

# AIRCO, INC.

A. N. Taylor

Murray Hill

I. J. Nelson & F. Collob

Murray Hill

June 20, 1962

## ANALYSIS: VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER

On June 8, 1962, I. J. Nelson and F. Collob visited L. Mikkelsen, Manager of Applications, of the F&N Scientific Co. at Avondale, Pa. Mr. Mikkelsen had been previously employed by the Eschschia Company, and had presented a technical paper<sup>1</sup> on the use of gas chromatography for the determination of trace impurities in vinyl chloride. Mr. Mikkelsen's paper is the only reference disclosed in a search of the literature, and since he is now employed at F&N where we have friendly contact, the visit was conveniently arranged.

### Discussion

Mr. Mikkelsen first showed a chromatographic trace in which the following impurities in vinyl chloride were detected:

|                        | Retention<br>Time, Min. | Concentration<br>PPM |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Methyl chloride        | 6                       | Not measured         |
| Vinyl chloride         | 8                       | Major constituent    |
| Vinyl acetylene        | 14 1/2                  | 3.8                  |
| Ethyl chloride         | 16 1/2                  | 5.8                  |
| Vinyl bromide          | 21 1/2                  | 0.4                  |
| Vinylidene chloride    | 31                      | 0.3                  |
| Hexane 1 <sup>..</sup> | 37                      | 2.5                  |

<sup>..</sup> Hexane 1 was used as an internal standard and was not present in the vinyl chloride.

These have been determined in a typical sample of liquid vinyl chloride made by the Ethyl Corporation. Since the original purpose of the examination had been to detect acetaldehyde, and none was detected, no attempt was made to measure additional impurities which are lower boiling than vinyl chloride. (Methyl chloride was detected but no quantitative answer was obtained because it was lower boiling). It is interesting to note that the identities of the individual impurities after separation were determined by mass spectrometry and confirmed by retention time.

<sup>1</sup> Presented at Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chem. and Applied Spectroscopy, Feb. 29 - Mar. 4, 1960

Card 11 3/7/60 Lowry Preston Abstracts Code 88-36-61

AP00044134

June 20, 1962

Liquid samples were introduced into the chromatograph by chilling a syringe in Dry Ice, pouring vinyl chloride from a beaker into the syringe, replacing the plunger and then injecting into the chromatograph. Mikkelsen believed that evaporation losses were negligible.

The apparatus with which these analyses were conducted was a "double chromatograph" constructed by Mr. Mikkelsen. This embodies essentially the same principle and design as the double chromatograph described in Aircor Report GAD-62-042 dealing with the determination of carbonyl sulfide in carbon dioxide. Both columns were 10 feet long, packed with dibutyl sebacate on Chromasorb and were operated at 30°C. The first or preparative column was 1/2" O.D. while the analytical column was 1/4" O.D.

#### Action Taken

Dibutyl sebacate column packing and small samples of the listed impurities have now been ordered. When they are received, we will attempt to duplicate the retention time and separations. However, our recent successes with the use of the flame ionization detectors make us hopeful that we can achieve a sensitivity equal to that of Mikkelsen without the use of a preparative stage in the chromatograph.

*I. J. Nelson*  
I. J. Nelson

*F. Collob*  
F. Collob

LJH  
FC

cc: A. Haller  
E. R. Blanchard  
P. V. Townsend  
H. L. Siegan

AP00044135

DIVISION

CUMBERLAND

DELIVER THIS LETTER TO

ADDRESS REPLY TO

Mr. A. H. Taylor

Mr. C. A. Cook

At Murray Hill

At Calvert City

Date June 18, 1962

SUBJECT: GAS CHROMATOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF VC1

Replying to  
your letter dated

At the present time at Calvert City we are analyzing the inlet and exit of our vinyl chloride monomer reactors via gas chromatography. For this analysis we use a Perkin-Elmer 154-C gas chromatograph containing a 6 foot  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch stainless steel column packed with Florepak 80 coated with 20% Silicone DC 200. With a temperature of 35°C., inlet pressure of 5 psi, and 8.2 volts bridge current, air has a retention time of 0.85 minutes,  $C_2H_2$  1.30, HCl 2.50, and VC1 5.4. Chlorine may also be separated on this column, having a retention time of 4 minutes.

