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- Early detection of structural mold
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### Erratum:

In Advantage 2008.02, Figure 1 on page 19 was incorrect. The corrected figure can be seen at [www.restek.com/aoi\\_fff\\_A016.asp](http://www.restek.com/aoi_fff_A016.asp)

# Achieving Faster GC

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Numerous articles have been published in the scientific literature regarding faster methods for gas chromatography (GC), yet confusion remains on how best to speed up separations. A significant source of this confusion is the fact that authors often neglect to define the terms "analysis speed" and "analysis time". Does the analysis time include sample preparation time? Or is it just the run time between injection and last time point on the chromatogram? Does it include reconditioning, paperwork, or interpretation? Is it the instrument time or the operator time? Numerous questions often are left unanswered and it is these questions that are to blame for the chaos in fast GC. Here I will try to clarify this confusion.

A chromatographic analysis consists of four steps: sample preparation, chromatographic separation, detection, and data interpretation. Clearly these steps are related and can not be considered in isolation. Changes in the sample preparation might affect the performance of the separation, and more sensitive and selective detectors may allow simpler sample preparation. It is these very strong interactions among the four steps that make it very difficult to describe the consequence of a change somewhere in the procedure on the total analysis time. The next problem to consider is the fact that the term "total analysis time" also is not very well defined. Is it the time-to-result for a sample, or is it the total operator time for the analysis of 100 samples divided by 100? Because of all this confusion, information from the literature on how to speed up GC analyses should be interpreted and used with great care. It is the author's sincere belief that these undefined terms have been, and still are, major obstacles, to the success of faster GC. People have tried solutions towards faster GC that too often did not work. This made people lose their confidence in fast GC. However, we should not forget there are almost 20 methods for speeding up a GC separation!<sup>1</sup> If one selects the wrong route, all too often the conclusion is that fast GC does not work, rather than that the analyst was wrong in his or her selection. Fast GC works if—and only if—the correct route is selected. Doing that is much simpler than one might expect. Simple guidelines can be followed to select the best option, if we restrict ourselves to the chromatographic separation itself.

The selection of the best route to speed up a separation starts with an understanding of why a chromatographic separation takes time. The total time a chromatogram takes is the sum of all empty baseline segments plus the sum of the width of all baseline peaks. How can we minimize the total time? Very simple: Get rid of the baseline, only separate those peaks that need to be separated and make the peaks as narrow as possible. This sentence summarizes the three main routes to faster GC. In correct scientific terms, and in the correct order of implementation, one would describe them as 1) minimize resolution to a value just sufficient, 2) maximize the selectivity of the chromatographic system, and 3) implement a method that reduces analysis time while holding resolution constant.

If your chromatogram contains baseline or over-resolved peaks, the first step in making the separation faster is to eliminate this over-resolution. The options to do this include:

- shortening the column.
- working at an above optimum carrier gas velocity.
- increasing the initial temperature or the temperature programming rate.
- converting an isothermal separation to a programmed method.
- using flow programming.
- using a thinner film.

Only after having eliminated all baseline and situations of over-resolution should one continue to step 2. But more importantly, if one does not have baseline or over-resolved peaks, do not even consider using these options! Faster temperature programming has been described as a universal solution for faster GC. But if your chromatogram is full of peaks all just separated without any excess resolution, faster programming will ruin your





# Eliminate Column Breakage in High Temperature Biodiesel Analysis

By Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Innovations Chemist, Jaap de Zeeuw, International GC Specialist

*Beat high temperature breakage with Restek **MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns**. More stable than fused silica, for accurate, reliable performance and longer column lifetime. Available with either factory- coupled or fully-integrated retention gaps.*

Restek has raised the bar with a new high-temperature MXT®-Biodiesel TG column line to complement our fused silica column line for biodiesel analysis. These new MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are stable to 430°C and offer unique retention gap options that minimize dead volume and leaks. Choose either a 0.32mm column factory-coupled to a 0.53mm retention gap, or select a single unit 0.53mm column featuring Integra-Gap™, a built-in retention gap that eliminates the need for a connector. Both designs are extremely stable at high temperatures and produce fast elution times and sharp peaks for high molecular weight glycerides.



## Eliminate Column Breakage in High Temperature Biodiesel Analysis

### Unsurpassed Stability

The high temperature programs required for analysis of biodiesel oils (B100) by either ASTM D-6584 or EN-14105 methodology present a significant challenge to the analytical column. High-temperature fused silica tubing breaks down under these extreme conditions, but the metal MXT® tubing does not degrade, even at temperatures up to 430°C (Figure 1). This allows analysts to bake out any residue eluting after the triglycerides, preventing carryover without damaging the column.

So how well do the MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns perform? We conducted a benchmarking experiment comparing an MXT®-Biodiesel TG column with an Integra-Gap™ retention gap to a high-temperature fused silica column which was coupled to a conventional 0.53mm retention gap. Methodology followed ASTM method D-6584, except the final temperature was modified to 430°C. Both columns were subjected to 100 temperature cycles up to 430°C and then derivatized B100 was injected to check column performance.

**MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are undamaged by the high temperatures required for biodiesel analysis and easily outperform high temperature fused silica columns.**

This evaluation was performed using a Shimadzu 2010 gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector, a model AOC 20i + S autosampler with a 10µL SGE syringe and 42mm 26-gauge needle, and a cold on-column programmable injector with a stainless steel injector insert. A Parker hydrogen generator supplied the carrier gas. Peak symmetry and retention time were evaluated as indicators of thermal stability.

Peak symmetry of butanetriol on a commercial high-temperature fused silica column deteriorates after just 20 injections, compared to the excellent symmetry that is maintained on the MXT®-Biodiesel TG column (Figure 2). In addition to peak shape, retention time stability was used to evaluate column performance. The decrease in retention time seen on the high-temperature fused silica column indicates the liquid phase is being lost (Figure 3). In contrast, the consistent retention times obtained on the MXT®-Biodiesel TG column demonstrate its stability. Practically, this translates into reliable performance and longer column lifetimes.

**Figure 1** MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are undamaged by high thermal cycles compared to high-temperature fused silica columns, which break down under the same conditions.



