

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Soils Using Agilent Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS Solid Phase Extraction Cartridges

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Abstract

This application note presents the development and evaluation of a multicomponent method for analyzing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in soil using Agilent Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS solid phase extraction (SPE) cartridges. These cartridges, specifically developed for PFAS analysis, use sorbent and cartridge components with low PFAS residue. The Carbon S enables low-level detection by reducing matrix interferences while providing high target recovery. The method involves solvent extraction followed by SPE cleanup and analysis by LC/MS/MS. For the 59 PFAS tested, the average recovery at the low spiking concentration was 99.9%, with a relative standard deviation of 13.5%. Low-level (ng/g) recoveries were achievable with no measurable PFAS above the limit of quantitation. Results also demonstrate that using Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS can improve chromatographic peak shape and retention time consistency by reducing matrix interference.

Introduction

The organic and inorganic composition of soils can lead to a wide variety of pigmentation.¹ Some of these pigments can be co-extracted into the organic solvent along with the target analytes during the extraction process. Without removal, the injection of highly pigmented sample extracts can result in multiple matrix effects upon analysis, including ion suppression or enhancement on LC/MS/MS, and accumulation of matrix deposits in the sample flow path and MS ion source. Therefore, it is important to apply a cleanup step to remove co-extractives prior to instrument analysis, without affecting the recovery of the target compounds.

Graphitized carbon black (GCB) has widely been used in sample preparation for efficient pigment removal. Compared to GCB, Carbon S provides equivalent or better pigment removal from matrices. while significantly improving recovery for some GCB-selective analytes which can be strongly retained by GCB. Carbon S sorbent provides a better balance between analyte recovery and pigment removal efficiency than traditional GCB sorbent.² In addition, Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS has been manufactured for PFAS applications, ensuring that common PFAS contaminants are below typical reporting limits.

This study investigates the application of Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS in the post-extraction cleanup of 59 PFAS from loamy sand, reed sedge peat, and topsoil. The extraction procedure is similar to validated methods reported in the literature, such as ASTM D7968-17a³, ASTM D8535-23⁴, and CMA/3/D⁵, in which the matrix is extracted into an

organic solvent such as methanol or alkaline methanol followed by extract filtration or sorbent purification. The method developed in this study uses a 2 g sample extracted into 10 mL of ammoniated methanol followed by a passthrough cleanup using Carbon S before quantitative analysis by LC/MS/MS.

Experimental

Chemicals and reagents

Native PFAS standards and isotopically labeled analogs were purchased as individual standards from Wellington Laboratories, Inc. (Guelph, ON, Canada). HPLC grade methanol (MeOH) was from Honeywell (Muskegon, MI, USA). Reagent grade acetic acid, ammonium acetate, and ammonium hydroxide were from Sigma-Aldrich (St Louis, MO, USA).

Solutions and standards

The 59 target compounds investigated in this study are listed in Appendix A. A target spiking solution was prepared in methanol at a concentration of 250 ng/mL for all compounds except N-MeFOSA, N-EtFOSA, 6:2/8:2 diPAP, 8:8 PFPi, and 8:2 diPAP, with concentrations of 500 ng/mL, MeFOSE, EtFOSE, PFHxDA, PFODA, and diSAMPAP, with concentrations of 1,000 ng/mL, and 6:2 FTCA, 8:2 FTCA, and 10:2 FTCA, with concentrations of 2,500 ng/mL.

An internal standard spiking solution consisting of isotopically labeled analogs was prepared in methanol with the compounds listed in Appendix A. The concentrations for all the isotopes were 250 ng/mL except for $\rm d_7$ -MeFOSE and $\rm d_9$ -EtFOSE at 1,000 ng/mL, and $\rm ^{13}C_2$ -6:2 FTCA, $\rm ^{13}C_2$ -8:2 FTCA, and $\rm ^{13}C_2$ -10:2 FTCA at 2,000 ng/mL.