While coating 20% liquid substrate on teflon supposedly impossible, we have found that this weight per cent gives us better results than the recommended 10% level. We have also used Silicone DC 220 and found it to be suitable. While we have not tried it, several people have claimed that freezing the teflon prior to preparing columns makes it easier to handle. We have not tried any columns longer or shorter than the present 6 foot column, but have investigated temperature and flow rate and find that the present values give us the best results.

Greenbrier Instruments Company in one of their process gas chromatographs separates  $N_2$ , VC1, HCl, and  $C_2H_2$ . Using a 12 foot silicone on teflon column at 57°C., current of 18 ma., and 60 cc/min. carrier flow,  $N_2$  has a retention time of 1 minute,  $C_2H_2$  1.8, HCl 2.0, and VC1 4.0.

At the recent ISA symposium in Charleston, W. Va., I was talking to some people from Monsanto's Texas City plant and they claimed that DuPont T-6 grade teflon was the best to use for VC1 work. They also mentioned that sometime in the near future their group will be publishing a paper on the analysis of VC1 by gas chromatography.

For work in gas analysis from the stripping section of our polymer plant we use a Perkin-Elmer Kx column (Carbowax 1500) to analyze gas samples containing 90% VC1. At 70°C., 10 psi inlet pressure, and 8.2 volts, VC1 has a retention time of 1.3 minutes, acetaldehyde 4.0, acetone 6.0, vinyl acetate 9.0, and trichloroethylene 13.0.

AP00044136

June 13, 1962

B. F. Goodrich has recommended the use of a 20 foot  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch column containing 30% Armeen SD on chromosorb. At a temperature of 88°C., they claim the following retention times: propene 2.4 minutes, methyl chloride 3.25, VC1 3.40, ethyl chloride 6.40, 2-chlorepropene 7.7, V Br 8.8, VC12 12.2, 3-chlorepropene 14.2, 1,1 dichloroethane 20.2, and chloroprene 22.0.

We have obtained a column of the above type for evaluation on our Micro-Tek instrument but have not found time to do so yet. We also have a 20 foot  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch column containing 10% Armeen SD on teflon which we want to try out.

*C. A. Cook*  
C. A. COOK

CAC:mja

cc: R. L. Siegmann

AP00044137

ARC&C

A. H. Taylor  
Murray Hill

R. L. Siegmann  
Calvert City

June 25, 1962

**ANALYSIS: VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER**

I read with interest the trip report by I. J. Nelson and F. Collob. About a year ago, I discussed Mikkelsen's paper with Bill Morris, Chief Chemist at Goodrich. He stated that Goodrich investigated the procedure and did not like it. Consequently, their research group proceeded in other directions, resulting in the chromatographic method using Arseen SD on chromosorb, described in G. Cook's letter to you, 6/18/62.

This method is now in use by Goodrich at Calvert City. They are performing this analysis on a Beckman GC-2A using thermal conductivity detection. Recently, they have equipped this unit with a hydrogen flame detector and a temperature programmer. I know they planned to evaluate their method using the hydrogen flame detector, but have not heard their results.

From the scans I have seen, they have a problem with VCl tailing, but are reporting results as low as 2 ppm. As did Mikkelsen, they identified impurities by mass spectrometry. My information is that their Louisville lab has detected some 40 impurities and identified about 20. We plan to try Arseen SD on Teflon, with the hope of reducing the tailing of VCl. Goodrich has not tried this yet.

