Proposal for a new Mutual Resolution (M.R.[x]) on Vehicle Interior Air Quality

This document contains a proposal to develop a new Mutual Resolution (M.R.[x]) on Vehicle Interior Air Quality (VIAQ) and the outcome of the VIAQ Informal Working Group under GRPE. It is submitted to GRPE for consideration as a draft proposal for Mutual Resolution No. x (M.R.[x])

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I. Statement of technical rationale and justification

1. Introduction

- 1. A variety of materials are being used for the construction of the interiors of vehicles. The materials used in the manufacturing of the vehicle include plastics, adhesives, cleaning products, plasticizers, paint, sealers, lubrication compounds, and many others.
- 2. Various kinds of chemical substances may be emitted from the interior materials inside the vehicle cabin. Some of the chemical substances may contain components, such as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) or Aldehydes, some of them are not harmful to the human body, but some of them are known to cause various health issues. The amount of chemical substances emitted from interior materials may be particularly high, especially during the early stages of vehicle life.
- 3. Health effects vary depending on the individual driver and passenger's health and physical condition as well as exposure time and concentration of chemical substances. This Mutual Resolution supports the effort to insure that levels of these chemical substances are measured under real exposure conditions.
- 4. Many countries throughout the world have already introduced standards concerning vehicle interior air quality. Several countries have established regulations or guidelines regarding emissions from interior materials. Although these test procedures are very similar, there are many differences in test conditions.
- 5. This Mutual Resolution outlines the provisions and harmonized test procedure for the measurement of interior emissions, taking into account existing standards. It will encourage the reduced use of materials, and chemicals that can be harmful to humans. It also encourages the increased use of emission-friendly materials, improving the air quality inside the passenger cabin.
- 7. Experts also have an interest in global harmonization since it offers more efficient development, adaptation to technical progress, and potential collaboration. It also facilitates the exchange of information between interested parties.
- 8. The regulatory stringency of legislation is expected to be different from region to region for the foreseeable future, due to the different levels of development, different regional cultures, and the costs associated with interior emission control technology. Therefore the setting of interior emission limit values is not part of this recommendation.

2. Procedural background

- 9. At its 164th session, the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) AC.3 endorsed the proposed action plan to, in a first stage, collect information, review existing standards and develop recommendations. AC.3 noted the several aspects linked to VIAQ including safety matters (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1112, para. 133).
- 10. The VIAQ Informal working group, the responsibility of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), reported the new recommendation of vehicle interior air quality that focuses on the interior air emissions generated from interior materials, in a first stage.
- 11. The new mutual resolution (M.R.X) is providing the provisions and harmonized test procedure for the measurement of interior air emissions, taking into account existing standards.

3. Existing regulations and standards

- 13. Many countries throughout the world have already introduced standards concerning vehicle interior air quality. Several countries have established regulations or guidelines regarding emissions from interior materials. Although these test procedures are very similar, there are many differences in test conditions.
- 14. Experts also have an interest in global harmonization since it offers more efficient development, adaptation to technical progress, and potential collaboration. It also facilitates the exchange of information between interested parties.
- 15. The VIAQ IWG conducted comprehensive studies for the existing individual contents regarding management of the interior air quality of vehicles. The bases of this harmonized set of recommendations are national standards from Korea, China, and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as well as OEM voluntary standards like JAMA (JAMA Report No.98).
- 16. Examples of existing regulations and standards

• Korea

- Automobile Management Act Article 33_3, 18 December 2012 "Interior air quality management for newly produced vehicles"
- Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Announcement No. 2007_539, 5 June 2007 "The management standards of the interior air quality of new manufactured vehicles"
- O Korea established whole vehicle VIAQ requirements with the 2007 publication of "The management standards of the interior air quality of new manufactured vehicles". This notification outlines test procedures and emissions limits for specific VOCs, consideration of motor vehicle manufactures and sellers, and the release of VIAQ test results.

China

- HJ/T 400_07 December 2007 "Determination of Volatile Organic Compounds and Carbonyl Com-pounds in Cabins of Vehicles"
- GB/T 27630-2011 01 March 2012 "Guideline for air quality assessment of Passenger car"
- In China's standard, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, prescribed different concentration limits for eight VOCs, and is currently under revision to become a mandatory national standard.

• Russia

- GOST R 51206 "Interior air of road vehicles –Pollution content in the interior of driver cab and passenger compartment Technical requirements and test methods"
- In Russia, test methods and regulations have focused on VOC emissions from vehicle exhaust gases that can enter the vehicle interior air during driving. The national standard GOST R 51206 was developed in 2004 to set limits for combustion gases and certain VOCs.
- O The expert from the Russian Federation stated that the work should not only focus on the interior air emissions generated from interior materials but also on the air pollutants entering the vehicle together with the intake air from outside. GRPE considered the inclusion in the scope of interior air pollutants from the outside air as a possible extension of the mandate at a later stage. (ECE-TRANS-WP29-GRPE-71e)

ISO Standards

o ISO 12219_1:2011 "Interior air of road vehicles - Part 1: Whole vehicle test chamber – Specification and method for the determination of volatile organic compounds in cabin interiors.

- The ISO Group TC22/TC146 SC6 JWG13 harmonized the vehicle interior air test method based on existing Korean, VDA and JAMA testing methods. The ISO 12219-1 testing method is adjusted VOC exposure in common user conditions: when sitting in a car, ambient mode, when entering the car after parking in the sun, parking mode and during driving, driving mode.
- The JAMA voluntary standard was adopted to ISO 12219-1 standard in 2013.

4. Technical rationale and justification

- 17. This section introduces the main working items discussed and the technical rationale for developing a harmonized test procedure for the measurement of interior air emissions emitted from interior materials.
- 18. The concentration of VOC in the vehicle cabin air can easily be different depending on temperature, humidity, pressure, sunlight, vehicle storage conditions, vehicle age, etc. Therefore, it is important to standardize the test procedures to ensure valid results.

