FLUORESCENT INDICATORS

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Fluorescent indicators are substances which show definite changes in fluorescence with change in pH. Some fluorescent materials are not suitable for indicators since their change in fluorescence is too gradual. Fluorescent indicators find greatest utility in the titration of opaque, highly turbid or deeply colored solutions. A long wavelength ultraviolet ("black light") lamp in a dimly lighted room provides the best environment for titrations involving fluorescent indicators, although bright daylight is sometimes sufficient to evoke a response in the bright green, yellow and orange fluorescent indicators. Titrations are carried out in non-fluorescent glassware. One should check the glassware prior to use to make certain that it does not fluoresce due to the wavelengths of light involved in the titration. The meniscus of the liquid in the burette can be followed when a few particles of an insoluble fluorescent solid are dropped onto its surface.

In this table the indicators are arranged by approximate pH range covered. In the case of some of the dyestuffs the end point may vary slightly with the source or manufacturer.

pH 0 to 2

Indicator	C.I.	From pH	To pH
Benzoflavine	—	0.3, yellow fl.	1.7, green fl.
3,6-Dioxyphthalimide	—	0, blue fl.	2.4, green fl.
Eosine YS	768	0, yellow colored	3.0, yellow fl.
Erythrosine	772	0, yellow colored	3.6, yellow fl.
Esculin	—	1.5, colorless	2, blue fl.
4-Ethoxyacridone	—	1.2, green fl.	3.2, blue fl.
3,6-Tetramethyldiaminooxanthone	—	1.2, green fl.	3.4, blue fl.

pH 2 to 4

Chromotropic acid	—	3.5, colorless	4.5, blue fl.
Fluorescein	766	4, colorless	4.5, green fl.
Magdala Red	—	3.0, purple colored	4.0, fl.
α-Naphthylamine	—	3.4, colorless	4.8, blue fl.
β-Naphthylamine	—	2.8, colorless	4.4, violet fl.
Phloxine	774	3.4, colorless	5.0, bright yellow fl.
Salicylic acid	—	2.5, colorless	3.5, blue fl.

pH 4 to 6

Acridine	788	4.9, green fl.	5.1, violet colored
Dichlorofluorescein	—	4.0, colorless	5.0, green fl.
3,6-Dioxyxanthone	—	5.4, colorless	7.6, blue-violet fl.
Erythrosine	772	4.0, colorless	4.5, yellow-green fl.
β-Methylesculetin	—	4.0, colorless	6.2, blue fl.
Neville-Winther acid	—	6.0, colorless	6.5, blue fl.
Resorufin	—	4.4, yellow fl.	6.4, weak orange fl.
Quininic acid	—	4.0, yellow colored	5.0, blue fl.
Quinine [first end point]	—	5.0, blue fl.	6.1, violet fl.

pH 6 to 8

Acid R Phosphine	—	(claimed for range pH 6.0–7.0)	
Brilliant Diazol Yellow	—	6.5, colorless	7.5, violet fl.
Cleves acid	—	6.5, colorless	7.5, green fl.
Coumaric acid	—	7.2, colorless	9.0, green fl.
3,6-Dioxyphthalic dinitrile	—	5.8, blue fl.	8.2, green fl.
Magnesium 8-hydroxyquinolinate	—	6.5, colorless	7.5, golden fl.
β-Methylumbelliferone	—	7.0, colorless	7.5, blue fl.
1-Naphthol-4-sulfonic acid	—	6.0, colorless	6.5, blue fl.
Orcinaurine	—	6.5, colorless	8.0, green fl.
Patent Phosphine	789	(for the range pH 6.0–7.0, green-yellow fl.)	
Thioflavine	816	(for the region pH 6.5–7.0, yellow fl.)	
Umbelliferone	—	6.5, colorless	7.6, blue fl.

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pH 8 to 10

Indicator	C.I.	From pH	To pH
Acridine Orange	788	8.4, orange colored	10.4, green fl.
Ethoxyphenylnaphthostilbazonium chloride	—	9, green fl.	11, non-fl.
G Salt	—	9.0, dull blue fl.	9.5, bright blue fl.
Naphthazol derivatives	—	8.2, colorless	10.0, yellow or green fl.
α-Naphthionic acid	—	9, blue fl.	11, green fl.
2-Naphthol-3,6-disulfonic acid	—	9.5, dark blue fl.	Light blue fl. at higher pH
β-Naphthol	—	8.6, colorless	Blue fl. at higher pH
α-Naphtholsulfonic acid	—	8.0, dark blue fl.	9.0, bright violet fl.
1,4-Naphtholsulfonic acid	—	8.2, dark blue fl.	Light blue fl. at higher pH
Orcinsulfonphthalein	—	8.6, yellow colored	10.0 fl.
Quinine [second end point]	—	9.5, violet fl.	10.0, colorless
R-Salt	—	9.0, dull blue fl.	9.5, bright blue fl.
Sodium 1-naphthol-2-sulfonate	—	9.0, dark blue fl.	10.0, bright violet fl.

pH 10 to 12

Coumarin	—	9.8, deep green fl.	12, light green fl.
Eosine BN	771	10.5, colorless	14.0, yellow fl.
Papaverine (permanganate oxidized)	—	9.5, yellow fl.	11.0, blue fl.
Schaffers Salt	—	5.0, violet fl.	11.0, green-blue fl.
SS-Acid (sodium salt)	—	10.0, violet fl.	12.0, yellow colored

pH 12 to 14

Cotarnine	—	12.0, yellow fl.	13.0, white fl.
α-Naphthionic acid	—	12, blue fl.	13, green fl.
β-Naphthionic acid	—	12, blue fl.	13, violet fl.