



PHYSICAL, SPECTRAL AND CHROMATOGRAPHIC PROPERTIES OF ALL 209 INDIVIDUAL PCB CONGENERS

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ABSTRACT:

Physical, spectral and chromatographic data for all 209 individual PCB congeners is presented. The individual congeners were synthesized and then isolated and purified. Recent emphasis on the source of the toxicity of commercial PCB formulations has increased the need for a complete set of the PCB congeners. Through the use of two capillary GC columns: 40% octadecyl/ 15% phenyl methyl siloxane and 50% phenyl methyl siloxane, it was possible to separate 201 PCB congeners with only four unresolved pairs. The data compiled in this study for all 209 congeners will aid in the identification of selected individual components of these environmental pollutants. The use of this data also presents the opportunity for the improved quantification of the commercial PCB formulations.

INTRODUCTION:

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB'S) have been the subject of a broad spectrum of analytical and environmental studies over the past 25 years. The combination of their widespread use, environmental persistence, and improper disposal has led to ecosystem contamination on a global level (1-4). Of particular interest is the high potential for bioaccumulation of PCB'S through the food chain, resulting ultimately in the ingestion of these compounds by humans. PCB residues are frequently found in human blood, adipose tissue and breast milk (5,6). More importantly, several instances of human poisonings via PCB ingestion have been documented (7).

Commercial PCB products (Aroclor™, Chlorphen™, Kannechlor™ and Fenclor™) contain many of the possible PCB congeners; and recent research has focused on the premise that the toxicity of these products can be estimated by the identification and quantification of selected PCB congeners (8-11). The most toxic congeners are those which can adopt a coplanar configuration similar to that of 2,3,7,8-TCDD (10,12). In this regard, the three most toxic PCB congeners studied to date are IUPAC #77, 126 and 169. Additional congeners which possess a partially planar configuration are also of interest, and Yang et al (10) listed 19 such PCB congeners thought to be responsible for biological activity. The chlorine substitution pattern com-

mon to all of these congeners is the lack of chlorines in the ortho positions. This congener-specific toxicological premise has provided the motivation for the development of analytical procedures which yield reliable separations.

This task is made more difficult in "real world" environmental samples by the presence of interfering compounds (e.g. DDT, DDE) which are often present at much higher concentrations than the target compounds. Consequently, two basic approaches have been developed to improve the separation of these multicomponent pollutants. The first approach employs the preparative separation of the extract or mixture followed by analysis using high resolution or multi-dimensional GC. The second approach relies on the direct characterization of the extract or mixture via a congener-specific high resolution GC column (13-15) or multi-dimensional GC (16-18).

Both approaches require the use of accurate, well-characterized spiking, calibration and QC solutions. These solutions contain the appropriate PCB congeners to determine elution patterns, establish response factors, monitor the efficiency of clean-up and recovery procedures. These approaches require all the congeners present in the commercial products and are facilitated by the availability of all 209 PCB congeners.

This report describes the first preparative isolation of all 209 individual PCB congeners from synthetic mixtures subsequently providing the opportunity to determine the physical characteristics of the entire set. Data obtained on these compounds include melting points, high resolution gas chromatography retention indices on two columns of differing selectivity, electron capture detector response factors, matrix isolated FT/IR spectra and electron impact mass spectra.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

A. *Chemicals:* The 2-, 3-, and 4-chloroanilines, 2,6-, 2,5-, 2,4-, 2,3-, 3,5-, and 3,4-dichloroanilines, 2,4,6-, 2,4,5-, and 2,3,4-trichloroanilines as well as 2,3,5,6- and 2,3,4,5-tetrachloroanilines were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. Benzene, chlorobenzene, 1,4-, 1,3-, and 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1,2,4-, 1,2,3-, 1,3,5-trichlorobenzene, 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene and pentachlorobenzene were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. Isoamyl nitrite was obtained from Eastman Organic Chemicals. 2,3,5-, 2,3,6-, 3,4,5-trichloroanilines, 2,3,4,6-tetrachloroaniline, 1,2,3,4- and 1,2,3,5-tetrachlorobenzene were prepared at AccuStandard's laboratories using standard methods.

B. *Synthesis Schemes:* All 209 congeners were synthesized by one or more of the following schemes outlined in Figure 1.

C. *Isolation and Purification:* All reaction products were isolated as

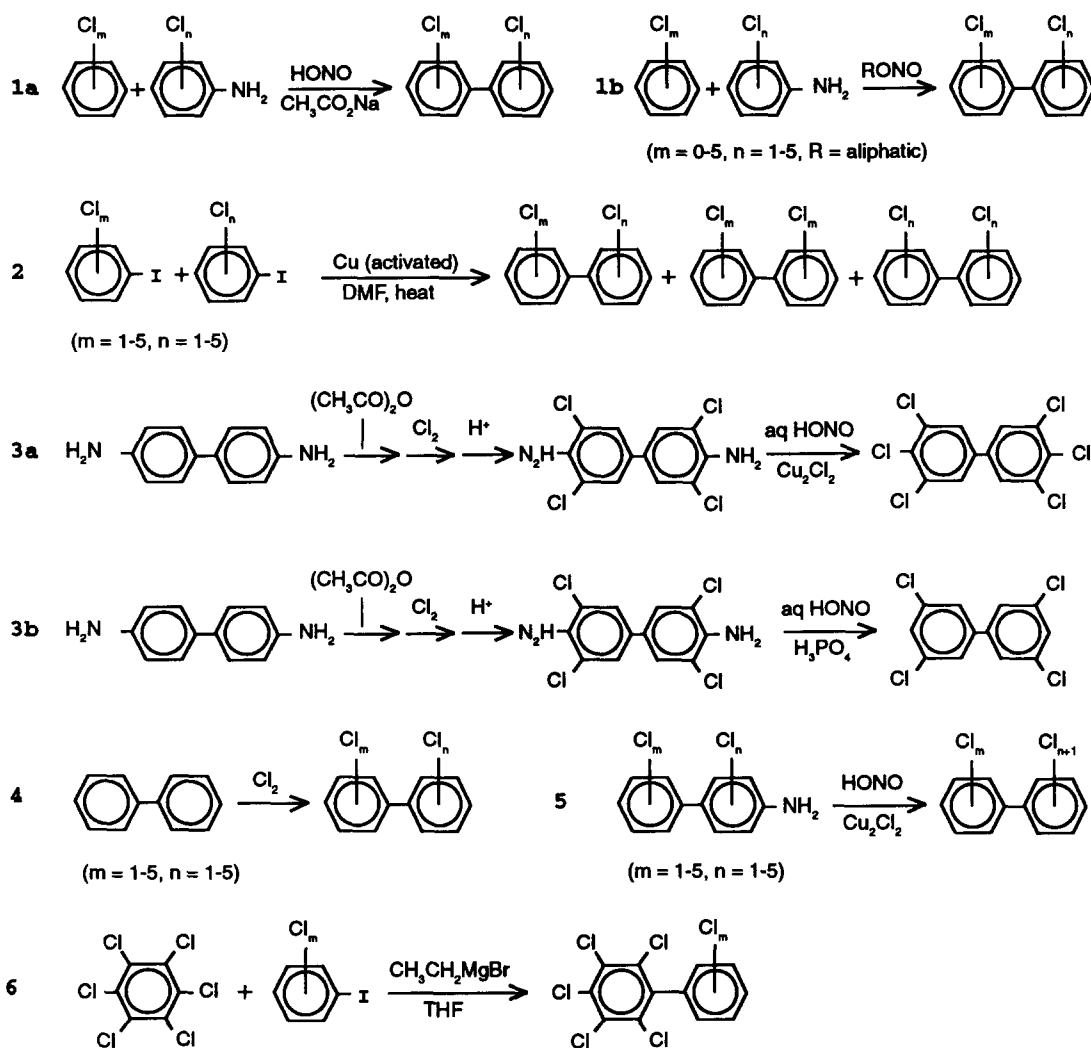


Figure 1. Synthesis schemes for all 209 PCB congeners

- 1a Gomberg - Bachman reaction
- 1b Cadogan modification of Gomberg - Bachman reaction
- 2 Ullman reaction
- 3a Chlorination of benzidine followed by deamination
- 3b Chlorination of benzidine followed by Sandmeyer reaction
- 4 Chlorination
- 5 Sandmeyer reaction
- 6 Grignard coupling

the methylene chloride soluble fractions. The residues were distilled and subsequently passed through a column containing one or more of the following adsorbents: silica gel, alumina, Florisil™ and/or charcoal using an appropriate solvent system. The fractions containing the target congeners were stripped to dryness and the residues fractionally crystallized from one or more solvents such as acetone, hexane, methanol or toluene.