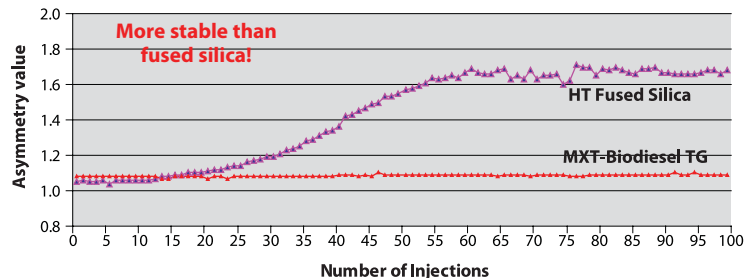
**MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are undamaged by high thermal cycles.**



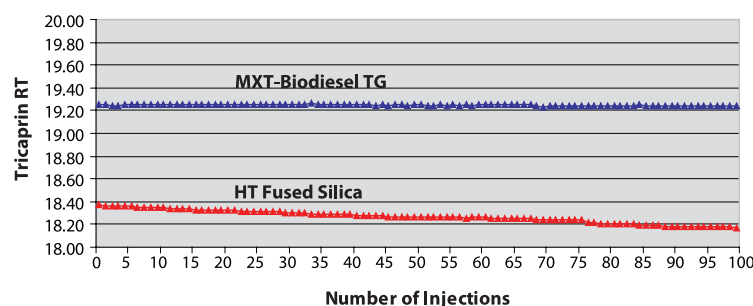
**HT fused silica columns, labeled as stable to 430°C, show pitting and breakdown.**

100 temperature cycles to 430°C totaling 500 minutes at maximum temperature.

**Figure 2** Stable and consistent peak shape for the internal standard butanetriol gives you more accurate quantitation.



**Figure 3** Retention time is stable on a metal MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, even after 100 cycles up to 430°C.

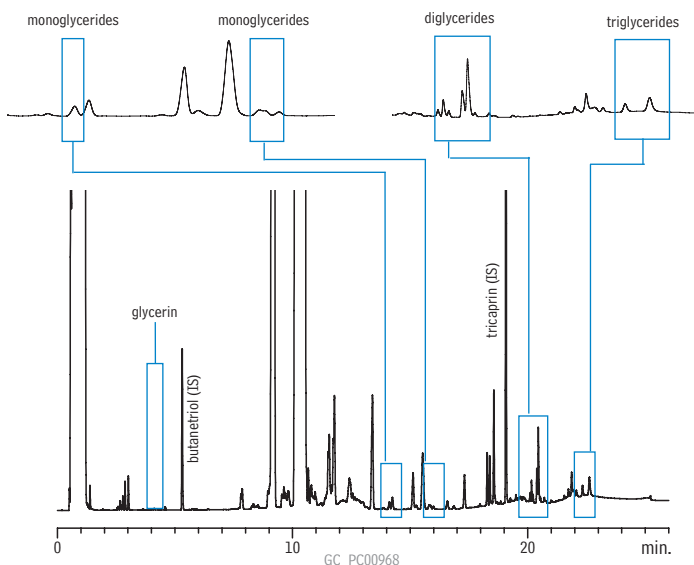


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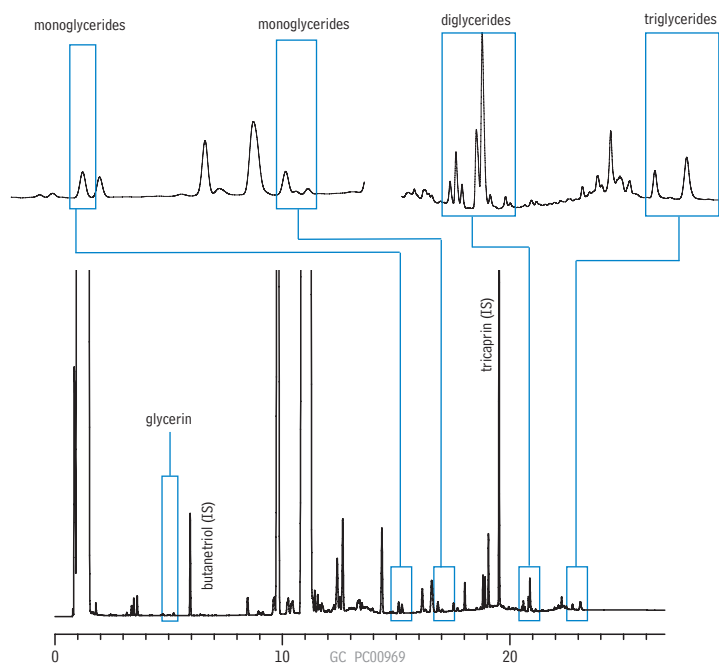


**Figure 4** Derivatized B100 samples resolve well on the 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, which is factory-coupled to a 0.53mm MXT® retention gap using an MXT® low-dead-volume.



**Column:** MXT®-Biodiesel TG, 15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10µm (cat.# 70291) with a 2m x 0.53mm MXT® retention gap connected with an MXT™ low dead-volume connector (17m total length)  
**Sample:** biodiesel (B100), derivatized; Inj.: cool on-column injection 1µL in heptane; Inj. temp.: oven track; Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow; Flow rate: 3mL/min.; Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min. to 230°C @ 7°C/min. to 380°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.); Det.: FID @ 380°C

**Figure 5** Excellent chromatographic quality and resolution on the 0.53mm MXT-Biodiesel TG analytical column with a built in Integra-Gap™ retention gap.



**Column:** MXT®-Biodiesel TG, 14m, 0.53mm ID, 0.16µm (cat.# 70289) with a 2m x 0.53mm with Integra-Gap™ retention gap (16m total length)  
**Sample:** biodiesel (B100), derivatized; Inj.: cool on-column injection 1µL in heptane; Inj. temp.: oven track; Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow; Flow rate: 4mL/min.; Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min. to 230°C @ 7°C/min. to 380°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.); Det.: FID @ 380°C

## Analytical Alternatives

### Factory connected 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns & 0.53mm retention gaps

For accurate analysis of heavy triglycerides, on-column injection is required. ASTM D-6584 describes the use of a 0.32mm analytical column coupled with a 0.53mm retention gap. The 0.53mm ID retention gap allows the cool on-column technique to be used, but care must be taken to minimize dead volume and to establish a leak-tight connection. Restek's 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are factory-coupled to a 0.53mm MXT® retention gap with an MXT® low-dead-volume connector, ensuring a leak-tight connection. Target analytes resolve well and the solvent and triglyceride peaks show excellent symmetry (Figure 4).

### 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns

The 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are a simpler alternative to using a 0.32mm column coupled to a 0.53mm retention gap. Restek applied Integra-Gap™ technology to the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns, eliminating the column coupling. These single unit leak-proof columns feature a built-in retention gap, reducing the risk of peak broadening and tailing. Chromatography from the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG with Integra-Gap™ technology (Figure 5) is excellent and comparable to that obtained on the 0.32mm ID column in Figure 4.

