MALEIC ANHYDRIDE

Method no.:	86
Matrix:	Air
Target concentration:	0.25 ppm (1 mg/m ³)
Procedure:	Samples are collected by drawing air through glass fiber filters coated with 2 mg of 3,4- dimethoxybenzylamine (veratrylamine). Samples are extracted with 90:10 (v/v) acetonitrile/dimethylsulfoxide and analyzed by HPLC using a UV detector.
Recommended air volume and sampling rate:	60 L at 0.5 L/min
Reliable quantitation limit:	8.3 ppb (33 μg/m ³)
Standard error of estimate at the target concentration: (Section 4.7.)	8.86%
Special requirement:	Submit the samples for analysis as soon as possible after sampling. If delay is unavoidable, store the samples in a refrigerator. Store samples in a refrigerator upon receipt at the laboratory.
Status of method:	Evaluated method. This method has been subjected to the established evaluation procedures of the Organic Methods Evaluation Branch.
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1. General Discussion

- 1.1. Background
 - 1.1.1. History

In OSHA Method 25 (Ref. 5.1.), maleic anhydride is collected and derivatized on

p-anisidine-coated XAD-2 tubes. An untreated XAD-2 tube is connected in series to trap the p-anisidine that is partly leached from the first tube during sampling. In trying to develop sampling and analytical methods for a series of anhydrides (acetic, maleic, phthalic, and trimellitic), derivatizing agents other than p-anisidine were investigated to obviate the use of the second tube. 1-(2-Pyridyl)piperazine, the agent used in earlier methods for a series of isocyanates (Refs. 5.2.-5.4.), was considered. A sampling method for acetic anhydride was validated using this derivatizing agent (Ref. 5.5.). With maleic and other anhydrides, however, this reagent was found to be unsatisfactory due to the instability of its derivatives. After a brief survey, veratrylamine was selected because: (1) it readily forms relatively stable acid-amides with these anhydrides, (2) it does not leach from the glass fiber filters impregnated with it, even at a flow of 1 liter per minute, and (3) its cost is reasonable. The sampling device consists of two filters which are separated by a center support section (Figure 2.1.2.). Samples are collected closed-face to minimize contamination.

1.1.2. Toxic effects (This section is for information only and should not be taken as the basis of OSHA policy.)

Inhalation of subacute levels of maleic anhydride can cause severe headaches, nosebleeds, nausea, and temporary impairment of vision. Exposure to maleic anhydride can also lead to conjunctivitis and corneal erosion. Repeated exposure to concentrations above 1.25 ppm has caused asthmatic responses in workers. Allergies have developed so that lower concentrations of maleic anhydride can no longer be tolerated. An increased incidence of bronchitis and dermatitis has also been noted among workers with long-term exposure to maleic anhydride. One case of pulmonary edema in a worker was reported. (Ref. 5.6.)

1.1.3. Workplace exposure

Through Diels-Alder syntheses and co-polymerization reactions, maleic anhydride is used in the manufacture of alkyd-type resins, dye intermediates, pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals, maleic hydrazide, malathion, and others. (Ref. 5.7.) According to the 1972 NIOSH National Occupational Exposure Surveys, exposure to maleic anhydride was noted in the following industries: nonmetallic mineral products (SIC code 3299), percent of employee exposed, 30.2%; terrazzo, tile, marble, mosaic (1743), 19.4%; printing ink (2893), 19.1%; paints and allied products (2851), 16.0%; transportation equipment and supplies (5088), 14.3%; bags other than textile bags (2643), 8.6%; and metal cans (3411), 6.9%. The 1982 NIOSH surveys found 28.1% of the employee in the adhesives and sealants (SIC code 2891) exposed to maleic anhydride. (Ref. 5.8.)

1.1.4. Physical properties and other descriptive information (Ref. 5.9. unless noted otherwise)

chemical name: CAS no.: synonyms:	maleic anhydride 108-31-6 2,5-furandione; cis-butenedioic anhydride; dihydro-2,5-dioxofuran; maleic acid anhydride; toxilic anhydride
structure:	CH == CH $0 = C$ C $C = 0$ 0
mol wt: boiling point: melting point: vapor pressure: flash point: color: solubility:	98.06 202°C 52.8°C <21.3 Pa (0.16 mmHg) at 25°C 103°C colorless soluble in water, acetone, alcohol, and dioxane; partially soluble in chloroform and benzene
Derivative (Ref. 5.1 structure: mol wt: appearance: melting point: solubility: UV spectrum:	0.) Figure 1.1.4. 265.27 white crystalline solid 146.0-146.5°C soluble in chloroform, methanol, acetonitrile, dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO). Figure 1.1.4.

