Bisphenol A Analysis In Water by GC/MS Using an Enviro-Clean[®] 200 mg C18 Extraction Cartridge



Procedure

1. Prepare Sample

- a) Using 100 mL of sample water, adjust the pH to 7 or less using 100 mM acetic acid
- b) Add internal standard to water sample

Note: Bisphenol A has a pKa value of approximately 9.5

2. Condition Enviro-Clean® Extraction Cartridge

- a) Place a cartridge(s) on a multistation vacuum manifold or automated extraction system.
- b) Condition the cartridge by adding 3 mL of methanol.
- c) Partially draw the methanol through until the surface of the liquid reaches the top of the cartridge frit.
- d) Wait 1 minute then add 3 mL of DI water to the cartridge.
- e) Add 1 mL of 100 mM acetic acid.
- f) Draw liquid through until it touches the top of the frit.
- g) Cartridge is now ready for sample extraction.

Note: Do not allow the sorbent to completely dry out after the addition of methanol, otherwise repeat procedure.

3. Apply Sample

a) Add sample to cartridge at a rate of approximately
5 mL/minute by adjusting vacuum.

4. Wash Cartridge

- a) Wash by drawing through 5 mL of deionized water.
- b) Dry sorbent (5 minutes at > 10 inches Hg).



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EEC1812Z Enviro-Clean C18 - Endcapped -PTFE Frits 200 mg 10 mL

5. Elute

- a) Insert a collection vial in the vacuum manifold.
- b) Rinse sample bottle with 3 mL of methanol.
- c) Add the methanol to the cartridge.
- d) Elute at 5 mL per minute.
- e) Add 3 mL of methanol to the cartridge.
- f) Elute at 5 mL per minute.

6. Evaporate

- a) Evaporate methanol eluate using gentle N2 (< 40°C) to dryness.
- b) Add 50 µL of ethyl acetate to dissolve.
- c) Add 50 µL of reagent MTBSTFA* or BSTFA** to derivatize. Vortex.
- d) Heat mixture for 20-30 minutes @ 70 °C.
- e) Cool. Sample is now ready for GC injection.

*MTBSTFA-- N-(t-butyldimethylsilyl)-N-methyltrifluoroacetamide **BSTFA-- N,O -Bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide

7. Instrument Conditions

8. Quantitate



Instrument Conditions		
Column	Rtx-5MS, 30m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.50 μm df (5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)	
Injector Temperature	250°C	
Detector Temperature	250°C	
Oven Program	Initial 70°C, ramp @ 20°C/minute to 320°C, hold 3.0 min	
Purge Flow	Initially Off. On at 0.75 minutes	
Split Flow	0.5 mL/ minute	
Inject	2 μL	

MS in El (+) mode:

BSTFA	Primary Ion	Secondary Ion	Tertiary Ion
BPA	357	373	207
BPA-D16	368	386	217
MTBSTFA	Primary Ion	Secondary Ion	Tertiary Ion
MTBSTFA BPA	Primary Ion 441	Secondary Ion 457	Tertiary lon 207







Chromatogram Showing Retention Time for bisphenol A in Water

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