

**REF:** ASTM D7536 Comparison Application Study  
**MODEL:** MESA-7220V2  
**S/N:** H99TPKK7

Samples were prepared and tested by the following procedure:

#### Introduction

The MESA-7220V2 is based on the latest advances in Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) technology. It utilizes a proprietary X-ray optical technology and produces a polarized, monochromatic X-ray source. This approach is critical for a user to achieve an ultra-low noise background for the best limits of detection for S and Cl.

This application study compares the ability of EDXRF to determine chlorine concentrations at low levels in aromatic compounds and related to ASTM method D7536. To accomplish this, a set of calibration standards described in ASTM D7536 were purchased from ASI standards. The calibration set included a blank, 0.50ppm, 1.00ppm, 5.00ppm, 10.00ppm, and 50.00ppm Cl in Xylene. The curve was built on a HORIBA MESA-7220V2 and exhibited an R2 value of 0.999911, with a sulfur correction applied.

#### 1. Calibration

- A. Create a calibration curve using Blank, 0.5, 1.0, 5.0, 10.0, 50.0 PPM Chlorine in Xylene, with a sulfur correction applied.
- B. Fill each HORIBA 2-piece cup to the 7ml line with the standards.
- C. Measure standards at 180 seconds and 3 repeats.
- D. Verify that the standards' values in the calibration curve are within  $\pm 1.5\%$  of the standard's ppm or within bottle tolerance values.
- E. Remove outliers if needed.

#### 2. Sample Preparation

- A. Gently invert the sample bottles back and forth for 5 seconds before transferring 7ml into the HORIBA 2-piece cups.
- B. Finish preparing the HORIBA 2-piece cups with a cell window.
- C. Ensure there are no leaks in the sample cell by turning it on its side and visually confirm.

#### 3. Sample Measurements

- A. Load sample cup to the instrument.
- B. Measure samples for 180 seconds and 3 repeats.
- C. 3 samples were created for each submitted sample for analysis.

## Summary of Data

Chlorine Check Standards in ppm	Results in ppm
0.00	0.17
0.20	0.65
0.50	0.74
0.90	1.53
2.00	2.57
3.00	3.23
10.00	10.27
20.00	20.71

Figure 1: Data of Chlorine Measurement in reference standards

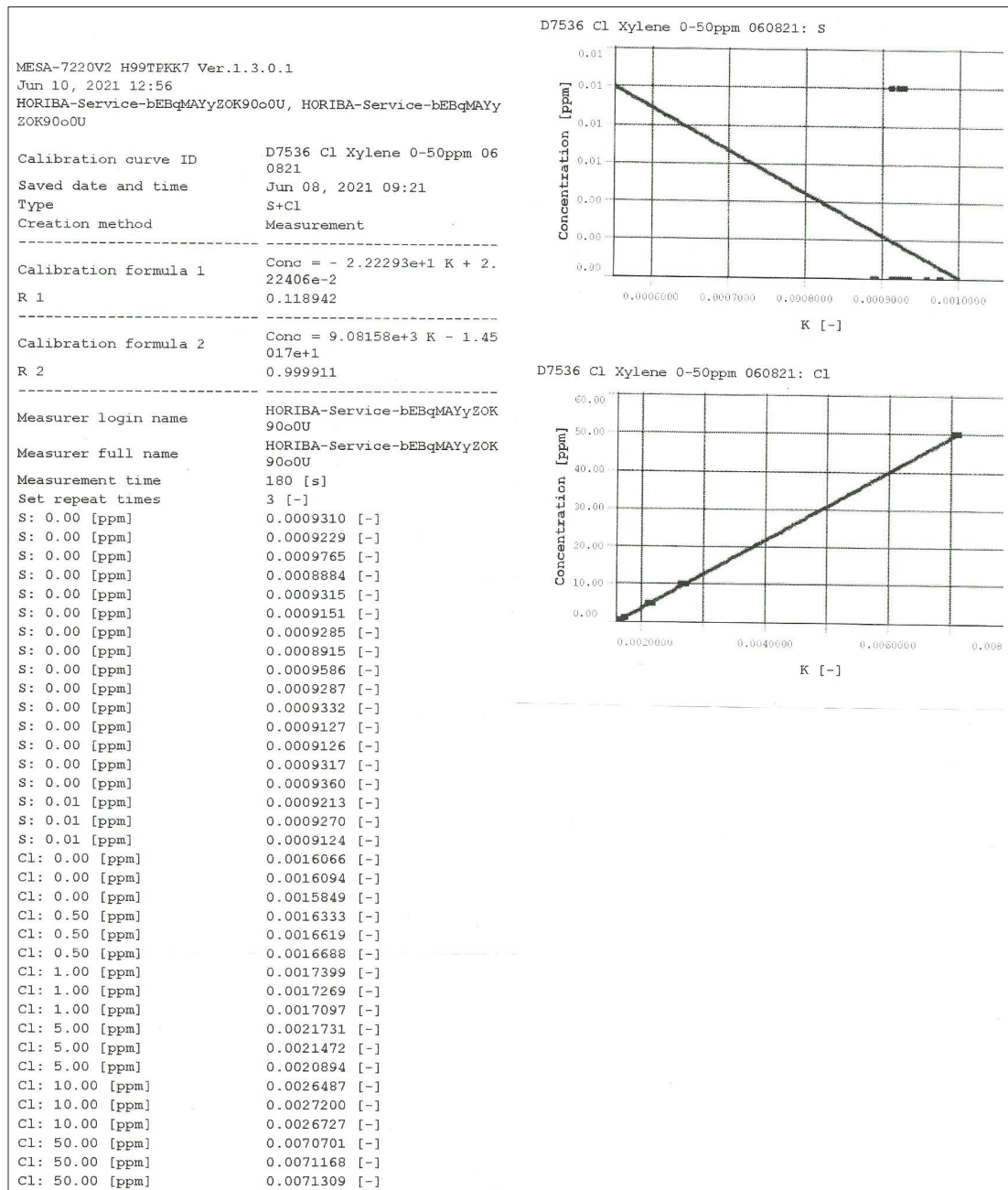


Figure 2: Chlorine in Xylene Calibration Curve