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Fast Pyrolysis of Halogenated Plastics Recovered from Waste Computers

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ABSTRACT

The disposal of waste computers is an issue that is gaining increasing interest around the world. In this paper, results from the fast pyrolysis in a fluidized bed reactor of three different waste computer monitor casings composed of mainly acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) copolymer and two different waste computer body casings composed of mostly poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) type polymers are presented. Preliminary characterization of the waste plastics was investigated using coupled thermogravimetric analysis-Fourier transform infrared spectrometry (TGA-FT-IR). The results showed that the plastics decomposed in two stages. For the ABS-containing monitor casings, aromatic and aliphatic material were released in the first and second stages. The PVC-containing computer body casing samples showed a first-stage evolution of HCl and a second stage evolution of aromatic and aliphatic material and further HCl. In addition, each of the five plastics was fast-pyrolyzed in a laboratory-scale fluidized bed reactor at 500 °C. The fluidized bed pyrolysis led to the conversion of most of the plastics to pyrolysis oil, although the two PVC computer body cases produced large quantities of HCl. The pyrolysis oils were characterized by GC-MS and it was found that they were chemically very heterogeneous and contained a wide range of aliphatic, aromatic, halogenated, oxygenated, and nitrogenated compounds.

TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1. Characteristics of the waste plastics

| Waste Plastic Sample | Country of Origin | Date | Main Material | Abbreviation |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|--------------|
| Computer Monitor Back Cover | Taiwan | 1994 | ABS Co-polymer | MO1 |
| Computer Monitor Back Cover | Indonesia | 1995 | ABS Co-polymer | MO2 |
| Computer Monitor Back Cover | Taiwan | 1991 | ABS Co-polymer | MO3 |
| Computer Body Casing | - | 1997 | PVC | CT1 |
| Computer Body Casing | - | 1997 | PVC | CT2 |

Table 2 Elemental composition of the waste plastic computer body and monitor cases

| Element | MO1 (wt%) | MO2 (wt%) | MO3 (wt%) | CT1 (wt%) | CT2 (wt%) |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| N | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| C | 68.9 | 69.2 | 70.3 | 55.4 | 43.4 |
| H | 6.5 | 6.4 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| S | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| O | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Br | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Cl | 1.1 | 2.6 | 0.9 | 32.8 | 43.1 |
| Ca | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| Fe | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Sb | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Ti | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.7 |

Table 3. Total mass balance, bromine, and chlorine balances from the fluidised bed pyrolysis of the waste plastics

| | Product | MO1 | MO2 | MO3 | CT1 | CT2 |
|--------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Mass (%) | Char | 4.3 | 3.8 | 11.1 | 6.4 | 19.8 |
| | Oil | 91.8 | 91.0 | 85.4 | 55.1 | 35.9 |
| | Gas | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 38.5 | 44.3 |
| Bromine (%) | Char | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Oil | 98.8 | 95.9 | 98.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | Gas | 1.2 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chlorine (%) | Char | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| | Oil | 94.3 | 72.8 | 63.2 | 6.0 | 1.8 |
| | Gas | 5.7 | 27.2 | 36.8 | 94.0 | 95.5 |

Table 4. Composition of the pyrolysis gases derived from the fluidised bed pyrolysis of waste plastics

| Gas | MO1 (Vol %) | MO2 (Vol %) | MO3 (Vol %) | CT1 (Vol %) | CT2 (Vol %) |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Hydrogen | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Carbon monoxide | 29.9 | 15.1 | 26.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Carbon dioxide | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| Methane | 6.7 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Ethene | 9.2 | 3.7 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| Ethane | 7.6 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| Propene | 5.4 | 3.2 | 6.5 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| Propane | 2.8 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| Butene + butadiene | 21.4 | 27.0 | 23.3 | 4.3 | 2.0 |
| HBr + Br ₂ | 3.4 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| HCl + Cl ₂ | 9.2 | 34.8 | 13.4 | 87.9 | 93.0 |
| Butane | 3.7 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 |

Table 5 Components identified by GC-MS in the pyrolysis oil of MO1

| RT (min) | SI (%) | CAS | Name | Concentration (%) | Peak # |
|--------------|--------|----------------|--|-------------------|--------|
| GC-FID only | | 107 - 13 - 1 | acrylonitrile | 2.7 | |
| GC-FID only | | 71 - 43 - 2 | benzene | 21.9 | |
| GC-FID only | | 108 - 88 - 3 | toluene | 1.3 | |
| 9.1 | 99 | 100 - 41 - 4 | Ethylbenzene | 4.9 | 1 |
| 11.3 | 97 | 100 - 42 - 5 | Styrene | 13.4 | 2 |
| 15.1 | 97 | 98 - 82 - 8 | Cumene | 0.6 | 3 |
| 20.3 | 92 | 98 - 83 - 9 | α -Methylstyrene | 0.1 | |
| 21.4 | 97 | 108 - 95 - 2 | Phenol | 0.5 | 4 |
| 21.7 | 93 | 4013 - 34 - 7 | (1-Methoxyethyl)benzene | 0.1 | |
| 22.5 | 92 | 300 - 57 - 2 | 2-Propenylbenzene | 0.1 | |
| 22.6 | 94 | 611 - 15 - 4 | 2-Methylstyrene | 0.1 | |
| 25.1 | 92 | 1572 - 52 - 7 | α -Methyleneglutaronitrile | 0.1 | |
| 25.9 | 91 | 1120 - 21 - 4 | Undecane | 0.1 | |
| 27.5 | 94 | 140 - 29 - 4 | Benzyl nitrile | 0.1 | |
| 28.4 | 96 | 1823 - 91 - 2 | alpha-methyl-benzeneacetonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 28.7 | 94 | 91 - 20 - 3 | Naphthalene | 0.2 | |
| 28.9 | 94 | 1885 - 38 - 7 | trans-3-Phenylpropenonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 29.1 | 91 | 112 - 41 - 4 | 1-Dodecene | <0.1 | |
| 30.5 | 98 | 99 - 89 - 8 | 4-Isopropylphenol | 0.5 | 5 |
| 32.7 | 95 | 90 - 12 - 0 | 1-Methylnaphthalene | 0.2 | |
| 33.5 | 98 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 5.9 | 6 |
| 33.9 | 91 | 5590 - 14 - 7 | Cyclopropanecarbonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 34.9 | 94 | 13360 - 61 - 7 | 1-Pentadecene | 0.1 | |
| 37.3 | 90 | 644 - 08 - 6 | 4-Methyldiphenyl | 0.1 | |
| 37.6 | 96 | 613 - 46 - 7 | 2-Naphthalenecarbonitrile | 0.2 | |
| 38.2 | 92 | 103 - 29 - 7 | Bibenzyl | 0.1 | |
| 39.9 | 91 | 74339 - 50 - 7 | Dodecyl trichloroacetate | 0.1 | |
| 41.3 | 97 | 1081 - 75 - 0 | 1,3-Diphenylpropane | 2.3 | 7 |
| 41.4 | 93 | 132 - 75 - 2 | 1-Naphthaleneacetonitrile | 0.6 | |
| 42.6 | 94 | 103 - 30 - 0 | 1,2-Diphenylethene | 0.2 | |
| 44.3 | 96 | 6362-80-7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 3.3 | 8 |
| 44.6 | 91 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.8 | |
| 45.2 | 94 | 22768 - 22 - 5 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-2(E)-pentene | 2.3 | 9 |
| 46.5 | 91 | 629 - 79 - 8 | Hexadecanenitrile | 0.3 | |
| 46.6 | 91 | 86544 - 79 - 8 | 1,3-Diphenyl-3-methylcyclopropene | 0.3 | |
| 47.0 | 96 | 112 - 39 - 0 | Methyl hexadecanoate | 0.8 | 10 |
| 48.0 | 81 | 612 - 94 - 2 | Naphthalene, 2-phenyl- | 0.7 | 11 |
| 49.8 | 96 | 4998 - 48 - 5 | 2-(2H-Benzotriazol-2-yl)-5-methylphenol | 0.5 | |
| 50.8 | 96 | 112 - 61 - 8 | Methyl octadecanoate | 1.4 | 12 |
| 51.7 | 74 | - | 1-phenyl-1(3-phenyl-3butenyl)cyclopropane | 3.6 | 13 |
| 53.3 | 76 | - | unknown | 1.9 | 14 |
| 54.2 | 84 | 1889 - 67 - 4 | Benzene, 1,1'-(1,1,2,2-tetramethyl-1,2-ethanediyl)bis- | 1.7 | 15 |
| 56.9 | 86 | 6362-80-7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 2.5 | 16 |
| 57.8 | 85 | 6362-80-7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 1.8 | 17 |
| 59.2 | 92 | 1889 - 67 - 4 | 2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenylbutane | 0.4 | |
| TOTAL | | | | 78.8 | |