The analyte air concentrations throughout this method are based on the recommended sampling and analytical parameters. Air concentrations listed in ppm are referenced to 25°C and 101.3 kPa (760 mmHg). The analyte concentrations are listed as those of maleic anhydride even though the derivative is the actual species analyzed.

- 1.2. Limit defining parameters
 - 1.2.1. Detection limit of the analytical procedure

The detection limit of the analytical procedure is 7.1 ng per injection (15 μ L injection of 0.471 μ g/mL solution). This is the amount of analyte which gave a peak whose height is approximately 5 times the baseline noise. (Section 4.1.)

1.2.2. Detection limit of the overall procedure

The detection limit of the overall procedure is 1.99 μ g per sample (8.3 ppb, 33 μ g/m³). This is the amount of analyte spiked on the sampling device which allows recovery of an amount equivalent to the detection limit of the analytical procedure. (Section 4.2.)

1.2.3. Reliable quantitation limit

The reliable quantitation limit is 1.99 μ g per sample (8.3 ppb, 33 μ g/m³). This is the smallest amount of analyte spiked on the sampling device which can be quantitated within the requirements of a recovery of at least 75% and a precision (±1.96 SD) of ±25% or better. (Section 4.3.)

The reliable quantitation limit and detection limits reported in the method are based upon optimization of the instrument for the smallest possible amount of the analyte. When the target concentration of the analyte is exceptionally higher than these limits, they may not be attainable at the routine operating parameters.

1.2.4. Instrument response to the analyte

The instrument response over the concentration range of 0.5 to 2 times the target concentration is linear. (Section 4.4.)

1.2.5. Recovery

The recovery of the maleic anhydride-veratrylamine derivative (MAVA) from the samples used in a 15-day storage test remained essentially 100% when the samples were stored at 0°C. The recovery was 72% after 15 days when the samples were stored at ambient temperature. (Section 4.5.)

1.2.6. Precision (analytical procedure only)

The pooled coefficient of variation obtained from replicate injections of analytical standards at 0.5, 1, and 2 times the target concentration is 0.0074. (Section 4.6.)

1.2.7. Precision (overall procedure)

The precision at the 95% confidence level for the refrigerated 15-day storage test is $\pm 17.4\%$. (Section 4.7.) This includes an additional $\pm 5\%$ for pump error. The overall procedure must provide results at the target concentration that are $\pm 25\%$ or better at the 95% confidence level.

1.2.8. Reproducibility

A draft copy of this procedure and six samples collected from a controlled test atmosphere (80% RH) were given to a chemist unassociated with this evaluation. The samples were analyzed after having been stored in a refrigerator at 0°C for 4 days. None of the sample results differed from its theoretical value by more than the precision reported in Section 1.2.7. (Section 4.8.)

- 1.3. Advantages
 - 1.3.1. The maleic anhydride is derivatized <u>in situ</u> eliminating the possibility of its being hydrolyzed during storage. Interference from maleic acid is also eliminated.
 - 1.3.2. Because the derivatizing agent is not leached from the filter during sampling, there is no need for an additional sorbent tube downstream of the sampler.
- 1.4. Disadvantages

The sampling medium is not available commercially.

- 2. Sampling Procedure
 - 2.1. Apparatus
 - 2.1.1. A personal sampling pump that can be calibrated to within +5% of the recommended flow rate with the sampling device in line.
 - 2.1.2. A three-piece polystyrene cassette containing two glass fiber filters, each coated with 2 mg of veratrylamine. (Figure 2.1.2.) Coated filters are prepared by applying 0.5 mL of a solution of 4 mg/mL veratrylamine in methylene chloride to each glass fiber filter and allowing them to dry in a hood or under vacuum. Store the coated filters in a closed jar in a refrigerator and use them within a month after preparation.
 - 2.2. Reagents

No reagent is required for sampling.