D. *Chromatography*: All gas chromatographic runs were performed on a Hewlett Packard 5890 GC equipped with an autosampler, split/splitless injector and a Nickel 63 electron capture detector. Column 1 was a 50M x 0.25mm x 25µm film 40% octadecyl, 15% phenyl substituted methyl siloxane fused silica capillary (Quadrex Corp.). Column 2 was a 25M x 0.25mm x 0.25µm film 50% phenyl substituted methyl siloxane fused silica capillary (Quadrex Corp.). Both columns were operated at 30 psig headpressure using helium as the carrier gas. The oven temperature was programmed from 150°C (2 min.) to 300°C at 5°C/minute, and held at 300°C for 5 minutes. One microlitre (1.0µL) injections were made via the autosampler in the splitless mode. The concentration of each sample was 100 ng/µL. The injector and detector were set at 250°C and 300°C, respectively. The retention times of the PCB congeners were computed relative to octachloronaphthalene (OCN). The response factors (by weight) for the congeners were calculated relative to OCN using values obtained from integrated peak areas.

E. *Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry*: All mass spectra were obtained on a Hewlett Packard model 5890 GC interfaced to a HP 5971A mass selective detector. An autosampler was used to inject 1.0 µL samples of each PCB congener (100 ng/µL concentration). A 25M x 0.25mm x 0.25µm film 5% phenyl substituted methyl siloxane capillary column (Quadrex Corp.) was used to chromatograph all samples. The MSD was controlled by a HP chemstation DOS based software and autotuned using DFTPP as the tuning standard. Electron impact mass spectra were obtained over the range of 50-520 amu.

F. *Matrix Isolated Gas Chromatography/Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry*: A Mattson Scientific Matrix-Isolated GC/FT-IR was used to generate the IR spectra. The Cryolect instrument employed a Hewlett Packard model 5890A GC interfaced to a Mattson Sirius model 100 FT-IR spectrometer equipped with a broadband MCT detector and sample chamber. The system was controlled by a Pixel computer. The GC was equipped with a flame ionization detector. The analytical column was a 30M x 0.32mm x 0.25µm film DB-5 (J&W Scientific). The GC oven was programmed from 50°C (1 min) to 120°C at 25°C/min, then to 320°C at 5°C/min, and held at 320°C for 7 minutes. Column head pressure was 10 psig using helium/argon (98.5/1.5%) as the carrier gas. Fifty nanograms of each PCB was injected on-column. The column ef-

fluent was split with 80% going to the Cryolect for spectral analysis and 20% going to the FID for quantitation and measurement of retention times.

G. Melting points: All melting points were obtained on a Fisher Johns melting point apparatus. The melting point was determined by rapidly elevating the temperature to a point 20-25°C below the approximate melting point and then raising the temperature at a rate of 1-2°C/minute. The melting points were corrected using melting point standards (Aldrich).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

Synthesis Schemes: The synthesis of all 209 PCB congeners proceeded via the schemes presented in the Materials & Methods Section. Table I lists the specific reaction scheme(s) used in synthesizing each congener.

Table 1. Reaction scheme(s) needed to synthesize each individual PCB congener

BZ#	Compound	Reaction Scheme	BZ#	Compound	Reaction Scheme
1	2-Chlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	51	2,2',4,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
2	3-Chlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	52	2,2',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
3	4-Chlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	53	2,2',5,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
4	2,2'-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	54	2,2',6,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
5	2,3-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	55	2,3,3',4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
6	2,3'-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	56	2,3,3',4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
7	2,4-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	57	2,3,3',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	2
8	2,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	1b, 2, 5	58	2,3,3',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
9	2,5-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	59	2,3,3',6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	2
10	2,6-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	60	2,3,4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
11	3,3'-Dichlorobiphenyl	2	61	2,3,4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
12	3,4-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	62	2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
13	3,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	63	2,3,4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	2
14	3,5-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	64	2,3,4',6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
15	4,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	65	2,3,5,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
16	2,2',3-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	66	2,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
17	2,2',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	67	2,3',4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
18	2,2',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	68	2,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
19	2,2',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	69	2,3',4,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
20	2,3,3'-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	70	2,3',4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
21	2,3,4-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	71	2,3',4',6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
22	2,3,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	72	2,3',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
23	2,3,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	73	2,3',5,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
24	2,3,6-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	74	2,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
25	2,3',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	75	2,4,4',6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
26	2,3',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	76	2',3,4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
27	2,3',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	77	3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
28	2,4,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2, 5	78	3,3',4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1b
29	2,4,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	79	3,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
30	2,4,6-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	80	3,3',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 3a
31	2,4',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	81	3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
32	2,4',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	82	2,2',3,3',4-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
33	2',3,4-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	83	2,2',3,3',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
34	2',3,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	84	2,2',3,3',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
35	3,3',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	85	2,2',3,4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
36	3,3',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	86	2,2',3,4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
37	3,4,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	87	2,2',3,4,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
38	3,4,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	88	2,2',3,4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
39	3,4',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	89	2,2',3,4,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
40	2,2',3,3'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	90	2,2',3,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
41	2,2',3,4-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	91	2,2',3,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
42	2,2',3,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	92	2,2',3,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
43	2,2',3,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	93	2,2',3,5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
44	2,2',3,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	94	2,2',3,5,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
45	2,2',3,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	95	2,2',3,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
46	2,2',3,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	96	2,2',3,6,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
47	2,2',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	2	97	2,2',3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
48	2,2',4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	98	2,2',3',4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
49	2,2',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	99	2,2',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
50	2,2',4,6-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	100	2,2',4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2

Table 1. Reaction scheme(s) needed to synthesize each individual PCB congener (continued)

BZ#	Compound	Reaction Scheme	BZ#	Compound	Reaction Scheme
101	2,2',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	156	2,3,3',4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b
102	2,2',4,5,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	157	2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b
103	2,2',4,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	158	2,3,3',4,4',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
104	2,2',4,6,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b	159	2,3,3',4,5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b
105	2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	160	2,3,3',4,5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 6
106	2,3,3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	161	2,3,3',4,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
107	2,3,3',4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	162	2,3,3',4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
108	2,3,3',4',5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	163	2,3,3',4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
109	2,3,3',4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	164	2,3,3',4',5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
110	2,3,3',4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	165	2,3,3',5,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
111	2,3,3',5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	166	2,3,4,4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 6
112	2,3,3',5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	167	2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b
113	2,3,3',4',5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	168	2,3',4,4',5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
114	2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	169	3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2, 3b
115	2,3,4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	170	2,2',3,3',4,4',5-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
116	2,3,4,5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2, 6	171	2,2',3,3',4,4',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
117	2,3,4',5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	172	2,2',3,3',4,5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
118	2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	173	2,2',3,3',4,5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
119	2,3',4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	174	2,2',3,3',4,5,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
120	2,3',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	175	2,2',3,3',4,5,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
121	2,3',4,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	176	2,2',3,3',4,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
122	2',3,3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	177	2,2',3,3',4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
123	2',3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	178	2,2',3,3',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
124	2',3,4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	179	2,2',3,3',5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
125	2',3,4,5,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	180	2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
126	3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	181	2,2',3,4,4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
127	3,3',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	182	2,2',3,4,4',5,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
128	2,2',3,3',4,4'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	183	2,2',3,4,4',5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
129	2,2',3,3',4,5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	184	2,2',3,4,4',6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b
130	2,2',3,3',4,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	185	2,2',3,4,5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
131	2,2',3,3',4,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	186	2,2',3,4,5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b
132	2,2',3,3',4,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	187	2,2',3,4',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
133	2,2',3,3',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 2	188	2,2',3,4',5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
134	2,2',3,3',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	189	2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
135	2,2',3,3',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	190	2,3,3',4,4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 6
136	2,2',3,3',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	191	2,3,3',4,4',5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
137	2,2',3,4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	192	2,3,3',4,5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
138	2,2',3,4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b	193	2,3,3',4',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
139	2,2',3,4,4',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	194	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
140	2,2',3,4,4',6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b	195	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
141	2,2',3,4,5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	196	2,2',3,3',4,4',5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
142	2,2',3,4,5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	197	2,2',3,3',4,4',6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b
143	2,2',3,4,5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	198	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
144	2,2',3,4,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	199	2,2',3,3',4,5,6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b
145	2,2',3,4,6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	200	2,2',3,3',4,5',6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b
146	2,2',3,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b	201	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
147	2,2',3,4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	202	2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
148	2,2',3,4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	203	2,2',3,4,4',5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2
149	2,2',3,4',5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2	204	2,2',3,4,4',5,6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b
150	2,2',3,4',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b	205	2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Octachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
151	2,2',3,5,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b, 2	206	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6-Nonachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2
152	2,2',3,5,6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1a, 1b	207	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6,6'-Nonachlorobiphenyl	1b
153	2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	2	208	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6,6'-Nonachlorobiphenyl	1b
154	2,2',4,4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b	209	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-Decachlorobiphenyl	4
155	2,2',4,4',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	1b, 2			

Gas Chromatographic Data: Octachloronaphthalene (OCN) was chosen as the internal standard for the compilation of relative retention times and relative response factor data. This was done to facilitate a comparison between data from this study and that published by Mullin and co-workers (19). All retention times obtained on the two GC columns used in this study were compiled relative to OCN. The response factors were calculated via a direct comparison of the integrated areas between each specific PCB congener and OCN.

