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### **Abstract**

The performance of the tetraphenylborate (TPB) salts of lead complexes with nonionic surfactant polyalkoxylates, namely polyethylene glycol 1540 (PEG 1540), Antarox CO-880 and polypropylene glycol 425 (PPG 425) as the active sensors for Pb<sup>2+</sup> ions in poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) membrane electrode systems has been assessed using 2-nitrophenyl Ph ether (NPPE), dioctyl phenylphosphonate (DOPP), or dipentyl pentylphosphonate (DPPP) and their mixts. as plasticizing solvent mediators. The PVC electrode based on Pb.Antarox CO-880.TPB-NPPE showed a higher selectivity towards Pb<sup>2+</sup> in the presence of a large no. of interfering metal ions and had a nearly Nernstian response between 10<sup>-5</sup> and 10<sup>-1</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup> of Pb<sup>2+</sup>. In terms of range, the next best electrode was that based on Pb.PPG-425.TPB-DOPP, but this suffered from more interferences than the Pb.PPG-425.TPB-NPPE analog and was short range (down to 10<sup>-4</sup> mol dm<sup>-3</sup>). The three electrodes, Pb.Antarox CO-880.TPB-NPPE, Pb.PPG-425.TPB-DOPP and Pb.PPG-425.TPB-20%DOPP+80%NPPE, showed good end point breaks in the potentiometric titrn. of sulfate in 80% ethanolic solns. with lead perchlorate, the best being the electrode based on P.PPG-425.TPB-DOPP. However, the lead(II) titrant system is susceptible to the interference by hydrogen peroxide that can occur in some analytes.