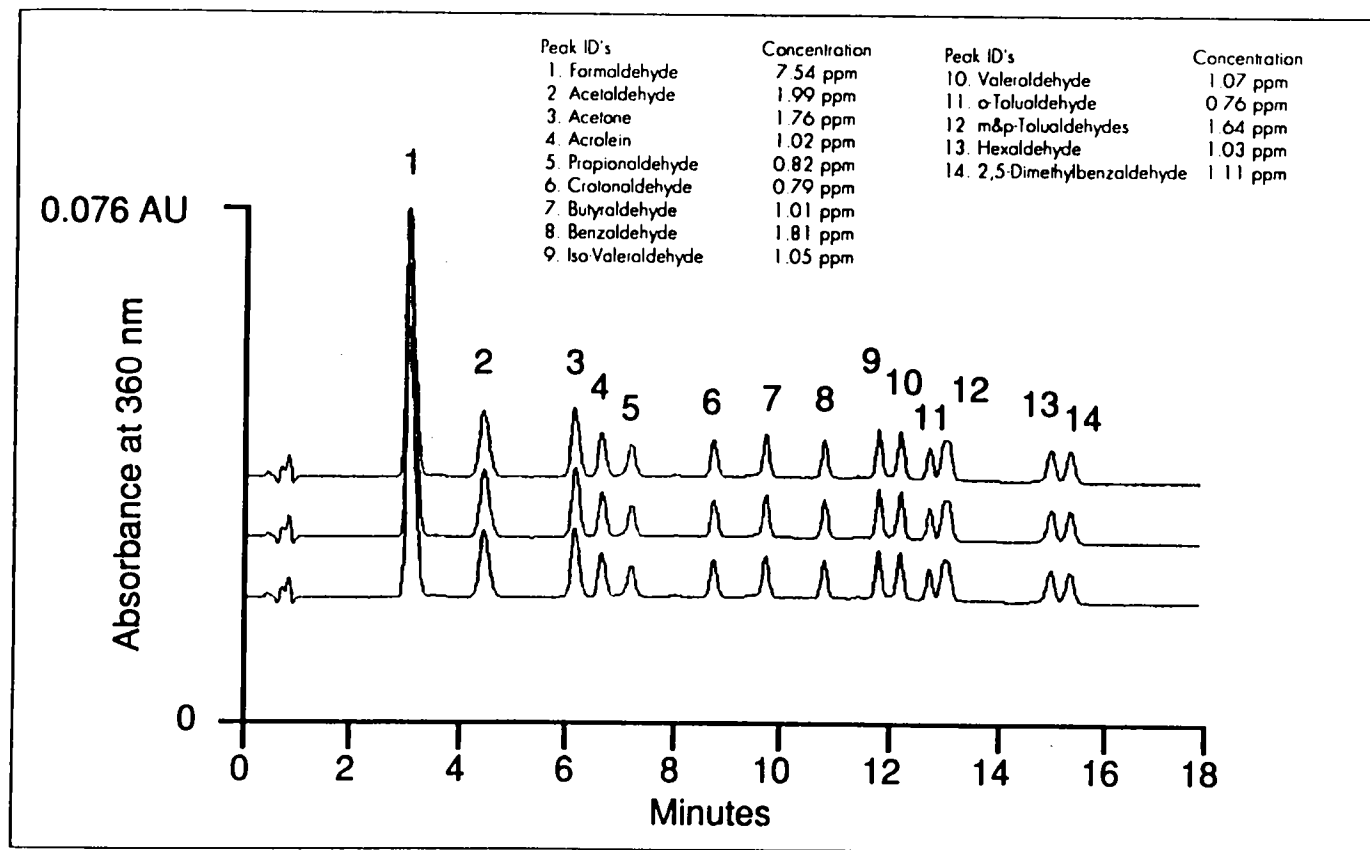


## Reverse Phase Analysis of 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH) Derivatives of Aldehydes and Ketones Using the LC Module-1



An overlay comparison of three consecutive DNPH runs demonstrates the high degree of reproducibility provided by the LC Module 1. A new gradient elution protocol using a Nova-Pak C<sub>18</sub> column provides excellent resolution of the DNPH derivatives of the aldehydes and ketones listed as target analytes in EPA Method TO-11.

### Conditions:

Column: Nova-Pak™ C<sub>18</sub>  
3.9 mm x 15 cm

Eluent A: Water/Acetonitrile/  
Tetrahydrofuran (stabilized)  
(60/30/10)

Eluent B: Water/Acetonitrile  
(40/60)

### Gradient:

Time	%A	%B	Curve
Initial	100	0	*
1	100	0	6
10	0	100	6
17	100	0	11

Flow Rate: 1.5 ml/minute

Detection: UV at 360 nm

Injection Volume: 20 µl

Sample: 2,4-Dinitrophenylhy-  
drazine derivatives of aldehydes  
and ketones

**Objective:**

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To demonstrate the ability of the LC Module 1 to perform the analysis of DNPH derivatives of aldehydes and ketones listed in EPA Methods TO-11 and 8315.

**Details:**

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System Suitability data on 5 consecutive injections of a 14 component DNPH derivatives standard mix using the LC Module 1 demonstrated high reproducibility of retention times, peak areas, and peak heights. % RSD values for retention times (< 0.7%), peak areas (< 1.5%), and peak heights (1.6%) are minimal, especially since the method uses gradient elution.

Sample Preparation: Derivatization procedure as described in the care and use manual for Sep-Pak® DNPH cartridges.

**System:**

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Waters LC Module 1 and 860 Data Station.

**References:**

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