## Conclusion

As demonstrated, for high temperature GC analysis, the metal MXT®-Biodiesel TG column is a rugged column that withstands the harsh temperatures required for total residual glycerin analysis. The column has the resolution needed for accurate, reliable results and is more stable at high temperatures than competitive fused silica columns, leading to longer column lifetimes. To improve the reliability and robustness of your biodiesel analyses, try a Restek MXT®-Biodiesel TG column.

## Product Listing

### MXT®-Biodiesel TG Columns (Siltek® treated stainless steel)

Description	cat.#	price
14m, 0.53mm ID, 0.16 w/2m Integra-Gap	70289	
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	70292	
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap	70290	
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	70293	
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap	70291	

temp limits: -60 to 380/430°C \*Total column length=16 meters.

### Restek Tubing Scorer for MXT® Columns

Designed to make perfectly round cut every time!

Description	qty.	cat.#	price
Restek Tubing Scorer for MXT Columns (0.25-0.53mm ID & 0.5-0.8mm OD)	ea.	20523	
Replacement Scoring Wheel	ea.	20522	



# Reliably Detect Pesticides Down to 10pg with Sensitive SIM GC/MS Multiresidue Method

*Market demands are increasing for multiresidue pesticide methods that are both sensitive and effective across a broad range of compound chemistries. The **Rxi®-5Sil MS** column gives accurate low level results for a wide variety of analytes in a single run.*

By Jason Thomas, Environmental Innovations Chemist

As labs operate in an extremely competitive market, the demand for more sensitive multiresidue pesticide methods is increasing. A GC/MS method is a logical choice, as this instrument provides a high degree of specificity, yet is relatively inexpensive and easy to operate, compared to LC/MS/MS, high resolution MS, or GC/MS/MS. However, to take full advantage of GC/MS, careful column selection is critical. The column used must be of the proper selectivity to separate compounds that share common spectra, and also exhibit a high degree of inertness and minimal bleed. Here we demonstrate the effectiveness of an Rxi®-5Sil MS column for low level analysis of a wide variety of pesticides differing in volatility, compound class, and degree of activity.

## Excellent Response for Difficult Active Compounds

Column inertness, selectivity, and bleed are key considerations and often determine the success or failure of analytical runs. Inertness can be assessed through the behavior of active compounds, which often exhibit disproportionately poor responses at low concentrations. Although the compound list analyzed here contains many compounds with a high degree of activity, low level linearity (10-1,000ng/mL) was established with an  $r^2$  value of 0.990 or above for many of these challenging compounds (Table I). In addition, the notoriously problematic compounds of EPA Method 8081, endrin and 4,4'-DDT, were among the least troublesome tested here, attaining values of 0.997 and 0.998, respectively. Note that standards were analyzed for this study and some compounds with  $r^2$

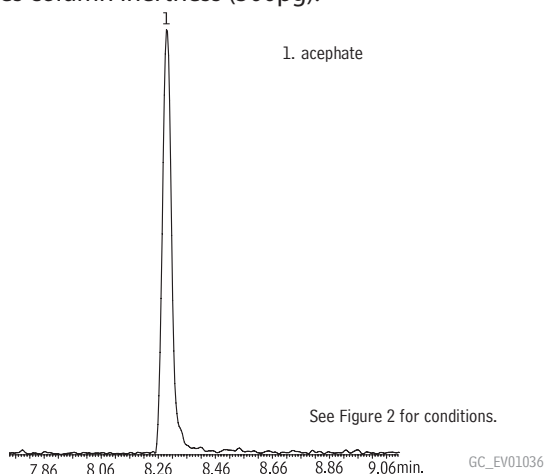
**Table I The Rxi®-5Sil MS column provides excellent linearity, and thus more accurate results, for a wide range of pesticide chemistries down to 10pg.**

Compound	Retention time (min.)	Quant. ion	Qual. ion 1	Qual. ion 2	IS	$r^2$ (10-1,000 ppb)
methamidophos	5.77	141	95	94	BNB	0.997
dichlorvos	6.02	185	79	109	BNB	0.998
bromonitrobenzene (IS)	7.21	203	201	157	IS	—
mevinphos	8.26	192	127	109	BNB	0.995
acephate	8.30	136	95	94	BNB	0.982
<i>o</i> -phenylphenol	9.44	170	169	141	BNB	0.997
omethoate	10.23	156	110	109	BNB	0.976
dimethoate	11.77	125	143	93	BNB	0.981
pentachloronitrobenzene (IS)	12.13	295	249	237	IS	—
diazinon	12.45	179	304	137	PCNB	0.994
chlorothalonil	12.55	266	264	268	PCNB	0.983
vinclozin	13.48	285	198	212	PCNB	0.998
carbaryl	13.65	144	116	115	PCNB	0.996
metalaxyl	13.69	206	160	132	PCNB	0.997
dichlofluanid	14.17	123	167	224	PCNB	0.954
malathion	14.19	173	125	127	PCNB	0.992
thiabendazole I	15.34	201	202	174	PCNB	0.958
captan	15.34	79	119	149	PCNB	0.987
folpet	15.46	260	130	104	PCNB	0.964
imazalil	16.10	215	175	173	PCNB	0.982
myclobutanil	16.34	206	179	150	PCNB	0.973
endrin	16.82	265	279	317	PCNB	0.997
fenhexamid	17.79	177	179	97	PCNB	0.969
4,4'-DDT	17.79	237	235	165	PCNB	0.998
propargite	18.04	173	150	135	PCNB	0.999
triphenylphosphate (IS)	18.09	325	215	326	IS	—
iprodione	18.47	314	316	187	TPP	0.991
bifenthrin	18.64	181	166	165	TPP	0.998
fenpropathrin	18.82	265	208	181	TPP	0.985
dicofol	18.89	139	251	253	TPP	0.788
permethrin I	20.41	183	165	163	TPP	0.998
permethrin II	20.54	183	163	165	TPP	0.995
deltamethrin	22.87	253	251	181	TPP	0.995