Table 6 Components identified by GC-MS in the pyrolysis oil of MO2

| RT (min) | SI (%) | CAS | Name | Concentration (%) | Peak # |
|--------------|--------|----------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| GC-FID only | | 107-13-1 | acrylonitrile | 3.0 | |
| GC-FID only | | 71-43-2 | benzene | 20.5 | |
| GC-FID only | | 108-88-3 | toluene | 2.3 | |
| 8.3 | 96 | 108 - 90 - 7 | chlorobenzene | 0.1 | |
| 9.2 | 99 | 100 - 41 - 4 | Ethylbenzene | 3.2 | 1 |
| 11.4 | 98 | 100 - 42 - 5 | Styrene | 16.5 | 2 |
| 20.3 | 93 | 98 - 83 - 9 | A-Methylstyrene | 0.1 | |
| 21.7 | 94 | 4013 - 34 - 7 | (1-methoxyethyl)Benzene | 0.3 | |
| 22.6 | 95 | 637 - 50 - 3 | 1-propenylbenzene | 0.1 | |
| 25.2 | 92 | 1572 - 52 - 7 | 2-Methyleneglutaronitrile | 0.1 | |
| 25.9 | 94 | 1120 - 21 - 4 | Undecane | 0.1 | |
| 27.5 | 97 | 140 - 29 - 4 | Benzyl nitrile | 0.1 | |
| 28.7 | 97 | 91 - 20 - 3 | Naphthalene | 0.1 | |
| 28.9 | 93 | 1885 - 38 - 7 | trans-3-Phenylpropenonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 29.1 | 91 | 2437 - 56 - 1 | 1-Tridecene | 0.1 | |
| 32.3 | 92 | 119 - 65 - 3 | Isoquinoline | 0.1 | |
| 32.7 | 95 | 91 - 57 - 6 | 2-methylnaphthalene | 0.1 | |
| 33.4 | 97 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 5.7 | 3 |
| 34.9 | 90 | 13360 - 61 - 7 | 1-Pentadecene | 0.1 | |
| 37.6 | 95 | 86 - 53 - 3 | 1-Naphthalenecarbonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 38.2 | 92 | 103 - 29 - 7 | Bibenzyl | 0.1 | |
| 38.3 | 90 | 86 - 53 - 3 | 1-Naphthalenecarbonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 40.3 | 93 | 93 - 96 - 9 | α -Methyl benzyl ether | 0.1 | |
| 41.3 | 97 | 1081 - 75 - 0 | 1,3-Diphenylpropane | 1.9 | 4 |
| 41.4 | 93 | 132 - 75 - 2 | 1-Naphthaleneacetonitrile | 0.4 | |
| 42.6 | 95 | 103 - 30 - 0 | (E)-Stilbene | 0.2 | |
| 43.7 | 92 | - | (1-Erythro-2,3-diphenyl)-2-butanol | 3.1 | 5 |
| 44.1 | 92 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 2.6 | 6 |
| 44.3 | 93 | 6362-80-7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 0.9 | |
| 44.6 | 92 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.6 | |
| 44.9 | 91 | 20669 - 52 - 7 | 1,2-Dihydro-3-phenylnaphthalene | 0.4 | |
| 45.2 | 94 | 22768 - 22 - 5 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-2(E)-pentene | 2.1 | |
| 45.4 | 77 | - | Bis-(2-methylbenzyl)-methylenisonitril | 5.4 | 7 |
| 48.0 | 88 | 35465 - 71 - 5 | 2-Phenylnaphthalene | 1.4 | 8 |
| 50.4 | 92 | 723 - 98 - 8 | 1H-Cyclopenta[1]phenanthrene, 2,3-dihydro- | 0.8 | |
| 50.6 | 82 | 13754 - 10 - 4 | 1,2-Propanediol, 3-benzyloxy-1,2 diacetyl- | 4.4 | 9 |
| 50.8 | 93 | 112 - 61 - 8 | Methyl octadecanoate | 0.2 | |
| 51.3 | 95 | 92 - 06 - 8 | m-Terphenyl | 0.3 | |
| 51.7 | 74 | - | Cyclopropane, 1-phenyl-1(3-phenyl-3-butenyl)- | 4.2 | 10 |
| 53.2 | 76 | - | unknown | 2.5 | 11 |
| 57.2 | 79 | 32461 - 31 - 7 | 2-Oxazolidinone, 4-phenyl-5-p-tolyl-, trans- | 1.6 | 12 |
| 58.4 | 71 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 2.7 | 13 |
| 59.6 | 77 | - | 1-Propene, 3-(2-cyclopentenyl)-2-methyl-1,1-diphenyl- | 0.8 | 14 |
| TOTAL | | | | 86.9 | |

