

Taste and Odour Analysis

DESCRIPTION OF TASTES/ODOURS

Tastes				Odours			
A	Earthy	P	Musty	A	Earthy	P	Musty
B	Bitter	Q	Oily	B	Farm-like	Q	
C	Chlorinous	R	Rubber	C	Chlorine (Bleach)	R	Ammoniacal
D	Chemical	S	Saline	D	Oily	S	Yeast
E	Bituminous	T	Chlorophenol	E	Bad Eggs (eg. Sulphide)	T	Phenolic
F	Diesel	U	Sour	F	Diesel	U	
G	Fuel	V	Spirit	G	Fuel	V	
H	Decayed Vegetable	W	Sweet	H	Medicine (eg TCP)	W	
I	Astringent	X	Weedy	I	Soapy	X	
J	Fishy	Y	Sharp	J	Milky	Y	
K	Flat	Z	Other **	K	Fruity	Z	Other **
L	Geranium	AA	Cucumber	L	Sweet		
M	Inky	AB	Metallic	M	Organic Solvent		
N	Pencil	AC	Mould	N	Pencil		
O	Petrol			O	Petrol		

**An appropriate description shall be reported as an analyst comment.

References

The determination of Taste and Odour in Drinking Water (2014). Methods for the Examination of Waters and Associated Materials. Standing Committee of Analysts.