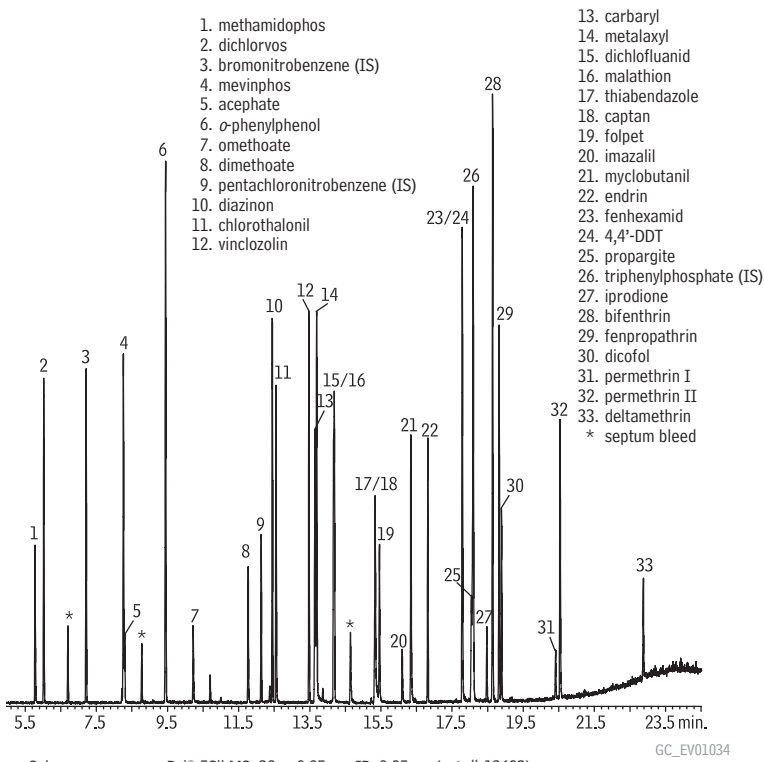
Standard curve: 10, 25, 75, 150, 500, and 1,000 ng/mL mixed standards, single 1 $\mu$ L injections.



**Figure 1** Outstanding peak symmetry for active compounds demonstrates column inertness (500pg).



**Figure 2** Use an Rxi®-5Sil MS column to easily resolve a broad range of pesticide chemistries in a single run (500pg).



Column: Rxi®-5Sil MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13623),  
with 5m x 0.25mm ID Rxi® deactivated guard tubing (cat.# 10029)  
Instrument: PerkinElmer Clarus 500 GC/MS  
Sample: 1ppm each compound (custom mixes)  
1ppm triphenylphosphate (cat.# 32281)  
1ppm 1-bromo-2-nitrobenzene (cat.# 32279)  
1ppm pentachloronitrobenzene (cat.# 32091)  
Inj.: 0.5µL splitless (hold 1 min.),  
PSS Drilled Uniliner® (hole near bottom) inlet liner (cat.# 22989)  
Inj. temp.: 250°C  
Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
Linear velocity: 32cm/sec. @ 90°C  
Oven temp.: 90°C (hold 1 min.) to 310°C @ 10°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
Det.: MS  
Transfer line temp: 300°C  
Scan range: 50-350amu  
Ionization: EI  
Mode: scan

**The inertness of the Rxi®-5Sil MS column ensures linear performance down to 10pg on-column, allowing more accurate low level quantification.**

values less than 0.990, such as acephate, omethoate, and dicofol, show a more linear response when analyzed in matrix. As shown in Figure 1, the Rxi®-5Sil MS column is also highly inert, producing excellent peak shape even for difficult compounds such as acephate. The linearity, sensitivity, and inertness demonstrated here, make the Rxi®-5Sil MS column ideal for more accurate low level quantification of active compounds.

### Low Bleed, High Selectivity

Another crucial characteristic for multiresidue pesticide methods is column bleed. Minimizing bleed is critical in preventing interference with target compounds, even in SIM analysis, as some compounds may share ions and have similar bleed spectra. As shown in the TIC chromatogram in Figure 2, the ultra-low bleed of the Rxi®-5Sil MS column allows full scan analysis with minimal interference from column bleed. The Rxi®-5Sil MS column provides excellent separation for the wide range of chemistries tested and the column is also selective enough to easily separate isomers, such as permethrin I and II.

In summary, many of the difficulties associated with multiresidue methods are simplified by using the Rxi®-5Sil MS column. Its outstanding inertness, low bleed at high temperatures, and unique selectivity provide a robust capillary column with the sensitivity and longevity needed to address the tough challenges inherent to low level multiresidue pesticide analysis.

## Product Listing

### Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond®, selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13623	

### Rxi® Guard/Retention Gap Column

Nominal ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter
0.32mm	0.45 ± 0.04mm	10039

### PSS Liners for PerkinElmer GCs

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#	price
PSS Drilled Uniliner (hole near bottom)			
20mm x 4.0mm x 86.2mm	5-pk.	22989	



# PTV On-Column Liner Gives You Two Inlets in One

*Why pay for a separate injection port when a simple liner change can convert your programmable temperature vaporization (PTV) inlet to allow for true cold on-column injections? Save time and money by using Restek's **PTV On-Column Liner**.*

By Scott Grossman, Innovations Chemist, Jack Cochran, Director of New Business and Technology, and Jaap de Zeeuw, International GC Specialist

While PTV is popular internationally, it is an emerging technique in US laboratories and is expected to grow with the awareness of this versatile technique. Now, using a PTV On-Column liner, the capabilities of PTV can be expanded to include true on-column injections, which normally would have required a separate injection port. Why incur the additional expense of a separate injection port when the same results can be achieved with a simple liner change? Restek's PTV On-Column liner, available for Agilent PTVs and the Gerstel CIS4, allows you to perform true cold on-column injections with a PTV port, saving you money and retaining the versatility of the PTV inlet.

## A Simple Solution

Figure 1 illustrates how this liner works. A 0.53mm ID retention gap column is pressed into the bottom restriction of the liner, forming a leak-free seal between the retention gap's polyimide coating and the inner wall of the liner. The liner's top restriction guides a 26-gauge needle down into the 0.53mm ID retention gap, allowing samples to be injected directly on-column.

