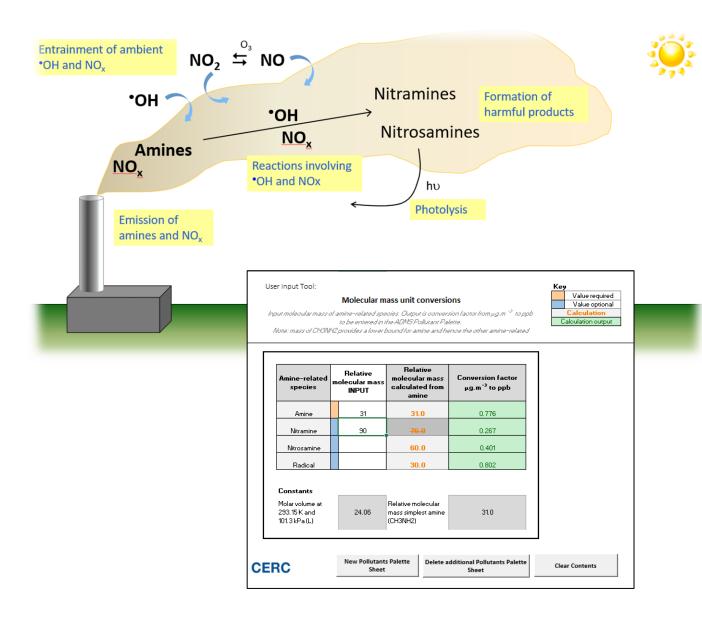
# Amine Chemistry User Input Tool



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#### **SECTION 1 Introduction**

ADMS 6 contains an amine chemistry module which models the resulting emissions from amine-based carbon capture. The amines released during the carbon capture process may undergo a series of reactions with other species in the exhaust gas and atmosphere which result in the formation of potentially harmful products, such as nitramines and nitrosamines.

The Amine Chemistry User Input Tool, henceforth referred to as the User Input Tool or simply the Tool for brevity, can be used to calculate various input parameters to the amine chemistry module.

In this section, the main features of the User Input Tool are given and computational requirements are provided. Section 2 describes how to use the User Input Tool. Section 3 provides technical details. References are given in Section 4.

Details of the amine reaction scheme and using the ADMS amine chemistry module can be found in the ADMS 6 Amine Chemistry Supplement.

#### 1.1 About User Input Tool

The User Input Tool generates amine chemistry parameters for use with the ADMS amine chemistry module, including  $\mu g/m^3$  to ppb conversion factors and reaction rate constants. The User Input Tool runs within Microsoft Excel.

One of the parameters the Tool calculates is derived from hourly time series data, specifically ADMS O<sub>3</sub> background concentration data and ADMS processed incoming solar radiation (K) values.

#### 1.2 Features

The User Input Tool can be used to calculate:

- Amine, nitramine, nitrosamine and radical  $\mu$ g/m³ to ppb conversion factors for input into the ADMS Palette of Pollutants
- Reaction rate constants and other parameters for input into the Amine species screen of the Additional Input file editor
- The Constant for OH concentration calculations for input into the Amine chemistry screen of the Additional Input file editor

Values are calculated within the spreadsheet tool, and require copying across to the appropriate sections of the ADMS interface/ Additional Input file editor.

#### 1.3 Requirements

The User Input Tool is supported on:

Microsoft Excel 2016 or 2019,

but may work with older or newer versions. Microsoft Excel macros included within the tool may require enabling prior to running the tool depending on your security settings. Within Excel select File, then Options, then Trust Center and open Trust Center Settings. From there, select Macro Settings and choose either Disable all macros with notification or Enable all macros, click OK. Then close and reopen the Tool. If you selected Disable all macros with notification, you should see a security warning – click Enable Content.

#### 1.4 About this user guide

This User Input Tool User Guide is a manual describing how to use the User Input Tool.

To make this manual simpler to use, certain conventions have been followed with regard to layout and style.