- 2.3. Sampling technique
 - 2.3.1. Remove the end plugs from the inlet and the outlet of the sampler. Attach the sampler to the sampling pump with a piece of flexible tubing and place it in the worker's breathing zone.
 - 2.3.2. Replace the end plugs after sampling. Seal the sample end-to-end with an official OSHA seal (Form 21).
 - 2.3.3. Submit at least one blank with each set of samples. Handle the blank the same as the other samples except draw no air through it.
 - 2.3.4. List any potential interferences on the sample data sheet.
 - 2.3.5. Submit the samples to the laboratory for analysis as soon as possible after sampling. If delay is unavoidable, store the samples at reduced temperature.
- 2.4. Sampler capacity

The sampler capacity was evaluated with a test atmosphere (80% RH) at 1.9 times the target concentration. The sampler capacity exceeds 130 L. (Section 4.9.)

- 2.5. Extraction efficiency and stability of extracted samples (Section 4.10.)
 - 2.5.1. The average extraction efficiency at the target concentration was essentially quantitative (97.8%).
 - 2.5.2. Extracted samples remain stable for at least 3 days when stored at room temperature.
- 2.6. Recommended air volume and sampling rate
 - 2.6.1. The recommended air volume is 60 L.
 - 2.6.2. The recommended air sampling rate is 0.5 L/min.
- 2.7. Interferences (sampling)

Excessive amounts of compounds that can react with veratrylamine, such as isocyanates, acid chlorides, and anhydrides other than maleic, may reduce the sampler capacity by consuming part of the derivatizing agent.

2.8. Safety precautions (sampling)

Attach the sampling equipment to the worker in such a manner that it will not interfere with work performance or safety. Follow all safety practices applicable to the work area.

3. Analytical Procedure

- 3.1. Apparatus
 - 3.1.1. An HPLC equipped with a UV detector. A Waters 600E pump, a 900 photodiode array detector, and a WISP autosampler were used in this evaluation.
 - 3.1.2. An HPLC column capable of separating veratrylamine, MAVA, and any interferences. An Alltech C8 column (4.6 mm x 25 cm, 10-μ particle size) was used in this evaluation.
 - 3.1.3. An electronic integrator or other suitable means of measuring detector response. A Hewlett-Packard 3357 laboratory data system was used in this evaluation.
 - 3.1.4. Sample vials, 4-mL glass, with Teflon-lined septum caps. WISP vials were used in this evaluation.
 - 3.1.5. Volumetric flasks and pipets.
 - 3.1.6. A mechanical shaker. A Fisher Roto-Rack[@] was used in this evaluation.
- 3.2. Reagents
 - 3.2.1. Maleic anhydride-veratrylamine derivative (MAVA). Synthesized as in Section 4.12.
 - 3.2.2. Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Dimethyl sulfoxide was obtained from Baxter Burdick and Jackson.
 - 3.2.3. Acetonitrile. Acetonitrile was obtained from Baxter Burdick and Jackson.
 - 3.2.4. Extraction solvent, acetonitrile/DMSO 90:10 (v/v).
 - 3.2.5. Phosphoric acid. Phosphoric acid was obtained from J T Baker.
 - 3.2.6. Water, HPLC grade. The water was from an in-house Millipore milli-Q water purification system.
- 3.3. Standard preparation
 - 3.3.1. Prepare stock standards by weighing 10-20 mg of MAVA in 10-mL volumetric flasks and diluting to volume with the extraction solvent. Apply a factor of 0.3697 to the weight of MAVA to convert it to that of free maleic anhydride. For example, 10 mg of MAVA dissolved in 10 mL will give a standard stock solution representing 0.3697 mg/mL or 369.7 µg/mL of maleic anhydride.

(MW maleic anhydride)/(MW MAVA) = 98.06/265.27 = 0.3697

- 3.3.2. Prepare analytical standards by further diluting the stock standards with the extraction solvent. An analytical standard of 15 μ g/mL represents 1 times the target concentration.
- 3.3.3. Prepare a sufficient number of standards to generate calibration curves. Analytical standard concentrations must bracket sample concentrations.
- 3.4. Sample preparation
 - 3.4.1. Transfer the front and the back filters to separate WISP vials. This is best accomplished by double-folding the filter with the folds parallel.
 - 3.4.2. Add 4.0 mL of the extraction solvent to each vial.
 - 3.4.3. Cap the vials and shake them on a mechanical shaker for 1 h.
- 3.5. Analysis
 - 3.5.1. HPLC conditions

column:	Alltech C8 (4.6 mm x 25 cm, 10-µ particle size)
eluent:	acetonitrile/water/phosphoric acid 30:70:0.1 (v/v/v)
flow rate:	1.2 mL/min
injection volume:	15 μL
retention time:	6 min
chromatogram:	Figure 3.5.1.
UV detector:	254 nm (This wavelength was used because it gave
	good resolution of analyte from other components and good sensitivity.)

