

# Residual Solvent Analysis

Implementing USP <467>

- Satisfy USP <467> requirements—detailed procedures inside.
- Improve system suitability pass rates with an optimized system.
- Easy technical tips ensure successful implementation.

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# Achieving USP <467> Compliance— Your Guide to Successfully Implementing the Revised Method

## Overview of Method

The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) general chapter <467> Residual Solvents is a widely used compendial method for identifying and quantifying residual solvents when no information is available on what solvents are likely to be present. In an attempt to harmonize with the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines, the USP proposed a more comprehensive method in USP 30/NF 25. This revision significantly increases the number of residual solvents to be routinely tested and includes three distinct procedures.<sup>1</sup>

The revised USP <467> method consists of a static headspace extraction coupled with a gas chromatographic separation and flame ionization detection. In this guide, we demonstrate the USP <467> application using two different types of headspace autosamplers. Procedure A was performed using a pressured loop autosampler and transfer line. Procedure B was performed using a heated syringe injection. Either system can be used to meet method requirements.

USP <467> is divided into two separate sections based upon sample solubility: water-soluble and water-insoluble articles. The methodology for both types of articles is similar, but the diluent used in both standard and sample preparations differs based upon the solubility of the test article. The test method consists of three procedures (A, B, and C), that are designed to identify, confirm, and then quantify residual solvents in drug substances and products (Figure 1).

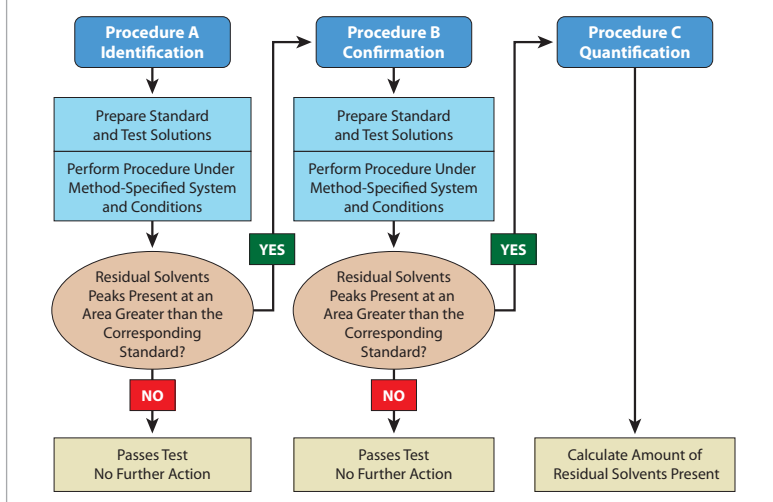
## Analytical Reference Materials

The ICH guideline classifies residual solvents by class according to toxicity. Class 1 compounds are carcinogenic and pose a risk to both the consumer and the environment. The use of these solvents must be avoided or tightly controlled. Class 2 compounds are nongenotoxic animal carcinogens and their concentration should be limited. Both Class 1 and 2 compounds require chromatographic determination and are separated into 3 test mixes: Class 1 Mixture, Class 2 Mixture A, and Class 2 Mixture B. Class 3 compounds have low toxic potential. Concentration levels of up to 0.5% are acceptable and, therefore, they can be assayed by nonspecific techniques, such as weight loss on drying. Class 2 Mixture C is not used in the current USP <467> and contains solvents that are not readily detectable by headspace analysis. These solvents should be assayed by other appropriately validated procedures.

## Procedure A - Identification

Procedure A is the first step in the identification process and is performed on a 6% cyanopropylphenyl-94% dimethyl polysiloxane (G43) column to determine if any residual solvents are present in the sample at detectable levels. First, Class 1 standard and system suitability solutions and Class 2 Mix A standard solutions are assayed under the method-specified operating conditions to establish system suitability. In the Class 1 system suitability solution, all peaks must have a signal-to-noise ratio not less than 3, and the 1,1,1-trichloroethane response must be greater than 5. Also, the resolution of acetonitrile and dichloromethane must be not less than 1 in the Class 2 Mixture A solution. When system suitability has been achieved, the test solutions are assayed along with the Class 1 and Class 2 Mixtures A and B standard solutions. If a peak is determined in the sample that matches a retention time and has a greater response than that of a corresponding reference material, then Procedure B is performed for verification of the analyte. In the second supplement of USP 30/NF 25, an exemption was made for 1,1,1-trichloroethane, where a response greater than 150 times the peak response denotes an amount above the percent daily exposure limit. Figures 2 through 4 illustrate the analysis of Class 1, Class 2 Mixture A, and Class 2 Mixture B residual solvent mixes by Procedure A.

**Figure 1** Analytical flow chart for residual solvent testing under the revised USP <467> method.



<sup>1</sup> This number of analytes to be tested represents the sum of Class 1 and 2 residual solvents that can be effectively assayed using HS/GC. The actual number of analytes may be more if xylenes, ethyl benzene and *cis/trans* 1,2 dichloroethylene are differentiated, or if circumstances require the quantification of specific Class 3 residual solvents.