The retention data is further categorized in Table III into subgroups according to the degree of chlorination. A review of these two tables indicates several general trends. The retention times of the congeners increases with the degree of chlorination which is consistent with published

Table III. Relative retention to OCN of congeners subgrouped via chlorine substitution on the octadecyl / phenyl siloxane column

Monochlorobiphenyls			Tetrachlorobiphenyls (con't)			Pentachlorobiphenyls			Heptachlorobiphenyl																				
Cong. #	Structure	RRT	Cong. #	Structure	RRT	Cong. #	Structure	RRT	Cong. #	Structure	RRT																		
1	2-Cl	0.2726	44	2,2',3,5'	0.4985	82	2,2',3,3',4	0.6352	188	2,2',3,4',5,6,6'	0.6730																		
2	2-Cl	0.2728	59	2,3,3',6	0.5028	120	2,3',4,5,5'	0.6403	184	2,2',3,4,4',6,6'	0.6852																		
3	4-Cl	0.2817	42	2,2',3,4'	0.5063	124	2',3,4,5,5'	0.6636	179	2,2',3,3',5,6,6'	0.6863																		
Dichlorobiphenyls	Cong. # Structure	RRT	71	2,3',4',6	0.5142	108	2,3,3',4,5'	0.6666	176	2,2',3,3',4,6,6'	0.6992																		
			41	2,2',3,4	0.5143	(IUPAC # 107)			186	2,2',3,4,5,6,6'	0.7077																		
			64	2,3,4',6	0.5184	107	2,3,3',4,5	0.6693	178	2,2',3,3',5,5',6	0.7261																		
			40	2,2',3,3'	0.5188	(IUPAC # 109)			175	2,2',3,3',4,5',6	0.7356																		
			72	2,3',5,5'	0.5282	123	2',3,4,4',5	0.6701	187	2,2',3,4',5,5',6	0.7393																		
			68	2,3',4,5'	0.5321	106	2,3,3',4,5	0.6740	182	2,2',3,4,4',5,6'	0.7402																		
			57	2,3,3',5	0.5422	118	2,3',4,4',5	0.6746	183	2,2',3,4,4',5',6	0.7479																		
			58	2,3,3',5'	0.5475	122	2',3,3',4,5	0.6840	185	2,2',3,4,5,5',6	0.7552																		
			67	2,3',4,5	0.5478	114	2,3,4,4',5	0.6851	174	2,2',3,3',4,5,6'	0.7584																		
			63	2,3,4',5	0.5541	105	2,3,3',4,4'	0.7009	181	2,2',3,4,4',5,6	0.7692																		
			61	2,3,4,5	0.5579	127	3,3',4,5,5'	0.7196	177	2,2',3,3',4',5,6	0.7661																		
			76	2',3,4,5	0.5598	126	3,3',4,4',5	0.7519	171	2,2',3,3',4,4',6	0.7751																		
			74	2,4,4',5	0.5601	Hexachlorobiphenyls			173	2,2',3,3',4,5,6	0.7780																		
			70	2,3',4',5	0.5614				172	2,2',3,3',4,5,5'	0.8000																		
			Trichlorobiphenyls	Cong. # Structure	RRT	66	2,3',4,4'	0.5665	Cong. # Structure RRT			192	2,3,3',4,5,5',6	0.8038															
55	2,3,3',4	0.5732				155	2,2',4,4',6,6'	0.5773				193	2,3,3',4,5,5',6	0.8087															
56	2,3,3',4'	0.5816				150	2,2',3,4',6,6'	0.5906	191	2,3,3',4,4',5,6	0.8150																		
80	3,3',5,5'	0.5835				152	2,2',3,5,6,6'	0.5924	170	2,2',3,3',4,4',5	0.8348																		
60	2,3,4,4'	0.5847				145	2,2',3,4,6,6'	0.6037	190	2,3,3',4,4',5,6	0.8425																		
79	3,3',4,5'	0.6149				136	2,2',3,3',6,6'	0.6038	189	2,3,3',4,4',5,5'	0.8849																		
78	3,3',4,5	0.6250				148	2,2',3,4',5,6'	0.6219	Octachlorobiphenyls																				
81	3,4,4',5	0.6351				154	2,2',4,4',5,6'	0.6351				Cong. # Structure RRT																	
77	3,3',4,4'	0.6461				151	2,2',3,5,5',6	0.6384	202	2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'	0.7616																		
Pentachlorobiphenyls						135	2,2',3,3',5,6'	0.6391	200	2,2',3,3',4,5',6,6'	0.7747																		
						Cong. # Structure RRT	144	2,2',3,4',5,6	0.6461	(IUPAC # 201)																			
104	2,2',4,6,6'	0.4914				147	2,2',3,4',5,6	0.6516	204	2,2',3,4,4',5,6,6'	0.7831																		
96	2,2',3,6,6'	0.5052				149	2,2',3,4',5,6	0.6524	197	2,2',3,3',4,4',6,6'	0.7850																		
103	2,2',4,5',6	0.5285				143	2,2',3,4,5,6'	0.6582	199	2,2',3,3',4,5,6,6'	0.7959																		
94	2,2',3,5,6'	0.5359				139	2,2',3,3',5,6	0.6592	(IUPAC # 200)																				
100	2,2',4,4',6	0.5407	140	2,2',3,4,4',6	0.6584	198	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6	0.8371																					
95	2,2',3,5',6	0.5465	130	2,2',3,4,4',6'	0.6603	201	2,2',3,3',4,4',5',6	0.8386																					
102	2,2',4,5,6'	0.5483	131	2,2',3,3',4,6	0.6678	(IUPAC # 199)																							
93	2,2',3,5,6	0.5488	142	2,2',3,3',4,6'	0.6707	196	2,2',3,3',4,4',5',6	0.8477																					
98	2,2',3',4,6	0.5495	132	2,2',3,3',4,6'	0.6783	203	2,2',3,4,4',5,5',6	0.8511																					
88	2,2',3,4,6	0.5549	133	2,2',3,3',5,5'	0.6788	195	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6	0.8778																					
91	2,2',3,4',6	0.5591	165	2,3,3',5,5',6	0.6853	194	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5'	0.9139																					
84	2,2',3,3',6	0.5663	146	2,2',3,4',5,5'	0.6889	205	2,3,3',4,4',5,5',6	0.9217																					
121	2,3',4,5',6	0.5693	161	2,3,3',4,5',6	0.6912	Nonachlorobiphenyls																							
89	2,2',3,4,6'	0.5742	153	2,2',4,4',5,5'	0.6988				Cong. # Structure RRT																				
92	2,2',3,5,5'	0.5815	141	2,2',3,4,5,5'	0.6988	208	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6,6'	0.8188																					
113	2,3,3',5',6	0.5896	130	2,2',3,3',4,5'	0.7060	207	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6,6'	0.8803																					
90	2,2',3,4',5	0.5901	137	2,2',3,4,4',5	0.7142	206	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6	0.9458																					
101	2,2',4,5,5'	0.5910	164	2,3,3',4',5,6	0.7185	Decachlorobiphenyl																							
99	2,2',4,4',5	0.5990	138	2,2',3,4,4',5	0.7236				Cong. # Structure RRT																				
83	2,2',3,3',5	0.6007	163	2,3,3',4',5,6	0.7239	210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691																					
112	2,3,3',5,6	0.6036	129	2,2',3,3',4,5	0.7271	Decachlorobiphenyl																							
119	2,3',4,4',6	0.6055	160	2,3,3',4,5,6	0.7288				Cong. # Structure RRT																				
109	2,3,3',4,6	0.6095	158	2,3,3',4,4',6	0.7302				210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691																		
(IUPAC # 108)			166	2,3,4,4',5,6	0.7450				Decachlorobiphenyl																				
86	2,2',3,4,5	0.6099	128	2,2',3,3',4,4'	0.7496							Cong. # Structure RRT																	
125	2',3,4,5,6'	0.6106	159	2,3,3',4,5,5'	0.7603							210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691															
97	2,2',3',4,5	0.6114	162	2,3,3',4',5,5'	0.7641							Decachlorobiphenyl																	
87	2,2',3,4,5'	0.6140	167	2,3',4,4',5,5'	0.7717										Cong. # Structure RRT														
117	2,3,4',5,6	0.6204	156	2,3,3',4,4',5	0.7953										210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691												
116	2,3,4,5,6	0.6223	157	2,3,3',4,4',5'	0.7978										Decachlorobiphenyl														
85	2,2',3,4,4'	0.6230	169	3,3',4,4',5,5'	0.8460	Cong. # Structure RRT																							
115	2,3,4,4',6	0.6249	Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column			210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691																					
110	2,3,3',4,6	0.6276				Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column												210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691									
111	2,3,3',5,5'	0.6331							Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column									210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691									
Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column																		210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691									
																		Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column			210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691						
												Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column									210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691						
																					Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column			210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691			
																								Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column			210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691
															Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column												210	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'	0.9691
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			Relative retention of congeners to Octachloronaphthalene on C ₁₈ column																										

results. Within each subgroup, the ortho-substituted congeners elute first. Within the multichlorinated subgroups (>three chlorines), the congeners which are substituted in the o,o' positions, in most instances, elute before other congeners. These are followed by congeners substituted in the o,m positions. Throughout the congener subgroups, the number of individual congeners which exhibit retention times overlapping into the next higher chlorine substituted grouping follows a gaussian-like distribution. This distribution can be correlated with the substitution pattern of the congeners. Overall, the retention data conforms to the guidelines established and published by Mullin et al (19) and Ballschmitter and co-workers (20).

