

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

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

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

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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

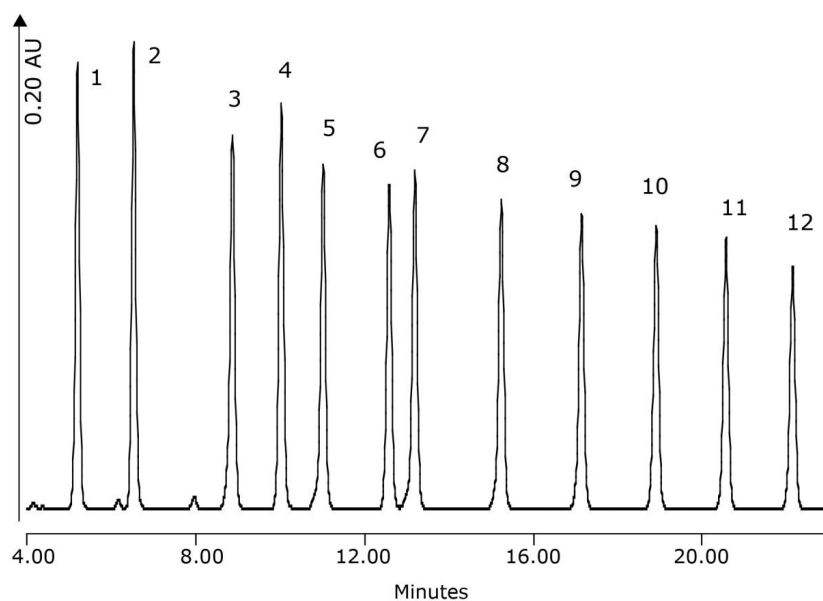
Eluent gradient for EPA methods TO11 and 8315 Option

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

Time	Flow	%A	%B	Curve
21	1.5	53	47	6
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

1. Analysis of DNPH Derivatives Using XBridge Phenyl WA60186
2. Fast Analysis of Aldehydes and Ketones using UPLC 720001860EN

Featured Products

- [Alliance HPLC System <https://www.waters.com/534293>](https://www.waters.com/534293)
- [Empower 3 Chromatography Data Software <https://www.waters.com/10190669>](https://www.waters.com/10190669)

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