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Standard Guide for Selection of Sampling Equipment for Waste and Contaminated Media Data Collection Activities¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers criteria which should be considered when selecting sampling equipment for collecting environmental and waste samples for waste management activities. This guide includes a list of equipment that is used and is readily available. Many specialized sampling devices are not specifically included in this guide. However, the factors that should be weighed when choosing any piece of equipment are covered and remain the same for the selection of any piece of equipment. Sampling equipment described in this guide includes automatic samplers, pumps, bailers, tubes, scoops, spoons, shovels, dredges, ~~coring and augering~~ coring, augering, passive, and vapor sampling devices. The selection of sampling locations is outside the scope of this guide.

1.1.1 Table 1 lists selected equipment and its applicability to sampling matrices, including water (surface and ground), sediments, soils, liquids, multi-layered liquids, mixed solid-liquid phases, and consolidated and unconsolidated solids. The guide does not ~~address specifically~~ address the collection of samples of any suspended materials from flowing rivers or streams. Refer to Guide [D4411](#) for more information.

1.2 Table 2 presents the same list of equipment and its applicability for use based on compatibility of sample and equipment; volume of the sample required; physical requirements such as power, size, and weight; ease of operation and decontamination; and whether it is reusable or disposable.

1.3 Table 3 provides the basis for selection of suitable equipment by the use of an ~~index~~ index.

1.4 Lists of advantages and disadvantages of selected sampling devices and line drawings and narratives describing the operation of sampling devices are also provided.

1.5 Units—The values stated in ~~both inch-pound and SI units~~ are to be regarded ~~separately as the standard units~~. ~~The values given in parentheses as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard. All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D6026~~ are for information only. Reporting of test results in units other than SI shall not be regarded as nonconformance with this standard.

1.6 This guide offers an organized collection of information or a series of options and does not recommend a specific course of action. This document cannot replace education or experience and should be used in conjunction with professional ~~judgment~~ judgment. Not all aspects of this guide may be applicable in all circumstances. This ASTM standard is not intended to represent or replace the standard of care by which the adequacy of a given professional service must be judged, nor should this document

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be applied without consideration of a project's many unique aspects. The word "Standard" in the title of this document means only that the document has been approved through the ASTM consensus process.

1.7 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.8 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- [D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids](#)
- [D1452 Practice for Soil Exploration and Sampling by Auger Borings](#)
- [D1586 Test Method for Standard Penetration Test \(SPT\) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils](#)
- [D1587 Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Fine-Grained Soils for Geotechnical Purposes](#)
- [D3550 Practice for Thick Wall, Ring-Lined, Split Barrel, Drive Sampling of Soils](#)
- [D4136 Practice for Sampling Phytoplankton with Water-Sampling Bottles \(Withdrawn 2020\)³](#)
- [D4342 Practice for Collecting of Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Ponar Grab Sampler \(Withdrawn 2003\)³](#)
- [D4343 Practice for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Ekman Grab Sampler \(Withdrawn 2003\)³](#)
- [D4348 Practice for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Holme \(Scoop\) Grab Sampler \(Withdrawn 2003\)³](#)
- [D4387 Guide for Selecting Grab Sampling Devices for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertebrates \(Withdrawn 2003\)³](#)
- [D4411 Guide for Sampling Fluvial Sediment in Motion](#)
- [D4448 Guide for Sampling Ground-Water Monitoring Wells](#)
- [D4547 Guide for Sampling Waste and Soils for Volatile Organic Compounds](#)
- [D4687 Guide for General Planning of Waste Sampling](#)
- [D4696 Guide for Pore-Liquid Sampling from the Vadose Zone](#)
- [D4700 Guide for Soil Sampling from the Vadose Zone](#)
- [D4823 Guide for Core Sampling Submerged, Unconsolidated Sediments](#)
- [D5013 Practices for Sampling Wastes from Pipes and Other Point Discharges](#)
- [D5079 Practices for Preserving and Transporting Rock Core Samples \(Withdrawn 2017\)³](#)
- [D5088 Practice for Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Waste Sites](#)
- [D5283 Practice for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Quality Assurance and Quality Control Planning and Implementation](#)
- [D5314 Guide for Soil Gas Monitoring in the Vadose Zone \(Withdrawn 2015\)³](#)
- [D5358 Practice for Sampling With a Dipper or Pond Sampler](#)
- [D5451 Practice for Sampling Using a Trier Sampler](#)
- [D5495 Practice for Sampling with a Composite Liquid Waste Sampler \(COLIWASA\)](#)
- [D5633 Practice for Sampling with a Scoop](#)
- [D5679 Practice for Sampling Consolidated Solids in Drums or Similar Containers](#)
- [D5680 Practice for Sampling Unconsolidated Solids in Drums or Similar Containers](#)
- [D5681 Terminology for Waste and Waste Management](#)
- [D5730 Guide for Site Characterization for Environmental Purposes With Emphasis on Soil, Rock, the Vadose Zone and Groundwater \(Withdrawn 2013\)³](#)
- [D5743 Practice for Sampling Single or Multilayered Liquids, with or Without Solids, in Drums or Similar Containers](#)
- [D5778 Test Method for Electronic Friction Cone and Piezocone Penetration Testing of Soils](#)
- ~~[D5781 Guide for Use of Dual-Wall Reverse-Circulation Drilling for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices](#)~~
- ~~[D5782 Guide for Use of Direct Air-Rotary Drilling for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices](#)~~
- ~~[D5783 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Drilling with Water-Based Drilling Fluid for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices](#)~~
- [D5784 Guide for Use of Hollow-Stem Augers for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices](#)