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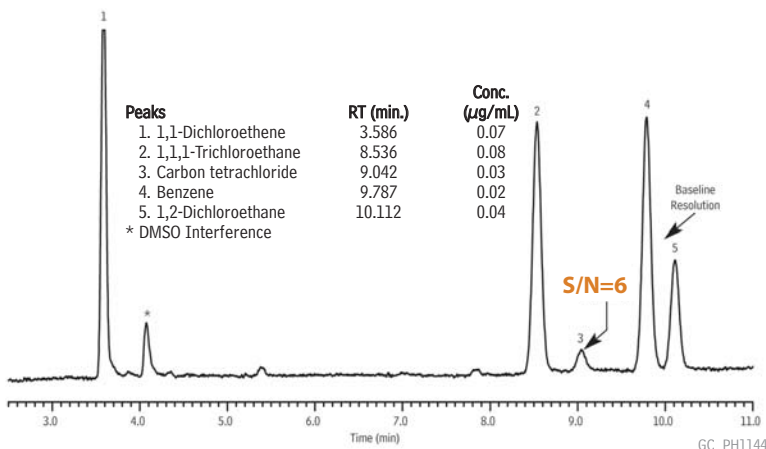
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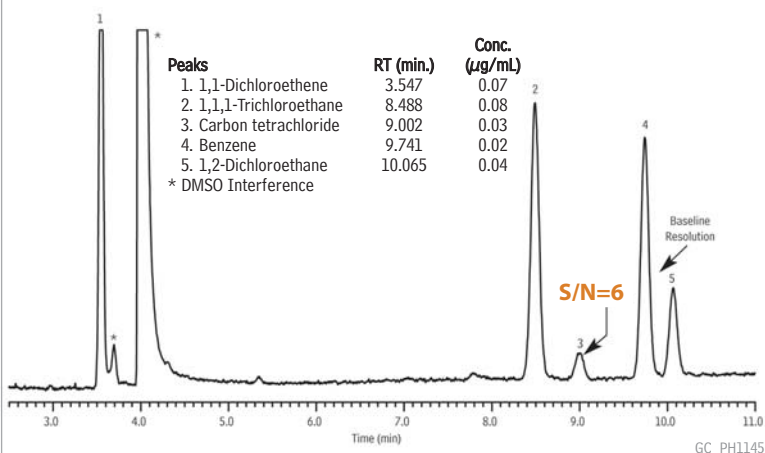


**Figure 2** USP residual solvent Class 1 standard solution on an Rxi®-624Sil MS (G43) column.

**A: Water-Soluble Articles**



**B: Water-Insoluble Articles**



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Increase the signal-to-noise ratio for carbon tetrachloride by using an appropriate data acquisition rate. 5–10 Hz is sufficient for peak widths of 0.1 minutes or above.

**Column** Rxi®-624Sil MS, 30 m, 0.32 mm ID, 1.80 µm (cat.# 13870)  
**Sample** Residual Solvents - Class 1 (cat.# 36279)  
**Diluent:**  
 Chromatogram A: water  
 Chromatogram B: DMSO  
**Injection** headspace-loop split (split ratio 5:1)  
 1mm Split (cat.# 20972)  
**Liner:**  
**Headspace-Loop**  
 Inj. Port Temp.: 140 °C  
 Instrument: Tekmar HT3  
 Inj. Time: 1 min.  
 Transfer Line Temp.: 110 °C  
 Valve Oven Temp.: 110 °C  
 Sample Temp.: 80 °C  
 Sample Equil. Time: 60 min.  
 Vial Pressure: 10 psi  
 Pressurize Time: 0.5 min.  
 Pressure  
 Equilibration Time: 0.05 min.  
 Loop Pressure: 5 psi  
 Loop Fill Time: 0.1 min.  
**Oven**  
 Oven Temp: 40 °C (hold 20 min.) to 240 °C at 10 °C/min. (hold 20 min.)  
**Carrier Gas**  
 Linear Velocity: He, constant flow  
 35 cm/sec.  
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**Detector**  
 Data Rate: 5 Hz  
 FID @ 250 °C  
**Instrument**  
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DMSO, when used in water-insoluble articles, can cause peak interferences and carryover. Contaminants can be removed by baking out the sample path at high temperatures between sample batches. Alternatively, DMF or DMI can be used if interferences are present.

