



Soyuz 24 Return Samples: Assessment of Air Quality aboard the International Space Station

International Space Station: Fifteen mini-grab sample containers (m-GSCs) were returned aboard Soyuz. This is the first time all samples were acquired with the mini-grab samplers. The toxicological assessment of 15 m-GSCs from the ISS is shown in Table 1. The recoveries of the 3 internal standards, ¹³C-acetone, fluorobenzene, and chlorobenzene, from the GSCs averaged 75, 97 and 79%, respectively. Formaldehyde badges were not returned on Soyuz 24.

Table 1. Analytical Summary of ISS Results

Module/ Sample	Date of Sample	NMVOCs ^a (mg/m ³)	Freon 218 (mg/m ³)	T Value ^b (units)	Alcohols (mg/m ³)
Lab	12/21/10	6.8	100	0.27	5.8
JEM	12/21/10	6.9	140	0.26	6.1
SM	12/21/10	7.9	73	0.28	6.0
Lab	1/14/11	4.7	67	0.27	3.9
Col	1/14/11	4.9	60	0.29	4.0
SM	1/14/11	5.0	68	0.31	4.0
HTV2 (first entry)	1/27/11	15	95	2.50	6.0
JEM	2/14/11	5.3	82	0.33	4.1
Lab	2/14/11	5.7	79	0.33	4.5
SM	2/14/11	5.1	67	0.29	4.1
ATV2 vestibule	2/25/11	5.0	67	0.33	3.9
ATV2 center (first entry)	2/25/11	11	8	1.23	5.3
Col	3/15/11	5.5	62	0.35	4.3
Lab	3/15/11	5.4	67	0.32	4.3
SM	3/15/11	5.0	54	0.34	4.1
<i>Guideline</i>		<25	<i>none</i>	<1.0 ^b	<5

^a Non-methane volatile organic hydrocarbons, excluding Freon 218

^b Based on 180-d SMACs and calculated excluding CO₂, formaldehyde, and siloxanes. First entry guideline is < 3.

The T-values of samples taken during nominal operations suggest uniformly clean air. The first entry samples show higher levels of pollution, but <3 units. Based on Freon 218 and CO₂ levels, the ATV first-entry sample was captured quickly, but the HTV2 first-entry sampling was delayed. The main contributors to the high T-value in HTV2 sample were trimethylsilanol and fluorotrimethylsilane. Freon 218 (perfluoropropane) levels continue to be high and fairly uniformly distributed throughout the ISS stack. This compound is far from toxic at these levels.



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Table 1: Analytical concentrations of compounds found in the Soyuz 24 return m-GSCs

Table 2: T-values of the compounds in table 1

TABLE 1
ANALYTICAL RESULTS OF
24S RETURN MINI-GRAB SAMPLE CONTAINER AIR SAMPLES

TOTAL ALCOHOLS PLUS ACETONE 5.8 6.1 6.8 3.9 4.0 4.0 6.0 4.1 4.5 4.1 3.9 5.3 4.3 4.3 4.1

TARGET COMPOUNDS (GC)+++															
CARBON MONOXIDE	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.7	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.6
METHANE	6.7	7.2	7.0	19	19	19	11	19	18	19	21	TRACE	21	20	20
HYDROGEN	2.7	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	<0.41	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.0	<0.41	3.3	3.4	3.4
CARBON DIOXIDE	6700	8200	7300	6900	7300	7600	5100	7000	7000	7400	8400	1200	6400	5900	6300

**TOTAL CONCENTRATION
(NON-METHANE HYDROCARBONS)** 110 150 81 72 65 73 110 87 85 72 72 19 68 73 59

TOTAL CONCENTRATION - OFP (NON-METHANE HYDROCARBONS)	6.8	6.9	7.9	4.7	4.9	5.0	15	5.3	5.7	5.1	5.0	11	5.5	5.4	5.0
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* FROM CG/TID RESULTS

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+++ Measurements are calibrated by multi-point initial calibration and verified by mid-point continuing calibration.

+++ Back P values are used for quantitation. P values are referenced in the book "Compilation of Mass Spectral Data" by A. Corru and B. Massot, 1966.

++++ Book B-values are used for quantitation. B-values are less than the laboratory report detection limit.

