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- visually observe press-tight connection between the column end and sleeve
- · fits HP, Varian, and most packed column GCs*
- · converts packed column inlets for use with 0.32 & 0.53mm ID fused silica capillary columns (tubing OD must be 0.4mm or greater)
- · deactivated, strong, and extremely inert
- slotted top prevents obstruction of carrier gas flow
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Convert packed column inlets for use with high resolution capillary columns using the new Vu-Tight Direct Injection Sleeve. The Vu-Tight sleeve design offers the simplicity of a straight 1/4-inch sleeve and allows visual confirmation of the seal integrity. The large buffer volume can easily be packed with glass wool for the analysis of dirty samples.

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Vu-Tight Direct Injection Sleeves

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Vu-Tight Installation Fittings: cat.# 20504, \$30 per kit

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New Uses for the Rt_x-200 Trifluoropropyl Phase

- · 360°C thermal stability
- low bleed with FIDs, ECDs, MSDs
- selective for lone pair electron functionalities
- ideal confirmation column for many EPA analyses

Trifluoropropyl polysiloxane stationary phases have unique selectivity due to the electrophilic nature of the fluorine atom pendant on the polymer backbone. This selectivity intensifies interactions with compounds that contain groups displaying lone pair electrons such as alcohols, ketones, nitro-containing compounds and electron rich molecules such as Freons. This selectivity switches elution orders and resolves compounds that methyl, phenyl, cyano, and Carbowax®containing phases cannot.

While trifluoropropyl stationary phases have been recognized for their unique selectivity, they have also suffered from low thermal stability, high bleed, poor inertness, and incomplete cross-linking or surface bonding. Restek's new trifluoropropyl polymer, Rt_-200, eliminates the standard problems associated with typical trifluoropropyl phases. Because of the complete surface deactivation and high phase purity, inertness is exceptional allowing highly active compounds to elute without tailing or adsorbing onto the column surface. Since the polymer is bonded to the surface and completely cross-linked, it can be solvent rinsed to clean the sample residue from the polymer.

ECD Bleed

The Rt_x-200 is synthesized with advanced polymer technology and is coated on a carefully matched surface deactivation, increasing thermal stability to over 360°C. Background is minimal even on halogen specific detectors such as ECD's. Figure 1 shows an ECD bleed profile of

Figure 1 - The high degree of immobilization allows the Rt_x-200 to be used with an ECD despite the presence of fluorine in the polymer.

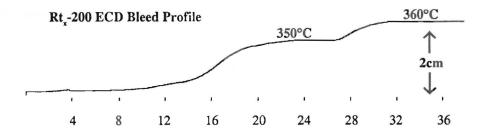
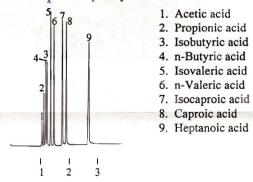


Figure 2 - Excellent peak symmetry of volatile free fatty acids is exhibited on an Rt_-200 capillary column.



30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25 μ m Rt_x-200 (cat.# 15023) 0.8 μ l split injection of a free fatty acid standard. Concentration approximately 10 to 20ng/ μ l.

Oven temp.: 90°C isothermal

Inj. & det. temp.: 250°C Carrier gas: Hydrogen

Linear velocity: 40cm/sec. (flow rate: 1.4cc/min.)

FID sensitivity: 4x10⁻¹¹ AFS Split vent: 40cc/min.

an Rt_x-200 column that was temperature programmed to 350°C and 360°C. Even at the column's maximum operating temperature, the ECD bleed is minimal.

Applications

Due to improvements in thermal stability, bleed, and inertness, the Rt_x-200 is ideal for the analysis of a wide variety of compounds. Some new, novel applications for the Rt_x-200 include free fatty acids, chlorosilanes, glycols, and alkyl

nitrates. We previously published applications chromatograms on Freons, polar solvents, phenols, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (<u>The Restek Advantage</u>, July 1991).

Free Fatty Acids

The inertness and selectivity of the Rt_x-200 makes it ideal for the analysis of volatile free fatty acids. Figure 2 shows the analysis of nine common fatty acids on a 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm Rt_x-200 column. All components are virtually

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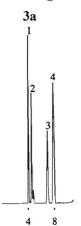
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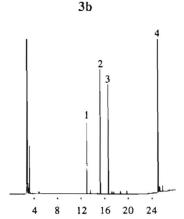
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Figures 3a & b - Thick film Rt -200's are ideal for the analysis of volatile chlorosilanes.



