

Total Inorganic Carbon analysis By Acidification and Coulometric Detection



Applications include:

Carbonates in pharmaceuticals, dissolved carbon dioxide in sea water, carbonates in geological materials, carbon dioxide in amine and hydrazine, carbonates in black liquids, carbonates in food.

CONFORMS TO ASTM D 513

The CM140 Total Carbon Analyzer is a complete analytical system allowing the direct measurements of total inorganic carbon in wide variety of sample matrices and concentrations. Combining a self-contained unit for the acidification of a sample (to evolve CO₂), with a highly sensitive CO₂ detector, the CM140 easily handles solid or liquid samples with concentration from ppm levels to 100% inorganic carbon without user calibration. UIC's analyzers are rugged, accurate and adaptable to most TIC applications.

The CM140 system includes the following components pictured above:

CM5017 CO₂ Coulometer

- No user calibration
- Wide, linear dynamic range
- Readability to 0.01 µg Carbon
- User selectable display units
- 12.1" fast-responding touch screen
- USB Flash Drive storage
- LIMS compatible

CM5330 Acidification Module

- 10, 25, 50 or 100 ml reaction vessels
- Selectable volume acid dispenser
- Internal air pump with flow controller
- Controlled sample heating and stirring
- Pre-acidification scrubber for removal of CO₂ from carrier gas
- Post-acidification scrubber for removal of interfering compounds released during sample digestion

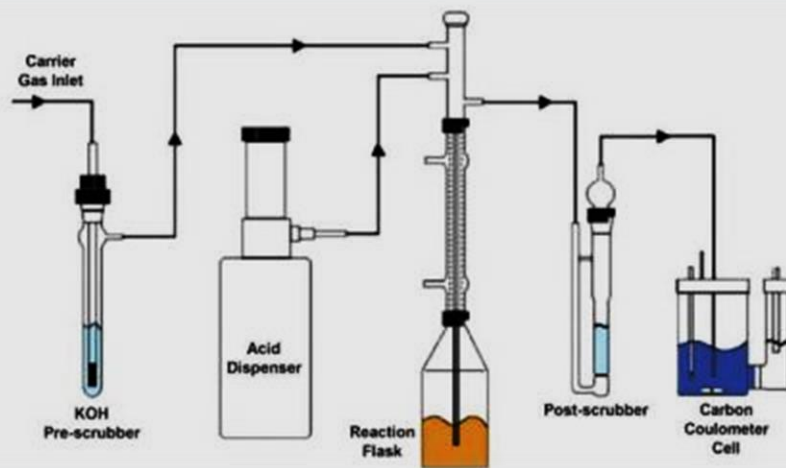
Instrument Capabilities

A major advantage of the CM140 Total Inorganic Carbon Analyzer is the use of coulometric detection. Employing the principles of Faraday's Law the CM5017 CO₂ Coulometer automatically measures the absolute mass amount of carbon dioxide evolved from sample acidification. No user-calibration is required and linear detection is available from less than 1 µg carbon to over 10,000 µg carbon. Using this 100% efficient coulometric process, relative standard deviations of 0.2% or better are common for standard materials. For smaller concentration, an absolute deviation of approximately 1 µg C is typical.

Additionally, it is possible to analyze either solid or liquid samples. Sample flasks are available in 10, 25, 50, and 100 ml sizes. Solids or liquids may be syringe injected through a septum.

Reaction times vary with sample type and temperature although 5 to 7 minute analyses are typical. To quicken CO₂ evolution, sample heating and stirring capabilities are included within the CM5330 Acidification Module. Other features include the ability to: select different acids; add wetting/emulsifying agents; and, modify the flow path and scrubbers to optimize a particular application.

Principles of Operation



Total Inorganic Carbon (TIC)

Upon introducing a sample into the sample flask, the system is purged with a CO₂-free carrier gas to eliminate atmospheric carbon dioxide. At that point, the analysis is initiated by adding an aliquot of acid through the acid dispenser into the sample flask, causing inorganic carbon to be evolved as CO₂. Using the built-in heater and magnetic stirrer to facilitate the fast evolution of inorganic carbon, the CO₂-free carrier gas transports the reaction products through a post-scrubber (to remove potential interferences) and ultimately into the reaction cell within the CM5017 Coulometer, where evolved carbon dioxide is automatically measured using absolute coulometric titration.

Data Handling

Names, weights and sizes of up to 50 samples can be entered, to be used by the CM5017 in calculating the final result. Analytical progress is displayed on the 12.1" LCD touch screen in user-selectable units. Detailed analysis information is automatically saved to an on-board memory stick after each sample. Data can also be transmitted through the standard serial and Ethernet ports to be captured on a personal computer or LIMS. In addition, a detailed report can be printed to the optional small format printer while each sample is running.

Ordering Information

CM140 – Total Inorganic Carbon in Solids or Liquids Includes:

CM5017 CO₂ Coulometer and CM5330 Acidification Module with tools and accessories for analysis of solid or liquid samples. Must also choose either the CM5131 (10 ml), CM5132 (25ml), CM5133 (50ml) or CM5134 (100ml) Sample Introduction Kit. (P/N CM140-01 110V 50/60Hz) (P/N CM140-02 220V, 50/60Hz)

Optional Equipment

Printer – 3" format impact printer; includes cable, power supply, paper and ribbon. (P/N CM124-078)