Goodrich uses Micro-Tek snap samplers which are excellent for vinyl chloride. Ethyl Corporation also uses Micro-Tek hardware - snap samplers and the Micro-Tek liquid sample valve. I understand Micro-Tek worked closely with Ethyl and is working with Monoschem at Geismar, La. We have had no success in extracting information from Micro-Tek, for they claim they have had no clearance to release such information, but are trying to get a release from Ethyl.

Attached for your information is a recent analysis of Ethyl Corporation's vinyl chloride and monomer from Goodrich. Both monomers were made via the ethylene dichloride route.

RLS:mja

R. L. SIEGMANN

Attachment

cc: I. J. Nelson  
F. Collob  
A. Miller  
E. B. Blanchard  
P. W. Townsend

AP00044138

# VINYL CHLORIDE

|                                                   | <u>Exhl</u> | <u>Goodrich</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Acidity, as HCl, ppm                              | 0.0         | 0.0             |
| Acetylene, ppm                                    | 0.0         | 0.3             |
| Acetaldehyde, ppm                                 | 0.0         | 0.8             |
| Iron, ppm                                         | 0.1         | 0.01            |
| Water, ppm                                        | 14.0        | 174.0           |
| Non-volatiles, ppm                                | 6.0         | 10.0            |
| Peroxides, as H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , ppm | 0.01        | 1               |
| Sulfur, ppm                                       | 0.0         | 0.07            |
| Dewall Weathering, %                              | 0.1         | 0.3             |
| Polymer Conversion, %                             | 95.1        | 95.0            |
| Resin Viscosity                                   | 2.86        | 2.83            |
| Vinyl Acetylene, ppm                              | 0.05        | -               |
| 1,1-dichloroethylene, ppm                         | 0.00        | -               |
| 1,1-dichloroethane, ppm                           | 0.00        | 1               |
| 1,2-dichloroethane, ppm                           | 0.00        | -               |
| Ethyl chloride, ppm                               | 0.34        | 25.0            |
| 3-chloropropene, ppm                              | -           | 3.0             |
| Dichloromethane                                   | -           | 3.0             |
| Chloroprene                                       | -           | 9.0             |
| Propene                                           | -           | 1               |
| Methyl Chloride                                   | -           | 61.0            |
| Vinyl Bromide                                     | -           | 28.0            |

AP00044139

ARCAC

FILE

G. V. Cole  
New York

H. L. Siegmann  
Calvert City

2/14/62

J. P. FRANK - VINYL CHLORIDE CLAIM

2/12/62

We have stated many times before that the sampling and analysis of vinyl chloride monomer is not as simple as it looks. Even with carefully controlled and standardized procedures, it is almost impossible to duplicate results within normal analytical limits. Our friends at Goodrich also agree with this premise. However, analysis for water in vinyl chloride - under almost any reasonably diverse conditions - will not lead to a difference of 0.3% in the results of two tests.

The standard method in the industry for water in vinyl chloride is the Karl Fischer method. Variations in techniques employed to avoid atmospheric moisture contamination are widespread, but even here, the spread from the best method to the worst method is only in the order of 0.02%.

The sampling technique is an additional source of error - but if one uses a bomb - which is standard - and takes reasonable precautions to avoid contamination, results obtained by the different sampling techniques should not differ by more than a few hundredths of a per cent.

Sampling in open containers - such as a Dewar flask - does lead to very high results in the analysis for water, and, of course, failure to purge sample lines will do the same.

Attached is our current procedure for sampling and analysis for water. Pertinent comments have been added to indicate critical points.

I might add that the tank cars in question were sampled after filling was completed and the sample obtained via the sampling device on the car. This device removes a sample from a well in the car bottom.