Table 7 Components identified by GC-MS in the pyrolysis oil of MO3

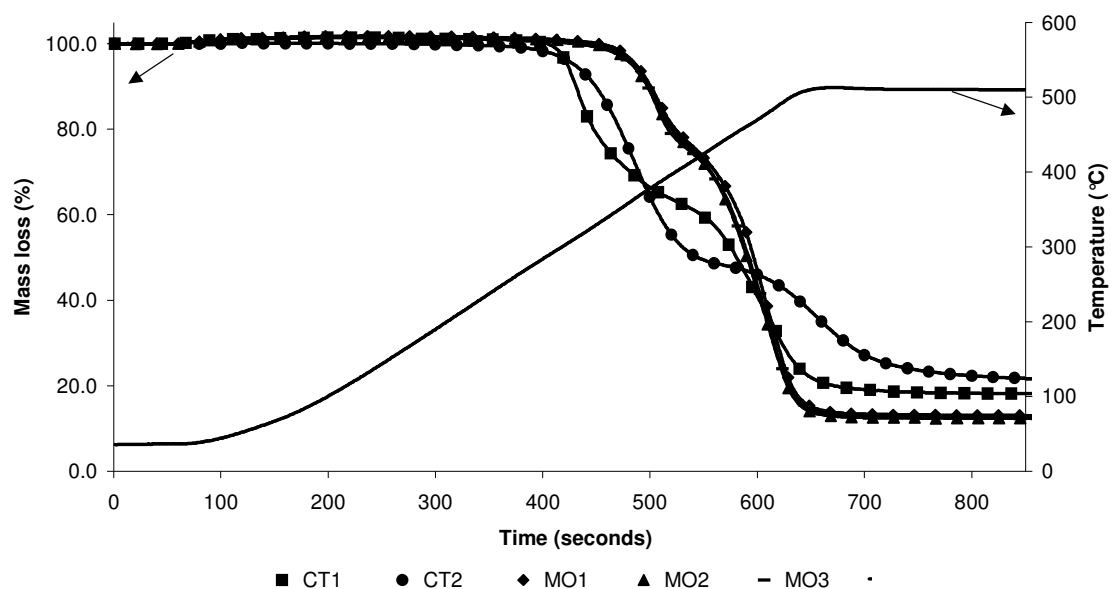
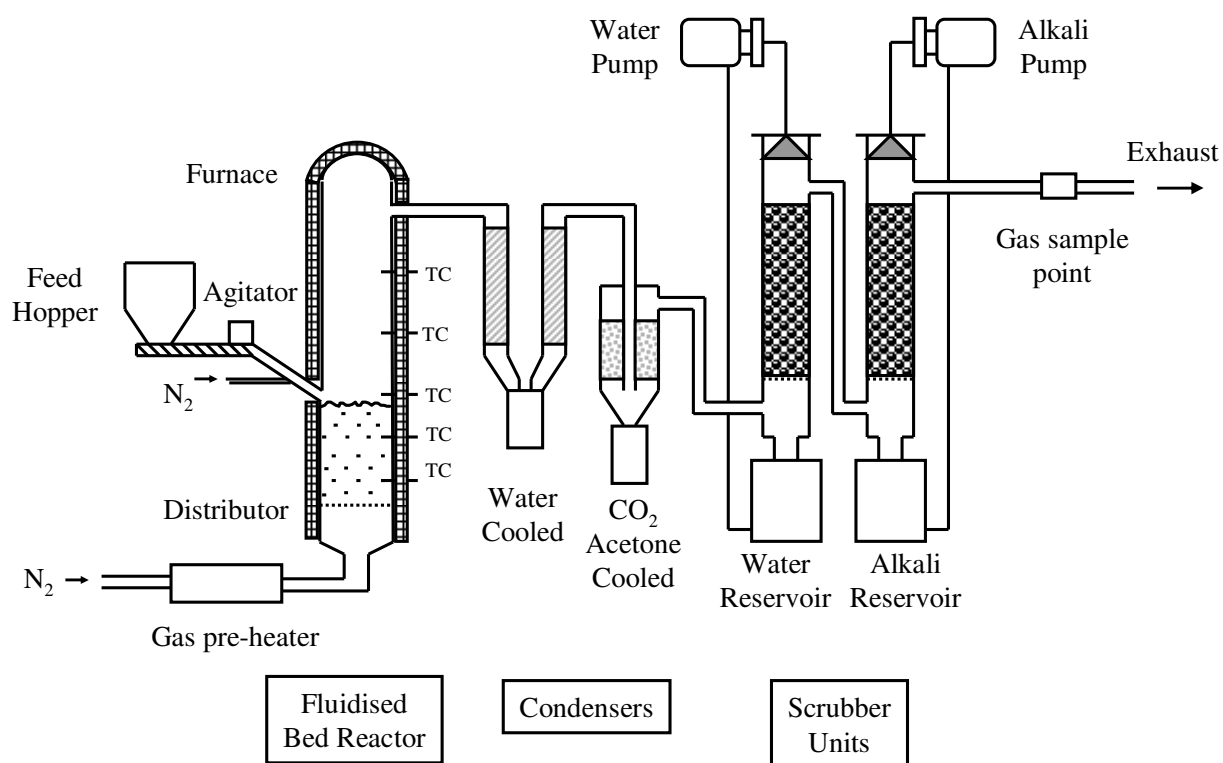
| RT (min) | SI (%) | CAS | Name | Concentration (%) | Peak # |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| GC-FID only | | 107-13-1 | acrylonitrile | 0.6 | |
| GC-FID only | | 71-43-2 | benzene | 1.5 | |
| GC-FID only | | 108 - 88 - 3 | Toluene | 2.2 | |
| 9.5 | 98 | 100 - 41 - 4 | Ethylbenzene | 7.6 | 1 |
| 12.0 | 98 | 100 - 42 - 5 | Styrene | 25.0 | 2 |
| 15.9 | 98 | 98 - 82 - 8 | Cumene | 1.8 | |
| 21.4 | 98 | 108 - 95 - 2 | Phenol | 0.3 | 3 |
| 22.9 | 94 | 873 - 49 - 4 | cyclopropylbenzene | 0.1 | |
| 24.3 | 91 | 104 - 51 - 8 | butylbenzene | <0.1 | |
| 25.0 | 90 | 98 - 86 - 2 | Acetophenone | 0.1 | |
| 26.2 | 90 | 15869 - 93 - 9 | 3,5-dimethyloctane | <0.1 | |
| 26.7 | 92 | 768 - 00 - 3 | cis-2-Phenyl-2-butene | <0.1 | |
| 27.5 | 90 | 1587 - 04 - 8 | 1-methyl-2-(2-propenyl)Benzene | <0.1 | |
| 27.7 | 93 | 140 - 29 - 4 | Benzyl nitrile | 0.1 | |
| 28.3 | 93 | 612 - 17 - 9 | 1,4-Dihydronaphthalene | 0.1 | |
| 28.7 | 97 | 1823 - 91 - 2 | α -methylBenzeneacetonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 29.0 | 98 | 91 - 20 - 3 | Naphthalene | 0.1 | |
| 29.1 | 95 | 1885 - 38 - 7 | trans-3-Phenylpropenonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 30.6 | 97 | 99 - 89 - 8 | 4-(1-Methylethyl)phenol | 0.3 | 4 |
| 32.7 | 90 | 935 - 44 - 4 | 1-Phenyl-1-cyclopropanecarbonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 32.9 | 96 | 90 - 12 - 0 | 1-methylNaphthalene, | 0.1 | |
| 33.7 | 98 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 4.2 | 5 |
| 34.2 | 91 | 5590 - 14 - 7 | 2-Phenylcyclopropanecarbonitrile | 0.1 | |
| 34.8 | 93 | 56851 - 51 - 5 | (1,3-dimethyl-3-butenyl)Benzene | 0.4 | 6 |
| | | | Bicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5-triene, 7-(3-butenyl)- | 0.5 | 7 |
| 36.0 | 83 | 122057 - 61 - 8 | | | |
| 37.6 | 94 | 644 - 08 - 6 | 4-Methylbiphenyl | <0.1 | |
| 41.6 | 97 | 1081 - 75 - 0 | 1,3-Diphenylpropane | 1.4 | 8 |
| 41.6 | 94 | 132 - 75 - 2 | 1-Naphthaleneacetonitrile | 0.3 | |
| 42.8 | 96 | 103 - 30 - 0 | (E)-Stilbene | 0.1 | |
| 43.4 | 90 | 3282 - 18 - 6 | 1-Phenylcyclopropyl)benzene | 0.3 | |
| 44.3 | 92 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.2 | |
| 44.6 | 98 | 6362-80-7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 2.7 | 9 |
| 44.8 | 91 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.4 | |
| 45.5 | 93 | 22768 - 22 - 5 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-2(E)-pentene | 0.6 | |
| 45.6 | 78 | 2412 - 58 - 0 | 1-Methyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline | 1.8 | 10 |
| 47.3 | 96 | 112 - 39 - 0 | Methyl hexadecanoate | 0.4 | |
| 47.4 | 81 | 55044 - 97 - 8 | 1,1'-[oxybis(methylene)]bis[4-ethylBenzene | 0.4 | 11 |
| 50.8 | 81 | 10304 - 81 - 1 | (2-chloropropyl)Benzene | 1.2 | 12 |
| 51.1 | 95 | 112 - 61 - 8 | Methyl octadecanoate | 0.5 | |
| | | | Cyclopropane, 1-phenyl-1(3-phenyl-3-butenyl)- | 3.0 | 13 |
| 52.0 | 73 | - | | | |
| 52.3 | 95 | 629 - 97 - 0 | Docosane | 0.1 | |
| 53.5 | 76 | - | unknown | 0.9 | 14 |
| 54.5 | 83 | 1889 - 67 - 4 | 2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenylbutane | 1.3 | 15 |
| 57.1 | 86 | - | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 0.9 | 16 |
| TOTAL | | | | 61.7 | |

