
**Essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora*
(Hook.) K.D. Hill and L.A.S. Johnson
(syn. *Eucalyptus citriodora* Hook.)**

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Foreword

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For an explanation of the voluntary nature of standards, the meaning of ISO specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), see www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html.

This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 54, *Essential oils*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3044:1997), which has been technically revised.

The main changes to the previous edition are as follows:

- the title and botanical name of the essential oil source have been updated to the currently accepted botanical name;
- the structure of the document has been revised;
- determination of carbonyl value using the free hydroxyl amine method has been removed;
- [Table 2](#) has been revised for minimum and maximum values and to include the extra components 1,8-cineole, citronellol and citronellyl acetate;
- [Annex A](#) has been replaced with an updated [Figure A.1](#) and [Figure A.2](#) and with revised peak identification and operating conditions columns.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

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1 Scope

This document specifies certain characteristics of the essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora* (Hook.) K.D. Hill and L.A.S. Johnson (syn. *Eucalyptus citriodora* Hook.) with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 210, *Essential oils — General rules for packaging, conditioning and storage*

ISO/TS 211, *Essential oils — General rules for labelling and marking of containers*

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 degrees C — Reference method*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation*

ISO 875, *Essential oils — Evaluation of miscibility in ethanol*

ISO 11024 (all parts), *Essential oils — General guidance on chromatographic profiles*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora*

essential oil obtained by steam distillation of the leaves and twigs of *Corymbia citriodora* (Hook.) K.D. Hill and L.A.S. Johnson of the Myrtaceae family

Note 1 to entry: For information on the CAS number see ISO/TR 21092.

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

The essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora* shall meet the requirements given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Requirements for the essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora*

| Characteristic | Requirements | ISO test method |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Appearance | Clear mobile liquid | — |
| Colour | Almost colourless, pale yellow to greenish yellow | — |
| Odour | Characteristic, recalling that of citronellal | — |
| Relative density at 20 °C d_{20}^{20} | 0,860 to 0,880 | ISO 279 |
| Refractive index at 20 °C | 1,450 to 1,460 | ISO 280 |
| Optical rotation at 20 °C | Range from -1° to +3° | ISO 592 |
| Miscibility in ethanol | It shall not be necessary to use more than four volumes of ethanol 70 % (volume fraction) to obtain a clear solution with one volume of essential oil | ISO 875 |

4.2 Chromatographic profile

Carry out the analysis of the essential oil by gas chromatography. Determine the chromatographic profile in accordance with the ISO 11024 series. Identify in the chromatogram obtained the representative and characteristic components shown in [Table 2](#). The proportions of these components, indicated by the integrator, shall be as shown in [Table 2](#). This constitutes the chromatographic profile of the essential oil.

Table 2 — Chromatographic profile

| Component | Min | Max |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| | % | % |
| 1,8-Cineole | 0,5 | 3,0 |
| <i>neo</i> -Isopulegol + Isopulegol | 5,0 | 10,0 |
| Citronellal | 75,0 | 85,0 |
| Citronellol | 3,0 | 10,0 |
| Citronellyl acetate | 0,1 | 2,0 |

NOTE The chromatographic profile is normative, contrary to typical chromatograms given for information in [Annex A](#), see [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#).

5 Flash point

Information on the flash point is given in [Annex B](#).

6 Sampling

Sampling shall be performed in accordance with ISO 212. The minimum test sample volume is 50 ml.

NOTE This volume allows each of the tests specified in this document to be carried out at least once.