Vehicle category

- 19. Vehicle category was discussed very intensively. The review of existing standards showed differences. Some only covered small passenger cars, other even included buses.
- 20. It was generally agreed to include passenger cars. However light duty trucks, which are used as passenger cars should be included. It was furthermore agreed to exclude busses used for public transport and trucks used only for transport of goods. Vehicle category 1-1 of ECE (1998 Agreement) TRANS/WP.29/1045 would be used as defined in the Special Resolution No.1. Although Vehicle category 1-1 is primarily passenger cars, it can be extended to other vehicle categories in order to align with their domestic classification due to the different classifications of vehicle categories from region to region.

New vehicle

21. The car tested is intended to be a new car from serial production. A new car is directly transported from the production line to the testing lab. The test car shall be driven less than 80 km of driving, i.e. less than 80 km on the car odometer. Shipping the vehicle is allowed. Used cars, prototypes, or developed test cars are not included, because these cars are likely to be constructed with non-reprehensive materials and components or contaminated during their use phase by non-original materials, users, and use conditions.

Vehicle test age

- 22. The ideal condition for the test car would be to measure on the production date, since the amount of chemical substances is particularly high in the early stage of vehicle life. The material emission rate and interior concentrations of substances decrease over time. The sooner the measurement is taken, the higher the concentration results. However, it is very difficult for the customer, or laboratory person to get the new car on the production date, the concentration rapidly decreases during that time, and it will cause a big deviation of test results.
- 23. The test age of a vehicle should be close to the age of the car at hand over to the customer. Existing standards therefore define an average time of approximately one month. Variations can be high, to create reproducible results it was decided to adapt to existing definitions, taking 28 ± 5 days as the vehicle test age range.

Test mode

24. In order to get reproducible and comparable results it was decided to create a test method, which is done in a highly defined environment. This can only be achieved inside a laboratory. Thus real driving test in varying outside conditions is not possible. Typical

laboratory methods used today to measure interior air quality are Ambient, Parking and Driving modes.

Ambient mode

- 25. Ambient mode simulates cars parked in the garage overnight using ambient conditions at standard ambient conditions of 21 °C to 27 °C with no air exchange. There were different opinions on test temperature for ambient mode. The expert of Korea presented the test results between 23 °C and 25 °C which were no significant deviation between these temperatures. Test temperature of the ambient mode was set up "23.0 °C 25.0 °C as close as possible to 25.0 °C" taking into account the technical point.
- 26. It was shown that a soak time of $16 \pm 1h$ is sufficient to bring all vehicle parts to the temperature of the ambient mode. Shorter soak times would give deviation in measurement results, long soak times would lead to longer working hours and less test capacity in the laboratory and therefore higher costs.

Parking mode

- 27. Parking mode simulates cars parked outside in the sunlight at elevated temperatures using a fixed radiation heat.
- 28. Heating the vehicle to a constant temperature would not consider the difference between good and bad insulated vehicles. Therefore applying a constant solar load better represents a real parking situation. It was analysed that a solar load of 400 ± 50 W/m² reflects best a worldwide average. A soak time of 4 h has been shown to be sufficient to reach a constant interior air temperature. The emissions of Formaldehyde are measured in parking mode as a marker for emissions at elevated temperatures.

Driving mode

29. Driving mode simulates driving under a parked idling condition after the vehicle has been parked in the sun. The mode starts at an elevated temperature with climate control system on. The concentrations measured in the driving mode are close to the concentration customers are facing when driving in a car. Of all test modes these concentration are best suited to be taken for toxicological exposure evaluation.

Substances to be measured

- 30. There are multiple substances emitted from the new car interior materials. The most relevant substances based on the groups knowledge and the current standards were considered to be Formaldehyde, Acetaldehyde, Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, and Acrolein.
- 31. However, due to the different levels of development, different regional cultures, and the costs associated with interior emission control technology, the regulatory stringency is expected to be different from region to region for the foreseeable future. The setting of interior emission limit values, therefore, is not part of this recommendation for the time being. These substances limit values will be set by contracting parties depending on their situation.

Transportation and storage conditions

32. The VIAQ test is easily affected by test environment, such as transportation conditions, storage conditions, temperature, humidity, and cabin ventilation. In new cars the concentration of substances is gradually decreased over time. So, it is important to set the conditions to reduce the flexibilities in the test procedures. The vehicle has to be taken out of transportation mode and needs to be switched into customer mode prior to testing.

- 33. The base condition of the vehicle should be, closed doors and windows, and HVAC system in recirculation mode to avoid contamination from outside pollutants. So test cars should be kept in the original status as close as possible. In addition, due to weather conditions, especially during the summer and winter, it will be recommended to keep exposure to sun limited and follow the normal production storage process.
- 34. Storage conditions in the plant or factory site before transportation are difficult to control. So storage conditions in the plant were not included in this test procedure, but should follow the normal production process.

Repeated measurements

35. To establish quality control it is recommended to measure several vehicles and take multiple air samples of one vehicle for one result. It could be shown that vehicle measures according to this method don't differ much. Therefore it was decided because of cost reasons that measuring one car and taking just one sample of VOC and one sample of Aldehydes are sufficient for one result. However, general quality measures must not be neglected and should be periodically assessed.

Vehicle families

36. Out of cost perspective it is recommended to group vehicles with similar car interiors in vehicle families and measure only the worst case vehicle. The vehicles with dark exterior and interior colour should have the highest heat impact and therefore the highest emissions. Furthermore worst case vehicles should be equipped with highest amount of interior extras like sunroof, active seats, climate system etc. Outside compartment parts like engines, tyres, batteries etc. won't have an impact on indoor air emissions and can be neglected in worst car concepts.

