

QUALITY WORK INSTRUCTIONS (QWI) SULFUR ANALYSIS PROCEDURE ACIDITY as H₂SO₄

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1.0 EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Two 400 ml beakers
Methanol
Distilled water
Magnetic stir bar
Sodium Hydroxide
pH meter probe
Buret

2.0 PROCEDURE

- (1) Place 25 ml methanol in each of two 400 ml beakers.
- (2) Add 10 grams of sample into one of the beakers and swirl to mix.
- (3) Add 200 ml distilled water to each beaker and place a magnetic stir bar in each.
- (4) Before titrating sample beaker, record buret level. Agitate sample beaker. Titrate with sodium hydroxide solution (0.01) using pH meter probe until reaching 7.0. Record buret level again.
- (5) Before titrating control beaker, record buret level. Agitate control beaker. Titrate with sodium hydroxide solution (0.01) using pH meter probe until reaching 7.0. Record buret level again.
- (6) Use the formula below to calculate % Acidity.

S = Sample beaker beginning buret level - sample beaker ending buret level
C = Control beaker beginning buret level - control beaker ending buret level

$$\% \text{ Acidity} = \frac{(S-C) \times 4.9 \times .01}{10\text{-gram original sample weight}}$$