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TABLE 2
ANALYTICAL RESULTS OF
24S RETURN MINI-GRAB SAMPLE CONTAINER AIR SAMPLES

CHEMICAL CONTAMINANT	T-VALUE (180-d SMAC)																	
	AA05052 S/N 2047	AA05053 S/N 2042	AA05054 S/N 2039	AA05055 S/N 2045	AA05056 S/N 2048	AA05057 S/N 2051	AA05058 S/N 2043	AA05059 S/N 2044	AA05060 S/N 2041	AA05061 S/N 2056	AA05062 S/N 2050	AA05063 S/N 2058	AA05064 S/N 2046	AA05065 S/N 2049	AA05066 S/N 2052			
	LAB	JEM	SM	LAB	COLUMBU S	SM	HTV2	JEM	LAB	SM	ATV2 VESTIBUL E	CENTER VOLUME 02/25/11 @ 16:14 GMT	03/15/11 @ 11:30 GMT	LAB	SM			
	12/21/10 @ 13:30 GMT	12/21/10 @ 13:31 GMT	12/21/10 @ 13:35 GMT	01/14/11 @ 15:12 GMT	01/14/11 @ 15:16 GMT	01/14/11 @ 15:20 GMT	01/27/11 @ 21:00 GMT	02/14/11 @ 10:47 GMT	02/14/11 @ 10:50 GMT	02/14/11 @ 23:00 GMT	02/25/11 @ 15:27 GMT	03/15/11 @ 16:14 GMT	03/15/11 @ 11:30 GMT	03/15/11 @ 11:30 GMT	03/15/11 @ 13:20 GMT			
TARGET COMPOUNDS (TO-14/POLAR)																		
FREON12	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
CHLOROMETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
FREON114	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
METHANOL	0.00706	0.01496	0.00982	0.00710	0.00538	0.00730	0.00698	0.00617	0.00728	0.00693	0.00774	0.00863	0.00661	0.00740	0.00647			
ACETALDEHYDE	0.03488	0.03977	0.03437	0.03572	0.03572	0.04131	0.03046	0.02829	0.03124	0.03359	0.08236	0.07877	0.03572	0.03378	0.02794			
VINYLCHLORIDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
BROMOMETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
ETHANOL *	0.00232	0.00212	0.00269	0.00124	0.00129	0.00136	0.00110	0.00148	0.00154	0.00141	0.00130	0.00092	0.00152	0.00147	0.00140			
CHLOROETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
ACETONITRILE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
PROPENAL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
ACETONE	0.00551	0.00550	0.00640	0.00734	0.00833	0.00798	0.00688	0.00654	0.00783	0.00703	0.00694	0.01695	0.00763	0.00853	0.00765			
PROPANAL	0.00227	ND	0.00227	ND	ND	ND	0.00227	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
ISOPROPANOL*	0.00090	0.00092	0.00097	0.00105	0.00243	0.00120	0.01802	0.00134	0.00197	0.00117	0.00114	0.01149	0.00160	0.00145	0.00137			
FREON11	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
FURAN	ND	0.35714	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
ACRYLONITRILE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
PENTANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-METHYL-2-PROPANOL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00021	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00059	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
METHYLACETATE	ND	0.00043	0.00053	0.00048	0.00021	ND	0.00021	0.00042	0.00021									
1,1-DICHLOROETHENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
DICHLOROMETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00250	ND	0.00890	0.00250	0.00250	0.00250	0.02141	0.00250	0.00250					
3-CHLOROPROPENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
FREON113	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
N-PROPANOL	ND	ND	ND	0.00086	0.00026	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND						
1,1-DICHLOROETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
BUTANAL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-BUTANONE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00083	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00083	0.00083	0.00083	0.00083	0.00083		
CIS-1,2-DICHLOROETHENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-METHYLFURAN	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
ETHYLACETATE	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00014	0.00039	0.00043	0.00038	0.00028	ND	0.00042	0.00054	0.00052			
HEXANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
CHLOROFORM	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-BUTENAL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563	ND	0.01563	0.01563	0.01563			
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
N-BUTANOL	0.00227	0.00184	0.00248	0.00335	0.00210	0.00206	0.00235	0.00221	0.00230	0.00204	0.00217	0.00226	0.00209	0.00209	0.00226			
BENZENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
CARBONTETRACHLORIDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-PENTANONE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND											
2-METHYLHEXANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00567	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00914	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2,3-DIMETHYLPENTANE	0.00208	0.00208	0.00208															