Table 8 Components identified by GC-MS in the pyrolysis oil of CT1

| RT (min) | SI (%) | CAS | Name | Concentration (%) | Peak # |
|--------------|--------|----------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| GC-FID only | | 71-43-2 | benzene | 20.3 | |
| GC-FID only | | 108-88-3 | toluene | 1.0 | |
| 8.8 | 98 | 108 - 90 - 7 | chlorobenzene | 0.2 | |
| 9.7 | 99 | 100 - 41 - 4 | Ethylbenzene | 3.1 | 1 |
| 12.0 | 97 | 100 - 42 - 5 | Styrene | 8.3 | 2 |
| 20.1 | 92 | 98 - 83 - 9 | α -Methylstyrene | 0.1 | |
| 21.5 | 96 | 4013 - 34 - 7 | (1-methoxyethyl)Benzene | 0.5 | |
| 23.6 | 95 | 35275 - 62 - 8 | 1-chloro-2,3-dihydro-1H-Indene | <0.1 | |
| 24.7 | 94 | 672 - 65 - 1 | (1-chloroethyl)benzene | 0.2 | |
| 25.3 | 91 | 935 - 67 - 1 | (1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)benzene | 0.6 | 3 |
| 27.7 | 94 | 140 - 29 - 4 | Benzyl nitrile | 0.1 | |
| 28.3 | 94 | 612 - 17 - 9 | 1,4-Dihydronaphthalene | 0.2 | |
| 29.0 | 98 | 91 - 20 - 3 | Naphthalene | 0.2 | |
| 29.4 | 91 | 112 - 41 - 4 | 1-Dodecene | <0.1 | |
| 32.2 | 98 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 1.4 | 4 |
| 32.9 | 95 | 90 - 12 - 0 | 1-methylnaphthalene | 0.5 | |
| 33.2 | 98 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 3.7 | 5 |
| 34.8 | 90 | 56851 - 51 - 5 | (1,3-dimethyl-3-butenyl)benzene | 0.1 | |
| 34.8 | 95 | 92 - 52 - 4 | Biphenyl | 0.1 | |
| 35.1 | 94 | 1120 - 36 - 1 | 1-Tetradecene | 0.2 | |
| 37.6 | 90 | 643 - 93 - 6 | 3-Methylbiphenyl | <0.1 | |
| 37.9 | 92 | 629 - 62 - 9 | Pentadecane | 0.1 | |
| 38.4 | 93 | 103 - 29 - 7 | Bibenzyl | <0.1 | |
| 39.9 | 93 | 86 - 73 - 7 | Fluorene | 0.1 | |
| 40.1 | 92 | 52132 - 58 - 8 | Chloro-acetic acid hexadecyl ester | 0.2 | |
| 41.5 | 97 | 1081 - 75 - 0 | 1,3-Diphenylpropane | 1.3 | 6 |
| 42.2 | 93 | 1520 - 44 - 1 | (3-Phenylbutyl)benzene | 0.2 | |
| 42.5 | 90 | 629 - 78 - 7 | Heptadecane | 0.1 | |
| 42.8 | 95 | 103 - 30 - 0 | (E)-Stilbene | 0.1 | |
| 43.1 | 93 | 124 - 10 - 7 | Methyl tetradecanoate | 0.1 | |
| 43.2 | 90 | 1889 - 67 - 4 | 2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-diphenylbutane | 0.1 | |
| 44.5 | 91 | 6362 - 80 - 7 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-1-pentene | 0.8 | |
| 44.8 | 92 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.5 | |
| 44.9 | 84 | 32461 - 31 - 7 | 2-Oxazolidinone, 4-phenyl-5-p-tolyl-, trans- | 1.9 | 7 |
| 45.5 | 93 | 22768 - 22 - 5 | 2,4-Diphenyl-4-methyl-2(E)-pentene | 0.3 | |
| 45.6 | 78 | 2412 - 58 - 0 | 1-Methyl-3,4-dihydroisoquinoline | 1.3 | 8 |
| 46.8 | 92 | 629 - 79 - 8 | Hexadecanenitrile | 0.5 | |
| 47.3 | 96 | 112 - 39 - 0 | Methyl hexadecanoate | 3.2 | 9 |
| 49.2 | 94 | 1731 - 92 - 6 | methyl heptadecanoate | 0.1 | |
| 50.6 | 93 | 2345 - 29 - 1 | 8-Octadecenoic acid, methyl ester | 0.7 | |
| 51.1 | 96 | 112 - 61 - 8 | Methyl octadecanoate | 3.0 | 10 |
| 52.0 | 73 | - | unknown | 1.8 | 11 |
| 52.1 | 91 | 111 - 06 - 8 | Butyl hexadecanoate | 0.3 | |
| 53.3 | 75 | - | 1-Propene, 3-(2-cyclopentenyl)-2-methyl-1,1-diphenyl- | 0.7 | 12 |
| 58.7 | 71 | 7614 - 93 - 9 | 1,3-Diphenyl-1-butene | 0.1 | 13 |
| TOTAL | | | | 58.3 | |