- 3.5.2. Measure detector response using a suitable method such as electronic integration.
- 3.5.3. Construct a calibration curve using an external standard method by plotting µg per sample versus detector response of standard injections.
- 3.6. Interferences (analytical)
 - 3.6.1. Any compound that absorbs at 254 nm and has a similar retention time as MAVA is a potential interference. Generally, chromatographic conditions can be altered to separate an interference.

- 3.6.2. Retention time on a single column is not considered proof of chemical identity. Additional means of identification include: analysis using an alternate HPLC column, detection at another wavelength, and comparison of absorbance response ratios.
- 3.7. Calculations

The analyte amount for samples is obtained from the calibration curve in terms of micrograms per sample uncorrected for extraction efficiency. The analyte amount is corrected by subtracting the amount found in the blank. The air concentration is obtained by using the following equations.

 $\frac{(\mu g/sample)}{mg/m^3 = (liters of air sampled)(extraction efficiency)}$ ppm - $\frac{(mg/m^3)(24.46)}{(98.06)}$

where 24.46 = molar volume (liters) at 101.3 Pa (760 mmHg) and 25° C 98.06 = molecular weight of maleic anhydride

3.8. Safety precautions (analytical)

Avoid skin contact and inhalation of all chemicals. Restrict the use of all chemicals to a fume hood when possible. Wear safety glasses and a lab coat at all times while in the lab area.

- 4. Backup Data
 - 4.1. Detection limit of the analytical procedure

The detection limit of the analytical procedure is 7.1 ng (15- μ L injection of a 0.471 μ g/mL solution). This is the amount of analyte that will give a peak with height approximately 5 times the height of the baseline noise. A chromatogram of the detection limit of the analytical procedure is shown in Figure 4.1.

4.2. Detection limit of the overall procedure

The detection limit of the overall procedure is 1.99 μ g per sample (8.3 ppb, 33 μ g/m³). This is the amount of analyte spiked on the sampling device which allows recovery of an amount equivalent to the detection limit of the analytical procedure. Six veratrylamine-coated glass fiber filters were each liquid spiked with 1.99 μ g of maleic anhydride (20 μ L of a 99.6 μ g/mL solution). The samples were stored at room temperature and extracted 24 h later with 4.0 mL of the extraction solvent. The injection size listed in the analytical procedure (15 μ L) was used in the determination of the detection limit of the overall procedure.

sample number	theoretical a (µg)	mount	amount recovered (µg)
1	1.99	1.8	
2	1.99	2.1	1
3	1.99	1.7	2
4	1.99	1.6	
5	1.99	2.2	
6	1.99	1.8	

Table 4.2. Detection Limit of the Overall Procedure

4.3. Reliable quantitation limit

The reliable quantitation limit is also 1.99 μ g per sample (8.3 ppb, 33 μ g/m³). This was derived from the samples and data of Table 4.2. Because the recovery was greater than 75% and the precision (± 1.96 SD) was $\pm 25\%$ or better, the detection limit of the overall procedure and reliable quantitation limit are the same.

Reliable	Quantitation I les and data of	
% recovery	statis	tics
93.5 106.0 86.4 84.4 113.6 93.5	X SD Precision	= 96.2% = 11.4% = ± (1.96)(11.4%) = ± 22.3%

Table 4.3. (

4.4. Instrument response

The instrument response to MAVA over the range of 0.5 to 2 times the target concentration is linear with a slope of 58352 area counts per microgram per sample. The responses to MAVA at 254 nm were determined by multiple injections of analytical standards. The data which are summarized in Table 4.4. are presented graphically in Figure 4.4.

target concn	0.5x	1x	2x
ıg/sample	31.42	62.48	125.68
rea counts	1876030	3686990	7353160
	1879430	3715800	7349260
	1889640	3738940	7391220
	1845030	3678670	7361270
	1878340	3650810	7380100
	1856180	3724480	7385300
	1870775	3699282	7370052

