

# IC Application Note No. S-147

**Title:** Ten anions in an extract of explosives

**Summary:** Determination of chloride, nitrite, cyanate, azide, nitrate, chlorate, sulfate, thiocyanate, thiosulfate and perchlorate in an extract of explosives using anion chromatography with conductivity detection after chemical suppression.

**Sample:** Extract of explosives

**Sample Preparation:** Direct injection after filtration (0.45 µm)

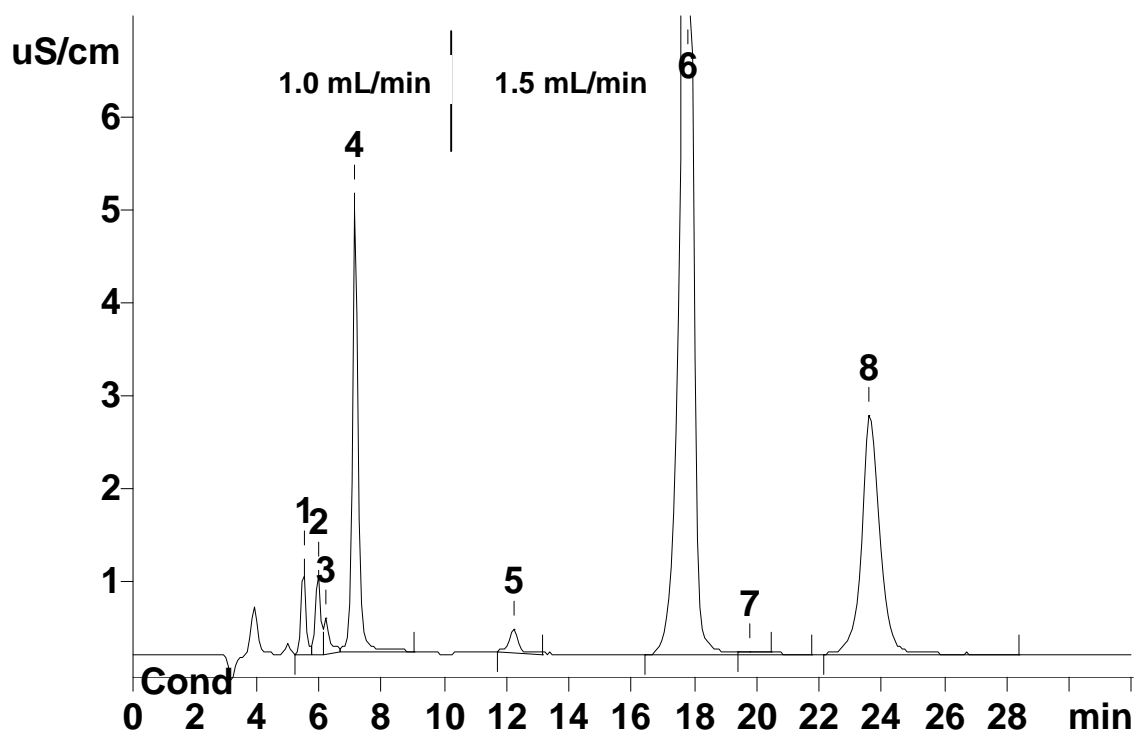
**Column:** 6.1005. 230 Metrosep A SUPP 3

**Eluent:** 1.0 mmol/L sodium carbonate,  
1.0 mmol/L sodium hydrogencarbonate,  
0.5 mmol/L p-cyanophenol, 10% acetone

**Suppressor:** MSM (50 mmol/L H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)

**Flow Gradient:** 1.0 mL/min (0 ... 10 min); 1.5 mL/min (10 ... 30 min)

**Injection Volume:** 20 µL



<b>Results:</b>	Chloride mg/L (1)	Nitrite mg/L (2)	Cyanate mg/L (3)	Nitrate mg/L (4)	Sulfate mg/L (6)	Thiocyanate mg/L (7)	Thiosulfate mg/L (8)
	0.66	0.11	1.00	8.22	64.8	0.11	19.8

The remaining components have not been quantified. Retention times (min): azide = 6.85; chlorate = 7.99; perchlorate = 27.6