An isotope performance standard was prepared in methanol containing $^{13}\text{C}_3$ -PFBA, $^{13}\text{C}_2$ -PFOA, and $^{13}\text{C}_4$ -PFOS at concentrations of 500, 500, and 1,500 ng/mL, respectively.

Calibration standards were prepared in an 80/20 (v/v) mixture of methanol and water. Six standard levels were used for calibration ranging from 0.025 to 2.5 ng/mL for all the target compounds listed in Appendix A, except for the fluorotelomer carboxylic acids and sufonamido ethanols. The concentrations of 6:2 FTCA, 8:2 FTCA, and 10:2 FTCA ranged from 0.25 to 25 ng/mL. The concentrations of EtFOSE and MeFOSE ranged from 0.1 to 10 ng/mL. The concentration of the isotope analogs in the standards was 0.5 ng/mL for all the analogs in Appendix A except for the labeled fluorotelomer carboxylic acids and sufonamido ethanols. The concentrations of ¹³C₂-6:2 FTCA, ¹³C₂-8:2 FTCA, and ¹³C₂-10:2 FTCA were 4 ng/mL. The concentrations of d_{\circ} -EtFOSE and d_{\neg} -MeFOSE were 2 ng/mL. The concentrations of the isotope performance standards $^{13}\text{C}_3\text{-PFBA}$, $^{13}\text{C}_2\text{-PFOA}$, and $^{13}\text{C}_4\text{-PFOS}$ were 5, 5, and 15 ng/mL, respectively.

A solution of 1% ammonia in methanol (v/v) was prepared the same day as the extractions.

Equipment and materials

Sample analysis was performed using an Agilent 1290 Infinity II LC system consisting of an Agilent 1290 Infinity II high speed pump (G7120A), an Agilent 1290 Infinity II multisampler (G7167B), and an Agilent 1290 Infinity II multicolumn thermostat (G7167B). The LC system was modified for PFAS analysis using the Agilent InfinityLab PFC-free HPLC conversion kit (part number 5004-0006). The LC system was coupled to an Agilent 6470B triple quadrupole LC/MS equipped with an Agilent Jet Stream electrospray ion source. Agilent MassHunter workstation software was used for data acquisition and analysis. The Agilent PFAS MRM database (G1736AA) was used for optimized MRM settings.

The PFAS-suitable consumables used for the PFAS extraction and analysis are listed in Table 1.6.7 Three sample matrices were used for evaluation: clean sandy loam (Supelco part number CLNSOIL3), dark reed sedge peat, and organic topsoil. A multipurpose rotator model 150 (Scientific Industries, Springfield, MA) tube rotator was used to fully invert the sample tubes during extraction.

Instrument conditions

The HPLC conditions are listed in Table 2 and the MS conditions are listed in Table 3. The MRM transitions for the targets and isotopes are listed in Appendix A. Figure 1 shows a typical chromatogram constructed from extracted target product ions for standard at 2 ng/mL.

 Table 1. PFAS-suitable consumables and supplies.

Agilent Consumables and Supplies	Part Number
Carbon S for PFAS cartridge, 250 mg, 6 mL	5610-2247
Polypropylene autosampler screw top vials, 2 mL, and caps	5191-8151 and 5191-8121
Centrifuge tubes and caps, 15 mL	5610-2039
InfinityLab PFC delay column, 4.6 × 30 mm	5062-8100
ZORBAX RRHD Eclipse Plus C18 column, 2.1 × 100 mm, 1.8 μm	959758-902
Vac Elut SPS 24 manifold with collection rack for 10 × 75 mm test tubes	12234003
Collection rack and funnel set for 12 or 15 mL conical tubes, for Vac Elut SPS 24 manifold	12234027

Table 2. HPLC conditions.

Parameter	Value			
Mobile Phase	A) 5 mM ammonium acetate in water B) Methanol			
Injection Volume	5 μL			
Column Temperature	30 °C			
Flow Rate	0.400 mL/min			
Gradient	Time (min) % A 0 85 1.00 85 1.50 45 5.50 30 7.00 20 12.00 0 14.40 0 14.50 85	% B 15 15 55 70 80 100 100		

Table 3. MS conditions.

