

Ash Analysis of Dry Pet Food

Systems

PHOENIX BLACK

Equipment

Analytical Balance 20 mL Quartz Fiber Crucibles 20 mL Quartz Fiber Crucible Liners (disks) Tongs Gloves

Sample Preparation

None.

Procedure

- 1. Program Phoenix Black using parameters located in "Parameters" section and allow furnace to reach set temperature.
- 2. Weigh a crucible with crucible liner that has been preashed for at least 10 minutes at set temperature and record weight.
- 3. Weigh ~3 grams of sample, record weight and cover sample with crucible liner.
- 4. Place crucible in furnace and ash for designated dwell time.
- 5. Reweigh crucible containing ash and record weight.
- 6. Calculate percent ash:

(Weight of Ashed Sample With Crucible and Liners - Weight of Crucible and Liners) / Weight of Sample x 100

Parameters			
Stage	Dwell Time (minutes)	Temperature (°C)	Sample Size (g)
1	30	575	3

Notes

None.

^{*}The above parameters are suggested starting points and may need to be modified to meet certain product specifications.