

Hydrogen Water Testing & Certification

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# Laboratory Report

## Introduction

This report summarizes our analysis of the Nord hydrogen water bottle distributed by Nord Hydrogen, Gothenburg Sweden. The product is a battery-operated portable device that uses electrolysis and pressure to infuse molecular hydrogen gas (H<sub>2</sub>) into the drinking water.

Tests requested: Dissolved H<sub>2</sub> (mg/L) on 5-min & 10-min cycles; additional tests performed: ΔpH

#### **Product Description**

Name: Nord Hydrogen Model #: Nord Hydrogen Water Bottle

The Nord Hydrogen Bottle features a reservoir made from food-grade polycarbonate with a capacity of 210 mL. The design is geared towards optimizing the production of dissolved hydrogen by minimizing headspace, which, in turn, allows for dissolved hydrogen concentrations to exceed 1.57 mg/L. This exceeds the typical maximum concentration achievable at sea-level pressure, 1 atm, according to Henry's law. Located in the cap is a pressure relief valve to prevent the excessive buildup of pressure. The bottle is equipped with a rechargeable battery and includes a USB-C charging cable. The bottle features two pre-programmed cycle times for producing hydrogen-enriched water: a 5-minute cycle and a 10-minute cycle, selectable via the power button. The electrolytic cell consists of a proton-exchange membrane (PEM, specifically Nafion®) sandwiched between two platinum-coated titanium electrodes. This configuration ensures that the device can operate with any potable water source, including distilled water and those with varied mineral contents. An integral part of the bottle's design is the front panel display, which informs the user of the battery status and the remaining time in the selected cycle. Post-cycle, shaking the bottle is suggested to improve the dissolution of hydrogen, a step that maximizes the potential health benefits associated with hydrogen-rich water.

### **Materials & Methods**

Water: generic, distilled, pH 6.29 ± 0.25; starting temperature 25.1°C ± 1.5 EC: 2 us/cm

Laboratory elevation: 883 meters (0.90 atm); all measurements adjusted to sea level where applicable.

Gas Chromatograph: SRI 8610C; column: Hayesep-D 6M; column/oven temp: 60°C; detector: tungsten-rhenium TCD; carrier gas: nitrogen (99.999%)

GC Test Method: Static headspace analysis (HS-GC)

Calibration (H<sub>2</sub>): 2-point (1.72 / 6.88 mg/L), performed on the day of testing using 1000 ppm calibration gas

The battery was fully charged and the membrane wetted overnight before testing. All tests were conducted with the USB charging cable connected.

For each test, the bottle was filled with distilled water to minimize the volume of the headspace, the cap was securely tightened, and the power button was pressed either once to start the 5-minute cycle, or twice to start the 10-minute cycle. After each cycle was completed, the bottle was shaken for 30 seconds before removing the cap and gently pouring a 100 mL sample into a glass beaker. 1000 uL of the water was immediately drawn using a gas-tight syringe and then injected into the headspace vial. The test sample was then agitated on an equilibrator device for five minutes to permit the dissolved H₂ in the water sample to equilibrate with the headspace. After equilibration, a 1000 uL sample of the headspace was drawn using a gas-tight syringe and injected into the GC for analysis. After completion of testing for each cycle, results were recorded, and the mean and standard deviations of the dissolved H₂ concentrations were calculated. Based on the mean dissolved H₂ concentration and the volume of water in the bottle, the average amount of H₂ that would be ingested when drinking the entire contents was calculated and reported as "Available H₂". Tests were also performed to measure how much the bottle changed the water's original pH and reported as "ΔpH". Attachment 1 shows a sample chromatogram (10-minute cycle).

# Results

Dissolved  $H_2$  (5-minute): 3.44 mg/L (3440 ppb) SD: 0.16 mg/L Available  $H_2$ : 0.72 mg  $\Delta pH$ : + 0.15

Dissolved  $H_2$  (10-minute): 5.14 mg/L (5140 ppb) SD: 0.69 mg/L Available  $H_2$ : 1.08 mg  $\Delta pH$ : + 0.19

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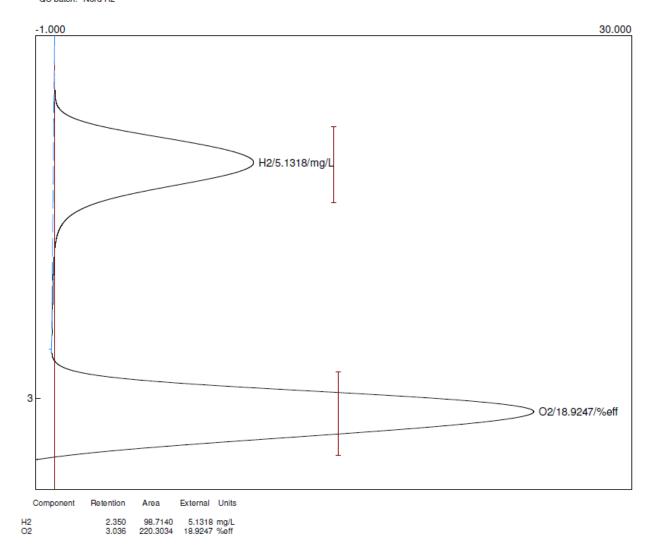
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Collected: 3-21-24
Holding time: 180 sec
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Sample Chromatogram (10-min Cycle)