

State-of-the-Art Analyses

Unique set of highly sophisticated and precise analyses methods performed by SCHOTT pharma services experts on packaging analytics

Below you will find a selection of our analytical testing methods:

Chemical Durability Tests

- ToF-SIMS Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry and Depth Profiling
- SEM Scanning Electron Microscopy
- LiMi Stereo Microscopy
- EDS Energy-dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy
- F-AAS, GF-AAS, HG-AAS Atomic Absorption Spectrometry
- HR ICP-MS High Resolution Inductive Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry
- ICP-OES, Spark-OES Atomic Emission Spectrometry
- ICP-MS, Laser Ablation ICP-MS
- FTIR- and Raman-Microscopy
- Wet Chemistry, Gravimetry, Titration
- Hydrolytic Resistance Tests
- Sample Preparation for Tests including Washing, Depyrogenation, Filling, and Sealing

Mechanical Stability Tests

- Fractography, Crack Origin, Microscopic Fracture Patterns
- Stress-optical Measurements
- Statistical Analysis of Strength Data
- Fracture Toughness
- Crack Initiation Load, Elastic and Plastic Indentation
- Static Strength, Tension-compression (uniaxial)
- Bending, Bursting (hydrostatic)
- Dynamic Strength, Notch Test, DCDC (crack growth)
- Climate Testing
- FEA Finite Element Analysis

Recent Publications & Whitepapers

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4. | Soegding, T., Canton, D.; Haines, D., Rothhaar, U. How Sterilization of Primary Packaging Influences the Results of E&L Studies, Contract Pharma, 2015, June, pgs 88 – 94.
5. | Haines, D.; Scheumann, V., Rothhaar, U. Glass Flakes: Pre-Testing Stops a Big Problem before it Even Starts, Contract Pharma 2013, June, pgs 92 – 98.

E&L and System Performance Tests

- GC-MS Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry
- GC-FID Gas Chromatography – Flame Ionisation Detection
- HS-GC Headspace – Gas Chromatography
- TD-GC Thermal desorption – Gas Chromatography
- LC-Q-ToF and LC-MS-IT-TOF Liquid Chromatography high resolution Mass Spectrometry
- LC-DAD Liquid chromatography with UV/VIS detection
- IC Ion Chromatography
- ICP-OES Inductive Coupled Plasma – Optical Emission Spectrometry
- ICP-MS Inductive Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometry
- HR ICP-MS High Resolution Inductive Coupled Plasma – Mass Spectrometry
- F-AAS, GF-AAS, HG-AAS Atomic Absorption Spectrometry
- Hot Gas Extraction Methods for C, O, S, N Determination
- Transmission, Reflection, Remission, Absorption in UV-VIS-IR Range
- FTIR- and Raman-Microscopy
- X-ray fluorescence spectrometry

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