# Technical Note 103 pH Effects on Pi's Free Chlorine Sensor

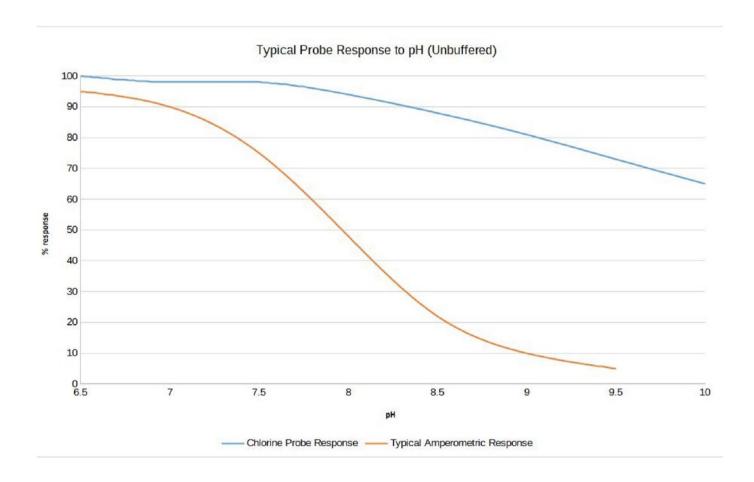
# How to interpret the pH graph

The graph below shows how sensitive the Pi free chlorine sensor is to pH.

The Free Chlorine sensor shows some susceptibility to pH variations above pH 7.

As the pH increases then susceptibility increases.

Very few people need to buffer their chlorine probe. Whether they do or not will depend on what errors are acceptable to them. In practice Pi has sold over 9000 free chlorine sensors and none of them are buffered.







#### pH varies by +/-0.1pH

# 0.5ppm would vary by +/-0.02ppm 1ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.02ppm 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.06ppm

#### pH varies by +/-0.5pH

0.5ppm would vary by +/- 0.02ppm
1ppm +/- would vary by +/- $0.04$ ppm
3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.12ppm

# pH varies by +/- 1pH

0.5ppm would vary by +/-0.05ppm 1 1ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.1ppm m 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.3ppm

#### eg. at pH 8

#### pH varies by +/-0.1pH

3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.12ppm 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.3ppm

# pH varies by $\pm$ /- 0.5pH

0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm - 0.02$ ppm 0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm - 0.05$ ppm

#### pH varies by +/-1pH

0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm$  0.08ppm 1ppm  $\pm$  would vary by  $\pm$  0.04ppm 1ppm  $\pm$  would vary by  $\pm$  0.1ppm 1ppm  $\pm$  would vary by  $\pm$  0.15ppm 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.45ppm

### eq. at pH 9

#### pH varies by +/-0.1pH

# pH varies by $\pm$ - 0.5pH

0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm$  0.03ppm 0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm$  0.5ppm would vary by  $\pm$  0.16 ppm

#### pH varies by +/-1pH

1ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.06ppm 1ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.14ppm 1ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.30 ppm3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.18ppm 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.42ppm 3ppm +/- would vary by +/- 0.90 ppm

#### Notes

- These figures are approximate and may vary from probe to probe.
- The effect on the sensor is predictable so that when the pH goes up the probe signal goes down and vice versa.
- When the pH is restored the probe will return to the original value.
- The normally accepted accuracy of a DPD test is +/-0.06ppm.
- If the free chlorine sensor pH susceptibility is unacceptable, it is possible to correct this by using a pH sensor connected to the analyser and compensate for the pH variation.

Please ask your sales representative for details.

**DONT FORGET!** 100% of our customers don't use buffers and are very happy with the performance of their chlorine probes.





