

METHOD 21

DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS FOR WATER REDUCIBLE COATINGS

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1) PRINCIPLE

- 1.1 This method is applicable to the determination of total water content and volatile organic compounds (**VOC**) of water reducible coatings. Water is determined by gas chromatography using ethanol as an internal standard. The total non-volatiles (**NV**) are determined by heating an aliquot of the coating for a specified time and temperature in an oven. Methylene chloride and 1,1,1-trichloroethane concentrations must be determined by gas chromatography, if considered exempt compounds in the regulation.
- 1.2 For a multicomponent system, the components should be first mixed in the appropriate ratio; then the water, exempt compounds, density and total non-volatiles are determined on this mixture. The total non-volatile content is determined by allowing the test specimens to have an induction period of 30 minutes in the aluminum dish prior to oven heating.
- 1.3 This method may not be applicable to all types of coatings or printing inks.
- 1.4 This method excludes water when calculating the VOC content of the coating. If exempt compounds such as acetone or methyl acetate are present in the coating, the material must also be analyzed by BAAQMD Method 22 or ASTM D6133-02.

2) APPARATUS

- 2.1 **Gas Chromatograph (GC).** This unit is fitted with a thermal conductivity detector (**TCD**), a liquid injection port with glass insert, a temperature programmer and a compatible integrator or data station.

The suggested GC operating parameters are as follows:

	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Oven Temperature (°C)	110	220
Time Delay (min)	0	10
Temperature Program Rate (°C/min)	10	
Injector Temperature (°C)	250	
Detector Temperature (°C)	250	
Carrier Gas	He	
Carrier Gas Flow (cc/min)	20	
Filament Current (ma)	100	
Injection Sample Size (µl)	2	

2.2 Analytical Column: Any analytical column capable of separating and resolving the compounds of interest is acceptable. The suggested analytical columns are;

2.2.1 Primary Column. A 6' x 1/8" O.D. SS column packed with Porapak Q, 80 - 100 mesh.

2.2.2 Alternate column to confirm the presence of chlorinated hydrocarbons (CIHC). Use only if interfering peaks are found.

A 12' x 1/8" O.D. SS column packed with 20% SP-2100/0.1% Carbowax 1500, 100 - 120 Mesh Supelcoport.

2.3 10 µl Syringe.

2.4 Burrell Wrist Action Shaker.

2.5 Desiccator.

2.6 Aluminum Foil Dish. 57 mm diameter x 10 mm high with a flat bottom.

2.7 Forced Draft Oven. Capable of maintaining a temperature of 110 ± 5°C.

2.8 Analytical Balance. Capable of weighing to ± 0.0001 g

2.9 Top Loading Analytical Balance. Capable of weighing to ± 0.01 g.

2.10 Disposable Transfer Pipets. 3 ml with 1 and 2 ml graduations.

2.11 Spatula.

- 2.12 **Gardner Weight Per Gallon Cup.** These are available from Thomas Scientific.
- 2.13 **Vials** with screw caps. 2 dram size.
- 2.14 **Eberbach Shaker.**
- 2.15 **Red Devil Paint Shaker** for gallon size containers.
- 2.16 **Disposable Syringe, 3-5 cc.** Used for coatings with highly volatile solvents.

3) REAGENTS

- 3.1 **Distilled Water**
- 3.2 **Ethyl Alcohol.** 200 proof.
- 3.3 **Dimethylformamide (DMF).** Spectroquality. Water content must not exceed 0.05% (w/w). Other suitable solvents, Reagent Grade.
- 3.4 **Helium.**
- 3.5 **Isopropyl Alcohol.** Reagent grade or highest available purity.
- 3.6 **1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA).** Reagent grade or highest available purity.
- 3.7 **Methylene Chloride.** Reagent grade or highest available purity.
- 3.8 **Sodium Sulfate (Na₂SO₄).** Anhydrous Powder.

4) ANALYTICAL PROCEDURE

- 4.1 **Determination of Total Volatiles. (NOTE: 1)**
 - 4.1.1 Mix the coating thoroughly for about 30 minutes, using an Eberbach shaker or 5 minutes using the Red Devil Paint Shaker. It is essential that the samples be well mixed to obtain valid results. Stirring with a spatula may also be required.
 - 4.1.2 Precondition the aluminum dish (2.6) containing a paper clip in the oven for at least 30 minutes at $110 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$. Cool and store in a desiccator. Weigh accurately the aluminum dish with the paper clip to ± 0.0001 g.

- 4.1.3** Using a disposable transfer pipet, weigh accurately 0.4 to 0.6 g (± 0.0001 g) of the thoroughly mixed coating (4.1.1) in the pre-weighed aluminum dish (4.1.2) containing a paper clip.
- 4.1.4** Disperse the coating by adding 2 ml of distilled water and stir with the paper clip until the sample is evenly dispersed. Dry the sample in the oven at $110^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 hour. Cool the sample in the desiccator and weigh.
- 4.1.5** Run the analysis in duplicate. Reanalyze the sample if results vary by more than +1% (absolute) from the mean.