Table 4.4. Instrument Response to MAVA

4.5. Storage data

A test atmosphere (80% RH) containing 1.86 mg/m³ of maleic anhydride was prepared in a vapor generator. Thirty-six samples were collected at 0.5 L/min for 60 min. Six samples were analyzed immediately after the generation. Fifteen samples were stored in a refrigerator (0°C) and the other fifteen were stored in the dark at ambient temperature (20-25°C). Every few days over a 15-day period, three samples were selected from each of the two sets and analyzed. The results are listed in Table 4.5. and presented graphically in Figures 4.5.1. and 4.5.2.

storage time (days)		% rec (ambi	overy ent)		ecovery igerated	
0	93.9	95.3	96.6	93.9	95.3	96.6
0	103.4	95.9	114.9	103.4	95.9	114.9
4	91.3	93.1	94.5	105.3	108.3	111.1
7	77.8	95.9	84.5	94.9	98.1	99.0
11	74.5	83.7	82.9	106.6	113.0	93.5
13	73.3	84.6	66.8	95.2	98.5	92.6
15	80.9	64.4	72.4	101.3	107.3	90.9

Table 4.5. Storage Test

4.6. Precision (analytical procedure)

The precision of the analytical procedure is 0.0074. The precision of the analytical procedure is defined as the pooled coefficient of variation determined from multiple injections of analytical standards representing 0.5, 1, and 2 times the target concentration (Section 4.4.).

		0.5x	17	2x
SD	16682	32882	17756	
Cv	0.0089	0.0089	0.0024	

Table 4.6. Precision of the Analytical Procedure

4.7. Precision (overall procedure)

The precision of the overall procedure is determined from the storage data. The determination of the standard error of estimate (SEE) for a regression line plotted through the graphed storage data allows the inclusion of storage time as one of the factors affecting overall precision. The SEE is similar to the standard deviation except it is a measure of dispersion of data about a regression line instead of about a mean. It is determined with the following equation:

$$SEE = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma(Y_{obs} - Y_{est})^2 \\ n - k \end{bmatrix}^{\frac{1}{2}} where n = total no. of data points k = 2 for linear regression k = 3 for quadratic regression Y_{obs} = observed % recovery at a given time Y_{est} = estimated % recovery from the regression line at the same given time$$

An additional $\pm 5\%$ for pump error is added to the SEE by the addition of variances. The precision at the 95% confidence level is obtained by multiplying the SEE (with pump error included) by 1.96 (the z-statistic from the standard normal distribution at the 95% confidence level). The 95% confidence intervals are drawn about their respective regression lines in the storage graphs as shown in Figure 4.5.1. The precision of the overall procedure of $\pm 17.4\%$ was obtained from Figure 4.5.1.

4.8. Reproducibility data

Six samples, collected at 0.5 L/min for 60 minutes from a controlled test atmosphere [80% RH, 20-25°C, 87.7 kPa (658 mmHg)] containing 2.1 mg/m³ of maleic anhydride, were given to a chemist unassociated with this evaluation. The samples were stored for 4 days at about 0°C before being analyzed. No sample result had a percent deviation greater than the precision of the overall procedure.

sample no.	µg found	µg expected	% found	% deviation
1	58.584	63.24	92.6	-7.4
2	58.748	62.97	93.3	-6.7
3	66.636	62.90	105.9	+5.9
4	60.100	62.17	96.7	-3.3
5	61.832	64.90	95.3	-4.7
6	63.840	62.99	101.3	+1.3

Table 4.8. Reproducibility Data

4.9. Sampler capacity

Sampler capacity was tested by sampling a test atmosphere of 1.9 mg/m³ maleic anhydride at ambient temperature and 80% relative humidity. Two samplers were placed in series. The upstream sampler contained only one filter. The back sampler was replaced with a new one every 40 minutes to monitor the downstream air concentration. The sampling rate was 0.501 L/min. Breakthrough was not seen in 280 minutes of testing.