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

- ~~D5875 Guide for Use of Cable-Tool Drilling and Sampling Methods for Geoenvironmental Exploration and Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices~~
- ~~D5876 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Wireline Casing Advancement Drilling Methods for Geoenvironmental Exploration and Installation of Subsurface Water Quality Monitoring Devices~~
- D6001 Guide for Direct-Push Groundwater Sampling for Environmental Site Characterization
- D6009 Guide for Sampling Waste Piles
- ~~D6044~~D6026 Guide for Representative Sampling for Management of Waste and Contaminated Media Practice for Using Significant Digits and Data Records in Geotechnical Data
- D6051 Guide for Composite Sampling and Field Subsampling for Environmental Waste Management Activities
- D6063 Guide for Sampling of Drums and Similar Containers by Field Personnel
- D6151 Practice for Using Hollow-Stem Augers for Geotechnical Exploration and Soil Sampling
- D6169 Guide for Selection of Soil and Rock Sampling Devices Used With Drill Rigs for Environmental Investigations
- D6282 Guide for Direct Push Soil Sampling for Environmental Site Characterizations
- D6286 Guide for Selection of Drilling and Direct Push Methods for Geotechnical and Environmental Subsurface Site Characterization
- ~~D6418~~D6519 Practice for Using the Disposable En-Core Sampler for Sampling and Storing Soil for Volatile Organic Analysis
- Sampling of Soil Using the Hydraulically Operated Stationary Piston Sampler
- D6538 Guide for Sampling Wastewater With Automatic Samplers
- D6634 Guide for Selection of Purging and Sampling Devices for Groundwater Monitoring Wells
- D6640 Practice for Collection and Handling of Soils Obtained in Core Barrel Samplers for Environmental Investigations
- D6699 Practice for Sampling Liquids Using Bailers
- D6759 Practice for Sampling Liquids Using Grab and Discrete Depth Samplers
- D6771 Practice for Low-Flow Purging and Sampling for Wells and Devices Used for Ground-Water Quality Investigations
- D6907 Practice for Sampling Soils and Contaminated Media with Hand-Operated Bucket Augers
- D6914 Practice for Sonic Drilling for Site Characterization and the Installation of Subsurface Monitoring Devices
- D7353 Practice for Sampling of Liquids in Waste Management Activities Using a Peristaltic Pump
- D7758 Practice for Passive Soil Gas Sampling in the Vadose Zone for Source Identification, Spatial Variability Assessment, Monitoring, and Vapor Intrusion Evaluations
- D7929 Guide for Selection of Passive Techniques for Sampling Groundwater Monitoring Wells
- D8170 Guide for Using Disposable Handheld Soil Core Samplers for the Collection and Storage of Soil for Volatile Organic Analysis
- E300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals
- E1391 Guide for Collection, Storage, Characterization, and Manipulation of Sediments for Toxicological Testing and for Selection of Samplers Used to Collect Benthic Invertebrates 232-21

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3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms used in this standard, refer to Terminologies [D653](#) and [D5681](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

~~3.1.1 *consolidated, adj*—a compact solid not easily compressed or broken into smaller particles.~~

~~3.1.2 *decontamination, n*—the process of removing or reducing to a known level undesirable physical or chemical constituents, or both, from a sampling apparatus to maximize the representativeness of physical or chemical analyses proposed for a given sample.~~

~~3.1.3 *data quality objectives (DQOs), n*—qualitative or quantitative statement(s) derived from the DQO process describing the problem(s), the decision rule(s) and the uncertainties of the decision(s) stated in the con text of the problem.~~

3.2.1 *environmental data, n*—defined for use in this document to mean data in support of environmental activities.

3.2.2 *matrix, n*—the principal constituent(s) or phase(s) of a material.

~~3.1.6 *unconsolidated, adj*—defined for use in this document to mean uncemented or uncompacted material that is easily separated into smaller portions.~~

~~3.1.7 *representative sample, n*—a sample collected in such a manner that it reflects one or more characteristics of interest (as defined by the project objectives) of a population from which it was collected. (D6044)~~

4. Summary of Guide

4.1 This guide discusses important criteria which should be considered when choosing sampling equipment.

4.1.1 Criteria discussed in this document include physical and chemical compatibility, sample matrix, sample volume, physical requirements, ease of operation, and decontamination. Costs are considered, where appropriate.

4.2 A limited list of sampling equipment is presented in two separate tables. The list attempts to include a variety of different types of equipment. However, this list is in no way all inclusive, as there are many excellent pieces of equipment not included. **Table 1** lists matrices (surface and ~~ground water, groundwater,~~ stationary sediment, soil, and ~~mixed phase mixed-phase~~ wastes) and indicates which sampling devices are appropriate for use with these matrices. It also includes ASTM method references (draft standards are not included). **Table 2** indicates physical requirements (such as battery), electrical power, and weight; physical and chemical compatibility; effect on matrix; range of volume; ease of operation; decontamination; and reusability. **Table 3** provides sampler type selection process based upon the sample type and matrix to be sampled.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Although many technical papers address topics important to efficient and accurate sampling investigations (~~DQOs;~~ DQOs, study design, QA/QC, data assessment; see Guides [D4687](#), [D5730](#), [D6009](#), [D6051](#), and Practice [D5283](#)), the selection and use of appropriate sampling equipment is assumed or omitted.

5.2 The choice of sampling equipment can be crucial to the task of collecting a sample appropriate for the intended use.

5.3 When a sample is collected, all sources of potential bias should be considered, not only in the selection and use of the sampling device, but also in the interpretation and use of the data generated. Some major considerations in the selection of sampling equipment for the collection of a sample are listed ~~below~~:
below:

5.3.1 The ability to access and extract from every relevant location in the target population,

5.3.2 The ability to collect a sufficient mass of sample such that the distribution of particle sizes in the population are represented, and

TABLE 1 Equipment Selection—Matrix Guide

Equipment (May be used for discrete sample collection)	Water and Waste Water/Wastewater			Sediment	Soil	Waste				
	Surface Water	Ground Water	Point Discharge			Liquid	Multi-Layer Liquid	Mixed Phase Solid/Liquid	Consolidated Solid	Unconsolidated Solid
Pumps and Siphons										
Automatic Sampler—Non-volatiles	√D6538 ^G	√D6538 ^G	-	-	N	N	N	-	-	-
Automatic Sampler—Non Volatiles	√D6538 ^G	-	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Automatic Composite Sampler—Volatiles	√	-	√	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Air/Gas Displacement Pump	-	√D4448 ^G	√	-	-	-	√	-	-	-
Piston Displacement Pump	-	√D4448 ^G	√	-	-	-	N	-	-	-
Bladder Pumps	-	√D4448 ^G	√	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
	-	D6771 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corrugated Bladder Pumps	-	√D6634 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peristaltic Pump	√D6759 ^P	√D4448 ^G	√D6759 ^P	-	-	√D6759 ^P	√D6759 ^P	N	-	-
	-	√D7353 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centrifugal Submersible Pump	√	√D4448 ^G	√	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
	-	√D6771 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gear Drive Pump	√	√D6634 ^G	√	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Progressing Cavity Pump	√	√D6634 ^G	√	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Inertia Lift Pump	-	√D4448 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dredges										
Ekman Dredge	-	-	-	√D4387 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	D4343 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	√E1391 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersen Dredge	-	-	-	√D4387 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	√E1391 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponar Dredge	-	-	-	√D4387 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	D4342 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	√E1391 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	D4342 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discrete Depth Samplers										
Bacon Bomb	√D6759 ^P	-	-	-	-	√D6759 ^P	N	-	-	-
Kemmerer Sampler	√D4136 ^P	-	-	-	-	√D6759 ^P	N	-	-	-
	D6759 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syringe Sampler	√D5743 ^G	-	N	-	-	√D6759 ^P	√D6759 ^P	√D6759 ^P	-	-
	D6759 ^P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peristaltic Pump	√D6759 ^P	√D4448 ^G	√D6759 ^P	-	-	√D6759 ^P	√D6759 ^P	N	-	-
Lidded Sludge/Water Sampler	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	√D6759 ^P	-	N
Discrete Level Sampler	√D6759 ^P	√	√D6759 ^P	-	-	√D6759 ^P	√D6759 ^P	-	-	-
HYDRASleeve	N	√D4448 ^G	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-
HYDRASleeve	N	√D7929 ^G	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Snap Sampler	-	√D4448 ^G	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Snap Sampler	-	√D7929 ^G	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Drive Push Samplers										
Drive/ Push/Drill Samplers										
Direct-Push Water Sampler	-	√	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Direct-Push Water Sampler	-	√	-	-√	-√	N	-	-	-	-
Probe Sampler, Hand Use	-	-	-	N	√	-	-	N	-	√
Probe Sampler, Rig Use	-	-	-	√D4823 ^G	√	√	√	N	-	N
Split-Barrel Sampler	-	-	-	√	√D1586 TM	-	-	N	-	N
	-	-	-	-	√D4700 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Split-Barrel Sampler	-	-	-	√	√D1586 ^T	-	-	N	-	N
	-	-	-	-	√D6640 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
Continuous Core Sampler	-	-	-	√	√D5784	-	-	√	-	N
Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	-	-	-	-	√D3550 ^P	-	-	√	-	N
	-	-	-	-	D6640 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
Thin-Walled Tube	-	-	-	√D4823 ^G	√D1587 ^P	-	-	-	-	√
	-	-	-	-	D4700 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Thin-Walled Soil Sampler	-	-	-	√D4823 ^G	√D1587 ^P	-	-	-	-	√
	-	-	-	-	√D6640 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
Direct-Push Single-Tube Soil Sampler	-	-	-	-	√D6640 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	D6282 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Direct-Push Dual-Tube Soil Sampler	-	-	-	-	√D6640 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	D6282 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Sonic Drill Soil and Rock Sampler	-	-	-	-	√D6914 ^P	-	-	-	√	-
Soil Corers	-	-	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-
Coring-Type w/Valve (Hand Use)	-	-	-	N	√D4823 ^G	-	-	√	-	√
Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve	-	-	-	√D4823 ^G	N	-	-	√	-	√
Concentric Tube Thief (Hand Use)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√
Concentric Tube Thief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√

