



Reagent Water Specification Testing Results

For the month of: May 2011 (11121–11151)

Listed below are the testing results for the reagent water used in the manufacture of products at Hardy Diagnostics. The data was found to meet or exceed the following test specifications which are also outlined in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*⁴.

Test	Testing Frequency	In-House Specification (method detection limit)	Testing Data
*Minimum Resistivity, (Continuous monitoring)	Daily	> 18 Megohm	18.2
*pH	Each Use	5.5 – 7.5	6.85
Total Organic Carbon	Monthly	< 1.0 mg/L	0.0944
Heavy Metals (Single) (Cd, Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn)	Annually	< 0.05 mg/L	Cd – ND Cr – ND Cu – 0.00016 mg/L Ni – 0.00011 mg/L Pb – ND Zn – 0.0013 mg/L
Heavy Metals (Total)	Annually	< 0.1 mg/L	ND
Ammonia/Organic Nitrogen (TKN)	Monthly	< 0.1 mg/L	ND
Total Chlorine Residual	Monthly	< Detection Limit (Hardy DL = 0.1 mg/L)	ND
*Heterotrophic Plate Count	Weekly	< 500 CFU/ml	< 1
Water Quality	Annually	0.8 – 3.0 ratio	1.14
Use Test	Quarterly	Student's $t \leq 2.78$	2.0
Inhibitory Residue	Annually	< 15%	0%
Maximum Silicate, SiO ₂	Annually	≤ 0.1 mg/L	ND

ND = Not Detected at or above the method detection limit.

*Testing data is given as a monthly average.

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