These guidelines are also applicable to the elution patterns obtained on a 50% phenyl substituted methyl siloxane phase - Tables IV and V. A review of Table IV reveals that with the exception of a few individual congener peak shifts, the elution patterns of the chlorinated subgroups are similar to those obtained on the octadecyl substituent type column. The lack of peak shifting may be attributed to the fact that neither stationary phase used in this study possesses substituent groups containing a strong permanent dipole or a strong electron acceptor. A study using a highly polar stationary phase (78% cyanopropyl substitution) and a trifluoropropyl stationary phase (electron-accepting groups) is on-going; and the results will be published in a future paper.

Tables II and IV also list the relative response factors for the 209 PCB congeners. Duplicate injections of all 209 congeners were made on both the octadecyl/phenyl siloxane and the 50% phenyl siloxane columns in order to ensure reliability of results. Excellent linearity of response for the ECD was established for both columns over a range exceeding that of the target concentration. These response factors were calculated relative to OCN and showed variations of < 4% for the same congener on the same column. OCN response was monitored throughout the study and exhibited a RSD of < 1% for 50 replicate injections.

However, a comparison of the response factors obtained on the octadecyl/phenyl siloxane column versus the 50% phenyl siloxane column for the same congener revealed some considerable variations. This may be a result of the differences in column dimensions, flow rates, retention characteristics as well as the variability of response of the ECD (21). This suggests that attempts at assigning absolute or relative response factors to PCB congeners is highly system dependent and may only be meaningful for identifying chlorine substitution patterns within a specified set of working parameters. In spite of this, the response factors should be useful for corroborating the identification of individual congeners when used in conjunction with retention data.

cong. #	relative retention time	relative response factor	cong. #	relative retention time	relative response factor	cong. #	relative retention time	relative response factor	cong. #	relative retention time	relative response factor
1	0.1541	0.0377	54	0.3667	0.1590	106	0.6476	0.9936	158	0.7236	0.9735
2	0.1906	0.0055	55	0.5412	0.9152	107	0.6414	0.7512	159	0.7443	1.2165
3	0.1959	0.0192	56	0.5573	0.7340	108	0.6416	0.9565	160	0.7189	1.2833
4	0.2176	0.0439	57	0.4861	0.5212	109	0.5721	0.9744	161	0.6629	1.0795
5	0.2659	0.5948	58	0.5024	0.6532	110	0.6150	0.8990	162	0.7555	0.8955
6	0.2565	0.2746	59	0.4651	0.6069	111	0.5832	0.7311	163	0.7204	0.8060
7	0.2368	0.5537	60	0.5541	0.9982	112	0.5694	0.7377	164	0.7237	0.6960
8	0.2637	0.2614	61	0.5014	1.0040	113	0.5565	0.6701	165	0.6600	0.8240
9	0.2376	0.3027	62	0.4323	0.9519	114	0.6635	1.0832	166	0.7364	1.1420
10	0.2137	0.3199	63	0.4991	0.5418	115	0.5873	1.2680	167	0.7645	0.7545
11	0.3114	0.0572	64	0.4773	0.6611	116	0.5810	1.1636	168	0.6728	0.7305
12	0.3184	0.1519	65	0.4314	0.8003	117	0.5864	0.8155	169	0.8714	0.7275
13	0.3214	0.0689	66	0.5217	0.6246	118	0.6487	0.5859	170	0.8669	0.8300
14	0.2749	0.1504	67	0.4907	0.5184	119	0.5626	0.7024	171	0.7885	0.6655
15	0.3325	0.0676	68	0.4675	0.5687	120	0.5915	0.6598	172	0.8072	0.8700
16	0.3496	0.3770	69	0.4121	0.5985	121	0.5061	0.6216	173	0.7986	0.9821
17	0.3162	0.3375	70	0.5186	0.5144	122	0.6750	0.6168	174	0.7758	0.6455
18	0.3160	0.2129	71	0.4776	0.6140	123	0.6421	0.6437	175	0.7259	0.7220
19	0.2922	0.1853	72	0.4642	0.4856	124	0.6365	0.6447	176	0.6969	0.5435
20	0.4002	0.6624	73	0.4229	0.4297	125	0.5889	0.5840	177	0.7829	0.6302
21	0.3918	1.0293	74	0.5038	0.5554	126	0.7531	0.5300	178	0.7196	0.6155
22	0.4114	0.8207	75	0.4248	0.7101	127	0.6944	0.6801	179	0.6874	0.4149
23	0.3439	0.6532	76	0.5155	0.5745	128	0.7709	0.9759	180	0.8164	0.8625
24	0.3282	0.6624	77	0.6298	0.3109	129	0.7354	0.8229	181	0.7681	1.0699
25	0.3676	0.5507	78	0.5900	0.4787	130	0.7137	0.7144	182	0.7267	0.6788
26	0.3664	0.3687	79	0.5736	0.3546	131	0.6622	0.7290	183	0.7379	0.7326
27	0.3301	0.2474	80	0.5168	0.4517	132	0.6890	0.5429	184	0.6502	0.5784
28	0.3781	0.5894	81	0.6078	0.3833	133	0.6544	0.8160	185	0.7589	1.1595
29	0.3487	0.5142	82	0.6372	0.7192	134	0.6577	0.5260	186	0.7092	0.9045
30	0.2824	0.6515	83	0.5804	0.4929	135	0.6280	0.4359	187	0.7324	0.6026
31	0.3774	0.3990	84	0.5608	0.3890	136	0.6034	0.3429	188	0.6414	0.4616
32	0.3431	0.4885	85	0.6030	0.8331	137	0.7030	0.9388	189	0.9119	1.1412
33	0.3977	0.4654	86	0.5850	0.8602	138	0.7216	0.7129	190	0.8667	1.0605
34	0.3486	0.3553	87	0.5991	0.7795	139	0.6305	0.7889	191	0.8285	0.8235
35	0.4664	0.1851	88	0.5169	0.7043	140	0.6388	0.5389	192	0.8069	0.9475
36	0.4141	0.1886	89	0.5607	0.4517	141	0.6974	0.9475	193	0.8249	0.8115
37	0.4798	0.1694	90	0.5465	0.4879	142	0.6571	1.1715	194	0.9570	0.8759
38	0.4399	0.3624	91	0.5278	0.3966	143	0.6527	0.6338	195	0.9216	0.7625
39	0.4279	0.1637	92	0.5415	0.4550	144	0.6234	0.7690	196	0.8718	0.7374
40	0.5020	0.4736	93	0.5129	0.4090	145	0.5812	0.5080	197	0.7882	0.5876
41	0.4803	0.6765	94	0.5019	0.3217	146	0.6635	0.4599	198	0.8575	0.8610
42	0.4660	0.4780	95	0.5220	0.3995	147	0.6264	0.5350	199	0.8206	0.7640
43	0.4279	0.3861	96	0.4844	0.2417	148	0.5785	0.4409	200	0.7778	0.5024
44	0.4641	0.3814	97	0.5868	0.4290	149	0.6395	0.4015	201	0.8635	0.7190
45	0.4146	0.0970	98	0.5095	0.4088	150	0.5574	0.3369	202	0.7653	0.4305
46	0.4318	0.2761	99	0.5527	0.4468	151	0.6190	0.5419	203	0.8688	1.0050
47	0.4315	0.3945	100	0.4772	0.4157	152	0.5739	0.3439	204	0.7735	0.9730
48	0.4331	0.3100	101	0.5492	0.3677	153	0.6729	0.4875	205	0.9627	0.9735
49	0.4302	0.2919	102	0.5117	0.3015	154	0.5902	0.4071	206	0.9944	1.0310
50	0.3660	0.3221	103	0.4726	0.3789	155	0.5106	0.3439	207	0.9033	1.3795
51	0.4000	0.2765	104	0.4380	0.2557	156	0.8041	1.0155	208	0.8917	0.8646
52	0.4280	0.2428	105	0.6995	0.9860	157	0.8151	0.8609	209	1.0140	0.2655
53	0.3964	0.2345									

Table V. Relative retention to OCN of PCB congeners subgrouped via chlorine substitution on the 50% phenyl methyl siloxane column

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Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry: The mass spectra of PCB's have been studied by numerous investigators (1,22-24), and a number of features have been identified: 1. Ion clusters with the expected chlorine isotope distribution pattern for each subgrouping 2. Prominent odd electron clusters, consisting of the parent ion cluster and those generated by the loss

of an even number of chlorine atoms. 3. Electron clusters generated by the loss of an odd number of chlorine atoms. The relative intensity of these even electron clusters are highly variable and mainly determined by the nature of the ortho substitution in the PCB. 4. Doubly charged ion species which assume appreciable abundance in the mass spectra of the more highly chlorinated PCB's.