Value
6470B triple quadrupole LC/MS
Negative
230 °C, 4 L/min
250 °C, 12 L/min
15 psi
2,500 V
0 V

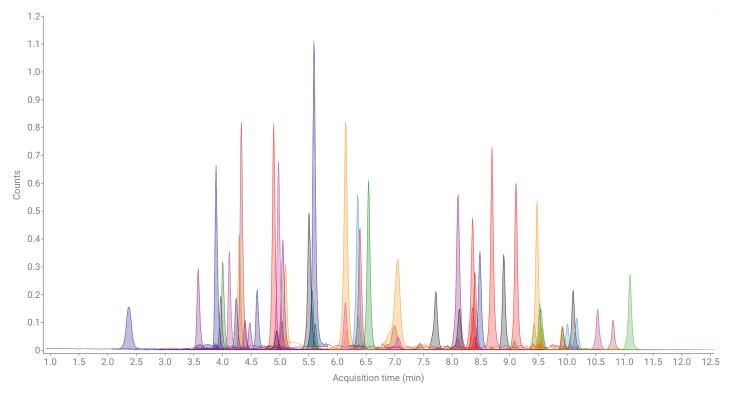


Figure 1. Target quant ion chromatogram for a calibration standard at 2 ng/mL for most compounds (compounds listed in Appendix A).

Calibration and quantitation

Stable-isotope dilution methodology was used for quantitation where the responses and concentrations of the targets are measured relative to the responses and concentrations of the isotope analogs.⁸ The corresponding isotope analog for each target compound is listed in Appendix A. Response curves were fitted using 1/x weighted linear least squares regression model and included the origin (0,0). The concentration for PFAS standards supplied as salts were corrected to the acid concentration in solution.

Sample preparation

The sample preparation closely followed the extraction procedure in ASTM D7968-17a except for replacing the syringe filtration step with a passthrough cleanup using the Carbon S for PFAS cartridge. The steps in the extraction process are listed in Figure 2.

Method performance evaluation

The method performance was first evaluated by measuring recovery accuracy and precision of five replicate extractions at two spiking levels in the loamy sand matrix. Next, sedge peat and topsoil samples were tested for residual PFAS. The improvement of method performance was evaluated by comparing the results of samples extracts with and without the use of the Carbon S cleanup.

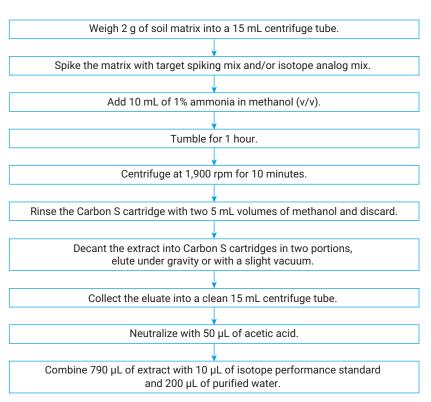


Figure 2. Soil extraction protocol followed in this study.

Loamy sand samples were spiked with either 5 μ L (low-level spike) or 50 μ L (high-level spike) of the target spiking solution and 20 μ L of the isotope analog spiking solution. For the low-level spike, the concentration of PFAS targets in 2 g of soil was 0.625 ng/g for most target compounds except N-MeFOSA, N-EtFOSA, 6:2/8:2 diPAP, 8:8 PFPi, and 8:2 diPAP at 1.25 ng/g, EtFOSE, N-MeFOSE, PFHxDA, PFODA, and diSAmPAP at 2.5 ng/g, and 6:2 FTCA, 8:2 FTCA, and 10:2 FTCA at 6.25 ng/g. The soil concentrations for the high-level spike were 10-fold greater.

Method blanks were also included in the sample set. Cartridge blanks (rinsate collected from the methanol rinse) and matrix blanks were also analyzed to ensure the system and cartridges were free from PFAS contamination before sample analysis.

