

# Microwave Digestion of Petroleum Coke

Step 1 of 2

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Weigh 0.1 g of the sample into the digestion vessel. Add 10 mL of  $H_2SO_4$ . Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before closing the vessel.

**Notes** 

Recommended EquipmentRecommended VesselsReagentsMARS 6EasyPrepH2SO4MARS 6 iWaveEasyPrep Plus

Max Sample WeightSample TypeControl TypeMethod Type0.1 gOrganicRamp to TemperatureOne Touch

Heating Progra	am					
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	260	15:00	15:00	800	900-1800	Off

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



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Step 2 of 2

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Proceeding step 1 add 10 mL of HNO<sub>3</sub>. Gently swirl the mixture and wait approximately 15 minutes before closing the vessel.

**Notes** 

### Reagents

 $HNO_3$ 

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Organic	Ramp to Temperature	One Touch

Heating Prograi	m					
Stage	Temp (°C)	*Ramp (mm:ss)	Hold (mm:ss)	Pressure (psi)	* Power (W)	Stirring
1	200	15:00	15:00	800	900-1800	Off

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#### 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) The control / reference vessel must contain the largest and most reactive sample.
- d) Manual venting of CEM vessels should be performed when wearing hand/eye/body protection and when the vessel contents are at or below room temperature to avoid the potential for chemical burns. Always point the vent hole away from the operator.