5. Technical feasibility, anticipated costs and benefits

- 37. This Mutual Resolution has been developed by drawing on the experience of many stakeholders, including regulatory authorities, vehicle manufacturers and technical consultants. This Mutual Resolution has been designed to update and improve upon existing standards. The requirements are based on existing concepts in different contracting parties' present standards.
- 38. Since this Mutual Resolution is based on existing standards, contracting parties are invited to adopt the test procedure for the measurement of interior emissions. Ambient mode, parking mode, and driving mode would be subject to optional acceptance by contracting parties depending on their situations. So no economic or technical feasibility study was deemed necessary. When transposing this VIAQ recommendation into national standards, contracting parties are invited to consider the economic feasibility of the VIAQ recommendation within the context of their own country.
- 39. This Mutual Resolution does not hold regulatory status within contracting parties. Contracting parties and manufactures refer to the VIAQ recommendation when used for the assessment on vehicle interior air quality with the technical prescriptions of their own standards or regulations.
- 40. The principal economic benefit of the VIAQ recommendation will be a reduction in the variety of tests for the same, or substantially similar, test requirements.
- 41. Depending on how different contracting parties implement this Mutual Resolution, there may be benefits to facilitate the trade of VIAQ management, with harmonized test requirements among the respective contracting parties. Encouraging the use of environmentally-friendly materials for the vehicle industry might be rationalized with the harmonized test requirements.

- 42. Safety benefits resulting from this Mutual Resolution depend on the permissible substance limit level in the national standards.
- 43. It is not possible to assess, at this moment, the total costs linked to this Mutual Resolution. However, the harmonization of the test procedure will reduce the global cost of VIAQ management in the countries which will apply the VIAQ recommendation through an administrative procedure.
- 44. Safety benefits are anticipated, but it is not yet possible to assess them in terms of the overall effect on human health.

II. Text of the Mutual Resolution on Vehicle Interior Air Quality

1. Purpose

This Mutual Resolution contains the provisions and harmonized test procedure for the measurement of interior air emission from interior materials, concerning the protection of passengers and driver from toxic emissions emitted from interior materials used for the construction of vehicles.

2. Scope and application

This Mutual Resolution applies to category 1-1 vehicle, as defined in the Special Resolution No. 1.1

3. Definitions

For the purpose of this recommendation the following definitions apply:

- 3.1 "Test vehicle" means the new vehicle to be tested. The test age of the vehicles has to be $28d \pm 5$ day after the production date;
- 3.2 "Production date" is the sign off date from the production line;
- 3.3 "Test substances" mean substances to be measured, these are 8 substances, Formaldehyde, Acetaldehyde, Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, and Acrolein;
- 3.4. "Background concentration" means the test substance concentration in the wholevehicle test chamber when the test vehicle is inside;
- 3.5 "Ambient mode" refer to the mode in which sampling of substances in the interior air of a test vehicle under standardized ambient temperature conditions is performed, defined by 23,0-25,0°C, as close as possible to 25,0 °C;
- 3.6 "Parking mode" refer to the mode in which sampling of substances in the interior air of a test vehicle under elevated temperatures resulting from defined external heat radiation is performed.
- 3.7 "Driving mode" refer to the mode in which sampling of substances in the interior air of a test vehicle, under standardized conditions starting at elevated temperatures and with the engine on using air conditioning. Driving is simulated with an idle test procedure of a vehicle driven after being parked in the sun.
- 3.8 "Breathing zone" the semi-sphere area with 50 cm radius in front of the driver's face.
- 3.9 "Sampling train" means the apparatus to collect the air sample inside the test vehicle cabin (indoor) or saloon and in the whole vehicle test chamber, trapping the test substances in sorbent tubes under standardized conditions
- 3.10 "Category 1 vehicle" means a power driven vehicle with four or more wheels designed and constructed primarily for the carriage of (a) person(s).

¹ Document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1045, as amended.

3.11 "Category 1-1 vehicle" means a category 1 vehicle comprising not more than eight seating positions in addition to the driver's seating position. A category 1-1 vehicle cannot have standing passengers.

4. Abbreviations

4.1 General abbreviations

VIAQ Vehicle Interior Air Quality
GC-MS Gas chromatograph – mass spectrometry
HPLC High performance liquid chromatograph
DNPH Dinitrophenylhydrazine
VOCs Volatile organic compounds
HVAC Heating, ventilation and air conditioning

4.2 Chemical symbols and abbreviations

CH₂O Formaldehyde C_2H_4O Acetaldehyde Acrolein, Acrylic Aldehyde C₃H₄O Benzene C_6H_6 C_8H_{10} Ethyl benzene C_8H_8 Styrene C_7H_8 Toluene C_8H_{10} Xylene

5. General Provisions

- 5.1 When instructed to include this test procedure in national standards, Contracting Parties are invited to adopt this Mutual Resolution for the measurement of interior air emissions from interior materials.
- 5.2 This Mutual Resolution does not hold regulatory status within Contracting Parties. Contracting Parties refer to the VIAQ recommendation when used for the assessment on vehicle interior air quality with the technical prescriptions of their own standards or regulations.
- 5.3 There are several test methods available for assessing vehicle interior air quality taking into account existing standards. There are three test modes, each with their own testing method. These test modes would be subject to optional acceptance by contraction parties depending on their situations. Contracting Parties may optionally decide to the test mode:
- 5.4. This Mutual Resolution will encourage the reduced use of materials, and chemicals that can be harmful to humans. It also encourages the increased use of environmentally-friendly materials, improving the environmental air quality inside the passenger cabin.
- 5.5. Substances to be measured are Formaldehyde, Acetaldehyde, Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, and Acrolein.
- 5.6 Due to the different levels of development, different regional cultures, and the costs associated with interior emission control technology, the regulatory stringency is expected to be different from region to region for the foreseeable future. The setting of interior emission limit values, therefore, is not part of this recommendation for the time being.

6. Normative references

- 6.1 ISO 16000-3, Indoor air Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds in indoor air and test chamber air Active sampling method
- 6.2 ISO 16000-6:2011, Indoor air Part 6: Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA® sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS or MS-FID.