BLS:mja  
Attachments

cc: B. R. Krashin - NY  
F. E. Evers - NY  
H. L. Jaffee - NY  
B. V. Cole - NY  
R. F. Casaway - CG

*RL*  
H. L. SIEGMANN

AP00044140

Vinyl Chloride: Analysis for Water

**Sampling Procedure**

1. Purge sample line by venting monomer until liquid monomer begins to discharge. (If sampling tank car, use sample connection, not gauging device.)
2. Immediately connect a clean, dry pressure cylinder which has previously been evacuated. Open the inlet valve and obtain sample.
3. Close valve and disconnect cylinder from system.

- Notes:**
1. If a larger sample is desired, the evacuated cylinder can be cooled by holding it in the stream of vinyl chloride during purging of sample lines, but be sure cylinder is properly grounded.
  2. Where gravity flow is possible, the cylinder should have one valve connected to a dip leg, and the cylinder filled on a weight basis.
  3. Excessive flushing through the cylinder results in concentrating higher boiling impurities such as acetaldehyde and water within the cylinder. The procedures above eliminate this hazard.

**Analytical Procedure**

Reagents:

1. Dry Methanol
2. Karl Fischer Reagent (Single solution, stabilised)

Apparatus:

1. Taseo "Dead Stop" titrimeter (Wilkins Anderson Co.)
2. Titration vessel
3. Mettler Gramatic "800" balance

AM 6000 - C 4 (Cont'd)

Analytical Procedure (Cont'd)

Procedure:

1. Dry electrodes and stirrer with Kleenex. Dry titration vessel in oven at 105°C. and cool in desiccator.
2. Add 50 ml of methanol to dry titration vessel and run a blank. (Upper dial at 70, lower dial at 35.) Run to a 20 second endpoint.
3. Add 50 ml of methanol to a second dry titration vessel, tare on balance and add 20 grams of vinyl chloride after insuring that the sample cylinder nipple is clean and dry.
4. Immediately connect vessel to auto titrator and stopper. Titrate using same settings as in the blank determination and to a 20 second endpoint.

Calculations:

$$\text{H}_2\text{O, ppm} = \frac{(\text{ml KF for sample} - \text{ml KF for blank}) \times (\text{H}_2\text{O factor})}{\text{weight of sample}} \times 10,000$$

H<sub>2</sub>O factor: Determine by proceeding as for blank determination. When endpoint is reached, weigh in one drop of water from a weighing bottle or from a vial fitted with a medicine dropper mounted in a cork stopper. Titrate to end point as above. Use this titration for calculating factor.

$$\text{H}_2\text{O factor} = \frac{\text{grams of H}_2\text{O}}{\text{ml KF}} \times 100$$

Notes: 1. While many laboratories neutralize the water in the methanol solvent before adding vinyl chloride - instead of running a blank - it has been found that high results are obtained, particularly on high humidity days. At the end point, a slight excess of KF reagent is present which rapidly reacts with atmospheric moisture during the subsequent handling.

AM 6000 - G 4 (Cont'd)

Analytical Procedure (Cont'd)

Notes: (Cont'd)

2. If a Mettler "600" balance is not available for rapid weighing, cylinder can be weighed before and after adding the monomer to the titration vessel. Weigh to  $\pm 0.1$  gram.
3. The vinyl chloride will boil off from the vessel during the procedure, effectively blanketing the system and avoiding atmospheric contamination. The water from the vinyl chloride remains in the methanol. The vessel containing the methanol is not pre-cooled to prevent loss of monomer because the RF reaction rate is extremely slow at low temperatures.
4. Titration to a visual end point can be used with resultant loss in accuracy.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

AP00044143

CUMBERLAND

R. L. Siegmann (2)

Calvert City

C. A. Cook

Calvert City

February 23, 1961

Cost of VCl Monomer Analysis

In determining the cost of a laboratory analysis of vinyl chloride monomer shipment samples, the following times for analysis were used:

|                                        |                          |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aldehydes                              | 45 minutes               |
| Acid and C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> | 60 minutes               |
| Turbidity                              | 10 minutes               |
| Conversion                             | 95 minutes               |
| Non-volatiles                          | 35 minutes               |
| Water                                  | 35 minutes               |
| Dorell Weathering                      | 20 minutes               |
| Iron                                   | 45 minutes               |
| Resin Viscosity                        | 35 minutes               |
| Bomb Cleanup                           | 5 minutes                |
|                                        | <u>385 minutes Total</u> |

