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Foreword

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Introduction

Various methods are available for the determination of highly volatile organic compounds in water. This document specifies a gas chromatographic method with mass spectrometric detection (GC-MS) for the determination of volatile organic compounds using the static headspace technique (HS).

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this document be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of selected volatile organic compounds in water (see Table 1). This comprises among others volatile halogenated hydrocarbons as well as gasoline components (BTXE, TAME, MTBE and ETBE).

The method is applicable to the determination of volatile organic compounds (see Table 1) in drinking water, groundwater, surface water and treated waste water in mass concentrations >0,1 µg/l. The lower application range depends on the individual compound, the amount of the blank value and the matrix.

The applicability of the method to further volatile organic compounds not indicated in Table 1 is not excluded, but this is checked in individual cases.

Table 1 — Volatile organic compounds determinable by this method

Name (other name)	Molecular formula	CAS-RN[a]	EC-Number[b]	Molar mass g/mol
allyl chloride[c] (3-chloropropene)	C_3H_5Cl	107-05-1	203-457-6	76,53
benzene	C_6H_6	71-43-2	200-753-7	78,11
biphenyl	$C_{12}H_{10}$	92-52-4	202-163-5	154,21
bromodichloromethane	$CHBrCl_2$	75-27-4	200-856-7	163,83
chlorobenzene	C_6H_5Cl	108-90-7	203-628-5	112,56
2-chloro-1,3-butadiene (chloroprene)	C_4H_5Cl	126-99-8	204-818-0	88,54
2-chlorotoluene	C_7H_7Cl	95-49-8	202-424-3	126,58
3-chlorotoluene	C_7H_7Cl	108-41-8	203-580-5	126,58
4-chlorotoluene	C_7H_7Cl	106-43-4	203-397-0	126,58
dibromochloromethane	$CHBr_2Cl$	124-48-1	204-704-0	208,28
1,2-dibromoethane	$C_2H_4Br_2$	106-93-4	203-444-5	187,86
1,2-dichlorobenzene	$C_6H_4Cl_2$	95-50-1	202-425-9	147,00
1,3-dichlorobenzene	$C_6H_4Cl_2$	541-73-1	208-792-1	147,00

[a] CAS-RN: Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number.

[b] EC-Number: European Inventory of Existing Commercial Substances (EINECS) or European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS).

[c] Compounds do not have long-term stability.

[d] Compounds can coelute.

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Table 1 *(continued)*

Name (other name)	Molecular formula	CAS-RN[a]	EC-Number[b]	Molar mass g/mol
1,4-dichlorobenzene	$C_6H_4Cl_2$	106-46-7	203-400-5	147,00
dichlorodiisopropyl ether	$C_6H_{12}Cl_2O$	108-60-1	203-598-3	171,06
1,1-dichloroethane	$C_2H_4Cl_2$	75-34-3	200-863-5	98,96
1,2-dichloroethane	$C_2H_4Cl_2$	107-06-2	203-458-1	98,96
1,1-dichloroethene	$C_2H_2Cl_2$	75-35-4	200-864-0	96,94
cis-1,2-dichloroethene	$C_2H_2Cl_2$	156-59-2	205-859-7	96,94
trans-1,2-dichloroethene	$C_2H_2Cl_2$	156-60-5	205-860-2	96,94
dichloromethane	CH_2Cl_2	75-09-2	200-838-9	84,93
1,2-dichloropropane	$C_3H_6Cl_2$	78-87-5	201-152-2	112,99
cis-1,3-dichloropropene	$C_3H_4Cl_2$	10061-01-5	233-195-8	110,97
trans-1,3-dichloropropene	$C_3H_4Cl_2$	10061-02-6	602-030-00-5[e]	110,97
2,3-dichloropropene	$C_3H_4Cl_2$	78-88-6	201-153-8	110,97
1,1-dimethylpropyl-methyl ether, *tert*-amyl methyl ether (TAME)	$C_6H_{14}O$	994-05-8	213-611-4	102,17
ethyl benzene	C_8H_{10}	100-41-4	202-849-4	106,17
ethyl *tert*-butyl ether (ETBE)	$C_6H_{14}O$	637-92-3	211-309-7	102,17
hexachlorobutadiene	C_4Cl_6	87-68-3	201-765-5	260,76
hexachloroethane	C_2Cl_6	67-72-1	200-666-4	236,74
isopropylbenzene (cumene)	C_9H_{12}	98-82-8	202-704-5	120,19
methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE)	$C_5H_{12}O$	1634-04-4	216-653-1	88,15
naphthalene	$C_{10}H_8$	91-20-3	202-049-5	128,17
n-propylbenzene	C_9H_{12}	103-65-1	203-132-9	120,19
1,1,1,2-tetrachloroethane	$C_2H_2Cl_4$	630-20-6	211-135-1	167,85
tetrachloroethene	C_2Cl_4	127-18-4	204-825-9	165,84
tetrachloromethane (carbon tetrachloride)	CCl_4	56-23-5	200-262-8	153,82
toluene	C_7H_8	108-88-3	203-625-9	92,14
tribromomethane (bromoform)	$CHBr_3$	75-25-2	200-854-6	252,73
1,2,3-trichlorobenzene	$C_6H_3Cl_3$	87-61-6	201-757-1	181,45
1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	$C_6H_3Cl_3$	120-82-1	204-428-0	181,45
1,3,5-trichlorobenzene	$C_6H_3Cl_3$	108-70-3	203-608-6	181,45
1,1,1-trichloroethane	$C_2H_3Cl_3$	71-55-6	200-756-3	133,40
1,1,2-trichloroethane	$C_2H_3Cl_3$	79-00-5	201-166-9	133,40
trichloroethene	C_2HCl_3	79-01-6	201-167-4	131,39
trichloromethane (chloroform)	$CHCl_3$	67-66-3	200-663-8	119,38
1,1,2-trichlorotrifluoroethane	$C_2Cl_3F_3$	76-13-1	200-936-1	187,38
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene (pseudocumene)	C_9H_{12}	95-63-6	202-436-9	120,19

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1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (mesitylene)	C_9H_{12}	108-67-8	203-604-4	120,19
vinyl benzene (styrene)	C_8H_8	100-42-5	202-851-5	104,15
vinyl chloride (chloroethene)[c]	C_2H_3Cl	75-01-4	200-831-0	62,49
o-xylene	C_8H_{10}	95-47-6	202-422-2	106,17
m-xylene[d]	C_8H_{10}	108-38-3	203-576-3	106,17
p-xylene[d]	C_8H_{10}	106-42-3	203-396-5	106,17

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of water samples*

ISO 5667-4, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 4: Guidance on sampling from lakes, natural and man-made*

ISO 5667-5, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 5: Guidance on sampling of drinking water from treatment works and piped distribution systems*

ISO 5667-6, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 6: Guidance on sampling of rivers and streams*

ISO 5667-10, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 10: Guidance on sampling of waste waters*

ISO 5667-11, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 11: Guidance on sampling of groundwaters*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

4 Principle

An exact volume of an unfiltered water sample is sealed gastight in a headspace vial and heated. After an equilibrium has become established between the volatile organic compounds dissolved in the water and those located in the gas phase above the water level, an exact gas volume is taken from the gas phase and determined by gas chromatography with mass spectrometric detection.

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