NOTE 1: For multicomponent systems, premix the components in the correct proportions. Weigh accurately 0.2 - 0.4 g (± 0.0001 g) of mixture into a tared aluminum dish with paper clip. Disperse the sample in the aluminum dish using the paper clip, without adding any solvent. Allow an induction period of 30 minutes, prior to oven drying. Use the same mixture for the determination of density, exempt compounds and water content of the coating.

4.2 Calculations for the Determination of Total Volatile and Non-Volatile Contents.

- 4.2.1** Weight of Coating (g) = (4.1.3) - (4.1.2)
- 4.2.2** Weight of Non-Volatile (NV) in g = (4.1.4) - (4.1.2)
- 4.2.3** % NV (W/W) = $\frac{(4.2.2)}{(4.2.1)} \times 100$
- 4.2.4** % Total Volatiles in Coating (W/W) = $100 - (4.2.3)$

4.3 Determination of Density.

- 4.3.1** Calibrate the volume of the Gardner weight per gallon cup as described in ASTM D 1475-90.
- 4.3.2** Accurately weigh the cup (4.3.1) to ± 0.01 g.
- 4.3.3** Transfer an aliquot of the thoroughly mixed coating (4.1.1) to the cup. Cap the container, leaving the overflow orifice open. Immediately remove excess sample by wiping dry with absorbent material. Avoid occluding air bubbles in the container.

- 4.3.4 Accurately weigh the filled cup to ± 0.01 g.
- 4.3.5 Run the analysis in duplicate. Reanalyze the sample if the results vary by more than 0.006 g/ml.

4.3.6 **Calculation of Density.**

$$D \text{ (g/ml)} = \frac{(4.3.4) - (4.3.2)}{(4.3.1)}$$

Where: D = Density, g/ml.

(4.3.1) = Volume of the calibrated cup, ml.

(4.3.4) = Weight of the cup filled with coating, g.

(4.3.2) = Weight of the cup, g.

4.4 **Determination of the Water Content of the Coating by Gas Chromatography**

- 4.4.1 Set up the gas chromatograph as described in **Section 2.1 and 2.2.**
- 4.4.2 Determination of the Response Factor, (R_w), of Water. (**NOTES 2 and 3**)

NOTE 2: Screen each sample for the presence of interfering peaks prior to analysis. If the sample contains ethanol, use 2-propanol as the internal standard. If the sample contains both ethanol and 2-propanol, use another appropriate internal standard.

NOTE 3: If the sample is not dispersible in DMF, use a more suitable solvent such as dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO).

4.4.2.1 Ethanol (200 proof) is used as an internal standard. The response factor of water relative to the internal standard is determined as follows:

4.4.2.2 Prepare a blank by weighing accurately 0.2 g of ethanol (± 0.0001 g) in a pre-weighed sample vial containing 2 ml of DMF. Cap and shake the vial vigorously for about 1 minute. Using a 10 μ l syringe inject 2 μ l of the mixture into the gas chromatograph. (**NOTES 4 and 5**)

NOTE 4: If a water peak is seen in the chromatogram of the blank, then treat the DMF and ethanol with anhydrous Na_2SO_4

powder, and reinject the blank into the gas chromatograph. Use the dried reagents to determine R_w , and also for sample analysis.

NOTE 5: DMF is harmful if inhaled or absorbed through the skin. It is suspected to be embryotoxic. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing.

4.4.2.3 Weigh accurately 0.2 g of water and 0.2 g of ethanol (± 0.0001 g) in a pre-weighed sample vial containing 2 ml of DMF. Cap and shake the vial contents thoroughly for 15 minutes, using the Burrell Wrist Action Shaker. (**NOTE 5**)

4.4.2.4 Using a 10 μ l syringe, inject 2.0 μ l of the mixture from (**4.4.2.3**) into the gas chromatograph. Integrate and record the peak areas of water and ethanol. The order of elution is water, ethanol, methylene chloride, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, if present, and DMF. Retain the chromatogram.

4.4.3 Calculations.

4.4.3.1 The response factor (R_w) for water is determined by using the following equation (**NOTE 6**)

$$R_w = \frac{(W_i) \times (A_{H_2O})}{(W_{H_2O}) \times (A_i)}$$

Where:

- W_i = Weight of the internal standard, g.
- W_{H_2O} = Weight of water, g.
- A_{H_2O} = Area of water peak.
- A_i = Area of the internal standard.

NOTE 6: Peak height cannot be substituted for peak area in the equation. It is necessary to determine the response factor for water daily or with each series of determinations.