- 1. Dimethylchlorosilane
- 2. Methyldichlorosilane
- 3. Methyltrichlorosilane
- 4. Dimethyldichlorosilane



- 1. Phenyldichlorosilane
- 2. Methylphenyldichlorosilane
- 3. Phenylvinyldichlorosilane
- Diphenyl dichlorosilane

60m, 0.53mm ID, 3.0µm Rt_x-200 (cat.# 15088) 0.5µl split injection of methyl chlorosilanes Concentration approximately 250ng/on-column Oven temp.: 40°C (hold 9 min.) to

250°C @15°C/min. (hold 5 min.)

Inj. temp.: 200°C Det. temp.: 250°C

Carrier gas: Hydrogen

Linear velocity: 40cm/sec. (flow rate: 5.2cc/min.)

HP FID sensitivity: range=2, attn.=5
Split vent: 90cc/min.

60m, 0.53mm ID, 3.0µm Rt_x-200 (cat.# 15088) 0.2µl split injection of phenyl containing chlorosilanes Concentration approximately 100ng/on-column Oven temp.: 60°C to 270°C @ 15°C/min.

(hold 8 min.)

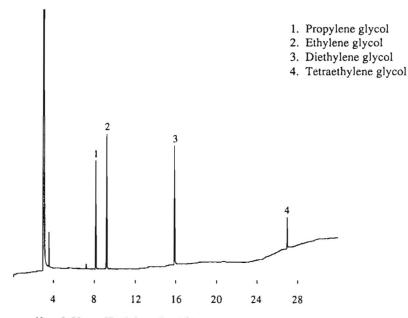
Inj. temp.: 200°C Det. temp.: 270°C

Carrier gas: Hydrogen

Linear velocity: 40cm/sec. (flow rate: 5cc/min.)

HP FID sensitivity: range=2, attn.=5 Split vent: 90cc/min.

Figure 4 - Analyze glycols without tailing on an Rt_x-200 column.



60m, 0.53mm ID, 3.0µm Rt, -200 (cat.# 15088)

1.0µl split injection of glycols

Concentration approximately 50ng/on-column

Oven temp.: 40°C to 250°C @ 8°C/min. (hold 15 min.)

Inj. temp.: 200°C Det. temp.: 250°C

Carrier gas: Hydrogen

Linear velocity: 40cm/sec. (flow rate: 5cc/min.)

FID sensitivity: 6.4 x 10⁻¹¹AFS Split vent: 90cc/min. baseline resolved in less than three minutes with excellent peak symmetry.

Chlorosilane Analysis

Analysis of chlorosilane monomers on trifluoropropyl capillary columns has been hampered by the limited film thicknesses available. With film thicknesses up to 3.0µm, the Rt_x-200 columns are ideal for the analysis of low molecular weight chlorosilanes. Figures 3a and 3b show the analysis of both methyl and phenyl chlorosilanes on a 60m, 0.53mm ID, 3.0µm Rt_x-200. The unique selectivity of the Rt_x-200 combined with the increased film thickness results in baseline separation of these volatile chlorosilanes.

Glycols

The excellent inertness of the Rt_x-200 allows active compounds to be analyzed without tailing or adsorption. Figure 4 shows the analysis of several glycols on a 60 meter, 0.53mm ID, 3.0µm Rt_x-200 column. Even at the 50ng level, these reactive components exhibit sharp, symmetrical peaks.

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Alkyl Nitrates and Halocarbons

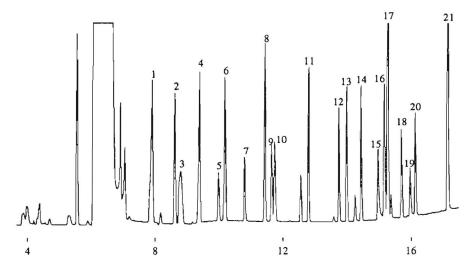
Figure 5 shows the analysis of a complex mixture of alkyl nitrates and halocarbons on a 60m, 0.25mm ID, 1.0µm Rt₂-200. The inertness and low bleed of the Rt.-200 allow trace level analysis of these compounds using an Electron Capture Detector. The Rt₂-200 provides excellent separation in less than 40 minutes.