Table 9 Components identified by GC-MS in the pyrolysis oil of CT2

| RT (min) | SI (%) | CAS # | Name | Concentration (%) | Peak # |
|--------------|--------|----------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| GC-FID only | | 71-43-2 | benzene | 0.1 | |
| GC-FID only | | 108-88-3 | toluene | 0.2 | |
| 8.4 | 97 | 108 - 90 - 7 | chlorobenzene | 0.1 | |
| 9.3 | 98 | 100 - 41 - 4 | Ethylbenzene | <0.1 | 1 |
| 11.4 | 98 | 100 - 42 - 5 | Styrene | 1.1 | 2 |
| 23.2 | 96 | 104 - 76 - 7 | 2-Ethyl-1-hexanol | 0.4 | 3 |
| 23.3 | 94 | 95 - 13 - 6 | Indene | 0.1 | |
| 25.4 | 89 | 935 - 67 - 1 | (1-methoxy-1-methylethyl)benzene | 1.0 | 4 |
| 25.9 | 92 | 1120 - 21 - 4 | Undecane | 0.2 | |
| 27.2 | 91 | 824 - 22 - 6 | 2,3-dihydro-4-methyl-1H-Indene | 0.1 | |
| 27.6 | 91 | 3454 - 07 - 7 | 4-Ethylstyrene | 0.1 | |
| 27.8 | 90 | 2177 - 47 - 1 | 2-Methylindene | 0.4 | |
| 28.1 | 95 | 612 - 17 - 9 | 1,4-Dihydronaphthalene | 0.2 | |
| 28.7 | 98 | 91 - 20 - 3 | Naphthalene | 1.3 | 5 |
| 32.7 | 96 | 90 - 12 - 0 | 1-methylnaphthalene | 0.4 | |
| 33.4 | 98 | 2046 - 18 - 6 | Benzenebutanenitrile | 1.3 | 6 |
| 34.6 | 96 | 92 - 52 - 4 | Biphenyl | 0.2 | |
| 35.1 | 91 | 1127 - 76 - 0 | 1-ethylnaphthalene | <0.1 | |
| 37.5 | 93 | 13360 - 61 - 7 | 1-Pentadecene | 0.1 | |
| 38.3 | 90 | 111 - 82 - 0 | Methyl dodecanoate | 0.1 | |
| 39.7 | 93 | 86 - 73 - 7 | Fluorene | 0.2 | |
| 39.9 | 93 | 13360 - 61 - 7 | 1-Pentadecene | 0.2 | |
| 40.1 | 92 | 643 - 58 - 3 | 2-Methylbiphenyl | 0.2 | |
| 41.3 | 96 | 1081 - 75 - 0 | 1,3-Diphenylpropane | 0.9 | 7 |
| 42.5 | 90 | 1430 - 97 - 3 | 2-Methylfluorene | 0.2 | |
| 42.6 | 92 | 103 - 30 - 0 | (E)-Stilbene | 0.1 | |
| 42.9 | 96 | 124 - 10 - 7 | Methyl tetradecanoate | 0.5 | |
| 44.1 | 95 | 120 - 12 - 7 | Anthracene | 0.5 | |
| 45.0 | 93 | 7132 - 64 - 1 | Methyl pentadecanoate | 0.3 | |
| 46.4 | 91 | 779 - 02 - 2 | 9-Methylantracene | 0.2 | |
| 47.0 | 96 | 112 - 39 - 0 | Methyl hexadecanoate | 4.0 | 8 |
| 49.0 | 95 | 1731 - 92 - 6 | methyl heptadecanoate | 0.3 | |
| 50.3 | 93 | 2345 - 29 - 1 | 8-Octadecenoic acid, methyl ester | 1.5 | |
| 50.8 | 96 | 112 - 61 - 8 | Methyl octadecanoate | 7.6 | 9 |
| 51.7 | 74 | - | 1-phenyl-1(3-phenyl-3-butenyl)cyclopropane | 0.9 | 10 |
| 57.1 | 84 | 24468 - 13 - 1 | dl-2-Ethylhexyl chloroformate | 0.6 | 11 |
| 61.8 | 97 | 111 - 02 - 4 | 2,6,10,15,19,23-Hexamethyl-2,6,10,14,18,22-Tetracosahexaene | 0.5 | 12 |
| TOTAL | | | | 25.6 | |



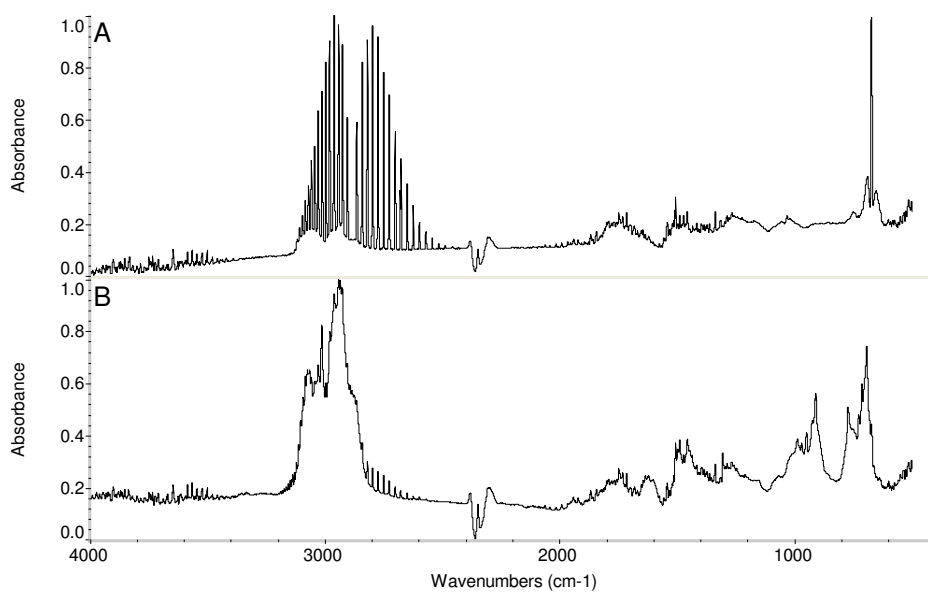


Figure 3. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the evolved products derived from computer body casing sample CT1 at a thermogravimetric analysis temperature of 330 °C (A) and 485 °C (B).

