

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

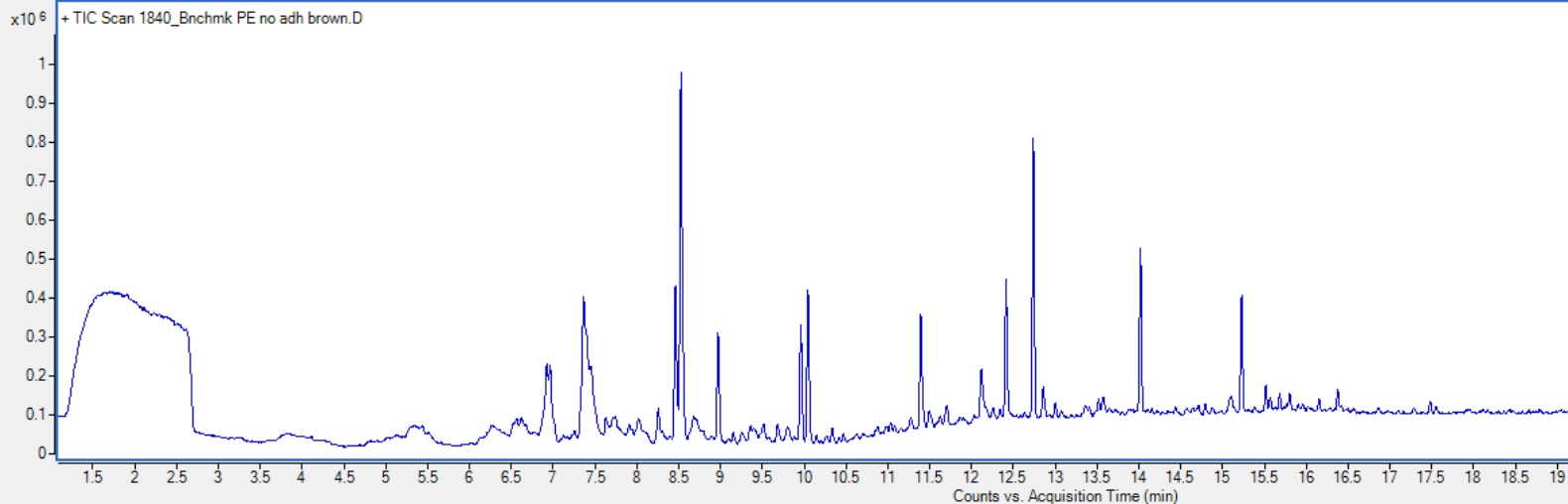
Sample: Benchmark 35-111 sueded polyethylene fabric; brown; no adhesive backing

Oddy test result: Temporary

Date collected: 12/04/2017

Technique used: SPME with a PDMS/DVB 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 crotrapped for 2 min at -15°C; GC ramped from 40°C to 225 °C at 10°C/min. Data analyzed in masshunter Qualitative. Samples > 80% match with a NIST library are reported.

VOCs not highlighted are because they were also observed in blanks: (1) 12.1 min: 2-methyl-, 2,2-dimethyl-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl) propyl ester propanoic acid; (2) 12.4 min: 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxy-2,2,4-trimethylpentyl ester propanoic acid