To reduce the effect of differences in ionization efficiencies among the PCB isomers, the data was reduced to percentages of the base peak in the parent ion cluster. In comparing congeners having the same degree of chlorination, there are relatively large differences among the M-Cl (M-35) ions compared to the M-Cl₂ (M-70) ions. Within an isomer group, PCB's containing three chlorine atoms or two o,o' chlorine atoms were found to have the highest intensity of M-Cl and M-Cl₂ ions. The intensity of the M-Cl and M-Cl₂ mass peaks of the remaining isomers have a tendency to decrease as follows, four ortho chlorines > two o,o' ortho chlorines > one ortho chlorine > no ortho chlorines.

The above trends can be understood in terms of the stabilities of the parent ions and their daughter ions. A key factor in determining the stability of the ions of an isomer group is the steric hindrance resulting from the interaction of ortho chlorine atoms. An increase in the ability of the rings to attain a co-planar configuration increases the amount of resonance stabilization.

PCB's having four ortho chlorines have small M-Cl ions because the steric hindrance is still strong after losing only one chlo-

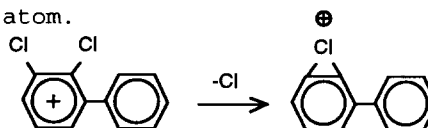
Figure 2. Ordering of the relative intensities of the M-35 mass spectral peak of the hexachlorobiphenyl isomers by the number of ortho chlorines and the number of meta chlorines adjacent to those ortho chlorines

PCB ISOMER	RELATIVE % M-35	NUMBER OF ORTHO CHLORINES	NUMBER OF ADJACENT ORTHO-META CHLORINES
3,3',4,4',5,5'	0.17	0	0
2,3',4,4',5,5'	0.55	1	0
2,3,3',4,4',5	0.46		1
2,3,3',4,5,5'	0.50		
2,3,3',4',5,5'	0.61		
2,3,3',4,4',5'	0.70		
2,3,3',4,4',6	0.61	2 (0,0)	1
2,3,4,4',5,6	0.74		2
2,3,3',4',5,6	0.87		2
2,3,3',4,5,6	0.99		2
2,3',4,4',5,6	1.07		0
2,3,3',4,5',6	1.26		1
2,3,3',4',5',6	1.35		1
2,3,3',5,5',6	1.71		2
2,2',4,4',5,5'	5.90		0
2,2',3,4,4',5'	11.47	2 (0,0')	
2,2',3,4,4',5	12.59		1
2,2',3,4',5,5'	15.58		
2,2',3,4,5,5'	18.09		
2,2',3,3',4,4'	22.61		
2,2',3,3',4,5	28.93		2
2,2',3,3',4,5'	29.02		
2,2',3,3',5,5'	37.03		
2,2',4,4',5,6'	10.18	3	0
2,2',3,4,4',6	14.99		
2,2',3,4',5,6	16.78		1
2,2',3,4,5',6	18.93		
2,2',3,4,4',6'	19.72		
2,2',3,4',5,6'	21.74		
2,2',3,4,5,6'	22.06		
2,2',3,4',5,6	22.96		
2,2',3,5,5',6	24.69		2
2,2',3,4,5,6	26.42		
2,2',3,3',4,6'	28.20		
2,2',3,3',4,6	29.33		
2,2',3,3',5,6'	29.99		
2,2',3,3',5,6	38.43		3
2,2',4,4',6,6'	1.48	4	0
2,2',3,4',6,6'	2.10		
2,2',3,4,6,6'	2.55		1
2,2',3,3',6,6'	2.87		
2,2',3,5,6,6'	3.04		2

rine, so there is little gain in resonance stabilization. In contrast, PCB's having three ortho chlorines or two o,o' chlorines would be expected to have a gain in resonance stabilization and show a correspondingly larger relative abundance of M-Cl ions. The remaining ortho chlorine combinations exhibit weak M-Cl ions because they are already stabilized and have little driving force to lose a chlorine atom.

PCB's having the same degree of chlorination can be divided into groups having three or four or two o,o' chlorines. The ordering of the relative intensity of the M-Cl ions within each group is apparent. The greater the number of ortho chlorines having an adjacent meta chlorine (i.e. o,m chlorine pair), the greater the intensity of the M-Cl ions. This can be explained by the formation of a chloronium ion (figure 3) which increases the stability of the ion upon losing a chlorine atom.

Figure 3. Formation of a chloronium ion leading to the increased stability of the parent PCB ion



This grouping is not seen in PCB's having two o,o chlorines nor in those having one or no ortho chlorines since the energy gained in removing an ortho chlorine is not sufficient to result in the preferential loss of chlorine atoms. The random rearrangement of the Cl substitution pattern due to electron impact which has been noted for the less sterically hindered isomers also destroys the differences among groups (22). The differences in the relative intensity of the M-35 mass spectral peak can help distinguish between PCB isomers on the basis of differences in their ortho substitution. In some cases, where ortho substitution is identical, differences in meta substitution may be of value in distinguishing among isomers.

Matrix Isolated GC/FT-IR: The infrared spectra of PCB congeners and commercial Aroclor products have been studied (25-27). The spectra of all the PCB congeners contain the major absorption bands associated with biphenyl. These bands occur in the regions: 4000-2000 cm^{-1} , C-H stretching; 2000-1250 cm^{-1} , C=C stretching; and 1250-250 cm^{-1} , bending and deformations. Of the three regions, the range from 1200-300 cm^{-1} is the most useful for determining individual congeners.

Matrix isolated FT/IR spectra of all 209 PCB congeners indicate that each congener has its own unique absorption pattern which can be used to identify the individual congener. Table VI is a compilation of the five strongest absorption wavelengths associated with each congener.

Melting Points: Table VII is a compilation of all 209 congeners and lists the melting points obtained for the crystalline congeners. A review of the literature (28-35) provided melting points for approximately one-third of the congeners; and a survey of Table VII reveals that our results are in good agreement with these published values.

Table VI. Selected Matrix Isolated FT/IR absorption bands for all 209 PCB congeners