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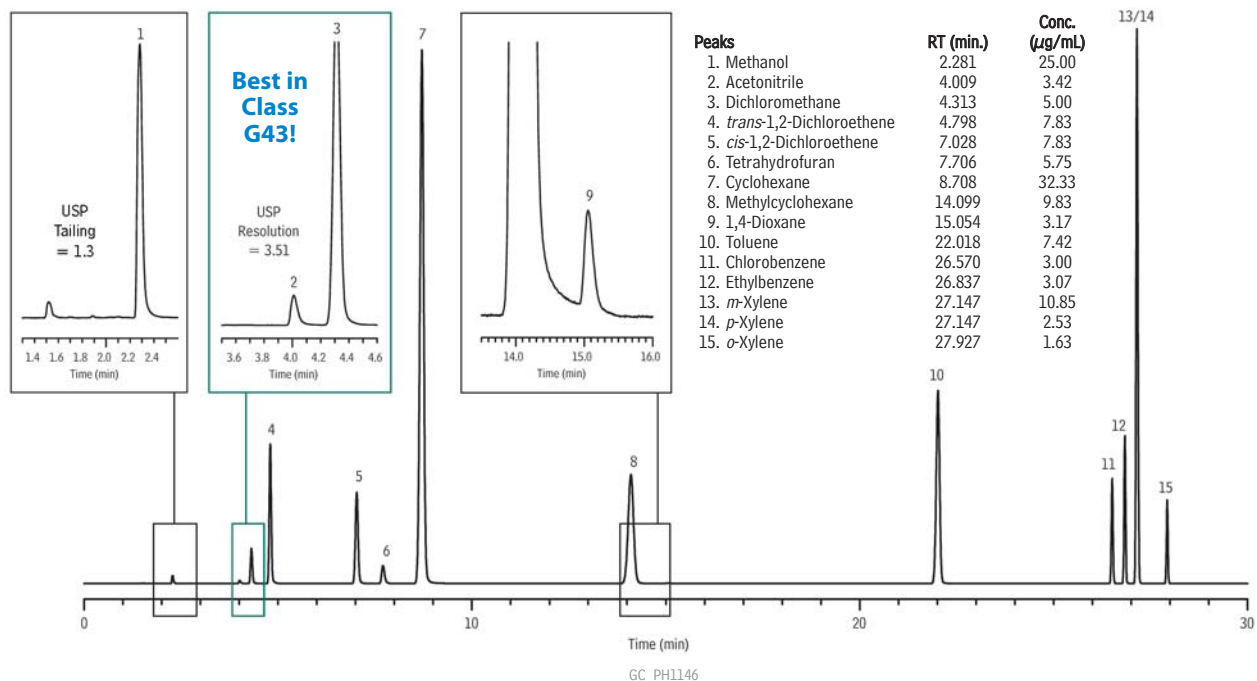


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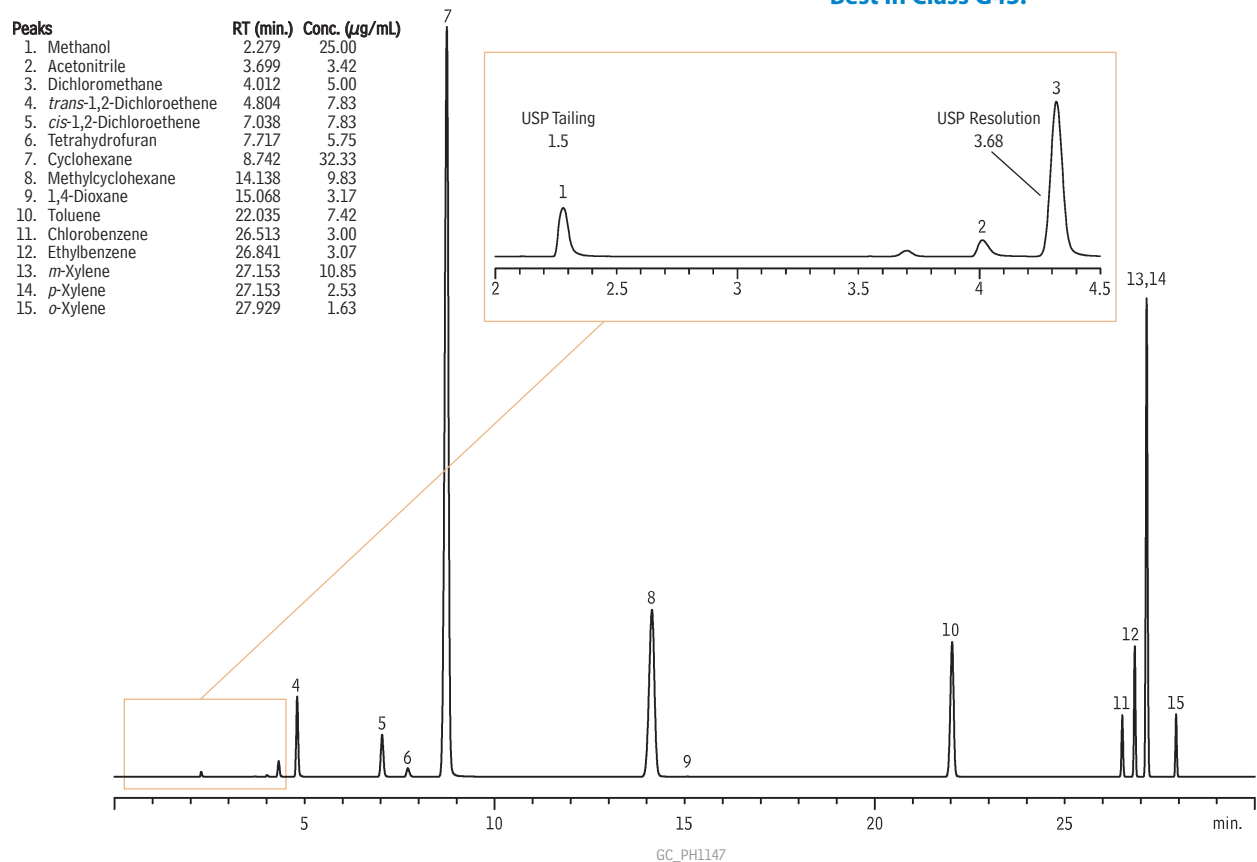
**Figure 3** USP residual solvent Class 2 Mixture A standard solution on an Rxi®-624Sil MS (G43) column.

