

BOD Measurement System AL606

Direct sample selection | Interface



Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)

BOD – biochemical oxygen demand – is an expression for the quantity of oxygen required for biological degradation of organic matter in a waste water sample. BOD measurement is therefore used as a basis for the detection of biologically degradable organic matter in water. The difference between BOD and chemical oxygen demand (COD) is that COD additionally registers biologically non-degradable organic matter.

BOD measurement is therefore an important measurement of the effects of domestic and industrial waste water on sewage plants and outflow points.

Highlights

- Direct sample selection
- Accurate and direct display of BOD values in mg/l
- User-friendly handling
- User-selectable measuring period from 1 to 28 days (BOD₅, BOD₇, OECD...)
- Storage of all values
- 110 - 240V / 50 - 60 Hz
- Measuring ranges from 0-40 mg/l to 0-4000 mg/l BOD, sample volume related
- Auto start function after temperature equalisation
- Mercury-free, environmentally-friendly
- Inductive stirring system with automatic re-centering of stirring rods
- Interface RS 232

Respirometric BOD measurement using the AL606

The AQUALYTIC® sensor system AL606 is a 6 sample system that allows precise measurements of BOD based on the manometric principle. Manometric respirometers relate oxygen uptake to the change in pressure caused by oxygen consumption while maintaining a constant volume. Thanks to the modern integral pressure sensors, it is no longer necessary to use mercury for pressure measurements.

Measuring ranges and sample volumes

The BOD level of a sample depends on the quantity of organic matter present, which can vary considerably. The BOD measuring system AL606 is therefore calibrated for the various sample volumes and the corresponding measuring ranges listed in the table below. The overall measuring range of the system is 0 – 4000 mg/l.

For all measuring ranges, BOD is shown directly in mg/l.

Range mg/l BOD	Sample Volume ml
0– 40	428
0– 80	360
0– 200	244
0– 400	157
0– 800	94
0–2000	56
0–4000	21,7

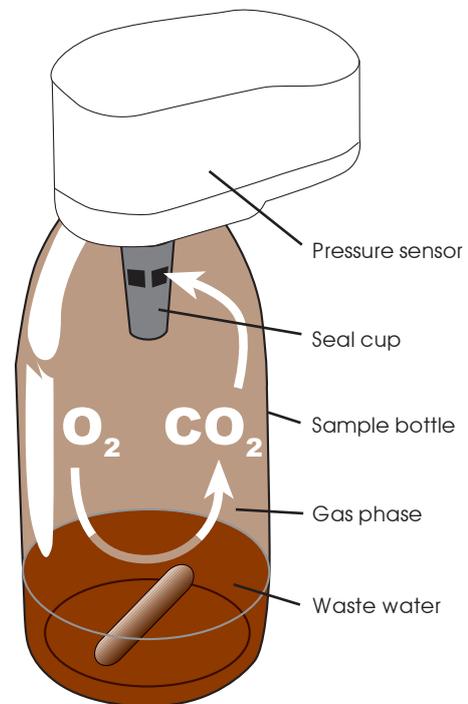
AL606 Principle

Respirometric methods provide direct measurements of the oxygen consumed by microorganisms from an air or oxygen-enriched environment in a closed vessel under conditions of constant temperature and agitation. Carbon dioxide produced metabolically by the bacteria is chemically bound by the potassium hydroxide solution contained in the seal cup in the bottle.

The result is a pressure drop in the system, which is directly proportional to the BOD value and is measured by the AQUALYTIC® BOD sensor. The BOD level is then displayed directly in mg/l.

The BOD values are stored in the sensor memory and can be called up on the large-format display at any time without the need for time-consuming conversion using factors. This means that test series that end on a Sunday can be evaluated during the following week without any problem.

The measurement period is user-selectable between 1 and 28 days to suit the application. While short measurement periods are useful for scientific applications, standard BOD measurements typically extend over a period of 5 days – and manometric determination of OECD, for example, generally takes place over a period of 28 days.



Applications

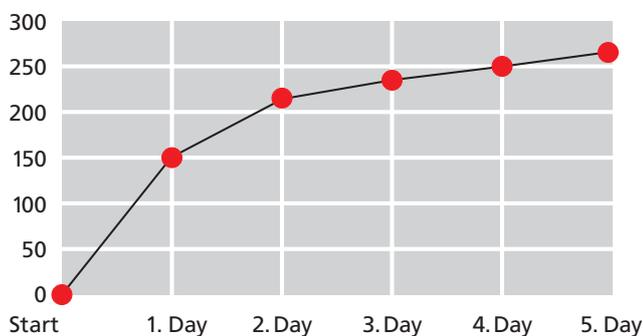
- Waste Water
- Determination of Biological Activity
- Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Analytical Laboratories
- Scientific & Research

Evaluation of measurements

If the measuring period is set at 24 hours, the AQUALYTIC® AL606 BOD measuring system records a measurement once every hour. With a measuring period of 48 hours, the unit measures and stores a BOD value once every 2 hours. If the measuring period is between 3 and 28 days, one value is measured and stored each day.

Current values and stored values may be called up at any time. The table/graph below illustrates an example of BOD₅ evaluation. The development of BOD over a period of 5 days is easily seen.