7. Requirements for the test vehicle

- 7.1 Test vehicles should only be new vehicles from serial production. Used vehicles are not included. The selection of vehicles should be based on a worst case interior to minimize testing cost. Therefore it is recommended to measure vehicles with dark exterior and preferably black or dark interior colour. Furthermore grouping cars in families with similar interior emissions is recommended. This approach can be based on summing up vehicles with same interior line and similar interior volume.
- 7.2. The new vehicle, one not driven more than 80 km and within 28 d \pm 5 d after the sign-off date in the production line to be tested shall have been manufactured by the normal production process.
- 7.3 Transportation conditions from plant to storing place and to test facility
- 7.3.1 Transportation of the vehicle should follow the normal transportation process
- 7.3.2 All windows and doors closed. HVAC outlets closed, if possible, to avoid contamination.
- 7.3.3 Ensure that no external off-gassing materials will be transported in the same cargo area. Minimize high solar load during all transportations. Documentation of all deviations from the normal transportation process in the test protocol is needed.
- 7.3.4 Influence of the driver shall be as low as possible. The vehicle handlers shall avoid the following: no smoking, eating, transportation of external items, and no perfume, inside or near the test vehicle.
- 7.3.5 Protection covers used shall be the protection that will be used normally for transportation of the remaining production vehicles. Absorbers are only allowed if used in the normal transportation process.
- 7.4 Storing conditions for the vehicle
- 7.4.1 All windows, doors, and HVAC outlets keep closed to avoid from contamination and avoid direct sunlight.
- 7.4.2 Remove all protecting covers, foils, papers, stickers, absorbers, etc. at least 24 hours before measurement. Do not use any cleaning agent to remove any residues. Dust wiping, vacuuming and cleaning with clear water is possible. Clear water cleaning form outside is possible.
- 7.4.3 No extra fuelling, only the first fuel at production shall be within the fuelling system.
- 7.4.4 Workers should carefully deal with the vehicle to prevent contamination.
- 7.5 Storing conditions for the vehicle (1day before measurement)
- 7.5.1 Storage shall be for 1 day of soak time before measurement nearby the test facility. Control the soak temperature as close as possible to room temperature between 20-30 °C.

8. Requirements for the test apparatus/instrument/equipment

- 8.1 Whole vehicle test chamber
- 8.2.1 The whole vehicle test chamber shall be large enough to accommodate the complete test vehicle.
- 8.2.2 The whole vehicle test chamber shall be capable of maintaining a temperature of $25 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$. A heating and ventilation system (including the adjustment of the humidity) and, if necessary, a cooling system is necessary.
- 8.2.3 Relative humidity (RH) during the ambient mode in the whole vehicle test chamber shall be $50 \% RH \pm 10 \% RH$.
- 8.2.4 Relative humidity RH during the parking and driving mode in the whole vehicle test chamber shall be documented.
- 8.2.5 The maximum background concentration for each test substance shall not exceed 5 $\mu g/m^3$ for each single component or a maximum of 10 % of the respective measured target value, whichever is greater. If this is not met, the source of the contamination shall be identified and removed or covered to exclude it from the test result.
- 8.2.6 The air exchange rate of the whole vehicle test chamber should be a minimum of twice per hour.
- 8.3 Heating radiator.
- 8.3.1 Infrared radiator, halogen radiator or other radiators to simulate sunlight. Wavelengths <300 nm shall be filtered out. The heating radiators used shall be powered to create a radiation density at the reference measurement point in the middle of the roof surface of the test vehicle of 350 W/m² to 450 W/m² (400 W/m² ± 50 W/m²).
- 8.3.2 The heating area shall cover at least the area of the test vehicle cabin and an additional 0,5 m more to each side of the lower part of the glazing footprint, see Annex 1. Position the heating radiators on the roof with a shining angle of 90° to the heating area. The shining angle can be slightly modified to correct to achieve uniformity of the solar load. There shall be no heating radiators shining from the side. The heating area shall be calibrated in squares of 25 cm \times 25 cm with a radiation density of 400 W/m² \pm 50 W/m². The required radiation density shall be available directly after the lamps are switched on. This should be within a few minutes. The irradiation shall be measured in accordance with ISO 9060.
- 8.3.3 Take care not to have too short a distance between radiator and surface in order to avoid hot spots.
- 8.4 Sampling trains.
- 8.4.1 Sampling from inside the test vehicle shall have four sampling trains or a single sample inlet but split into four parallel sampling trains. Two for the VOC measurements in parallel and two for the carbonyl compound measurements in parallel in the test vehicle. One sampling line with a manifold for the division of the sampling flow outside the test vehicle is allowed. The sample train consists of the sampling line, heated if necessary, the sorbent tube and the DNPH cartridge for carbonyl compounds, the gas meters and the pumps.
- 8.4.2 Sampling in the whole vehicle test chamber. Four sampling trains are used to determine the background concentration of VOCs and carbonyl compounds in the whole vehicle test chamber. The sampling trains are identical to those of 8.4.1, apart from the sampling line, which is much shorter and not heated.