**A: Water-Soluble Articles**



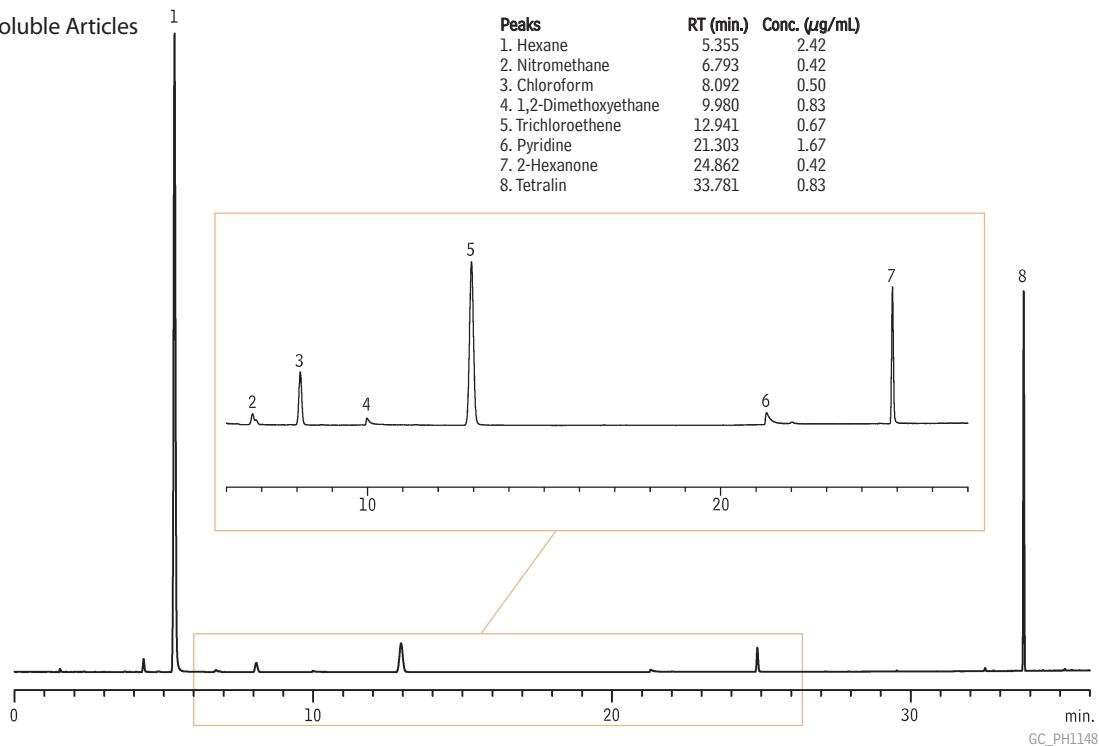
**B: Water-Insoluble Articles**

See Figure 2 for Conditions.  
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