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Standard Guide for Selection of Sampling Equipment for Waste and Contaminated Media Data Collection Activities[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers criteria that 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 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 the collection of samples of any suspended materials from flowing rivers or streams. Refer to Guide D 4411 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.

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 The values stated in both inch-pound and SI units are to be regarded separately as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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 guide cannot replace education or experience and should be used in conjunction with professional judgement. Not all aspects of this guide may be applicable in all circumstances. This guide 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 be applied without consideration of a project's many unique aspects. The word "Standard" in the title of this guide means only that it 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

D 1452 Practice for Soil Investigation and Sampling by Auger Borings[2]
D 1586 Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils[2]
D 1587 Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Geotechnical Sampling of Soils[2]
D 3550 Practice for Ring-Lined Barrel Sampling of Soils[2]
D 4136 Practice for Sampling Phytoplankton with Water-Sampling Bottles[3]
D 4342 Practice for Collecting of Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Ponar Grab Sampler[3]
D 4343 Practice for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Ekman Grab Sampler[3]
D 4348 Practice for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertebrates with Holme (Scoop) Grab Sampler[3]
D 4387 Guide for Selecting Grab Sampling Devices for Collecting Benthic Macroinvertibrates[3]
D 4411 Guide for Sampling Fluvial Sediment in Motion[4]
D 4448 Guide for Sampling Groundwater Monitoring Wells[5]
D 4547 Practice for Sampling Waste and Soils for Volatile Organics[5]
D 4687 Guide for General Planning of Waste Sampling[5]

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.08.
[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.05.
[4] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.02.
[5] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.04.

TABLE 1 Equipment Selection—Matrix Guide

Equipment (May be used for discrete sample collection	Water and Waste Water: Surface Water	Water and Waste Water: Ground Water	Water and Waste Water: Point Discharge	Sediment	Soil	Waste: Liquid	Waste: Multi-Layer Liquid	Waste: Mixed Phase Solid/Liquid	Waste: Consolidated Solid	Waste: Unconsolidated Solid
Pumps and Siphons										
Automatic Sampler—Non volatiles	*		*	-	-	N	N	N	-	-
Automatic Composite Sampler—Volatiles	*		*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Air/Gas Displacement Pump		*D 4448^{G}	*	-	-		*	-	-	-
Piston Displacement Pump		*D 4448^{G}	*	-	-		N	-	-	-
Bladder Pumps		*D 4448^{G}	*	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Peristaltic Pump	*	*D 4448^{G}	*	-	-	*	*	N		
Centrifugal Submersible Pump		*	*	-	-			-	-	-
Dredges										
Ekman Dredge	-	-	-	*D 4387^{G} D 4343^{P}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersen Dredge	-	-	-	*D 4387^{G}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ponar Dredge	-	-	-	*D 4387^{G}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discrete Depth Samplers										
Bacon Bomb	*	-	-	-	-	*	N	-	-	-
Kemmerer Sampler	*D 4136^{P}	-	-	-	-	*	N	-	-	-
Syringe Sampler	*D 5743^{G}	-	N	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Peristaltic Pump	*	*D 4448^{G}	*	-	-	*	*	N		
Lidded Sludge/Water Sampler	-	-	-	-	-	N	N	*	-	N
Discrete Level Sampler	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	-
Push Coring Devices										
Temporary G.W. Sampler	-	*	-	-	-	N	-	-	-	-
Penetrating Probe Sampler	-	-	-	N	*	-	-	N	-	*
Split Barrel Sampler	-	-	-	*	*D 1586^{TM} *D 4700^{G}	-	-	N	-	N
Concentric Tube Thief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Trier	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	N	-	*D 5451^{P} *E 300^{P}
Thin Walled Tube	-	-	-	*D 4823^{G}	*D 1587^{P} D 4700^{G}	-	-	-	-	*
Coring Type w/Valve	-	-	-	N	*D 4823^{G}	-	-	*	-	*
Miniature Core Sampler	-	-	-	N	*D 4547^{G} D 6418^{P}	-	-	-	-	N
Modified Syringe Sampler	-	-	-	N	*D 4547^{G}	-	-	-	-	N
Sort Sediment Sampler	-	-	-	*	N	-	-	N	-	N
Rotating Coring Devices										
Bucket Auger	-	-	-	N	*D 1452^{P} D 4700^{G}	-	-	-	-	*
Screw Auger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Rotating Coring Device	-	-	-	*D 4823^{G}	*D 4700^{G}	-	-	-	*	-
Liquid Profile Devices										
COLIWASA	-	-	-	-	-	*D 5495^{P} D 5743^{G}	*D 5495^{P} D 5743^{G}	-	-	
Reuseable Point Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Drum Thief	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Valved Drum Sampler	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Plunger Type Sampler	N	-	N	-	-	*D 5743^{G}	*D 5743^{G}	*D 5743^{G}	-	-
Liquids Profiler	N	-	N	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Surface Sampling Devices										
Bailer	N	*D 4448^{G}	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Point Sampling Bailer	N	*D 4448^{G}	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Differential Pressure Bailer	-	*	-	-	-	N	N	-	-	-
Dipper	*D 5358^{P}	-	*D 5013^{P}	-	-	*D 5358^{P}	-	*D 5358^{P}	-	-
Liquid Grab Sampler	*	-	N	-	-	*	*	*	-	-
Swing Jar Sampler	*	-	N	N	-	*	*	N	-	-
Impact Devices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Spoon	N	-	N	-	*D 4700^{G}	N	N	-	-	N
Scoops and Trowel	-	-	-	N	*D 4700^{G}	N	-	N	-	*
Shovels	-	-	-	N	*D 4700^{G}	-	-	N	-	*

