

**ANALYSIS OF VOLATILE ORGANIC  
COMPOUNDS (VOCs) IN RADIELLO®  
145 CARTRIDGES BY GC/MS  
FOLLOWING THERMAL  
DESORPTION INTO CANISTERS**

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## OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Radiello® 145
- The standard protocol for the analysis of Radiello® 145
- Entech 5400 Thermal Transfer System as an alternative to Perkin-Elmer Turbomatrix® thermal desorber
- Advantages of analyzing air samples in canisters
- Conclusion



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## VOCs with Radiello<sup>®</sup> by thermal desorption

- Adsorbing cartridge packed with graphitised charcoal code 145
- Yellow diffusive body code 120-2
- Supporting plate code 121
- Vertical Adaptor code 122

## Advantages of Radiello<sup>®</sup> sampler

- Easy to use
- Low cost
- Long sampling time without backdiffusion
- High sensitivity
- Long holding time

## RADIELLO® 145 ANALYSIS

- The standard protocol for the analysis of the Radiello® 145 cartridge is carried out with Perkin-Elmer Turbomatrix thermal desorber and Agilent GC/MS system
- Desorption parameters:  
Desorption at 370 °C for 15 minutes  
Cryofocusing trap at -20 °C during primary desorption, 99 °C/sec to 290 °C, at 290 °C for 1 minute during secondary desorption
- Six port valve at 150 °C, transfer line at 200 °C  
Carrier gas: helium at 24 psi  
Desorption flow: 100 ml/min  
inlet split: 90 ml/min (flow from tube to cryofocusing trap 10 ml/min)  
Outlet split: 30 ml/min

## RADIELLO® 145 ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

- Column: 50m x 0.2 mm x 0.5 um 100% dimethylpolysiloxane
- GC oven: 40 °C for 3 minutes, 8 °C/min up to 80 °C, 80 °C for 1 minute, 20 °C/min up to 280 °C, 280 °C for 3 minutes.
- GC-MS interface: 270 °C
- Flow: helium, 0.8 ml/min

## AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE STANDARD PROTOCOL

- Entech 5400 Thermal Transfer System automates the transfer of tube samples into canisters
- Automated leak-checking before the sample transfer
- Final pressure adjustment to maintain same sample volume





Adapted from Entech Instruments Inc 2011 – 2012 catalog



## 5400 THERMAL TRANSFER SYSTEM DESORPTION PARAMETERS

- Desorption: 330 °C for 30 minutes
- Target pressure: 16 psia
- Canister size: 6000 cc
- Leak check time: 20 seconds
- max leak rate: 0.2 psi
- max start pressure: 2 psia

## GC/MS METHOD TO15 PARAMETERS

- Column: 60 m x 0.32 mm x 1  $\mu$ m 100% dimethylpolysiloxane
- GC oven: 35 °C for 5 minutes, 9 °C/min up to 150 °C, 20 °C/min up to 220 °C, 220 °C for 5 minutes.  
GC-MS interface: 220 °C
- Flow: helium, 1.2 ml/min



## INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF CAPABILITY STUDY (SPIKED WITH GAS STANDARD)

<b>Target Compound</b>	<b>Spiked (ppb)</b>	<b>1 (ppb)</b>	<b>2 (ppb)</b>	<b>3 (ppb)</b>	<b>4 (ppb)</b>	<b>RSD (%)</b>	<b>R% (%)</b>
Vinyl chloride	6.12	5.14	5.12	5.22	5.20	0.92	84.5
1,1-Dichloroethene	6.12	6.64	6.64	6.80	6.68	1.13	109
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	6.12	7.06	7.00	7.20	7.08	1.18	116
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	6.12	6.98	7.04	7.16	7.06	1.06	115
Benzene	6.12	5.86	5.86	5.96	6.06	1.61	97.0
Trichloroethene	6.12	5.94	5.92	6.04	6.22	2.27	98.5
Toluene	6.12	5.78	5.76	5.92	6.00	1.96	95.8
Tetrachloroethene	6.12	6.18	6.24	6.34	6.64	3.22	104
Ethylbenzene	6.12	5.72	5.74	5.88	6.06	2.68	95.6
m,p-Xylene	12.2	11.3	11.4	11.6	12.1	2.82	95.0
o-Xylene	6.12	5.70	5.72	5.82	6.04	2.68	95.1



## INITIAL DEMONSTRATION OF CAPABILITY STUDY (SPIKED WITH LIQUID STANDARD)

	Spiked	1	2	3	4	RSD	R%
Target Compound	(ppb)	(ppb)	(ppb)	(ppb)	(ppb)	(%)	(%)
Vinyl chloride	12.0	1.88	1.96	1.88	1.76	4.41	15.6
1,1-Dichloroethene	7.72	6.72	6.44	6.00	6.52	4.73	83.1
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	7.72	6.60	6.60	6.00	6.40	4.42	82.9
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	7.72	6.52	6.44	6.00	6.36	3.63	82.0
Benzene	9.58	8.68	8.56	8.00	8.44	3.52	87.9
Trichloroethene	5.70	4.64	4.68	4.32	4.52	3.56	79.7
Toluene	8.12	6.56	6.56	6.04	6.60	4.15	79.3
Tetrachloroethene	4.51	3.48	3.56	3.32	3.52	3.03	76.9
Ethylbenzene	7.05	5.52	5.52	5.00	5.56	4.95	76.6
m,p-Xylene	14.1	11.0	11.1	10.1	11.2	4.76	76.9
o-Xylene	7.05	5.36	5.36	4.88	5.36	4.58	74.3



## ADVANTAGES OF THE NEW APPROACH

- Conduct multiple analyses by rerunning the sample at different sample volumes (dilution factors)
- Shared initial calibration by Radiello® 145 and method TO15
- Methanol free
- High sensitivity

## CONCLUSION

- The Radiello® diffusive sampler for air sampling is an easy to use sampling tool that offers high sensitivity, low cost, long sampling time.
- The standard analytical method for Radiello® 145 cartridge is set up with Perkin-Elmer Turbomatrix thermal desorber and Agilent GC/MS system.
- A new approach is proposed for the analyses of Radiello® 145 cartridges by transferring samples from tubes into canisters.

**QUESTIONS?**

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