# p-CHLOROBENZOTRIFLUORIDE

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C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CIF<sub>3</sub> MW: 180.56 CAS: 98-56-6 RTECS: XS9145000

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OSHA: Not Established NIOSH: Not Established

**ACGIH:** Not Established (1 ppm = 7.41 mg/m³)

**PROPERTIES:** liquid; d 1.353 g/mL @ 20 °C; BP 139°C;

VP 5.3 mm Hg @ 20 °C

SYNONYMS: 4-Chlorobenzotrifluoride, 1-Chloro-4 (trifluoromethyl) benzene, 4-Chloro-α,α,α-trifluorotoluene, PCBTF

SAMPLING MEASUREMENT

ANALYTE:

**INJECTION** 

VOLUME:

**DESORPTION:** 

SAMPLER: Coconut Shell Charcoal (CSC) TECHNIQUE:

(100/50 mg)

FLOW RATE: 0.01 to 0.2 L/min

VOL-MIN: 0.1 L

**-MAX:** 10.0 L (25 ppm)

SHIPMENT: Routine

SAMPLE

BIAS:

**RANGE STUDIED:** 

**STABILITY**: 7 days @ 25°C; 30 days @ 5 °C

**BLANKS:** 10% of field samples

**TEMPERATURE-INJECTION:** 250°C -DETECTOR: 300°C

(99:1)

1 μL

-COLUMN: 40°C (1 min) to 150°C

(10°C/min)

GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY, FID

1 mL of carbon disulfide/methanol

p-Chlorobenzotrifluoride

CARRIER GAS: Helium; 2.8 mL/min

**COLUMN:** capillary, fused silica, 30-m x 0.32 mm ID;

1 µm film 100% crossbonded dimethyl

polysiloxane

Not Determined CALIBRATION: Solutions of p-CBTF in solvent

OVERALL PRECISION ( $\hat{S}_{r\tau}$ ): Not Determined RANGE: 1.8 µg to 676 µg [1]

ACCURACY: Not Determined ESTIMATED LOD: 0.6 µg [1]

**PRECISION (**\$,**)**: 0.0131 [1]

Not Determined

**APPLICABILITY:** The working range for <u>p</u>-chlorobenzotrifluoride was 0.024 to 9.15 ppm (0.178 to 67.8 mg/m³) for a 10-L air sample. [1]

INTERFERENCES: Any compounds having similar retention times may co-elute with the analyte of interest.

OTHER METHODS: None determined.

## REAGENTS:

- 1. p-Chlorobenzotrifluoride, 98%.
- 2. Carbon disulfide, low benzene grade\*.
- 3. Methanol, HPLC grade\*.
- 4. Helium, purified.
- 5. Air, prefiltered and purified.
- 6. Hydrogen, purified.
- 7. Calibration stock: Dilute 5 μL of <u>p</u>-CBTF in 10 mL solvent. Prepare remaining standards by serial dilutions.
  - \* See SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

## **EQUIPMENT:**

- Sampler: glass tube, 7 cm long, 6-mm ID, 4-mm ID, flame-sealed ends, containing two sections of activated coconut shell charcoal (front = 100 mg, back = 50 mg) separated by a 2-mm urethane foam plug. A silylated glass wool plug precedes the front section and a 3-mm urethane foam plug follows the back section. Tubes are commercially available.
- Personal sampling pump, 0.01 to 0.2 L/min, with flexible tubing.
- 3. Gas chromatograph, FID, integrator, and Rtx-1, or equivalent, fused silica capillary column.
- 4. Autosampler vials, glass, 1.8 mL, with PTFE-lined caps.
- 5. Syringes, 10-µL to 1-mL.
- 6. Volumetric flasks, 10-mL and 250-mL.
- 7. Pipets, various sizes.

**SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:** Carbon disulfide is toxic and flammable. Methanol is moderately toxic and flammable. Perform all work in a chemical hood and wear appropriate protective equipment. <u>p</u>-CBTF is an irritant compound.