* 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

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								
Automatic Sampler—Nonvolatiles	•	•	√	U	B/P	•	•	R
Automatic Composite Sampler—Volatiles	•	•	√	U	B/P	•	•	R
Air/Gas Displacement Pump	•	•	•	U	P/S/W	•	•	R
Piston Displacement Pump	•	•	•	U	P/S/W	•	•	R
Bladder Pumps	√	•	√	U	P/S/W	•	•	R
Peristaltic Pump	•	•	√	U	B/P	•	√	R
Centrifugal Submersible Pump	•	•	•	U	P/S/W	√	•	R
Dredges								
Ekman Dredge	√	√	•	0.5-3.0	N	•	•	R
Petersen Dredge	√	√	•	0.5-3.0	W	•	•	R
Ponar Dredge	√	√	•	0.5-3.0	W	•	•	R
Discrete Depth Samplers								
Bacon Bomb	•	√	√	0.1-0.5	N	√	•	R
Kemmerer Sampler	•	√	√	1.0-2.0	N	√	•	R
Syringe Sampler	√	√	√	0.2-0.5	N	√	√	R
Lidded Sludge/Water Sampler	√	•	•	1.0	S/W	•	•	R
Discrete Level Sampler	√	•	√	0.2-0.5	N	√	•	R
Push Coring Devices								
Temporary G.W. Sampler	√	√	√	0.1-0.3	P/S/W	•	•	R
Penetrating Probe Sampler	√	√	√	0.2-2.0	S/W	•	√	R
Split Barrel Sampler	√	√	•	0.5-30.0	S/W	√	√	R
Concentric Tube Theif	√	√	√	0.5-1.0	N	√	√	R
Trier	√	√	√	0.1-0.5	N	√	√	R
Thin Walled Tube	√	√	•	0.5-5.0	S/W	√	√	R
Coring Type w/Valve	√	√	√	0.2-1.5	N	√	√	R
Miniature Core Sampler	√	√	√	0.01-0.05	N	√	√	D
Modified Syringe Sampler	√	√	√	0.01-0.05	N	√	√	D
Soft Sediment Sampler	√	√	√	1.6-7.0	N	√	√	R
Rotating Coring Devices								
Bucket Auger	√	√	•	0.2-1.0	N	•	√	R
Screw Auger	√	√	•	0.1-0.3	N	•	√	R
Rotating Coring Device	√	√	•	0.5-1.0	B/P	√	√	R
Liquid Profile Devices								
COLIWASA	√	•	√	0.5-3.0	N	√	•	D/R
Reuseable Point Sampler	√	√	√	0.2-0.6	N	√	√	R
Drun Thief	√	•	√	0.1-0.5	N	√	•	D/R
Valved Drum Sampler	√	√	√	0.3-1.6	N	√	√	D/R
Plunger Type Sampler	√	•	√	0.2-U	N	√	√	D/R
Liquids Profiler	•	√	√	1.3-4.0	N	√	√	R
Surface Sampling Devices								
Bailer	•	√	•	0.5-2.0	N	√	√	D/R
Point Sampling Bailer	•	√	√	0.5-2.0	N	√	√	R
Differential Pressure Bailer	√	√	√	0.04-1.0	N	√	√	R
Dipper	√	√	√	0.5-1.0	N	√	√	R
Liquid Grab Sampler	√	√	√	0.5-1.0	N	√	√	R
Swing Jar Sampler	•	√	√	0.5-1.0	N	√	√	R
Impact Devices	•	•	•	N/A	B/P	√	√	R
Spoon	√	√	•	N/A	N	√	√	R
Scoops and Trowel	√	√	•	0.1-0.6	N	√	√	R
Shovels	√	√	•	1.0-5.0	N	√	√	R