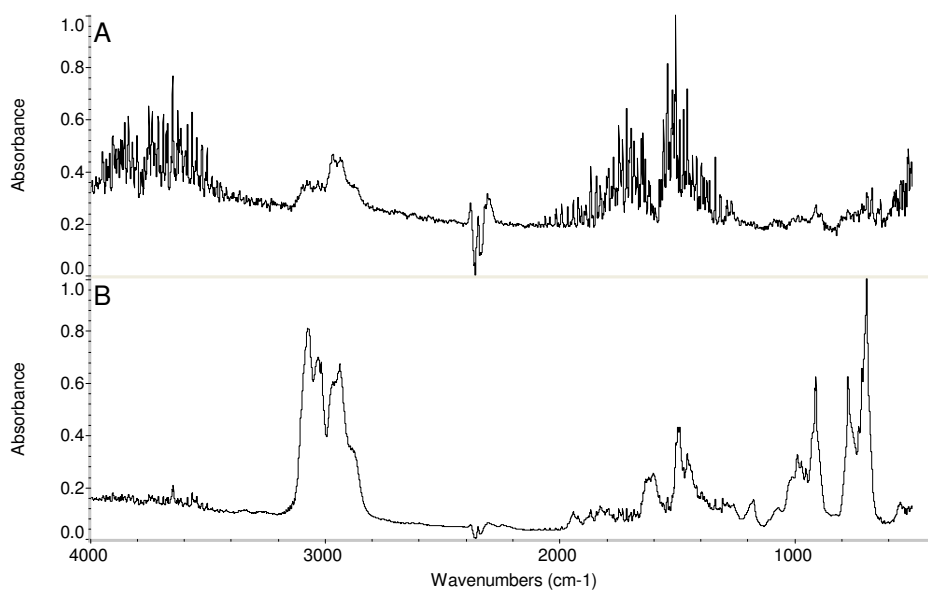


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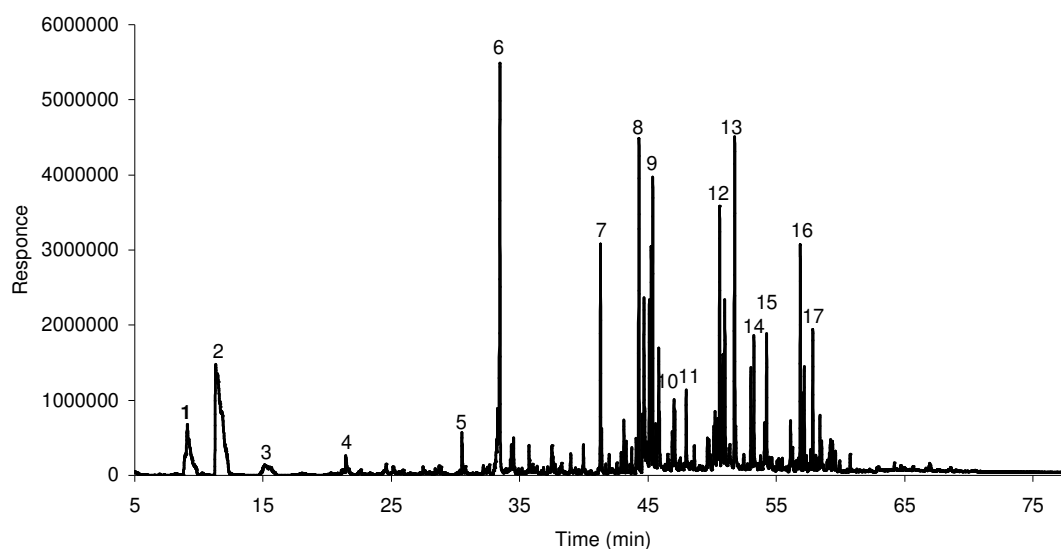


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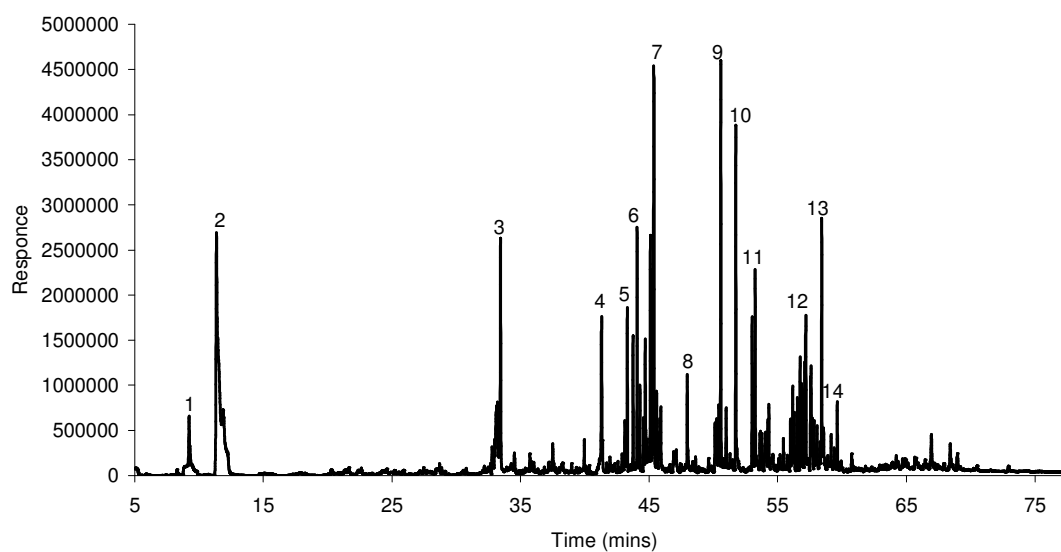


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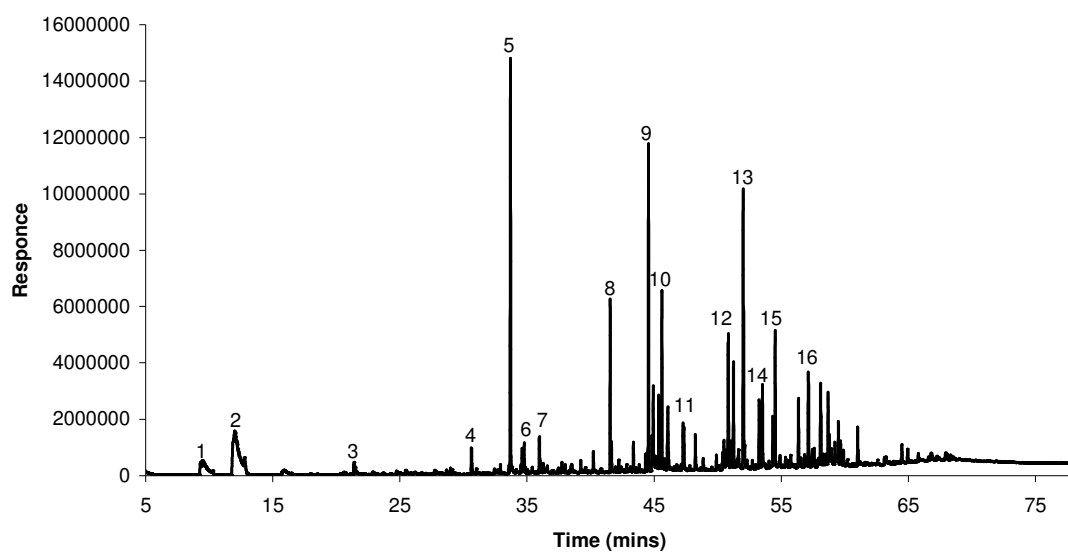


