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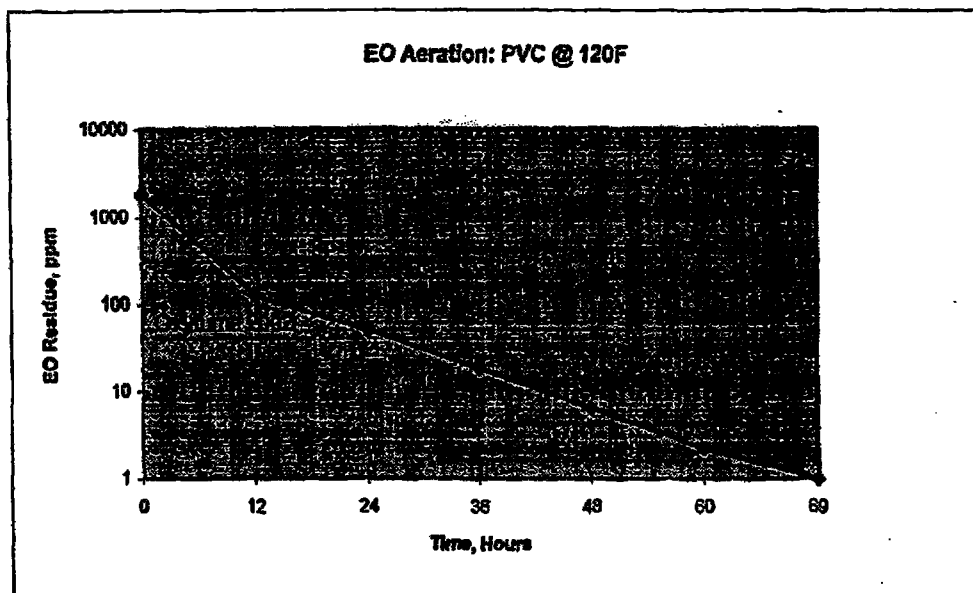
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(57) Abstract

A method for aerating a chemically-sterilized article, said method comprising exposing said article to at least one co-adsorbate under conditions such that said co-adsorbate remains vaporized, said co-adsorbate having a partial pressure under said conditions sufficient to displace at least a portion of sterilant adsorbed by said article.