• = Significant operation 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

D 4696 Guide for Pore-Liquid Sampling in the Vadose Zone[2]
D 4700 Guide for Soil Sampling from the Vadose Zone[2]
D 4823 Guide for Core Sampling Submerged, Unconsolidated Sediments[3]
D 5013 Practices for Sampling Wastes from Pipes and Other Point Discharges[3]
D 5079 Practices for Preserving and Transporting Rock Core Samples[6]
D 5088 Practice for Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Nonradioactive Waste Sites[6]
D 5283 Practice for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Quality Assurance and Quality Control Planning and Implementation[5]
D 5314 Guide for Soil Gas Monitoring in the Vadose Zone[6]
D 5358 Practice for Sampling with a Dipper or Pond Sampler[5]
D 5451 Practice for Sampling Using a Trier Sampler[5]
D 5495 Practice for Sampling with a Composite Liquid Waste Sampler COLIWASA[5]

[6] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.09.

D 5633 Practice for Sampling with a Scoop[5]
D 5679 Practice for Sampling Consolidated Solids in Drums or Similar Containers[5]
D 5680 Practice for Sampling Unconsolidated Solids in Drums or Similar Containers[5]
D 5730 Guide for Site Characterization for Environmental Purposes with Emphasis on Soil, Rock, the Vadose Zone and Ground Water[6]
D 5743 Practice for Sampling Single or Multilayered Liquids, With or Without Solids, in Drums or Similar Containers[5]
D 5778 Test Method for Performing Electronic Friction Cone and Piezocone Penetration Testing of Soils[6]
D 5781 Guide for Use of Dual-Wall Reverse-Circulation Drilling for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 5782 Guide for Use of Direct Air-Rotary Drilling for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Use of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 5783 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Drilling with Water-Based Drilling Fluid for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 5784 Guide for Use of Hollow-Stem Augers for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 5875 Guide for Use of Cable-Tool Drilling and Sampling Methods for Geoenvironmental Exploration and Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 5876 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Wireline Casing Advancement Drilling Methods for Geoenvironmental Exploration and Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices[6]
D 6001 Guide for Direct-Push Water Sampling for Geoenvironmental Investigations[6]
D 6044 Guide for Representative Sampling and Management of Waste and Contaminated Media[5]
D 6063 Guide for of Sampling Drums and Similar Containers by Field Personnel[5]
D 6067 Guide for Using the Electronic Cone Penetrometer for Environmental Site Characterization[6]
D 6151 Practice for Using Hollow-Stem Augers for Geotechnical Exploration and Soil Sampling[6]
D 6169 Guide for Selection of Soil and Rock Sampling Devices Used with Drill Rigs for Environmental Investigations[6]
D 6282 Guide for Direct Push Soil Sampling for Environmental Site Characterizations[6]
D 6286 Guide for Selection of Drilling Methods of Environmental Site Characterization[6]
D 6418 Practice for Using the Disposable En Core Sampler for Sampling and Storing Soil for Volatile Organic Analysis[5]
E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals[7]
E 1391 Guide for Collection, Storage, Characterization, and Manipulation of Sediments for Toxicological Testing[3]

3. Terminology

3.1 *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 context of the problem.