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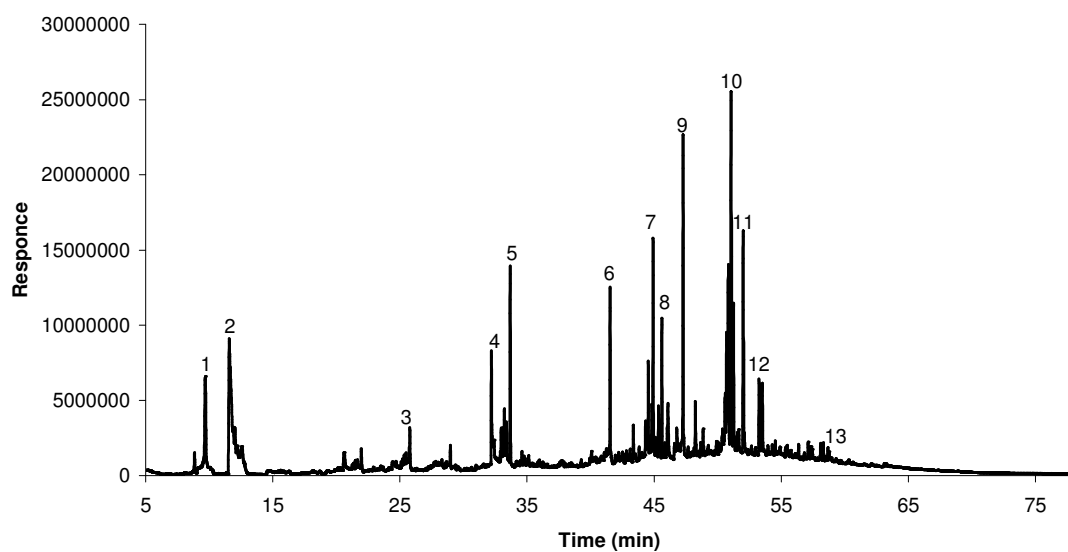


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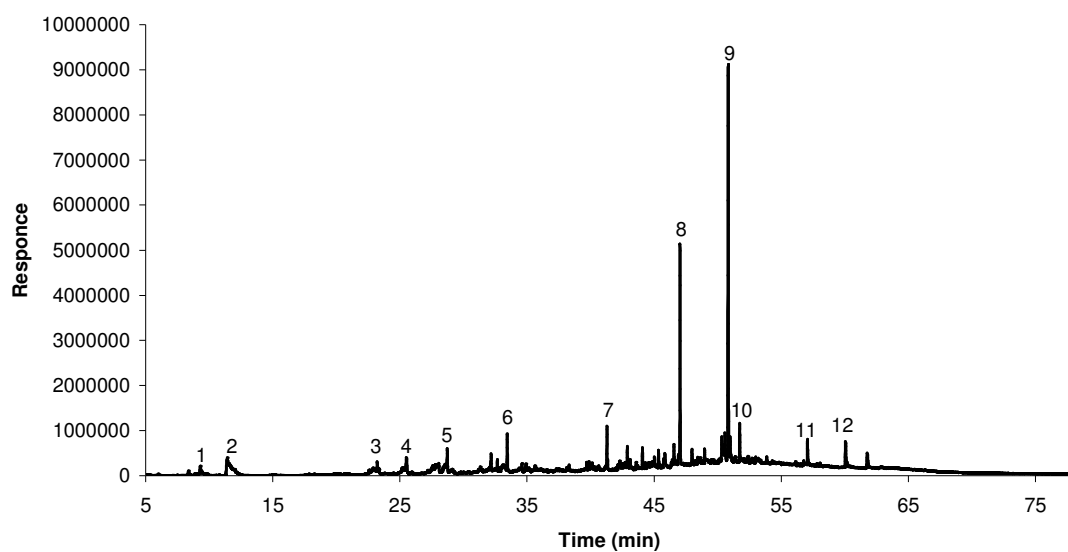


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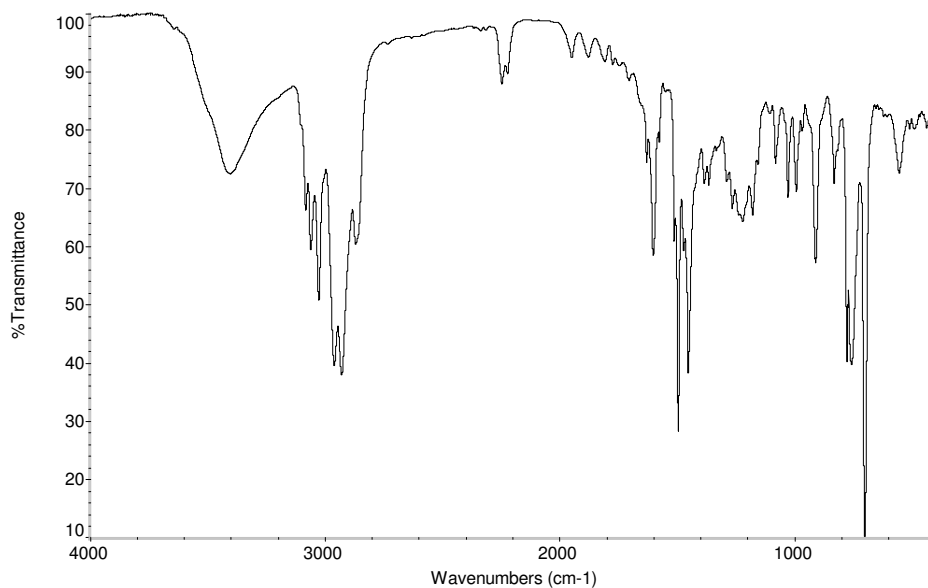


Figure 10. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the pyrolysis oil derived from computer monitor sample MO1 pyrolysed at 500 °C in the fluidised bed reactor.