Congener No.		Absorption Band Intensity Strong → Weak				Congener No.		Absorption Band Intensity Strong → Weak			
1	750.2	699.5	1471.3	1039.9	771.7	73	789.7	1413.7	1568.5	1600.9	811.1
2	756.9	698.7	1477.7	1597.9	1570.6	74	1458.9	1099.1	1088.8	1016.9	830.8
3	1482.4	760.9	1097.6	834	1009.4	75	1099.2	1583.2	1447.5	1544.4	1430.5
4	752.6	762.6	1467.1	1462.1	1064.6	76	757.8	1430.2	1544.8	1378	812.9
5	759.3	699.3	1453.2	1410	1044.9	77	1464.3	1137.1	816.8	1033.6	1363
6	756.3	1463	1467.8	1040	825.2	78	1546.9	1436.9	811.7	1369.9	786.6
7	1469.8	817.4	700	1107.8	825.2	79	806.4	1590.2	1552.9	1481.1	1434
8	757.6	1471.1	830.7	1098.5	1008	80	1559.6	1589.3	805.8	1129.9	1378.6
9	1463	1101	700	766.4	815.5	81	1433.3	1098.8	1543.8	808.7	1373.3
10	1428.3	698	781	761.5	1441.9	82	1439.2	1415.8	791	753.9	1179.2
11	722.5	1597.2	780.3	1468	1566.3	83	1413.3	787.6	1386	1041	1558.3
12	1467.6	761.4	1033.2	1138.3	1139.5	84	1434.2	1044.6	1178.5	812.4	785.3
13	1098.3	803.9	785	1475.7	832.3	85	1440.9	794.7	1108.8	1179	817.2
14	1561.9	761.3	806.5	1596	697.9	86	1409.7	1350.2	759.3	736.9	1178.7
15	1097.4	815.1	1477.7	1488.4	1007.1	87	1444.8	819.3	1101.2	1363.7	1179.7
16	756.7	1411.8	787.7	810.7	1035.8	88	1346.1	1424.4	743	761.8	1570.4
17	1463.9	821.1	758	1590.3	1105.8	89	1430.2	791.7	1435.4	1368.6	778.8
18	758.9	1463.3	1100.9	1019	816.5	90	850.4	1416	819.7	1109.6	1389.7
19	754.9	1431.5	779.8	794.9	1444	91	1438.4	846.7	809.3	1107.8	1178.8
20	781.1	1451.8	1398.6	1561.2	702	92	1475.1	1101	1036.1	832.6	1390.4
21	1444.5	1450.1	700	1364.9	837.2	93	1395	741.5	678.2	1044.2	1166.2
22	1094.9	1452.4	804.2	785.9	1494.2	94	1408.9	794.3	1436.2	1385.8	780.7
23	1414.1	699.4	766.2	1554.3	1121	95	816.2	1033.6	1180.8	1436.6	1098.9
24	1433.9	1181.3	698.5	1385.9	763.5	96	1429.6	796.8	1437.3	1179.6	812.2
25	1463.3	1109.2	836.9	1604	787.6	97	1445.7	1417.9	789.2	1060.4	889.6
26	1458.7	1103.8	1032.2	1464.8	696.6	98	848.7	1431.2	1413.8	1547.3	785.6
27	786	1434.2	1444.3	695.3	1561.6	99	1456.6	1450.6	801	1098.2	1107.3
28	1469.1	1098.7	816.5	738.6	1006.7	100	800	1432.7	1580.1	1098.6	1547.2
29	1458.2	699.8	1092.7	1048.5	1447.1	101	1457.8	1101.2	1075.4	1144.2	1480.7
30	833.1	1544.7	1581.2	698.2	1371.1	102	1438.3	793.1	781	1096.8	1477.8
31	1460.6	1098.2	1499.6	1027	833.1	103	1439.8	851.8	1097.6	818.8	1371.2
32	787.7	1433.7	780.2	1440.1	1114.5	104	1436	1416	836.6	1579.4	795.3
33	1461.9	758.5	1136.4	1035.9	1041.3	105	1443.3	1136.5	1355.6	787.5	1036.2
34	757.4	1562.1	1590.9	809.2	1045.3	106	1412.5	1348.9	1400	698.4	789.3
35	1465.8	737.2	786.5	1138.4	1553.6	107	1480	1138.7	821.4	1415.9	1036.1
36	1561.4	1592.4	807.7	786.2	712	108	806.1	1567.2	1427.2	1357.9	1594.5
37	1466	1098	815.2	1015.2	1376.5	109	704	1343.4	1430.5	1415	824.4
38	1434.7	1546	761.3	1377.6	813.5	110	1435.9	1177.1	1037.4	813.8	1135.9
39	1097	1498.9	1559.2	804.5	827.9	111	1555	1414.6	1377.8	1568.1	809.5
40	1441.6	782.6	1407.2	1420.3	1041.5	112	719	1390.4	1063.6	1165.1	708.3
41	1444.1	1365.9	757	1436.3	1177.6	113	1568.4	814.3	1178.3	1377.5	701.9
42	837.2	1444.5	787	1452	1417.3	114	1413.9	1496.4	1346.7	738.4	1018.4
43	758.9	1412.7	1388.1	1123.5	1557.6	115	1342.6	1419.5	747	1097.6	821.6
44	1450.2	1033.5	1102	788.5	755.3	116	701.5	1351.2	1329.8	1386.4	1372.6
45	1434.7	757	1386.6	1177.6	1440.5	117	1495.6	1059.1	1385.8	677.8	1095.5
46	779.7	1435.5	1412.9	1563.6	811.7	118	1455.2	1094.3	1142.5	1051	824.7
47	1465.7	791.9	1107.4	1588.7	817.8	119	1431	853.4	1447.1	1579.3	1544.9
48	1456.9	1075	760.1	1347.5	735.8	120	1470.3	1565.4	808.9	1430.4	1568.8
49	1459.9	1100.1	1106.7	843.7	1018.3	121	854.7	1596	1564.9	801.3	1372.5
50	757.8	1546.9	1429.9	1582.5	1373.7	122	1430.5	785.9	1544.7	1164.7	817.3
51	1435.5	790.4	820.2	1107.2	780.3	123	1431.3	810.5	1365.7	1483	1110.7
52	1463.5	1102.2	817.9	1456.6	1026.9	124	1433.8	1544.1	817.6	814.3	1102.3
53	1434.4	1444.2	793.7	1099.4	780.5	125	1419.8	790.1	1434.6	817.9	1547.2
54	798.5	1434.2	777.6	1564.3	1084.2	126	1432.6	811.9	1033.8	1144.7	1359.7
55	1446.5	1359.3	789.5	743	1178.3	127	1545.8	808.1	1420.9	1586.1	1416.2
56	1449.3	1036.2	787.1	1136.3	752.2	128	1434.3	1184.9	796.9	1356	817.5
57	1555.3	1414.4	1576.8	1125.9	697	129	1410.5	1348.3	1420	788.6	735.6
58	785.2	1560.1	1387.6	1570.4	1585.3	130	1413	818.1	1390.4	1460.3	1361.9
59	1434.1	1442.7	786.6	709.5	812.6	131	1412.3	1345.9	1425.4	740.1	788.9
60	1447.2	1093.1	816.1	836.2	1363.4	132	1431.8	1181.1	811.7	1365.5	875.9
61	1414.9	1350.4	708.4	766.5	824.5	133	1557.2	1125.9	835.2	1378.2	869
62	1422.8	1345.5	697.9	819.8	770.4	134	735.9	1397	1071.1	1049.4	1167
63	1495.2	1121	830.1	1416.2	1040.2	135	1043.7	1417.2	1181.1	812.3	1369.9
64	1437.1	787.7	1498	1094.7	1181.4	136	1179.4	1430.4	813.5	1049.3	1407.2
65	700.3	1392	1062.8	680.9	1380.2	137	1413.5	1350.8	789.8	1106.6	821.4
66	1463.4	817.9	1107.9	1036.1	777.7	138	1440.9	805.7	1368.1	1054	1180.2
67	1459.1	1453.6	886.5	697.2	789.6	139	1424.4	801.7	1346.6	1108.7	819.6
68	847.5	805.7	1482.6	1569.2	1597	140	1426.5	804.4	859.3	1366.3	1576.3
69	845.3	1446.8	1580.7	1372.1	787.7	141	1421	1348.4	1099.7	1474.6	819.1
70	1460.4	1033.8	1139.8	1105.2	824.2	142	1353.4	742	1329.2	1387.6	690.9
71	789.7	1439.5	1435	781.1	1136.2	143	1404.9	1349	798.3	1436.5	1565
72	1558.3	808.5	1487.9	1104	1569.9	144	1344.6	1433.5	1428.2	1099.1	818
						145	1409.5	1346.6	780.5	796	1572

Table VI. Selected Matrix Isolated FT/IR absorption bands for all 209 PCB congeners (con't)

Congener No.	Absorption Band Intensity					Congener No.	Absorption Band Intensity				
	Strong		Weak				Strong		Weak		
146	1470.6	1416.8	1079.3	1146	1389	178	1393.9	1358.8	1095.2	1048.1	1401
147	1400.1	848.2	1482.5	1386.1	1167	179	1062.6	1399.2	813.2	1410.7	1348.4
148	1409.8	857.6	1588.4	1126.7	1371.9	180	1413	1469.7	1353.2	847.2	1066.5
149	1436	1475.5	1181	1049.4	1392.9	181	1330.3	1390.9	803.9	1352.2	1368.6
150	854.3	1430.9	819.1	1549.1	1374.3	182	1406.5	1349.7	800.7	1548.8	1587.2
151	1393.9	1099	1409.5	1045.7	1087.4	183	1424.2	1133.8	1095.6	1350	1357.5
152	1397.6	782	675.6	1436	797.4	184	1413.5	813	1346.9	1569.6	1373.9
153	1449	1455.1	1087.1	1148.2	1048.9	185	1353.6	1330.6	1361.1	1408.6	1098.8
154	1434	818.9	1105.5	1578.6	1083.8	186	1353.8	1363.3	782.4	1328.5	1437.6
155	1577.9	817.1	1419.1	1550	859.3	187	1398.2	1468.4	1389.1	1167.7	908.7
156	1413	1136.5	1343.6	1036.5	773	188	1400.1	859.8	1587.8	1369	672.2
157	1426.7	810.1	1353.9	1167.5	789.4	189	1406.6	817.6	1339.8	771.6	840.3
158	1414.5	1343.5	820.1	1132.2	1037.6	190	1329.8	731.2	1368.4	1350.6	1387.9
159	1404.2	1342.7	809.9	1569.5	1595.2	191	1415	1341.1	1405.7	817.6	1547.8
160	722.1	1328.2	1349.6	1381.7	1366.7	192	1365.7	1327.1	1350	728.1	1569.3
161	1409.5	1567	1341.1	810.1	1595.8	193	1373.2	1167.5	724.2	1401.5	819
162	816.1	1546.2	1413.9	1391.9	1367.7	194	1403.1	1349.9	1181.8	1342	852.3
163	1400.5	1383.9	729.8	1066.6	1479.6	195	1372.9	1328.3	1350.8	806.4	1368
164	1425.9	818.9	1180.2	808.6	1371	196	1402.4	1341.6	1350.8	802.8	1335.7
165	1078.5	724.6	1385.1	1569	812	197	1403.4	814	1564.4	1356.8	1336.2
166	1329.3	1379.4	1353.2	751.4	737.4	198	1360.8	1353.8	1331.1	1401.3	749
167	1431	1066	1471.2	813.3	1553	199	1353.6	1329.2	1411.6	1181.7	1073.9
168	1420.5	1552.1	1367.4	862.3	822.3	200	1403.8	1338	1368.3	685.3	1169
169	1423.1	1538.1	808	1357.3	1529.8	201	1403.3	1338.3	1377.3	1169	745.6
170	1409.5	1181	794.4	1348.4	666.3	202	1406.4	1331.3	1073.6	1169	760.6
171	1419.8	1347	806.2	1177.8	818.3	203	1356.1	1329.6	1333.9	1383.4	1393.5
172	1346	1409.6	1382.6	841	1558.4	204	1365.7	817.8	1353.2	1331.1	1550.1
173	1352.6	737.2	1328	1384.7	1372.7	205	1370	1327.5	1383.9	1327.5	727.3
174	1418.1	1182.4	814.6	1345.5	1380.7	206	1378.4	1354.6	1331.3	1341.5	805.6
175	1407.8	1343	1389.2	823.7	1124.8	207	1374.4	1338	1357.9	818.5	693.6
176	1423.8	1343	1180.6	898.5	813.8	208	1343	1338.9	1409.3	1082.4	691.3
177	1401.7	1378.9	1367	686.7	1166.5	209	1345.5	1328.3	829.4	696.9	760.8

