



# Mineral oil in soil

## Application Note

Environmental

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### Introduction

The analysis of mineral oil can be done with high efficiency using GC and the Agilent Select Mineral Oil column. This column was optimized for mineral oil analysis to generate shortest analysis time. For soil analysis an on-column method was developed allowing  $C_{10}$  to  $C_{40}$  to be determined in less than 5 minutes. The Select Mineral Oil stationary phase was tuned for separation and stabilized for high temperature operation. Upper temperature limit of this column is 400 °C.



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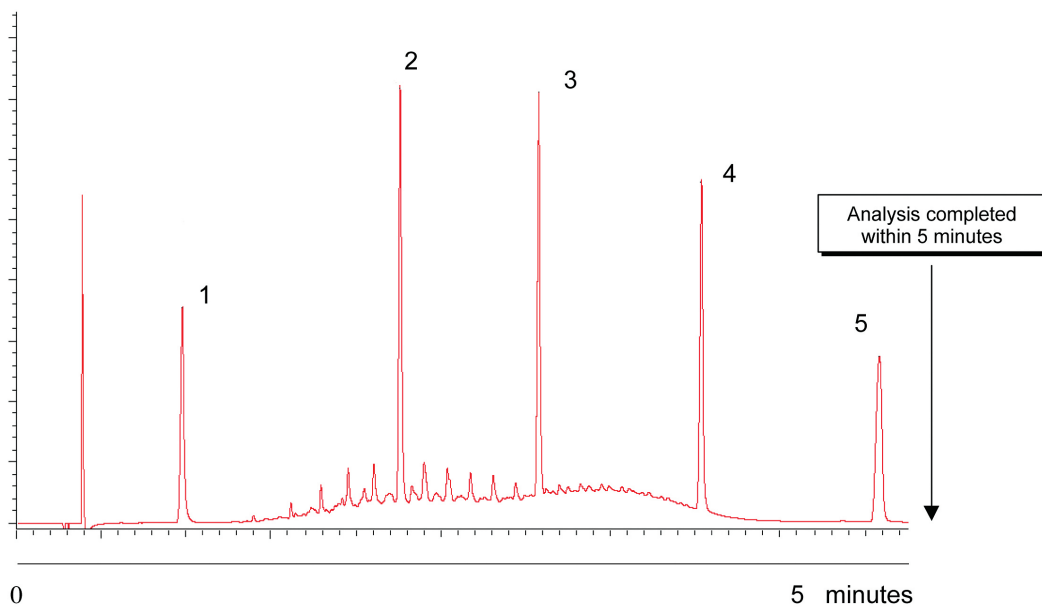
## Conditions

Technique : GC  
Column : Agilent Select Mineral Oil, 0.32 mm x 15 m fused silica (optimized filmthickness) (Part no. CP7491)  
Temperature : 55 °C → 320 °C, ballistic temperature program  
Carrier Gas : Helium, 70 kPa  
Injector : On-Column  
Detector : FID  
Sample Size : 1.0 µL  
Concentration Range : 1 ppm in petroleum ether

Courtesy : J. Volkers and J. de Smit, Analytico, Barneveld, The Netherlands

## Peak identification

1. decane (int.standard)
2. C<sub>16</sub>
3. C<sub>22</sub>
4. C<sub>30</sub>
5. C<sub>40</sub>



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