TABLE 1 Continued

Equipment (May be used for discrete sample collection)	Water and Waste			Sediment	Soil	Waste				
	Surface Water	Wastewater				Liquid	Multi-Layer Liquid	Mixed Phase Solid/Liquid	Consolidated Solid	Unconsolidated Solid
		Ground Water	Point Discharge							
Trier (Hand Use)	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	N	-	✓D5451 ^P ✓E300 ^P
Trier	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	N	-	✓D5451 ^P ✓E300 ^P
Miniature Core Sampler (Hand Use)	-	-	-	N	D4700 ^G ✓D4547 ^G D6418 ^P	-	-	-	-	N
Handheld Soil Core Sampler	-	-	-	N	D4700 ^G ✓D4547 ^G ✓D8170 ^P	-	-	-	-	N
Modified Syringe Sampler (Hand Use)	-	-	-	N	✓D4547 ^G	-	-	-	-	N
Modified Syringe Sampler	-	-	-	N	✓D4547 ^G	-	-	-	-	N
Rotating Coring Devices										
Screw Auger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Screw Auger	-	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	✓	-
Rotating Corer	-	-	-	✓D4823 ^a	✓D4700 ^G	-	-	-	✓	-
Captive Screw Auger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N	✓
Augers										
Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	-	-	-	N	✓D1452 ^P D4700 ^G	-	-	-	-	✓D1452 ^P
Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	-	-	-	N	✓D1452 ^P D4700 ^G ✓D6907 ^P ✓D6907 ^P	-	-	-	-	✓D1452 ^P ✓D6907 ^P
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	-	-	-	-	✓D1452 ^G ✓D6286 ^G	-	-	-	N	N
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	-	-	-	-	✓D1452 ^G ✓D6286 ^G	-	-	-	N	N
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	-	-	-	-	✓D5784 ^G ✓D6151 ^G	-	-	-	N	N
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	-	✓D5784 ^G	-	-	✓D6169 ^G ✓D6151 ^G	-	-	-	N	N
Peat Borer	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	N
Liquid Profile Devices										
COLIWASA	-	-	-	-	-	✓D5495 ^P ✓D5743 ^G	✓D5495 ^P D5743 ^G	-	-	-
Reusable Point Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓	-	-
Reusable Point Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓	-	-
Drum Thief	-	-	-	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓	-	-
Valved-Drum Sampler	-	-	-	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓	-	-
Valved Sampler	-	-	-	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓	-	-
Plunger-Type Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	-	-
Plunger-Type Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	✓D5743 ^G	-	-
Liquids Profiler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D6759 ^P	✓D6759 ^P	✓D6759 ^P	-	-
Liquid Profiler	N	-	N	-	-	✓D6759 ^P	✓D6759 ^P	✓D6759 ^P	-	-
Surface Sampling Devices (Liquids)										
Bailer	N	✓D4448 ^G ✓D6699 ^P	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Point Sampling Bailer	N	✓D4448 ^G ✓D6699 ^P	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Differential Pressure Bailer	-	✓D6699 ^P	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Dipper	✓D5358 ^P ✓D6759 ^P	-	✓D5013 ^P	-	-	✓D5358 ^P ✓D6759 ^P	-	✓D5358 ^P ✓D6759 ^P	-	-
Liquid Grab Sampler	✓	-	N	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-
Liquid Grab Sampler	✓D6759 ^P	-	N	-	-	✓D6759 ^P	-	✓D6759 ^P	-	-
Swing Jar Sampler	✓	-	N	N	-	✓	✓	N	-	-
Swing Jar Sampler	✓D6759 ^P	-	N	N	-	✓D6759 ^P	-	N	-	-
Passive Water Sampling Devices										
Passive Sampler, Bag Type	✓	✓D7929 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passive Sampler, Chamber Type	-	✓D7929 ^G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Surface Sampling Devices (Solids)										
Multi-Level Sampling Devices										
Impact Devices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Dedicated Type 1	-	✓	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 1 *Continued*

Equipment (May be used for discrete sample collection)	Water and Waste			Sediment	Soil	Waste				
	Water/Wastewater					Liquid	Multi-Layer Liquid	Mixed Phase Solid/Liquid	Consolidated Solid	Unconsolidated Solid
	Surface Water	Ground-Water	Point Discharge							
Spoon	N	-	N	-	√D4700 ^G	N	N	-	-	N
Dedicated Type 2	-	√	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-
Scoops and Trowel	-	-	-	N	√D4700 ^G	N	-	N	-	√
Shovels	-	-	-	N	√D4700 ^G	-	-	N	-	√
Portable	-	N	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Level Sampling Devices										
Surface Sampling Devices (Solids)										
Dedicated Type 1	-	√	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-
Impact Devices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√D5679 ^P	-
Spoon	N	-	N	-	N	N	N	-	-	N
Dedicated Type 2	-	√	-	-	N	-	-	-	-	-
Scoops and Trowels	-	-	-	N	√D5633 ^P	N	-	N	-	√
Portable	-	N	-	-	√	-	-	-	-	-
Shovels	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	N	-	√
Vadose Zone Pore Sampling Devices										
Vacuum Lysimeter	-	N	-	N	√D4696 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Vacuum/Pressure Lysimeter	-	N	-	N	√D4696 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Gas Adsorber	N	N	-	N	√D5314 ^G	-	-	-	-	-
Passive Soil Gas Sampler	N	N	-	N	√D7758 ^P	-	-	-	-	-
√ = Equipment may be used with this matrix N = Not equipment of choice but use is possible - = Not recommended										
^G = ASTM Guide TM = ASTM Test Method ^P = ASTM Practice										
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5.3.3 The ability to collect a sample without the addition or loss of constituents of interest.