The Rt₂-200 is a highly selective stationary phase that is ideal for many types of analyses. Because of its unique polarity and high thermal stability, the Rt₂-200 is an excellent confirmational column. The 360°C maximum operating temperature, low bleed, and excellent inertness gives analysts an alternative to other intermediate polarity capillary columns. Available in a wide range of film thicknesses and diameters, the Rt -200 may be the solution to your difficult analytical separations.

Figure 5 - Unique selectivity of the Rt_x-200 resolves Alkyl Nitrates and Halocarbons.

- 1. ethyl nitrate
- 2. dibromochloromethane 3. carbon tetrachloride
- 4. isopropyl nitrate
- 5. ethylene dibromide
- 6. n-propyl nitrate
- 7. methylene bromide
- 8. dibromopropane
- 9. isobutyl nitrate
- 10. 2-butyl nitrate
- 11. n-butyl nitrate
- 12. 3-pentyl nitrate
- 13. 2-pentyl nitrate 14. isoamyl nitrate
- 15. ethyl-hydroxy nitrate
- 16. n-pentyl nitrate
- 17. hexachloroethane
- 18. 3-hexyl nitrate
- 20. 2-hexyl nitrate
- 21. dibromochloropropane

19. propyl-hydroxy nitrate



60m, 0.25mm ID, 1.0µm Rt_x-200 (cat.# 15056)

15pg/µl alkyl nitrate & halocarbon standard Oven temp.:

Detector:

85°C (hold 7 min.) to 225°C @ 12°C/min.

courtesy of Dr. Elliot Atlas, National Center for Atmospheric Research

length	df	0.25mm ID	0.32mm ID	0.53mm ID		
15 meter	0.10	15005 \$250	15006 \$275	15007 \$290		
	0.25	15020 \$250	15021 \$275	15022 \$290		
	0.50	15035 \$250	15036 \$275	15037 \$290		
	1.00	15050 \$250	15051 \$275	15052 \$290		
	1.50		15066 \$275	15067 \$290		
	3.00			15082 \$290		
Paralle .	0.10	15008 \$400	15009 \$425	15010 \$475		
30 meter	0.25	15023 \$400	15024 \$425	15025 \$475		
	0.50	15038 \$400	15039 \$425	15040 \$475		
	1.00	15053 \$400	15054 \$425	15055 \$475		
6	1.50		15069 \$425	15070 \$475		
	3.00			15085 \$475		

length	df	0.25mm ID	0.32mm ID	0.53mm ID		
60 meter	0.10	15011 \$685	15012 \$740	15013 \$850		
	0.25	15026 \$685	15027 \$740	15028 \$850		
	0.50	15041 \$685	15042 \$740	15043 \$850		
	1.00	15056 \$685	15057 \$740	15058 \$850		
	1.50		15072 \$740	15073 \$850		
	3.00			15088 \$850		
105 meter	0.10	15014 \$900	15015 \$975			
	0.25	15029 \$900	15030 \$975			
	0.50	15044 \$900	15045 \$975			
	1.00	15059 \$900	15060 \$975			
	1.50		15075 \$975			
	3.00			15091 \$1400		

length	df	0.18mm ID		length	df	0.18mm ID		length df		0.18mm ID	
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meter	0.40	45010	\$225	meter	0.40	45011	\$350	meter	0.40	45012	\$625

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Standards Spotlight



New Chemical Standards for EPA 500 Series Methods

Restek continues to expand its line of environmental chemical standards. In an effort to provide analytical laboratories with calibration standards to meet their clients requirements, we are pleased to announce the availability of several new products. These mixtures are prepared to the strict specifications required for laboratories performing superfund analyses.

As with all Restek environmental standards, a complete data package is available to comply with EPA regulations. Each data package is designed to be your audit survival package. Restek data packages have been accepted by EPA auditors across the USA.