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

3.1.5 *matrix*, *n*—the principal constituent(s) of a material.

3.1.6 *unconsolidated*, *adj*—defined for use in this guide 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. **(D 6044)**

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 guide 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, stationary sediment, soil and 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.

[7] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.05.

TABLE 3 Index of Sampling Equipment

Media Type	Sampler Type	Section	Sample Type
Consolidated Solid	Rotating Corer	(7.6.3)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Screw Auger	(7.6.2)	Surface, Disturbed
Unconsolidated Solid	Lidded Sludge	(7.4.4)	Discrete, Composite
	Penetrating Probe	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Concentric Tube Thief	(7.5.4.1)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective
	Trier	(7.5.4.2)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective
	Thin Walled Tube	(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Coring Type w/Valve	(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Bucket Auger	(7.6.1.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Spoon	(7.9.2)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective
	Scoops/Trowel	(7.9.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective
	Shovel	(7.9.4)	Surface, Disturbed
	Miniature Core	(7.5.7)	Surface, Undisturbed
	Modified Syringe	(7.5.8)	Surface, Undisturbed
Soil	Penetrating Probe	(7.5.2)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Discrete, Undisturbed
	Trier	(7.5.4.2)	Surface, Relatively Undisturbed, Selective
	Thin Walled Tube	(7.5.5)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Coring Type w/Valve	(7.5.6)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Bucket Auger	(7.6.1.1)	Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Rotating Corer	(7.9.1)	Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Spoon	(7.9.2)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective
	Scoops/Trowel	(7.9.3)	Surface, Disturbed, Selective
	Shovel	(7.9.4)	Surface, Disturbed
	Miniature Core	(7.5.7)	Surface, Undisturbed
	Modified Syringe	(7.5.8)	Surface, Undisturbed
Mixed Solid/Liquid	AutoSampler, Non V.	(7.2.1)	Shallow, Composite-Suspended Solids only
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	Shallow, Discrete or Composite-Suspended Solids Only
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow, Discrete, Disturbed
	Lidded Sludge/Water	(7.4.4)	Discrete
	Penetrating Probe	(7.5.2)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Depth, Discrete, Undisturbed
	Trier	(7.5.4.2)	Surface, Semi-solid only, Selective
	Coring Type w/Valve	(7.5.6)	Depth, Disturbed
	COLIWASA	(7.7.1)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-liquid only
	Reuseable Point	(7.7.1.2)	Shallow, Discrete
	Plunger Type	(7.7.4)	Shallow, Discrete
	Liquids Profiler	(7.7.5)	Depth, Composite-Suspended Solids only
	Drum Thief	(7.7.2)	Shallow, Composite
	Valved	(7.7.3)	Shallow, Composite
	Dipper	(7.8.4)	Shallow, Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite-Suspended Solids only
	Swing Jar	(7.8.6)	Shallow, Composite
	Scoops/Trowel	(7.8.9)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only
	Shovel	(7.8.10)	Shallow, Composite, Semi-solid only
Sediments	Ekman Dredge	(7.3.1)	Bottom Surface, Soft only, Disturbed
	Petersen Dredge	(7.3.2)	Bottom Surface, Rocky or Soft, Disturbed
	Ponar	(7.3.3)	Bottom Surface, Rocky or Soft, Disturbed
	Penetrating Probe	(7.5.2)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Split Barrel	(7.5.3)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Thin Walled Tube	(7.5.5)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Undisturbed
	Coring Type w/Valve	(7.5.6)	Bottom Surface or Depth, Disturbed
	Bucket Auger	(7.6.1.1)	Bottom Surface, Disturbed
	Soft Sediment	(7.5.9)	Bottom, Depth, Undisturbed
	Rotating Corer	(7.9.1)	Bottom Surface, Undisturbed if solid
	Scoops, Trowel	(7.9.3)	Exposed Surface only, Disturbed, Selective
	Shovel	(7.9.4)	Exposed Surface only, Disturbed