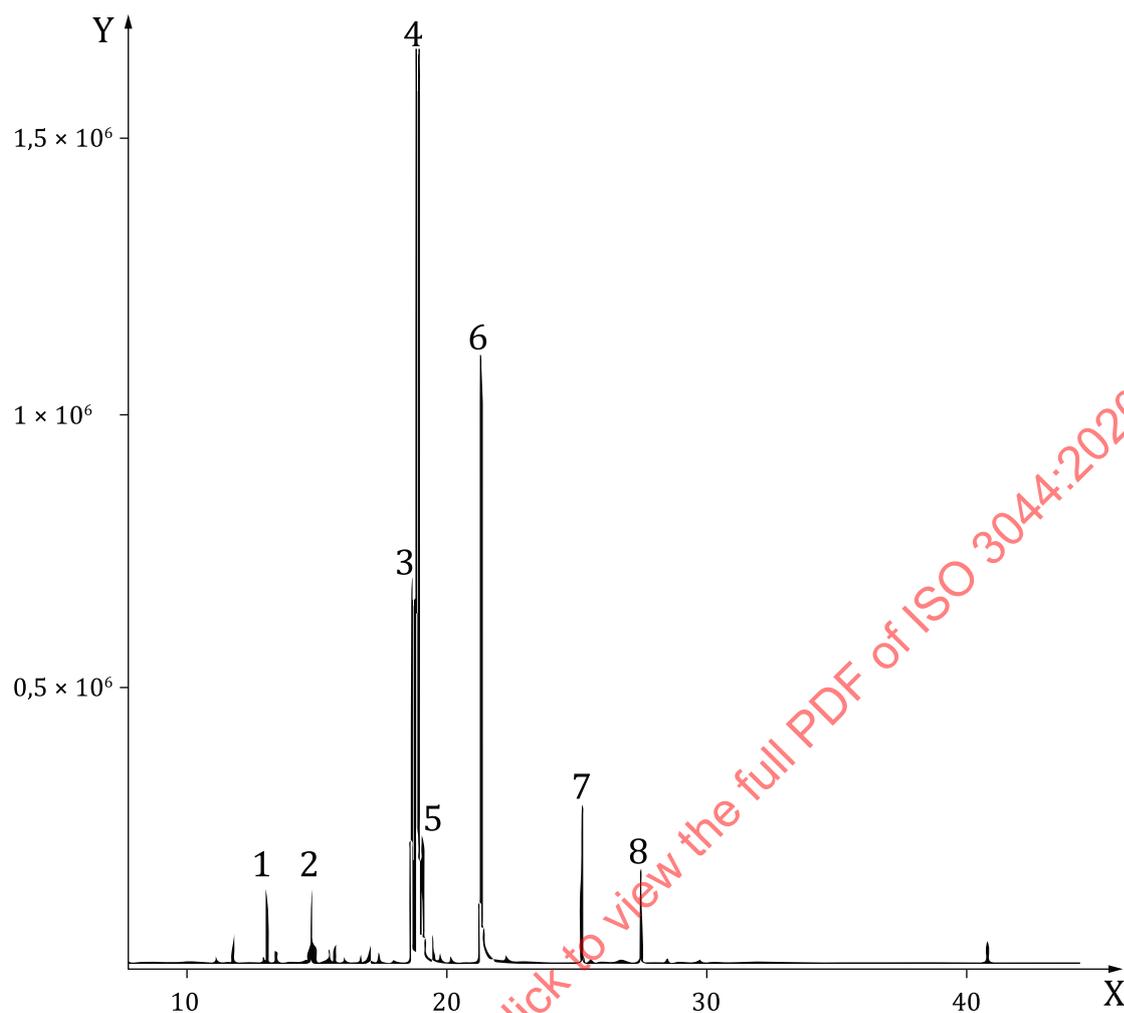
7 Packaging, labelling, marking and storage

Packaging labelling, marking and storage shall be in accordance with ISO/TS 210 and ISO/TS 211.

Annex A
(informative)

Typical chromatograms of the analysis by gas chromatography of the essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora* (Hook.) K.D. Hill and L.A.S. Johnson (syn. *Eucalyptus citriodora* Hook.)

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**Peak identification****Operating conditions**

| | | |
|---|------------------------|---|
| 1 | β -Pinene | Column: capillary, length 60 m, internal diameter 0,25 mm |
| 2 | 1,8-Cineole | Stationary phase: Rtx-5MS ^a (5 % diphenyl, 95 % dimethyl polysiloxane) |
| 3 | Isopulegol | Film thickness: 0,10 μ m |
| 4 | Citronellal | Oven temperature: 45° to 240° at a rate of 4 °C/min, hold 11,25 min |
| 5 | <i>neo</i> -Isopulegol | Injector temperature: 230 °C |
| 6 | Citronellol | Detector temperature: 250 °C |
| 7 | Citronellyl acetate | Detector: flame ionization |
| 8 | β -Caryophyllene | Carrier gas: helium |
| | | Injected volume: 1 μ l |
| | | Carrier gas flowrate: 2,1 ml/min |
| | | Sample: 2,5 % (m/V) in hexane |
| | | Split ratio: 1/40 |