- 8.4.3 Prior to sampling, the sampling system shall be checked under the sampling load conditions for air-tightness. Do not skip this critical step because leaks have a high impact on the test results due to the large backpressure of the tubes and cartridges. To check for leaks plug the inlet to the sample system. Then use a vacuum pump to bring the sampling system to 21 inches of Hg vacuum then close a valve between the sample system and the pump. After 30 seconds the sample system vacuum must be greater than 20 inches of Hg to proceed. If not, find and fix leak and repeat to proceed. Other equivalent leak checks can be employed.
- 8.4.3 Sampling lines are the tubing between the sampling points inside the test vehicle or via the manifold outside the test vehicle to the VOC sorbent tubes or DNPH cartridges respectively, see Annex 1.
- 8.4.4 The sampling line shall be constructed as follows
- a) As short as possible (maximum 5 m) with an internal diameter of 4 mm or more;
- b) Of inert, non-emitting and non-absorbing/non-adsorbing material, e.g. stainless steel or polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) or glass.
- c) Proven that there are no contaminations or sink effects in the sampling line.
- d) With heating device, if necessary, to prevent condensation or deposition on the inner walls. Pest practice is to control temperature to about 20 °C above air temperature inside the test vehicle.
- 8.4.5 The tubing should be inserted between the door and the door frame or between the door frame and the glazing and should be sufficiently non-compressible to ensure an unimpeded flow of air.
- 8.4.6 The second chamber sampling line in the whole vehicle test chamber near the test vehicle goes to sorbent tubes or DNPH cartridges in parallel is identical to that described in the preceding vehicle sample line but no heating is necessary. This second sampling line is needed to monitor the background concentration of the whole vehicle test chamber. This measurement is taken after the 24 hours temperature acclimation phase but prior to opening the vehicle doors for the VOC conditioning phase.
- 8.5. Analytical equipment and materials.
- 8.5.1 The analytical equipment used for the determination of VOCs and carbonyl compounds or formaldehyde alone shall be in accordance with ISO 16000-6 (VOCs) or ISO 16000-3 (carbonyl compounds), respectively.
- 8.5.2 It shall be proven for the VOC sorbent tubes and the DNPH cartridges that there is no breakthrough. This can be identified by a back-up sorbent tube which is analysed separately, see ISO 16017-1.
- 8.5.3 Requirements for VOCs and carbonyl compounds sampling and measurement of the air in the cabin of the test vehicle and in the whole vehicle test chamber.
- 8.5.3.1 Carbonyl compounds (Formaldehyde, Acetaldehyde and Acrolein) are to be measured according to ISO 16000-3.
- 8.5.3.2 VOCs (Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene and Styrene) are to be measured according to ISO 16000-6.
- 8.6 Blank measurements
- 8.6.1 Field blanks
- 8.6.1.1 The samples used as field blanks for VOCs and carbonyl compounds shall be from the same batch and treated in the same way as those used for sampling and analysis,

including all devices and handlings, except that no gas is drawn through the sampling trains. Never remove the caps of the field blanks.

- 8.6.1.2 A field blank procedure shall be performed at least before each measurement series. A series is consecutive measurements of several vehicles.
- 8.6.1.3 The field blank shall not be deducted from the measured value.
- 8.6.1.4 All field blanks shall be reported with the corresponding measured values.
- 8.6.1.5The requirements for analytical and GC-MS blanks are specified in ISO 16000-3 and ISO 16000-6.

9. Test procedure, test mode, and test conditions

- 9.1 The pre-treatment procedure is divided into three parts:
- (a) Conditioning of the whole vehicle test chamber,
- (b) Conditioning of the test vehicle,
- (c) Performing sampling and analytical measurement.
- 9.2 Pre-arrangements and preconditioning of the whole vehicle test chamber and the vehicle and performing the field blanks
- 9.2.1 Pre-arrangements
- (a) Connect the test apparatus with the test vehicle. Attach the cables and sampling lines to the door frame so that, when the doors are closed, there is a nearly airtight sealing. Furthermore, the sampling line for VOCs and carbonyl compounds sampling shall be installed in the test vehicle. The sample is positioned as specified in Annex 1.
- (b) Connect the sampling line with the manifold and the manifold with the sampling trains for VOCs and carbonyl compounds measurements outside the test vehicle.
- (c) Connect the test apparatus within the whole vehicle test chamber.
- (d) Install the heating radiators and the other installations listed in 6.1.
- 9.2.2 Preconditioning of the whole vehicle test chamber
- 9.2.2.1 Adjust the temperature of the whole vehicle test chamber to 23.0-25.0 $^{\circ}$ C, as close as possible to 25.0 $^{\circ}$ C during the ambient mode test. There may be the need for a heating or cooling device. The humidity should be 50 % RH \pm 10 % RH in the ambient mode.
- 9.2.2.2The whole vehicle test chamber should be under good ventilation, and the air exchange rate should be twice per hour or higher. The interior materials of the whole vehicle test chamber shall have no appreciable emissions regarding the indoor air inside the test vehicle (see 8.6 background concentrations).
- 9.2.2.3 The heating of the interior of the cabin and the surfaces of the test vehicle is performed by heating radiators from outside the test vehicle during the driving mode
- 9.2.3 Preconditioning of the test vehicle
- 9.2.3.1 The essential conditions for the surroundings are as follows. The temperature during the ambient mode is adjusted to 23,0 to 25,0°C, as close as possible to 25.0 °C via the whole test chamber conditioning system. The preconditioning is started by opening the door for 30 min. After this, the door is closed for $16h \pm 1h$ soak time, see Annex 3.

9.2.4 Field blanks

- 9.2.4.1 Prepare the field blanks before the measurements are started, see 8.6. Install Tenax TA® sorbent tube for VOCs and one DNPH cartridge for carbonyl compounds in the sampling trains to measure the background concentration of the whole vehicle test chamber as well as Tenax TA® sorbent tube and DNPH cartridge in the sampling trains to measure the background concentration of the test vehicle. The field blank samplers shall be handled in the same way as those used for VOC or carbonyl compound measurements, but without drawing air through the sampling trains. As soon as the samplers have been connected into the sample train, they shall be removed, sealed and retained for analysis with the interior air samples.
- 9.2.4.2 Perform at least one field blank for each measurement series. Analytical GC–MS or HPLC blanks shall be performed according to 8.6.
- 9.3 Overview of test mode conditions

9.3.1 Ambient mode

Vehicle parking period is at the specified temperature, 23.0 to 25.0 °C, as close as possible to 25.0 °C) for 16 ± 1 h at the end of which the sampling of VOC's and carbonyl compounds in the interior air is to be performed.

9.3.2 Parking mode

Vehicle parking period is at the specified solar load for 4 hours at the end of which the sampling of carbonyl compounds in the interior air is to be performed.

9.3.3 Driving mode

This test mode that simulates the operation of the test vehicle after it is parking at elevated temperature within 30 min during which the sampling of VOC's and carbonyl compounds in the interior air is to be performed

9.4 Test procedure

Store car at 20 to 30 °C, 1d before start.