Method 506 - Phthalate Esters Mix

bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate butyl benzyl phthalate di-n-butyl phthalate dicthyl phthalate dimethyl phthalate di-n-octyl phthalate bis(2-ethylhexyl)adipate 200µg/ml each in 1ml isooctane

Cat.# 31038 31138

\$25ea. 31038-500

\$40 ea. w/data pack \$225 10pk. w/data pack

Method 524 Volatile Organics Kit

The complete kit contains all target analytes, internal standards, and surrogates recommended for use by this method. All solutions are prepared at a concentration of 2000µg/ml per each component. The kit contains one each of the following mixtures:

> 502.2 Calibration Mix#1 502.2 Calibration Mix #2 502.2 Calibration Mix #3 502.2 Calibration Mix #4 502.2 Calibration Mix #5 502.2 Calibration Mix #6 Fluorobenzene (Internal standard) 4-bromofluorobenzene (surrogate) 1,2-dichlorobenzene-d4 (surrogate)

30052-500

\$215ea.

\$360 ea. w/data pack

BTEX Standard

This standard mixture can be used to calibrate GC systems for the analysis of aromatic hydrocarbons in petroleum products from leaking underground storage tanks.

> Benzene Toluene Ethylbenzene o-Xylene m-Xylene p-Xylene

 $200\mu g/ml$ each in 1ml purge & trap grade methanol

Cat.# 30051

30051-500

\$40 ea. w/data pack

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\$225 10pk. w/data pack

Obtaining Copies of EPA Methods

Call or write the following government departments to request copies of the listed EPA methods.

EPA 500 Series, 600 Series (Water)

U.S. Department of Commerce National Technical Information Service 5285 Port Royal Rd. Springfield, VA 22161

Phone: (703) 487-4650

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Superintendent of Documents U.S. Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402-9371

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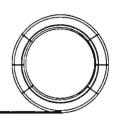
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Hints for the Capillary Chromatographer



Becoming Proficient at Troubleshooting Capillary Chromatography Systems

The key to good troubleshooting is to methodically, logically, and quickly pinpoint problems that arise. Good problem solving techniques are essential in a laboratory to minimize down time.

The first and most important step to becoming proficient at

troubleshooting is to read the instrument manuals. Instrument manufacturer's invest a lot of time and expense in writing manuals to provide a better understanding of the GC system. They include many of the basic concepts they have learned over the years that help



avoid many common pitfalls. They also provide detailed flow path diagrams and instructions for disassembling injectors, detectors, and other parts that require customer servicing. Spend some time and review the manual. Learn about the inlet and detector systems. Understand the basic pneumatics and flow paths and know where the critical seals are located to quickly identify the source of most problems that arise.

To Begin Troubleshooting

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First, determine if the problem is column or system related. Frequently, analysts call our technical service department with what they believe is a column problem. However, after some basic troubleshooting questions, it often turns out to be a bad inlet sleeve or improperly set carrier gas.

To determine if the system or column is the problem, simply install a column of known performance. If the problem remains, then it is most likely a system related problem, or a problem with both the system and the column. If the problem goes away, then it could have been column related or simply that the problem was corrected during re-installation. To be certain that the problem was column related, re-install the problem column again to make sure that the problem reappears.

Routine Instrument Maintenance

Usually, a careful methodical approach to troubleshooting is not attempted until the common instrument problems are addressed. Common instrument maintenance procedures performed are:

- · changing dirty or contaminated inlet sleeves
- · replacing the septum
- · checking the inlet seal (o-ring or ferrule) for leaks
- · confirming proper column insertion distances
- · leak checking all column connections and external fittings
- · replacing spent purifiers
- · checking for properly set flow rates and linear velocity
- inspecting gauge pressures, electrometer settings, all temperatures, signal levels, integrator settings, and any other parameters that could be suspect.

Routine Column Maintenance

While the column is out of the instrument, perform routine column maintenance. Common maintenance procedures performed are:

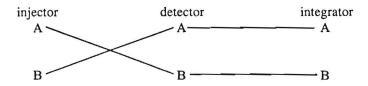
- inspecting the column for spontaneous breakage, discoloration, or contamination
- cutting two loops off of the inlet and one loop off of the detector end of the column

If Routine Maintenance Does not Work, Begin Diagramming and Documenting

Now troubleshooting gets tough. If the problem is not solved after routine maintenance, immediately begin documenting what has been done and start diagramming what should be done. This aids in communicating to others what effect changing variables have on solving the problem. Document the procedures in chronological order listing times, dates, and important instrument parameters. Label all troubleshooting chromatograms. These steps help to inform anyone else that may be working on the system of the troubleshooting procedures that have been completed.

Start with a simple instrument diagram (Figure 1), and try switching Column A to Detector B and vice versa. If the problem moves to detector B, then the problem is most likely occurring in the injector.