Table 4.9.
Breakthrough Data at 1.9x Target Concentration

time	air volume	breakthrou	lgh
(min)	(L)	(%)	
0- 40 40- 80 80-120	40 60	20 0 0	0
120-160	80	0	
160-200	100	0	
200-240	120	0	
240-280	140	0	

4.10. Extraction efficiency and stability of extracted samples

4.10.1. Extraction efficiency

The extraction efficiency for MAVA was determined by analyzing the veratrylamine-impregnated glass fiber filters that had been liquid-spiked with maleic anhydride at the target concentration. These samples were stored at ambient temperature overnight before the extraction and analysis. The average extraction efficiency was 97.8%.

sample no.	µg spiked	µg recovered	% recovery
1	59.0	56.36	95.5
2	59.0	57.09	96.8
3	59.0	57.74	97.9
4	59.0	57.32	97.2
5	59.0	59.05	100.1
6	59.0	58.72	99.5
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$			97.8

Table 4.10.1. Extraction Efficiency

4.10.2. Stability of the extracted samples

The stability of the extracted samples was investigated by reanalyzing the extracted samples with fresh standards 3 days after the original analysis. The samples had been recapped and stored at room temperature. The change in the recovery averaged -0.9%.

initial recovery (%)	recovery after 3 days (%)	change (%)
95.5	94.4	-1.1
96.8	97.5	+0.7
97.9	96.0	-1.9
97.2	98.1	+0.9
100.1	98.2	-1.9
99.5	97.2	-2.3

Table 4.10.2. Stability of Extracted Samples

4.11. Chromatograms

A chromatogram at the detection limit of the analytical procedure is shown in Figure 4.1. and a chromatogram of one of the 15-day refrigerated samples is shown in Figure 3.5.1.

4.12. Synthesis of MAVA

4.12.1. Reagents

Veratrylamine, 97%, from Aldrich Maleic anhydride, from Aldrich Toluene, from Baxter Burdick and Jackson Isooctane, from Fisher Scientific Chloroform, from Fisher Scientific 4.12.2. Apparatus

Erlenmeyer flasks Filtering flask Fritted-glass filtering funnel Explosion-proof hot plate

4.12.3. Procedure

Recrystallize the maleic anhydride from toluene. Add 0.98 g (0.01 mole) of maleic anhydride to a solution of 1.67 g (0.01 mole) of veratrylamine in 10 mL of chloroform. Stir the mixture for 10 min. Evaporate the chloroform in a hood. Dissolve the residue in a minimal amount of chloroform. While heating on a hot plate, slowly add isooctane until the solution just becomes cloudy. Clear the solution with an addition of a drop of chloroform. Remove from the hot plate. After the solution has cooled to room temperature, set in a freezer overnight. Collect the crystals that formed. The melting point should b 146.0-146.5°C. The yield should be quantitative.

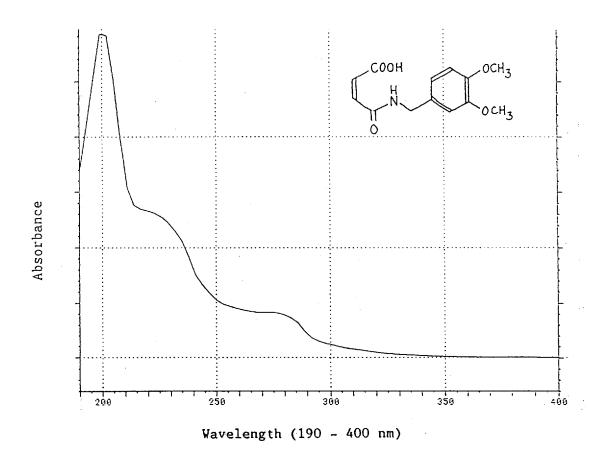


Figure 1.1.4. UV spectrum (in water/acetonitrile/phosphoric acid = 70:30:0.1 (v/v/v)) and molecular structure of MAVA.

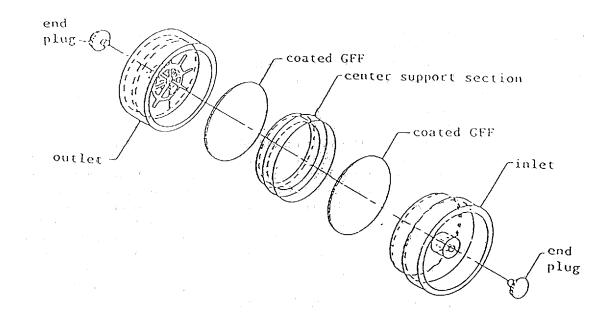
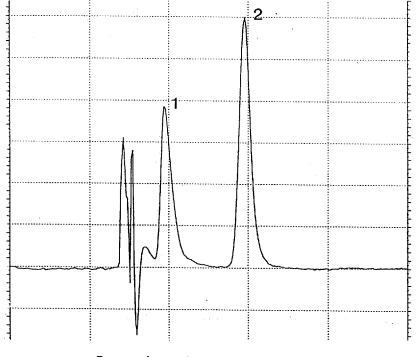
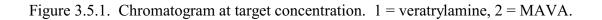


Figure 2.1.2. A drawing of a sampling device for maleic anhydride.