TABLE 3 *Continued*

Media Type	Sampler Type	Section	Sample Type
Surface Water	AutoSplr. -Non Vols.	(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete or Composite
	Auto Splr. - Vols.	(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete
	Air/Gas Displacement	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	Shallow(25-ft), Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Bacon Bomb	(7.4.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Kemmerer	(7.4.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Reuseable Point	(7.7.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Plunger Type	(7.7.4)	Shallow (12-ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profiler	(7.7.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Bailer	(7.8.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.8.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.8.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Dipper	(7.8.4)	Shallow (10-ft.), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.5)	Shallow (6-ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.8.6)	Shallow, (10-ft), Composite
	Spoon	(7.8.8)	Shallow (1-in.), Composite
Ground Water	AutoSplr. -Non Vols.	(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete or Composite
	Auto Splr. - Vols.	(7.2.1)	25-ft Lift, Discrete
	Air/Gas Displacement	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	25-ft Lift, Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Temp. Ground Water	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Bailer	(7.8.1)	Depth, Composite
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.8.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.8.3)	Depth, Discrete
Liquid Effluent	AutoSplr. -Non Vols.	(7.2.1)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete or Composite
	Auto Splr. - Vols.	(7.2.1)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete
	Air/Gas Displacement	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Reuseable Point	(7.7.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Plunger Type	(7.7.4)	Shallow (12-ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profile	(7.7.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Dipper	(7.8.4)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.5)	Shallow (6-ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.8.6)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite
	Spoon	(7.8.8)	Shallow (1-in.), Composite

TABLE 3 *Continued*

Media Type	Sampler Type	Section	Sample Type
	Air/Gas Displacement	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement	(7.2.2.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
Liquid	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	Shallow (25-ft), Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Lidded Sludge/Water	(7.4.4)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Temp. Ground Water	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete
	COLIWASA	(7.7.1)	Shallow (4-ft), Composite
	Reuseable Point	(7.7.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Plunger Type	(7.7.4)	Shallow, (12-ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profile	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Drum Thief	(7.7.2)	Shallow (3-ft), Composite
	Valved Sampler	(7.7.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Composite
	Bailer	(7.8.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.8.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.8.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Dipper	(7.8.4)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.5)	Shallow (6-ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.8.6)	Shallow, (10-ft), Composite
	Spoon	(7.8.8)	Shallow (1-in.), Composite
	Scoops & Trowel	(7.8.9)	Shallow, (1-in.), Composite
	Air/Gas Displacement	(7.2.2.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Piston Displacement	(7.2.2.2)	Depth Discrete
	Bladder Pump	(7.2.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Peristaltic Pump	(7.2.4)	Shallow(25-ft), Discrete
	Centrifugal Sub. Pump	(7.2.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Syringe Sampler	(7.4.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
Multi Layer	Lidded Sludge/Water	(7.4.4)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
Liquid	Discrete Level	(7.4.5)	Depth, Discrete
	Temp. Ground Water	(7.5.1.1)	Depth, Discrete
	COLIWASA	(7.7.1)	Shallow (4-ft), Composite
	Reuseable Point	(7.7.1.2)	Shallow (8-ft), Discrete
	Plunger Type	(7.7.4)	Shallow, (12-ft), Discrete
	Liquids Profile	(7.8.5)	Shallow, Composite
	Drum Thief	(7.7.2)	Shallow (3-ft), Composite
	Valved Sampler	(7.7.3)	Shallow (8-ft), Composite
	Bailer	(7.8.1)	Depth, Discrete
	Point Sampling Bailer	(7.8.2)	Depth, Discrete
	Diff. Pressure Bailer	(7.8.3)	Depth, Discrete
	Dipper	(7.8.4)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite
	Liquid Grab	(7.8.5)	Shallow (6-ft), Composite
	Swing Jar	(7.8.6)	Shallow (10-ft), Composite
	Spoon	(7.8.8)	Shallow (1-in.), Composite

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Although many technical papers address topics important to efficient and accurate sampling investigations (DQO's, study design, QA/QC, data assessment), 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:

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

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 material 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.

6. Selection Criteria

6.1 Refer to Table 1 and Table 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.

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.

6.2 *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, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) has been found to degrade in the presence of many organic compounds; therefore, it would be preferable to collect ground water samples for organic analyses using polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), stainless steel, or glass sampling equipment **(1, 2)**.[8] Acids, bases, and high chloride ground water in coastal areas, and wastes with high concentrations of 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.

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.

