.1 Sodium sulphate (anhydrous).**

##### 6.3 Solutions.

**6.3.1 Nitric acid** ( $\rho_{20}$  1420 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

**6.3.2 Nitric acid** (200 mL/L). Add 200 mL of nitric acid (6.3.1) to 800 mL of water.

**6.3.3 Sodium hydroxide** (200 g/L). Cautiously dissolve 200 g of sodium hydroxide in 800 mL of water. Cool and dilute to 1 L.

**6.3.4 Hydrochloric acid** (100 mL/L). Add 100 mL of hydrochloric acid ( $\rho_{20}$  1160 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) to 900 mL of water.