# Sample preparation for XRF analysis of liquids

### Why sample preparation?

One of the many benefits of X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry is that it requires very simple preparation of samples. However, keep in mind that XRF delivers the most accurate and reliable measurements when you pay close attention to sample preparation.

That being said, why are we preparing samples?

- 1. To get the material in the correct form to fit into the spectrometer.
- 2. To minimize particle size effect, mineralogical effect, and surface roughness.

Most liquids can be analyzed without further treatments. Simply use a specially developed plastic cup with a protective foil that acts as an X-ray transparent window. From oils and fuels to water or concentrated acid solutions, there's always a safe and practical way of analyzing liquid samples by XRF.

#### Liquid sample cups

Malvern Panalytical offers dedicated and single use <u>sample cups</u> in 32 or 40 mm diameter, with corresponding lids. These cups are carefully designed with high standards in production control. They are safe to use and ensure that will get the best analytical conditions for any liquid (or loose powder) samples.

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#### **Foils**

Choosing the best foil for a specific application guarantees the integrity of the cup and spectrometer as well as good analytical results. Factors such as chemical resistance to the samples (polymer composition), presence of low-level contaminants, thickness (robustness versus transmittance) and presentation form (convenience of use) all play an important role in the selection process.

#### Non-assembled or pre-assembled cups

Usually, cups are provided as separate plastic parts that you can easily assemble before use with the chosen foil. Alternatively, Malvern Panalytical also offer readyto-use cups with different foil options. This may be an interesting alternative if you want to avoid any hassle with cup assemblage.









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