6.2.2 *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, coring type samplers) should be constructed of material that will not deform during 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 matrices, and stainless steel equipment may contribute small amounts of metals if significantly abraded by the matrix.

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. For example, if a displacement pump (bladder, piston or air/gas displacement) 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 also may cause increased turbidity levels in ground water samples. 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 samples **(4, 5)**. Sampling devices that may not provide an adequate volume would be small diameter glass 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 collection 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). 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 (Practice D 5088)*—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 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

[8] The boldface numbers given in parentheses refer to a list of references at the end of the text.

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 equipment are 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 that 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 (Guide D 4448)*— 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 (*Fig. 1 *and* Fig. 2*)* — Automatic samplers may be used when samples are to be collected at frequent intervals. They frequently are used in waste-water collection systems and treatment plants, but they also can 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 commonly are 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.

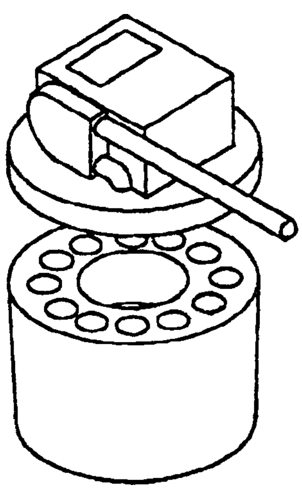

FIG. 1 Automatic Sampler—Non Volatiles

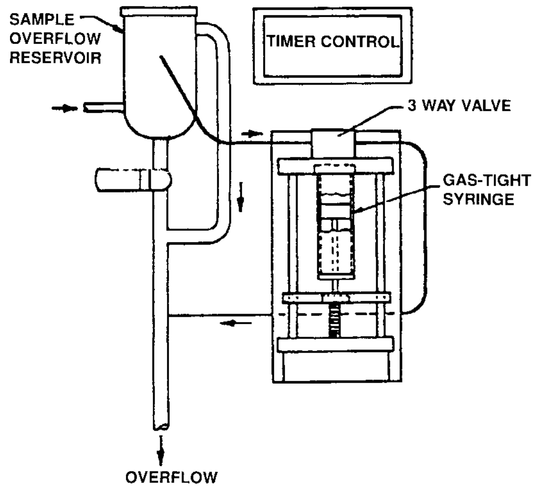

FIG. 2 Automatic Composite Sampler—Volatiles

TABLE 4 Automatic Samplers—Advantages and Limitations

Advantages	Limitations
Can collect either grab samples over time or a composite sample	May be unsuitable for samples requiring volatile organic analysis or samples containing dissolved gases
Will operate unattended	Need power source/battery
Versatile—can be programmed to sample proportional to flow	May be difficult to decontaminate due to design and/or construction materials
	May be incompatible with liquid streams containing a high percentage of solids

NOTE 2—Flow proportional samples also can 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*—Displacement pumps are designed for ground water sampling and mechanically force a discrete column of water to the surface. The air displacement pump uses compressed air while the piston displacement pump uses an actuating rod powered either from the surface or from a separate sealed air or electric actuator. (See Table 5 for advantages and limitations.)

7.2.2.1 The air displacement pump (Fig. 3) operates by applying a positive pressure to the gas line causing the inlet check valve of the sampling device to close and the sample discharge line check valve to open, forcing the contents to the surface. Cyclical removal of gas pressure will cause the flow to

TABLE 5 Displacement Pumps—Advantages and Limitations

Advantages	Limitations
Commonly constructed on PVC, or stainless steel, or both, but can be constructed of PTFE to reduce risk of contamination when trace levels of organics are of interest	Potential loss of dissolved gases and VOCs from the pumped sample or contamination from the driving gas
	Large gas volume required
Ease to decontaminate (air displacement)	May be difficult to decontaminate (piston displacement)

