VISCOMAT II

AUTOMATED PULP VISCOSITY ANALYSIS



- Semi-automatic determination of the viscosity of pulp according to ISO 5351 and SCAN-CM 15
- Automatic measurement, calculation and display of data
- Gain 5 min / analysis compared to manual analysis
- Reduce operator influence
- 3 measurements simultaneously
- PC controlled operation
- High Accuracy, Repeatability and Reproducibility (< ±2.0%)
- Reduce risk of exposure to CED

The viscosity of pulp in cupriethylendiamine (CED) solution gives an average degree of the polymerisation of the cellulose and a relative indication of the degree of degradation resulting from the pulping/bleaching process. Determination of the viscosity of pulp is therefore an important routine analysis at most process labs in order to control the bleaching process.

Manual determination of viscosity is made by measuring the efflux time of the pulp/CED solution through a capillary tube by using a stopwatch. This procedure is very time consuming and highly inaccurate due to operator influence.

Viscomat II strongly improves method repeatability and reproducibility by providing automation of the measurement of flow times and the subsequent calculation and display of results. Data are displayed on screen with custom set alarms and can further be archived or transferred to LIMS system. The

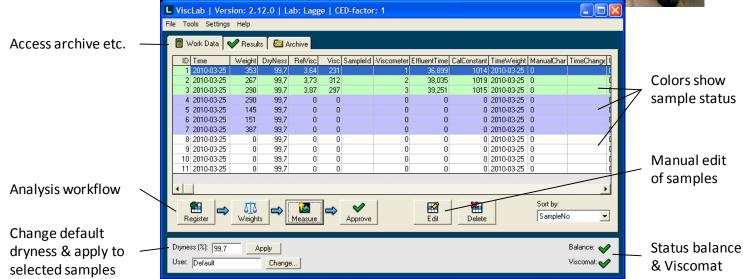


semi-automation strongly reduces operator influence and the time gain is high compared to manual analysis.The system is designed according to and strictly follows the standard test methods ISO 5351 and SCAN-CM 15.

Viscomat II is easy to install and service requirements are minimal. The design is

highly robust and the system has been on the market for more than 25 years.





PRINCIPLE OF OPERA-TION

The Viscomat consists of three separate viscometers, each furnished with two platinum electrodes for automatic measurement of the efflux time. Each viscometer is connected to vacuum via a high quality control valve.

The generic workflow of a viscosity analysis, as specified in ISO 5351, is outlined below.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

- Determine weight of sample. The weight is automatically transferred from the balance to the ViscLab software. If the weighing is made on a balance not connected to the software, the weight can be manually entered into the software
- Determine the dryness (%) of the sample and enter into the software
- Sample is dissolved in water and cupriethylenediamine (CED)

LOADING OF SAMPLE

 The sample is drawn into the capillary viscometer of the Viscomat using the vacuum valve

MEASUREMENT

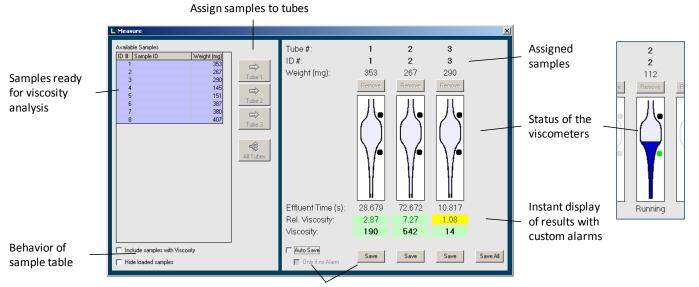
- The measurement is initiated by turning the valve to measurement position
- The efflux time is measured when the liquid level passes the top electrode and terminates when the level pass the lower electrode (resolution < 1 ms)





CALCULATION AND DISPLAY OF RE-SULTS

- The viscosity ratio and the intrinsic viscosity η are $\log[\eta] = \log \frac{\eta \eta_0}{\eta_0 \times c} k[\eta]c$ with five digit accuracy and displayed in the software
- The data obtained is automatically compared to adjustable alarm limits for viscosity ratio and intrinsic viscosity and the results are immediately displayed with stoplight colors (green, yellow, red)
- All results are stored in a database for archiving, export, printing and further analysis
- The software is prepared for export of results data to a LIMS system



Manual save or autosave

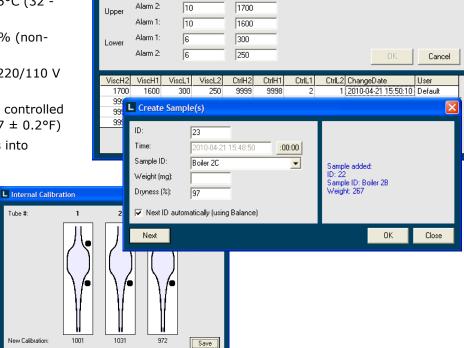
SPECIFICATIONS

FUNCTIONAL AND PHYSICAL

- Three individually operated temperature controlled viscometers
- All parts in contact with the sample are glass or platinum, for high chemical resistance. All parts and components are selected for reliability and serviceability
- All parts in contact with cooling water selected for minimal corrosion
- Built-in water circulation pump
- Two 12 mm ID tube connections to water bath (25°C)
- One 8 mm ID tube connection to vacuum source
- Computer with Microsoft Windows
- ViscLab 2 software
- Serial (RS-232) interface to analytical balance
- USB interface to the Viscomat
- Dimensions: 400 × 300 × 567 mm (15¾ × 11¾ × 22¾ inches) W × D × H
- Weight: Approximately 16 kg (35 lbs)

INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

- Ambient Temperature: 0 35°C (32 -95°F)
- Operating Humidity: 20 95% (noncondensing)
- Power supply: Single phase 220/110 V AC 50/60 Hz
- Connection to a temperature controlled water bath at 25 ± 0.1°C (77 ± 0.2°F)
- Vacuum for drawing samples into viscometers
- For more details, please request a separate Site Preparation Guide



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Current Calibration:

827

991

1129

ADDITIONAL EQUIP-MENT

We supply a range of required additional equipment for a complete viscosity analysis using the Viscomat, e.g.:

Balance

L Alarm Limits

- Water bath
- Vacuum source
- CED solution

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