4.4.4 Determination of the Water Content of the Coating.

4.4.4.1 Weigh accurately 0.4 to 0.6 g (± 0.0001 g) of the mixed coating (4.1.1) and 0.2 g (± 0.0001 g) of ethanol in a tared vial containing 2 ml of DMF. If the concentration of water is greater than 65%, rerun the sample using 0.2 to 0.3 g (± 0.0001 g) of the coating. (NOTES 2 and 3).

4.4.4.2 Shake the mixture on a Burrell Wrist Action Shaker for 15 minutes. It is essential that the sample be thoroughly mixed. The sample is allowed to stand for about 5 minutes after shaking and prior to injection. This is to allow the solids to settle at the bottom of the vial.

4.4.4.3 A 2 μ l aliquot of the supernatant liquid from (4.4.4.2) is injected into the gas chromatograph. The areas of the water, ethanol and other peaks are integrated and recorded. Retain the chromatogram.

4.4.4.4 Run the analysis in duplicate. Reanalyze the sample if the results vary by more than $\pm 1\%$ (absolute) from the mean.

4.4.5 Calculation for % Water in the coating.

4.4.5.1 The percent of H₂O (W/W) in the coating is determined by the following equation:

$$\% \text{ H}_2\text{O (W/W)} = \frac{(A_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}) \times (W_i) \times 100}{(A_s) \times (W_s) \times (R_w)}$$

Where: $A_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ = Area of water peak.

A_i = Area of the internal standard peak.

W_i = Weight of the internal standard, g.

W_s = Weight of the coating sample, g.

R_w = Response factor for water (4.4.3.1).

5) COMPLIANCE CALCULATIONS FOR SAMPLES THAT CONTAIN WATER

$$5.1 \quad \text{Weight (g) of Total Volatiles/ l of Coating} = 1000 \text{ ml/l} \times (4.2.4) \times (4.3.6) \times 10^{-2}$$

Where: (4.2.4) = % Total Volatiles in the Coating (W/W)

(4.3.6) = Density, g/ml

$$5.2 \quad \text{Weight (g) of Water/l of Coating} = 1000 \text{ ml/l} \times (4.3.6) \times (4.4.5.1) \times 10^{-2}$$

Where: (4.4.5.1) = % Water in the coating (W/W).

$$5.3 \quad \text{Volume (ml) of Water /l of Coating} = \text{Weight of water, g/l (5.2)}$$

Assume density of water = 1 g/ml.

$$5.4 \quad \text{g VOC/l of Coatings (less H}_2\text{O)} = \frac{[(5.1) - (5.2)]}{1000 \text{ ml/l} - (5.3)} \times 1000 \text{ ml/l}$$

$$5.5 \quad \text{lb VOC/gal of Coating (less H}_2\text{O)} = (5.4) \times 8.34 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Where: } 8.34 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{3.785 \text{ l/gal}}{454 \text{ g/lb}}$$

6) COMPLIANCE CALCULATIONS FOR SAMPLES THAT CONTAIN WATER AND EXEMPT COMPOUNDS

$$6.1 \quad \text{Weight (g) of Total Volatiles /l of Coating} = 1000 \text{ ml/l} \times (4.2.4) \times (4.3.6) \times 10^{-2}$$

Where: (4.2.4) = % Total Volatiles in the Coating (w/w).

(4.3.6) = Density, g/ml.

$$6.2 \quad \text{Weight (g) of Water/l of Coating} = 1000 \text{ ml/l} \times (4.3.6) \times (4.4.5.1) \times 10^{-2}$$

Where: (4.4.5.1) = % Water in the coating (W/W).

6.3 Total Weight (g) of Exempt Compounds/ l of Coating = Sum of the individual weights (g) of exempt compounds in 1 liter of coating (**Note 7**)

$$6.4 \quad \text{Volume (ml) of Water /l of Coating} = \text{Weight (g) of water in l liter of Coating (5.2)}$$

Assume density of water = 1 g/ml.

6.5 Total Volume (ml) of Exempt Compounds / l of Coating = Sum of the individual volumes (ml) of exempt compounds in 1 liter of coating (**Note 7**)

6.6 G VOC/l of Coating (less H₂O, less exempt compounds) =

$$\frac{[(6.1) - (6.2) - (6.3)]}{[1000 \text{ ml/l} - ((6.4) + (6.5))]} \times 1000 \text{ ml/l}$$

$$6.7 \quad \text{lb VOC/gal of Coating (less H}_2\text{O, less exempt compounds)} = (6.6) \times 8.34 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{Where: } 8.34 \times 10^{-3} = \frac{3.785 \text{ l/gal}}{454 \text{ g/lb}}$$

NOTE 7: Weights and volumes of exempt compounds from BAAQMD Method 22 and ASTM D6133-02.

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