- Non-editable text on the worksheets are shown in **Arial** font, e.g. 'enter values in the **Molecular mass INPUT column**'
- Buttons that initiate macros are shown in **bold**, e.g. press **Calculate**
- Directory and file names are shown in *italics*, e.g. \*.bgd.
- Table and figure references are shown in **bold**, e.g. see **Figure 1**
- Notes are shown *italics* with lines and above and below:

e.g. Here is a Note.

## **SECTION 2** Using the User Input Tool

This section describes the inputs required and steps needed to use the User Input Tool to obtain outputs ready for entering in the ADMS amine chemistry module. The key outputs are conversion factors, reaction constants converted to necessary units and the OH concentration constant.

The Tool is colour coded to highlight inputs, outputs and non-editable sections, described at the beginning of Section 2.1.

From input molecular mass for amine related species, the Tool outputs conversion factors, this is described in Section 2.2.1.

From input reaction constants in units of cm<sup>3</sup>.molecule<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>, the Tool outputs reaction constants in units of ppb<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>, this is described in Section 2.2.2.

From input files containing hourly O3 concentrations and hourly incoming solar radiation data, with a value for annual average hydroxyl radical concentration, the Tool outputs the OH concentration constant, this is described in Section 2.3.

In the process of calculating the OH concentration constant a data table is generated with all of the valid data used. After calculating the OH concentration constant a second data table is generated using this value to predict hourly OH concentration. These data tables are described in Section 2.4.

#### 2.1 Getting started

Make a copy of the Amine Chemistry User Input Tool and save it in a working directory e.g. alongside the current working ADMS amine chemistry \*.apl file. Open the spreadsheet.

Refer to the Cover page, this contains version details and a Summary of Tool.

The Tool is colour coded for sheet tabs and cells, as shown in **Figure 1** (a) and (b), respectively, below. Sheet tabs are coloured:

- Yellow for **Cover** sheet
- Green for active sheets (**Pollutants\_palette**, **Kinetics-AMINE** and **c\_calculation**) which require input and contain the output values
- Blue for data tables (**Data\_table1** and **Data\_table2**) which display the data used in the calculations and should not be changed.

#### Cells are coloured:

- Orange flag for cells which require input values for calculations
- Blue flag for cells where an input value may be entered if known, else it will be calculated by the Tool

- Orange text on grey for intermediate values calculated by the tool
- Green for calculation output values for input into the ADMS amine chemistry module
- Grey for constant values used in the calculations

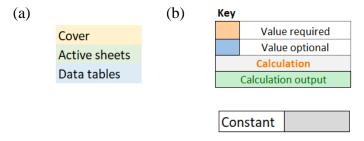


Figure 1 Colour codes used for (a) sheet tabs and (b) cells within the sheets.

#### 2.2 Molecular mass and kinetics unit conversions

Sheet **Pollutants\_palette** calculates  $\mu g.m^{-3}$  to ppb conversion factors and requires inputs of relative molecular mass of amine and (if known) of the related species. Sheet **Kinetics-AMINE** calculates reaction constants in units of ppb<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>and requires inputs of reaction constants in units of cm<sup>3</sup>.molecule<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>.

These two sheets have three buttons, an example is shown in Figure 2: to create a copy of the sheet, to delete the sheet and to clear the contents of the sheet. To repeat the process for additional amine species, a copy of each of these sheets can be created by clicking the **New Pollutants Palette/Kinetics-AMINE Sheet** button, a pop-up will appear requiring a unique identifier for the new sheet tab. If the new sheet is no longer required click **Delete additional Pollutants Palette/Kinetics-AMINE Sheet** button, note that the original sheet cannot be deleted. To clear all user in inputs in the active sheet, click the **Clear Contents** button.



**Figure 2** Screenshot of the buttons available on sheet **Kinetics-AMINE**, to make a copy or delete the sheet and to clear the user input data from that sheet.

#### 2.2.1 Conversion factors

As can be seen in **Figure 3**, in the **Relative molecular mass INPUT** column, the value for the **Amine** is required. From this value, the **Relative molecular mass calculated from amine** of the amine-related species (**Nitramine**, **Nitrosamine** and **Radical**) are calculated by the Tool. **Conversion factor** is then calculated for each. However, the molecular mass for each of the amine-related species may also be input if known. These input mass values will take precedence over the automatically calculated mass and will be used to calculate the **Conversion factor**, indicated by a strikethrough and greying out of the calculated value. Calculation output values (green cells) are ready for input into the ADMS **Palette of Pollutants**.