Day	Display
1. day	150 mg / l
2. day	220 mg / l
3. day	240 mg / l
4. day	250 mg / l
5. day	260 mg / l



BOD₅ Diagram

Automatic start function

Variations in sample temperature prior to testing result in pressure variations within the measuring system during the temperature equalisation period in the thermostatically controlled cabinet (if BOD measurement is to take place at 20°C, for example). Such variations would normally cause errors during manometric measurement. In order to prevent such errors, the AQUALYTIC® AL606 BOD meter is equipped with an automatic start feature:

measurement does not commence until the temperature in the samples is the same as that in the thermostatically controlled cabinet. This rules out the possibility of temperature (and hence pressure) fluctuations that are not related to the manometric measurement.

The complete AL606 measuring system

In addition to the BOD unit for measurement and storage of BOD levels, the AQUALYTIC® AL606 BOD measuring system includes sample bottles, measuring sensors, non-wearing inductive stirring system, overflow measuring flasks for metering of sample volumes, nitrification inhibitor and potassium hydroxide as an absorbent.



Delivery Content

- **AL606**, complete unit with 6 sensor heads and control unit with batteries
- Inductive stirring unit with power supply
- 6 sample bottles
- 6 rubber gaskets
- 6 magnetic stirring rods
- 1 overflow flask, 157 ml
- 1 overflow flask, 428 ml
- 1 bottle, 50 ml potassium hydroxide solution
- 1 bottle, 50 ml nitrification inhibitor solution
- 1 instruction

Order code: 444406

- **AL612**, as above but with 12 sensor heads

Order code: 444410

Technical data

Meas. principle	Manometric; mercury-free; electronic pressure sensor
Ranges [mg/l O₂]	0 - 40, 0 - 80, 0 - 200, 0 - 400, 0 - 800, 0 - 2000, 0 - 4000 mg/l
Accuracy*	0.5 % full scale at 20°C
Applications	BOD ₅ , BOD ₇ , OECD 301 F ...
Result display	BOD [mg/l]; 4 - digits ; 7 - segment LED
Measurement parameter display	BOD-range, volume, duration, time of measurement
Measurement period	User-selectable, between 1 and 28 days
Auto result storage	Up to 28 results, depending on measurement period
Storage interval	- hourly (1 day) - every 2 hours (2 days) - daily (3-28 days)
Automatic start function	- After temperature equalisation of samples - Can be switched off
Power supply	3 alkaline-manganese batteries ("Baby" cells/size "C")
Battery life	1 year (normal use as BOD ₅ meter - max. one reading a day); early warning before battery fails
Interface	RS 232 for printer or PC connection
Clock	Real-time clock
Protection class	IP 54 (sensor head)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	375 x 195 x 230 mm including stirring unit
Weight	3850 g, unit with bottles 5750 g, complete with stirring unit
Housing	ABS

CE-Conformity

* No standard is available to check the accuracy of respirometric oxygen uptake measurement. Tests with a glucose-glutamic acid solution having a known theoretical BOD have shown that the variation is approximately 5% in the range of 50...100 mg/l BOD, and 3% for higher range. Minimum Response or sensitivity of respirometric systems is about 0.05 ... 1 mg/l.

Inductive stirring system

The microprocessor-controlled AQUALYTIC® inductive stirring system is non-wearing and maintenance-free. In other words, there are no moving parts in the system.

At regular intervals, the magnetic stirring rods are accelerated and slowed down again, taking them up to maximum speed and back down again. This ensures the centralization of the stirring rods.

Stirring rods that move away from the centre of the bottle are re-centered quickly and reliably.

The inductive actuation system guarantees maintenance-free operation (no need to replace drive belts or burnt-out drive motors) for many years.

Highlights

- Maintenance-free and non-wearing
- Regular change in stirring speed
- Automatic centering of stirring rods
- No mechanical components in the stirring system

Accessories

Item	Order code
Sensor head	2444430
BOD sample bottle Brown glass, 500 ml	418644
BOD sample bottles , Brown glass, 500 ml, set of 6 bottles	418645
Cable for connection to a PC serial 9-pins	2444440
Inductive stirring system for 6 samples, 110-240 V / 50-60 Hz	2444452
Stirring rod	418637
Stirring rod remover	418638
Rubber gasket	418636
Chemicals:	
Potassium hydroxide solution 45 %, 50 ml	418634
Nitrification inhibitor (N-ATH) 50 ml	418642
Overflow flask , 21.7 ml	418664
Overflow flask , 56 ml	418655
Overflow flask , 94 ml	418656
Overflow flask , 157 ml	418657
Overflow flask , 244 ml	418658
Overflow flask , 360 ml	418659
Overflow flask , 428 ml	418660
Complete set Overflow flasks	418654
Test set , BOD CM test tablets, box with 8 tablets	418328

Test set for AL606

We also supply a test set to check for correct operation of the AL606 BOD meter. The set contains 8 BOD CM1 test tablets that cause a defined oxygen consumption.

The tablets are easy to use. Simply place a tablet in the BOD bottle, start the measurement process, read off the BOD value after 5 days, and then compare with the defined value. If this value is within the quoted tolerance, this means that the BOD measuring system is functioning correctly.

Temperature equalisation during BOD measurement

Temperature equalisation is essential prior to biological testing, as temperature has a major effect on biological activity. BOD measurements, for example, are always performed in a thermostatically controlled cabinet at a temperature of 20°C.

For temperature equalisation, we recommend AQUALYTIC® thermostatically controlled cabinets with a user-selectable temperature from 2°C to 40°C.