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Stepan Company Analytical Method

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Odor Test		
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SCOPE: This odor method is applicable to finished products only. Do not test materials

when the reaction may not be complete.

SUMMARY: The odor of a production sample is evaluated. If the odor is determined to be

atypical, an odor comparison is made between a standard and production

sample.

SAFETY: Proper technique must be used when evaluating the odor of a material. The

container to be sampled must be gently fanned with an open hand while it is

moved slowly toward the head.

This method may include the use of potentially hazardous materials. Refer to the

MSDS for additional handling and safety information.

Follow appropriate federal, state, and local regulations for proper waste disposal.

APPARATUS:

1. Container, suitable size

PROCEDURE: 1. Evaluate th

1. Evaluate the sample using proper "smelling technique". Fan the sample with an open hand while it is moved slowly toward the head and nose. The odor of

the sample should be characterized as "Typical" or "Atypical".

2. If the sample is determined to be atypical evaluate the sample and a standard

side by side.

3. The odor of the sample should be characterized as "same as" or "different

than" the standard (see Remark 1).

PRECISION and

ACCURACY: Due to the subjective nature of this method, an estimation of Precision and

Accuracy is not practicable.

REMARKS: 1. If a customer has not provided an odor standard then a typical production

sample will be used.

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