

README for Aircraft Air Quality and Bleed Air Contamination Detection: Phase 2, Volume 2: [supporting dataset]

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Summary of Dataset

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CO is not generated in sufficient quantities to be of value as a marker for engine oil or hydraulic fluid contamination of bleed air. CO may be useful as a marker for ingestion of engine exhaust in some cases. However, carbon dioxide (CO₂) is a much better marker for engine exhaust ingestion.

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B. Sharing/Access and Policies Information

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Was data derived from another source?: Partially, most is original data. Read more about the dataset in [Section C. Data and Related Files Overview](#)

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C. Data and Related Files Overview

The dataset can best be described as a combination of 5 distinct laboratory reports with unique data. Each of these reports and their data have been revised and edited, except The Fraunhofer Institute Report. The final version of the report and data is provided in this dataset package. Revision history on what was incorrect, retracted, recalculated, and changed can be found in each of the "Revision History" .DOCX and .PDF files in this data package.

The 3 laboratories used for this experiment were "AAC Laboratory", "RJ Lee Laboratory", and the "Fraunhofer Institute." Each of these files in this data package have a final naming structure to differentiate between the various laboratories and reports.

AAC Laboratory has the Project Number of: 230962

RJ Lee Laboratory has the Laboratory Numbers of: W305169, W305170, and W305171

The Fraunhofer Institute has the prefix of "Fraunhofer"

Each XLSX file has had each worksheet converted into a CSV file. Additionally, Excel sheets with formulas had their formulas preserved. These formulas can be found in .TXT files named after the

Excel document in the folder "Formulas." HTML snapshots of the Excel files were also created so the visual structure of the data was not lost in the conversion to CSV. Additionally, all original files were retained for this dataset and are included in the final dataset package. The user has many options on how to view and use the data, whether in the original PDF report, the original Excel spreadsheet, or using the accessible CSV files.

File List for the 102832_DATASET.zip

Report File Name	Brief Contents Summary	Date Issued
AAC Laboratory	Original Files	
230962AAC Rev2 EPA TO-11.pdf	Carbonyls; EPA TO-11A results, (Field Blanks subtracted); 18 samples; 12 pages. Chemical sample location nomenclature corrected in chain of custody forms. Full report of Project 230962.	December 20, 2023
230962 AAC Rev-2 EPA TO-11-EDD.xls	Carbonyls Electronic Data Deliverable, EPA TO-11A	December 20, 2023
230962 Revision History AAC TO-11.docx	Explanation of Revisions	March 14, 2024
AAC Laboratory	National Transportation Library Preservation and Access Files	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD.xlsx	Excel Version of 230962 AAC Rev-2 EPA TO-11-EDD.xls	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD_Report.csv	Page 2 of "230962 AAC Rev 2 EPA TO-11.pdf" in CSV form	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD_Report (2).csv	Page 3 of "230962 AAC Rev 2 EPA TO-11.pdf" in CSV form	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD_Report-Blank Subtracted.csv	Page 4 of "230962 AAC Rev 2 EPA TO-11.pdf"	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD_Report (2)-Blank Subtracted.csv	Page 5 of "230962 AAC Rev 2 EPA TO-11.pdf"	February 14, 2025

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230962 Revision History AAC TO-11.pdf	PDF version of "230962 Revision History AAC TO-11.docx"	February 14, 2025
230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD.htm	HTM snapshot of the Excel File "230962 Rev 2-EPA TO-11-EDD.xls" to preserve the visual structure.	February 14, 2025
RJ Lee Laboratory	Original Files	
W305169 Rev1 Report TO-13A Phosphates -Rev 240717.pdf	EPA TO-13A, OP TICs, SVOC TICs; 39 samples; 235 page. The Chain of custody and sample descriptions are found in the report from pages 184 through 193. Chromatograms are found on pages 194 through 235. Full report of Lab Number W305169.	July 17, 2024
W305169 Chromatograms.pdf	39 samples, July 24 - 28, 2023. 42 pages. These are originally found in the report "W305169 Rev1 Report TO-13A Phosphates -Rev 240717.pdf" from pages 194 through 235.	October 9, 2023
W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.xlsx	OP TIC; EPA TO-13A Results	July 17, 2024
W305169 Revision History TO-13A.docx	Explanation of Revisions	March 14, 2024
RJ Lee Laboratory	National Transportation Library Preservation and Access Files	February 14, 2025
W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11_W305169 QC.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305169 QC" in "W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.xlsx." The data can be found in the report "W305169 Rev1 Report TO-13A Phosphates -Rev 240717.pdf" from pages 145 through 183.	February 14, 2025
W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11_W305169 Results.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305169 Results" in "W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.xlsx." The data can be found in the report "W305169 Rev1	February 14, 2025

