Refining the Reference Capabilities of an Ion Selective Electrode

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## Ion Selective Electrode(ISE)



Two half-cells
Selective

Responsive to one ion

Reference

Ag/AgC1

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#### **Uses for Ion Selective Electrodes**

#### Water control/ pollution detection Agriculture





#### Explosives



Food- preservation/processing/eating

#### **Reference Electrode**



• Why make it better?

- Potential difference
- Used in all half-cells



Obtain a rod of poly vinyl chloride



Mill the rod into smaller pieces.



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Drill all the way through from center.











Drill 3/4th through from other side.

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Saturated Potassium Chloride



| I |  |  |
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Silver Wire





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- Assorted hole sizes
- Various membrane thicknesses
- Different epoxy coatings
- Durability
- Multiple membrane solutions



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#### **Epoxy Results**

- 8005 white Scotch epoxy-18/28 work=64%
- 270 black Scotch epoxy- 22/27 work=81%
- 420 black Scotch epoxy-42/47 work=89%
- Epoxy strengths(strongest to weakest)
  - 420
  - 270
  - 8005



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### **Durability**

• Average life expectancy of 2-3 weeks

- Evaporation
- Membrane malfunction

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#### Membrane Mixtures

• 2 HPVC: 1 PEG-- not viscous

• 1 HPVC: 1 PEG-- high resistance

• 1 HPVC: 2 PEG-- low resistance

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#### Conclusions

#### Area does not affect resistance





#### Thicker membrane gives more durability

420 black Scotch epoxy works best



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