## Protect Sensitive Compounds

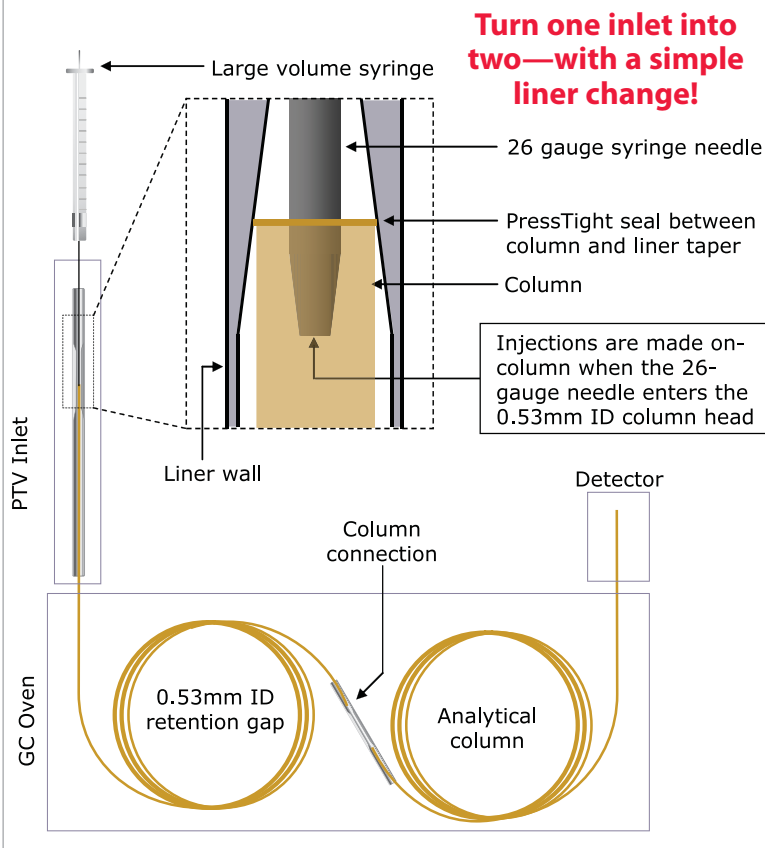
By operating the inlet at low temperatures, an initial flash vaporization is eliminated, protecting thermally labile compounds. Injecting the sample directly into the column also helps avoid injection port activity issues and increases transfer of lower volatility compounds. Both of these features help decrease sample degradation, increase sensitivity, and improve reproducibility. Figure 2 illustrates the outstanding reproducibility that can be achieved with this liner using an example of explosives as probes. Absolute standard deviations were just 2.6% (500pg/ $\mu$ L nitroglycerin) and 1.5% (100pg/ $\mu$ L TNT) for relative peak areas over 5 replicate injections. Variation in relative area was similarly low for both compounds.

## Increase Injection Volume

An additional advantage of this liner configuration is the increased analytical sensitivity that can be obtained by injecting a larger sample volume. When the sample needs to be flash vaporized, sample volume expansion in the liner quickly becomes a concern, limiting injection volume to 1-2 $\mu$ L of sample. However, with cold on-column injections, larger sample volumes can be used because the solvent can be gradually vaporized and eluted before the analytes. Using a larger sample volume means more analyte is loaded on-column, giving greater overall sensitivity. The data in Figure 3 demonstrate the excellent linearity achievable using the PTV On-Column liner across a range of injection volumes. Instead of a traditional calibration curve that plots response vs. increasingly concentrated standards, this plot illustrates response vs. increasing volumes of the same standard, in effect producing the same result of more mass on-column. The correlation between peak area and injection volume (5 -100 $\mu$ L) was evaluated and  $r^2$  values of

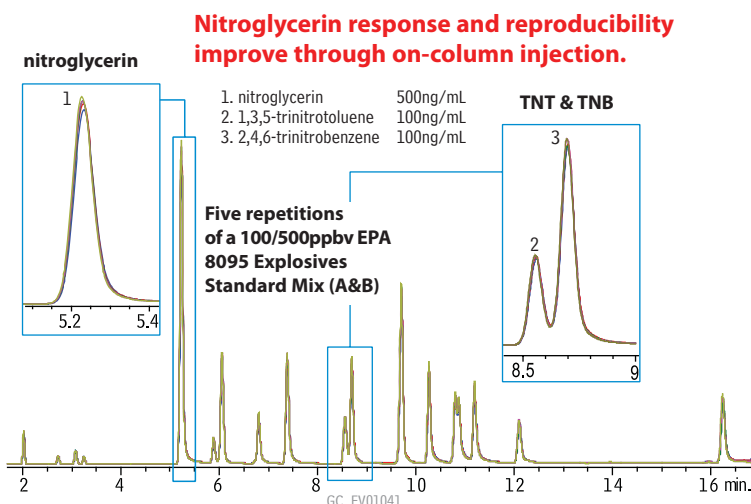
**Using the PTV On-Column liner decreases sample degradation, increases sensitivity, and improves reproducibility.**

**Figure 1** Use a PTV On-Column liner to perform cold on-column injections in a PTV injection port.





**Figure 2** Increase reproducibility and sample integrity with a PTV On-Column liner.



**Absolute area reproducibility improves for all compounds, and sensitive compound responses improve dramatically because of the lack of contact with the injection port.**

**nitroglycerin:** Absolute Area % RSD = 2.6% • Relative Area % RSD = 1.6%

**TNT:** Absolute Area % RSD = 1.5% • Relative Area % RSD = 1.4%

Column: Rxi®-5ms, 6m, 0.53mm ID, 0.5 $\mu$ m (cat.# 563153) with 5m x 0.53mm IP guard tubing (cat.# 10045), connected using PTV On-Column liner (cat.# 24976); Sample: 8095 Calibration Mix A and 8095 Calibration Mix B diluted in acetonitrile; Inj.: PTV injection port splitless (15mL/min. @ 0.35 min.); Inj. temp.: 55°C to 285°C @ 10°C/min. (hold 10 min.); Carrier gas: helium, constant flow; Linear velocity: 60cm/sec. @ 300°C; Oven temp.: 50°C to 280°C @ 10°C/min. (hold 10 min.); Det.:  $\mu$ ECD @ 300°C, nitrogen make-up gas @ 60mL/min.

0.9986 (TNB) and 0.9997 (TNT) were obtained. Note that a linear response is maintained—even for high injection volumes.

Why pay for two injection ports when a simple liner change gives you the benefits of having two inlets in one? Using a PTV On-Column liner saves you money and gives you flexibility in the lab. Use this liner and reliably perform true cold on-column injections with your PTV injection port.