5.4 The characteristics discussed in 5.3 are particularly important in investigations when the target population is heterogeneous, such as when particle sizes vary, liquids are present in distinct phases, a gaseous phase exists, or materials from different sources are present in the population. The consideration of these characteristics during the equipment selection process will enable the data user to make appropriate statistical inferences about the target population based on the sampling results.

5.5 If samples are to be collected for the determination of per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), all sampling equipment should be made of fluorine-free materials. Other considerations for PFAS sampling may exist but are beyond the scope of this standard.

6. Selection Criteria

6.1 Refer to Tables 1 and 2 for a summary of matrix compatibility and selection criteria. Refer to Table 3 for an index of sampling equipment based upon sample type and matrix to be sampled.

6.2 *Compatibility*—It is important that sampling equipment, other equipment which may come in contact with samples (such as gloves, mixing pans, knives, spatulas, spoons, etc.), and sample containers be constructed of materials that are compatible with the matrices and analytes of interest. Incompatibility may result in the contamination of the sample and the degradation of the sampling equipment. Appropriate sampling equipment must be compatible chemically and physically.

6.2.1 *Chemical Compatibility*—The effects of a matrix on the sampling equipment is usually considered in the light of the analytes, or groups of analytes of interest. For example, poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) has been found to degrade in the presence of many separate phase organic compounds in water; therefore, it would be preferable to collect ground-water samples for organic analyses using polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), fluoropolymer, stainless steel, or glass sampling equipment (1, 2).⁴ Acids, bases, and high-chloride ground-water in coastal areas, and wastes with high concentrations of

⁴ The boldface numbers in parentheses refer to the list of references at the end of this standard.

TABLE 2 Sampling Equipment Selection Guide

Equipment	Chemical	Physical	Effect on Sample	Volume Range	Physical	Ease of Operation	Decon	Disposal or Reuse
Pumps and Siphon								
Pumps and Siphons								
Automatic Sampler–Nonvolatiles	X	X	✓	U	B/P	✓	X	R
Automatic Composite Sampler–Volatiles	X	X	✓	U	B/P	X	X	R
Air/Gas Displacement Pump	✓	X	X	U	P/S/W	X	X	R
Piston Displacement Pump	✓	X	X	U	P/S/W	X	X	R
Bladder Pumps	✓	X	✓	U	P	X	X	R
Corrugated Bladder Pump	✓	X	✓	U	P	✓	X	R
Peristaltic Pump	X	X	✓	U	B/P	X	✓	R
Centrifugal Submersible Pump	X	X	X	U	P/S/W	✓	X	R
Gear Drive Pump	X	X	X	U	B/P	✓	X	D/R
Progressive Cavity Pump	X	X	X	U	P	✓	X	R
Inertia Lift Pump	X	X	X	U	B/N	✓	✓	R
Dredges								
Ekman-Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	N	X	X	R
Ekman Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	N	X	X	R
Petersen-Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	W	X	X	R
Petersen Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	W	X	X	R
Ponar-Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	W	X	X	R
Ponar Dredge	✓	✓	X	0.5-3.0	W	X	X	R
Discrete Depth Samplers								
Bacon-Bomb	X	X	✓	0.1-0.94	N	✓	X	R
Bacon Bomb	X	X	✓	0.1-0.94	N	✓	X	R
Kemmerer-Sampler	X	X	X	1.0-2.0	N	X	X	R
Kemmerer Sampler	X	X	X	1.0-2.0	N	X	X	R
Syringe Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.2-0.5	N	✓	X	R
Syringe Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.2-0.5	N	✓	X	R
Lidded Sludge/Water Sampler	✓	X	X	1.0	S/W	X	X	R
Discrete-Level-Sampler	✓	X	✓	0.2-0.5	N	✓	✓	R
Discrete Level Sampler	✓	X	✓	0.2-0.5	N	✓	✓	R
Bailer	X	✓	X	0.5-2.0	N	✓	✓	D/R
Point Sampling-Bailer	X	✓	✓	0.5-2.0	N	✓	✓	R
Differential-Pressure-Bailer	✓	✓	✓	0.04-1.0	N	✓	X	R
Dipper	✓	X	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Liquid-Grab-Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Swing-Jar-Sampler	X	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
HYDRASleeve	✓	✓	✓	0.6-3.1	N	✓	✓	D
HYDRASleeve	✓	✓	✓	0.6-3.1	N	✓	✓	D
Snap-Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.04-0.35	N	✓	X	R
Snap Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.04-0.35	N	✓	X	R
Drive/Push Samplers								
Drive/Push/Drill Samplers								
Direct-Push-Water-Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.3	P/S/W	X	X	R
Direct-Push Water Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.3	P/S/W	X	X	R
Probe Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.2-2.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Split-Barrel Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-30.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Split-Barrel Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-30.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-30.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Thin-Walled-Tube	✓	✓	X	0.5-5.0	S/W	✓	✓	R
Thin-Walled Tube Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-5.0	S/W	✓	✓	R
Direct-Push Single-Tube Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-30.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Direct-Push Dual-Tube Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-30.0	S/W	X	✓	R
Sonic Drill Soil and Rock Sampler	✓	✓	X	0.5-100	S/W/P	X	✓	R
Coring-Type w/Valve	✓	✓	✓	0.2-1.5	N	✓	✓	R
Soil Corers	✓	✓	X	0.2-1	N	✓	✓	R
Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve	✓	✓	✓	0.2-1.5	N	✓	✓	R
Concentric Tube Thief	✓	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Concentric Tube Thief	✓	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Trier	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	✓	R
Trier	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	✓	R
Miniature Core Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.01-0.05	N	✓	✓	D
Handheld Core Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.01-0.05	N	✓	✓	D
Modified-Syringe-Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.01-0.05	N	✓	X	D
Modified Syringe Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.01-0.05	N	✓	X	D
Rotating Coring Devices								
Screw Auger	✓	X	X	0.1-0.3	N	X	✓	R
Screw Auger	✓	X	X	0.1-0.3	N	X	✓	R
Rotating-Corer	✓	✓	X	0.5-1.0	B/P	✓	✓	R
Rotating Corer	✓	✓	X	0.5-1.0	B/P	✓	✓	R
Captive-Screw-Augur	X	✓	X	1-2	P	✓	✓	R

