How to use the **Nitrate** Hanna meter

Step 1: Using the **10 ml syringe**, measure exactly **7ml** of water sample into the **large mixing vial**





Step 2:Using the 5 ml syringe, add 4 ml of HI781A-0 (liquid) reagent into the 10 ml (large) mixing vial





Step 3: Using the large mixing vial with the sample, add the contents of one packet of **HI781B-0 reagent**. Replace cap and shake vigorously for 1 minute





Step 4: After the mixing vial has been vigorously shaken for 1 minute, locate the **10 ml syringe** and thread the covered needle on the syringe



Step 5: Remove plastic cover and draw up all contents from the mixing vial



Step 6: Cover the needle and twist to remove the needle



Step 7: With dry hands, place filter inside the filter holder and twist shut





Step 8: Attach the filter holder assembly to the 10 ml syringe



Step 9: Hold the syringe and filter holder assembly over a cuvette



Step 10: Very slowly push the plunger into the 10ml cuvette until the 10ml mark and cap it



Step 11: **Wipe off the cuvette.** Make sure there are no droplets on the outside of the cuvette



Step 12: **Press (tap)** the On/Off to turn on the checker on

- All the segments will be displayed for a few seconds
- Followed by "ADD", "C.1", with "press" blinking



Step 13: Insert cuvette into the checker and close the cap



Step 14: **Press (tap)** the on/off button. When the display shows "ADD", "C2", with "Press" blinking the checker is zero



Step 15: Remove cuvette, unscrew the cap and add the contents of 1 packet if **HI781C-0 reagent**





Step 16: Replace the cap and shake **vigorously** for 2 minutes



Step 17: After the 2 minutes, insert the cuvette back into the checker and close the cap



Step 18: **Press** and **HOLD** (for about 3 seconds) the on/off button. Release when the display shows a count down. This countdown represents the checker reading the sample.



FINAL STEP: When the timer ends, the checker will perform the reading **NOTE**: The checker will turn off after 2 minutes

- Nitrate is a form of nitrogen. Organic nitrates come mainly from septic systems, animal feedlots, fertilizers, manure, industrial wastewater, sanitary landfills, and garbage dumps. The primary inorganic nitrates are potassium nitrate and ammonium nitrate, both of which are widely used as fertilizers.
- Excess nitrogen in surface water, in combination with other nutrients such as phosphorus, can accelerate the growth of algae and other aquatic plants. This can decrease oxygen levels and harm aquatic life

Percentile	Blackwater	Measured in mg/I	
		Coastal	Estuary
10	0.02	0.00	0.00
20	0.02	0.00	0.01
30	0.02	0.01	0.01
40	0.02	0.01	0.01
50	0.05	0.01	0.01
60	0.05	0.02	0.03
70	0.05	0.03	0.05
80	0.05	0.04	0.10
90	0.06	0.06	0.40

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Typical Values for Water Quality Parameters in the State of Florida

1mg/l = 1ppm: A reading of 0.01ppm is a median reading in a Florida estuary.

Water Quality Test Error Code Cheat Sheet

Error Code	Meaning
L.Hi	Too much light hitting detector, check
	preparation of zero cuvette.
L.Lo	Not enough light hitting detector, check
	preparation of zero cuvette.
Inu	Sample and zero cuvettes inverted. Swap and
	repeat measurements.
0.00 (blinking)	Under range (sample absorbed less light than
	zero).
5.00 (blinking)	Over range (Measured value outside limits of
	checker device). Make sure there is no debris in
	sample and dilute/repeat.
bAt	Replace battery.
bAd	Replace battery.

Indian River Lagoon Water Quality Parameter Cheat Sheet

Water Quality Test	Average Range in IRL	Unit
Temperature	75-85	Degrees Fahrenheit
PH	6-8	No unit
Salinity	15-25	PPT (parts per thousand)
Nitrates	0.01-0.10	PPM (parts per million)
Nitrites	0.00-0.02	PPB (parts per billion)
Phosphates	0.02-0.22	PPM (parts per million)
Alkalinity	66-133	PPM (parts per million)
Turbidity	0-100 JTU	JTU (Jackson Turbidity Unit) if
	0-450 cm	using LaMotte kit or cm (centimeters) if using secchi disk- probes may have different units
DO	0-5	PPM (parts per million)