In addition, 15 minutes is allowed for laboratory observation of sample pulling, giving a total time of 400 minutes. This is actual working time and does not take into account the many waiting periods that occur during a monomer analysis such as allowing the VCl to vaporize off, polymerization time or freeze-thaw time in polymer conversion test. Time has been allowed for the preparation of reagents and apparatus cleanup in all cases where required.

At a cost of analysis of \$4.59 per hour (the figure supplied by Accounting Department) a total analysis time of 400 minutes would put the cost of a VCl shipment analysis at \$32.63.

It is felt that in general all time figures are on the conservative side and would only be attainable by a technician under optimum conditions.

AP00044144

Mr. R. L. Siegmann (2)

- 2 -

February 23, 1961

This figure of \$32.63 per shipment analysis would apply to one sample being carried all the way through. Obviously if several samples were run at the same time, some savings would be noted. Also this data assumes that the monomer is uninhibited. If the monomer was inhibited the cost of analysis would be significantly higher.

CHARLES A. COOK  
Project Chemist

CAC:mja

AP00044145

CUMBERLAND

F. Wood  
Calvert City

C. A. Cook  
Calvert City

May 10, 1962

VINYL CHLORIDE CATALYST

The following is for your information:

- A. Catalysts for VCl. I Calculation of the Complicated Reaction Equilibrium in the Synthesis of VCl. The specific action of sublimate catalyst. Janda, Chemi. zvesti 11 15-23 (1957)

---

Kp values experimentally found in the synthesis of VCl from  $C_2H_2$  and HCl with  $HgCl_2$  and active C as catalyst, were compared with the theoretical thermodynamic values. The equilibrium composition in the reaction mixture at 350-550°. K was calculated. Even at the initial mole ratio VCl = 1:1, the conversion of  $C_2H_2$  to VCl decreases permanently with the increasing temperature, and the conversion to 1,1-dichloroethane (II) first slightly increases and at temperatures about 230° decreases rapidly. This was found to be true by experiment. By comparing the theoretical calculations with practical results in the formation of II in the excess of HCl the selective effect of the catalyst ( $HgCl_2$  on active C) was determined in the reaction forming VCl.

- B. II Increasing the Activity of the  $HgCl_2$  Catalyst by the Addition of Inorganic Acids. Effect of the carrier of the catalyst salt on the activity and selectivity of the catalyst. Janda & Vanko, Ibid 248-58

---

In the synthesis of VCl from  $C_2H_2$  and HCl, the activity of the  $HgCl_2$  catalyst is increased by the addition of equimolar amounts of  $H_3PO_4$ , and  $HClO_4$  to the  $HgCl_2$  on active C. The increase in activity of the catalyst is dependent upon polarity of the acid and increases in the order  $H_3PO_4 < H_2SO_4 < HClO_4$ . The chemical nature of the mercuric salt does not affect the selectivity of the catalyst. The type of active C used to prepare the catalyst does affect the activity as well as selectivity. The higher the amounts of iron and zinc in the active C, the higher the formation of higher boiling by products.

AP00044146

May 10, 1962

C. III Conditions for Development of Side Reaction Products.  
Ibid 660

---

VCl, synthesized above 150° on a catalyst prepared by impregnating active C with HgCl<sub>2</sub>, contains from the products boiling above 20°, MeCHCl<sub>2</sub> (II) trans (ClCH=)<sub>2</sub> (III), AcH (IV) and in smaller amounts cis (ClCH=)<sub>2</sub> (IV), ClCH<sub>2</sub>CHCl<sub>2</sub> (VI) and CH<sub>2</sub>=CCl<sub>2</sub> (VII). In the system for the formation of IV and VII water is necessary. Formation of III, V, and VII is dependent on the amount of free chlorine in the HCl entering the reaction. In reaction of HCl with VCl, the formation of II, III, and VI and part of IV and VCl is catalyzed by the active C, while the other part of VCl and IV, VII, and V is catalyzed by HgCl<sub>2</sub>.