Figure 1 - Begin problem isolation when system is at fault.



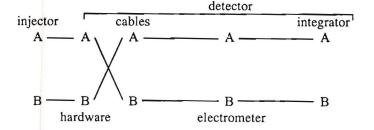
(connect the column to injector A and detector B)

Some common injector problems we have observed are:

- · wrong size graphite o-ring on HP inlet sleeve
- · wrong sleeve type (using splitless sleeve for split analyses)
- · leaking or contaminated metal disk on HP inlet
- · bad solenoid valve containing split flow
- · knife edge not cutting septum in Varian systems
- · wrong length sleeve used in Varian systems
- · not using glass wool with fast injecting autosamplers

If the problem stays on detector A when the column outlet is switched, then suspect a detector problem. Begin isolating detector problems by switching hardware, cables, electrometers, integrators, or any suspect part in the pathway. Figure 2 shows the detector hardware being isolated. If the problem goes away from the A side when the detector base is changed, then that detector is most likely the cause and should be replaced.

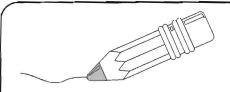
Figure 2 - Isolating Detector Problems



Some common detector problems we have observed are:

- · broken or leaking jets
- · column or ferrule fragment located inside the jet
- · plugged jet orifice
- · column installed too far into the detector
- · oxidized polarizer or signal contacts
- shorted insulator on the collector assembly
- · leak at the detector base
- · bad needle valve or regulator
- · incomplete or oxidized ground
- · bad heater or heater controller
- · air conditioning air currents blowing on the detector
- · bad or contaminated carrier or combustion gasses
- · bottled air with less than 21% O,
- · detector gasses not set properly or optimized

The complexity of a capillary GC system almost guarantees that one day you will be faced with troubleshooting a difficult problem. If you have read the manuals and follow a logical troubleshooting sequence, you can quickly isolate the cause of most problems.

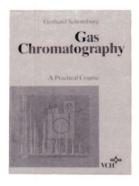


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Useful Additions to Your Chromatographic Library

The field of capillary chromatography is complex and new discoveries are made every year. It is difficult to keep up with new innovations and expand one's knowledge of existing techniques. We often get requests from our customers for recommendations on books relating to capillary gas chromatography. We have received several books and have found a few that are noteworthy.



Gas Chromatography, A Practical Course

Gerhard Schomburg, Max-Planck Institute

This new book, written by a world-renowned and awardwinning scientist, provides a practical approach to gas chromatography suitable for both the novice and for the

specialist. Gas Chromatography includes background theory, recent GC procedures, a course in gas chromatography and forty chromatograms with detailed explanations. This book will be of special interest to research chemists in analytical, organic, environmental, clinical and biochemistry; food scientists, toxicologists, pharmacologists, students and libraries.

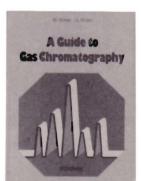
VCH Publishers, 1990 • Paper • 320pp. cat.# 20459 \$55

Guide to Gas Chromatography Wolfgang Rödel, Gerhard

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This book provides a general understanding of the principles, methods, and applications of gas chromatography. Priority was given to practical aspects only and theory is confined to explanations and formulas necessary for understanding techniques.

Huethig Publishing, Ltd., 1987 • 304pp. cat.# 20455 \$53



Restek Recommended!

Modern Practice of Gas Chromatography, Second Edition

Edited by Robert L. Grob, Villanova University

The Second Edition of Modern Practice of Gas Chromatography comprehensively treats the theory, instrumentation, and applications of gas chromatography. Chapters on applications to the petroleum field, high resolution gas chromatography, and optimization in gas chromatography are featured, and coverage includes packed columns and packed column selection, techniques and instrumentation such as qualitative and quantitative analysis by gas chromatography, and more.

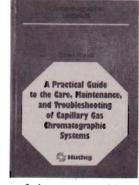
John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1985 • 897pp. cat.# 20464 \$95

New! Hot off the Press!

