

# Discover® SP-D 80™ **Method Note**

## **Microwave Digestion of Tobacco**

#### **Procedure**

Weigh 0.5 g of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 10 mL of HNO<sub>3</sub>. Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before capping the vessel.

#### **Notes**

Some plant tissues contain silicates which would require HF for total dissolution.

Recommended Equipment	Recommended Vessels	Reagents
Discover SP-D 80	80 mL Quartz	$HNO_3$

80 mL Quartz with Tetlon liner

Max Sample Weight	Sample Type / Vent Program	Control Type	
0.5 g	Organic	Ramp to Temperature	

<b>Heating Progra</b>	am					
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	200	5:00	3:00	400	300	Med

<sup>\*</sup> Ramp times and power may vary depending on the type and number of vessels.

#### Results

Sample was clear, colorless, and particle free upon dilution to 50 mL.

### **General Precaution**

- a) This procedure is a reference point for sample digestion using a CEM system and may need to be modified or changed to obtain the required results on your sample.
- b) If using a vessel other than the recommended choice, adjust sample size and pressure limit to values appropriate for the vessel chosen.
- c) If using HF, follow restrictions listed in HF Addendum