

Spectrophotometer AL800

Water and waste water testing
330 - 900 nm



The AL800 is a modern single-beam spectrophotometer with an excellent price/performance ratio that is specifically designed for water testing.

The instrument is equipped with a wide range of pre-programmed methods based on the proven range of AQUALYTIC® tube tests, tablet reagents, liquid reagents and powder reagents (Vario Powder Packs).

➔ Please see pages 34 onwards for tests, ranges and reagents

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Highlights

- Interface RS232
- Large illuminated display
- Touch-sensitive keypad with logical layout
- Use of round vials and rectangular cells of different sizes without adapter
- 35 user-specific methods
- Fast, easy lamp change
- Update via Internet

Optics

The AL800 is a single-beam spectral photometer (see illustration).

The light source is a tungsten halogen lamp with flash function. The lamp is switched on only momentarily during of the measurement process¹⁾, so there is no need for a warm-up period. The AL800 is ready to perform a self-test as soon as it is switched on.

The light passes through an entry slot to the monochromator, where it is split into spectral ranges. The monochromator is a holographically produced, transparent grating. The movable mirror ensures that light of the desired wavelength is focused automatically so that it passes through the exit slot, into the sample chamber and therefore through the water sample. The light that is not absorbed by the sample travels to the silicon photodiode detector. This signal is then evaluated by a micro-processor and shown as a result in the display.

1) (Exception: permanent light is used for a wavelength scan).

Multifunctional sample chamber

Round vials measuring 16 mm and 24 mm in diameter and rectangular cells with pathlengths from 10 to 50 mm may be used without an adapter. Only the 10 mm cell will be fixed by a little holder that must be inserted into the sample chamber.

New methods

Test methods are continuously updated to suit market requirements.

You can find updates for new methods and additional languages on our website at www.aqualytic.de.

Functions

- Pre-programmed AQUALYTIC® methods
- Absorption
- Transmission
- Spectral data recording
- User calibration (polynomials)
- Concentration (linear)
- Kinetics

Self-test

After it is switched on, the AL800 automatically performs a self-test – beginning with a function test of the stepper motor and the halogen lamp, followed by an optics test. For this purpose, the unit has a built-in didymium glass filter. This filter checks the correct wavelength setting. If the wavelengths are incorrect, the optical system is automatically adjusted during the self-test.

Maintenance

Thanks to the design of the AL800, the only maintenance that is required is replacement of the light source. The lamp is situated at the back of the photometer in an easily accessible position. Changing the lamp is fast and simple and does not require any tools. The positioning of the assembly ensures optimum focusing of the halogen lamp.

Power supply

The required input voltage is 12 V. The AL800 is connected to an external power pack as standard. Battery operation is also possible by using an external energy station (see accessories).

Applications

- Waste Water
- Drinking Water
- Industrial Process Water
- Scientific & Research
- Governmental and Private Laboratories

Choice of language

The user prompt in the display can be switched to German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese or Polish. If further languages are available they can be updated via internet.

N.I.S.T. Traceability

This spectrophotometer can be calibrated using a Secondary Standard Filter Set (order code 711160) which is N.I.S.T. traceable. Furthermore the instrument may be calibrated for each method in a "user calibration mode" with N.I.S.T. traceable standards.

(N.I.S.T. = National Institute of Standards and Technology)

Printer/PC connection

On the back of the AL800 photometer, there is an RS232 interface with a 9-pin D-Sub connector for connection of a PC or a printer with serial interface (see accessories).

Printing data

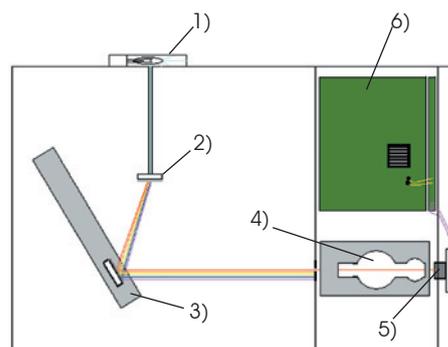
Every result is printed with date, time, reg. no, code no., measuring range and method number.

Storing data

You can store results of programmed and user-specific methods (polynomials) in a memory with a capacity of 1000 data sets. Alongside the result, the data sets contain information on method, date and time of the test.

User prompt

The user prompt is a convenient and easy to understand feature that guides the user step by step all the way through to the test result.



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| 1) Tungsten halogen lamp | 4) Sample chamber |
| 2) Monochromator | 5) Silicon photodiode |
| 3) Movable mirror | 6) Microprocessor unit |

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Differentiation of results

The AL800 allows differentiated tests for certain methods. With the Chlorine method, for example, differentiated measurement is possible for free, combined and total chlorine.

Functions

The AL800 is ideal for routine laboratory use and is equipped with additional functions for user-specific applications. One example is the creation of a user-defined method for a routine check.

Spectral data

A wavelength scan is performed over the user-defined interval between 330 and 900 nm.

The display shows the graph of the spectrum; if the user presses a key, the display also shows a data list with the corresponding maximum and minimum absorption levels.