Amine-related species		Relative olecular mass INPUT	Relative molecular mass calculated from amine	Conversion factor µg.m <sup>-3</sup> to ppb
Amine				
Nitramine				
Nitrosamine				
Radical				
Constants				
Molar volume at 293.15 K and 101.3 kPa (L)		24.06	Relative molecular mass simplest amine (CH3NH2)	31.0

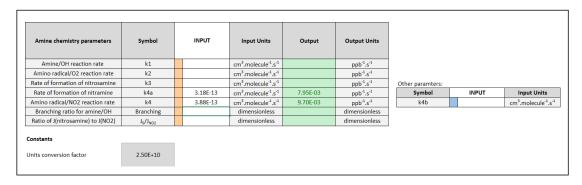
**Figure 3** Screenshot of sheet **Pollutants\_palette**, required and optional molecular mass inputs, calculation of molecular mass from amine input mass and output conversion factors.

The calculations performed by the Tool for Relative molecular mass calculated from amine and Conversion factor are described in Section 3.1.

#### 2.2.2 Reaction constants

As can be seen in **Figure 4**, in the **INPUT** column, values are required for the reaction rate parameters, in units of cm<sup>3</sup>.molecule<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>, and ratio parameters, which are dimensionless.

Input values must be plain numbers, scientific format or entered as a formula e.g.  $3.88 \times 10^{-13}$  may be entered as "3.88E-13", "=3.88\*10^-13" or "0.00000000000388"



**Figure 4** Screenshot of sheet **Kinetics-AMINE**, required and optional **Amine chemistry parameters** inputs (orange and blue flags, respectively) and outputs (green).

The exception is that only two of the parameters **k4**, **k4a** and **k4b** are required, as the third can be calculated by the Tool. If all three values are entered, the Tool will check that they are consistent. The tool converts the reaction rate parameters to units of ppb<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> or

leaves ratios as dimensionless in the **Output** column. Calculation output values are ready for input into the **Amine species** screen of the **Additional Input file editor**.

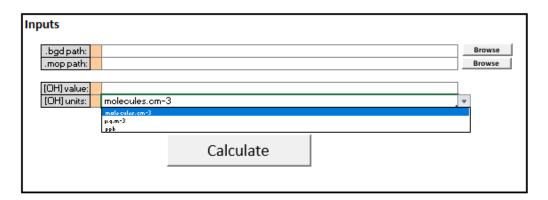
The conversion calculations performed by the tool are described in Section 3.2.

#### 2.3 Constant for OH concentration calculations

Sheet **c\_calculation** requires four inputs, as shown in **Figure 5**:

- **Step 1 Browse** to ADMS background \*.bgd file path which contains hourly O<sub>3</sub> concentrations.
- **Step 2 Browse** to ADMS meteorological\*.*mop* file path which contains hourly values of incoming solar radiation (K) in W.m<sup>-2</sup>.
- **Step 3** Input annual average hydroxyl radical concentration, **[OH] value**.
- **Step 4** Select **[OH] units** from the dropdown list.

Details on the format of \*.bgd and \*.mop files can be found in the main ADMS 6 User Guide



**Figure 5** Screenshot of sheet **c\_calculation** (**Inputs**), requires input file paths to a \*.bgd file, a \*.mop file, an annual average value of [OH] and selection of the units of [OH].

When all four inputs are ready, click the **Calculate** button, this will populate the **Outputs** section, shown in **Figure 6**. The **Constant for OH concentration calculations, c** is ready for input into the **Amine chemistry** screen of the **Additional Input file editor**. Displayed above this are additional intermediate calculations, such as time data and the parameter used to calculate **c**.

