

EPA Method 554.0 Determination of Carbonyl Compounds in Drinking Water by Dinirtophenyldydrazine Derivatization and High Performance Liquid Chromatography

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This is an Application Brief and does not contain a detailed Experimental section.

Abstract

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Introduction

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Experimental

HPLC conditions

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| Instrument: | Waters Alliance HPLC system with UV detection |
| Eluent: | Water/tetrahydrofuran/acetonitrile |
| Column: | Waters XBridge Phenyl, 3.5 μ m, 4.6 x 150 mm @ 35 °C |
| Injection: | 20 μ L each of AccuStandard mix (M- 8315-R1- DNPH and M- 8315-R2- DNPH) diluted 1:5 in 40:60 water/acetonitrile |
| Flow Rate: | 1.5 mL/min |

Detection: UV @ 360 nm

Data: Waters Empower software

Sample preparation

DNPH reagent added to 100 mL sample, extract with Oasis HLB or use methylene chloride extraction option.

Eluent preparation

Filter and degas through a 0.45 µm filter.

A: 90% water, 10% tetrahydrofuran (THF) Mix 900 mL water and 100 mL stabilized THF.

B: Acetonitrile

Eluent gradient for EPA methods 554 and 8315 Option 1.

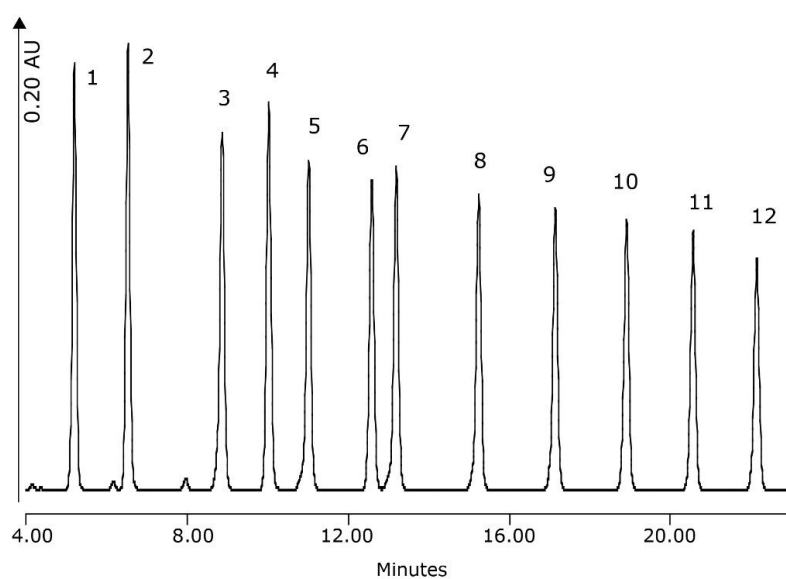
| Time | Flow | %A | %B | Curve |
|---------|------|----|----|-------|
| Initial | 1.5 | 70 | 30 | - |
| 20 | 1.5 | 36 | 64 | 6 |
| 22 | 1.5 | 36 | 64 | 6 |
| 22.1 | 1.5 | 70 | 30 | 6 |

Eluent gradient for EPA methods TO11 and 8315 Option 2

| Time | Flow | %A | %B | Curve |
|---------|------|----|----|-------|
| Initial | 1.5 | 70 | 30 | - |
| 16 | 1.5 | 53 | 47 | 6 |
| 21 | 1.5 | 53 | 47 | 6 |

| Time | Flow | %A | %B | Curve |
|------|------|----|----|-------|
| 21.1 | 1.5 | 70 | 30 | 6 |

Results and Discussion



| Peak | Analyte | Peak | Analyte |
|------|----------------|------|----------|
| 1 | Formaldehyde | 7 | Pentanal |
| 2 | Acetaldehyde | 8 | Hexanal |
| 3 | Propanal | 9 | Heptanal |
| 4 | Crotonaldehyde | 10 | Octanal |
| 5 | Butanal | 11 | Nonanal |
| 6 | Cyclohexanone | 12 | Decanal |

EPA method 554 and 8315-01 analytes, 20 parts per million (ppm) as DNPH analytes.

References

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Alliance HPLC System <<https://www.waters.com/534293>>

Empower 3 Chromatography Data Software <<https://www.waters.com/10190669>>

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