Retention Time (0 - 10 min)



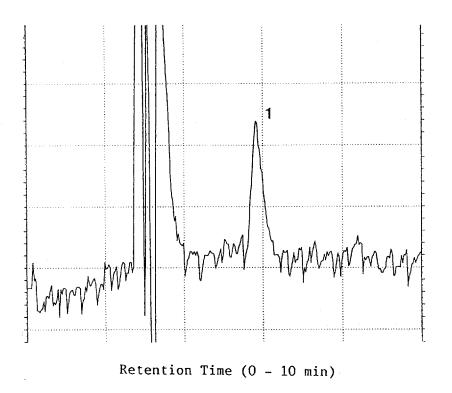


Figure 4.1. Detection limit of the analytical procedure. 1 = MAVA.

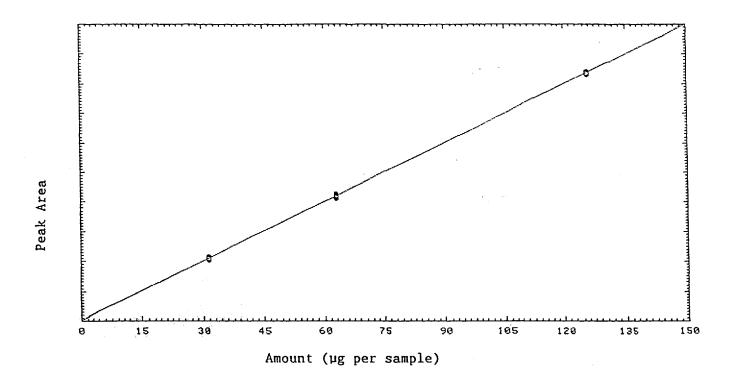
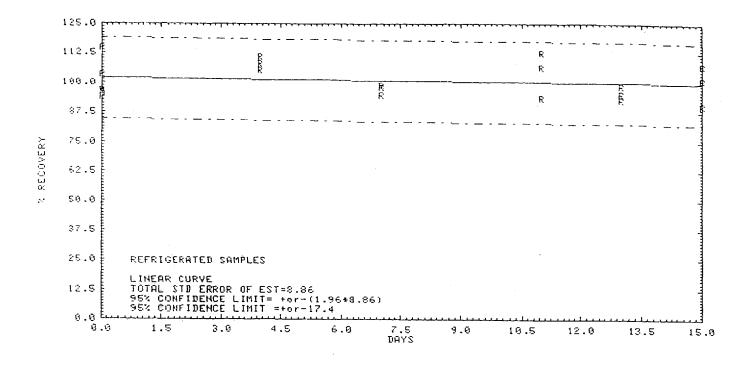


Figure 4.4. Calibration curve for MAVA.



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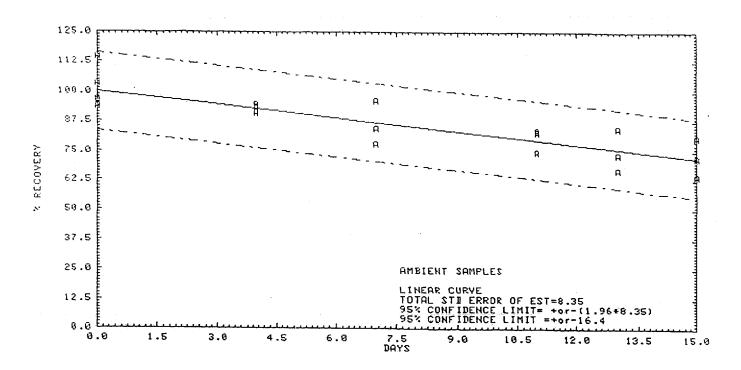


Figure 4.5.1. Storage test at reduced temperature.

Figure 4.5.2. Storage test at ambient temperature.

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