A Study of Canister Humidification by Static Method

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The Humidity in Canister May Not Stable That may be Due to Different Reasons

- 1, How to Add Water Into Canister
- 2, The Canister Internal Surface
- 3, The Canister Water Vapor Saturation
- 4, Other Possible Satuation (Tube Valve, Etc.)



Take Water into Syringe

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Cap the Canister Valve or Wait 30 Sec If through Septa Inject Water from Syringe to Canister Valve Surface or through Septa

Open the Canister Valve and Waiting 3 Hours for Water Balance

How Water Get Into Canister?

Water not Vaperated and the Water Drop go through the Valve and Flow Into Canister?

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Water Drop Vaporated and Water vapor go into Canister through Valve?

What IS The Homidity (RH%) in The Canister 24 Hours Later?

Another Better Practice By Some Lab (Restek)

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The Humdification is meassured and Controlled

Water is Vaporated in a Container by Inert Gas Bubbling Passing

Introduce the Humidified Inert Gas (N2 or Air) Into Canister Add Water Amount by Humidity Calcullation from EPA TO-15A

Vw = Dsat · RHd · Vc· Pc/Ps ·1/Dw

where:

- Vw = water volume to add to canister (µL)
- Dsat = saturation vapor density of water (mg/ μ L) at ambient laboratory temperature (refer to Table 13-1)
- RHd = desired RH level expressed as a decimal
- Vc = nominal internal volume of canister (L)
- Pc = final pressure of canister (kPa absolute)
- Ps = standard ambient pressure (101.3 kPa absolute)
- $Dw = density of water (1 mg/\mu L)$

Water Saturation Vapor Density at Various Tesperature

Water Saturation Vapor Density at Various Temperatures

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Temperature (°C) Water Saturation Vapor Density (mg/L) (a)
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15°C=12.8, 16°C= 13.6, 17°C= 14.4, 18°C= 15.3, 19°C= 16.3,

20°C= 17.3, 21°C=1 18.3, 22°C= 19.4, 23°C= 20.6, 24°C= 21.8, 25°C= 23.1

26°C= 24.4, 27°C= 25.9, 28 °C=27.3, 29°C= 28.9, 30°C= 30.5, 31°C= 32.2,

32°C= 34.0, 33°C= 35.8

(a) Values are generated according to the following formula (Nave, 2017): vapor density $(mg/L) = 5.018 + 0.32321 \cdot T + 8.1847 \times 10-3T$ $2 + 3.1243 \times 10-4T3$ where: T = temperature in °C

Example Calculation by TO-15A

An analyst prepares a VOC standard in a 6-L canister, diluting to a final pressure of 202.6 kPa (2 ata) with dry HCF zero air. The laboratory temperature is 25 °C and the analyst wants the standard to be 50% RH. The volume of water needed is calculated as follows:

VW = 23.1 mg/L \cdot 0.50 \cdot 6 L \cdot 202.6/101.3/1 μ L/mg = 139 μ L

Example Calculation by TO-15A

- If The Canister Final Pressure is 303.9kPa Still Want 50% RH,
- VW = 23.1 mg/L \cdot 0.50 \cdot 6 L \cdot 303.9/101.3/1 μ L/mg = 209 μ L
- Can We Add 209 uL Water to Make this 50% RH The Answer is: No.
- The Max Water uL Can be Added is 139uL (Saturate RH) for a 6 Liter Canister at 25°C No Mater the Final Pressure is What

At 25° C, The Water Added Ammount is Limited by its

- 1, Water Vapor Pressure is only depended by the temperature.
- 2, There is a max volume of water can be added with a fixed volume Canister .
- 3, Pressurize the canister to higher pressure does not allow to add more water to make the humidification higher
- 4, The over added water into canister will be condensed.

Humidity Measurement for Canister

Measurement Humidity in the Canister



110ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is Stable and Match Calculation



Measured humidity (converted to 25° C) — Theoretical humidity (converted to 25° C)

110ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is Stable and Match Calculation



134ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is Stable and Match Calculation with Little Unstable



134ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is Stable and Match Calculation with Little Unstable



200ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is Not Stable Comparison With the Calculation



— Measured humidity (converted to 25° C) — Theoretical humidity (converted to 25° C)

200ul water Added, The The outlet Humidity is **Become Stable** Once The Canister Temperature Increase



The Over Added Water Will Be Condensed

Water Condensed According To The Added Volume



The Conclusion

(1) There is a maximum water fill limit for a certain volume of canister at a certain temperature. Increase the Canister Final Pressure can not Increase the Water Add Amount

(2) Excess water will be condensed in the canister, or Make the Outlet Steam Humidity Unstable(3) To Obtain the High Humidity Standard or Simulating High Humidity samples Using the standard not pressurized to high pressure or headed to a slightly higher temperature

Thank you !