## Product Listing

### PTV Liners for Agilent GCs

ID* x OD & Length	qty.	cat.#	price
PTV On-Column Liner			
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1.7mm x 3.0mm x 71mm	5-pk.	24977	

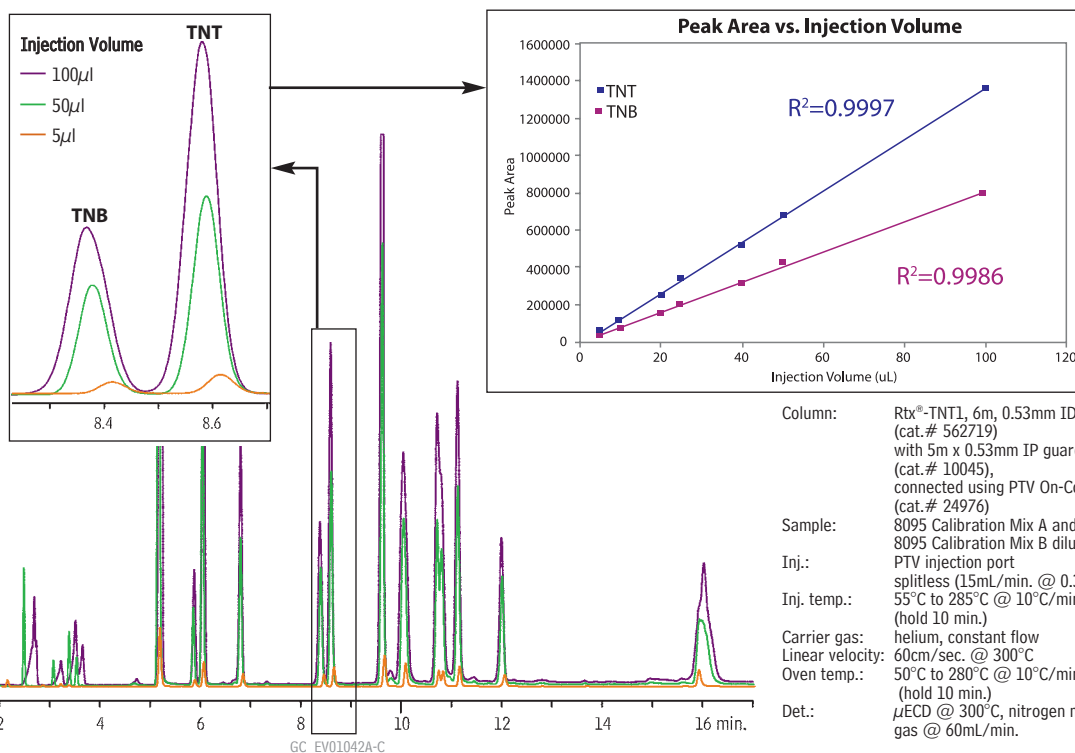
\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.

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- Using Guard Columns and Retention Gaps in GC

**Figure 3** Improve sensitivity with larger injection volumes using a PTV On-Column liner.





# Early Detection of Structural Mold with SilcoCan™ Air Sampling Canisters

*Early detection of mold growth in buildings is critically important to protecting human health and property values. Restek SilcoCan™ canisters allow low levels of mold to be detected in air samples—before it can be seen—providing an opportunity for structural repair and safer living conditions.*

By Silvia Martinez, Innovations Chemist

Mold growth in homes has been linked to serious human health and property value issues; thus, early detection is of increasing importance. Mold releases microbial volatile organic compounds (MVOCs) which can be sampled in air and identified by GC/MS analysis, even prior to visual detection methods. MVOCs attributed to fungal growth include terpenes, ethers, ketones, alcohols, aldehydes, aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons, sulfur-based compounds, and amines. These compounds are not unlike other volatile organic compounds commonly analyzed in environmental and industrial hygiene laboratories, and the same equipment can be used to collect, positively identify, and quantify MVOCs.

Due to the polar nature of many MVOCs, and the low concentrations found in early detection, a passivated, large volume collection device is needed for sampling. SilcoCan™ canisters are an excellent choice for sampling and analyzing MVOCs. The canister surface, passivated with a chemically bonded fused silica layer, has been shown to provide the stability and inertness needed for collecting and storing low level volatiles (ppbv) such as those analyzed by EPA methods TO-14A and TO-15, including sulfur-containing compounds and microbial VOCs. Here we show a successful application of highly inert SilcoCan™ canisters and GC/MS for monitoring low level mold growth in building structures.

**Table I** Boiling points of low volatility MVOCs.

MVOC	bp (°C)
1-octanol	194
isoborneol	212
$\alpha$ -terpineol	214
geosmin	270

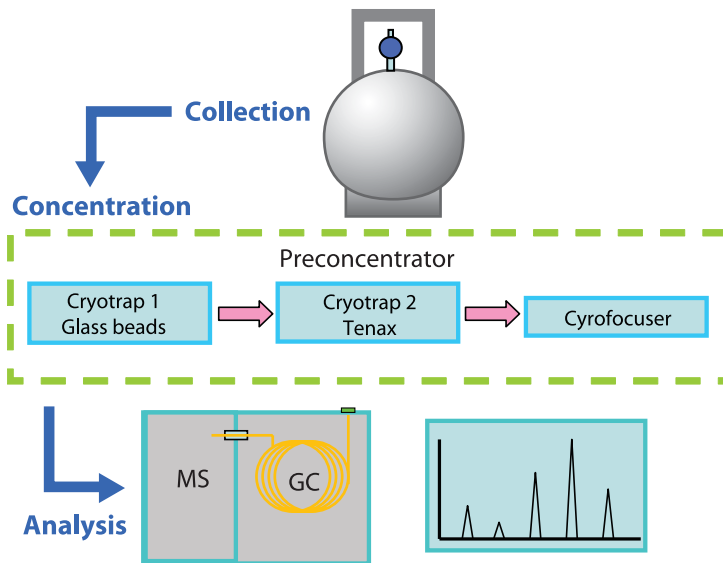
## Sample Set-up

For our analysis, we began with standard solutions of 23 MVOCs in methanol at 100 $\mu$ g/mL. The compounds were separated by chemistry into four solutions to prevent degradation reactions: alcohols, ketones, 2-isopropyl-3-methoxypyrazine, and geosmin. After cleaning and evacuating a SilcoCan™ canister, 210 $\mu$ L of water were added to the canister to simulate natural humidity and aid recovery. After equilibration, 2 $\mu$ L of each solution were added to the canister. Finally, the canister was pressurized to 30psig with dry nitrogen to yield a final concentration of 2.2ng/200mL for each MVOC, or 1.4 to 3.8ppbv of each MVOC. (The final ppbv concentration is molecular weight-dependant.) To boost recoveries of the higher-boiling compounds, we used a Restek Air Canister Heating Jacket set to 75°C. The sample was heated to 75°C for 30 minutes prior to, and during testing. Boiling points of some of the lower volatility MVOCs are shown in Table I.