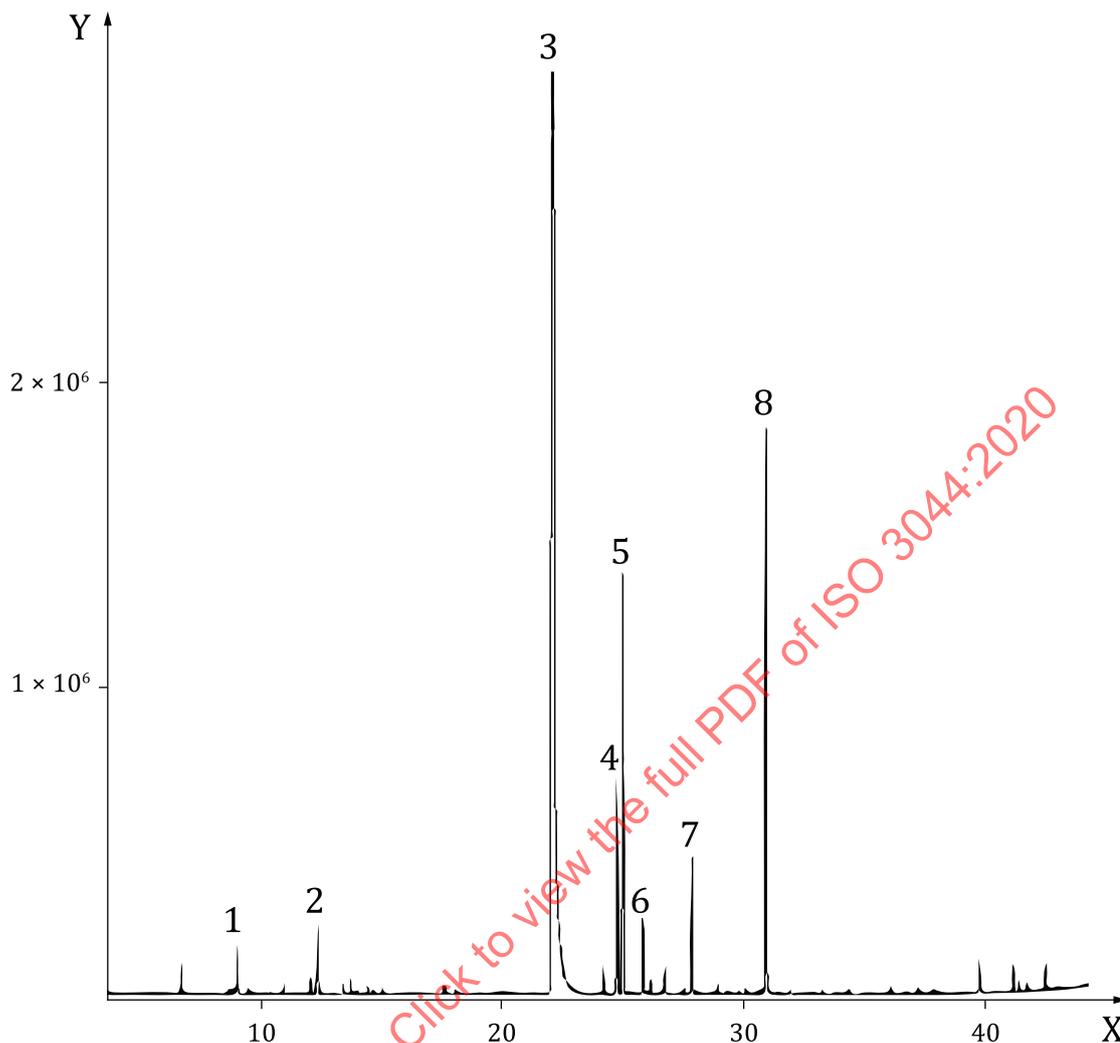
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Y detector response (pA)

X time (min)

^a Rtx-5MS is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

Figure A.1 — Typical chromatogram taken on an apolar column

**Peak identification**

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | β -Pinene |
| 2 | 1,8-Cineole |
| 3 | Citronellal |
| 4 | <i>neo</i> -Isopulegol |
| 5 | Isopulegol |
| 6 | β -Caryophyllene |
| 7 | Citronellyl acetate |
| 8 | Citronellol |

Operating conditions

Column: capillary, length 60 m, internal diameter 0,32 mm
 Stationary phase: Rtx-Wax^a (Crossbond Carbowax polyethylene glycol)
 Film thickness: 0,25 μ m
 Oven temperature: 45° hold 3 min, 45° to 180° at a rate of 4 °C/min, 180° to 240° at a rate of 8 °C/min, hold 15 min
 Injector temperature: 240 °C
 Detector temperature: 260 °C
 Detector: flame ionization
 Carrier gas: helium
 Injected volume: 1 μ l
 Carrier gas flowrate: 2,0 ml/min
 Sample: 2,5 % (m/V) in hexane
 Split ratio: 1/27,8

Key

Y detector response (pA)

X time (min)

^a Rtx-Wax is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

Figure A.2 — Typical chromatogram taken on a polar column

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Annex B (informative)

Flashpoint

B.1 General information

For safety reasons, transport companies, insurance companies and people in charge of safety services require information on the flash points of essential oils, which in most cases are flammable products.

A comparative study on the relevant methods of analysis (see ISO/TR 11018) concluded that it was difficult to recommend a single apparatus for standardization purposes, given the following:

- There is a wide variation in the chemical composition of essential oils.
- The volume of the sample needed in certain requirements would be too costly for high-priced essential oils.
- As there are several different types of equipment which can be used for the determination, users cannot be expected to use one specified type only.

Consequently, it was decided to give a mean value for the flashpoint annexed to each international standard for information, in order to meet the requirements of the interested parties.

The equipment with which this value was obtained has to be specified. For further information see ISO/TR 11018.

B.2 Flashpoint of the essential oil of *Corymbia citriodora*

The mean value is +78 °C.

NOTE Obtained with louchaire¹⁾ equipment.

1) Equipment available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.