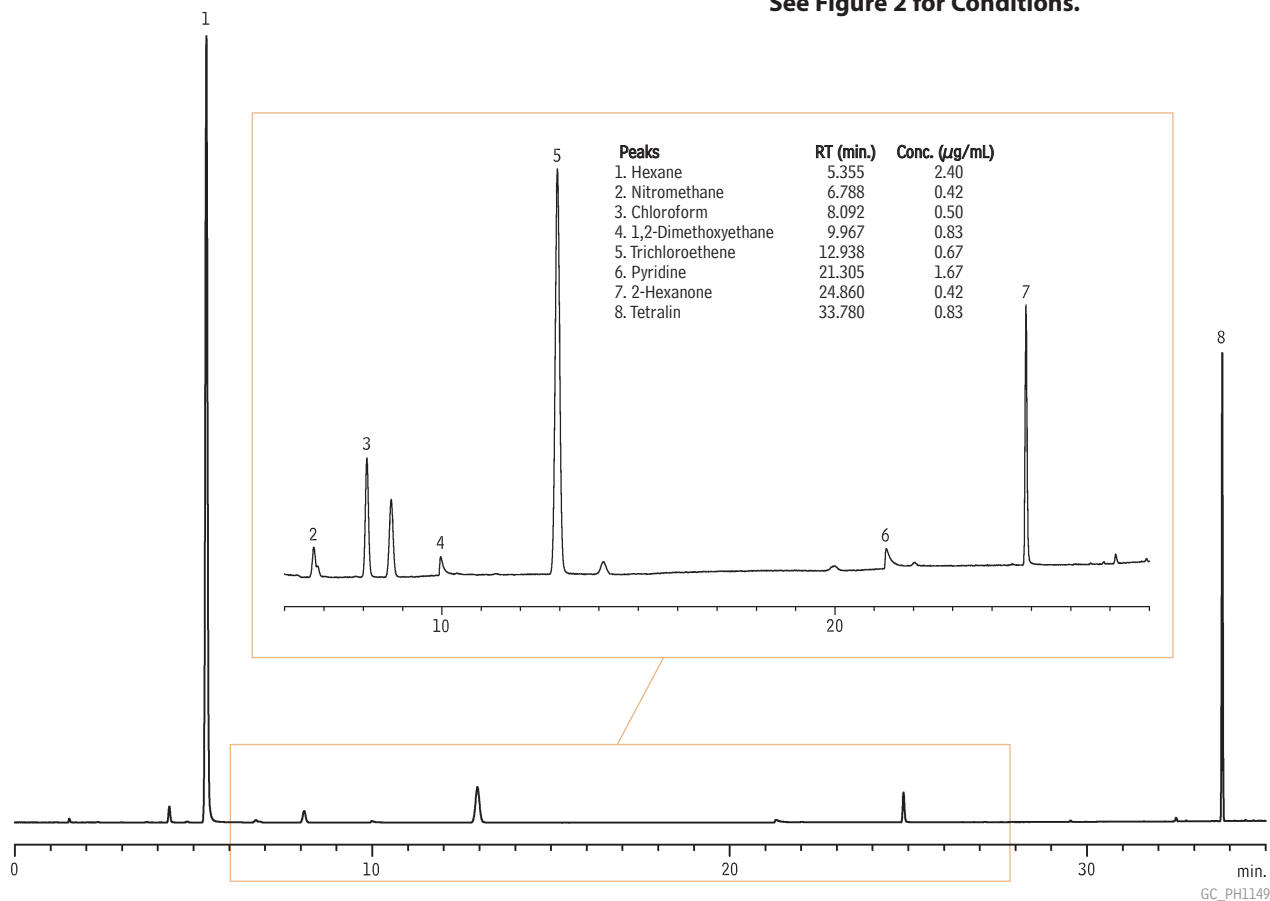
**Figure 4** USP residual solvent Class 2 Mixture B standard solution on an Rxi®-624Sil MS (G43) column.

