

Extraction and Formation of Natural Perfume from Lemon Grass

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Abstract: *Three methods are used for oil extraction namely solvent extraction, hydro distillation and enfleurage. Distillation based recovery processes such as steam and vacuum distillation are preferred for the extraction of essential oils from plant materials. Essential oils are very complex in their chemical nature. Fragrance extraction refers to the extraction of aromatic compounds from raw materials and using methods such as distillation, solvent extraction, expression or enfleurage. All of these techniques tend to distort the odor of the aromatic compounds obtain from raw materials. Heat, chemical solvents or exposure to oxygen in the extraction process denature the aromatic compounds either changing their odor character or rendering them odorless. Before perfumes can be composed the odorants used in various perfume compositions must first be obtained. Synthetic odorants are produced through organic synthesis and purified. Odorants from natural sources require the use of various methods to extract the aromatics from the raw materials. Solvent extraction most used and economically important technique for extracting aromatics in modern perfume industry. Raw materials are submerged in a solvent that can dissolve the desired aromatic compounds. % Yield for using Ethyl Acetate at various feed to solvent ratio like 1:2 can be calculated by experimental analysis. As per literatures and observations Ethyl Acetate is the best suitable for extraction of Lemongrass Oil from the lemongrass. Ethyl Acetate can easily separate after extraction and has higher yield than other with low cost. Maximum yield and recovery of perfume oil from lemongrass is 2 % and 80 % for feed to solvent ration 1:2.*

Keywords: Lemongrass Oil, Ethyl Acetate, Solvent Extraction Process, Perfume Oil

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