

Metropolitan Museum of Art
Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) Results from Material Analysis

This document includes (1) a mass spectrum and (2) the volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted from samples using GC-MS analysis. The data is not interpreted; however, several classes of chemicals are highlighted because they are potential risks for artwork in an enclosed environment. A basic key, provided below, indicates those classes. The amount of each chemical identified has not been determined; similarly, it is not known how much of each chemical is necessary to do damage to art. Finally, peaks may be present that are the result of the sample adsorbing chemicals from the air and reemitting them during testing rather than being inherent to the sample. Research is ongoing to determine specifically which chemicals and amounts are required to negatively affect artifacts.

Highlighted data:

Pink – chemicals currently known to be hazardous to art

Green – amines; can raise the pH, are suspected to react with acids and may form crystals in an enclosed environment

Yellow – chemicals of the following type, which *may* be hazardous to art:

Acids – lower the pH, corrosive to metals, degrade organic materials

Aldehydes – can convert to acids with heat or exposure to UV light

Esters – can hydrolyze into acids with heat and humidity

Sulfur-containing compounds – known to tarnish and corrode some metals

Halogenated compounds – can become reactive with exposure to heat and UV light

Nitrogen-containing, not amine – can react with other off-gassed chemicals

Alkynes – can become reactive when exposed to heat or UV light

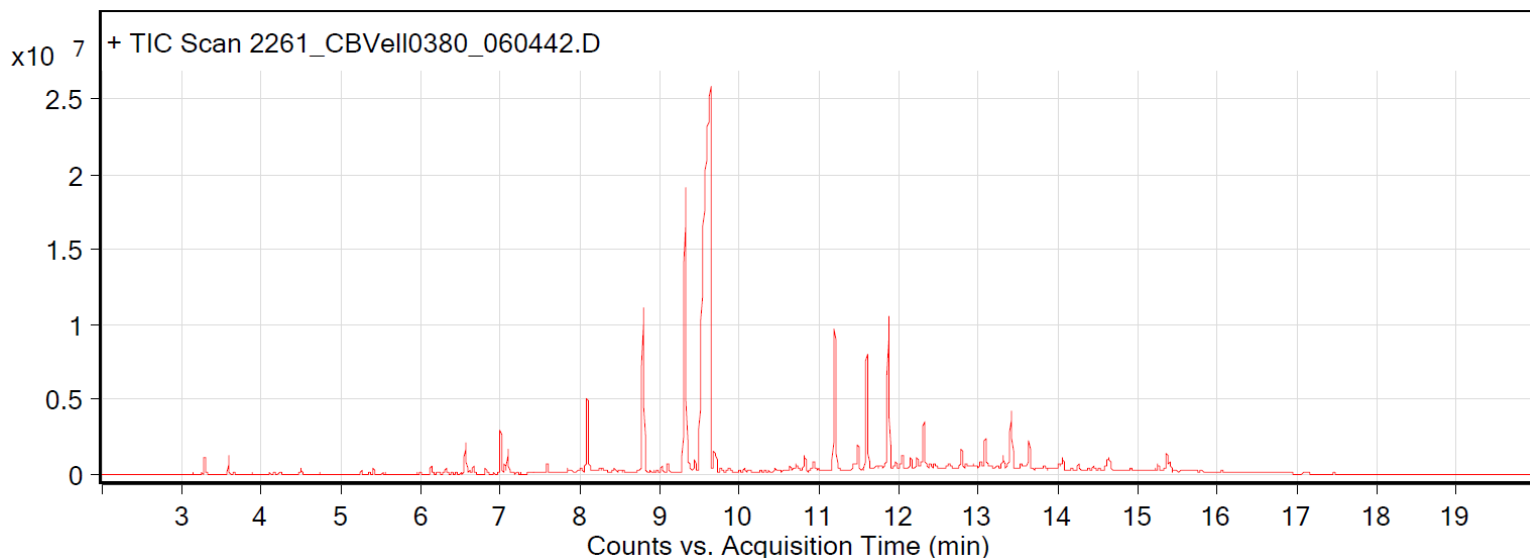
Sample: Creation Baumann Velling III 0380 cotton velvet fabric in blue-purple

Oddy test result: Temporary

Date collected: 8/18/2018

Technique used: SPME with a PDMS/Carbon WR fiber; Agilent 7890B GC and 5977B MS fitted with a GL Sciences OPTIC-4 multimode inlet and LEAP PAL RTC autosampler; Pre-heated at 60°C for 20 minutes; fiber exposure at 60°C for 20 minutes; sample injected into 220°C inlet and cryo-trapped for 2 min at -15°C; GC ramped from 35°C to 250 °C at 10°C/min. Data analyzed in Masshunter Qualitative Analysis. Deconvoluted data with > 85% match with a NIST 17.0 or Wiley 9 library are reported.

VOCs not highlighted are because they were also observed in blanks: (1) 11.6 min: 2-methyl-, 2,2-dimethyl-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl) propyl ester propanoic acid; (3) 11.9 min: 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentyl ester propanoic acid



Compound Table

RT	Score (Lib)	Area	Name	Formula
3.29	98.55	976849	Acetic acid	C2H4O2
6.56	96.29	2652768	Cyclotetrasiloxane, octamethyl-	C8H24O4Si4
7	96.55	3902562	1-Hexanol, 2-ethyl-	C8H18O
7.09	94.85	2178166	Benzyl Alcohol	C7H8O
8.07	90.46	910057	N,N'-Dimethyloxamide	C4H8N2O2
8.09	96.89	7430072	Nonanal	C9H18O
8.79	95.24	16707810	Cyclopentasiloxane, decamethyl-	C10H30O5Si5
9.1	97	937156	Cyclohexanol, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, (1.alpha.,2.beta.,5.alpha.)-(./.-.)-	C10H20O
9.32	95.63	35630842	Ethanol, 2-(2-butoxyethoxy)-	C8H18O3
9.44	95.42	1139081	Dodecane	C12H26
9.54	85.18	2464296	Decanal	C10H20O
9.71	90.16	1355812	1,3-Dimethyl-2,4,5-trioxoimidazolidine	C5H6N2O3
10.71	89.3	965785	1-Undecanol	C11H24O
10.82	94.38	1605804	Tridecane	C13H28
11.2	95.6	15160154	Cyclohexasiloxane, dodecamethyl-	C12H36O6Si6
11.49	94.32	2300996	1,3-Diacetin	C7H12O5
11.6	89.38	12204719	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2,2-dimethyl-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)propyl ester	C12H24O3
11.87	93.68	16273343	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentyl ester	C12H24O3
12.04	95.93	1894759	1-Tetradecene	C14H28
12.15	94.95	1341684	Tetradecane	C14H30
12.22	87.41	1434224	Tridecane, 6-propyl-	C16H34
12.79	87.62	2495787	1-Tetradecanol	C14H30O
13.08	91.14	3225799	1-Dodecanol	C12H26O
13.31	94.52	1501702	1-Pentadecene	C15H30
13.63	96.62	2609339	Phenol, 2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methyl-	C15H24O
14.06	93.44	1257460	n-Nonylcyclohexane	C15H30

14.63	94.59	1436578	PENTAN-1,3-DIOLDIISOBUTYRATE, 2,2,4-TRIMETHYL-	C16H30O4
15.36	87.41	1949703	2,5-Cyclohexadiene-1,4-dione, 2,5- bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)-	C16H24O2
15.4	90.34	1035471	Cyclooctasiloxane, hexadecamethyl-	C16H48O8Si8