

OFFICIAL ABBREVIATIONS FOR THE CHEMISTRY SECTION

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ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION
≈, ~	APPROXIMATE
=	EQUAL TO
-, ≠	NEGATIVE TEST RESULT OR NOT PERFORMED
&, +	AND
+	POSITIVE (positive test result)
↑ ↓	HIGH, LOW
→	CHANGES TO OR CONTAINS
1Xor X1	X=TIME OR TESTS
A/B EXT.	ACID BASE EXTRACTION
ACS	ACTIVATED CARBON STRIP
ADMIN	ADMINISTRATIVE
AL	ALDEHYDES
AMC	ANN M. CHARLESWORTH
AMPH	AMPHETAMINE
ANAL	ANALYZED OR ANALYSIS
APO	ANDREW P. OPRYSKO
APROX, APX, APPX	APPROXIMATELY
ATR	ATTENUATED TOTAL REFLECTANCE
AU	ABSORBANCE UNIT
AVG,AVE	AVERAGE
BA	BLOOD ALCOHOL
BAC	BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION
BE, B.E.	BASIC EXTRACT
BG	BAG
BK	BLACK
BKG or BKGD	BACKGROUND
BLK	BLANK
BL or BLU	BLUE
BOT, BTL	BOTTLE
BPB	BROWN PAPER BAG
BR/BRN	BROWN
BRT	BRIGHT
BSC	BASIC
C-STRIP	CARBON STRIP
CAF	CAFFEINE
CALC	CALCULATED
C/P	CIGARETTE PAPER
CP	CARBON PIECE
CAP(S)	CAPSULE(S)
CELL	CELLOPHANE
CH	CHUNKY
CH ₂ Cl ₂ MeCl ₂	METHYLENE CHLORIDE
CIGS	CIGARETTES
CL or CLR	CLEAR

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CO or COB	0.5% COBALT THIOCYANATE
COKE, COC	COCAINE
CONC	CONCENTRATED
CONT	CONTAINING, CONTINUED
CPS	COMPRESSED POWDER SUBSTANCE
CRYST	CRYSTALLINE
CYS	CYSTOLITHIC
DIFF	DIFFERENT
DIL	DILUTE(D)
DK	DARK
DR or DV	DERIVATIVE
DXM	DEXTROMETHORPHAN
EA	EACH
EFFER or EFV	EFFERVESCENT
EIC	EXTRACTED ION CHROMATOGRAM
ENVEL or ENV	ENVELOPE
EXB	EXHIBITS
EXT	EXTRACT
FDA	FIRE DEBRIS ANALYSIS
FID	FLAME IONIZATION DETECTOR
FLUOR	FLUORESCENT
FTIR	FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROPHOTOMETER
GAL	GALLON
G or g or gm	GRAM
GAS	GASOLINE
GC	GAS CHROMATOGRAPH
GCMS	GAS CHROMATOGRAPH MASS SPECTROGRAPH
GLND	GLANDULAR
GLS	GLASSINE
GR	GREEN
GWT, GW	GROSS WEIGHT
HCl	HYDROCHLORIC ACID
HER	HEROIN
HEX,H6	HEXANE
HOL	HOLDING
HPD	HEAVY PETROLEUM DISTILLATE
HS	HEAT SEALED
HS or HHS	HEADSPACE or HEATED HEADSPACE
IG LIQ	IGNITABLE LIQUID
INCL	INCLUDING
INDIV, IND	INDIVIDUAL
IR	INFRARED
IS OR I/S	INTERNAL STANDARD
ISO PAR or ISO	ISO PARAFFINIC IGNITABLE LIQUID
JSL	JENNIFER S. LEISER
LAB	LABORATORY
LB(S)	POUND(S)
LG or LRG	LARGE
LIQ	LIQUID
LPD	LIGHT PETROLEUM DISTILLATE

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LSD	LYSERGIC ACID DIETHYLAMIDE
MAN	MANILA
MAT	MATERIAL
MCM	MATTHEW C. MATHIS
MED	MEDIUM
MEOH	METHANOL
METH	METHAMPHETAMINE
MJ or M/J	MARIJUANA
ML or mL	MILLILITER
MOD	MODIFIED
MORPH	MORPHOLOGY
MPD	MEDIUM PETROLEUM DISTILLATE
MQ	MARQUIS REAGENT
MS	MASS SPECTROGRAPH/SPECTROMETRY
MSD	MASS SPEC DETECTOR
MULTI or MULT	MULTIPLE
m/z	MASS TO ION RATIO
N/A or NA	NO ANALYSIS OR NOT APPLICABLE
N/C or NC	NOT CONTROLLED
NCSD	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES DETECTED
ND	NOT DETECTED
NEG or NG	NEGATIVE
NIU	NOT IN USE
nm	NANOMETERS
NO RXN	NO REACTION
NWT, NW	NET WEIGHT
OFTC	OPENED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN
O/N	OVERNIGHT
OR	ORANGE
ORIG	ORIGINAL
OWCS	OFF WHITE COMPRESSED SUBSTANCE
OWPS	OFF WHITE POWDER SUBSTANCE
OZ	OUNCE
P/B or PB	PLASTIC BAG
PC (S)	PIECES
PYR	PYROLYSIS
PARAPH or PARA	PARAPHERNALIA
PDMAB	PARADIMETHYLE AMINOBENZALDEHYDE
PWDR	POWDER
PDR OR PD REF	PHYSICIANS DESK REFERENCE
PFTBA	Perflourotributylamine
PKG(S)	PACKAGE(S)
PKT (S)	PACKET (S)
PL	PLASTIC
PLST	PLASTIC SHEETING OR FILM
PP/B or PAP	PAPER BAG

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POS	POSITIVE
POU	POINT OF USE
PRES or Rx	PRESCRIPTION
PS	PLASTIC
PT	PINT
PUR,PPL, PRPL	PURPLE
QA	QUALITY ASSURANCE
QC	QUALITY CONTROL
QT	QUART
REC'D or REC	RECEIVED
REG	REGULAR
RES	RESIDUE
RET'D	RETURNED
RT	RETENTION TIME
Rx or RX	PRESCRIPTION
RXN	REACTION
S or SM	SMALL
SAM	STANDARD ACCELERANT MIX
SBK	SEALED BLOOD KIT
SBPB	SEALED BROWN PAPER BAG
SE, S/E, S. ENV.	SEALED ENVELOPE
SEP	SEPARATED
SL	SEALED
SL, SLT	SLIGHT
SOLV,SOL	SOLVENT
SOP	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
STC	SAID TO CONTAIN
STD	STANDARD
STD DEV	STANDARD DEVIATION
SUB or SUBST	SUBSTANCE
TAB(S)	TABLET(S)
TECH	TECHNICAL
TS	TAPE SEALED
TDI	TAPE DATED INITIALED
TI	TAPE INITIALED
TIC	TOTAL ION CHROMATOGRAM
TOT	TOTAL
UOM	UNCERTANTY OF MEASUREMENT
UV	ULTRAVIOLET
VM or V/M	VEGETABLE MATERIAL
VAR	VARIOUS
VEG	VEGETABLE
VOL	VOLUME
W or w/	WITH
WHT, WH	WHITE
WPS	WHITE POWDER SUBSTANCE
WT	WEIGHT/WEIGHED
YEL	YELLOW
ZIP or ZLPB	ZIPLOC PS BG/ZIPLOCK PLASTIC BAG