Results and discussion

Calibration

To evaluate the method calibration quality, the calculated concentration of each target at each calibration level was calculated based upon the response curve (Figure 3). For levels 2 to 6, the

accuracy ranged from 75.1 to 100.0% with an average of 95.4%. For level 1, the accuracy ranged from 66.3 to 99.9% with an average of 89.5%. A quality control standard⁵ was prepared from the target spiking solution independent of the calibration solutions at a concentration of 2 ng/mL for most compounds. The

accuracy of the quality control standard ranged from 74.7 to 99.7% with an average of 94.1% These results are plotted in Figure 4 and demonstrate good calibration accuracy over the concentration range implemented in the study.

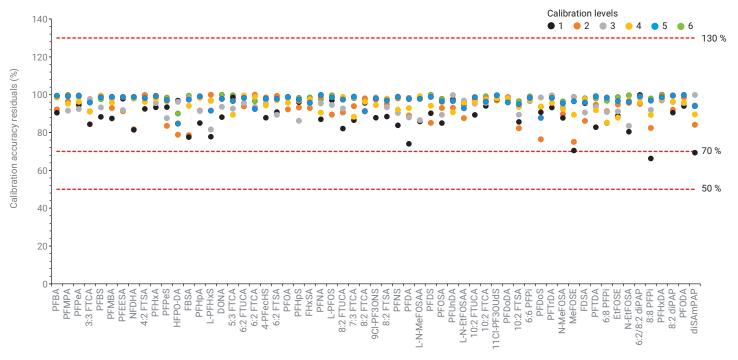


Figure 3. Calculated concentration accuracy for calibration levels 1 to 6

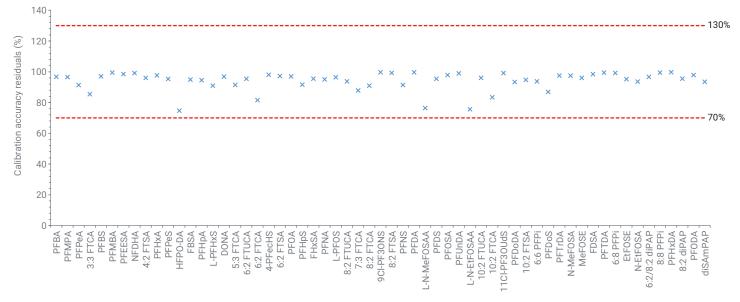


Figure 4. Calculated concentration accuracy for the quality control standard at 2 ng/mL for most compounds

Blank analysis

To ensure that the extraction and analysis consumables, extraction procedure, and LC/MS/MS system were free from PFAS contamination, an extraction blank was performed along with each extraction set. In addition, the methanol rinsate from duplicate cartridges (Figure 2) was collected and analyzed to ensure that the Carbon S sorbent and cartridges were free from PFAS residue. Confirmation of the extraction and cartridge blanks was

used to establish the low-level spike as the minimum reporting limit by setting the background limit to 1/3 of the minimum reporting limit (MRL).8 Figure 5 shows the quantitative results of the blank analyses. The orange bars are the average residual PFAS measured in the cartridge rinsates, and the blue bars are the average residual PFAS measured in two extraction blanks of sandy loam. The hashed green line is the concentration of the low-level spike in 2 g of soil which was 0.625 ng/g

for most target compounds except: N-MeFOSA, N-EtFOSA, 6:2/8:2 diPAP, 8:8 PFPi, and 8:2 diPAP at 1.25 ng/g, EtFOSE, N-MeFOSE, PFHxDA, PFODA, and diSAmPAP at 2.5 ng/g, and 6:2 FTCA, 8:2 FTCA, and 10:2 FTCA at 6.25 ng/g. The hashed red line in Figure 5 shows the background limit. The background concentrations of PFAS in the blanks were well below the 1/3 MRL threshold for all target PFAS confirming the low-level spike as the MRL.

