

Analysis of Trace Water in Petroleum Products by GC

- Down to ppm level water analysis using Shimadzu's Unique Barrier Discharge Ionization Detector (BID), which offers 100 times higher sensitivity than conventional Thermal Conductivity Detector (TCD)
- Watercol, Supelco's unique Ionic Liquid GC column, enables separation of water from typical organic components



Water in petrochemical feedstocks can cause problems for processors. Freezing of pipe lines and valves and poisoning of expensive catalysts are just a few examples. Monitoring water in petroleum from an upstream source to the downstream processing plant is critical to insure uninterrupted operation. Unlike the Karl Fischer analysis, the GC water analyzer does not suffer from the adverse effects of the petroleum matrix which can skew the KF results. Head-space GC is a cleaner approach to automated sample introduction that bypasses the undesirable chemical interference that would otherwise be present. Shimadzu's proprietary BID or TCD and Supelco's water analysis column "Watercol" are combined to separate and measure the water in a formulation of feedstock and provide a sensitive and accurate result. Measurements can be made in a wide concentration range from ppm to 100%.

1000.0 Products mg Water Measured ppm Water RSD% 900.0 Motor Oil 0.386 770 + 2.904 UTA HSGCBID Transmission fluid 0.497 996 ± 9.2 0.9 800.0 Engine Oil 0.131 261 ± 5.8 2.2 NIST Sbs. KFT 700.0 0.104 207 ± 6.9 33 Gear Oil Power Steering Fluid 0.123 245 ± 5.6 2.3 mdd 600.0 ASTM KFT 3 in One Oil 0 223 445 ± 21.0 4.7 M-Pro7 LPX Gun Oil 0.831 1630 ± 15.9 500.0 1.0 Water CLP Gun Oil 1.634 3260 ± 87.4 2.7 400.0 0.117 234 ± 3.4 Synthetic Gun Oil 1.5 Remington Moistureguard 300.0 0.165 330 ± 8.1 2.5 200.0 Remington Rem Oil 0.048 116 ± 4.5 3.9 WD-40 0.365 728 ± 5.0 0.7 100.0 Transformer Oil 0.0061 12.1 ± 0.8 6.6 (NIST RM 8506a) 0.0 Light Sour Crude Oil Light Sour Crude Oil (NIST Heavy Sweet Crude Oil 0.071 146 ± 7.6 52 (NIST SRM 2721) SRM 2721) (NIST SRM 2722) Heavy Sweet Crude Oil 0.051 102 + 1717 (NIST SRM 2722)

	Light Sour Crude Oil (NIST SRM 2721)			Heavy Sweet Crude Oil (NIST SRM 2722)		
	ppm	RSD%		ppm	RSD%	
HSGCBID	146.1		5.2	101.6		1.7
NIST Sbs. KFT	134.0	\otimes	13. <mark>1</mark>	99.0		5.9
ASTM KFT	941.0		1.7	104.0		5.6

↑ Water concentration of commercial oil products and NIST reference materials by HS-GC-BID method.

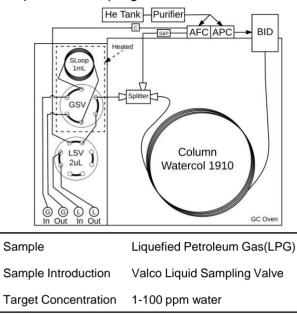
← Crude Oil from NIST SRM. As shown in the table, sulfur components led to inaccurate results using KFT methods due to unwanted by-reactions, while HS-GC-BID method had no interference.

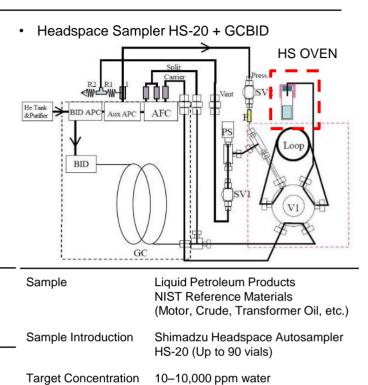
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GC System Configuration

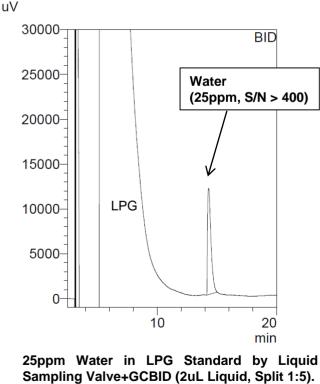
Analytes	Water
Instruments	GC: Shimadzu GC-2010 Plus BID, Data Integration: Shimadzu LabSolutions LC/GC
Carrier Gas	Helium (Purity >99.9999%) with Supelco High Capacity Gas Purifier
Column	Supelco Watercol 1460/1900/1910

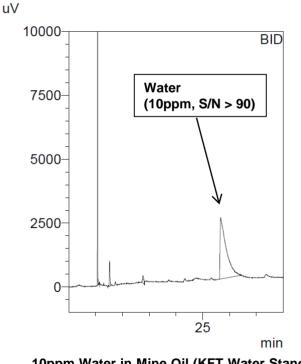
Liquid/Gas Sampling Valve + GCBID





Typical Chromatograms





10ppm Water in Mine Oil (KFT Water Standard) by HS-20+GCBID (1mL Gas, Split 1:100).



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