

Method

Silica (SiO₂) is the oxide of silicon, the second most abundant element in the earth's crust. Silica is present as silicates in most natural waters. Typical concentrations lie between 1 and 30 mg/L. Higher concentrations may exist in brackish waters and brines. The silica content of water should be determined prior to its use in a variety of industrial applications. Silica can form a harmful scale on equipment and heat transfer surfaces, particularly steam turbine blades.

The Heteropoly Blue Method

References: APHA Standard Methods, 22nd ed., Method 4500-SiO₂ D-1997. ASTM D 859-05, Silica in Water. USEPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 370.1 (1983).

CHEMetrics' test method determines *molybdate reactive silica*. The heteropoly blue chemistry is employed. Silica reacts with ammonium molybdate under acidic conditions to produce heteropoly acids, which are then reduced to form a blue color. Phosphate interferences are masked with the addition of citric acid. Results are expressed as ppm (mg/L) SiO₂.

Visual Kits

Range: 0-0.20 ppm
MDL: 0.02 ppm / Method: Heteropoly Blue

	Cat#
ULR CHEMets Kit	K-9011
ULR CHEMets Refill, 30 ampoules, Shelf-life 12 months	R-9011
Neutralizer Solution Pack, six 10 mL bottles	A-9000 ¹
Activator Solution Pack, six 20 mL bottles	A-9001 ¹
Comparator 0, 0.02, 0.04, 0.06, 0.08, 0.12, 0.16, 0.20 ppm	C-9011

Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: Refill, Comparator, Neutralizer Solution, Activator Solution, 25 mL sample cup, sample cup top and instructions.

Range: 0-1 & 1-10 ppm
MDL: 0.05 ppm / Method: Heteropoly Blue

	Cat#
CHEMets Kit	K-9010
CHEMets Refill, 30 ampoules, Shelf-life 11 months	R-9010 ²
Neutralizer Solution Pack, six 10 mL bottles	A-9000 ¹
Activator Solution Pack, six 20 mL bottles	A-9001 ¹
Low Range Comparator 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0 ppm	C-9001
High Range Comparator, Shelf-life 18 months 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 ppm	C-9010

Kit comes in a plastic case and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: Refill, Low and High Range Comparators, Neutralizer Solution, Activator Solution, 25 mL sample cup, sample cup top and instructions.

Instrumental Kits

Multi-Analyte Photometers

V-2000 / V-3000 Series

(See page 14 for instrumental features)

Range: 0-10.00 ppm / Spec: 0-4.00 ppm
Method: Heteropoly Blue

	Cat#
Vacu-vials Kit	K-9003

Kit comes in a cardboard box and contains everything needed to perform 30 tests: thirty ampoules, Neutralizer Solution, Activator Solution, 25 mL sample cup, sample cup top, ampoule blank and instructions.

Vacu-vials Kits require the use of a CHEMetrics Direct-Readout Photometer (photometers sold separately) or a spectrophotometer capable of accepting a 13 mm diameter round cell. See page 14 for details.

Kit Components common to Silica

Description	Cat#
Sample Cup Pack, 25 mL (6 ea)	A-0013
Sample Cup Top Pack for 25 mL Cup (6 ea)	A-0014
Ampoule Blank Pack (5 ea)	A-0023

¹The accessory pack supplies enough solution to perform at least 200 tests.

²Shelf-life is based on storage at room temperature and in the dark. This shelf-life can be extended by 18 months if the ampoules are stored in the refrigerator when not in use.

Instructions and MSDS(s) are posted on our website.

If no shelf-life is listed for a product, then the shelf-life is at least 2 years.

