



PIANO (Paraffins, Isoparaffins, Aromatics, Naphthenes, Olefins)



ASTM D6729, D6730, D8071

AccuStandard offers a petroleum naphtha-based PIANO mix (acronym for Paraffins, Isoparaffins, Aromatics, Naphthenes and Olefins). This mix is used to determine hydrocarbon components in spark-ignition engine fuels, including oxygenated blends of ethanol and *tert*-butyl methyl ether, with boiling ranges to 225°C in accordance with ASTM Methods D6729-04, D6730-01 and D8071-17.

Two hundred and fourteen (214) individual hydrocarbons have been identified with a total of 263 compounds separated into the appropriate chemical class within the PIANO designation. These compounds comprise the master list. Each entry contains the Total Ion Chromatogram peak number, retention time, percent of the total and compound name.

To simplify component identification, all compounds have been grouped into chemical classes with the paraffin and isoparaffin classes combined to optimize the format. Each entry contains the same information as the master list. The identified components in each chemical class include:

- 79 paraffins/isoparaffins
- 63 aromatics
- 73 naphthenes
- 48 olefins

The master list is further categorized via extracted ion plots utilizing key ions for each chemical class. The retention time of each component in the extracted ion plot can be compared to the master list for identification.

The analysis of the mix was performed on a 100 meter methyl siloxane phase capillary column with a 1.0 µm film (QuadRex Corporation, Bethany, CT) in an attempt to improve low boiling range component separation.

As in other published analyses, the complexity of the petroleum product resulted in a number of co-elutions and chromatographic peaks that cannot be identified with an acceptable degree of certainty. Consequently, the analysis and data are subject to the same disclaimers enumerated in ASTM Method D 6729-04 regarding the estimation of bulk hydrocarbon group-type composition. The chromatograms provided have been integrated to optimize the usefulness of the analysis and reduce the number of unidentified components present on the chromatogram.



The identification of each hydrocarbon was based on the following:

1. Mass spectrum library search of NIST08 and Wiley WN08 libraries
2. Mass spectrum library search of an in-house generated library
3. Comparison of elution data from ASTM Methods 6729-04 and 6730-01
4. Analysis of individual standards
5. Interpretation of mass spectra target ions

A PIANO booklet is shipped with each product and includes a CD with documentation in PDF format.

PIANO mix

Analytical conditions

Instrument: Agilent GCMS - 7890/5973C

Injection temp: 250°C

Injection: Splitless, 1.0 µL, split 150:1

GCMS interface temp: 280°C

Detector: Mass selective detector - 5973 (Full Scan)

GC column: 100 M 0.25 mm i.d. QuadRex Corporation

Temp. program: 30x25 (8) 12.2 Cool 10 (4) scan time 18 min

Carrier gas: Helium, 1.0 mL/min

PIANO Mix Documentation Sample

PIANO Data Package

Paraffins—Isoparaffins—Aromatics—Naphthenes—Olefins
For ASTM D6729, D6730, D8071

Includes:
Detailed analytical conditions
Mass Spectrum of each compound
Chromatograms detailing the separations
CD with electronic copies and additional information

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PIANO Gasoline	
PIANO	1 x 0.5 mL
PIANO-PAK	SAVE 5 x 0.5 mL
PIANO Gasoline (contains Ethanol)	
PIANO-ETOH	1 x 0.5 mL
PIANO-ETOH-PAK	SAVE 5 x 0.5 mL
PIANO Gasoline (contains MtBE)	
PIANO-MTBE	1 x 0.5 mL
PIANO-MTBE-PAK	SAVE 5 x 0.5 mL

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