

FLNTU Characterization Sheet

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Chlorophyll Scale Factor

Chlorophyll concentration expressed in µg/l can be derived using the equation:

$$\text{CHL } (\mu\text{g/l}) = \text{Scale Factor} \times (\text{Output} - \text{Dark Counts})$$

| | Analog | | Digital | |
|--|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| Dark Counts | 0.064 | V | 56 | counts |
| CHL Equivalent Concentration (CEC) | 2.5 | V | 2094 | counts |
| Scale Factor (SF) | 10 | µg/l/V | 0.0123 | µg/l/count |
| Maximum Output | 4.98 | V | 4119 | counts |
| Resolution | 0.7 | mV | 0.9 | counts |
| Ambient temperature during calibration | 21.5 | °C | | |

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) Scale Factor

Turbidity units expressed in NTU can be derived using the equation:

$$\text{NTU} = \text{Scale Factor} \times (\text{Output} - \text{Dark Counts})$$

| | Analog | | Digital | |
|--|--------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Dark Counts | 0.071 | V | 54 | counts |
| NTU Solution Value | 2.78 | V | 2304 | counts |
| Scale Factor (SF) | 5 | NTU/V | 0.0059 | NTU/count |
| Maximum Output | 4.98 | V | 4121 | counts |
| Resolution | 0.7 | mV | 0.9 | counts |
| Ambient temperature during calibration | 21.5 | °C | | |

See reverse side for definition of terms.

Dark Counts: Signal output of the meter in clean water with black tape over detector.

CEC: Signal output of the fluorometer when using a fluorescent proxy that has been determined to be approximately equivalent to 25 µg/l of a *Thalassiosira weissflogii* phytoplankton culture.

NTU Solution Value: Signal output of the turbidity sensor when measuring a sample of interest.

SF (CHL): Chlorophyll concentration from the signal output of the fluorometer. The scale factor is determined using the following equation: $SF = 25 \div (CEC - \text{dark counts})$. For example: $25 \div (2865 - 43.5) = 0.00886$.

SF (NTU): Scale factor is determined using the following equation: $SF = xx \div (\text{Output} - \text{Dark counts})$, where xx is the value of a Formazin concentration. For example: $12.2 \div (2011 - 50) = 0.0062$.

Maximum Output: Maximum signal output the fluorometer is capable of.

Resolution: standard deviation of 1 minute of collected data.