

Polyethylene terephthalate Plastic

DIGESTION OF PET PLASTIC USING COLDBLOCK™ DIGESTION TECHNOLOGY

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Introduction

This application note will focus on the digestion of PET Plastic using ColdBlock ™ Digestion Technology.

Method

Samples were digested using the following method:

- Chiller temperature was set to -5°C
- 0.2g sample was weighed and placed into a ColdBlock™ Digestion vessel.
- 2mL H2SO4 was added and sample was digested at 100% for 5 minutes
- Cool for 2 minutes, then slowly and carefully add 5mL HNO3 and digest again at 100% for 2-5 minutes
- Sample was cooled and diluted 50mL using 2% HNO₃.

Instrument

ColdBlock [™] Digestion CB12L Technology.

General

This procedure is specific for the sample digested and may need modification for different samples to achieve the desired result.