Table VII. Melting points for all crystalline PCB congeners

Cong. No.	Structure	CAS No.	Melting Point °C (Corrected)	Melting Point °C Literature
1	2-Chlorobiphenyl	2051-60-7	30 - 31.5	34 ¹ , 33 - 34 ³¹
2	3-Chlorobiphenyl	2051-61-8	oil	oil ¹ , 16 - 17 ³¹
3	4-Chlorobiphenyl	2051-62-9	76 - 78	77.7 ¹ , 77 - 78 ³¹
4	2,2'-Dichlorobiphenyl	13029-08-8	60 - 61	60.5 ¹ , 59 - 60 ³¹
5	2,3-Dichlorobiphenyl	16605-91-7	oil	27.7 - 28.2 ³³
6	2,3'-Dichlorobiphenyl	25569-80-6	oil	oil ¹
7	2,4-Dichlorobiphenyl	33284-50-3	oil	24.1 - 24.4 ³³ , 24 - 25 ³¹
8	2,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	34883-43-7	44 - 45	46 ¹
9	2,5-Dichlorobiphenyl	34883-39-1	oil	22 - 23 ³⁶
10	2,6-Dichlorobiphenyl	33146-45-1	35 - 36	35 - 36 ¹
11	3,3'-Dichlorobiphenyl	2050-67-1	29 - 30	29 ¹
12	3,4-Dichlorobiphenyl	2974-92-7	48 - 50	49 - 50 ¹ , 48 - 49 ³³
13	3,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	2974-90-5	oil	oil ¹
14	3,5-Dichlorobiphenyl	34883-41-5	32 - 33	36 ¹ , 31 - 32 ³³
15	4,4'-Dichlorobiphenyl	2050-68-2	150 - 152	149 - 150 ¹
16	2,2',3-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-78-9	oil	28.1 - 28.8 ³³
17	2,2',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	37680-66-3	oil	
18	2,2',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	37680-65-2	44 - 46	
19	2,2',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-73-4	90 - 92	
20	2,3,3'-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-84-7	43 - 44.5	
21	2,3,4-Trichlorobiphenyl	55702-46-0	102 - 103	
22	2,3,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-85-8	72 - 73	73 - 73.2 ³³
23	2,3,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	55720-44-0	39 - 40	41 ¹
24	2,3,6-Trichlorobiphenyl	58702-45-9	56 - 57	
25	2,3',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	55712-37-3	36 - 37	
26	2,3',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-81-4	42 - 43	
27	2,3',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-76-7	oil	
28	2,4,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	7012-37-5	58 - 59	57 - 58 ¹
29	2,4,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	15862-07-4	77 - 78	78 - 79 ¹
30	2,4,6-Trichlorobiphenyl	35693-92-6	62 - 63	62.5 - 64.5 ¹
31	2,4',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	16606-02-3	64.5 - 65	63.5 - 64.5 ¹
32	2,4',6-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-77-4	55 - 56	
33	2',3,4-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-86-9	61 - 62	60.1 - 60.4 ³³
34	2',3,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	37680-68-5	57 - 58	58 ¹
35	3,3',4-Trichlorobiphenyl	37680-69-6	65.5 - 67	

Table VII. Melting points for all crystalline PCB congeners (con't)

Cong. No.	Structure	CAS No.	Melting Point °C (Corrected)	Melting Point °C Literature
36	3,3',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-87-0	78 - 79	
37	3,4,4'-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-90-5	88 - 90	86.8 - 87.8 ³³
38	3,4,5-Trichlorobiphenyl	53555-66-1	71 - 71.5	
39	3,4',5-Trichlorobiphenyl	38444-88-1	87 - 88	88 ¹
40	2,2',3,3'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	38444-93-8	123 - 124	121 - 122 ²⁷
41	2,2',3,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	52663-59-9	48 - 50	
42	2,2',3,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	36559-22-5	68 - 69	68 - 70 ¹ , 68.5 ⁷⁰ ²
43	2,2',3,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-46-8	45 - 46	
44	2,2',3,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-39-5	47.5 - 48.5	49 - 50 ²⁸
45	2,2',3,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-45-7	80 - 81	
46	2,2',3,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-47-5	125 - 126	125.5 - 127 ²⁸
47	2,2',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	2437-79-8	45.5 - 46	41 - 42 ¹
48	2,2',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-47-9	86 - 87	
49	2,2',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-40-8	66 - 67	66 - 68.5 ¹ , 65 - 66.5 ²⁸
50	2,2',4,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	62796-65-8	47 - 48	
51	2,2',4,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	68194-04-7	oil	
52	2,2',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	35693-99-3	85.5 - 86.5	86.5 - 87 ¹ , 85 - 86.5 ²⁸
53	2,2',5,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-41-9	101 - 103	103 - 104.5 ²⁸
54	2,2',6,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	15968-05-5	197 - 198	198 ¹
55	2,3,3',4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	74338-24-2	85.5 - 86.5	
56	2,3,3',4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-43-1	98 - 99	96 - 97 ²⁸
57	2,3,3',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70424-67-8	87 - 88	
58	2,3,3',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-49-7	125 - 126	127.5 - 129 ²⁸
59	2,3,3',6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	74472-33-6	oil	
60	2,3,4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	33025-41-1	144.5 - 146.5	142 ¹
61	2,3,4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	33284-53-6	85.5 - 90.5	92 - 92.5 ¹ , 91 ⁵
62	2,3,4,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	54230-23-7	78 - 79	
63	2,3,4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	74472-34-7	88 - 90	
64	2,3,4',6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	52663-58-8	87 - 88	
65	2,3,5,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	33284-54-7	76 - 78.5	79 ¹
66	2,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	32598-10-0	124 - 126	124 ¹ , 127 - 128 ²
67	2,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	73557-53-8	62 - 63.5	
68	2,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	73575-52-7	92 - 93	
69	2,3',4,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	60233-24-1	52 - 54	
70	2,3',4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	32598-11-1	104 - 105	104 ¹ , 104 - 105 ²
71	2,3',4',6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-46-4	36 - 37	oil ²⁸
72	2,3',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-42-0	106 - 107.5	105.5 - 106.5 ²⁸
73	2,3',5,6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	74338-23-1	70 - 72	
74	2,4,4',5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	32690-93-0	127 - 129	125 ¹
75	2,4,4',6'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	32598-12-2	62 - 63	
76	2',3,4,5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-48-0	134 - 135	
77	3,3',4,4'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	32598-13-3	180 - 181	177 - 178 ²⁸
78	3,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-49-1	118 - 120	
79	3,3',4,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	41464-48-6	121 - 123	119 - 120 ²⁸
80	3,3',5,5'-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	33284-52-5	171 - 173	164 ¹
81	3,4,4',5-Tetrachlorobiphenyl	70362-50-4	160 - 163	
82	2,2',3,3',4-Pentachlorobiphenyl	52663-62-4	118 - 120	119 - 120.5 ¹
83	2,2',3,3',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	60145-20-2	83 - 84	
84	2,2',3,3',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	52663-60-2	109 - 110	
85	2,2',3,4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	65510-45-4	47.5 - 48.5	
86	2,2',3,4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	55312-69-1	85 - 86	
87	2,2',3,4,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	38380-02-8	110 - 112	112 - 114 ¹
88	2,2',3,4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	55215-17-3	66 - 66.5	
89	2,2',3,4,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	73575-57-2	85 - 86	
90	2,2',3,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-07-0	51 - 53	
91	2,2',3,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-05-8	62 - 63	
92	2,2',3,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	52663-61-3	60 - 61	oil ¹
93	2,2',3,5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	73575-56-1	96 - 97.5	
94	2,2',3,5,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	73575-55-0	82 - 83	
95	2,2',3,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	38379-99-6	93 - 94	98.5 - 100 ¹
96	2,2',3,6,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	73575-54-9	119 - 120	
97	2,2',3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	41464-51-1	78 - 79	87.5 - 82.5 ²⁸
98	2,2',3',4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	60233-25-2	94 - 95	
99	2,2',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	38380-01-1	59 - 60	
100	2,2',4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	39485-83-1	oil	
101	2,2',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	37680-73-2	78 - 79	76 - 77 ²⁸
102	2,2',4,5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-06-9	71 - 72	
103	2,2',4,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	60145-21-3	69 - 70	
104	2,2',4,6,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	56558-16-8	87 - 88	
105	2,3,3',4,4'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	32598-14-4	116.5 - 117.5	117 - 118.5 ²⁸ , 101 - 105 ¹
106	2,3,3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	70424-69-0	85 - 86	
107	2,3,3',4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	70424-68-9	96 - 97	
108	2,3,3',4,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	70362-41-3	120 - 122	121 - 122 ³⁴
109	2,3,3',4,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	74472-35-8	70 - 71	

