



Preparation of a 1000 ppm Barium Standard Solution

- 1) Calculate the Molecular Weight of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O**:

Atomic Weight of	Ba	137.34	1 part Ba	137.34
Atomic Weight of	Cl	35.45	2 part Cl	70.90
Molecular Weight of	H₂O	18.02	2 part H₂O	<u>36.04</u>
Molecular Weight of	BaCl₂ • 2H₂O			244.28

That means 244.28 g of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O** contain 137.34 g of **Ba**

- 2) A 1000 ppm Barium Standard solution contains 1 g Barium per Litre,
or 0.1 g Barium in 100 mL
- 3) From 1) we calculate the Ratio of Atomic Weight of **Ba** to Molecular Weight
of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O**:

$$\frac{\text{Molecular Weight of } \mathbf{BaCl_2 \bullet 2H_2O}}{\text{Atomic Weight of } \mathbf{Ba}} = \frac{244.28}{137.34} = 1.779$$

That means 1 g of **Ba** is in 1.779 g of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O**

- 4) From 3) we calculate 0.1 g **Ba** is in 0.1779 g of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O**.
Use a 100 mL Volumetric flask and dissolve 0.178 g of **BaCl₂ • 2H₂O** in 90 mL of
distilled water. Then fill up with distilled water to the 100 mL mark.
Now you have a 1000 ppm Barium Standard Solution.
Keep this Standard Solution in a tightly closed plastic bottle.
You can use a 1000 ppm Standard Solution for the next 6 months.
Diluted Standard Solutions should be used only for 1 day.