TARGET COMPOUNDS (TOXIC)															
1,3-BUTADIENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
ETHYLENE OXIDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
CARBON DISULFIDE	0.00156	ND	0.00156	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2-METHYL-2-PROPENAL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.01471	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.01471	ND	ND	ND	ND
3-BUTEN-2-ONE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2-ETHOXYETHANOL	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
DIMETHYLDISULFIDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
OCTAMETHYLCYCLOTETRAZILOXANE	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##

NON-TARGET COMPOUNDS															
OCTAFLUOROPROPANE++	0.00123	0.00162	0.00086	0.00079	0.00071	0.00080	0.00112	0.00096	0.00093	0.00079	0.00079	0.00009	0.00073	0.00079	0.00063
SULFURHEXAFLUORIDE	0.00010	0.00013	0.00009	0.00007	0.00002	0.00005	0.00007	0.00006	0.00006	0.00002	0.00007	ND	0.00006	ND	ND
PROPENE	ND														
CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE	ND	0.00001	ND	ND	ND	ND									
CARBONYLSULFIDE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00208	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00208	ND	ND	ND
2-METHYLPROPANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00010	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00096	ND	ND	ND
1-BUTENE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00005	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00017	ND	ND	ND
FLUOROTRIMETHYLSILANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.56538	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.12487	ND	ND	ND
2-METHYL-1,3-BUTADIENE(ISOPRENE)	0.02003	0.02126	0.02379	0.01906	0.02014	0.02188	0.00833	0.02009	0.02269	0.02241	0.01805	ND	0.02189	0.02121	0.02057
TRIMETHYLSILANOL	0.05039	0.02136	0.04040	0.04870	0.05694	0.04452	1.65276	0.09207	0.08148	0.06754	0.05984	0.38545	0.10768	0.09162	0.07361
HEXAMETHYLDISILOXANE	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##
PENTAMETHYLDISILOXANE-1-OL	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##
HEXAMETHYLCYCLOTRISSILOXANE	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##
C11-ALKANE	ND	0.00235	ND	ND	ND										
C11-ALKANE	ND	0.00383	ND	ND	ND										
C11-ALKANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00140	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00501	ND	ND	ND
2-ETHYLHEXANOL	0.00153	0.00106	0.00165	0.00124	0.00169	0.00119	0.00169	0.00190	0.00156	0.00126	0.00047	0.00158	0.00132	0.00135	0.00140
C11-ALKENE	ND														
C11-ALKANE	ND	0.00240	ND	ND	ND										
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C11-ALKANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00169	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00643	ND	ND	ND
LIMONENE	0.00065	0.00058	0.00071	0.00062	0.00071	0.00084	0.00022	0.00022	0.00022	0.00022	ND	0.00022	ND	ND	ND
C11-ALKANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00144	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00541	ND	ND	ND
C12-ALKANE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00150	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.00532	ND	ND	ND
C12-ALKANE	ND	0.00228	ND	ND	ND										
C12-ALKANE	ND	0.00197	ND	ND	ND										
DECAMETHYLCYCLOPENTASILOXANE	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##
DODECAMETHYLPENTASILOXANE	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##	##

TARGET COMPOUNDS (GC)															
CARBON MONOXIDE	0.10331	0.11572	0.10641	0.10301	0.11564	0.12969	0.10180	0.12408	0.12081	0.09890	0.11152	0.08186	0.11449	0.10391	0.15257
METHANE	0.00191	0.00204	0.00199	0.00542	0.00551	0.00545	0.00307	0.00530	0.00526	0.00536	0.00590	0.00023	0.00590	0.00576	0.00579
HYDROGEN	0.00789	0.01012	0.01056	0.00962	0.00960	0.01005	0.00000	0.01014	0.00973	0.00957	0.00874	0.00000	0.00971	0.00988	0.00993
CARBON DIOXIDE	0.51872	0.62857	0.55966	0.52948	0.55932	0.58393	0.38953	0.54180	0.53465	0.57276	0.64688	0.08935	0.49488	0.45084	0.48596

TOTAL T-VALUE	0.79153	0.89548	0.83644	0.79947	0.85349	0.88658	2.89080	0.87137	0.86102	0.86162	0.98410	1.32215	0.84324	0.77208	0.82626
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TOTAL T-VALUE - OFP	0.79029	0.89386	0.83557	0.79869	0.85278	0.88578	2.88968	0.87040	0.86009	0.86083	0.98331	1.32206	0.84251	0.77129	0.82563
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<: Value is less than the laboratory report detection limit.

TRACE: Amount detected is sufficient for compound identification only.