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## Extraction of Organic Compounds from Water, Using ENVI™-18 DSK Solid Phase Extraction Disks

*ENVI-Disk solid phase extraction disks are a porous glass fiber matrix containing C8- or C18-modified silica. In extractions of organic contaminants from 1 liter or more of water, these rigid disks provide faster flow rates and exhibit less clogging than Teflon® disks, and are less expensive. They can be used to extract polynuclear (polycyclic) aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, herbicides, and phthalates from water. This application note describes a process for extracting a wide range of organics from water according to US Environmental Protection Agency Method 525.1.*

### Key Words:

- semivolatiles • water analyses • SPE disks
- sample preparation

**NOTE:** This method is based on the sample extraction procedure in Section 11.2 of US Environmental Protection Agency Method 525.1. It is not intended to be a replacement or substitute for the EPA procedure. For detailed information about preparing samples for analysis according to Method 525.1, please refer to the EPA method. (Request from National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161 USA [Tel. 703-487-4650])

### Sample Preparation

1. Allow 1 liter of drinking water to equilibrate to room temperature in a narrow mouth amber glass bottle.
2. Adjust sample pH to less than 2 with 6N hydrochloric acid.
3. Add 5mL methanol and mix thoroughly.
4. Add internal standards. For QC/QA samples, add 2µg each analyte (8µg pentachlorophenol) and 5µg each internal standard.

### Apparatus Assembly

1. Assemble the 47mm glassware (flask, vacuum line, and filtration support) according to the instructions that accompanied the ENVI-Disk™ SPE disks.
2. Place a 47mm ENVI-18 DSK disk (Cat. No. 57171) on the support, **wrinkled side up**.
3. Center the disk, so that it evenly overlaps all sides of the support.
4. Carefully place the reservoir on the disk and attach the clamp securely.

### Disk Cleaning

1. Pour or pipette 5mL methylene chloride onto the disk and immediately draw the liquid through the disk under moderate vacuum (15" Hg/50kPa). Maintain vacuum for 5 minutes, to remove all solvent.

### Disk Conditioning

1. Pour or pipette 5mL methanol onto the disk and immediately apply low vacuum (1–2" Hg/3–7kPa). Release the vacuum when the methanol is just above the top surface of the disk. **Do not allow any air to pass through the disk or to reach the top surface of the disk.**
2. Immediately pour or pipette 5mL deionized water onto the disk and immediately apply low vacuum. Release the vacuum when the water is just above the top surface of the disk. **Note:** In steps 1 and 2 it is better to leave extra liquid covering the disk than to allow air to contact the surface of the disk.

### Sample Addition

1. Pour the sample into the apparatus, directly onto the film of water left on the disk from the last conditioning step. Invert the sample bottle in the reservoir and allow the sample to automatically feed onto the disk.
2. Adjust the vacuum to approximately 10" Hg (35kPa), to provide a flow rate of approximately 100mL/minute. The disk must not go dry until the entire sample has been processed.

### Disk Drying

1. After the entire sample has been drawn through the disk, draw air through the disk under moderate vacuum (approximately 15" Hg/50kPa) for approximately 5 minutes.

### Analyte Elution

1. Release the vacuum.
2. Remove the filtration support and reservoir from the vacuum flask without disturbing the disk.
3. Empty the processed water from the flask, insert the sample collection tube, and reassemble the apparatus.
4. Add 5mL methylene chloride to the sample bottle, cap the bottle, and gently swirl it to rinse all of the inside surface. Allow the bottle to stand for 1–2 minutes.
5. Transfer the methylene chloride to the disk, using a glass pipette and rinsing the sides of the reservoir in the process.
6. Draw the solvent through the disk (5" Hg/17kPa vacuum).
7. Repeat steps 4–6 two more times with fresh aliquots of methylene chloride, combining all eluates in the sample collection tube.

### Analysis

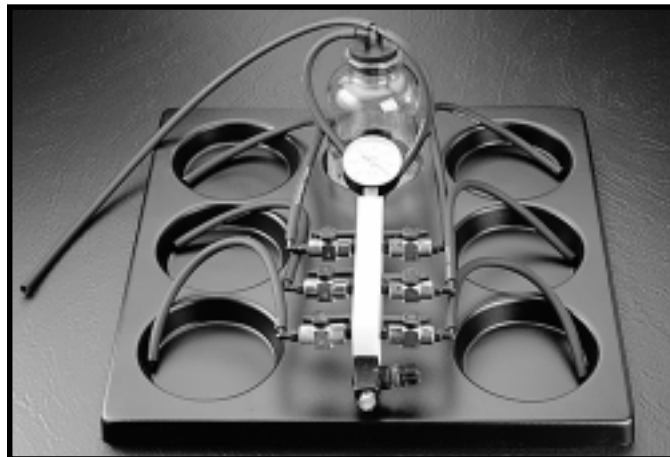
1. Remove any remaining water from the eluate by passing it through approximately 3g anhydrous sodium sulfate.
2. Concentrate the eluate to 1mL and analyze 1µL by GC/MS, following the procedure in EPA Method 525.1.

## ENVI-Disk



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## ENVI-Disk Holder Manifold



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## ENVI-Disk Holder



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## ENVI-Disk Clamp



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### Reference

1. US Environmental Protection Agency Method 525.1.  
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Description	Cat. No.
<b>ENVI-18 DSK SPE Disks – C18 bonded phase</b>	
47mm, pk. of 24	57171
90mm, pk. of 12	57170-U
<b>Accessories</b>	
ENVI-Disk Holder*	57173
Flask, 1-liter, 40/35 fitting	Z290610-1EA
Collection Tube, 25 x 250mm	57175
ENVI-Disk Holder Manifold	57174
47mm Filter Clamp Assembly	57260-U
Replacement Teflon Stage, 47mm	57261

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