

Depending on the source of the information, 5,000 to 10,000 unique Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) exist. BAPI's VOC sensor reacts to all of them.

VOCs are chemicals that contain carbon and have boiling points below 100°C. Most can be vapors at room temperature. In their liquid form many VOCs can contaminate ground water.

Families of VOCs detected are:

- CO, CH₄, LPG
- Alcohols
- Ketones. Ketones are solvents. The best known are Acetone and Methyl Ethyl Ketone or MEK.
- Organic Acids. Common organic acids are Lactic acid, Acetic acid, Formic acid, Citric acid and Oxalic acid
- Amines. Amines are derivatives of ammonia. Wikipedia lists 175 compounds as amines, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Amines>
- Aliphatic Hydrocarbons. Aliphatic hydrocarbons are flammable hydrocarbons with little or no odor. Examples are hexane, paraffin, methane and acetylene.
- Aromatic Hydrocarbons. Aromatic hydrocarbons are flammable hydrocarbons with a discernable odor. Examples are benzene, furan, pyridine, toluene, asphaltene and picric acid.

A list of some of the most common VOCs and their sources follows.

<u>VOC</u>	<u>Source</u>
1-hexene.....	Human metabolism
1-isocyanobutane	Coatings
1,1,1-trichloroethane.....	Ink, Paint, Photo-resist, Photographic film
1,4-dioxane.....	Spot removers
2-bromopentane	Prescription drugs
(2-methylcyclohexyl) propanedinitrile ...	Human metabolism
2,2-dimethylbutane	Human metabolism
2,3,3-trimethylpentane.....	Human metabolism
2,3-dimethylpentane	Human metabolism
2,3,4-trimethylpentane.....	Human metabolism
3-methylhexane	Human metabolism
3,4-dimethyl-1-pentene.....	Human metabolism
4-methyl-1-pentene	Human metabolism
5-methyl-1-hexene.....	Human metabolism
6-methyl-1-heptanol.....	Human metabolism
Acetaldehyde.....	Disinfectants, Adhesives, Coatings, Plastics, Lubricants, Ripening of fruit
Acetic acid esters	Surface cleaners
Acetone	Polyester resins, Vinyl, Adhesives, Human metabolism
bis-(1,1-dimethylethyl)nitroxide.....	Human metabolism
Benzene	Plastics, Building materials, Furniture, Office equipment
Butoxyethanol.....	Surface cleaners
Butyl acetate.....	Surface cleaners
C6 - C10 substituted alkanes	Cleaners, Polishers
Carbon Monoxide	Automobile exhaust, Fuel based heating, Cooking appliances, Smoking
Decanal	Artificial flavors, Perfume, Human metabolism
Dichlorobenzene.....	Deodorizers

Common Volatile Organic Compounds Detected by BAPI's VOC Sensor

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Dipropylene glycol	Surface cleaners
Ethanol	Disinfectants, Human metabolism
Ethyl Alcohol	Cosmetics, Cleaners, Disinfectants, Detergents, Paints, Human Metabolism
Eucalyptol	Cosmetics, Artificial flavors, Insecticides
Formaldehyde.....	Biocides, Disinfectants
Heptane	Human metabolism
Hydrocarbons	Waxes, Polishes
Isobutane.....	Aerosol cleaners
Isobutene.....	Aerosol cleaners
Isoprene.....	Synthetic rubber, Human metabolism
Limonene.....	Cosmetics, Cleaners, Artificial flavors, Prescription drugs
Methane.....	Natural gas, Human metabolism
Methoxyethanol.....	Surface cleaners
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Methylcyclohexane.....	Human metabolism
Methylethylketone.....	Adhesives, coatings, Plastics, Lubricants
Methyl methacrylate	Hard surface cleaners
Naphthalene	Disinfectants, Repellants
Nonanal	Artificial flavors, Perfume, Human metabolism
Organic Chloramines.....	Combination of general and pool cleaning chemicals and human metabolism
Pentane	Polystyrene foam, Refrigerants
Phenol	Platics, Cosmetics, Disinfectants
Pinene	Perfume, Human metabolism
Propane	Fuel based heating, Cooking appliances, Cleaners
Siloxanes	Waxes, Polishes
Tetrachloroethene.....	Dry cleaning
Tetrachloroethylene	Spot cleaners
Toluene	Paints, Coatings, Cleaners, Detergents, Smoking, Polyurethane lacquers
Trichloromethane.....	Human metabolism
r (1-methylethyl)cyclopropane	Adhesives, Coatings, Plastics, Lubricants
Xylene.....	Plastics, Synthetic Rubber, Polyester clothing