TABLE 2 *Continued*

Equipment	Chemical	Physical	Effect on Sample	Volume Range	Physical	Ease of Operation	Decon	Disposal or Reuse
Captive Screw Auger	X	✓	X	1-2	P	✓	✓	R
Augers								
Bucket Auger	✓	X	X	0.2-1.0	N	X	✓	R
Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	✓	X	X	0.2-1.0	N	X	✓	R
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	X	✓	X	U	P/S/W	X	✓	R
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	X	✓	X	U	P/S/W	X	✓	R
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	X	✓	X	U	P/S/W	X	✓	R
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	X	✓	X	U	P/S/W	X	✓	R
Peat Borer	X	✓	✓	0.3	S	X	X	R
Peat Borer	X	✓	✓	0.3	N	✓	X	R
Liquid Profile Devices								
COLIWASA	✓	X	✓	0.5-3.0	N	✓	X	D/R
COLIWASA	✓	X	✓	0.5-3.0	N	✓	X	D/R
Reuseable Point Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.2-0.6	N	✓	✓	R
Reuseable Point Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.2-0.6	N	✓	✓	R
Drum Thief	✓	X	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	X	D/R
Drum Thief	✓	X	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	X	D/R
Valved Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.3-1.6	N	✓	✓	D/R
Valved Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.3-1.6	N	✓	✓	D/R
Plunger-Type Sampler	✓	X	✓	0.2-U	N	✓	✓	D/R
Plunger-Type Sampler	✓	X	✓	0.2-U	N	✓	✓	D/R
Liquids Profiler	X	X	✓	1.3-4.0	N	✓	✓	R
Liquid Profiler	X	X	✓	1.3-4.0	N	✓	✓	R
Surface Sampling Devices (Liquids)								
Bailer	X	✓	X	0.5-2.0	N	✓	✓	D/R
Point Sampling Bailer	X	✓	✓	0.5-2.0	N	✓	✓	R
Differential Pressure Bailer	✓	✓	✓	0.04-1.0	N	✓	X	R
Dipper	✓	X	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Liquid Grab Sampler	✓	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Swing Jar Sampler	X	✓	✓	0.5-1.0	N	✓	✓	R
Passive Water Sampling Devices								
Passive Sampler, Bag Type	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.2	N	✓	✓	D/R
Passive Sampler, Bag Type	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.2	N	✓	✓	D/R
Passive Sampler, Chamber Type	✓	✓	✓	1-4	W/S	X	X	D/R
Passive Sampler, Chamber Type	✓	✓	✓	1-4	W/S	X	X	D/R
Multi-Level Sampling Devices								
Dedicated Type 1	✓	✓	✓	U	W/S	X	X	D/R
Dedicated Type 2	✓	✓	✓	U	W/S	X	X	D
Portable	✓	✓	✓	0.01	N	X	X	DR
Surface Sampling Devices (Solids)								
Impact Devices	X	X	X	N/A	B/P	✓	✓	R
Spoon	✓	✓	X	N/A	N	✓	✓	R
Scoops and Trowel	✓	✓	X	0.1-0.6	N	✓	✓	R
Scoops and Trowels	✓	✓	X	0.1-0.6	N	✓	✓	R
Shovels	✓	✓	X	1.0-5.0	N	✓	✓	R
Shovels	✓	✓	X	1.0-5.0	N	✓	✓	R
Vadose Zone Pore Sampling Devices								
Vacuum-Lysimeter	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	✓	D/R
Vacuum Lysimeter	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	N	✓	✓	D/R
Vacuum/Pressure Lysimeter	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	S/P	✓	✓	D
Vacuum/Pressure Lysimeter	✓	✓	✓	0.1-0.5	S/P	✓	✓	D
Gas Adsorber	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N	✓	✓	D
Passive Soil Gas Samplers	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N	✓	✓	D
X = Significant operational consideration ✓ = Not a significant operational consideration Range of Volume (liters): U = Unlimited N/A = Not Applicable Physical Requirements: B = Battery W = Weight P = Power S = Size N = No limitations Disposal and Reuse: R = Reusable D = Single Use								
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solvents may also degrade many types of sampling equipment over time. The residence or contact time, the time the sample is in contact with the sampling equipment, may be significant in terms of chemical interaction between the sampled matrix and the equipment.

TABLE 3 Index of Sampling Equipment

Media Type	Sampler Type	Section/Subsection	Sample Type	
Consolidated Consolidated Solid	Rotating Corer	(7.6.2)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed	
	Screw Auger	(7.6.1)	Surface, Disturbed	
	Rotating Corer	(7.6.2)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Impact Device	(7.11.1)	Surface, Disturbed	
Unconsolidated Solid	Impact Devices	(7.11.1)	Surface, Disturbed	
	Lidded Sludge	(7.4.4)	Discrete, Composite	
	Lidded Sludge/Water Sampler	(7.4.4)	Discrete, Composite	
	Probe Sampler	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed	
	Split-Barrel Sampler	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed	
	Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Undisturbed	
	Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	(7.5.3)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Thin-Walled Tube Sampler	(7.5.4)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed	
	Direct-Push Single-Tube Sampler	(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Representative	
	Direct-Push Dual-Tube Sampler	(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Representative	
	Sonic Drill Coring	(7.5.7)	Continuous, Representative/Disturbed	
	Soil Corers	(7.5.8)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve	(7.5.9)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
	Concentric Tube Thief	(7.5.7.1)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
	Concentric Tube Thief	(7.5.10)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
	Trier	(7.5.7.2)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective	
	Trier	(7.5.10)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective	
Unconsolidated	Thin-Walled Tube	(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed	
	Handheld Core Sampler	(7.5.11)	Surface, Undisturbed	
Solid	Coring-Type w/Valve	(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
	Modified Syringe	(7.5.12)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Captive Screw Auger	(7.6.3)	Discrete, Disturbed	
	Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	(7.7.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
	Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.2.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
	Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.2.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
	Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.2.2)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed (if from flights)	
	Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.2.3)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed (if from flights)	
	Captive Screw Auger	(7.6.3)	Discrete, Disturbed	
	Peat Borer	(7.7.3)	Discrete, Relatively Undisturbed	
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
	Scoops/Trowel	(7.11.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
	Scoops and Trowels	(7.11.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
	Shovel	(7.11.4)	Surface, Disturbed	
	Shovels	(7.11.4)	Surface, Disturbed	
	Miniature Core	(7.5.8)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Modified Syringe	(7.5.9)	Surface, Undisturbed	
	Probe Sampler	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed	
	Soil	Split-Barrel Sampler	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Representative
		Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Undisturbed
		Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Representative
		Trier	(7.5.7.2)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective
		Thin-Walled Tube	(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
Thin-Walled Tube Sampler		(7.5.4)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed	
Direct-Push Single-Tube Sampler		(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Representative	
Direct-Push Dual-Tube Sampler		(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Representative	
Sonic Drill Coring		(7.5.7)	Subsurface, Representative/Disturbed	
Soil Corers		(7.5.8)	Surface, Disturbed	
Coring-Type w/Valve		(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve		(7.5.9)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
Hand-Operated Bucket Auger		(7.7.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
Trier		(7.5.10)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective	
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger		(7.7.2.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
Solid-Stem Flighted Auger		(7.7.2.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed	
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger		(7.7.2.2)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed (if from flights)	
Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger		(7.7.2.3)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed (if from flights)	
Peat Borer		(7.7.3)	Discrete, Relatively Undisturbed	
Spoon		(7.11.2)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
Scoops/Trowel		(7.11.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
Scoops and Trowels		(7.11.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective	
Shovel		(7.11.4)	Surface, Disturbed	
Shovels	(7.11.4)	Surface, Disturbed		
Miniature Core	(7.5.8)	Surface, Undisturbed		
Modified Syringe	(7.5.9)	Surface, Undisturbed		
Vacuum Lysimeter	(7.12.1)	Surface to Depth, Pore Liquid		
Vacuum/Pressure Lysimeter	(7.12.2)	Depth, Pore Liquid		
Gas Adsorber	(7.12.3)	Surface to Depth, Soil Gas		
Passive Soil Gas Samplers	(7.12.3)	Surface to Depth, Soil Gas		
Mixed Solid/Liquid	Auto Sampler, Non-V.	(7.2.1)	Shallow, Composite-Suspended Solids only	
	Autosampler, Non-Volatiles	(7.2.1)	Shallow, Composite, Suspended solids only	
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow, Discrete or Composite-Suspended Solids Only	
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow, Discrete or Composite, Suspended solids only	

