

# Water Analysis of the Heat Melt Compactor

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**The Heat Melt Compactor (HMC) recovers water from trash at low temperatures and under vacuum conditions to obtain relatively cleaner water with less contaminants. The effluent water vapor is condensed and collected for analysis. The objectives of the analysis are to identify chemical components in the water sample, evaluate water quality, and assess the compatibility of the liquid effluent with the International Space Station (ISS) water systems. The evaluation of water quality includes total organic carbon (TOC) concentrations which provide a general indication of overall water quality, other defining characteristics such as pH and conductivity, and comparison with previous ISS water analytical data as a baseline for the evaluation.**

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