**A: Water-Soluble Articles**

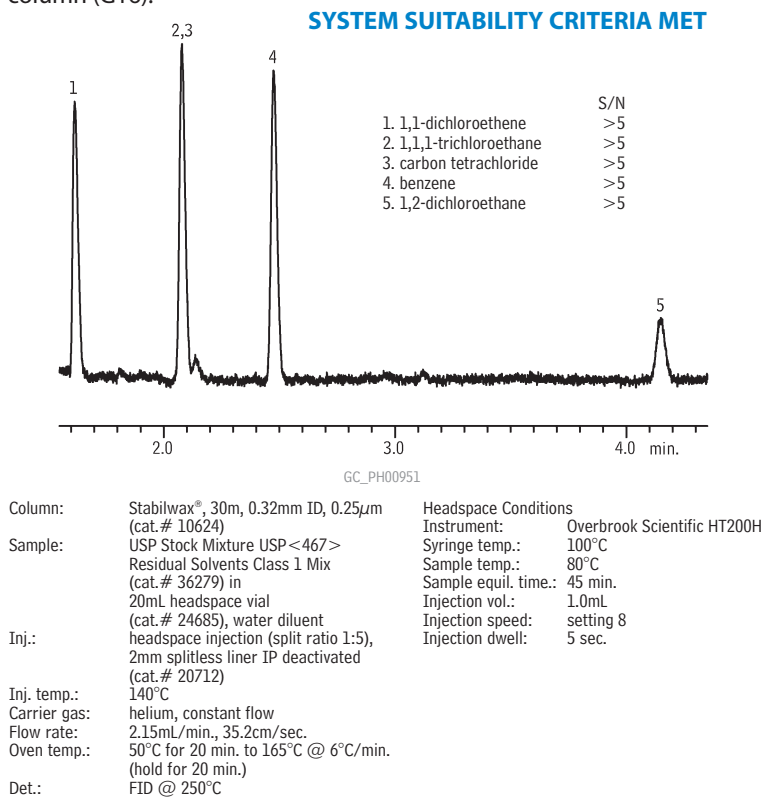


**B: Water-Insoluble Articles**

**See Figure 2 for Conditions.**



**Figure 5** USP residual solvent Class 1 standard solution on a Stabilwax® column (G16).



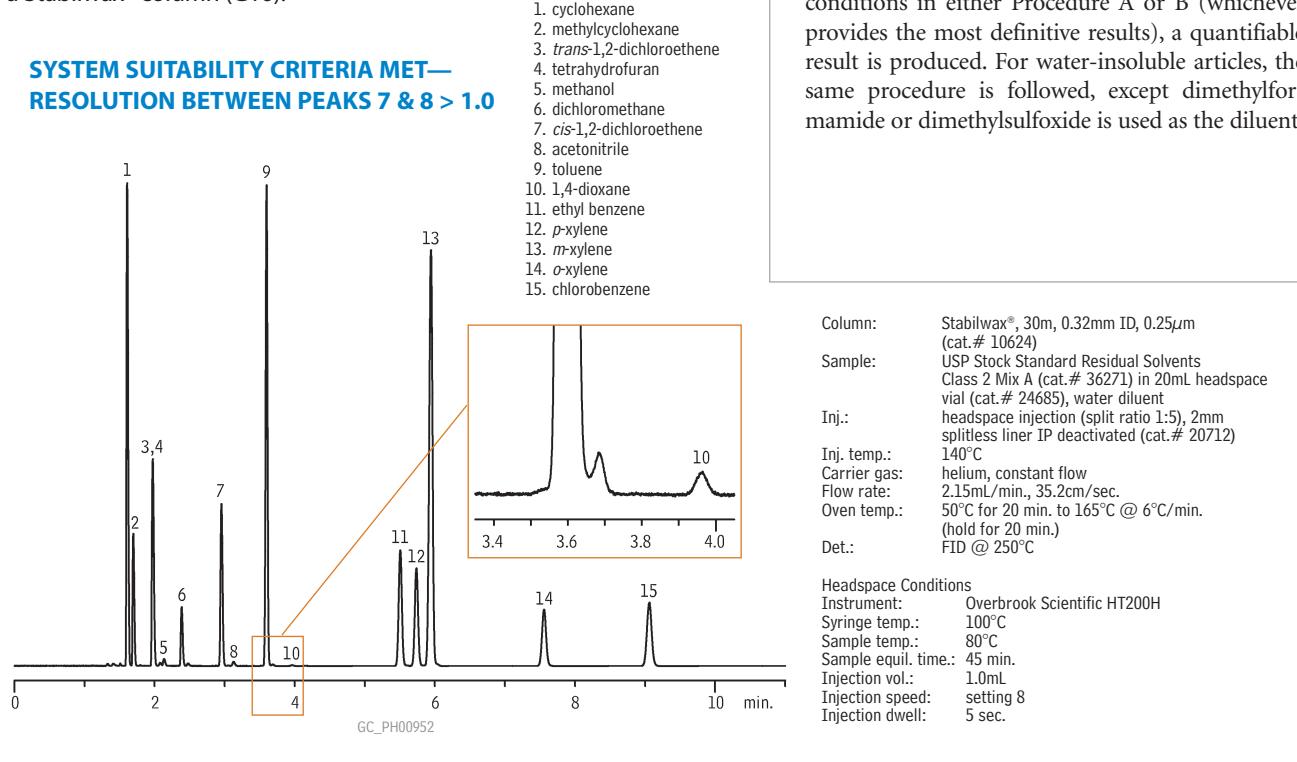
## Procedure B - Confirmation

Once a residual solvent is identified and found to be above the percent daily exposure limit, Procedure B is performed to confirm analyte identity. A G16 capillary column is used here as a confirmation column, because it yields an alternate selectivity compared to a G43 column. The same standard and system suitability preparations are used in Procedures A and B. The system suitability requirements differ here in that the Class 1 standard solution must have a benzene response greater than 5 and the resolution of acetonitrile and *cis*-dichloroethene must not be less than 1 in the Class 2 Mixture A solution, a change from the original version. If the analyte identified in Procedure A again matches the retention time and exceeds the peak response of the reference materials (with the same exception to 1,1,1-trichloroethane), the analyst must quantify the analyte using Procedure C. Figures 5 through 7 illustrate the analysis of Class 1, Class 2 Mixture A, and Class 2 Mixture B residual solvent mixes on a Stabilwax® column. Again, the system suitability requirements were easily met.