TABLE 3 *Continued*

Media Type	Sampler Type	Section/ Subsection	Sample Type
Mixed-Solid/Liquid	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow, Discrete, Disturbed
	Lidded Sludge/Water Dipper	(7.4.4)	Discrete, Composite
	Liquid Grab Sampler	(7.4.9)	Shallow, Composite
	Swing Jar Sampler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, Composite, Suspended solids only
	Probe Sampler	(7.4.11)	Shallow, Composite
	Split-Barrel Sampler	(7.5.2)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Split-Barrel	(7.5.2)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	(7.5.3)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Peat Borer	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Relatively Undisturbed
	Soil Corers	(7.7.3)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve	(7.5.8)	Depth, Disturbed
	Trier	(7.5.9)	Surface, Semi-solid only, Selective
	Trier	(7.5.7.2)	Surface, Semi-solid only, Selective
	Coring-Type w/Valve	(7.5.10)	Depth, Disturbed
	Peat Borer	(7.5.6)	Discrete, Relatively Undisturbed
	COLIWASA	(7.7.3)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-liquid only
	COLIWASA	(7.8.1)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-liquid only
	Reusable Point	(7.8.1)	Shallow, Discrete
	Reusable Point Sampler	(7.8.1.2)	Shallow, Discrete
	Plunger-Type	(7.8.1.3)	Shallow, Discrete
	Liquids Profiler	(7.8.4)	Shallow, Discrete
	Drum Thief	(7.8.5)	Depth, Composite-Suspended Solids-only
	Drum Thief	(7.8.2)	Shallow, Composite-Semi-Liquid-only
	Valved	(7.8.2)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-liquid only
	Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow, Composite-Semi-Liquid-only
	Dipper	(7.8.3)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-liquid only
	Plunger-Type Sampler	(7.4.9)	Shallow, Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.4)	Shallow, Discrete
	Liquid Profiler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, Composite-Suspended Solids-only
	Swing Jar	(7.8.5)	Depth, Composite, Suspended solids only
	Scoops/Trowel	(7.4.11)	Shallow, Composite
	Scoops and Trowels	(7.11.3)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only
Shovel	(7.11.3)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only	
Shovels	(7.11.4)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only	
Sediment	Ekman Dredge	(7.11.4)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only
	Petersen Dredge	(7.3.1)	Bottom, Surface, Soft only, Disturbed
	Ponar Dredge	(7.3.2)	Bottom, Surface, Rocky or Soft, Disturbed
	Probe Sampler	(7.3.3)	Bottom, Surface, Rocky or Soft, Disturbed
	Split-Barrel Sampler	(7.5.2)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Ring-Lined Barrel Sampler	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Thin-Walled Tube Sampler	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Split-Barrel	(7.5.4)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Coring-Type Sampler w/ Valve	(7.5.3)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Relatively Undisturbed
	Handheld Core Sampler	(7.5.9)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Thin-Walled Tube	(7.5.11)	Exposed Surface only, Undisturbed
Sediments	Modified Syringe	(7.5.5)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Coring-Type w/Valve	(7.5.12)	Exposed Surface only, Undisturbed
	Rotating Corer	(7.5.6)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	(7.6.2)	Bottom, Surface, Undisturbed if solid
	Hand-Operated Bucket Auger	(7.7.1)	Bottom Surface, Disturbed
	Solid-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Hollow-Stem Flighted Auger	(7.7.2.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Peat Borer	(7.7.2.3)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed (if from flights)
	Rotating Corer	(7.7.3)	Discrete, Relatively Undisturbed
	Scoops, Trowel	(7.6.2)	Bottom Surface, Undisturbed if solid
	Scoops and Trowels	(7.11.3)	Exposed Surface only, Disturbed, Selective
	Shovel	(7.11.3)	Exposed Surface only, Disturbed, Selective
	Shovels	(7.11.4)	Exposed Surface only, Disturbed
	Surface Water	Minature Core	(7.11.4)
Modified Syringe		(7.5.8)	Exposed Surface only, Undisturbed
Auto-Splr.—Non-Vols.		(7.5.9)	Exposed Surface only, Undisturbed
Autosampler, Non-Volatiles		(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete or Composite
Auto-Splr.—Vols.		(7.2.1)	7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete or Composite
Autosampler, Volatiles		(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete
Peristaltic Pump		(7.2.1)	7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete
Peristaltic Pump		(7.2.5)	Shallow(25-ft), Discrete
Centrifugal Sub. Pump		(7.2.5)	Shallow, up to 7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete
Centrifugal Submersible Pump		(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
Gear Drive Pump		(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
Surface-Water	Progressing Cavity Pump	(7.2.7)	Depth, Discrete
	Progressing Cavity Pump	(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Bacon Bomb	(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Kemmerer	(7.4.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Kemmerer Sampler	(7.4.2)	Depth, Discrete