Absorption/Transmission

Using this function, the operator can, for example, carry out measurement of standards with different concentrations using the user-selected wavelength in order to obtain the data pairs required for a polynomial. Result output is in Abs and % Transmission.

Polynomials

With the help of an external mathematical program, the corresponding polynomial is created from data pairs (concentration/absorption). A known polynomial may also be used. 25 order polynomials ($y = A+Bx+Cx^2 + Dx^3 + EX^4 + FX^5$) can be stored together with user-specific parameters such as wavelength, measuring range, unit and number of decimals.

Concentration

This function can be used to measure 2 to 14 known standards. On the basis of the concentrations/absorption pairs obtained, the photometer will calculate a linear interpolation between the measured points. Up to 10 methods can be stored for further sample measurements.

Zero calibration and measurements

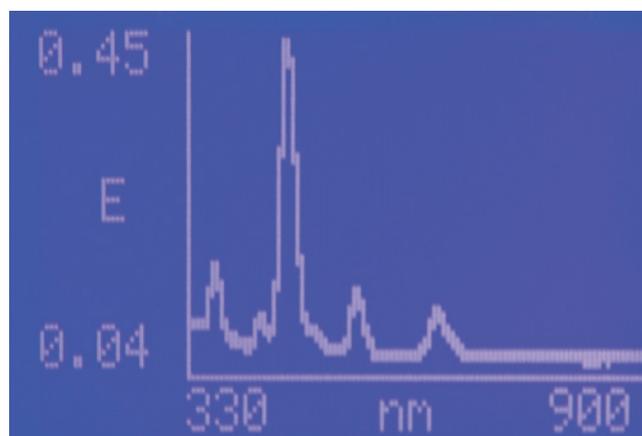
The user chooses the desired method either from the method list in alphabetical order or by entering a numerical code. If desired additional information like the required vial, the reagent type and the measuring range can be displayed using the functional keys. The date and time are shown in the display by pressing the "clock key". The AL800 automatically selects the correct wavelength.

Zero calibration is performed with the water sample by pressing the ZERO key.

A characteristic coloration develops when you add the indicator to the water sample. Press the [Test] key to initiate the measurement (which starts either immediately or after the time required for colour development).

Countdown function

With some methods, after adding the indicator to the water sample, the user has to wait for a predefined colour reaction time. This time interval is shown in the display. The remaining time is displayed continuously. An alarm sounds during the last 10 seconds of the time period. Measurement then starts automatically, and the result is shown in the display. The countdown function can be switched off to allow rapid processing of a series of samples.



Technical data

Wavelength range	330 to 900 nm
Photometric range	-0.3 to 2.5 Abs
Spectral bandwidth	10 nm
Wavelength accuracy	±2 nm
Wavelength reproducibility	±1 nm
Light source	Pre-adjusted tungsten halogen lamp
Monochromator	Holographic grating
Detector	Silicon photodiode
Multifunctional sample chamber	Round vials 24 and 16 mm Ø, Rectangular cells 10-50 mm
Display	Backlit LCD graphic display
Language options	German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portugese
Storage capacity	1000 test data sets
Serial interface	RS232
Dimensions (L x W x H)	270 x 275 x 150 mm
Weight	approx. 3.2 kg
Power supply unit	Input: 100 - 240 V ~ 1.0 A 50 - 60 Hz Output: 12 V 30 W

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complete with power supply unit (100-240 V, 50-60 Hz), two batteries for keeping data and serial cable for connection to a PC (D9F-D9M).

Order code: 4712000

Accessories**Code**

Replacement halogen lamp	7110 00
Magnetical pin (for updates)	19801687
Connection cable to a PC	198197
Connection to a 12 V plug	711040
Case for transport	712050
Universal adapter for sockets	192065
Secondary standard set	711160
Plastic funnel with handle	471007
Cleaning cloth for vials	197635
Power supply unit 100-240 V / 50-60 Hz	711090
Power station, 230 V / 50 Hz with cable for connection	711050
12 round vials with lid Height 48 mm, 24 mm Ø	197620
5 round vials with lid Height 48 mm, 24 mm Ø	197629
10 round vials with lid Height 90 mm, 16 mm Ø	197665
W 100, rectangular cell optical glass OG, 10 mm path length	601040
W 100, rectangular cell optical glass OG, 50 mm path length	601070
W 110, rectangular cell Quartz-UV-glass, 10 mm path length	661130
Paper printer DPN 2335 with power pack (230 V, 50 Hz) connection cable and one paper roll	198075

Arsenic glass apparatus

370500

delivery content:

Erlenmeyer flask	370501
Glass stopper	370502
Absorption tube	370503

additionally required (**not** included, please order separately):

W 100, cell, Optical-Glass-OG, 20 mm path length	601050
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in case as above, with energy station, replacement lamp, 12 round vials with lid (height 48 mm, ø 24 mm), 10 round vials with lid (height 90 mm, ø 16 mm), W 100 rectangular cell (50 mm path length), W 100 rectangular cell (10 mm path length), plastic stirring rod, but without reagents.

Order code: 4712005

We would be pleased to quote a ready to use spectrophotometer unit for the parameters and required accessories.

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