Gases
Separation of gases in polyurethane

Application Note

Materials Testing & Research

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Introduction
Polyurethane was dissolved in concentrated sulfuric acid. After 2 hours at 60 °C a headspace sample was taken and analyzed on an Agilent CP-SilicaPLOT column. The carbon dioxide peak is well separated from the air peak and shows good symmetry using TCD.
Conditions

Technique : GC-capillary

Column : Agilent CP-SilicaPLOT, 0.32 mm x 30 m, fused silica
CP-SilicaPLOT (df = 4 μm) (Part no. CP8567)

Temperature : 40 °C (2 min) → 200 °C, 20 °C/min

Carrier Gas : He, 50 kPa (0.5 bar, 7 psi)

Injector : Split, 50 mL/min
T = 200 °C

Detector : TCD at 100 mA
T = 200 °C

Sample Size : 1 mL

Concentration Range : % level

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Peak identification

1. argon, oxygen and nitrogen
2. carbon dioxide
3. pentane