# **Technical Specifications for the Thiocyanate Ion-Selective Electrode** ELIT 8229

#### Introduction

The Thiocyanate Ion-Selective Electrode has a solid-state poly-crystalline membrane. The electrode is designed for the detection of thiocyanate ions (HCN<sup>-</sup>) in aqueous solutions and is suitable for use in both field and laboratory applications.

The Thicyanate Ion is a monovalent anion .

One mole of ( SCN<sup>-</sup>) has a mass of 58.084 grams; 1000 ppm is 0.017M Dissolve 1.673g anhydrous potassiuim thiocyanate (KSCN) in 1 litre water.

## **Physical Specifications**

Length of body excluding gold contact	130 mm
Length of body including gold contact	140 mm
Diameter of body	8 mm
DC resistance at $25^{\circ}$ C	< 0.5 MOhm
Minimum feasible sample volume	5 ml

# **Chemical / Operational Specifications**

Preconditioning / standard solution (But see General Operating Instructions)	Normally 1000 ppm SCN <sup>-</sup> as KSCN
Preconditioning time	5 minutes
Optimal pH range	pH 2 to pH 12
Temperature range Recommended ISAB	0 to 80°C 5M NaNO <sub>3</sub> (Add 2% v/v)
Recommended reference electrode Reference electrode outer filling solution	Double junction (ELIT 002 or 003) 0.1M or 0.1M CH3COOLi
Electrode slope at 25° C Concentration range	$54 \pm 5 \text{ mV/ decade}$ 1 to 5,800 ppm (2x10-5 to 0.1 Molar)
Response time	< 10 seconds
(Defined as time to complete 90% of the change in potential after immersion in the new solution.) Potential drift (in 1000 ppm) $< 3 \text{ mV}/\text{day}(8 \text{ hours})$	
(Measured at constant temperature and with ISE and Reference Electrode continually immersed)	

## Interference:

NB: All poly-crystalline membranes contain Silver Sulphide and thus will not give reliable readings if Ag or S ions are present in the solution.

Chloride and Iodide also have very high interference. SCN measurements will only be reliable if these ions are absent, or only present in very low concentrations relative to the SCN.

#### For more information, see: www.nico2000.net.