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Media Type	Sampler Type	Section/Subsection	Sample Type
	Discrete Level Sampler	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Plunger-Type	(7.8.4)	Shallow (12 ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow (10 ft), Composite
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.4.10)	Shallow (6 ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab Sampler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, 1.8 m (6 ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.4.11)	Shallow, (10 ft), Composite
	Swing Jar Sampler	(7.4.11)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite
	Plunger-Type Sampler	(7.8.4)	Shallow, 3.65 m (12 ft), Discrete
	Liquid Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow (1 in.), Composite
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow, 2.5 cm (1 in.), Composite
Groundwater	Air/Gas Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Corrugated Bladder Pump	(7.2.4)	Depth, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	25-ft Lift, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
	Centrifugal Submersible Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
	Gear Drive Pump	(7.2.7)	Depth, Discrete
	Progressing Cavity Pump	(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete
Ground Water	Inertia Lift Pump	(7.2.9)	Depth, Discrete
	Inertia Lift Pump	(7.2.9)	Depth, Discrete
	Discrete Level Sampler	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Direct Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Bailer	(7.4.6)	Depth, Composite
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.4.7)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Differential Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Direct Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Bag Type Diffusion	(7.9.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Passive Sampler, Bag Type	(7.9.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Chamber Type Diffusion	(7.9.2)	Multiple Depths, Discrete
	Passive Sampler, Chamber Type	(7.9.2)	Multiple Depths, Discrete
	Dedicated Multi-Level Type 1	(7.10.1)	Multiple Depths, Discrete
	Dedicated Multi-Level Type 2	(7.10.1)	Multiple Depths, Discrete
	Portable Multi-Level	(7.10.2)	Multiple Depths, Discrete, Pore water
Liquid Effluent	Auto Spr. Non Vols.	(7.2.1)	Shallow (25 ft), Discrete or Composite
	Autosampler, Non-Volatiles	(7.2.1)	7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete or Composite
	Auto Spr. Vols.	(7.2.1)	Shallow (25 ft), Discrete
	Autosampler, Volatiles	(7.2.1)	7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow (25 ft), Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow, up to 7.6 m (25 ft) Lift, Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
	Centrifugal Submersible Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete
	Gear Drive Pump	(7.2.7)	Depth, Discrete
	Progressing Cavity Pump	(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Bacon Bomb	(7.4.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Kemmerer Sampler	(7.4.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete
	Discrete Level Sampler	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab Sampler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, 1.8 m (6 ft), Composite
	Swing Jar Sampler	(7.4.11)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite
	HYDRASleeve	(7.4.12)	Depth, Discrete
Liquid Effluent	Snap Sampler	(7.4.13)	Depth, Discrete
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow (8 ft), Discrete
	Reusable Point Sampler	(7.8.1.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete
	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Reusable Point	(7.8.1.2)	Shallow (8 ft), Discrete
	Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow, Discrete
	Plunger-Type	(7.8.4)	Shallow (12 ft), Discrete
	Plunger-Type Sampler	(7.8.4)	Shallow, 3.7 m (12 ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Liquid Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow (10 ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.4.10)	Shallow (6 ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.4.11)	Shallow (10 ft), Composite
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow (1 in.), Composite
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow, 2.5 cm (1 in.), Composite
Liquid	Air Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Air/Gas Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete

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Media Type	Sampler Type	Section/ Subsection	Sample Type	
Liquid	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete	
	Corrugated Bladder Pump	(7.2.4)	Depth, Discrete	
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete	
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow, 7.6 m (25 ft), Discrete	
	Centrifugal Sub-Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete	
	Centrifugal Submersible Pump	(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete	
	Gear Drive Pump	(7.2.7)	Depth, Discrete	
	Progressing Cavity Pump	(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete	
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete	
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete	
	Lidded Sludge/Water	(7.4.4)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete	
	Lidded Sludge/Water	(7.4.4)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete	
	Discrete Level Sampler	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete	
	Bailer	(7.4.6)	Depth, Discrete	
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.4.7)	Depth, Discrete	
	Differential Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete	
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite	
	Liquid Grab Sampler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, 1.8 m (6 ft), Composite	
	Swing Jar Sampler	(7.4.11)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite	
	Direct-Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete	
	Direct-Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1)	Depth, Discrete	
	GOLIWASA	(7.8.1)	Shallow (4-ft), Composite	
	COLIWASA	(7.8.1)	Shallow, 1.2 m (4 ft), Composite	
	Reuseable Point	(7.8.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete	
	Reusable Point Sampler	(7.8.1.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete	
	Plunger-Type	(7.8.4)	Shallow, (12-ft), Discrete	
	Liquids Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite	
	Drum Thief	(7.8.2)	Shallow (3-ft), Composite	
	Drum Thief	(7.8.2)	Shallow, 0.9 m (3 ft), Composite	
	Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Composite	
	Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Composite	
	Bailer	(7.4.6)	Depth, Discrete	
	Plunger-Type Sampler	(7.8.4)	Shallow, 3.7 m (12 ft), Discrete	
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.4.7)	Depth, Discrete	
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete	
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite	
	Liquid Grab	(7.4.10)	Shallow (6-ft), Composite	
	Liquid Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite	
	Swing Jar	(7.4.11)	Shallow, (10-ft), Composite	
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow (1 in.), Composite	
	Spoon	(7.11.2)	Shallow, 2.5 cm (1 in.), Composite	
	Scoops & Trowel	(7.11.3)	Shallow, (1 in.), Composite	
	Scoops and Trowels	(7.11.3)	Shallow, 2.5 cm (1 in.), Composite	
	Multi-Layer Liquid	Air-Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
		Air/Gas Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
		Piston Displacement Pump	(7.2.2.2)	Depth Discrete
		Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
		Corrugated Bladder Pump	(7.2.4)	Depth, Discrete
		Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete
		Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.5)	Shallow, 7.6 m (25 ft), Discrete
Centrifugal Sub-Pump		(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete	
Centrifugal Submersible Pump		(7.2.6)	Depth, Discrete	
Gear Drive Pump		(7.2.7)	Depth, Discrete	
Progressing Cavity Pump		(7.2.8)	Depth, Discrete	
Syringe Sampler		(7.4.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete	
Syringe Sampler		(7.4.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete	
Discrete Level		(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete	
Discrete Level Sampler		(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete	
Multi-Layer Liquid	Bailer	(7.4.6)	Depth, Discrete	
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.4.7)	Depth, Discrete	
	Differential Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete	
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite	
	Liquid Grab Sampler	(7.4.10)	Shallow, 1.8 m (6 ft), Composite	
	Swing Jar Sampler	(7.4.11)	Shallow, 3 m (10 ft), Composite	
	Direct-Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete	
	Direct-Push Water Sampler	(7.5.1)	Depth, Discrete	
	GOLIWASA	(7.8.1)	Shallow (4-ft), Composite	
	COLIWASA	(7.8.1)	Shallow, 1.2 m (4 ft), Composite	
	Reuseable Point	(7.8.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete	
	Reusable Point Sampler	(7.8.1.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Discrete	
	Plunger-Type	(7.8.4)	Shallow, (12-ft), Discrete	
	Liquids Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite	
	Drum Thief	(7.8.2)	Shallow (3-ft), Composite	
Drum Thief	(7.8.2)	Shallow, 0.9 m (3 ft), Composite		
Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Composite		

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Media Type	Sampler Type	Section/Subsection	Sample Type
	Valved Sampler	(7.8.3)	Shallow, 2.4 m (8 ft), Composite
	Bailer	(7.4.6)	Depth, Discrete
	Plunger-Type Sampler	(7.8.4)	Shallow, 3.7 m (12 ft), Discrete
	Point-Sampling Bailer	(7.4.7)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.4.8)	Depth, Discrete
	Dipper	(7.4.9)	Shallow (10 ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.4.10)	Shallow (6 ft), Composite
	Liquid Profiler	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.4.11)	Shallow (10 ft), Composite

6.2.1.1 The choice of materials used in the construction of sampling devices should be based upon a knowledge of what constituents may be present in the sampling environment because the constituents and materials may interact chemically or be incompatible. Consult available chemical compatibility charts.