9.4.1 Ambient mode

9.4.1.1

After the conditions of the whole test chamber have been set at $23,0-25,0^{\circ}\text{C}$, as close as possible to 25.0 °C and 50 % RH \pm 10 % RH and the air exchange rate in the test chamber has been adjusted to a recommended value of at least twice per hour, the test procedure is started. At this time, turn on the four sampling trains in the whole vehicle test chamber to determine the VOCs and carbonyl compounds background concentrations, two sampling trains for VOCs and two for carbonyl compounds. The probe is positioned 1 m in front of the cabin air intake. The relative humidity and the temperature are measured in the same position. After the chamber sample is finished start the conditioning of the test vehicle by opening all doors for 30 min. Install the sampling train including the two VOC sorbent tubes and the two DNPH cartridges, and leak-check the sampling train. An overview of the number of samples to be taken is given in Annex 3.

9.4.1.2

Continue by conditioning the whole-vehicle test chamber and close all doors of the test vehicle for $16 \text{ h} \pm 1 \text{ h}$, e.g. overnight, at 23. 0 to 25.0 °C, as close as possible to 25.0 °C and 50 % RH ± 10 % RH and keep the air exchange rate in the whole vehicle test chamber at a minimum of twice per hour, this is a recommended value. There is no dynamic ventilation of the test vehicle.

9.4.1.3

There is no dynamic ventilation of the test vehicle. Before the sampling starts, purge the dead volume of the sampling line. Turn on the pumps of the four sampling trains, two for VOCs and two for carbonyl compounds, each in parallel. Perform the sampling of air samples in the test vehicle cabin in the ambient mode at room temperature, 23.0 to 25.0 °C, as close as possible to 25.0 °C, for 30 min. Adjust the flow rate to maximum 0.2 l/min for VOCs and 1 l/min for carbonyl compound measurements. The measurement procedures specified in ISO 16000-6 and ISO 16000-3 shall be followed.

9.4.2 Parking mode

9.4.2.1

Turn off the pumps for the VOCs and carbonyl compounds sampling, read and register the measurement volumes and take the VOC sorbent tubes and DNPH cartridges, which are placed outside the vehicle cabin, out of the sampling train. Seal the sorbent tubes or cartridges and analyse according to ISO 16000-6 and ISO 16000-3.

Furthermore, start the parking mode with the heating-up procedure, see Annex 3.

The following tasks shall be performed.

Start heating with the heating radiators (see 8.3). The irradiation is adjusted to $400 \text{ W/m2} \pm 50 \text{ W/m2}$ and maintained at that level for 4.5 hours.

Adjust the air exchange rate to twice per hour or higher; this is a recommended value for the whole vehicle test chamber.

9.4.2.2

Install the two DNPH cartridges in the two sampling trains for the test vehicle measurement and two for the whole vehicle test chamber. Before the sampling begins, check the sampling train for leaks, see 8.4.3 and purge the dead volume. Turn the pumps of the four sampling trains on. Perform formaldehyde sampling in the test vehicle cabin at elevated temperatures for 30 min. The flow rate is adjusted to maximum 1 l/min for carbonyl compound measurements. The measurement procedure specified in ISO 16000-3 (carbonyl compounds) shall be followed.

9.4.2.3 Turn off the pumps for the formaldehyde sampling and take the DNPH cartridges out of the sampling train to be analysed according to ISO 16000-3. Read and register the measurement volumes.

9.4.3 Driving mode

- 9.4.3.1 Before starting of driving mode, install the two VOC sorbent tubes and the two DNPH cartridges, and purge the dead volume in the test vehicle. The air condition is set off. Connect the exhaust pipe of the test vehicle with the ventilation system of test chamber to remove the exhaust gases outdoors.
- 9.4.3.2 Open the driver's door, start the engine. Engine must be running during 30 ± 2 min at idling speed with the minimum frequency of idling, declared by the manufacturer. After 1 min engine running close the driver's door. The doors and windows of test vehicle shall be closed during the whole mode. Forced ventilation system of test vehicle shall be off. Turn on the air conditioning in less than 60 s (at 23 °C in case of automatic conditioning or lowest operation for semi-automatic and manual conditioning systems; for test vehicles without automatic air-conditioning systems, the fan is in highest performance mode with fresh-air ventilation) (see Annex 3).
- 9.4.3.3 After 1-2 min of engine operation, turn on the pumps of the four sampling trains (two for VOCs and two for carbonyl compounds, each in parallel). The sampling of

air samples in the test vehicle cabin is performed at elevated temperature for 30 min. The flow rate is adjusted to maximum 0.2 l/min for VOCs and 1 l/min for carbonyl compound measurements. The measurement procedures specified in ISO 16000-6 (VOCs) and ISO 16000-3 (carbonyl compounds) shall be followed.

9.4.3.4 At the same time, turn on the four sampling trains in the whole vehicle test chamber to determine the VOCs and carbonyl compounds background concentrations (two sampling trains for VOCs and two for carbonyl compounds).

9.4.3.5

Turn off the engine. Stop the pumps of the sampling trains and the heating radiators/lamps. The sampling volumes shall be read and registered. The VOC sorbent tubes and DNPH cartridges shall be taken out of the sampling train for the analysis as specified in ISO 16000-6 and ISO 16000-3. Stop the continuous measurements for temperature and relative humidity. This is the end of the test mode.

10. Calculation, presentation of results, and precision and uncertainty

10.1 Calculation and presentation of results are performed according to ISO 16000-6 and ISO 16000-3. The precision and uncertainty shall also be followed as specified in ISO 16000-6 and ISO 16000-3. There is an informative test report (see Annex 4) which should be agreed on between the client and the laboratory.

11. Performance characteristics

11.1 The detection limits and standard deviations for VOCs given in ISO 16000-6 and for carbonyl compounds in ISO 16000-3 are met in this measurement procedure. The condition to meet these performance characteristics is that there are no contaminations or sink effects in the sampling lines. This shall be proven before the measurements and shall be documented.

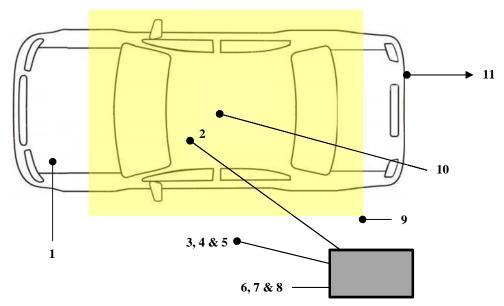
12. Quality assurance/quality control

An appropriate level of quality control shall be employed following ISO 16000-3 and ISO 16000-6, namely:

- (a) Field blanks are prepared according to 9.2.4;
- (a) The field blank level is acceptable if artefact peaks are no greater than 10 % of the typical areas of the substances of interest;
- (c) Desorption efficiency of VOCs and carbonyl compounds should be checked according to ISO 16000-3 and ISO 16000-6;
- (d) The collection efficiency can be assessed by using back-up tubes or taking samples of different sampling volumes less than the safe sampling volume;
- (e) Repeatability of the measuring method shall be determined, e.g. using collection and analysis of duplicate samples a coefficient of variation \leq 15 % (ISO 16000-3 and ISO 16000-6) from the duplicate measurements should be reached;
- (f) The recovery of C6 to C16 hydrocarbons shall be 95 % mass fraction (ISO 16000-6);

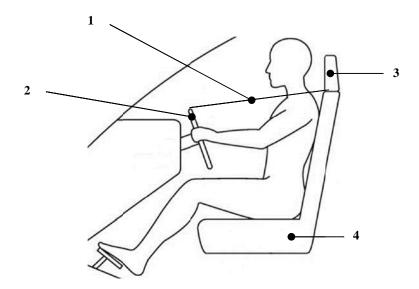
(g) Documentation illustrating traceable calibrations for temperature, humidity, and flow measurements.

Annex 1 Whole vehicle chamber



- 1. Test Vehicle
- 2. Vehicle Sampling Point Location
- 3. Chamber Sampling Point Location, 1 meter from vehicle 1 meter from floor.
- 4. Chamber Temperature Measurement Location
- 5. Chamber Humidity Measurement Location
- 6. Mass Flow Sample System
- 7. Background Samples (2 Tubes & 2 Cartridges)
- 8. Field Blank
- 9. Solar Load Area, uniform area extending 0.5 meters beyond glass of vehicle.
- 10. Solar Load Measurement Location, top center of roof.
- 11. Exhaust Duct

Annex 2 Sampling position



- Vehicle Sampling Point Location, 50 centimeters from top of steering wheel to bottom of headrest.
 Steering Wheel, in up and in most position.
 Headrest in lowest position.
 Seat in rearmost and lowest position with seatback at about 90° from seat bottom.

Annex 3 Test Schedule

Modes			Parking Mode		Driving Mode				
Supplementary Phases	Temperature Precondition	Sample	VOC Precondition	Soak	Sample	Soak	Sample	Sample	
Duration	24 Hours	30 Minutes	> 30 Minutes	16 (+/- 1) Hours	30 Minutes	4 Hours	30 Minutes	30 Minutes	
Start Time (hh:mm)	00:00	24:00	24:30	25:00	41:00	41:30	45:30	46:00	
Chamber Temperature	20 °C to 30 °C	73.0 °C to 75.0 °C as close as nossible to 75.0 °C							
Chamber Humidity				50 % RH =	± 10 % RH				
Solar Load			OFF			4	$400 \pm 50 \text{ W/m}$	2	
Vehicle Age			28	± 5 days and	less than 80 l	km			
Vehicle Doors	CLO	SED	OPEN		CLO	SED		OPEN <1 min	
Vehicle Engine				OFF				ON	
Vehicle Climate Settings Auto or Manual Systems	OFF Auto or Face Mode								
Air Conditioning	OFF								
Fan		OFF Auto or High							
Temperature Setting		OFF 23 °C c Lowes But No MAX A							
Air Inlet Position				OPEN				Auto	
Outlet Vents and Position		Fully OPEN and Upright							
Total Tube Samples ¹ Vehicle					2			2	
Total Tube Samples ¹ Chamber		2							
Total Tube Samples ^{1,2} Field Blank		2							
Tube Sampling Times		30 Minutes			30 Minutes		30 Minutes	30 Minutes	
Tube Sampling Flow Rate Ranges ³	Minutes 0.1 L/min to 0.2 L/min			0.1 L/min to 0.2 L/min			0.1 L/min to 0.2 L/min	0.1 L/min to 0.2 L/min	
Tube Sampling Volume Ranges ³		3 L to 6 L			3 L to 6 L		3 L to 6 L	3 L to 6 L	

Total Cartridge Samples ¹ Vehicle			2	2	2
Total Cartridge Samples ¹ Chamber	2				
Total Cartridge Samples ^{1,2} Field Blank	2				
Cartridge Sampling Times	30 Minutes		30 Minutes	30 Minutes	30 Minutes
Cartridge Sampling Flow Rate Ranges ³	0.4 L/min to 1.0 L/min		0.4 L/min to 1.0 L/min	0.4 L/min to 1.0 L/min	0.4 L/min to 1.0 L/min
Cartridge Sample Volume Ranges ³	12 L To 30 L		12 L To 30 L	12 L To 30 L	12 L To 30 L

- 1. Analyze only one sample and report value. If both samples are analyzed report the average.
- 2. Field Blanks are closed and shall not be opened to chamber or vehicle and no volume pulled through the sample. One common Field Blank result can be used for multiple vehicle tests per day of testing.
- 3. Sample flow rates and sample volumes shall be reported at standard temperature and pressure conditions. These same standard conditions shall be used in the calculation of VOC mass and concentration.

Annex 4 Test report

Reporting Format and Data Exchange

The data exchange file shall be constructed as follows. VOC concentrations as well as any other relevant parameters shall be reported and exchanged as a csv-formatted data file. Parameter values shall be separated by a comma, ASCII-Code #h2C. The decimal marker of numerical values shall be a point, ASCII-Code #h2E. Lines shall be terminated by carriage return, ASCII-Code #h0D. No thousands separators shall be used.

Headers of the Reporting and Data Exchange File

Line #	Parameter	Basic Data Type [A=Alpha or N=Numeric (max length, fractional digits)]	Data Type [Enumeration String, Decimal, Integer]	Total Digits	Fractional Digits	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Allowed Values for: Enumeration or Description or Units
1	Process Code	N(2)	Integer			0	99	Version of Test Report. 1st dataset is N=0, highest value is the latest correction of existing dataset
2	Name of Witness	A(250)	String					Only if applicable. Full name of witness, company name and contact information for certification of test. Use "Self Certified" if no witness is required.
3	Test ID Code	A(50)	String					Serial Test Identification
4	Vehicle Test Date	A(10)	String					Ref. ISO 8601 (e.g. YYYY- MM-DD)
5	Name of Vehicle Test Operator(s)	A(50)	String					Given (First) and Family (Last) Names
6	Analytical Test Date	A(10)	String					Ref. ISO 8601 (e.g. YYYY- MM-DD)
7	Name of Analytical Test Operator(s)							
8	Vehicle Laboratory and Address	A(200)	String					Name of Vehicle Test Laboratory, Street, City, State, Country, Postal (ZIP) Code
9	Analytical Laboratory and Address	A(200)	String					Name of Sample Test Laboratory, Street, City, State, Country, Postal (ZIP) Code
10	Valid or Void	A(5)	String					Enter if the test value is void or valid
11	Test Comments	A(1000)	String					Test Report Comments
12-20 ⁽¹⁾	•••							•••
21	Manufacturer Name	A(50)	String					Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)
22	Factory Name	A(50)	String					Place of Manufacturer
23	Vehicle Identification Number	A(17)	String					17-character vehicle identification number (VIN)
24	Vehicle Class (Category 1-1 Vehicle Only)	A(1)	Enumeration					A = Mini Car B = Small Car C = Medium Car D = Large Car E = Executive Car F = Luxury Car J = Sport Utility Car (including off-road vehicles) M = Multi-Purpose Car S = Sports Car P = Small Pickup Truck T = Standard Pickup Truck
25	Model Name	A(50)	String					Manufacturer's Model Name
26	Exterior Color	A(50)	String		_			Paint Color

27	Interior Color	A(50)	String					Seat Trim Color
28	Interior Seat Material Type	A(50)	String					Description of Seat Cover Material (e.g. Leather, Cloth, color, etc.)
29	Production Date	A(10)	String					Ref. ISO 8601 (e.g. YYYY- MM-DD)
30	Odometer Reading	N(5)	Integer					Distance traveled [km] should be <80 km
31	Vehicle History	A(50)	String					Optional Description of Test Vehicle
32	Climate Control System Type/Characteristics	A(20)	String					Description of Climate Control System
33	AC Operator Control	A(1)	Enumeration					M = Manual A = Automatic
34-49 ⁽¹⁾								
50	Chamber - Formaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 50-00-0 [µg/m^3]
51	Chamber - Acetaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 75-07-0 [µg/m^3]
52	Chamber - Acrolein	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 107-02-8 [µg/m^3]
53	Chamber - Benzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 71-43-2 [µg/m^3]
54	Chamber - Toluene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 108-88-3 [µg/m^3]
55	Chamber - Xylene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 1330-20-7 [µg/m^3]
56	Chamber - Ethylbenzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-41-4 [µg/m^3]
57	Chamber - Styrene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-42-5 [µg/m^3]
58-69 ⁽¹⁾			Decimal	6	1	0.0	99999.9	
70	Blank - Formaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 50-00-0 [µg/m^3]
71	Blank - Acetaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 75-07-0 [µg/m^3]
72	Blank - Acrolein	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 107-02-8 [µg/m^3]
73	Blank - Benzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 71-43-2 [µg/m^3]
74	Blank - Toluene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 108-88-3 [µg/m^3]
75	Blank - Xylene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 1330-20-7 [µg/m^3]
76	Blank - Ethylbenzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-41-4 [µg/m^3]
77	Blank - Styrene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-42-5 [µg/m^3]
78-89 ⁽¹⁾			Decimal	6	1	0.0	99999.9	
90	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Formaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 50-00-0 [μg/m^3]
91	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Acetaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 75-07-0 [µg/m^3]
92	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Acrolein	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 107-02-8 [µg/m^3]
93	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Benzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 71-43-2 [µg/m^3]
94	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Toluene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 108-88-3 [µg/m^3]
95	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Xylene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 1330-20-7 [µg/m^3]
96	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Ethylbenzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-41-4 [µg/m^3]
97	Ambient Mode Vehicle - Styrene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-42-5 [µg/m^3]
98-109 (1)		***	Decimal	6	1	0.0	99999.9	
110	Parking Mode Vehicle - Formaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 50-00-0 [µg/m^3]
111-129 (1)		•••	Decimal	6	1	0.0	99999.9	
130	Driving Mode Vehicle -	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 50-00-0 [µg/m^3]

	Formaldehyde							
131	Driving Mode Vehicle - Acetaldehyde	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 75-07-0 [µg/m^3]
132	Driving Mode Vehicle - Acrolein	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 107-02-8 [µg/m^3]
133	Driving Mode Vehicle - Benzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 71-43-2 [µg/m^3]
134	Driving Mode Vehicle - Toluene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 108-88-3 [µg/m^3]
135	Driving Mode Vehicle - Xylene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 1330-20-7 [μg/m^3]
136	Driving Mode Vehicle - Ethylbenzene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-41-4 [μg/m^3]
137	Driving Mode Vehicle - Styrene	N(4,1)	Decimal	5	1	0.0	9999.9	CAS#: 100-42-5 [µg/m^3]
138-149 ⁽¹⁾			Decimal	6	1	0.0	99999.9	

⁽¹⁾ Additional parameters may be added here to characterize test conditions.