

Handheld spectrometers have large errors



Article Overview

Handheld spectrometers can exhibit errors due to stray light, spectral bandwidth limitations, calibration drift, optical imperfections, and environmental or operational factors.

Common Sources of Error

Stray Light: Stray light occurs when wavelengths outside the intended measurement bandpass reach the detector, causing negative deviations from the Beer-Lambert law. This is particularly problematic at high sample absorbance, leading to lower-than-true absorbance readings and inaccurate quantitative results. Causes include scattering from optical components, higher diffraction orders, inter-reflections within the spectrometer, and imperfections in prisms or gratings. Digital micro-mirror device (DMD)-based spectrometers may also experience wavelength-related or intrinsic stray light . **Spectral Bandwidth Limitations:** Handheld spectrometers often use fixed or adjustable slits that define the spectral bandwidth. A wider bandwidth reduces resolution and can introduce deviations from Beer's Law, while a narrower bandwidth improves resolution but decreases signal intensity. Polychromatic light in the measurement can cause both positive and negative deviations in absorbance readings . **Calibration Drift:** Over time, handheld spectrometers may experience drift in calibration due to aging light sources, detector sensitivity changes, or software inconsistencies. This can result in inconsistent readings across repeated measurements. Regular recalibration using certified standards is essential to maintain accuracy . **Optical Component Issues:** Dust, scratches, or misalignment of...

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Misalignment in the spectrometer's optics, such as a

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4 Reasons for Spectrophotometer Measurement Error

In general, there are two reasons for the error of the spectrophotometer: the error caused by the quality

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