

# IC Application Note No. C-122

<b>Title:</b>	Cations including total iron content in antifreeze (monoethyleneglycol)
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**Summary:** Determination of sodium, potassium, iron(II), magnesium and calcium in antifreeze (monoethyleneglycol) using cation chromatography with direct conductivity detection. Ascorbic acid reduces iron(III) to iron(II). In this way total iron is determined as iron(II).

**Sample:** Monoethyleneglycol 74%

**Sample Preparation:** Dilution 1:10 with 20 mmol/L ascorbic acid in ultrapure water

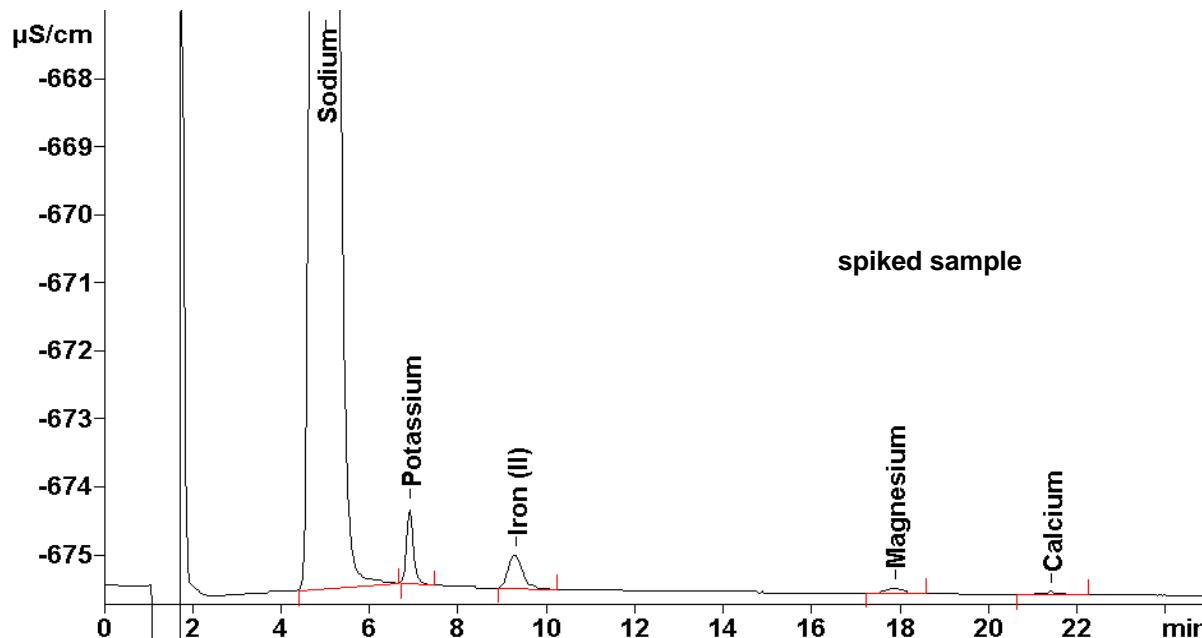
**Column:** 6.1050.420 Metrosep C 4 – 150

**Temperature:** 35 °C

**Eluent:** 2.0 mmol/L nitric acid, 0.1 mmol/L dipicolinic acid  
3.0 mmol/L ascorbic acid

**Flow:** 0.9 mL/min

**Injection Volume:** 20 µL



<b>Results:</b>	Sodium mg/L	Potassium mg/L	Iron(II) mg/L	Magnesium mg/L	Calcium mg/L
Spiked sample	200	2.0	1.75	0.1	0.1