## SAMPLING:

- 1. Calibrate each personal sampling pump with a representative sample tube in line.
- 2. Break open the ends of the sample tube immediately prior to sampling. Attach sample tube to personal sampling pump with flexible tubing.
- 3. Sample at an accurately known flow rate between 0.01 and 0.2 L/min for a total sample size of 0.1 to 10 L.
- 4. Cap both ends of the sample tubes and pack securely for shipment.

## **SAMPLE PREPARATION:**

- 5. Place the initial glass wool plug and front sorbent section of the sample tube in an autosampler vial. Place the back sorbent section of the sample tube in a separate autosampler vial. Discard the polyurethane foam separator and the remaining glass wool plug.
- 6. Add 1.0 mL of carbon disulfide/methanol (99:1) solvent to each vial and cap securely.
- 7. Allow to stand for 30 minutes with occasional agitation.

## **CALIBRATION AND QUALITY CONTROL:**

- 8. Calibrate daily with at least six working calibration standards from below the LOD to 10 times the LOQ. If necessary additional standards may be added to extend the calibration curve.
  - a. Add known amounts of calibration stock solution to carbon disulfide/methanol (99:1) in 10-mL volumetric flasks and dilute to the mark.
  - b. Analyze together with samples and blanks (steps 10 and 11).
  - c. Prepare calibration graph (peak area vs. µg p-CBTF).
- 9. Determine the desorption efficiency (DE) at least once for each batch of charcoal used for sampling in the calibration range (step 8).
  - a. Prepare three tubes at each of five levels plus three media blanks.

- b. Inject a known amount of analyte stock solution directly onto the front sorbent section of each charcoal tube.
- c. Allow the tubes to air equilibrate for several minutes, then cap the ends of the tubes and allow to stand overnight.
- d. Desorb (steps 5-7) and analyze together with standards and blanks (steps 10 and 11).
- e. Prepare a graph of DE vs. μg p-CBTF recovered.

#### **MEASUREMENT:**

- 10. Set gas chromatograph according to manufacturer's recommendations and to conditions given on page 1026-1. Inject a 1-µL sample aliquot manually using the solvent flush technique or with an autosampler. NOTE: If peak area is above the linear range of the working standards, dilute with carbon disulfide/methanol (99:1), reanalyze and apply the appropriate dilution factor in the calculations.
- 11. Measure peak areas.

#### **CALCULATIONS:**

- 12. Determine the mass, μg (corrected for DE), for <u>p</u>-chlorobenzotrifluoride found in the sample front (W<sub>f</sub>) and back (W<sub>b</sub>) sorbent sections, and in the average media blank front (B<sub>f</sub>) and back (B<sub>b</sub>) sorbent sections.
  - NOTE: If  $W_b > W_f/10$ , report breakthrough and possible sample loss.
- 13. Calculate concentration, C, of p-chlorobenzotrifluoride in the air volume sampled, V (L):

$$C = \frac{(W_f + W_b - B_f - B_b), mg / m^3}{V}$$

## **EVALUATION OF METHOD:**

This method development was based upon an health hazard evaluation request where  $\underline{p}$ -chlorobenzo-trifluoride was being used as a cleaning solvent for automobile parts. After an evaluation of various solid sorbent tubes and solvent/solvent mixtures, coconut shell charcoal tubes and carbon disulfide/methanol (99:1) solvent were selected for use in this method development. The desorption efficiency (DE) was determined for  $\underline{p}$ -chlorobenzotrifluoride at 4 levels ranging from 27.1  $\mu g$  to 541.2  $\mu g$ . The average DE determined for  $\underline{p}$ -chlorobenzotrifluoride was 100.6%. The LOD was determined to be 0.6  $\mu g$ /sample. The analytical method precision, as determined from the pooled relative standard deviation ( $S_r$ ), was determined to be 0.0131. Parachlorobenzotrifluoride was determined to have acceptable storage stability (102.6%) for 30 days [1] at a level 0.1 times the recommended exposure level suggested by the manufacturer. [2]

## **REFERENCES:**

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