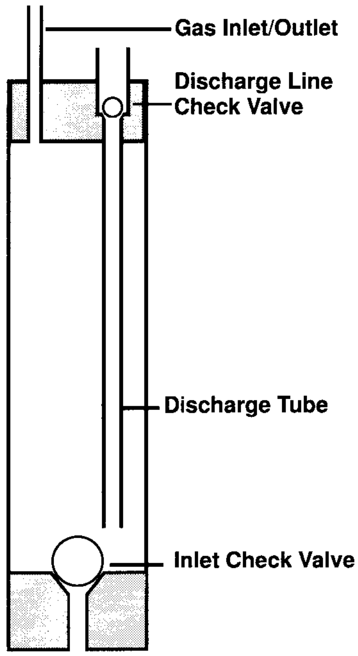

FIG. 3 Air/Gas Displacement Pump

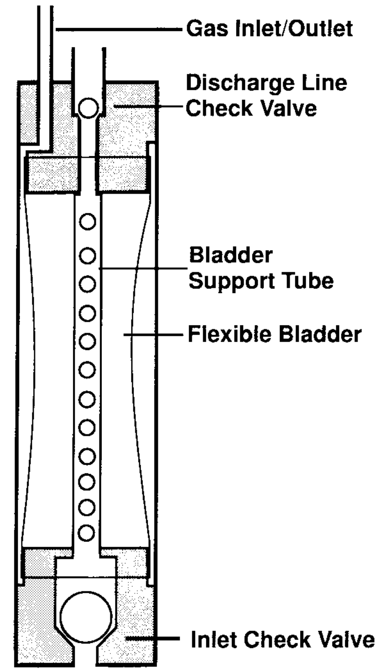

FIG. 5 Bladder Pump—Squeeze Type

stop, the discharge line check valve to close and the inlet check valve of the sampling device to open, allowing the sampling device to fill.

7.2.2.2 The piston displacement pump (Fig. 4) uses a mechanically operated plunger to deliver the sample to the surface at the same time as the chamber fills. It has a flexible flap valve on the piston and an inlet check valve.

7.2.3 *Bladder Pumps*— Bladder pumps are used for sampling ground water and are constructed with a flexible bladder inside a rigid sample container. There are two types. The squeeze type (Fig. 5) has the bladder connected to the sample discharge line. The chamber between the bladder and the sampler body is connected to the gas line. The expanding type (Fig. 6) has the bladder connected to the gas line with the sample discharge line connected to the chamber surrounding the bladder.

7.2.3.1 The pump operates by applying a positive pressure to the gas line causing either the bladder to expand or be compressed, dependant on the type. The sampler inlet valve closes and the sample discharge valve opens forcing the contents of the sampler up the discharge line. Cyclic removal of the gas pressure causes the flow to stop, the sample valve to

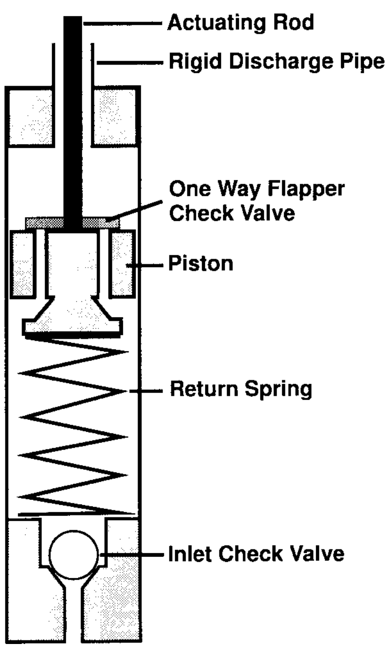

FIG. 4 Piston Displacement Pump

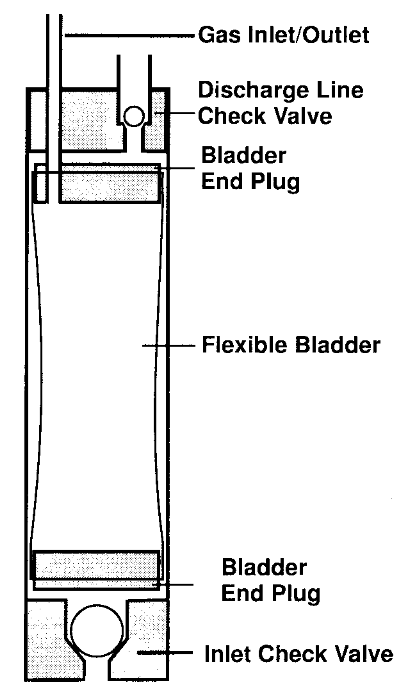

FIG. 6 Bladder Pump—Expanding Type