BOD Measurement System BD 600

Accurate, automatic and direct control of your wastewater samples

Highlights

- User friendly
- Large brilliant graphic display
- Graphical representation of measured values
- Bluetooth, USB & SD Card interface
- Mercury-free, environmentally-friendly
- User-selectable time span from 1 to 28 days
- Free individual programming of each of the six samples
- Inductive stirring system, 110 - 240 V / 50 - 60 Hz
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.

Manometric, respirometric BOD measurement using the Lovibond® BD 600

The Lovibond® sensor system BD 600 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 Lovibond® BOD measuring system BD 600 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.

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<th>Range mg/l BOD</th>
<th>Sample Volume ml</th>
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<td>0 – 40</td>
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<td>0 – 80</td>
<td>360</td>
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<td>0 – 200</td>
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<td>0 – 400</td>
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<td>0 – 800</td>
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<td>0 – 2000</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>0 – 4000</td>
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For all measuring ranges, BOD is shown directly in mg/l.

BD 600 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 BOD sensor. The BOD level is then displayed directly in mg/l.

The BOD values are stored automatically in the sensor memory in regular intervals 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. Measurement series can be stored on USB stick/SD card or transferred via USB cable or Bluetooth to evaluate the data on a computer.

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
- Science & Research

References

- APHA, AWWA, WEF
  Standard Methods 5210 D
- H55 as a supplement to EN 1899-2
### Evaluation of measurements

The BD 600 measuring system records a measurement once every hour, independent of the length of the measuring period. This way the quality of the series of measurement can be evaluated in an early stage. Current values and stored values may be called up at any time. Stored value can be displayed numerically or graphically. The table/graph below illustrates an example of BOD₅ evaluation. The development of BOD over a period of five days is easily seen.

### 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 Lovibond® BD 600 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 BD 600 measuring system

In addition to the BOD unit for measurement and storage of BOD levels, the Lovibond® BD 600 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.

### Technical data

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<th>Meas. principle</th>
<th>Manometric; mercury-free; electronic pressure sensor</th>
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<td>Ranges [mg/l O₂]</td>
<td>0 - 40, 0 - 80, 0 - 200, 0 - 400, 0 - 800, 0 - 2000, 0 - 4000 mg/l</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accuracy*</td>
<td>0.5 % full scale at 20°C</td>
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<td>Applications</td>
<td>BOD₅, BOD₇, OECD 301 F ...</td>
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<td>Display</td>
<td>128 x 240 pixel, 45 x 84 mm, backlit</td>
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<td>Measurement</td>
<td>User-selectable, between 1 and 28 days</td>
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<td>Auto result</td>
<td>Up to 672 results, depending on measurement period</td>
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<td>Storage interval</td>
<td>– hourly (1 day) – every 2 hours (2 days) – daily (3-28 days)</td>
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<td>Automatic start function</td>
<td>– After temperature equalisation of samples – Can be switched off</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power supply</td>
<td>3 alkaline-manganese batteries (&quot;Baby&quot; cells/size &quot;C&quot;) or via power supply unit using Y-cable together with stirring unit</td>
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<td>Interface</td>
<td>USB host port (USB stick) USB device port (computer) SD card wireless via Bluetooth dongle (optional)</td>
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<td>Clock</td>
<td>Real-time clock</td>
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<td>Protection class</td>
<td>IP 54 (sensor head)</td>
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<td>Dimensions (L x W x H)</td>
<td>375 x 181 x 230 mm including stirring unit</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>4100 g, unit with bottles &amp; batteries 5775 g, complete with stirring unit</td>
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*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.

### Delivery Content BD 600

- BD 600, complete unit with 6 sensor heads and control unit with batteries
- Power supply unit incl. Y-cable for common power supply of BD 600 and stirring unit
- Inductive stirring unit
- 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: 2 44 44 60

### Delivery Content BD 606

- 2 x BD 600, complete unit each with 6 sensor heads and control unit with batteries
- 2 x power supply unit incl. Y-cable for common power supply of BD 600 and stirring unit
- 2 x Inductive stirring unit
- 12 sample bottles
- 12 rubber gaskets
- 12 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: 2 44 44 65

### BOD accessories

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BOD-Measurement

The microprocessor-controlled Lovibond® 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.

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 Lovibond® thermostatically controlled cabinets with a user-selectable temperature from 2°C to 40°C.

Highlights

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