## 23 MVOCs Identified in Less than 30 Minutes

Sample analysis was conducted using standard air analysis equipment such as is used in environmental laboratories. In our case, we used a Nutech 8900DS autosampler and preconcentrator attached to an Agilent 6890/5973 GC/MS. Volatiles in the sample are concentrated by a cryogenic trap followed by an adsorbent trap, then cryofocused for injection into the GC/MS. Figure 1 shows a schematic of the sampling and preconcentration process. An Rxi®-1ms column was used to provide separation at the ultra-low bleed levels required for spectroscopic analysis. The MVOC sample was analyzed by concentrating 200mL of the 0.011ng/mL gaseous mix using a 1:1 split for only 1ng on column of each MVOC. The resulting chromatogram, shown in Figure 2, shows excellent peak response and resolution for the 23 compounds in less than 30 minutes.

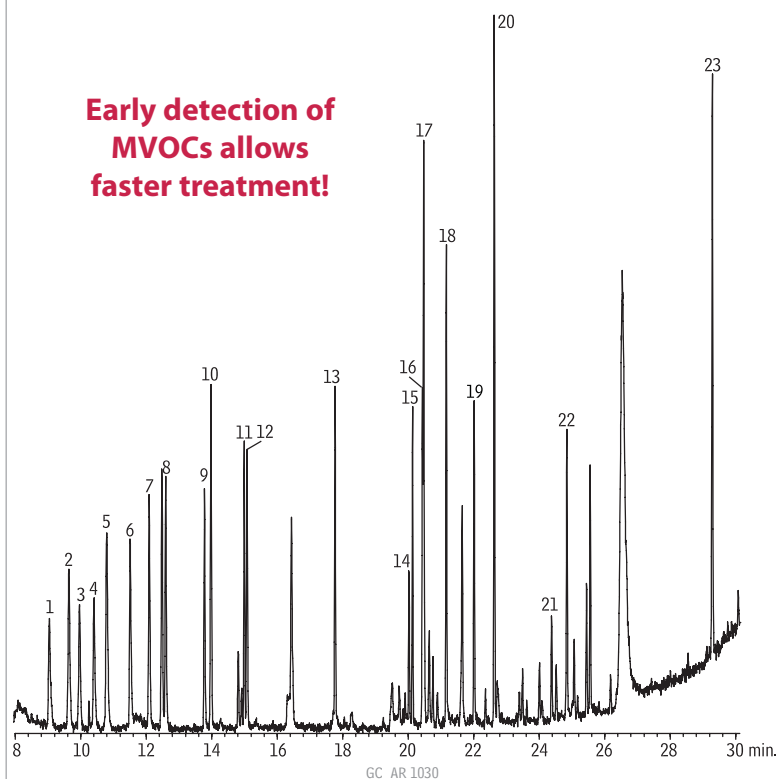
**Figure 1** Sample set-up for low level MVOC analysis. Excellent response was seen, even for polar and high boiling point compounds.





**Passivated SilcoCan™ canisters are ideal for sampling low concentrations of MVOCs. The inertness of these canisters provides an exceptional storage environment, particularly for polar and high boiling point compounds.**

**Figure 2** Detect low levels of structural mold using SilcoCan™ canisters for air sampling (1ng on-column).



Compound	Rt (min.)		
1. 2-butanone	9.047	12. 2-hexanone	15.080
2. 2-methyl-furan	9.640	13. 2-heptanone	17.767
3. 3-methyl-furan	9.962	14. 1-octen-3-ol	20.019
4. 2-methyl-1-propanol	10.405	15. 3-octanone	20.133
5. 2-methyl-2-butanol	10.791	16. 3-octanol	20.433
6. 1-butanol	11.506	17. 2-pentyl-furan	20.476
7. 3-methyl-2-butanol	12.092	18. 2-ethyl-1-hexanol	21.163
8. 2-pentanol	12.592	19. 1-octanol	22.013
9. 2-methyl-1-butanol	13.779	20. 2-isopropyl-3-methoxypyrazine	22.628
10. dimethyl disulfide	13.979	21. isoborneol	24.379
11. 3-hexanone	14.994	22. α-terpineol	24.844
		23. geosmin	28.347

Column: Rxi®-1ms, 60m, 0.25mm ID, 1.00μm (cat.# 13356)  
Sample: microbial volatile organic compounds (MVOCs), 2ppbv, 60% RH  
Inj.: 1.0μL split (split ratio 1:1), 1mm split inlet liner (cat.# 20972)  
Inj. temp.: 200°C  
Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
Flow rate: 1.5mL/min.  
Oven temp.: 10°C (hold 1 min.) to 235°C @ 8°C/min.  
Det: Agilent 6890/5973 GC/MS  
5 min. solvent delay

Transfer line temp.: 260°C  
Scan range: 35 to 350amu  
Ionization: EI  
Mode: scan  
Other: Nutech 8900DS Preconcentrator  
Conditions:  
Sample = 200mL from canister  
Cryotrap1 = -160°C  
Desorb = 20°C  
Cryotrap2 = 20°C  
Desorb = 200°C  
Cryofocuser = 200°C  
Desorb = 200°C

SilcoCan™ canisters easily provide the inertness and stability required for the collection, storage, and analysis of MVOCs, especially for polar and high-boiling compounds. Air sampling of MVOCs using SilcoCan™ canisters allows for early detection of fungal growth, providing an opportunity for structural treatments to eradicate damaging mold.

## Product Listing

### Rxi®-1ms Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	60-Meter	13356	

### 1mm Split Liners for Agilent GCs

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1mm Split			
1.0mm x 6.3mm x 78.5mm	ea.	20972	

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SilcoCan Canister, 1/4" Valve	15L	ea.	24183	923

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# Prepare Samples in Half the Time Using a Fraction of the Solvent with dSPE



*Simplify and speed up sample preparation with **Resprep dSPE tubes**! Here we show the extraction and clean-up of pesticide residues from olive oil samples—twice as fast as GPC, with only a fraction of the solvent required for conventional SPE.*

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Olive oil is considered a healthy fat source and is a staple in many recommended diets. However, concerns about potentially negative health effects associated with pesticide residues have increased consumer interest in testing. While organophosphorus pesticides are currently used in olive orchards to control pests, organochlorine pesticides are still tested for as persistent organic pollutants (residues), even though they are no longer in commercial use. There are several existing methods for measuring pesticide residues in olive oil, all of which involve sample extraction and clean-up.<sup>1</sup> The common goal of these methods is to remove lipids that are harmful to the analytical system.<sup>2</sup> Efficient sample clean-up procedures are critical to maximizing sample throughput and minimizing labor and material costs. Here we demonstrate the efficiency of a dSPE clean-up procedure, as well as the capabilities of both method-specific and general purpose analytical columns.

