



MARS 6™

Method Note

Microwave Digestion of Wax (Candle)

Procedure

Weigh 0.5 g of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 10 mL of HNO₃. Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before closing the vessel.

Notes

Recommended Equipment

MARS 6
MARS 6 iWave

Recommended Vessels

EasyPrep
EasyPrep Plus
MARSXpress
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Reagents

HNO₃

Max Sample Weight

0.5 g

Sample Type

Organic

Control Type

Ramp to Temperature

Method Type

One Touch

Heating Program

Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	200	15:00	15:00	800	900-1050	Off

* 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

- 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.
- If using a vessel other than the recommended choice, adjust sample size and pressure limit to values appropriate for the vessel chosen.
- The control / reference vessel must contain the largest and most reactive sample.
- 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.
- If programming as One Touch, the ramp time and power will be automatically determined based on the number and type of vessels detected.