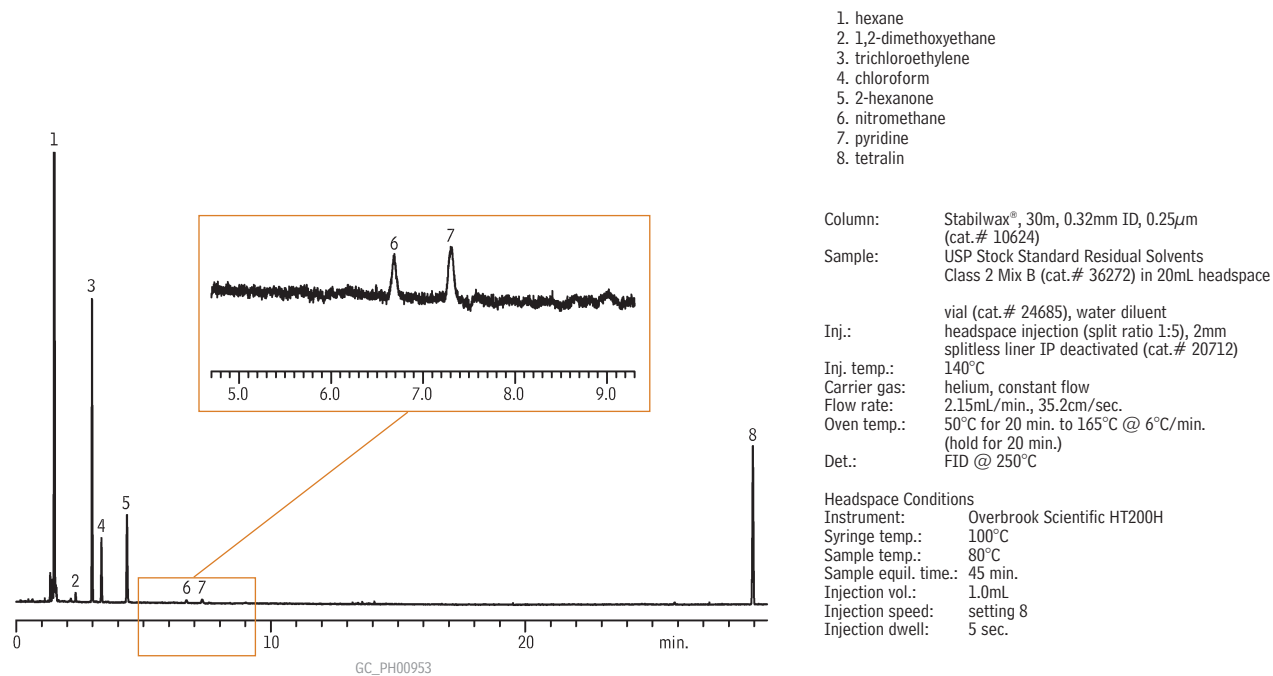
## Procedure C - Quantification

Once a residual solvent has been identified and verified, Procedure C is used to quantify the analyte by analyzing the sample against compound-specific reference materials. Individual standards are prepared by diluting the analyte in solution to a concentration of 1/20 of the concentration limit given under concentration limit Table 1 or 2 of the method. Following the procedure and instrument conditions in either Procedure A or B (whichever provides the most definitive results), a quantifiable result is produced. For water-insoluble articles, the same procedure is followed, except dimethylformamide or dimethylsulfoxide is used as the diluent.

**Figure 6** USP residual solvent Class 2 Mixture A standard solution on a Stabilwax® column (G16).



**Figure 7** USP residual solvent Class 2 Mixture B standard solution on a Stabilwax® column (G16).



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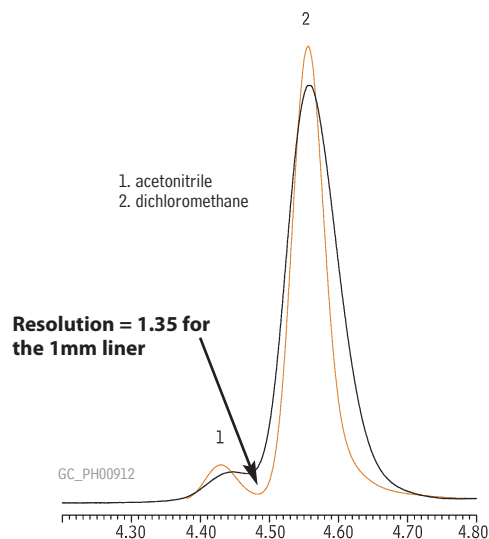
Keep system dead volume low by using a 1mm split liner for systems using a transfer line.

### Use Smaller Bore Liners for Better Resolution and Sensitivity

The function of an injection port in headspace analysis is very different than in direct liquid injection. In direct injection, the sample is vaporized in the injection port and larger volume liners (e.g., 4mm) are typically used since the liner must be able to accommodate the solvent expansion volume. In contrast, in headspace analysis, the sample is vaporized inside the headspace vial and the resulting gas sample is simply transferred into the injection port via a transfer line or syringe injection. Since solvent vaporization does not occur in the liner, a large volume liner is not needed and, in fact, the use of one can cause deleterious effects such as band broadening and decreased peak efficiency. For headspace applications, a smaller bore liner, preferably 1mm, is recommended. The smaller liner volume reduces band broadening by increasing linear velocity in the liner allowing faster sample transfer and improving resolution (Figure 8).

**Figure 8** Improve system suitability pass rates using smaller bore liners.

Resolution passes system suitability when using a 1mm liner (red line), but fails if a 4mm liner is used due to a loss of peak efficiency (black line).



## USP-equivalent Standards

### Residual Solvents - Class 1

benzene	10mg/mL	1,1-dichloroethene	40
carbon tetrachloride	20	1,1,1-trichloroethane	50
1,2-dichloroethane	25		

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 36279 (ea.)