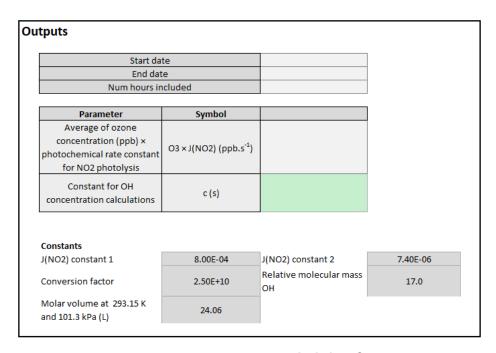


Figure 6 Screenshot of sheet c\_calculation (Outputs).

The Calculate button will also populate sheet Data\_table1 and Data\_table2. The Clear Contents button will clear user inputs on this sheet and data in the data tables. Details on the inputs are given in Sections 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 and on the outputs in Section 2.3.4.

#### 2.3.1 O3 hourly concentration file

The file should be in \*.bgd format as described in ADMS 6 User Guide. An example is shown in **Figure 7**. The file should contain hourly O<sub>3</sub> concentration in .csv format, missing data should be identified with the value '-999'. Key features are: version on line one, number of pollutants on line two followed by the pollutant names, "UNITS:" followed by the units for each pollutant listed and "DATA:" followed by the hourly background data.

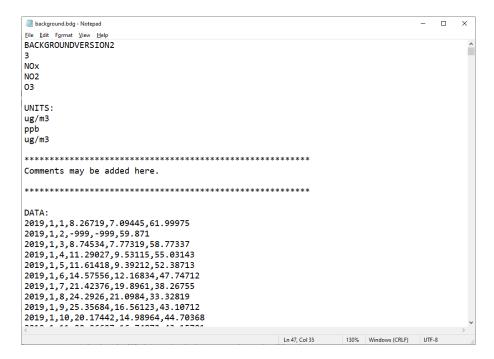


Figure 7 ADMS format \*.bgd file containing O<sub>3</sub> concentration data.

The extraction of the hourly  $O_3$  data and calculations involving the  $O_3$  values are described in Section 3.3.2.

#### 2.3.2 Hourly solar irradiance file

The file should be in ADMS processed \*.mop format as described in the ADMS 6 User Guide. This file should contain processed hourly solar irradiance K (W.m<sup>-2</sup>) data in column 43, missing data will be identified with the value '-999'.

The extraction of the hourly K data and calculations involving the K values are described in Section 3.3.2.

#### 2.3.3 [OH] value: annual average hydroxyl radical concentration

**[OH]** value can be taken from local data or a regional average from the literature. **[OH]** units are required to be selected from the dropdown list: molecules.cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu g/m^3$ , ppb. Typically, literature values are given in molecules.cm<sup>-3</sup>.

Conversion from molecules.cm<sup>-3</sup> or  $\mu g/m^3$  to ppb and calculations involving the **[OH]** value are described in Section 3.3.2.

#### 2.3.4 Outputs

As shown in Figure 6, the associated time data, Start date, End date and the Num hours included in the calculation are displayed in Outputs. Below these, the Average of ozone concentration × photochemical rate constant for NO2 photolysis is displayed, from which the Constant for OH concentration calculations, c is calculated and output. c is ready for input into the Amine chemistry screen of the Additional Input file editor

Calculations performed to obtain the time data, averages and **c** value are described in Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.

#### 2.4 Data tables

Sheets Data\_table1 and Data\_table2 contain tables which display calculated output data, so that the data can be extracted and analysed outside of the Tool. Sheet Data\_table1 contains the time calculations to obtain Average O3 × J(NO2) alongside time data. Sheet Data\_table2 contains calculated hourly OH concentrations, OH\_calc.

An example of a populated sheet **Data\_table1** is shown in **Figure 8**. **Data\_table1** contains all valid hourly data for K and  $O_3$ , provided in the input \*.bgd and \*.mop files, conversion of **O3** to ppb is performed, if required. The Tool calculates **J(NO2)** and **O3** × **J(NO2)**. Beside the main data table are the **Average O3** × **J(NO2)** and **Time data**.

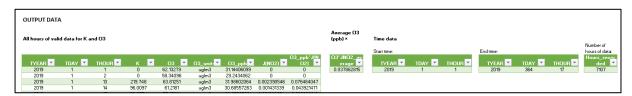


Figure 8 Example of populated sheet Data\_table1.