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	Report TO-13A Phosphates -Rev 240717.pdf" from pages 5 through 144.	
W305169 Revision History TO-13A.pdf	PDF version of "W305169 Revision History TO-13A.docx." The tables and forms can be found in the report "W305169 Rev1 Report TO-13A Phosphates -Rev 240717.pdf" from pages 180-193. The Chain of custody and sample descriptions are found in the report from pages 184 through 193 of the original report and are in this PDF.	February 14, 2025
W305169 Results.txt	Text file containing all the formulas found in "W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.xlsx."	February 14, 2025
W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.htm	HTM snapshot of the Excel File "W305169 EDD Final 2025-02-11.xlsx" to preserve the visual structure.	February 14, 2025
RJ Lee Laboratory	Original Files	
W305170 TO-13A PAH Rev 240717 -RevB.pdf	PAHs and OP Isomers; 33 Samples; EPA TO-13A; 139 pages. The Chromatograms can be found on pages 103 through 139. The Chain of custody and sample identifications are found on pages 92 through 102. Full report of Lab Number W305170.	July 17, 2024
W305170 EDD Final 20250211.xlsx	PAHs and OP Isomers; Electronic Data Deliverable; 33 Samples; EPA TO-13A;	July 17, 2024
W305170 Revision History EPA TO13A PAH.docx	Explanation of Revisions	March 14, 2024
RJ Lee Laboratory	National Transportation Library Preservation and Access Files	February 14, 2025
W305170 EDD Final 20250211_W305170	CSV Version of the tab "W305170 PAHs" in "W305170 EDD Final 20250211.xlsx". This CSV	February 14, 2025

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PAHs.csv	has 39 samples that are found in the report "W305170 TO-13A PAH Rev 240717 -RevB.pdf" on pages 4 through 69.	
W305170 EDD Final 20250211_W305170 PAHs QC.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305170 PAHs QC" in "W305170 EDD Final 20250211.xlsx." This data can be found in the report "W305170 TO-13A PAH Rev 240717 -RevB.pdf" on pages 70 through 91.	February 14, 2025
W305170 Revision History EPA TO13A PAH.pdf	PDF version of "W305170 Revision History EPA TO13A PAH.docx." The tables and forms can be found in the report "W305170 TO-13A PAH Rev 240717 -RevB.pdf" from pages 92 through 102.	February 14, 2025
W305170 PAHs.txt	Text file containing all the formulas found in "W305170 EDD Final 20250211.xlsx."	February 14, 2025
W305170 EDD Final 20250211.htm	HTM snapshot of the Excel File "W305170 EDD Final 20250211.xlsx" to preserve the visual structure.	February 14, 2025
RJ Lee Laboratory	Original Files	
W305171_Final Report_Rev.3-2 EPA TO17 250209.pdf	VOCs; EPA TO-17 (one broken tube reported as less than the reporting limit); 34 samples; 206 pages. The Chain of custody and sample identifications are found on pages 195 through 206. Full report of Lab Number W305171.	May 1, 2024
W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.xlsx	VOCs; EPA TO-17 Electronic Data Deliverable, TIC without CAS numbers removed	May 1, 2024
W305171 Revision History EPA TO-17.docx	Explanation of Revisions	March 14, 2024
RJ Lee Laboratory	National Transportation Library Preservation and Access Files	February 14, 2025

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W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209_W305171 TO-17.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305171 TO-17" in "W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.xlsx." This data can be found in the report "W305171_Final Report_Rev.3-2 EPA TO17 250209.pdf" on pages 5 through 118.	February 14, 2025
W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209_W305171 TO-17 Acids.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305171 TO-17 Acids" in "W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.xlsx." This data can be found in the report "W305171_Final Report_Rev.3-2 EPA TO17 250209.pdf" on pages 119 through 152.	February 14, 2025
W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209_W305171 TO-17 QC.csv	CSV Version of the tab "W305171 TO-17 QC" in "W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.xlsx." This data can be found in the report "W305171_Final Report_Rev.3-2 EPA TO17 250209.pdf" on pages 153 through 193.	February 14, 2025
W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.htm	HTM snapshot of the Excel File "W305171 EDD TO-17Rev5_250209.xlsx" to preserve the visual structure.	February 14, 2025
The Fraunhofer Institute	Original Files	
Fraunhofer Atlantic City 2023 Analysis Report_corr..pdf	PDF Report of that contains the analysis results of the Atlantic City measurement campaign. 2023 Analysis Report, chemical sample locations corrected (CA, OP/Oil, and Tenax,)Attribution is required for use of this report.	August 30, 2023
The Fraunhofer Institute	National Transportation Library Preservation and Access Files	
Fraunhofer Table 1.csv	This is a CSV version of Table 1 from "Fraunhofer Atlantic City 2023 Analysis Report_corr..pdf"	February 14, 2025

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D. Methodological Information

Description of methods used for collection/generation of data: For the full methodology of each lab report, consult the full publication <https://doi.org/10.21949/v5p6-j307>

Instrument or software-specific information needed to interpret the data: The data and graphs for this dataset package are stored in a variety of files to ensure access. The original formats of .DOCX, .XLSX, .XLS and .PDF were retained so that the original state of the final research can be preserved. However, additional copies of files were made, including .PDF copies of the .DOCX files and .CSV copies of each Excel Worksheet to ensure access and interoperability across programs and machines. Further, the formulas and a visual representation of the data's content and structured were created and preserved as well for users who do not have access to Excel. The formulas and .HTML pages ensure that the content that cannot be preserved by .CSVs, such as visual structure and calculations, are noted and archived in the final data package. Notepad++ can be used to access the .CSV and .TXT files. Your machine's web browser can be used to access the .HTML and .PDF files.

E. Update Log

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