A Guide to the Care, Maintenance and Troubleshooting of Capillary Gas Chromatographic Systems

Dean Rood

This guide places strong emphasis on avoiding prob-



lems. It is organized by the nature of chromatographic problem encountered. Each possible explanation for the problem refers back to the text of the book which outlines procedures to diagnose and repair the problem, but more importantly, procedures to prevent or minimize the frequency and severity of the problem. A comprehensive, step-by-step flow chart is included to aid in pinpointing the problem area. The text is written so that it can be used as a guide in the proper operation and maintenance of a capillary gas chromatograph to obtain maximum performance with minimal difficulties and effort. Particular care was taken to keep the explanations on a practical level so that intimate knowledge of

chromatography and chemistry is not required to fully benefit from the information presented.

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A must for those using splitless injections!



Classical Split and Splitless Injection in Capillary GC Konrad Grob

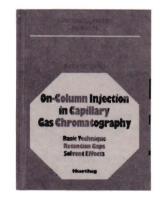
The classical techniques of split and splitless injection are still by far the most common methods of sample introduction, and yet, despite their age, many of the fundamental problems encoun-

tered have hardly been described before. This book probably represents the very first comprehensive, single-volume treatment of all aspects of split and splitless injection. The volume is divided into three major parts: Split injections; Splitless injection; Problems Relating to the Hot Syringe Needle in Vaporizing Injection. A brief further section is also devoted to a more recent development: Programmed Temperature Vaporizing (PTV) Injection.

Huethig Publishing, Ltd., 1988 • 324pp. cat.# 20451 \$78

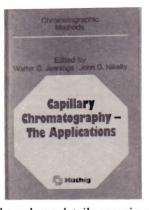
On-Column Injection in Capillary Gas Chromatography Basic Technique; Retention Gaps; Solvent Effects Konrad Grob

On-column injection techniques have become an attractive mode of sample introduction due to the minimizing if detrimental adorption and non-linearity



problems associated with split/splitless techniques. Grob's text is a *must read* treatise for the novice as well as the experienced GC practioner desiring to gain the on-column advantages. Basic technique is explained clearly with excellent schematics. Topics include: sample introduction, injector design, syringes, solvent and temperature effects. Full chapters are spent discussing solvent effects and retention gaps. This is a real how and why guide to on-column injection.

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Capillary Chromatography The Applications edited by W. Jennings and J. Nikelly

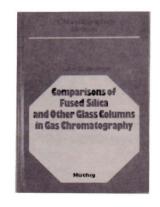
This symposium-based book describes several newly developed applications of fused silica capillary columns mainly in gas chromatography.

The volume details experimental conditions and applications in the analysis of organic pollutants in ambient air, pesticides in environmental samples, and components of microbial products and pharmaceuticals. Besides the applications, there are sections on equivalency of different stationary phases and computerized modeling of new phases.

Huethig Publishing, Ltd., 1991 • Hardcover • 156pp. cat.# 20452 \$60.75

Comparisons of Fused Silica and other Glass Columns in Gas Chromatography W.G. Jennings

This book deals with the various types of glass columns used in gas chromatography. It includes a detailed account of the construction materials, a



description of the pretreatment of the capillary, methods for evaluating inertness and testing uncoated capillaries and coated columns. In addition, the physical characteristics of glass columns are considered and the advantages conferred by column flexibility are presented.

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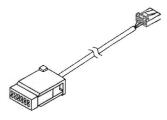
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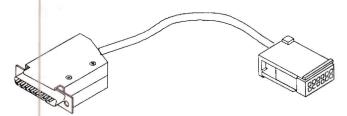
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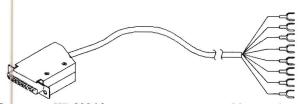


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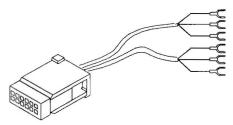
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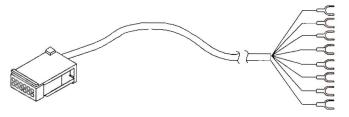


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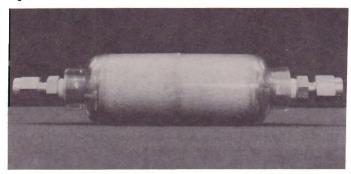
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News from Restek

Restek Licenses Fused Silica Technology from HP

After several years of negotiations, Restek and Hewlett-Packard have finally signed a licensing agreement. Effective August 5, this license allows Restek to manufacture and distribute fused silica capillary columns under HP's U.S. Patent 4,293,415 and several other foreign patents. This license covers all fused silica capillary columns previously manufactured by Restek and is in effect until the patent expires in 1998.



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