



- To determine the value of the Factor X to be subtracted from the boiling point of water when using only the **black lines** on the calculating slide rule or dial:
- Boil water and note the boiling point
- Boil a known standard or sample with predetermined alcohol standard and note the boiling point.
- On the calculating dial, set the % alcohol of known standard to the observed boiling point.
- Compare the observed boiling point of water with the 0.00% alcohol and note the difference.
- The difference between the observed boiling point of water and the 0.00% alcohol value is the Factor X.
- To use the **red lines** on the dial, just note the value of the red line corresponding to the observed boiling point of water when using the standard solution values as a reference to set the dial. This number will be the value of that correlation for future determinations.
- This value will need to be determined whenever the heating cartridge is replaced or any physical changes or repair are made to your electric ebulliometer.
- The following is an example:
  - Boiling point Water = 99.8°C
  - Boiling point 11.4% wine standard = 91.7°C

Set the dial to 11.4% alcohol at 91.7°

Notice that the at 0% alcohol the temperature value should be 100.03°C.

Since the observed boiling point of water is actually 99.8°C calculate the difference by subtracting the actual from the theoretical for a value (Factor X).

For this example Factor  $X = 100.03^{\circ} - 99.8^{\circ}$  for a value of  $+0.23^{\circ}$ . For each time the boiling point of water is determined, add 0.23° to the boiling point of water observed.

To match this factor and to facilitate easier calculations by using the red marks on the dial, note that the corresponding red mark is +2.25. Just set the boiling point of water observed to the +2.25 red mark and the factor value will be automatically integrated for accurate determination of wine sample % alcohol.

The indications supplied are based on our current knowledge and experience, but do not relieve the user from adopting the necessary safety precautions or from the responsibility of using the product(s) properly.

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