SYNTECH SPECTRAS ANALYSER for AROMATES in WATER at REFINERIES



NEW FROM SYNSPEC: A PURGE AND TRAP UNIT IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE SEPARATED INDIVIDUAL MEASUREMENT OF VOLATILE ORGANIC HYDROCAR-BONS IN WATER IN COMBINATION WITH THE FULL RANGE OF SYNSPEC GAS CHROMATOGRAPHS. THE PURGE AND TRAP UNIT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO STRIP VOC WITH AIR OR NITROGEN FROM WATER FOR THE CONTINUOUS QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DETERMINATION OF UP TO 40 HYDROCARBONS.

Three main applications are: monitoring industrial waste water, monitoring for control by authorities of drinking, sur-face and ground water and monitoring during cleaning of contaminated soil:

In refineries the main pollution of water layers is by the aromatic fraction of the oil.

Raw oil can contain up to 40% aromatic hydrocarbons. The aromates are partially removed before the fuel fractions like diesel, kerosene, benzene are produced.

The benzene concentration is legally restricted in many products. The amount of toluene and xylenes is also defined within a narrow margin. The aromatic molecules can however be used as building blocks in many chemical processes. During these refining processes water is used. The water layermustbe purified before it can be released to surface water.

The Syntech Spectras WPU combined with a gas chromatograph can certify that the purity level is ok.

HYDROCARBON SELECTION

The hydrocarbons that are important to measure are toxic or carcinogenic. The major compounds listed in US-EPA and EN regulations can be monitored.

Aromates: a.o. BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes) in combination or as single as compounds. Also higher boiling compounds like trimethylbenzenes and diethylbenzenes can be measured down to less than 1 microgram per liter.

Water temperatures used are slightly above room temperature, water flow from 3 to 30 l/hr.





CONFIGURATION OF THE WATER PURGE UNIT:

An external pump unit (either already provided by the user or by Synspec) pumps the water from the source. A second bypass pump ascertains a water sample without particles that passes to the purge unit. The sample is heated to a stable temperature. By purging clean air through this sample only the hydrocarbons are stripped from the water layer. Fine particles, salts, soaps and high boiling oils remain in the water layer.

The purge air flow is regulated up to 300 ml/min from a water flow with a capacity from 3 to 30 l/h. The system has a foam destroyer to avoid foam entering the GC. The WPU is controlled by the computer in the GC.

GAS CHROMATOGRAPH:

The full range of the gas chromatographs from Synspec can be used for the analysis: the Synspec Alpha Benzene analyser 401, the Syntech Spectras GC955 BTEX analyser 601 and the Syntech Spectras GC955 604 analyser for aromates which has been tested up to boiling point 180 °C.

Cycle times depend on the application from 10 to 30 min. For the gas chromatograph options separate data sheets are available.



	Technical details
Size	H75cm, Width 40cm (fits 19"rack), D21 cm
Power consump- tion	230V/6A or 115V/12A
Flow of water	100 – 500 ml/min
Flow of purging air	50 to 300ml/min at 4 bar, zero air genera- tor as optionavailable.
Water conditions	5–50°C, cooling optional Freeze protection required
Environmental conditions	Temperature 5 – 40 °C, relative humidity 20 – 95% rH
Water (pre)filters	Depends on sample, sand filter, cyclone filter Entrance filter 250 um
Filter cleaning	Drinking water once a month, other de- pending on water particle content
Mounting	On wall or in rack, rear access is not needed
AC Power	220VAC 50/60 Hz or 110VAC 50/60 Hz
Recommended Analyzers	Syntech Spectras GC955 or Synspec Alpha and Delta line, internal computer GC con- trols WPU

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