An example of a populated sheet **Data\_table2** is shown in **Figure 9**. **Data\_table2** is populated from sheet **Data\_table1** and the calculated **c** value on sheet **c\_calculation**. It displays the **O3\_ppb** data and **OH\_calc** values, also in ppb.



Figure 9 Example of populated sheet Data\_table2.

Calculations performed to convert  $O_3$  units, calculate J(NO2), c and  $OH\_calc$  are described in 3.3.2.

## **SECTION 3 Technical Summary**

This section contains the formulas used and technical details of how calculations are performed.

Calculations performed on sheet **Pollutants\_palette** are described in Section 3.1, detailing conversion factors and molecular mass calculations of amine-related species.

Calculations performed on sheet **Kinetics-AMINE** are described in Section 3.2, detailing calculation of reaction constants.

Calculations performed involving sheet **c\_calculation** are described in Section 3.3. This section describes the relationships between the outputs on sheet **c\_calculation**, which are calculated from the data in **Data\_table1**, and the output of **c\_calculation**, which is used to populate **Data\_table2**.

#### 3.1 Calculation of conversion factors

The ADMS amine chemistry module has been developed to follow a general reaction scheme for a variety of different amines, this includes primary, secondary and tertiary amines. This may also include amines with other functional groups, if the general reaction scheme is similar. To achieve this, the new pollutants must be added to the **Palette of Pollutants** which requires entering the relevant generic **Pollutant name** of the amine-related species name and the **Conversion factor µg/m3 -> ppb**. This step calculates each of the necessary conversion factors from the **Molecular mass INPUT**, M, of the amine-related species. It also provides generic **Relative molecular mass calculated from amine** values for each of the amine-related species.

Details on the general reaction scheme and amine chemistry involved can be found in the ADMS Amine Chemistry Supplement.

The Tool calculates the conversion factor from  $\mu g/m^3$  to ppb using the equation:

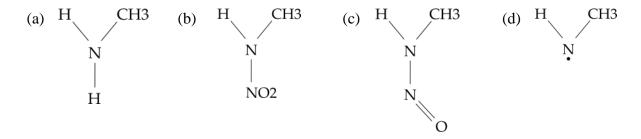
1 ppb = 
$$\frac{(1 \,\mu\text{g/m}^3 \times 24.06)}{M}$$
 (1)

where the constant 24.06 is the volume constant (L) derived from the Ideal Gas equation for 1 mole at temperature T = 20 °C (= 293.15 K) and pressure P = 1013 mb (= 101.3 kPa).

From the molecular mass of **Amine**, suitable values for the molecular mass of **Nitramine**, **Nitrosamine** and **Radical** can be calculated.

$$\begin{split} M_{nitramine} &= M_{amine} + 45, \\ M_{nitrosamine} &= M_{amine} + 29, \\ M_{radical} &= M_{amine} - 1. \end{split} \tag{2}$$

These values are obtained based on the assumption that the starting **Amine** substitutes a hydrogen atom for  $NO_2$  to produce the nitramine, N=O to produce nitrosamine or is lost to produce the radical. An example, using the simplest amine, methylamine, is shown in **Figure 10**.



**Figure 10** Chemical structures for (a) methylamine (M = 31), (b) methylnitramine (M = 76) (c) methylnitrosamine (M = 60) and (d) methylamine radical (M = 30).

As methylamine is the simplest amine, this sets the minimum allowed Molecular mass INPUT of Amine as the Molecular mass methylamine ( $CH_3NH_2$ ), 31.0. Hence, this also sets the minimum allowed Molecular mass INPUT for the other amine-related species using Equation (2).

#### 3.2 Calculation of reaction constants

The reaction rates and kinetic parameters involved in the steps of the generic amine reaction scheme must be defined. These values in literature are typically provided in units of cm<sup>3</sup>.molecule<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>, however, the ADMS amine chemistry module requires units of ppb<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>. The Tool converts from cm<sup>3</sup>.molecule<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> to ppb<sup>-1</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup> using equation:

$$k_x \text{ (ppb}^{-1}.\text{s}^{-1}) = k_x \text{ (cm}^3.\text{molecule}^{-1}.\text{s}^{-1}) \times 2.5 \times 10^{10},$$
 (3)

where the constant  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$  is defined as the Units conversion factor.

