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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material[®] 1584

Priority Pollutant Phenols in Methanol

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in the calibration of chromatographic instrumentation used in the determination of phenols. This SRM contains certified values for 11 of the EPA priority pollutants. Because of its miscibility with water, this SRM can also be used to fortify aqueous samples with known amounts of phenols. A unit of SRM 1584 consists of five ampoules, each containing approximately 1.2 mL of solution.

Certified Mass Fraction Values: Certified values for the 11 phenols are provided in Table 1. These certified values are based on analytical results obtained by gas chromatography (GC) with mass spectrometric detection (GC/MS) and either GC with flame ionization (GC/FID) or liquid chromatography (LC) with ultraviolet absorbance detection (LC-UV), and on the gravimetric preparation of the SRM. A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in its accuracy in that all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account [1].

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE

Handling: This solution was prepared from neat phenols diluted in methanol and contains toxic components in a toxic and flammable solvent. This material should be handled in a chemical fume hood using appropriate personal protection equipment. Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), enclosed with the SRM shipment, for details.

Storage: Sealed ampoules, as received, should be stored in the dark at temperatures between 10 °C to 30 °C.

Use: Samples for analysis should be withdrawn from ampoules immediately after opening and processed without delay for any certified value in Table 1 to be valid within the stated uncertainty. Certified values are not applicable to ampoules stored after opening, even if they are resealed.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS⁽¹⁾

The methanol solution of the 11 phenols was prepared gravimetrically, chilled, and ampouled into 2 mL amber glass ampoules. The ampoules were purged with nitrogen just prior to filling and sealed under nitrogen. Samples representing early, middle, and final stages of ampouling were analyzed by using LC. No significant differences in mass fractions of the 11 compounds were found.

Randomly selected ampoules were analyzed for four of eleven phenols by LC on a reversed-phase C-8 (5 µm) column using an aqueous acetic acid/acetonitrile/methanol mobile phase and ultraviolet absorbance detection at 254 nm. Four external standard solutions were used to provide response factors for quantification by external standards. GC/FID on a fused silica OV-1701 capillary column was used for the determination of seven of the eleven compounds. Four independent calibration solutions were used to obtain compound responses relative to 6-chloro-*m*-cresol, the internal standard. All 11 of the phenols were measured by GC/MS using a non-polar stationary phase column and external calibrations.

Certified Mass Fraction Values: The certified value is a weighted mean of average mass fractions, with one average each from three analytical methods [2,3]. The expanded uncertainty is the half width of a symmetric 95 % parametric bootstrap confidence interval [4], and is consistent with the ISO Guide [5,6]. The effective coverage factor, *k*, is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Certified Mass Fraction Values of Phenols in SRM 1584

Compound	CAS No.	Mass Fractions mg/kg	<i>k</i>
Phenol ^(a)	108-95-2	39.1 ± 1.0	1.97
2-Chlorophenol ^(a)	95-57-8	85.9 ± 3.8	1.97
2-Nitrophenol ^(a)	88-75-5	31.6 ± 4.8	1.97
2,4-Dimethylphenol ^(a)	105-67-9	69.2 ± 3.8	1.96
2,4-Dichlorophenol ^(a)	120-83-2	46.4 ± 0.7	1.97
4-Chloro- <i>m</i> -cresol ^(a)	59-50-7	35.9 ± 0.9	1.97
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol ^(a)	88-06-2	29.1 ± 3.9	1.96
4-Nitrophenol ^(b)	100-02-7	28.7 ± 2.4	1.97
4,6-Dinitro- <i>o</i> -cresol ^(b)	534-52-1	26.4 ± 1.5	2.25
Pentachlorophenol ^(b)	87-86-5	22.0 ± 3.5	1.97
2,4-Dinitrophenol ^(b)	51-28-5	28.7 ± 2.1	2.04

^(a) Methods used were gravimetric preparation, GC-FID, and GC/MS.

^(b) Methods used were gravimetric preparation, LC-UV, and GC/MS.

⁽¹⁾ Certain commercial equipment, instruments or materials are identified in this certificate to adequately specify the experimental procedure. Such identification does not imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor does it imply that the materials or equipment identified are necessarily the best available for the purpose.

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