D. IV Reaction Intermediates Formed During Synthesis in the Presence of Water. Ibid 12 37-47 (1958)

---

The preparation and properties of some unknown compounds formed during the synthesis of VCl on HgCl<sub>2</sub> catalyst in the presence of water are described. The formula for the final compound was found to be OHCC (Hg-Cl)<sub>2</sub> HgO HgC(HgCl)<sub>2</sub> - CHCl<sub>2</sub>. HgCl<sub>2</sub> catalyzes the formation of VCl even if not spread on matter having a large specific surface.

E. V Form of Inactivation of Hg Contact. Ibid 155-62

---

In the synthesis of VCl, the HgCl<sub>2</sub> catalyst is mostly deactivated by the excess and unreacted C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> and by the humidity of the reaction system. The decrease of catalyst activity caused by the pressure of HgCl<sub>2</sub> vapor is negligible in the praxis. The only significant reaction leading partly to the reduction of HgCl<sub>2</sub> to Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and metallic Hg and partly to the formation of elementary C is the reaction between C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, HgCl<sub>2</sub>, and water. This does not agree with finding of others.

G. A. COOK

CAC:mja

AP00044147

ARCAC

L. Barnes, Jr.

Murray Hill

J. Parker

Calvert City

FILE

June 14, 1961

DETERMINATION OF ACETALDEHYDE IN  
VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER

Thanks for the letter of May 31, Lou. A letter from you is always welcome --- even one that requires an answer.

But before answering your questions, I would like to inject some comments. First of all, I have no quarrel with the 2-methylindole method --- it has been in use for a long time and enjoys a good reputation. Why then develop a "gadget" method that smacks of hieromancy? Simply because it has the following advantages over the turbidimetric procedure.

1. The polarographic method is five times faster.
2. The reagents are stable.
3. It is a simpler procedure with fewer steps.
4. It appears to be more reproducible.
5. It can quantitatively separate mixed aldehydes.  
(see attached chart)
6. It can determine from 0.5 to over 1000 ppm aldehyde without the necessity of diluting or otherwise juggling the sample size.

But lets get down to cases. The 2-methylindole procedure requires about 3 hours for completion as compared with 30 minutes for the polarograph. And if the aldehyde content goes much above 10 ppm the 2-methylindole procedure has to be repeated --- another 3 hours lost.

An example. Recently the lab received a monomer sample containing gross amounts of aldehyde. The shifts made two attempts to obtain results using the turbidimetric method --- only to end up titrating the sample. Therefore it took some 6 hours to find an approximate answer as compared with 30 minutes using the polarograph.

While it is true that in any method speed should be ancillary to accuracy, wouldn't it be nice to have an aldehyde method that is both fast and accurate?

AP00044148

June 14, 1961

But before I get completely carried away let's get on with answering your questions.

Answer to question No. 1

From the data we have gathered so far the polarographic method appears to be reproducible within 0.3 ppm as compared with 1.0 ppm for the turbidimetric method.

Answer to question No. 2

The polarographic results are not always higher. See the attached results.

Answer to question No. 3

Calibration curves for both methods were prepared using acetaldehyde-ammonia complex. These curves are attached.

As a check, some acetaldehyde (Eastman) was added to vinyl chloride monomer and determined using both methods. The results on repetitive samples run independently were:

| polarograph | 2-methylindole |
|-------------|----------------|
| 8.2 ppm     | 6.3 ppm        |
| 8.5         | 7.2            |
| 8.5         |                |

Answer to question No. 4

A mistake was made in the 2-methylindole procedure sent to you. We no longer add the 10 ml of water to the 1 ml of concentrated ammonium hydroxide.

