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Rapid Polyolefin Additive Separation Using a Waters Nova-Pak® C₁₈ Column

Objective:

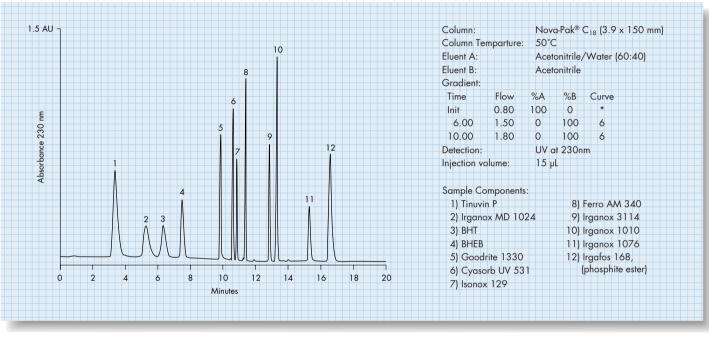
This separation demonstrates that flow programming, along with a gradient is a powerful technique for separating a large number of polymer additives in a short amount of time. This gradient does not hydrolyze the phosphite ester into multiple peaks, as evidenced by the single, symmetrical Irgafos 168 peak.

Details

See reference for microwave and ultrasonic extraction methods.

System

The system used consisted of a Waters
Powerline 600 Solvent Delivery System, with the
Waters 490 UV Detector, Waters 712 WISP
Autosampler, and the Waters 860 ExpertEase™
Data System.



Gradient HPLC with flow programming can be used to separate these 12 polyolefin additives in less than 17 minutes. The Irgafos 168 phosphite ester appears as a single peak, with no evidence of degradation.

References:

Nielson, R., "Extraction and Quantitation of Polyolefin Additives", Journal of Liquid Chromatography, Vo. 14, #3, 1991

