

# Soil Available Boron Content Assay Kit

Note: Take two or three different samples for prediction before test.

Operation Equipment: Spectrophotometer/ Microplate reader

Catalog Number: AK0158 Size:100T/96S

#### **Components:**

Reagent 1:6 mL×1, storage at 4C.

Reagent 2: Powder×1, storage at 4C. Before use, add 12 mL of distilled water to dissolve.

Reagent 3: Powder×1, storage at 4C. Before use, add 12 mL of distilled water to dissolve.

Reagent 4: 10 mL×1, storage at 4C.

Reagent 5: Powder×1, storage at 4C. Before use, add 5 mL of distilled water to dissolve.

Standard: powder×1, storage at 4C. 10 mg of boric acid. Add 0.81 mL of distilled water to prepare 200  $\mu$ mol/mL standard solution.

## **Product Description:**

Boron is an indispensable trace element for the normal development of plants, and can promote the lush growth of plants and the normal development of reproductive organs. According to the available phosphorus content in the soil, reasonable supply of boron is one of the key measures to improve crop yield and quality.

Boron and methylimine form a brown-yellow complex under weak acid conditions, with a characteristic absorption peak at 420 nm, and the effective boron content in the soil can be calculated

#### **Reagents and Equipment Required but Not Provided:**

Spectrophotometer/ Microplate reader, adjustable transferpettor, balance, mortar / homogenizer, centrifuge, water-bath, micro glass cuvette/ 96-well plate, sieve (40 mesh), ice and distilled water.

# **Procedure:**

# I. Sample preparation:

Fresh soil samples is air-dried and pass through a 40 mesh sieve. According to the ratio of soil quality (g): distilled water volume (mL) to 1: 2 (recommended to weigh about 0.2g soil sample, add 1mL distilled water), add distilled water, and extract in boiling water for 10min, Let it cool down, add 50  $\mu$ L of reagent 1, shake for 5 min. Add 100  $\mu$ L of reagent 2, shake for 3 min. Add 100  $\mu$ L of reagent 3, shake thoroughly to fade the purple, and then centrifuge at 8000 g and 25 °C. for 10 min.

#### **I**. Determination :

- 1. Preheat spectrophotometer/ microplate reader for 30min, adjust the wavelength to 420 nm and set the counter to zero with distilled water.
- 2. Dilute the 200 $\mu$ mol/mL standard solution with distilled water to prepare 1.5  $\times$  1  $\times$  0.5  $\times$  0.25  $\times$  0.125  $\times$



0.0625、	0.03125	µmol/mL standard solution
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3. Add reagent to a 1.5m	L EP tube:		
Reagent name	Blank tube (B)	Test tube (T)	Standard tube (S)
sample (µL)	-	40	-
Standard solution $(\mu L)$	-	_	40
Reagent 4 (µL)	80	80	80
Reagent 5 (µL)	40	40	40
$H_2O$ ( $\mu$ L)	80	40	40

Mix well and let react solution stand in the dark at 25C for 1 h. Measure the absorbance A at 420nm in a micro glass cuvette/ 96-well plate, and record it as  $A_B$ ,  $A_T$  and  $A_S$ . Calculate  $\Delta A = A_T - A_B$ ,  $\Delta A_{\rm S} = A_{\rm S}$  $-A_B$ .

## **II**. Calculation:

According to concentration of standard solution and absorbance to create the standard curve, take 1. standard solution as X-axis,  $\Delta As$  as Y-axis. Take  $\Delta A$  into the equation to obtain x (µmol/mL).

Calculation: 2.

Effective boron content (mg/kg) = $10.81 \times x \times Vs \div 1000 \div (W \div 1000) = 13.51 \times x \div W$ 

Vs : Total sample volume , 1.25mL;

10.81 : Molecular weight of boron , 10.81µg/µmol;

1000 : 1mmol=1000µmol , 1kg=1000g.

W: soil weight, g;

#### Note:

1. Strictly control the temperature and avoid light during color development to prevent the color developer from decomposing.

2. When the A is greater than linear range absorbance, it is recommended to further dilute the sample and measure.

#### **Experimental Example:**

1. Take about 0.2 g of treated soil sample, add 1 mL of distilled water, operate according to the sample processing steps, centrifuge the supernatant, operate according to the determination steps, use 96 well plate 0.0033, and get x = 0.0618.

Effective boron content (mg/kg soil sample) =  $13.51 \times x \div W = 13.51 \times 0.0618 \div 0.2 = 4.1746$  mg/kg soil sample.

#### **Related Products :**

AK0165/AK0164	Soil Available sulfur Content Assay Kit
AK0169/AK0168	Acid Soil Available Phosphorous Content Assay Kit