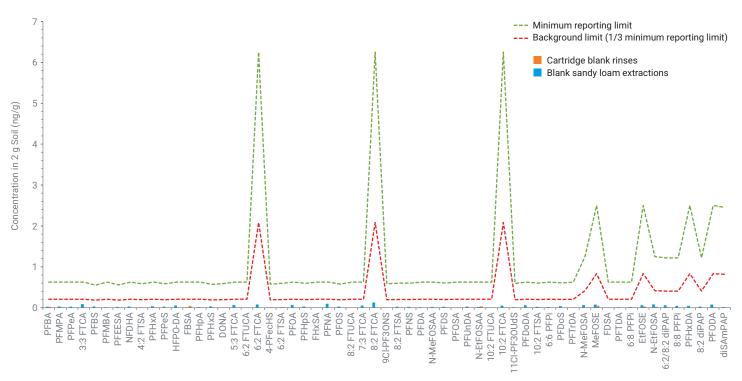


Figure 5. Averages for two replicate cartridge blank rinses and two replicate blank sandy loam extractions. The hashed green line represents the concentration of the low-level spike and minimum reporting limit. The hashed red line indicates the background limit.

Figure 6 shows a total MRM chromatogram for the target compounds for a blank cartridge rinse. These results demonstrate no reportable PFAS above the low-level spike, thus confirming that no PFAS contamination is being introduced during the sample preparation.

Sandy loam spikes

Five replicate extractions of sandy loam at the low-level spike and high-level spike were carried out. In Figure 7, the blue bars represent the average recoveries and the yellow line represents the percent relative standard deviations (RSD) for the low-level spike. Recoveries were within the 50 to 150% for all compounds and RSDs were below 30% for all compounds except 3:3 FTCA and PFDoS. The average recovery for all compounds was 99.3% with an RSD of 13.5%. Figure 8 shows the average

recoveries and RSDs for the high-level spikes. Recoveries were within 70 to 130% for all compounds except for 3:3 FTCA, 5:3 FTCA, 6:2 FTUCA, and 8:2 FTUCA. The RSD for all the high-level

spikes were below 30%. The average recovery for all compounds was 99.2% with an RSD of 8.5%. These results demonstrate good spike recoveries at both spike level concentrations.

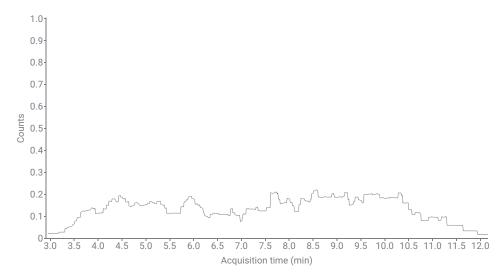


Figure 6. Total MRM chromatogram for cartridge blank rinse.

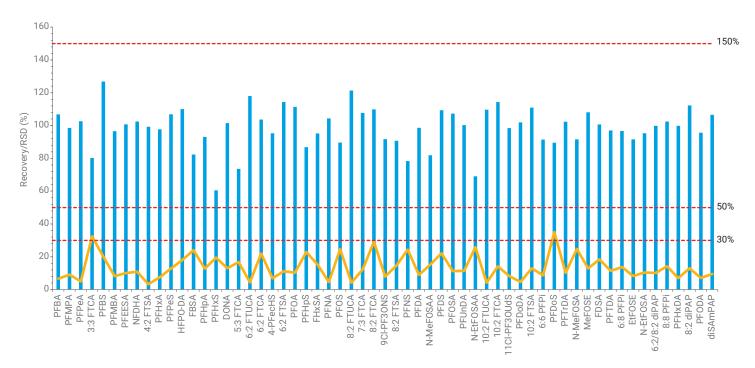


Figure 7. Average recovery for 5 replicate extractions for sandy loam at the low-level spike (blue bars) and RSDs (yellow line).