The reaction constants **k4**, **k4a** and **k4b** are related by:

$$k4 = k4a + k4b, \tag{4}$$

hence, **INPUT** requires only two of the three k4 values to be entered and the third is calculated by the Tool and blue flagged as an optional input, as shown in Section 2.2.2, **Figure 4**. If the third value is also known and is entered the Tool checks whether Equation (4) is satisfied.

The dimensionless values for Branching ratio for amine/OH and Ratio of J(nitrosamine) to J(NO2) do not require conversion and are simply copied across to the Output column.

## 3.3 Calculation of constant for OH concentration calculations

The ADMS amine chemistry module requires input of Constant for OH concentration calculations (c). On sheet c\_calculation, the result Average O3\_ppb  $\times$  J(NO2) is displayed and used alongside the input [OH] value to calculate c. A table containing the calculation steps is displayed in sheet Data\_table1, the main table is populated from the provided  $O_3$  and K data and the intermediate calculations to find Average O3\_ppb  $\times$  J(NO2). The extracted time data is also displayed in Data\_table1. An example was shown in Section 2.4, Figure 8. From c, J(NO2) and O3\_ppb, hourly predicted values for OH can be calculated (OH\_calc), these are displayed in sheet Data\_table2.

#### 3.3.1 Equations used in calculations

The  $NO_2$  photolysis rate coefficient, **J(NO2)**, is calculated using the hourly solar irradiance from the \*.mop file, using the equation [1]:

$$J(NO_2) = 8 \times 10^{-4} \exp\left(\frac{-10}{K}\right) + 7.4 \times 10^{-6} K,$$
 (5)

where the constants are labelled J(NO2) constant 1 =  $8 \times 10^{-4}$  and (JNO2) constant 2 =  $7.4 \times 10^{-6}$ .

The Constant for OH concentration calculations is calculated using the equation [2]:

$$c = [OH] / \overline{[O_3] \times J(NO_2)}$$
(6)

where, [OH] is [OH] value and  $\overline{[O_3]} \times J(NO_2)$  is the calculation output Average O3\_ppb  $\times$  J(NO2). The Tool reads in the selected [OH] units and [OH] value is converted from molecules.cm<sup>-3</sup> to ppb using the conversion factor in Equation (3) or from  $\mu g/m^3$  to ppb using Equation (1), or remains unchanged if ppb is selected.

#### 3.3.2 Calculations performed in Data\_table1

From the input \*.bgd and \*.mop files, only hours which contain both valid data for O<sub>3</sub> and valid data for K are kept. The remaining valid data is used to calculate the **Start time** from taking the first line of data and **End time** from taking the last line of data. **Number of hours of data** is calculated by counting the number of rows of data.

For the valid data set, the Tool extracts **O3\_units** from the \*.bgd file and converts from input ng.m<sup>-3</sup>/µg.m<sup>-3</sup>/mg.m<sup>-3</sup>/g.m<sup>-3</sup> to ppb using appropriate powers of 10 with Equation (1), where  $M_{O_3} = 48.0$ , or if units are ppb or ppm, copies data across with appropriate powers of 10, this yields column **O3\_ppb**.

From the valid data set, **J(NO2**) is calculated using Equation (5) for each hour of column **K** data. Column **O3\_ppb\*J(NO2)** (ppb.s<sup>-1</sup>) is obtained from the multiplication at each hour of the columns **O3\_ppb** and **J(NO2)**. Average **O3** (ppb) × **J(NO2)** is then obtained by taking the mean of this column, this value is used in Equation (6) to calculate **c**.

#### 3.3.3 Calculations performed in Data\_table2

From the calculated **Constant for OH concentration calculations**, **c** and rearranging Equation (6) for **[OH]**, the expected value for OH, **OH\_calc**, at each hour can be calculated. The results of this calculation are displayed in **Data\_table2** alongside the **O3\_ppb** column used to calculate it. The daily expected value for [OH] can be plotted.

## **SECTION 4 References**

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