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MicroFID Response Factors

| Compound | Response | Compound | Response |
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| | Factor | | Factor |
| Acetaldehyde | 6.9 ^C | Epichlorohydrin | 2.4 ^L |
| Acetone | 2.7 ^G | Ethanol | 5.2 ^C |
| Acetonitrile (Methyl Cyanide) | 1.0 ^C | Ethyl Acrylate | 2.7 ^C |
| Acrolein (2-Propenal) | 6.9 ^C | Ethylbenzene | 1.0^{L} |
| Acrylonitrile (Vinyl Cyanide) | 1.3 ^C | Ethyl Cellosolve | 4.3 ^L |
| | | (2-Ethoxyethanol) | |
| Allyl Chloride | 2.7 ^C | Ethyl Chloride (Chloroethane) | 1.9 ^C |
| (3-Chloro-1-Propene) | | | |
| Aniline (Benzenamine) | 3.0 ^L | Ethyl Mercaptan (Ethanethiol) | 3.7 ^L |
| Benzene | 0.7 ^C | Ethylene | 2.2 ^G |
| Benzyl Chloride | 1.2 ^L | Ethylene Dibromide | 2.0 ^L |
| (Chloromethyl Benzene) | | (1,2-Dibromoethane) | |
| Bromoform (Tribromomethane) | 7.2 ^L | Ethylene Dichloride | 1.7 ^C |
| | | (1,2-Dichloroethane) | |
| 1,3-Butadiene | 2.7 ^C | n-Heptane | 1.3 ^L |
| iso-Butane | 1.8 ^G | n-Hexane | 1.6 ^G |
| n-Butane | 1.9 ^G | Isobutylene | 2.2 ^C |
| n-Butanol | 2.6 ^L | Isoprene | 2.2^{L} |
| | | (2-Methyl-1,3-Butadiene) | |
| n-Butyl Mercaptan (Butanethiol) | 2.6 ^L | Isopropanol | 2.4 ^C |
| Carbon Tetrachloride | 25.9 ^C | Methanol | 23.8 ^L |
| Chlorobenzene | 0.8 ^C | Methyl Bromide | 3.9 ^C |
| | | (Bromomethane) | |
| Chloroform (Trichloromethane) | 3.5 ^L | Methyl Ethyl Ketone | 1.9 ^C |
| | | (2-Butanone) | |
| Cumene (Isopropyl Benzene) | 1.0^{L} | Methyl Isobutyl Ketone | 1.9 ^L |
| Cyclohexane | 1.4 ^C | Methyl Methacrylate | 2.8^{L} |
| 1,2-Dichlorobenzene (ortho-) | 0.7 ^L | Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE) | 2.0 ^C |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 2.6 ^C | Methyl Cellosolve | 9.1 ^L |
| j | | (2-Methoxyethanol) | |
| trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 2.7 ^C | Methylene Chloride | |
| • | | (Dichloromethane) | 1.4 ^C |
| N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF) | 2.3 ^L | n-Nonane | 1.1 ^L |
| 1,4-Dioxane | 4.6 ^C | iso-Octane | 1.2 ^L |
| <i>,</i> | | (2,2,4-Trimethylpentane) | |

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| | Factor | | Factor |
| n-Pentane | 1.6 ^L | 1,1,2-Trichloroethane | 1.7 ^L |
| Propane | 1.8 ^G | Trichloroethylene (TCE) | 2.8 ^C |
| Propionaldehyde (Propanal) | 3.6 ^C | Triethylamine | 1.1 ^L |
| Propylene | 2.6 ^G | Vinyl Acetate | 4.4 ^L |
| Propylene Dichloride (1,2-DCP) | 2.0 ^C | Vinyl Bromide | 1.5 ^C |
| Propylene Oxide | 2.5 ^C | Vinyl Chloride (Chloroethylene) | 2.1 ^C |
| Styrene | 1.2 L | Vinylidene Chloride (1,1-DCE) | 2.6 ^C |
| 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane | 1.8 ^L | ortho-Xylene | 1.1 ^L |
| Tetrachloroethylene | 2.9 ^C | meta-Xylene | 1.2 ^L |
| (Perchloroethylene) | | | |
| Toluene | 0.9 ^C | para-Xylene | 1.2 ^L |
| 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | 1.4 ^C | | |
| 1,2,4 Trichlorobenzene | 1.1 | | |

This list of MicroFID Response Factors was determined at (nominally) 500 PPM, based on a 500 PPM Methane calibration. Methane RF = 1.0. The following formula was used for calculation of Response Factors:

Response Factor = Actual Concentration

MicroFID Response

A Response Factor less than 1.0 indicates a compound response better than that of Methane. A Response Factor greater than 1.0 indicates a lower response than that of Methane.

When using Response Factors, results are expected to be accurate to \pm 10 PPM or \pm 25%, whichever is greater.

Standards used for determination of *Micro*FID Response Factors were derived from a variety of sources as referenced below:

- C Certified gas cylinder, +/- 2% analytical accuracy (Isobutylene +/- 5% analytical accuracy)
- G From standard prepared by dilution of neat gas into Zero Air, accuracy unknown
- L From standard prepared by addition of neat liquid to Zero Air, accuracy unknown

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