COMPONENTS:

- (1) Mercury; Hg; [7439-97-6] Mercury-203; 203Hg; [13982-78-0]
- (2) Sunflower Seed Oil

ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS:

Hursh, J. B.

JAT, J. Appl. Toxicol. 1985, 5, 327 - 32.

VARIABLES:

T/K = 295

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EXPERIMENTAL VALUES:

Temperature		Carrier Gas	Ostwald Coefficient ^a	Concentrationb
t/°C	<i>T</i> /K		Av. <u>+</u> SE (no.)	107c1/mol dm-3
22	295.15	Air	80.8 ± 0.8(5)	65.5

The Ostwald coefficient is ((ng Hg/mL fluid)/(ng Hg/mL air)). Given above is the average <u>+</u> standard error (number of determinations).

The author states that the mercury partition coefficient between sunflower seed oil and water is 28 at 295.15 K. The compiler estimates this implies a mercury Ostwald coefficient of 2.89 for water at 295.15 K

Sunflower seed oil is a semi-drying oil containing 21.3 % oleic acid, 66.2 % linoleic acid, and smaller amounts of several other acids. (Merck Index, 10th Ed., 1983.)

AUXILIARY INFORMATION

METHOD/APPARATUS/PROCEDURE:

The equilibrium cell is a 50 mL syringe thermostated in a Dewar flask. A 10 mL liquid sample and a 40 mL carrier gas with Hg vapor sample are drawn into the cell. The cell is turned and rolled on the cylinder axis for 120 to 300 sec. Equilibrium is rapidly attained through the large contact area be-Equilibrium is rapidly tween liquid and vapor phases. Both the liquid and vapor phases are sampled. The liquid phase is aerated and the Hg adsorbed on Hopcalite. The Hg radioactivity is measured on a liquid scintillation counter. Corrections are applied for the counter efficiency, and for radioactive decay of the Hg.

SOURCE AND PURITY OF MATERIALS:

- (1) Mercury. Prepared by reduction of 203 HgCl₂. The Hg vapor is swept into a leak-proof Saran bag.
- (2) Sunflower seed oil. Purchased at local grocery store. Handbook value of 0.923 specific gravity used.

ESTIMATED ERROR:

REFERENCES:

Ambrose, D.; Sprake, C. H. S. J. Chem. Thermodynam. <u>1972</u>, 4, 603.

b The concentrations were calculated by the compiler for mercury vapor in equilibrium with pure liquid mercury from the vapor pressure evaluation of Ambrose and Sprake (ref. 1). At 295.15 K, the mercury vapor pressure is 19.90 Pa, and the vapor concentration is 16.27 ng Hg/mL air.