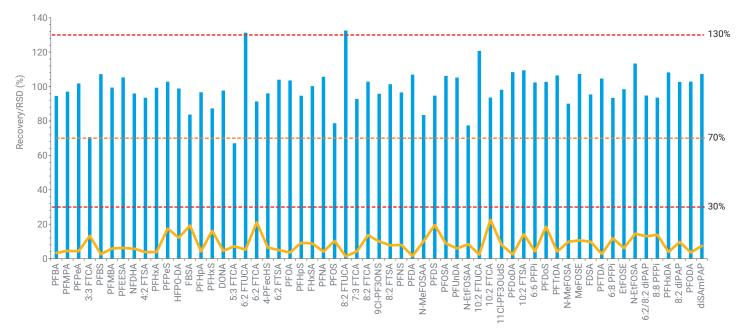


Figure 8. Average recovery for five replicate extractions for sandy loam at the high-level spike (blue bars) and RSDs (yellow line).

Reed sedge peat and topsoil analysis

Two soils were selected for PFAS residue analysis: sedge reed peat and topsoil from two commercial suppliers. Peat was chosen because it consists

mainly of organic matter with a high concentration of organic acids and low mineral content. Topsoil was selected for its higher bulk density and inorganic mineral content compared to peat.

Three extractions were performed on each soil type. Table 4 shows the results of the analyses. PFAS levels exceeding the MRL were only found in the peat sample. The concentration of PFBA,

Table 4. Average concentrations of PFAS measured in soil samples.

Acronym	Reed Sedge Peat	Topsoil
10:2 FTCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
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11Cl-PF30UdS	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
3:3 FTCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
4:2 FTSA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
4-PFecHS	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
5:3 FTCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:2 FTCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:2 FTSA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:2 FTUCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:2/8:2 diPAP	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:6 PFPi	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
6:8 PFPi	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
7:3 FTCA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
8:2 diPAP	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
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8:8 PFPi	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>

Acronym	Reed Sedge Peat	Topsoil	
9CI-PF3ONS	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>	
diSAmPAP	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>	
DONA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>	
EtFOSE	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>	
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MeFOSE	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>	
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Acronym	Reed Sedge Peat	Topsoil
PFEESA	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
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PFOS	<mrl< td=""><td><mrl< td=""></mrl<></td></mrl<>	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
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PFPeA	2.98 ng/g	<mrl< td=""></mrl<>
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PFPeA, and PFHpA measured in the peat sample were 4.51, 2.98, and 0.83 ng/g, respectively. The concentration of PFAS residue measured in the topsoil were all below the MRL.

Matrix removal efficiency

The efficiency of matrix removal was qualitatively assessed by visually inspecting the sample extract pigment before and after passthrough Carbon S cleanup for the peat and topsoil samples (Figure 9). Significant pigment removal was achieved for both matrix extracts. For the peat (Figure 9A), the extract color was orange/brown before Carbon S cleanup and became a barely perceptible yellow after passing through the sorbent. For topsoil (Figure 9B), the extract was a slight yellow before cleanup and turned completely clear after cleanup.

Total ion chromatograms were compared between matrix extracts with and without Carbon S cleanup. For peat extracts without Carbon S cleanup, it was found that the earliest eluting peak (PFBA) had a distorted peak shape and shifted retention time compared to extracts that underwent Carbon S cleanup. Figure 10 shows an example of extracted MRM quant ion chromatograms for ¹³C₃-PFBA with and without Carbon S cleanup. The chromatographic peak shape for ¹³C₂-PFBA in the peat extract without Carbon S cleanup appears wide and partially split (Figure 10A) compared to the ¹³C₂-PFBA peak in the extract than underwent Carbon S cleanup (Figure 10B). Also, the retention time shifted half a minute earlier in the peat extract. These results demonstrate that the efficient matrix cleanliness provided by Carbon S passthrough cleanup can reduce the matrix effects for some targets and improve data quality and consistency.

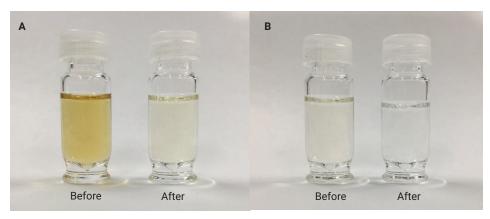


Figure 9. Qualitative pigment removal comparison before and after Carbon S passthrough cleanup for (A) peat and (B) topsoil.

