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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material® 1494

Aliphatic Hydrocarbons in 2,2,4-Trimethylpentane

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a solution of 20 compounds, including even and odd carbon number aliphatic hydrocarbons from *n*-decane to *n*-eicosane, even carbon number aliphatic hydrocarbons from *n*-eicosane to *n*-tetratriacontane, and pristine and phytane in 2,2,4-trimethylpentane (*iso*-octane). This SRM is intended primarily for use in the calibration of chromatographic instrumentation used for the determination of aliphatic hydrocarbons. A unit of SRM 1494 consists of five 2-milliliter ampoules, each containing approximately 1.2 mL of solution.

Certified Concentrations of Constituents: The certified concentration values and estimated uncertainties for the 20 constituents, expressed as mass fractions, are given in Table 1 along with the Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) Registry Numbers. The certified concentration values are based on results obtained from the gravimetric preparation of this solution and from the analytical results determined by using gas chromatography. A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in its accuracy in that all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or accounted for by NIST.

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Handling: This material contains aliphatic compounds and should be handled with care. Use proper disposal methods.

Storage: Sealed ampoules, as received, should be stored in the dark at temperatures lower than 30 °C.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Sample aliquots for analysis should be withdrawn at 20 °C to 25 °C **immediately** after opening the ampoules and should be processed without delay for the certified values in Table 1 to be valid within the stated uncertainty. Because of the volatility of 2,2,4-trimethylpentane, certified values are not applicable to material stored in ampoules that have been opened for more than 5 minutes, even if they are resealed.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS[1]

The compounds used in the preparation of this SRM were obtained from Fluka (Milwaukee, WI), Alltech Associates (Deerfield, IL), Ultra Scientific (North Kingston, RI), and JT Baker (Phillipsburg, NJ). The solution was prepared at NIST by weighing and mixing the individual compounds and 2,2,4-trimethylpentane. The weighed components were added to the 2,2,4-trimethylpentane and mixed overnight. The total mass of this solution was measured, and the concentrations were calculated from this gravimetric procedure. These gravimetric concentrations were adjusted for the purity estimation of each component, which was determined using flame ionization capillary gas chromatography with two stationary phases of different polarities and differential scanning calorimetry. This bulk solution was then chilled to approximately –5 °C and 1.2 mL aliquots were dispensed into 2-milliliter amber glass ampoules, which were then flame sealed.

Aliquots from six ampoules selected using a random stratified sampling scheme were analyzed in duplicate by using flame ionization capillary gas chromatography with a non-polar 5 % phenyl methylpolysiloxane phase. The internal standards added to each sample for quantification purposes were 2-methyltetradecane (*iso*-pentadecane) and 3-methyltricosane. Calibration solutions consisting of weighed amounts of the compounds (adjusted for the purity estimation) and the internal standard compounds in 2,2,4-trimethylpentane were chromatographically analyzed to determine analyte response factors.

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Table 1. Certified Concentrations of Components in SRM 1494

Compound	CAS Registry No.[a]	Concentration (μg/g)[b]	Concentration (μg/mL)[c]
n-decane	124-18-5	178.2 ± 4.5	122.9 ± 3.1
n-undecane	1120-21-4	203.2 ± 5.3	140.2 ± 3.7
n-dodecane	112-40-3	178.9 ± 4.4	123.4 ± 3.0
n-tridecane	629-50-5	167.7 ± 3.8	115.7 ± 2.6
n-tetradecane	629-59-4	166.1 ± 3.8	114.6 ± 2.6
n-pentadecane	629-62-9	161.9 ± 3.7	111.7 ± 2.6
n-hexadecane	544-76-3	141.1 ± 3.0	97.3 ± 2.1
n-heptadecane	629-78-7	131.7 ± 2.9	90.9 ± 2.0
pristane	1921-70-6	80.5 ± 2.1	55.5 ± 1.4
n-octadecane	593-45-3	121.9 ± 2.8	84.1 ± 1.9
phytane	638-36-8	9.31 ± 0.29	6.42 ± 0.20
n-nonadecane	629-92-5	105.2 ± 2.5	72.6 ± 1.7
n-eicosane	112-95-8	102.7 ± 4.4	70.9 ± 3.0
n-docosane	629-97-0	81.8 ± 1.8	56.4 ± 1.2
n-tetracosane	646-31-1	61.3 ± 1.8	42.3 ± 1.2
n-hexacosane	630.02-4	44.8 ± 1.2	30.9 ± 0.8
n-octacosane	646-31-1	30.71 ± 0.95	21.19 ± 0.66
n-triacontane	638-68-6	21.85 ± 0.65	15.07 ± 0.45
n-dotriacontane	544-85-4	17.58 ± 0.60	12.13 ± 0.41
n-tetratriacontane	14167-59-0	15.18 ± 0.43	10.47 ± 0.30

[a]Chemical Abstracts, Fourteenth Collective Index. Index Guide, American Chemical Society, Columbus, OH, 2001.

[b]The results are expressed as the certified value ± the expanded uncertainty. The certified value is the average of the concentrations determined by gravimetric and chromatographic measurements. The expanded 95 % uncertainty uses a coverage factor of 2 and includes both correction for estimated purity and allowance for differences between the concentration determined by gravimetric preparation and chromatographic measurements [1].

[c]The concentrations listed in μg/mL units were obtained by multiplying the certified values in μg/g by the density of the solution at 22 °C (0.6899 g/mL). These concentrations are for use in the temperature range of 20 °C to 25 °C and an allowance for the change in density over this temperature range is included in the uncertainties.

REFERENCES

[1] *Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement*; ISBN 92-67-10188-9, 1st ed.; ISO: Geneva, Switzerland (1993); see also Taylor, B.N.; Kuyatt, C.E.; *Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results*; NIST Technical Note 1297; U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington, DC (1994); available at http://physics.nist.gov/Pubs/.

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