Table VII. Melting points for all crystalline PCB congeners (con't)

Cong. No.	Structure	CAS No.	Melting Point °C (Corrected)	Melting Point °C Literature
110	2,3,3',4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	38380-03-9	53 - 55	oil ¹
111	2,3,3',5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	39635-32-0	107 - 107.5	105 ³⁰
112	2,3,3',5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	74472-36-9	91-93	
113	2,3,3',5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-10-5	56 - 57	
114	2,3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	74472-37-0	98 - 99	98 - 99 ¹
115	2,3,4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	74472-38-1	64.5 - 65	
116	2,3,4,5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	18259-05-7	122 - 125	123 ¹ , 124 - 125 ³²
117	2,3,4',5,6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-11-6	167 - 171	
118	2,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	31508-00-6	111 - 113	112 - 113 ³⁸
119	2,3',4,4',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	56558-17-9	75 - 77	
120	2,3',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	68194-12-7	131 - 133	
121	2,3',4,5',6-Pentachlorobiphenyl	56558-18-0	93 - 94.5	
122	2',3,3',4,5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	76842-07-4	117 - 118	
123	2',3,4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	65510-44-3	134 - 135	
124	2',3,4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	70424-70-3	116 - 117	
125	2',3,4,5,6'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	74472-39-2	126 - 127	
126	3,3',4,4',5-Pentachlorobiphenyl	57465-28-8	160 - 161	
127	3,3',4,5,5'-Pentachlorobiphenyl	39635-33-1	152 - 153	
128	2,2',3,3',4,4'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	38380-07-3	150 - 152	
129	2,2',3,3',4,5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	55215-18-4	102 - 104	
130	2,2',3,3',4,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52663-66-8	114 - 116	
131	2,2',3,3',4,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	61798-70-7	135 - 137	
132	2,2',3,3',4,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	38380-05-1	116 - 118	
133	2,2',3,3',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	35694-04-3	127 - 128	128 - 129 ¹
134	2,2',3,3',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52704-70-8	132 - 133	
135	2,2',3,3',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52744-13-5	102 - 103	
136	2,2',3,3',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	38411-22-2	112 - 113.5	114 - 114.5 ¹
137	2,2',3,4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	35694-06-5	81 - 82	77 - 78 ¹ , 78.5 - 80 ³⁰
138	2,2',3,4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	35065-28-2	79 - 80	78.5 - 80 ¹
139	2,2',3,4,4',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	56030-56-9	75.5 - 77	
140	2,2',3,4,4',6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	59291-64-4	68 - 69	69.5 - 71 ¹
141	2,2',3,4,5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52712-04-6	88 - 89	
142	2,2',3,4,5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	41411-61-4	134 - 135	134 - 137
143	2,2',3,4,5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	68194-15-0	89 - 90	
144	2,2',3,4,5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	68194-14-9	72 - 74	
145	2,2',3,4,6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-40-5	136 - 137	
146	2,2',3,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	51908-16-8	88 - 90	
147	2,2',3,4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	68194-13-8	136 - 138	
148	2,2',3,4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-41-6	80.5 - 81	
149	2,2',3,4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	38380-04-0	78 - 79	oil
150	2,2',3,4',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	68194-08-1	76 - 77	
151	2,2',3,5,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52663-63-5	98 - 100	
152	2,2',3,5,6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	68194-09-2	126 - 127	
153	2,2',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	35065-27-1	102 - 103.5	103 - 104 ¹
154	2,2',4,4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	60145-22-4	68 - 70	
155	2,2',4,4',6,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	33979-03-2	111 - 113	112.5 ¹ , 112 - 113 ³¹
156	2,3,3',4,4',5-Hexachlorobiphenyl	38380-08-4	129.5 - 131	
157	2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	69782-90-7	161 - 162	
158	2,3,3',4,4',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-42-7	110 - 112	
159	2,3,3',4,4',5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	39635-35-3	149 - 150	
160	2,3,3',4,5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	41411-62-5	92 - 92.5	97 - 100 ¹
161	2,3,3',4,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74474-43-8	105 - 106	
162	2,3,3',4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	39635-34-2	143 - 144	
163	2,3,3',4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-44-9	121 - 123	
164	2,3,3',4',5,6'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-45-0	92 - 94	
165	2,3,3',5,5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	74472-46-1	151 - 152	
166	2,3,4,4',5,6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	41411-63-6	164 - 167	160 - 165 ³²
167	2,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	52663-72-6	125 - 127	
168	2,3',4,4',5',6-Hexachlorobiphenyl	59291-65-5	108.5 - 109.5	110 - 111 ¹
169	3,3',4,4',5,5'-Hexachlorobiphenyl	32774-16-6	208 - 210	201 - 202 ¹
170	2,2',3,3',4,4',5-Heptachlorobiphenyl	35065-30-6	136.5 - 138.5	134.5 - 135.5 ¹
171	2,2',3,3',4,4',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-71-5	116.5 - 118.5	
172	2,2',3,3',4,5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-74-8	135 - 137	
173	2,2',3,3',4,5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	68194-16-1	204 - 205	
174	2,2',3,3',4,5,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	38411-25-5	124 - 125	130.5 - 130.7 ¹
175	2,2',3,3',4,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	40186-70-7	121 - 123	
176	2,2',3,3',4,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-65-7	102 - 103	
177	2,2',3,3',4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-70-4	152 - 154	
178	2,2',3,3',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-67-9	110 - 112	
179	2,2',3,3',5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	35065-29-3	129 - 131	
180	2,2',3,4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	35065-29-3	112.5 - 114	109 - 110 ¹
181	2,2',3,4,4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74472-47-2	125 - 126	
182	2,2',3,4,4',5,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	60145-23-5	107.5 - 109.5	
183	2,2',3,4,4',5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-69-1	93 - 95	

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Cong. No.	Structure	CAS No.	Melting Point °C (Corrected)	Melting Point °C Literature
184	2,2',3,4,4',6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74472-48-3	115 - 117	
185	2,2',3,4,5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52712-05-7	148 - 150	
186	2,2',3,4,5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74472-49-4	195 - 198	
187	2,2',3,4',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	52663-68-0	104 - 105	
188	2,2',3,4',5,6,6'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74487-85-7	134 - 135	
189	2,3,3',4,4',5,5'-Heptachlorobiphenyl	39635-31-9	162 - 163	
190	2,3,3',4,4',5,6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	41411-64-7	122 - 124	116 - 118 ³²
191	2,3,3',4,4',5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74472-50-7	112.5 - 114.5	
192	2,3,3',4,5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	74472-51-8	171 - 174	
193	2,3,3',4',5,5',6-Heptachlorobiphenyl	69782-91-8	138 - 141	
194	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5'-Octachlorobiphenyl	35694-08-7	155 - 157	156 - 157 ¹ , 159 - 160 ¹
195	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6-Octachlorobiphenyl	52663-78-2	170 - 172	
196	2,2',3,3',4,4',5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	42740-50-1	127 - 129 ¹	126 - 128 ¹
197	2,2',3,3',4,4',6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	33091-17-7	137 - 139	132 ¹
198	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	68194-17-2	195 - 197	
199	2,2',3,3',4,5,6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	52663-73-7	175 - 176	
(IUPAC #200)				
200	2,2',3,3',4,5',6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	40186-71-8	141 - 143	
(IUPAC #201)				
201	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	52663-75-9	157 - 158	
(IUPAC #199)				
202	2,2',3,3',5,5',6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	2136-99-4	157 - 159	161 ¹
203	2,2',3,4,4',5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	52663-76-0	111 - 113	
204	2,2',3,4,4',5,6,6'-Octachlorobiphenyl	74472-52-9	175 - 179	
205	2,3,3',4,4',5,5',6-Octachlorobiphenyl	74472-53-0	197 - 199	
206	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6-Nonachlorobiphenyl	40186-72-9	202 - 204	
207	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,6,6'-Nonachlorobiphenyl	52663-79-3	213 - 215	
208	2,2',3,3',4,5,5',6'-Nonachlorobiphenyl	52663-77-1	180 - 181	
209	2,2',3,3',4,4',5,5',6,6'-Decachlorobiphenyl	2051-24-3	318 - 320	305.6, 310 ¹

CONCLUSIONS:

The synthesis and the subsequent compilation of chromatographic, spectral and physical data of all 209 PCB congeners will provide a means for the more accurate identification of biologically active and toxic congeners. In addition to improving the qualitative aspect of PCB analysis, this data will also aid in the quantification of these compounds.

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