

## Procedure

Weigh 0.25 g of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 6.5 mL  $H_3PO_4$  and 3.5 mL  $H_2SO_4$ . Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before capping the vessel.

## Notes

Reducing the particle size increases the efficiency of digestion and may decrease the digestion time.

| Recommended Equipment | Recommended Vessels | Reagents   |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Discover SP-D 80      | 80 mL Quartz        | H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub><br>H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |

| Max Sample Weight |           | Sample Ty     | Sample Type / Vent Program |                | Control Type        |          |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|--|--|
| 0.25 g            |           | Inorganic     | Inorganic                  |                | Ramp to Temperature |          |  |  |
|                   |           |               |                            |                |                     |          |  |  |
| Heating Program   |           |               |                            |                |                     |          |  |  |
| Stage             | Temp (°C) | *Ramp (mm:ss) | Hold (mm:ss)               | Pressure (psi) | * Power (W)         | Stirring |  |  |
| 1                 | 260       | 10:00         | 20:00                      | 400            | 300                 | Med      |  |  |

\* Ramp times and power may vary depending on the type and number of vessels.

## Results

Sample was clear, colorless, and particle free upon dilution to 50 mL.

## **General Precaution**

a) This procedure is a reference point for sample digestion using a CEM system and may need to be modified or changed to obtain the required results on your sample.

b) If using a vessel other than the recommended choice, adjust sample size and pressure limit to values appropriate for the vessel chosen.