And now for some results.

When we first developed the method we took a sample of monomer and ran several independent analyses. The results were:

| polarograph | 2-methylindole |
|-------------|----------------|
| 3.1 ppm     | 3.2 ppm        |
| 3.0         |                |
| 3.0         |                |
| 2.8         |                |
| 2.8         |                |
| 2.7         |                |

On another sample of monomer that had been reported "less than 1 ppm aldehyde" we found 0.7 and 0.7 ppm on duplicate samples.

AP00044149

Mr. L. Barnes, Jr.

- 3 -

June 14, 1961

Since the polarographic method has been used only when there has been some confusion about the results obtained by our lab and those reported by one of our suppliers, we are at present somewhat flummoxed as to just what the accuracy of the method is. For an example, here is an interesting case.

Our supplier reported 11.8 ppm aldehyde on a tank car --- only to rescind that figure for 5.6 ppm. The shifts found 8 to 10 ppm on this car. The polarograph found 11.2 and 11.2 ppm.

In the second car taken from the same storage tank the supplier stuck to his 5.6 ppm figure. The shifts found 6.9 and 6.9 ppm. The polarograph found 11.2 and 11.0 ppm. What to believe?

Some more results.

|          | polarograph       | 2-methylindole  |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sample 1 | 8.2<br>8.5<br>8.5 | 7.2<br>6.3      |
| Sample 2 | 5.7<br>5.5        | 6.9             |
| Sample 3 | 8.5<br>8.1        | 10.6<br>over 10 |
| Sample 4 | 19.3              | 14.0            |
| Sample 5 | 0.8               | less than 1     |
| Sample 6 | 1.3               | less than 1     |
| Sample 7 | 11.6<br>11.6      | 8.0             |

That's about it, Lou. We'll get the shifts to run both methods so we can gather more detailed information. We also might obtain some small, weighable sample bombs and bubble the monomer directly into the polarographic cell.

Before closing it probably should be mentioned that we did investigate the effect of the nitrogen purge --- and we did investigate to see how well the aldehydes were entrapped in the buffer solution.

Thanks for your interest, Lou. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you might care to make.

JP:mja

Attachments

cc: R. L. Siegmann  
A. H. Taylor

W. J. PARKER

C. A. Manser  
R. A. Wilson

AP00044150

Cumberland

R. A. Wilson (2)

Calvert City

R. L. Siegmann

Calvert City

10/25/60

VINYL CHLORIDE RUN DOWN TANK ANALYSES

Attached are typical run down analyses for the various periods of operation as requested by you. There are, of course, many more such analyses available, but they do not differ significantly from those listed.

