



Brix: Hydrometer and Refractometer

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

250 ml Graduated Cylinder Hydrometer Thermometer

## PROCEDURE: HYDROMETER

- 1. Place approximately 220 ml of sample in a 250 ml cylinder.
- 2. Bring sample to 68°F (20°C).
- 3. Place an appropriate hydrometer into the cylinder and spin gently.
- 4. When the hydrometer comes to an even level, take a reading at the bottom of the meniscus.
- 5. If the sample contains CO<sub>2</sub>, place your hand over the cylinder and gently rock back and forth. Lift your hand and release the CO<sub>2</sub>. Repeat until an accurate reading can be achieved. The sample can also be N<sub>2</sub> sparged to remove CO<sub>2</sub>.

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

Refractometer Plastic Transfer Pipette

## PROCEDURE: REFRACTOMETER

- Place approximately four drops of sample on the refractometer prism. (Make sure sample is bubble free).
- 2. Press the "Read" button on the refractometer.
- 3. Read digital screen and record results.



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