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# Technical Datasheet

**Analysis Name:** Sugars by HPAEC-PAD

**Method Number:** NQA-52.0003

**Scope of Application:** This method is applicable for the quantitative determination of carbohydrates in food products, juice concentrates and purees, gummy-based vitamins, and raw materials. Juice concentrates and purees are validated for Sorbitol, Glucose, Fructose and Sucrose, whereas food products/raw materials are validated for Galactose, Glucose, Fructose, Lactose, Sucrose, and Maltose.

This method is not applicable to powdered/instant coffee or ground coffee. These matrices can only run under LI-21.057 (Carbohydrates in Coffee). Liquid coffees can be attempted, but interferences may be present that result in some or all components being not reportable.

Samples containing xylose and/or mannose may cause interference with target analytes. To avoid delays in reporting results, please inform the lab if your sample contains these components.

**Description:** Extraction of sugars in water using sonication and injection on the HPAEC-PAD system. Neutral sugars being weak acids are partially ionized at high pH and can be separated by anion-exchange chromatography on a base stable polymeric column. Sugars are detected by measuring the electrical current generated by their oxidation at the surface of a gold electrode and quantified by comparison with an external standard. Results are expressed in g per 100 g of product.

**Sample Weight Required:** 50 g

**Analytical Platform:** High Performance Anion Exchange (HPAE) Chromatography

| Analyte Reported | Alias | Unit of Measure | Limit of Quantification | Reproducibility |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Sorbitol*        |       | g/100 g         | 0.05                    | 20% or          |



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|                              |  |         |      | +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g        |
| Galactose                    |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Glucose                      |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Sucrose                      |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Fructose                     |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Lactose                      |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Maltose                      |  | g/100 g | 0.05 | 20% or +/-0.3g/100g for values <3g/100g |
| Sorbitol/Total sugars ratio* |  | N/A     | N/A  | N/A                                     |
| Glucose/Total sugars ratio*  |  | N/A     | N/A  | N/A                                     |

\*juice concentrates only