Library results

RT	Score	Formula	MW	Area	CAS #	Name
4.267	85.8	C14H11NO	209.1	80128	999205-14-4	(3R)-3-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindol-1-one
4.820	83.1	C10H14O2	166.1	98009	68332-20-7	2-Ethenylcyclohex-2-enyl ethanoate
5.662	85.2	C10H8MoO4	289.9	42197	999429-12-4	Tricarbonyl(.eta.6-anisole)molybdenum
6.357	93.2	C7H6O	106.0	213008	100-52-7	Benzaldehyde
6.570	92.3	C6H6O	94.0	203725	108-95-2	Phenol
6.618	90.3	C8H24O4Si4	296.1	69884	556-67-2	Cyclotetrasiloxane, octamethyl-
6.846	96.8	C9H12	120.1	98481	25551-13-7	x - ethyl - x - methyl - benzene
6.921	93.1	C10H22	142.2	467436	124-18-5	Decane
6.963	94.6	C8H16O	128.1	594771	124-13-0	Octanal
7.123	80.9	C9H22Si	158.1	45154	56310-20-4	DI-TERT-BUTYLMETHYLSILANE
7.361	97.8	C8H18O	130.1	1506683	104-76-7	1-Hexanol, 2-ethyl-
7.400	83.9	C10H16	136.1	330264	138-86-3	dl-Limonene
7.456	92.0	C7H8O	108.1	540683	100-51-6	Benzyl alcohol
7.632	95.8	C5H9NO	99.1	192531	872-50-4	2-Pyrrolidinone, 1-methyl-
7.906	87.2	C10H22	142.2	85687	2051-30-1	Octane, 2,6-dimethyl-
7.949	92.1	C8H8O	120.1	64219	999025-65-3	benzophenone
8.125	85.4	C10H19ClO	190.1	45122	999153-61-7	2-t-Butyl-2-chloro-3,3-dimethylbutanal
8.259	88.2	C9H12O	136.1	183443	617-94-7	Benzenemethanol, .alpha.,.alpha.-dimethyl-
8.459	97.7	C11H24	156.2	760505	1120-21-4	Undecane
8.526	98.6	C9H18O	142.1	1893594	124-19-6	Nonanal
8.969	91.2	C10H30O5Si5	370.1	453463	541-02-6	Cyclopentasiloxane, decamethyl-
9.155	91.2	C10H20O2	172.1	40231	72218-58-7	3-Methylheptyl acetate
9.356	80.3	C10H18O	154.1	71630	491-07-6	Cyclohexanone, 5-methyl-2-(1-methylethyl)-, cis-
9.682	93.7	C10H20O	156.2	111681	999080-23-2	isoneomenthol
9.803	87.4	C10H8	128.1	66791	91-20-3	Naphthalene
9.959	96.6	C12H26	170.2	552283	112-40-3	Dodecane
10.045	98.1	C10H20O	156.2	733980	112-31-2	Decanal
10.336	93.9	C11H20O2	184.1	59153	103-11-7	2-Propenoic acid, 2-ethylhexyl ester
10.877	81.2	C14H30	198.2	40802	629-59-4	Tetradecane

11.035	90.6	C12H26S	202.2	39550	999185-34-2	dihexylsulfide
11.389	95.3	C13H28	184.2	449246	629-50-5	Tridecane
11.400	86.2	C12H36O6Si6	444.1	78287	540-97-6	Cyclohexasiloxane, dodecamethyl-
11.493	83.2	C11H22O	170.2	68743	112-44-7	Undecanal
11.709	86.3	C13H28	184.2	91628	17301-23-4	Undecane, 2,6-dimethyl-
12.117	92.9	C12H24O3	216.2	380420	74367-33-2	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 2,2-dimethyl-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)propyl ester
12.259	93.2	C35H72	492.6	47894	630-07-9	Pentatriacontane
12.343	82.5	C18H38	254.3	37327	21164-95-4	Hexadecane, 7,9-dimethyl-
12.410	93.2	C12H24O3	216.2	637358	77-68-9	Propanoic acid, 2-methyl-, 3-hydroxy-2,2,4-trimethylpentyl ester
12.740	96.0	C14H30	198.2	1123192	629-59-4	Tetradecane
12.861	95.2	C12H24O	184.2	138245	112-54-9	Dodecanal
13.000	94.6	C15H24	204.2	50935	475-20-7	Junipene
14.018	95.6	C15H32	212.3	679847	629-62-9	pentadecane
15.082	94.9	C12H14O4	222.1	48158	84-66-2	1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, diethyl ester
15.106	94.6	C16H30O4	286.2	55869	6846-50-0	PENTAN-1,3-DIOLDIISOBUTYRATE, 2,2,4-TRIMETHYL-
15.228	95.3	C16H34	226.3	481030	544-76-3	Hexadecane
15.516	86.2	C17H26O2	262.2	95249	14035-34-8	2,6-Bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-(1-oxopropyl)phenol
15.569	81.0	C16H48O8Si8	592.2	47233	556-68-3	Cyclooctasiloxane, hexadecamethyl-
16.379	94.8	C35H72	492.6	113897	630-07-9	Pentatriacontane
17.480	94.2	C35H72	492.6	47171	630-07-9	Pentatriacontane
21.413	86.8	C24H38O4	390.3	284465	6422-86-2	1,4-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester