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VOC EMISSION TEST REPORT

M1

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1 Sample Information

Sample name	SPC Flooring
Batch no.	008-18111620
Production date	08/12/2018
Product type	PVC flooring
Sample reception	12/12/2018

2 Brief Evaluation of the Results

Regulation or protocol	Conclusion	Version of regulation or protocol
M1	Pass	M1 Protocol of November 2017

Full details based on the testing and direct comparison with limit values are available in the following pages

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3 Applied Test Methods

3.1 General Test References

Regulation, protocol or standard	Version	Reporting limit VOC [µg/m³]	Calculation of TVOC	Combined uncertainty¤ [RSD(%)]
EN 16516	October 2017	5	Toluene equivalents	22%
ISO 16000 -3 -6 -9 -11	2006-2011 depending on part	2	Toluene equivalents	22%
ASTM D5116-10	2010	-	-	-
M1	M1 Protocol of November 2017	5	Toluene equivalents	22%
EN 15251' appendix C*	2007	2	Toluene equivalents	22%

3.2 Specific Laboratory Sampling and Analyses

Procedure	External Method	Internal SOP	Quantification limit / sampling volume	Analytical principle	Uncertainty¤ [RSD(%)]
Sample preparation	ISO 16000-11:2006, EN16402:2013, CDPH, AgBB, EMICODE	71M549810	-	-	-
Emission chamber testing	ISO 16000-9:2006, EN 16516:2017	71M549811	-	Chamber and air control	-
Sampling of VOC	ISO 16000-6:2011, EN 16516:2017	71M549812	5 L	Tenax TA	-
Analysis of VOC	ISO 16000-6:2011, EN 16516:2017	71M542808B	1 µg/m³	ATD-GC/MS	10%
Sampling of aldehydes	ISO 16000-3:2011, EN 16516:2017	71M549812	35 L	DNPH	-
Analysis of aldehydes	ISO 16000-3:2011, EN 717-1, EN 16516:2017	71M548400	3-6 µg/m³	HPLC-UV	10%
Sampling of Ammonia	NIOSH 6015:1994	71M549812	100 L	H_2SO_4 coated Silicagel	-
Analysis of Ammonia	NIOSH 6015:1994	71M544430	10 µg/m³	Spectrofotometry	10%
Odour/sensory testing*	ISO 16000-28:2012	71M549822	-	Odour panel	10%

4 Test Parameters, Sample Preparation and Deviations

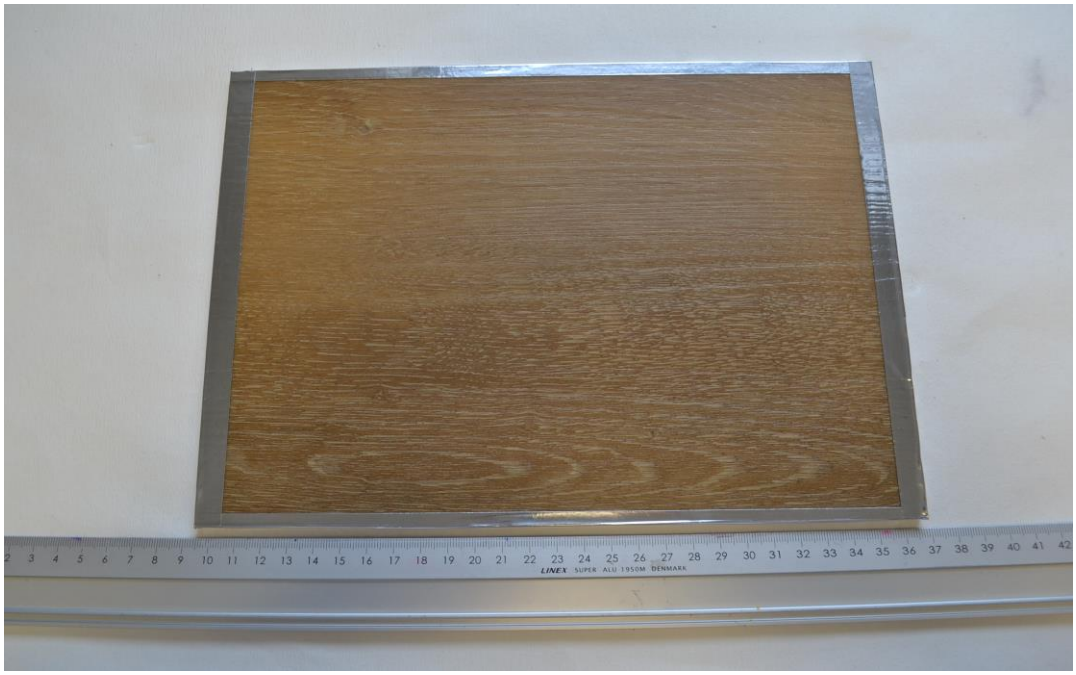
4.1 VOC Emission Chamber Test Parameters

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Chamber volume, V[L]	119	Preconditioning period	-
Air Change rate, n[h^{-1}]	0.5	Test period	08/01/2019 - 05/02/2019
Relative humidity of supply air, RH [%]	50 ± 3	Area specific ventilation rate, q [m/h or $m^3/m^2/h$]	1.25
Temperature of supply air, T [°C]	23 ± 1	Loading factor [m^2/m^3]	0.4
		Test scenario	Flooring or ceiling

4.2 Preparation of the Test Specimen

Edges and back were covered with aluminium foil and aluminium tape.

4.3 Picture of Sample



4.4 Deviations from Referenced Protocols and Regulations

No deviations from the referenced test methods were observed.

5 Results

5.1 VOC Emission Test Results after 28 Days

	CAS No.	Retention time [min]	ID-Cat	Specific Conc. [µg/m³]	Toluene eq. [µg/m³]	Toluene SER [µg/(m²·h)]	SER [µg/(m²·h)]	EU-LCI [µg/m³]
VOC compounds								
2-Ethyl-1-hexanol [e]	104-76-7	9.07	1	6.5	< 5	< 7		300
TVOC				6.5	< 5	< 7		
VVOC compounds								
None determined								
TVVOC				< 5	< 5	< 7		
SVOC compounds								
None determined								
TSVOC				< 5	< 5	< 7		
CMR substances								
None determined								
Total CMR				< 1	< 1		< 2	
Aldehydes								
Formaldehyde	50-00-0		1	4.6			5.8	100
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0		1	< 3			< 4	1200
Propionaldehyde	123-38-6		1	< 3			< 4	
Butyraldehyde	123-72-8		1	< 3			< 4	650
2-butenal	123-73-9		1	< 5			< 7	5
Glutaraldehyde	111-30-8		1	< 5			< 7	
Add. compounds								
Ammonia	7664-41-7		1	< 10			< 20	

5.2 Sensory Testing

	Acceptance		Acceptance
Participant 1	0.85	Participant 12	0.4
Participant 2	0.95	Participant 13	1
Participant 3	0.9	Participant 14	0.85
Participant 4	0.85	Participant 15	1
Participant 5	0.9	Participant 16	1
Participant 6	0.9	Participant 17	1
Participant 7	0.85	Participant 18	1
Participant 8	0.9	Participant 19	0.95
Participant 9	0.7	Participant 20	1
Participant 10	0.9	Participant 21	0.9
Participant 11	1	Participant 22	0.7

Final Results	
Average assessment	0.9
90% confidence interval	0.8 - 0.9
Standard deviation	0.1

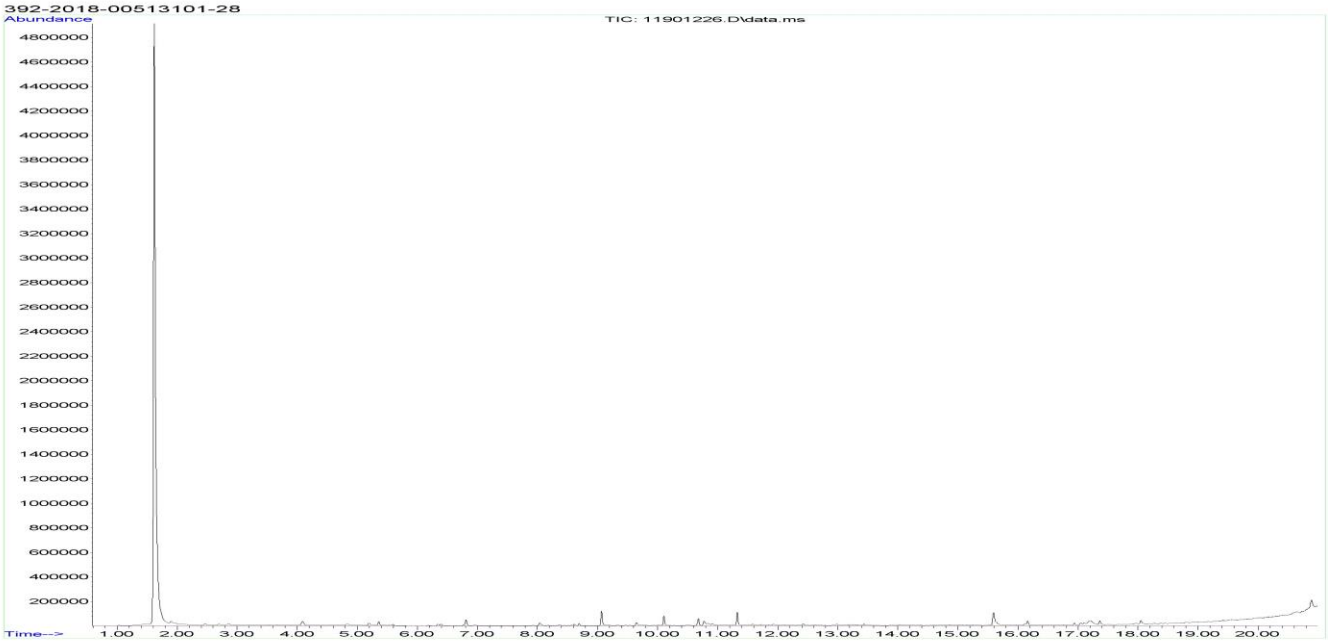
6 Summary and Evaluation of the Results

6.1 Comparison with M1 Limit Values

Parameter	Area specific emission rate mg/(m²h)	Limit Value mg/(m²h)
TVOC	< 0.007	< 0.2
Formaldehyde	0.0058	< 0.05
Ammonia	< 0.02	< 0.03
Total CMR	< 0.002	< 0.005
Odour (dimensionless)	0.9	≥ 0.0
Single VOCs with EU-LCI	Complies	≤ EU-LCI

7 Appendices

7.1 Chromatogram of VOC Emissions after 28 Days



7.2 Sampling Report

Name of applicant: (name, company, phone):	ZHE JIANG YONGYU BAMBOO JOINT STOCK CO.,LTD	**Producer** (if different from company's name at place of sampling):	
Production plant, where sampling takes place	ZHE JIANG YONGYU BAMBOO JOINT STOCK CO.,LTD	**Sampler *** (Please mark):	Jacky
		(name, company, phone):	ZHE JIANG YONGYU BAMBOO JOINT STOCK CO.,LTD 0572 5520777
Name of the product:	SPC	**Type of product**	Vinyl Flooring
Model / Program / Series:	UV441	**Batch N°:**	008-18111620
Article N°:	UV44101207	**Date of batch production:**	2018-12-8
Sample was taken from	☐,☒ ongoing production ☐ stocks ☐ retained sample	**Date of sampling:** **Time of sampling:**	2018-12-8 10:35
Where had the product been stored prior to sampling? **Place of storage:**	☐,☒ production ☐ store ☐ miscellaneous Workshop	**How had the product been stored prior to sampling?** **Packing material:**	☐ open ☐,☒ in the stack ☐ wrapped up No
Specifics (possible negative influences by air contamination where sample was taken, by petrol emissions, by solvent emissions from production; any other uncertainties, questions, etc).		No	
Cut edges (identification of cut edges when present and identification of new surfaces and surface to be exposed in the emission test):			
Confirmation Herewith the signer confirms the correctness of the data given above. The sample was selected, drawn and packed personally in accordance with the instructions for the taking of samples.			
Date: 2018-12-8	**Signature:** Jacky (Stamp)		

7.3 How to Understand the Results

7.3.1 Acronyms Used in the Report

< Means less than

> Means bigger than

* Not a part of our accreditation

¤ Please see section regarding uncertainty in the Appendices.

§ Deviation from method. Please see deviation section

a The method is not optimal for very volatile compounds. For these substances smaller results and a higher measurement uncertainty cannot be ruled out.

b The component originates from the wooden panels and is thus removed.

c The results have been corrected by the emission from wooden panels.

d Very polar organic compounds are not suitable for reliable quantification using tenax TA adsorbent and HP-5 GC column. A high degree of uncertainty must be expected.

e The component may be overestimated due to contribution from the system

SER Specific Emission Rate.

7.3.2 Explanation of ID Category

Categories of Identity:

1: Identified by comparison with a mass spectrum obtained from library and supported by other information and quantified through specific calibration.

2: Identified by comparison with a mass spectrum obtained from library and supported by other information. Quantified as toluene equivalent.

3: Identified with a lower match by comparison with a mass spectrum obtained from a library. Quantified as toluene equivalent.

4: Not identified, quantified as toluene equivalent.

7.4 Applied LCI and NIK Values

7.4.1 LCI/NIK Values for Compounds found after 28 Day Measurements

Compound	CAS No.	EU-LCI [µg/m³]
2-Ethyl-1-hexanol	104-76-7	300
Formaldehyde	50-00-0	100

7.5 Description of VOC Emission Test

7.5.1 Test Chamber

The test chamber is made of stainless steel. A multi-step air clean-up is performed before loading the chamber, and a blank check of the empty chamber is performed.
The chamber operation parameters are as described in the test method section. (EN 16516, ISO 16000-9, internal method no.: 71M549811).

7.5.2 Expression of the Test Results

All test results are calculated as specific emission rate, and as extrapolated air concentration in the European Reference Room (EN 16516, AgBB, EMICODE, M1 and Indoor Air Comfort).

7.5.3 Testing of Carcinogenic VOCs

The emission of carcinogens (EU Categories C1A and C1B, as per European law) is tested by drawing sample air from the test chamber outlet through Tenax TA tubes after the specified duration of storage in the ventilated test chamber. Analysis is performed by ATD-GC/MS (automated thermal desorption coupled with gas chromatography and mass spectroscopy using 30 m HP-5 (slightly polar) column with 0.25 mm ID and 0.25 µm film, Agilent) (EN 16516, ISO 16000-6, internal methods no.: 71M549812 / 71M542808B).

All identified carcinogenic VOCs are listed; if a carcinogenic VOC is not listed then it has not been detected. Quantification is performed using the TIC signal and authentic response factors, or the relative response factors relative to toluene for the individual compounds.

This test only covers substances that can be adsorbed on Tenax TA and can be thermally desorbed. If other emissions occur, then these substances cannot be detected (or with limited reliability only).

7.5.4 Testing of VOC, SVOC and VVOC

The emissions of volatile organic compounds are tested by drawing sample air from the test chamber outlet through Tenax TA tubes after the specified duration of storage in the ventilated test chamber. Analysis is performed by ATD-GC/MS using HP-5 column (30 m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm film) (EN 16516, ISO 16000-6, internal methods no.: 71M549812 / 71M542808B).

All single substances that are listed with a LCI/NIK value in the latest publications (hereafter referred to as target compounds) are identified if present. All other appearing VOCs are identified as far as possible. Quantification of target compounds is done using the TIC signal and authentic response factors, or the relative response factors relative to toluene. For certain compound groups, which differ significantly in chemistry from toluene, quantification is performed relative to a representative member of the group for more accurate and precise results. This can include quantification of for example glycols and acids. In addition to that, all results are also expressed in toluene equivalents. All non-target compounds, as well as all non-identified substances, are quantified in toluene equivalents.

The results of the individual substances are calculated in three groups depending on their retention time when analyzing using a non-polar column (HP-5):

- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) are defined as: All substances eluting between and including n-hexane (n-C6) and n-hexadecane (n-C16)
- Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOC) are defined as: All substances eluting after n-hexadecane (n-C16) and before and including n-docosane (n-C22)
- Very Volatile Organic Compounds (VVOC) are defined as: All substances eluting before n-hexane (n-C6).

Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOC) is calculated by summation of all individual VOCs with a concentration ≥ 5 µg/m³. The TVOC can be expressed either in toluene equivalents as defined in EN 16516 and similar to ISO 16000-6, or as the sum of concentrations using specific or relative response factors. In the case of summation of concentrations using authentic or relative response factors, the toluene equivalent is applied to all non-target and non-identified VOCs before summing up. Compounds regarded as VOC in line with the above definition but elute before n-C6 or after n-C16 on the HP-5 column are treated as VOC, and are thus added to the TVOC.

Total Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (TSVOC) is calculated by the summation of all individual SVOCs expressed in toluene equivalents with a concentration ≥ 5 µg/m³, as defined in EN 16516. VOCs that are regarded as VOC in line with the above definition, but elute after n-C16 in this test, are not added to the TSVOC.

Total Very Volatile Organic Compounds (TVVOC) is calculated by the summation of all individual VVOCs with a concentration ≥ 5 µg/m³ and expressed in toluene equivalents. VOCs that are regarded as VOC in line with the above definition, but elute before n-C6 in this test, are not added to the TVVOC.

This test only covers substances which can be adsorbed on Tenax TA and can be thermally desorbed. If emissions of substances outside these specifications occur then these substances cannot be detected (or with limited reliability only).

7.5.5 Testing of Aldehydes

The presence of aldehydes is tested by drawing air samples from the test chamber outlet through DNPH-coated silicagel tubes after the specified duration of storage in the ventilated test chamber. Analysis is performed by solvent desorption and subsequently by HPLC and UV-/diode array detection.

The absence of formaldehyde and other aldehydes is stated if UV detector response at the specific wavelength is lacking at the specific retention time in the chromatogram. Otherwise it is checked whether the reporting limit is exceeded. In this case the identity is finally checked by comparing full scan sample UV spectra with full scan standard UV spectra.

7.5.6 Testing of Ammonia

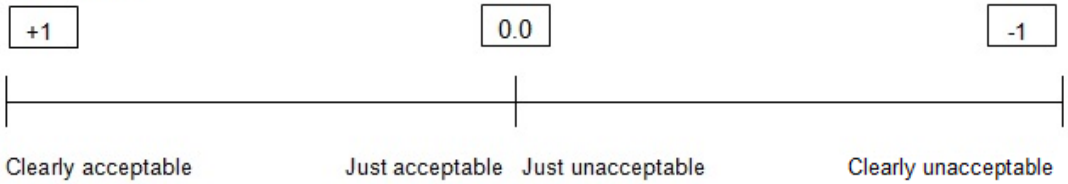
The presence of ammonia was tested by drawing air samples from the chamber outlet through silicagel tubes coated with sulphuric acid after 28 days. Analysis was done by solvent desorption and UV/VIS spectroscopy (internal methods: 71M549812 / 71M544430).

The absence of ammonia was stated if the signal was lacking at the specific wavelength. Otherwise it was checked whether the detection limit was exceeded.

7.5.7 Sensory Testing

The sensory testing was done after 28 days storage under controlled conditions in the testing chamber. The test panel assessed the odour first of the room air and then give the odour rating once for each chamber. The judgement was based on the odour impression after 2-3 inhalations. The odour was rated immediately on a continuous scale with values between +1 (clearly acceptable) and -1 (clearly unacceptable), with just acceptable = +0.1 and just unacceptable = -0.1. The scale was read with an accuracy of ± 0.1. The result was calculated as the average of the assessments from the odour rating of the panel. Only panel members rating clean moistened air as acceptable (> 0.8) were considered in the calculation.

Sensory Acceptance:



7.6 Quality Assurance

Before loading the test chamber, a blank check of the empty chamber is performed and compliance with background concentrations in accordance with EN 16516 / ISO 16000-9 is determined.

Air sampling at the chamber outlet and subsequent analysis is performed in duplicate. Relative humidity, temperature and air change rate in the chambers is logged every 5 minutes and checked daily. A double determination is performed on random samples at a regular interval and results are registered in a control chart to ensure the uncertainty and reproducibility of the method.

The stability of the analytical system is checked by a general function test of device and column, and by use of control charts for monitoring the response of individual substances prior to each analytical sequence.

7.7 Accreditation

The testing methods described above are accredited on line with EN ISO/IEC 17025 by DANAK (no. 522). This accreditation is valid worldwide due to mutual approvals of the national accreditation bodies (ILAC/IAF, see also www.eurofins.com/galten.aspx#accreditation).

Not all parameters are covered by this accreditation. The accreditation does not cover parameters marked with an asterisk (*), however analysis of these parameters is conducted at the same level of quality as for the accredited parameters.

7.8 Uncertainty of the Test Method

The relative standard deviation of the overall analysis is 22%. The expanded uncertainty Um equals 2 x RSD. For further information please visit www.eurofins.dk/uncertainty.