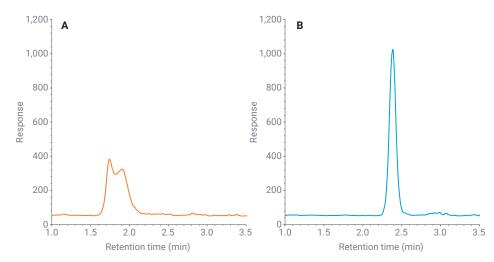


Figure 10. Comparison of ${}^{13}C_3$ -PFBA quant ion chromatographic peak shape and retention time differences between peat matrix without Carbon S cleanup (A) and with Carbon S cleanup (B).

Conclusion

The results show that use of the Agilent Bond Elut Carbon S for PFAS SPE cartridge provided efficient passthrough matrix cleanup for PFAS analysis in soil samples and do not exhibit any interfering PFAS residue. Average recoveries for the 59 PFAS studied were in the 99% range with RSDs for most compounds less than 30%. For reed sedge peat extract, the use of Carbon S improved the peak shape integrity and retention consistency of PFBA compared to extracts without the use of Carbon S cleanup.

Appendix A

Table A1. Target spiking solution and target concentration in matrix.

Target Compound	CAS	Ret Time (min)	Target Quant Ion MRM Transition	Isotope Analog	Isotope MRM Transition
PFBA	375-22-4	2.43	213 → 169	¹³C₄-PFBA	217 → 172
PFMPA	377-73-1	3.57	229 → 85	¹³ C ₅ -PFPeA	268 → 223
3:3 FTCA	356-02-5	3.88	241 → 177	¹³ C ₅ -PFPeA	268 → 223
PFPeA	2706-90-3	3.89	263 → 219	¹³C₅-PFPeA	268 → 223
PFBS	375-73-5	3.97	299 → 80	¹³ C ₃ -PFBS	302 → 80
PFMBA	863090-89-5	4.01	279 → 85	¹³ C ₅ -PFPeA	268 → 223
PFEESA	113507-82-7	4.12	315 → 135	¹³ C ₃ -PFBS	302 → 80
NFDHA	151772-58-6	4.25	295 → 85	¹³C₅-PFHxA	318 → 273
4:2 FTSA	757124-72-4	4.29	327 → 307	¹³ C ₂ -4:2 FTSA	329 → 309
PFHxA	307-24-4	4.33	313 → 269	¹³ C ₅ -PFHxA	318 → 273
PFPeS	2706-91-4	4.39	349 → 80	¹³ C ₃ -PFHxS	402 → 80
HFPO-DA	13252-13-6	4.48	285 → 169	¹³ C ₃ -HFPO-DA	287 → 169
FBSA	30334-69-1	4.58	298 → 78	¹³ C ₃ -PFHxS	402 → 80
PFHpA	375-85-9	4.90	363 → 319	¹³C₄-PFHpA	367 → 322
PFHxS	355-46-4	4.95	399 → 80	¹³ C ₃ -PFHxS	402 → 80
DONA	919005-14-4	4.98	377 → 251	¹³C₄-PFHpA	367 → 322
5:3 FTCA	914637-49-3	5.04	341 → 237	¹³C₅-PFHxA	318 → 273
6:2 FTUCA	70887-88-6	5.06	357 → 293	¹³ C ₂ -6:2 FTUCA	359 → 294
6:2 FTCA	53826-12-3	5.11	377 → 293	¹³ C ₂ -6:2 FTCA	379 → 294
4-PFecHS	646-83-3	5.52	461 → 381	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
6:2 FTSA	27619-97-2	5.57	427 → 407	¹³ C ₂ -6:2 FTSA	429 → 409
PFOA	335-67-1	5.60	413 → 369	¹³ C ₈ -PFOA	421 → 376
PFHpS	375-92-8	5.63	449 → 80	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
FHxSA	41997-13-1	6.10	398 → 78	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
PFNA	375-95-1	6.15	463 → 419	¹³ C ₉ -PFNA	472 → 427
PFOS	1763-23-1	6.17	499 → 80	13C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
8:2 FTUCA	70887-84-2	6.36	457 → 393	¹³ C ₂ -8:2 FTUCA	459 → 394
7:3 FTCA	812-70-4	6.37	441 → 337	¹³C₅-PFHxA	318 → 273
8:2 FTCA	27854-31-5	6.40	477 → 393	¹³ C ₂ -8:2 FTCA	479 → 394
9CI-PF3ONS	756426-58-1	6.55	531 → 351	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
8:2 FTSA	39108-34-4	7.02	527 → 507	¹³ C ₂ -8:2 FTSA	529 → 509
PFDA	335-76-2	7.07	513 → 469	¹³ C ₆ -PFDA	519 → 474
PFNS	68259-12-1	7.09	549 → 80	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
N-MeFOSAA	2355-31-9	7.73	570 → 419	d ₃ -N-MeFOSAA	573 → 419
PFDS	335-77-3	8.10	599 → 80	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
PFUnDA	2058-94-8	8.11	563 → 519	¹³ C ₇ -PFUnDA	570 → 525
N-EtFOSAA	2991-50-6	8.13	584 → 419	d ₅ -N-EtFOSAA	589 → 419
PFOSA	754-91-6	8.32	498 → 78	¹³ C ₈ -PFOSA	506 → 78
10:2 FTUCA	70887-94-4	8.36	557 → 493	¹³ C ₂ -10:2 FTUCA	559 → 494
10:2 FTCA	53826-13-4	8.40	577 → 493	¹³ C ₂ -10:2 FTCA	579 → 494
11CI-PF30UdS	763051-92-9	8.48	631 → 451	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
PFDoDA	307-55-1	8.70	613 → 569	¹³ C ₂ -PFDoDA	615 → 570
10:2 FTSA	120226-60-0	8.71	627 → 607	¹³ C ₂ -8:2 FTSA	529 → 509

