

# MARS 6™ Method Note

# Microwave Digestion of US EPA 3015 (Aqueous Samples)

#### Procedure

Transfer 45 mL of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 5 mL of HNO<sub>3</sub>. Gently swirl the mixture before closing the vessel.

## Notes

Recommended Equipment	Recommended Vessels	Reagents
MARS 6 MARS 6 iWave	EasyPrep Plus MARSXpress MARSXpress Plus	HNO <sub>3</sub>

Max Sample W	leight	Sample Type		Control Type	Method Type	
45 mL		Water		Standard Control	One Touch	
Heating Progra	am					
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:s	s) Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	170	10:00	10:00	800	900-1050	Off

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

#### Results

This method is intended to be an acid leach, not a total digest. Hydrofluoric acid will be required to provide complete digestion of the sample matrix.

### **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) The control / reference vessel must contain the largest and most reactive sample.

d) 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.

e) If programming as One Touch, the ramp time and power will be automatically determined based on the number and type of vessels detected.