
AIRMOTWA: NEW TRAP-GC-MS-FID INSTRUMENT FOR AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DESIGNED FOR ONSITE USE.

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To ensure people safety and a good repeatability of industrial process, the analysis of ambient air is crucial. Especially, electronic boards are produced in clean air room by complex lithographic process using very reactive chemicals. The nature and concentration of volatile compounds can be different depending on the chemical process and can also vary rapidly. There is a need to analyze precisely and continuously gas process in air with an instrument designed for industrial use.

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¹ Tests published in 2013 by the NPL on 12 VOCs compounds