Target Compound	CAS	Ret Time (min)	Target Quant Ion MRM Transition	Isotope Analog	Isotope MRM Transition
6:6 PFPi	40143-77-9	8.90	701 → 401	¹³ C ₂ -PFDoDA	615 → 570
PFDoS	79780-39-5	9.09	699 → 80	¹³ C ₈ -PFOS	507 → 80
PFTrDA	72629-94-8	9.12	663 → 619	¹³ C ₂ -PFDoDA	615 → 570
PFTDA	376-06-7	9.49	713 → 669	¹³ C ₂ -PFTDA	715 → 670
N-MeFOSA	31506-32-8	9.50	512 → 219	d ₃ -N-MeFOSA	515 → 169
FDSA	N/A	9.52	598 → 78	13C ₈ -PFOSA	506 → 78
6:8 PFPi	610800-34-5	9.54	801 → 401	(13C ₂) ₂ -6:2 diPAP	993 → 97
MeFOSE	24448-09-7	9.54	616 → 59	d ₇ -MeFOSE	623.1 → 59
N-EtFOSA	4151-50-2	9.88	526 → 219	d ₅ -N-EtFOSA	531 → 169
EtFOSE	1691-99-2	9.89	630 → 59	d ₉ -EtFOSE	639.1 → 59
6:2/8:2 diPAP	943913-15-3	10.02	889 → 443	(13C ₂) ₂ -6:2 diPAP	793 → 97
8:8 PFPi	40143-79-1	10.11	901 → 501	(13C ₂) ₂ -6:2 diPAP	793 → 445
PFHxDA	67905-19-5	10.18	813 → 269	¹³ C ₂ -PFHxDA	815 → 770
8:2 diPAP	678-41-1	10.55	989 → 543	(13C ₂) ₂ -8:2 diPAP	993 → 97
PFODA	16517-11-6	10.81	913 → 369	¹³ C ₂ -PFHxDA	815 → 770
diSAmPAP	2965-52-8	11.10	1,203 → 526	(13C ₂) ₂ -8:2 diPAP	993 → 97

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