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# Standard Practice for Sampling Zooplankton with Pumps<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the procedures for obtaining qualitative/quantitative samples of a zooplankton community by use of pumping systems.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

[E1200 Practice for Preserving Zooplankton Samples](#)

## 3. Summary of Practice

3.1 Water is pumped from a discrete depth and passed through a net. The captured zooplankton are removed from the net and preserved as dictated by the objectives of the study.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The *advantages* of collecting zooplankton with pumps are as follows:

4.1.1 Sample size is more accurately controlled than with nets.

4.1.2 Discrete samples can be more easily obtained both vertically and horizontally.

4.1.3 Multiple or replicate samples can be more easily obtained.

4.1.4 The pumps are adaptable to a variety of ecosystems less than 30-m deep.

4.1.5 Sampling efficiency does not decrease with sample size.

4.2 The *disadvantages* of collecting zooplankton with pumps are as follows:

4.2.1 Pumps are bulky and require an electrical source.

4.2.2 Pumps are generally more costly than nets.

4.2.3 Pumps generally discriminate against collecting macroplankton.

4.2.4 Pump intake tubes may be avoided by the more motile zooplankton forms.

4.2.5 Requires a long, bulky, intake tube for deep water sampling.

4.3 There are several special considerations that should be observed when collecting zooplankton with a pump. They are:

4.3.1 Some pumps can fragment zooplankton and induce mortality due to their design.

4.3.2 The pump hose must be cleared before taking the next sample.

## 5. Apparatus

5.1 Pumping systems of various kinds have been used to collect zooplankton samples. Although a variety of pump apparatus have been used, the basic design consists of a pump, generally with a volume register, a base, and a concentrating net, such as a simple tow net sampler.<sup>3</sup>

## 6. Procedure

6.1 Pump water from a discrete depth and pass through a net.

6.2 Remove the sample from the net.

6.3 Preserve the plankton as described in Practice [E1200](#).

## 7. Keywords

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> The Wisconsin net sampler or its equivalent has been found satisfactory.