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MB3600-CH70

FT-NIR polyol analyzer



Measurement made easy

The MB3600-CH70 Polyol Analyzer is a rugged and high performance industrial FT-NIR spectrometer for R&D and QA/QC applications on polyols and derivatives.

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Adapted for polyols and polyurethanes applications

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01 Chemical industry

The MB3600-CH70 spectrometer is intended for chemical industry laboratories that perform a large number of daily measurements for QA/QC analysis or at-line process support. It is particularly adapted for applications in the fields of polyols and polyurethanes.

The MB3600-CH70 is a maintenance-free bench analyzer enabling fast determination of several quality properties in liquid organic chemicals. It represents over 20 years of expertise in polyol analysis, in particular for determining hydroxyl value (OH), which gives the amount of hydroxyl groups available for reaction. This measurement provides critical information on distribution and range of chain lengths. It is an important indicator of quality for companies handling polyols, either for certification of incoming materials, final products or at-line process monitoring.

Features

The MB3600-CH70 features a set of pre-loaded calibration models with operator interface for immediate OH value determination in polyols and derivatives. This approach is easier, cleaner and significantly faster than the primary titration methods that require toxic solvents; it makes the MB3600-CH70 a true turnkey solution operational from the day of installation.

Pre-calibrated for OH value determination

In addition, users can access an extensive library of FT-NIR spectra (over 3,800). Custom calibrations can be developed on the MB3600-CH70 for rapid measurement of more quality parameters such as iodine value, acid value, saponification number, amine content, isocyanate content and TDI isomer ratio.

Benefits

- Fast and accurate analysis as an alternative to wet laboratory techniques.
- No requirement for reagents or solvents
- Inclusion of turnkey calibrations for OH value analysis
- Capable of additional multi-property analysis
- Rugged and simple software interface
- State-of-the-art analytical performance
- Low cost of ownership (10 years maintenance-free)
- Minimal footprint
- Access to ABB library of polyol FT-NIR spectra
- Editable global OH value calibration
- Transferability of calibrations to other ABB laboratory and process analyzers
- Turnkey solution
- Operator-ready. Minimal training required.

A set of turnkey calibration models

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02 Experiment
performed by chemist

Turnkey OH value analysis

One of the common challenges associated with NIR method development consists of building a chemometrics calibration model tailored to each application. The task requires a number of samples spanning the property range, as well as some laboratory reference values for all those samples. This step can be complex and time-consuming in some cases. With more than 20 years of experience in polyol analysis, ABB has developed an

unrivalled expertise in this field and can offer a set of turnkey calibration models for different groups of polyols and derivatives. Those calibrations are pre-loaded on the instrument and configured as starter methods in the HorizonMB QA user-friendly operator interface. From the day of installation, the user can analyze his products for OH value with one of the nine group-specific models, or with a generic OH-value model that combines several families of polyols.

Group-specific models

Group	SECV (1 s)*	Range min.*	Range max.*	r ²
Acrylic	4.6	8.7	146.0	0.990
Alcohol alkoxylate	2.1	31.1	108.8	0.994
Ethoxylated alcohol	3.2	17.9	175.6	0.992
Ethoxylate	1.9	12.5	197.5	0.999
Ethylene/Propylene oxide	0.9	8.7	72.0	0.997
Fatty acid	1.7	24.6	289.6	1.000
Polyester	3.1	26.9	328.9	0.998
Polyether	1.2	21.6	231.2	0.999
Poly-X glycol	5.1	12.6	369.6	0.998

*unit: mg KOH/g

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03 Universal vial holder
sampling accessory

In addition to hydroxyl value, many other key properties of polyols or liquid organic chemicals can be analyzed with the MB3600-CH70. If specific calibration models are developed for different properties, it is possible to measure them all simultaneously in a single sample.

The technique is fast, clean and reliable, using the disposable vial holder sampling of the MB3600-CH70. The table below gives examples of typical performance achieved with ABB FT-NIR technology for different measurements.

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Example of typical performances

Property / Sample	Units	SEP (1 s)	Repeatability (r)	Range min.	Range max.
Iodine value (high)	g	0.82	0.15	120	190
Iodine value (low)	g	0.18	0.08	0	5
Acid value	mg KOH/g	0.53	0.11	187	270
Saponification number	Units	1.30	0.63	0	50
Ethoxylated amine	mg/g	1.30	0.32	286	360
Primary amine	meq/g	0.04	0.003	4.7	5.2
Primary amine	meq/g	0.06	0.002	0.1	1
Secondary amine	meq/g	0.006	0.001	0	0.7
Secondary amine	meq/g	0.03	0.006	0.4	2.8
Isocyanate content	%	0.07	0.01	1.4	2



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Maintenance-free analyzer

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04 MB3600-CH70 and
HorizonMB QA software

User-friendly operator interface for routine analysis

The HorizonMB QA operator interface module makes running QA/QC and routine applications simple and reliable for laboratory staff by providing intuitive workflow along with integrated spectrometer and accessory control. The software guides the user in every step from analyzing routine samples to designing QA/QC applications and implementing turnkey methods. HorizonMB QA also enables plant connectivity by automatically generating a tab-separated file with detailed results and parameter information for each sample analysis performed with a procedure. This file can then be imported by a LIMS system.

An exceptionally low cost of ownership

While the MB3600-CH70 vertical design provides a minimal footprint, it is also an analyzer with minimal cost of ownership. Our engineers have designed the modular components of the MB3600-CH70 to provide the longest product life on the market according to the following key principles:

- No maintenance
- No adjustments
- No wear of the scan mechanism

As a result, the pre-aligned source module with electronic stabilization is designed to operate for 10 years without replacement, and the solid state laser-based metrology module has a 20 year lifespan. All MB3600-CH70 optics are non-hygroscopic so that no instrument purging is necessary for optical protection.



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