

Product sheet

RPA-5000

Residual Peroxide Analyzer

FEATURES

- Provides accurate results in as little as four minutes
- Wide range of measurement, 5-5000 ppm – no changes in instrument settings are required
- Selective measures peroxide only

BENEFITS

- Environment-friendly since the catalyzer is non-hazardous
- Absolute-calibrated by the manufacturer for minimum calibration
- Sample composition does not affect the measuring process

GENERAL / BACKGROUND

The use of chlorine-free bleaching agents in pulp bleaching processes is steadily increasing. Peroxide is the most commonly used of these chemicals for bleaching kraft, mechanical and recycled pulps. Peroxide, however, is relatively expensive and, therefore, improved control of its use in the bleaching process is beneficial for optimizing operating efficiency and product quality. Measurement of peroxide residuals after bleaching, for example, is necessary for achieving better overall control of the bleaching process.

Residual peroxide content, which may vary from almost zero to several thousand ppm. It is normally determined in a laboratory by means of a titration method. Laboratory analysis is unsuitable for process control – the intervals between measurements are too infrequent, and furthermore, laboratory analysis requires the use of considerable resources.

The BTG Residual Peroxide Analyzer, RPA-5000, for continuous (on-line) monitoring of peroxide residuals, addresses these problems directly.



The RPA-5000 measures the residual peroxide content of a filtrate sample from a bleached pulp suspension. The sample can be extracted with a BTG filtrate sampler or directly from, for example, a press located after the bleach tower. The analyzer is also equipped with a laboratory vessel, which can be filled with a peroxide-containing solution for test.

The RPA-5000 works fast, providing measurements in intervals of as little as four minutes, and it is selective, measuring only peroxide. Its ability to provide accurate and reliable measurements is not affected by the composition of the sample. The instrument's method of operation allows for simple and reliable instrumentation and minimum calibration.



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MEASURING PRINCIPLE / MEASUREMENT

The RPA measuring method takes advantage of the well-known fact that instability causes peroxide to decompose into water and oxygen under certain conditions, and that measuring the oxygen reveals the peroxide content of the sample. This method employs a catalyzer, is environment-friendly and independent of both pH and temperature. Thanks to the highly active catalyzer, the dosage is minimal, ~1.5 ml/measurement, which means that the catalyzer needs filling only every third week, or more seldom depending on the frequency of measurements. An automatic alarm releases when the catalyzer container is nearly empty.

Measurement of the oxygen, which is formed when the catalyzer decomposes the peroxide into water and oxygen, is carried out manometrically. The oxygen forces a corresponding quantity of the sample into the open measuring chamber, which is connected to the reaction chamber. The liquid level in the measuring chamber is therefore a measure of the peroxide content. The liquid level is measured by a pressure gauge placed at the bottom of the chamber. The measuring chamber is designed so that the level provides a logarithmic signal of the peroxide content. This means that the instrument can operate within a very extensive range of measurement and provide the same excellent accuracy without resetting or recalibrating the instrument.

MEASURING SEQUENCE

The whole system is filled with filtrate (1). The measuring chamber (2) is emptied. After injection of the catalyzer (3), the filtrate is efficiently stirred. Oxygen is formed and forces a certain quantity of the filtrate into the measuring chamber. The measured pressure indicates the amount of peroxide in the filtrate (4). The system is emptied (5) and cleaned (6). The instrument is now ready for a new sample.

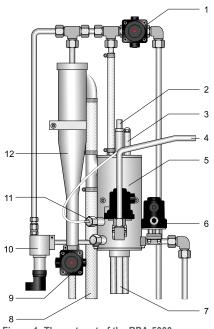
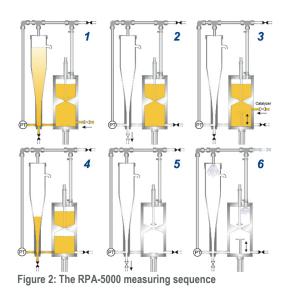


Figure 1: The wet part of the RPA-5000

- 1) Water inlet valve
- 2) Air cylinder
- 3) Optional pH electrode4) Inlet for laboratory sample5) Reaction chamber

6) Sample inlet valve

- Agitating device
 Overflow
- 9) Drain valve
- 10) Pressure gauge 11) Catalyzer injector
- 12) Measuring chamber



1) Filling of filtrate sample 4) Measuring

2) Drainage of the measuring chamber 5) Drainage of the system
 3) Injection of the catalyzer and agitating 6) Cleaning

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TECHNICAL DATA / SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL			
Туре	Residual Peroxide Analyzer, RPA-5000	Air supply	Clean instrument air, dried and oil-free.
Manufacturer	BTG Instruments AB, Säffle, Sweden	Deveneration	Regulated pressure 4-5 bar [60-70 psi]
Measuring principle	By means of a catalyzer which de-composes the	Power supply	110/230 V AC, 50-60 Hz, 200 VA
	peroxide into water and	Installation category	III
	oxygen. The oxygen	Material	Stainless steel SS 2343
Moasuring range	content is measured manometrically.	Weight	80 kg [176 lbs]
		Signals	
Measuring range	5-5000ppm	Analog outputs	4 (0/4-20 mA), 4
Accuracy	± 5% ±10 ppm of measured value		galvanically isolated, resistance 50-250 Ω
Ambient temperature	10-45°C [50-110°F]	Analog inputs	2 (0/4-20 mA)
Filtrate:		Digital outputs	4 internally supplied, 30
Sampling point	1 per system. The	Digital outputo	VDC 50 mA
	sample is extracted by a	Digital inputs	4 non-energized
	BTG filtrate sampler or directly from, for	Alarm	1 (relay 240 VAC/2A), normally open
	example, a press.	Communication	RS 485
Temperature ^a)	20-60°C [60-140°F]	Option	pH measurement
Pressure	0.2-5 bar [2.9-70 psi]	SAFETY & DIRECTIVES	·
Minimum flow	1 l/min [0.3 gal/min]. The sample flow should be set at 3 l/min [0.8	Safety and protection class	
		Product safety	CE, C-tick, ETL
	gal/min]. An accumulator tank is	Protective rating	Equivalent to IP65, NEMA 4x
	required if the sample is	EU-directives	
	less than 1 l/min. Mechanically and chemically cleaned water, 100 microns. Regulated pressure 4-5 bar [60-70 psi], min. flow 10 l/min (2.5 gal/min) at a temperature of 10-50°C [50-122°F]	Designed in accordance with relevant CE standards.	
Water supply		Quality Assurance	
		Quality-assured in accordance with ISO 9001.	
		a) Hot filtrate requires a filtrate cooler	

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