

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

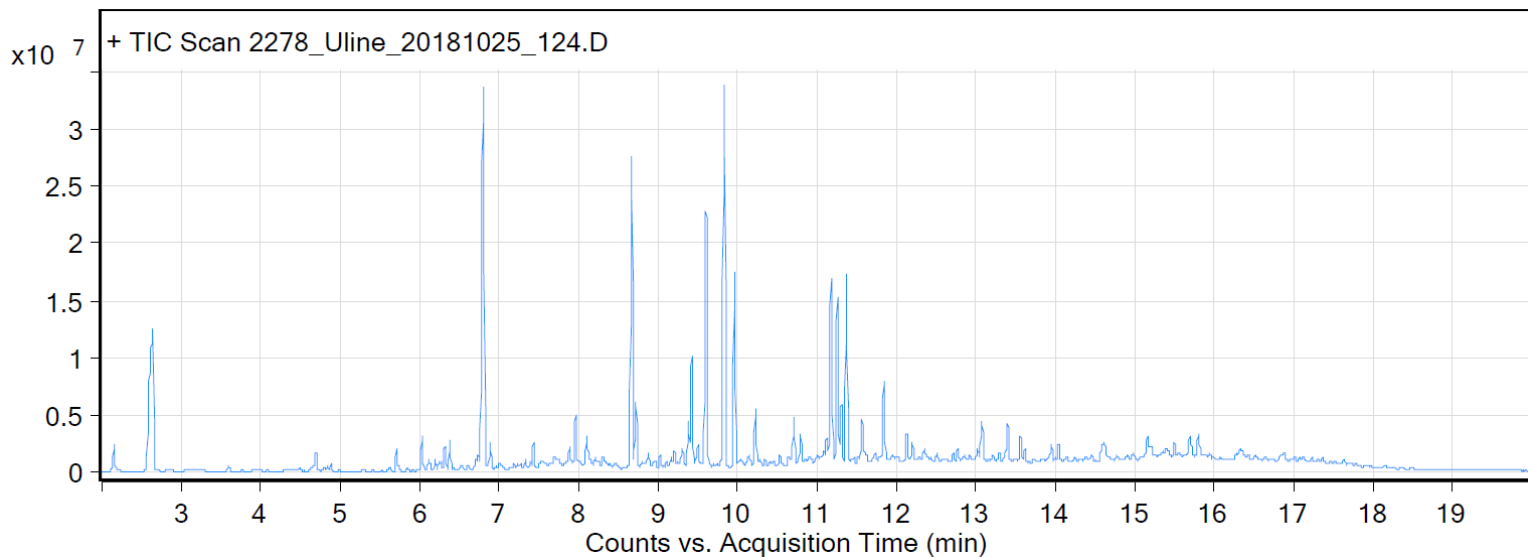
Sample: Uline painter's masking tape, S-13752

Oddy test result: Unsuitable

Date collected: 10/24/2018

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-hydroxyl-1-methylethyl) propyl ester propanoic acid; (2) 11.8 min: 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxyl-2,4,4-trimethylpentyl ester propanoic acid



Compound table

RT	Score (Lib)	Area	Name	Formula
1.53	97.21	3467814	Acetic acid	C2H4O2
1.71	91.24	2577667	Benzene, methyl-	C7H8
2.15	93.68	3181219	Silanediol, dimethyl-	C2H8O2Si
2.64	94.36	44226115	1,2-Propanediol	C3H8O2
3.6	92.51	728498	Cyclotrisiloxane, hexamethyl-	C6H18O3Si3
3.93	89.99	1233593	Benzene, 1,4-dimethyl-	C8H10
4.69	95.27	3615986	2-Propenoic acid, butyl ester	C7H12O2
4.84	96.36	762556	Ethanol, 2-butoxy-	C6H14O2
4.89	96.08	939380	Propanoic acid, butyl ester	C7H14O2
5.71	96.09	3037939	Benzaldehyde	C7H6O
6.03	89.17	3769742	Phenol	C6H6O
6.24	94.88	1014705	unidentified C3-benzene	C9H12
6.27	94.87	1039637	Butanoic acid, butyl ester	C8H16O2
6.31	95.92	2462383	Cyclotetrasiloxane, octamethyl-	C8H24O4Si4
6.32	95.46	1039241	Decane	C10H22
6.38	97.68	3741937	Octanal	C8H16O
6.73	93.45	1644797	Benzene, 1-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-	C10H14
6.8	92.07	71236734	1-Hexanol, 2-ethyl-	C8H18O
7.33	90.98	1108976	Dodecane, 2,6,11-trimethyl-	C15H32
7.43	95.54	3105208	1-Octanol	C8H18O
7.89	94.3	3465631	Undecane	C11H24
7.96	97.26	8043971	Nonanal	C9H18O
8.66	96.71	44519855	Acetic acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester	C10H20O2
8.72	93.57	8741825	Cyclopentasiloxane, decamethyl-	C10H30O5Si5
9.11	86.52	995709	Acetic acid, decyl ester	C12H24O2
9.38	90.82	5907997	Dodecane	C12H26
9.48	90.39	1109666	Decanal	C10H20O
9.5	88.47	2733277	4-sec-Butyl-ethylbenzene	C12H18
9.6	95.43	38703327	Cyclohexanol, 4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-, trans-	C10H20O

9.83	95.74	59700045	2-Ethylhexyl acrylate	C11H20O2
9.96	91.41	25776354	2-Ethyl-1-hexyl propionate	C11H22O2
10.22	91.62	8107724	2,3-Diethyl-2,3-dimethylsuccinonitrile	C10H16N2
10.34	86.89	820233	Naphthalene, 5-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-	C12H16
10.53	90.25	1457661	Dodecane, 2,6,11-trimethyl-	C15H32
10.68	85.85	1274400	1-Tridecene	C13H26
10.71	91.23	5555533	Phenol, p-tert-butyl-	C10H14O
10.79	93.68	4349077	Tridecane	C13H28
11.25	85.75	22617180	Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,7-dimethyl-	C12H16
11.31	87.47	6493850	Benzene, 3-cyclohexen-1-yl-	C12H14
11.37	85.31	25471119	Naphthalene, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,7-dimethyl-	C12H16
11.57	90.25	7150473	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2,2-dimethyl-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)propyl ester	C12H24O3
11.84	93.96	11507976	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentyl ester	C12H24O3
12.13	95.12	3969408	Tetradecane	C14H30
12.2	88.87	2629382	1,1'-Biphenyl, 2-methyl-	C13H12
12.77	87.75	1941931	1-Tetradecanol	C14H30O
13.56	93.25	2857208	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-	C14H22O
13.62	92.27	1466203	Phenol, 2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methyl-	C15H24O
15.16	90.83	4148150	Decanedioic acid, dimethyl ester	C12H22O4
15.39	87.49	1069306	Cyclooctasiloxane, hexadecamethyl-	C16H48O8Si8