*RLS*  
R. L. SIEGMANN

RLS:mja

Attachment

cc: 1. C. R. Wagner  
2. J. W. Frevert  
3. R. F. Gasaway

AP00044151

# TYPICAL VINYL CHLORIDE RUN DOWN TANK ANALYSES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>parts per million</u> |                                   |             |                       |            |                     | <u>OC.<br/>Dorell</u> | <u>Conv.</u> | <u>Resin<br/>Viscosit</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
|             | <u>Aldehyde</u>          | <u>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub></u> | <u>Iron</u> | <u>H<sub>2</sub>O</u> | <u>HCl</u> | <u>Non-<br/>vol</u> |                       |              |                           |
| 2-20-60     | 3.4                      | 0.8                               | nil         | 220                   | 8          | 59                  | 0.4                   | 75.7         | 2.53                      |
| 2-26-60     | 4.7                      | nil                               | 0.4         | 480                   | 4.0        | 97                  | 0.15                  | 85.0         | 2.86                      |
| 3-1-60      | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 140                   | 1.9        | 7                   | 0.15                  | 90.0         | 2.99                      |
| 3-5-60      | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 269                   | 0.7        | 8                   | 0.35                  | 90.0         | 2.97                      |
| 3-15-60     | 1.3                      | nil                               | 0.1         | 264                   | 4.9        | 28                  | 0.2                   | 91.5         | 2.93                      |
| 4-5-60      | 6.6                      | nil                               | nil         | 314                   | 4.5        | 22                  | 0.15                  | 92.4         | 2.92                      |
| 5-14-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 613                   | nil        | 67                  | 0.1                   | 94.0         | 2.84                      |
| 5-17-60     | nil                      | nil                               | 0.2         | 975                   | 3.6        | 141                 | 0.1                   | 98.0         | 2.67                      |
| 6-13-60     | nil                      | 0.5                               | nil         | 664                   | 1.0        | 58                  | 0.2                   | 93.0         | 2.88                      |
| 6-15-60     | <5                       | 2                                 | nil         | 677                   | 6.0        | 201                 | 0.1                   | 94.0         | 2.82                      |
| 6-20-60     | 1.0                      | nil                               | nil         | 434                   | nil        | 83                  | 0.2                   | 87.0         | 3.05                      |
| 7-1-60      | <5                       | 0.8                               | 0.01        | 1035                  | nil        | 68                  | 0.1                   | 93.0         | 2.89                      |
| 7-6-60      | <5                       | 0.8                               | nil         | 792                   | 0.8        | 100                 | 0.2                   | 93.5         | 2.92                      |
| 7-17-60     | <5                       | nil                               | nil         | 789                   | 2.9        | 20                  | 0.15                  | 91.5         | 3.15                      |
| 8-27-60     | 1.8                      | 2.8                               | 1.7         | 929                   | nil        | 45                  | 0.1                   | 94.0         | 2.78                      |
| 8-31-60     | 0.6                      | nil                               | nil         | 872                   | 4.9        | 18                  | 0.05                  | 96.5         | 2.71                      |
| 9-5-60      | 0.9                      | nil                               | nil         | 583                   | 1.7        | 34                  | 0.2                   | 97.0         | 2.90                      |
| 9-20-60     | <1                       | nil                               | nil         | 646                   | nil        | 34                  | 0.2                   | 96.0         | 2.80                      |
| 9-24-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 448                   | nil        | 40                  | 0.2                   | 96.0         | 2.68                      |
| 9-24-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 573                   | nil        | 302                 | 0.15                  | 96.0         | 3.22                      |
| 9-28-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 977                   | 3.2        | 60                  | 0.15                  | 95.3         | 2.74                      |
| 10-2-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 933                   | 3.2        | 476                 | 0.2                   | 97.0         | 2.67                      |
| 10-6-60     | nil                      | nil                               | nil         | 637                   | nil        | 9                   | 0.2                   | 96.6         | 2.73                      |
| 10-7-60     | nil                      | nil                               | 0.6         | 770                   | nil        | 24                  | 0.2                   | 97.7         | 2.75                      |
| 10-9-60     | nil                      | 1.6                               | nil         | 324                   | nil        | 22                  | 0.2                   | 97.5         | 2.73                      |
| 10-12-60    | 1.25                     | nil                               | nil         | 528                   | nil        | 19                  | 0.2                   | 97.9         | 2.55                      |

AP00044152

|          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| 10-17-60 | nil | nil | nil | 260 | nil | 112 | 0.3 | 96.0 | 2.62 |
| 10-18-60 | nil | nil | nil | 375 | nil | 12  | 0.2 | 82.3 | 2.91 |
| 10-20-60 | nil | nil | nil | 303 | nil | 53  | 0.2 | 89.3 | 3.05 |
| 10-23-60 | 3   | nil | nil | 86  | nil | 294 | 0.2 | 95.5 | 3.17 |

**AP00044153**