6.2.1.2 If samples are to be collected for the determination of per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), all sampling equipment should be made of fluorine-free materials. Other considerations for PFAS sampling may exist but are beyond the scope of this standard.

6.2.2 *Physical Compatibility*—The sampling equipment should also be compatible with the physical characteristics of the matrices to be sampled. Equipment used to dig or core (shovels, augers, ~~coreing-type~~ coreing-type samplers) should be constructed of material that will not deform during use, use or be abraded by the material being sampled. Equipment abrasion may result in the contribution of contaminants to the sample being collected. For example, plastic or glass would not be appropriate for ~~difficult-to-access~~ difficult-to-access matrices, and stainless steel equipment may contribute small amounts of metals if significantly abraded by the matrix.

NOTE 1—Information on sample containers and equipment used in sampling that is not used in the actual collection of the sample is not within the scope of this guide.

6.3 *Equipment Effects on the Matrix:*

6.3.1 *Equipment Design*—Samples collected using inappropriate sampling equipment may not provide representative samples **(1, 3)**. An example of equipment design influencing sample results is a sampler which excludes certain sized particles from a soil matrix or waste pile sample. The shape of some scoops may influence the distribution of particle sizes collected from a sample **(1)**. Dredges used to collect river or estuarine stationary sediments may also exclude certain sized particles, particularly the fines fraction which may contain a significant percentage of some contaminants such as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

6.3.2 *Equipment Use*—Inappropriate use of sampling equipment can influence analytical ~~results~~ results **(1, 3)**. For example, if a pump is used to purge a well and the intake is placed below the well screen, sediment in the sump can be put into suspension and become part of the water sample **(4)**. Excessive vacuum generated by sampling pumps can cause loss of volatile constituents or change valence states of some ions. The use of bailers for well purging and sample collection may also cause increased turbidity levels in ~~ground-water samples~~ groundwater samples and result in elevated organic and inorganic target analyte concentrations in the sample. When sampling containerized liquids, insertion of a COLIWASA sampler at too fast a rate may prevent it from collecting a representative, depth integrated sample.

6.4 *Sample Volume Capabilities*—Most sampling devices will provide adequate sample volume. However, the sampling equipment volumes should be compared to the volume necessary for all required analyses including the additional amount necessary for quality control (QC), split, and ~~repeat~~ replicate samples **(4, 5)**. Sampling devices which may not provide an adequate volume would be ~~small diameter~~ small-diameter glass tubes, tubes and triers. In this case, the investigator must consider the following options:

6.4.1 A similar device with an increased capacity,

6.4.2 An alternate device with an increased capacity, or

6.4.3 Modification of an existing device (often difficult or impractical).

6.4.4 If these alternatives are not acceptable or available, then the investigator must consider the collection of multiple aliquots to fulfill the sample volume requirement. The effect of multiple aliquots on the data quality objectives should be considered.

6.5 *Physical Requirements*—Sampling equipment selection should always consider factors such as the size and weight of the equipment, power requirements (battery/110V), and ancillary equipment required (~~drill rig for split barrel samplers~~). ~~(for example, drill rig for direct-push technologies such as split-barrel samplers and augers)~~. Most sampling equipment used in the collection of environmental samples is relatively easy to transport and use in the field. The use of equipment with significant physical requirements may impede the progress of a sampling investigation.

6.6 *Ease of Operation*—Much of the equipment used for environmental sampling is rather simple to employ. Samples may be collected easily as long as properly selected equipment is used with adequate consideration of the matrix of interest. ~~Sampling errors may occur as a result of inadequate consideration of matrix effects, and poor collection techniques (1, 3)~~. Training requirements should focus on the proper use of equipment in varying environmental matrices.

6.7 *Decontamination and Reuse of Equipment:*

6.7.1 *Decontamination (see Practice D5088)*—Inadequate decontamination of sampling equipment can result in significant errors in analytical results. When choosing sampling equipment, ease of decontamination must be a consideration. Pumps, automatic samplers, Kemmerer samplers, and dredges require more effort to decontaminate than does a bailer or ~~split-barrel-split-barrel~~ sampler. The investigator should consider decontamination requirements prior to the study to avoid significant delays.

6.7.2 *Reuse*—Due to the expense of materials associated with modern sampling equipment (stainless steel, PTFE), most equipment is reusable following proper decontamination. Some equipment such as bailers may be disposed of after use or dedicated to a sampling point to save time during extensive field investigations. Drum thieves and COLIWASA samplers are typically not reused, particularly when waste samples have been collected.

6.8 *Cost*—Detailed information on the cost of sampling equipment is not contained within this guide. Cost is usually a major consideration in the process of sampling equipment selection. In general, the cost of PTFE and stainless steel equipment will be greater than equipment made of glass, PVC, or other plastics. However, the life expectancy for PTFE or stainless steel equipment is usually longer. In addition, labor costs for decontamination of reusable equipment versus the disposal costs of ~~single-use~~ single-use equipment are also relevant considerations. Comments on costs are included in the “Advantages and Limitations” tables, where appropriate.

7. Sampling Equipment

7.1 Presented below are brief descriptions of some sampling equipment used in waste management and in the collection of environmental samples as they relate to waste management activities (6). This is by no means an inclusive list of the sampling equipment which is available to investigators. There are many pieces of equipment that have been designed for specific sampling needs. In addition, investigators may design their own pieces of equipment for a specific project. In all these instances, an investigator must keep in mind the criteria for sampling equipment selection which have been discussed previously in this guide.

7.2 *Pumps and Siphons (see Guide D4448)*—Pumps used for the collection of waste and environmental liquid samples for waste management include automatic samplers and displacement, bladder, peristaltic, and centrifugal pumps.

7.2.1 *Automatic Samplers (see Guide D6538)*—Automatic samplers may be used when samples are to be collected at frequent intervals (see Figs. 1 and 2). They are frequently used in ~~waste water-wastewater~~ collection systems and treatment plants, but they can also be used during stream sampling investigations. They may be used to collect time composite or flow proportional samples. In the flow proportional sampling mode, the samplers are activated by a compatible flow meter. Peristaltic and vacuum pumps are commonly employed as the sampling mechanism. Automatic samplers designed specifically for the collection of samples for volatile organic analyses are available. See Table 4 for advantages and limitations.

NOTE 2—Flow proportional samples can also be collected using a discrete sampler and a flow recorder and manually compositing the individual aliquots in flow proportional amounts.

7.2.2 *Displacement Pumps (see Guide D4448, Practice D6771)*—Displacement pumps are designed for ~~ground water-groundwater~~