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Emissions analysis for TVOC



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1. Test method

· ASTM D5116-97

Standard Guide for Small-Scale Environmental Chamber Determinations of Organic Emissions from Indoor Materials/Products.

Test sample

Sample selected for testing is representative of the product manufactured and produced under typical operating conditions.

Test procedure

The principle of the test is to determine the specific emission rate of VOCs emitted from prepared specimens of building products. The test is conducted in a small-scale environmental chamber at specified constant conditions of temperature, relative humidity, ventilation rate, and product loading factor.

· Chamber conditions for test period

PARAMETER	SYMBOL	UNITS	VALUE
Product exposed area	Ac	m2	0.0316
Chamber volume	Vc	m3	0.067
Loading ratio	Lc	m2 m-3	0.47
Inlet air flow rate	Q	m3 m-1	0.067
Ventilation rate	ac	h-1	1
Temperature		°C	23.3
Relative humidity		%	48.6

Analytical methods

TVOC (Total Volatile Organic Compounds): quantified by GC/MS TIC method using toluene as calibration reference.

Formaldehyde and acetaldehyde: volatile aldehydes were quantified by HPLC following ASTM Method D 5197-97. Individual VOCs, other than formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, were quantified by thermal desorption GC/MS following EPA Methods TO-1 and TO-17. Compounds are quantified using multipoint calibrations prepared with pure substances.

2. Test result

· Emission Test results for individual VOCs

SUBSTANCE	CAS	CHAMBER CONCENTRATION(µg m-3)	EMISSION FACTOR(µg m-2 h-1)		
24 hour Test Period					
Methyl Methacrylate	80-62-6	6.6	14.0		

TOVC Chamber concentrations and emission factors

TEST DURATION	CHAMBER CONCENTRATION (µg m-3)	EMISSION FACTOR (µg m-2 h-1)
24 hours	LQ	Not applicable

"LQ" indicates calculated value is below quantitation base on concentration LOQ (Lower Limit of quantitation). LOQ for TVOC is 20 µg m-3. Most standards and guidelines (Ex: EPA, OSHA, etc.) consider 200-500 µg m-3 TVOC an acceptable level in buildings. Levels higher than this may result in irritation to some occupants.

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