

# Microwave Digestion of Filter (MCE)

### **Procedure**

Weigh one 37mm filter and one 25 mm filter (60 mg total) into the digestion vessel. Add 1 mL of HCl and 1 mL of HNO<sub>3</sub>. Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before closing the vessel.

#### **Notes**

This method was completed in the 20 mL disposable liner.

Recommended Equipment	Recommended Vessels	Reagents
MARS 6 iWave	20 mL MARSXpress	HCI HNO <sub>3</sub>

Max Sample Weight	Sample Type	Control Type	Method Type
60 mg	Organic	Ramp to Temperature	One Touch

Heating Program							
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring	
1	180	20:00	10:00	N/A	1050-1800	Off	

<sup>\*</sup> 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.
- c) Manual venting of CEM vessels should be performed when wearing hand/eye/body protection and when the vessel contents are at or below room temperature to avoid the potential for chemical burns. Always point the vent hole away from the operator.
- d) If programming as One Touch, the ramp time and power will be automatically determined based on the number and type of vessels detected.