

# **Alcohols**

# Fast analysis of alcohols in alcoholic beverages

# **Application Note**

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#### Introduction

The Agilent CP-Wax 57 CB phase shows excellent stability and selectivity for the analysis of volatile compounds in water-alcohol mixtures. This stationary phase is also available coated on 0.15  $\mu$ m id fused silica columns allowing shortest possible analysis times. Due to the intensive crosslinking, the column can survive many injections of alcoholic beverages and is therefore recommended for this analysis



## **Conditions**

Technique : GC

Column : Agilent CP-Wax 57 CB, 0.15 mm  $\times$  30 m, 0.12  $\mu$ m

(p/n CP97721)

Temperature : 45 °C, (2.2 min)  $\rightarrow$  180 °C, 15 °C/min

Carrier Gas : Hydrogen, 240 kPa, 57 cm/s

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Injector} & : & \mbox{Split 1:100} \\ \mbox{Detector} & : & \mbox{FID} \\ \mbox{Sample Size} & : & \mbox{0.5 } \mbox{$\mu$L} \\ \mbox{Concentration Range} & : & \mbox{0.1\%} \end{array}$ 

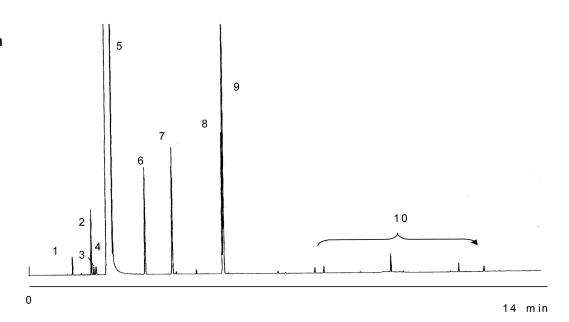
Solvent Sample : water:alcohol 60:40 (malt whiskey)

Courtesy : Kevin MacNamara, Irish Distillers, Dublin

## **Peak identification**

1. Acetaldehyde

- 2. Ethyl acetate
- 3. Acetal
- 4. Methanol
- 5. Ethanol
- 6. Propanol
- 7. Isobutanol
- 8. 2-Methyl-1-butanol
- 9. 3-Methyl-1-butanol
- 10. Esters



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