### Residual Solvents Class 2 - Mix A

acetonitrile	2.05mg/mL	methylcyclohexane	5.90
chlorobenzene	1.80	methylene chloride	3.00
cyclohexane	19.40	tetrahydrofuran	3.45
<i>cis</i> -1,2-dichloroethene	4.70	toluene	4.45
<i>trans</i> -1,2-dichloroethene	4.70	<i>m</i> -xylene	6.51
1,4-dioxane	1.90	<i>o</i> -xylene	0.98
ethylbenzene	1.84	<i>p</i> -xylene	1.52
methanol	15.00		

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 36271 (ea.)

### Residual Solvents Class 2 - Mix B

chloroform	60µg/mL	nitromethane	50
1,2-dimethoxyethane	100	pyridine	200
<i>n</i> -hexane (C6)	290	tetralin	100
2-hexanone	50	trichloroethene	80

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
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### Residual Solvents Class 2 - Mix C

2-ethoxyethanol	800µg/mL	2-methoxyethanol (methyl	
ethylene glycol	3,100	Cellosolve)	250
formamide	1,100	N-methylpyrrolidone	2,650
N,N-dimethylacetamide	5,450	sulfolane	800
N,N-dimethylformamide	4,400		

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 36273 (ea.)

### USP <467> Singles

Volume is 1mL/ampul.

Compound	Solvent	Conc.	cat.# (ea.)
acetonitrile	DMSO	2.05mg/mL	36281
benzene	DMSO	10mg/mL	36282
carbon tetrachloride	DMSO	20mg/mL	36283
chlorobenzene	DMSO	1.8mg/mL	36284
chloroform	DMSO	0.3mg/mL	36285
cyclohexane	DMSO	19.4mg/mL	36286
1,1-dichloroethene	DMSO	40mg/mL	36287
1,2-dichloroethane	DMSO	25mg/mL	36288
<i>cis</i> -1,2-dichloroethylene	DMSO	4.67mg/mL	36289
<i>trans</i> -1,2-dichloroethylene	DMSO	4.67mg/mL	36290
1,2-dimethoxyethane	DMSO	0.5mg/mL	36291
N,N-dimethylacetamide	DMSO	5.45mg/mL	36292
N,N-dimethylformamide	DMSO	4.4mg/mL	36293
1,4-dioxane	DMSO	1.9mg/mL	36294
2-ethoxyethanol	DMSO	0.8mg/mL	36295
ethylbenzene	DMSO	1.84mg/mL	36296
ethylene glycol	DMSO	3.1mg/mL	36297
formamide	DMSO	1.1mg/mL	36298
hexane	DMSO	1.45mg/mL	36299
methanol	DMSO	15mg/mL	36401
2-methoxyethanol	DMSO	0.25mg/mL	36402
methylbutylketone	DMSO	0.25mg/mL	36400
methylcyclohexane	DMSO	5.9mg/mL	36403
methylene chloride			
(dichloromethane)	DMSO	3mg/mL	36404
N-methylpyrrolidone	DMSO	2.65mg/mL	36405
nitromethane	DMSO	0.25mg/mL	36406
pyridine	DMSO	1mg/mL	36407
sulfolane	DMSO	0.8mg/mL	36413
tetrahydrofuran (THF)	DMSO	3.6mg/mL	36408
tetralin	DMSO	0.5mg/mL	36409
toluene	DMSO	4.45mg/mL	36410
1,1,1-trichloroethane	DMSO	50mg/mL	36411
trichloroethene	DMSO	0.4mg/mL	36412
<i>m</i> -xylene	DMSO	6.51mg/mL	36414
<i>o</i> -xylene	DMSO	0.97mg/mL	36415
<i>p</i> -xylene	DMSO	1.52mg/mL	36416

DMSO=dimethyl sulfoxide

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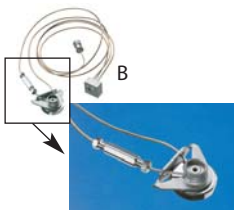
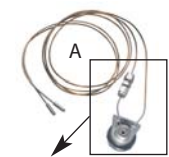
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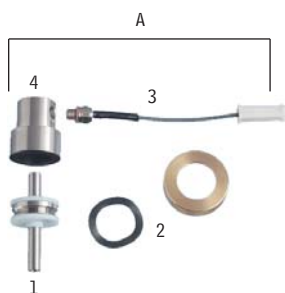
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Description	qty.	cat.#
Leak Detector with Hard-Sided Carrying Case and Universal Charger Set (US, UK, European, Australian)	ea.	22839
Soft-Side Storage Case	ea.	22657
Small Probe Adaptor	ea.	22658

Avoid using liquid leak detectors on a GC! Liquids can be drawn into the system.

**Caution:** The Restek Electronic Leak Detector is designed to detect trace amounts of hydrogen in a noncombustible environment. It is NOT designed for determining leaks in a combustible environment. A combustible gas detector should be used for determining combustible gas leaks under any condition. The Restek Electronic Leak Detector may be used for determining trace amounts of hydrogen in a GC environment only.



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