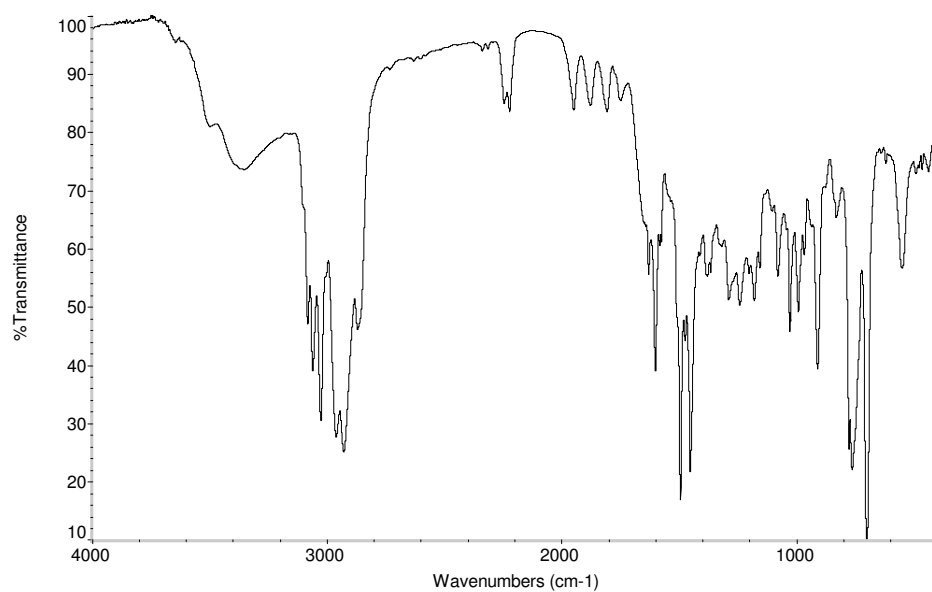


Figure 11. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the pyrolysis oil derived from computer monitor sample MO2 pyrolysed at 500 °C in the fluidised bed reactor.

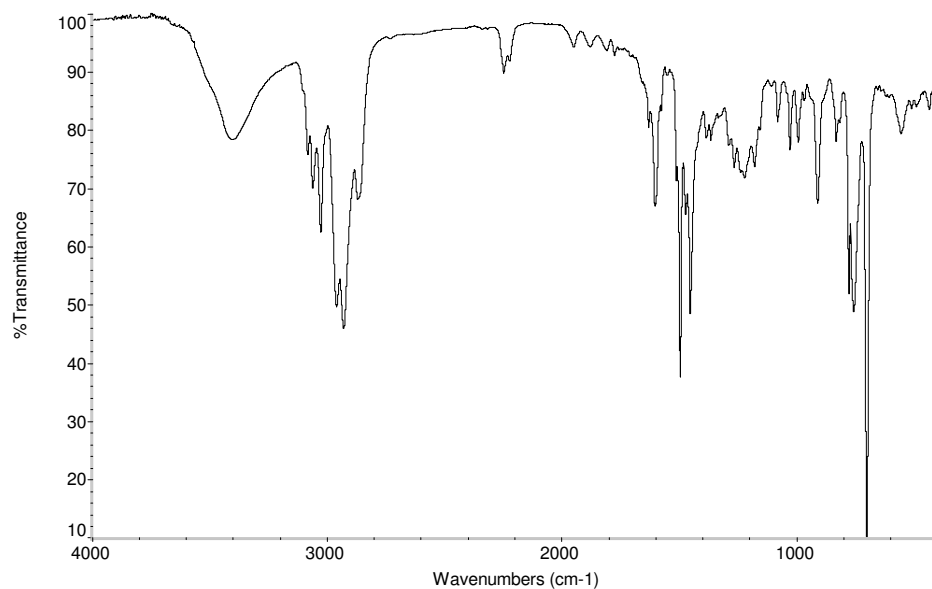


Figure 12. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the pyrolysis oil derived from computer monitor sample MO3 pyrolysed at 500 °C in the fluidised bed reactor.

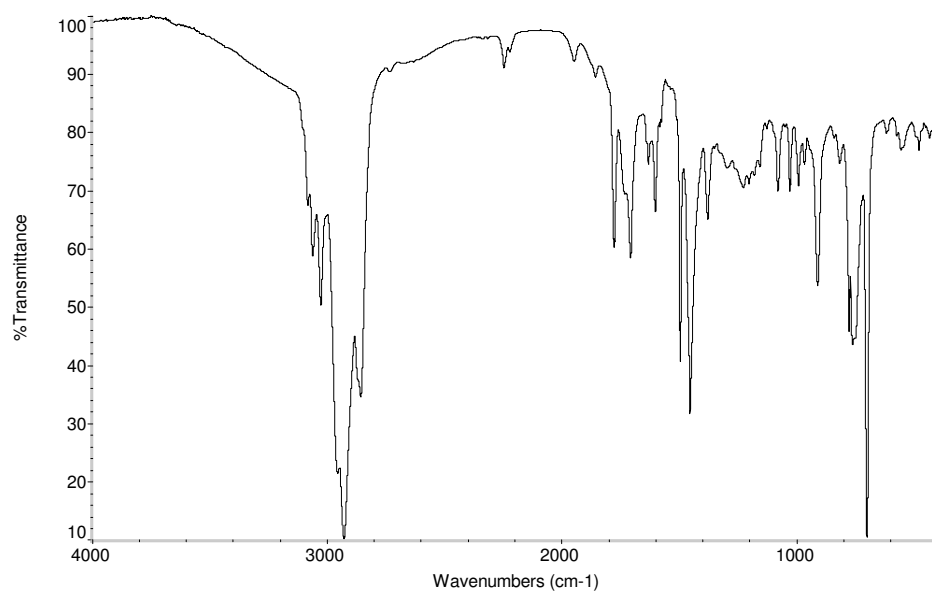


Figure 13. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the pyrolysis oil derived from computer body sample CT1 pyrolysed at 500 °C in the fluidised bed reactor.

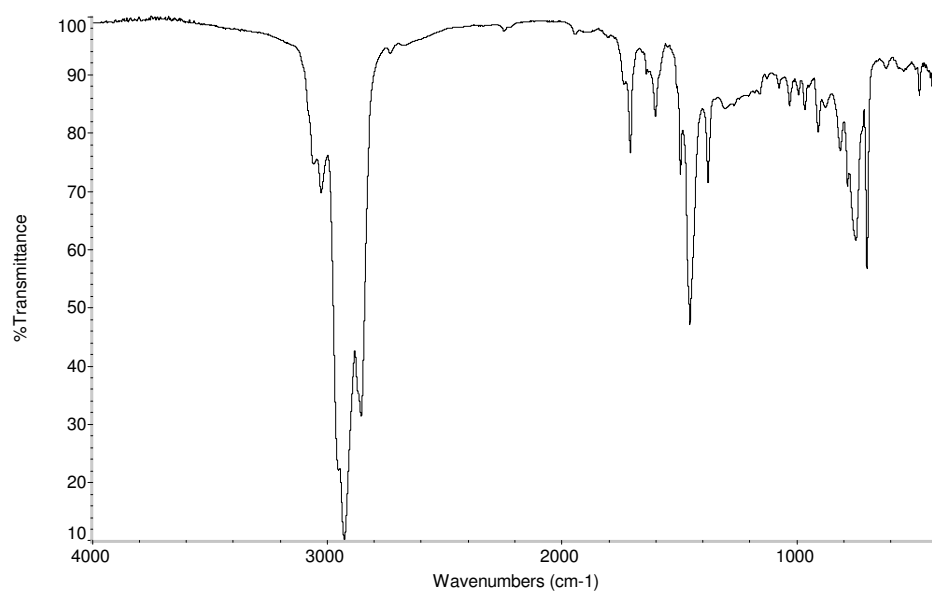


Figure 14. Fourier transform infra-red analysis of the pyrolysis oil derived from computer body sample CT2 pyrolysed at 500 °C in the fluidised bed reactor.