## Simple Procedure Uses Half the Time and Minimal Solvent

Sample extraction and clean-up can be accomplished with gel permeation chromatography (GPC), solid phase extraction (SPE), or dispersive solid phase extraction (dSPE) methods. However the dSPE method shown here is much less expensive than GPC (which requires specialized equipment) and uses substantially less solvent than comparable GPC or SPE methods (Table I).<sup>3</sup> The method is simple to use and allows sample extraction and clean-up to be accomplished in half the time of other techniques (Table II).

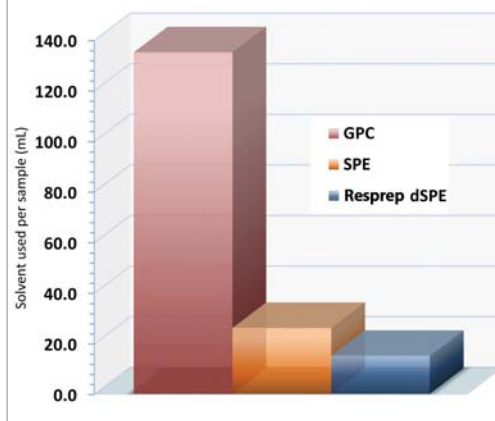
### Extraction and dSPE Clean-up for Pesticide Residues in Olive Oil

Test sample: A 1.5mL sample of commercially obtained virgin olive oil was spiked with a standard organochlorine pesticide mix. The spiked sample was processed as follows.

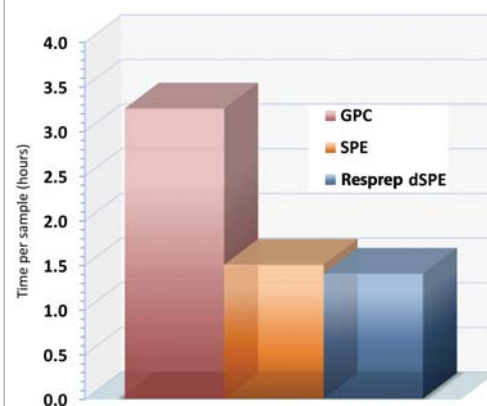
1. Dilute with 1.5mL hexane.
2. Add 6mL of acetonitrile (ACN).
3. Mix for 30 minutes on a shaker.
4. Allow layers to separate (approximately 20 minutes), then collect the top (ACN) layer.
5. Repeat the liquid-liquid extraction (steps 2-4) and combine both ACN extract layers.
6. Place 1mL of the combined ACN extract in a 1.5mL tube containing 150mg magnesium sulfate and 50mg PSA.
7. Shake the tube for 2 minutes.
8. Centrifuge at 3,000 U/min. for approximately 5 minutes.
9. Remove the top layer and inject directly into the gas chromatograph system.

Extracts were analyzed using both Rtx®-CLPesticides2 and Rxi®-5Sil MS columns (Figure 1). The Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column is a method specific column that resolves all compounds. The Rxi®-5Sil MS column is a general purpose column that has one coelution that can easily be extracted by a mass

**Table I** Resprep dSPE method uses 42% and 89% less solvent than SPE and GPC methods respectively.



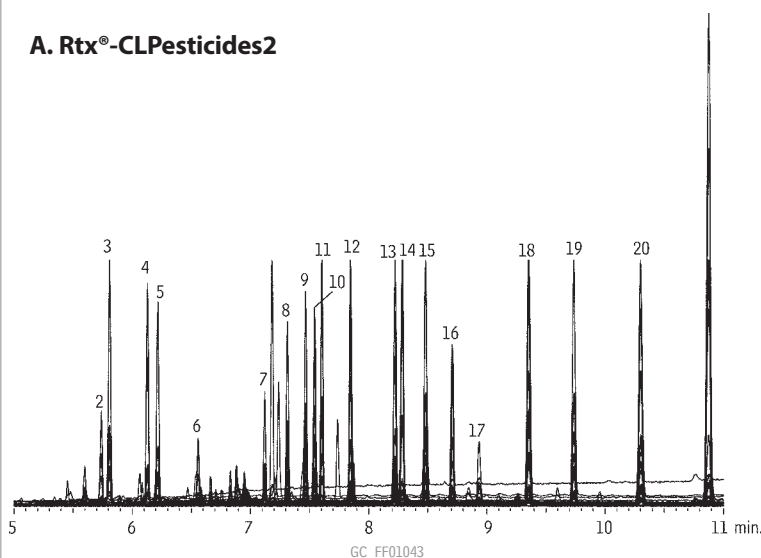
**Table II** Cut extraction/clean-up time by 50% using a Resprep dSPE method.



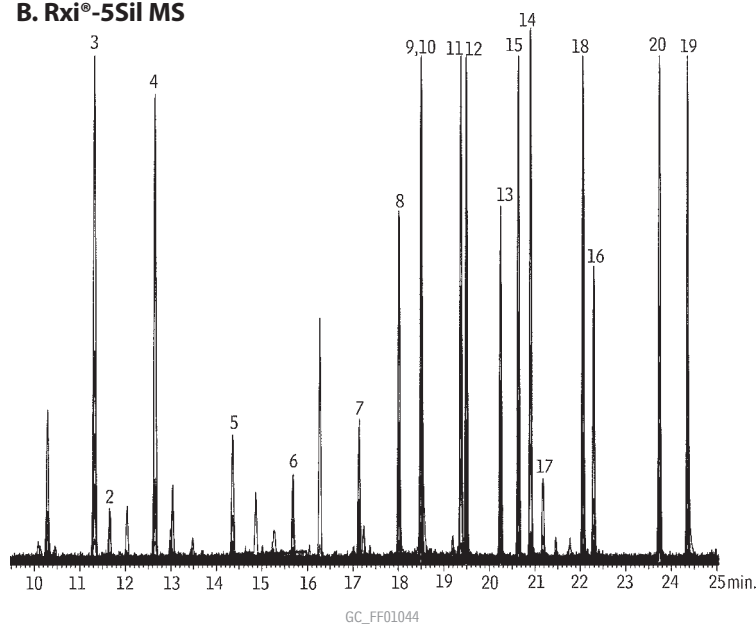


**Figure 1** Chlorinated pesticide residues in olive oil are easily separated on either Rtx®-CLPesticides2 or Rxi®-5Sil MS columns.

**A. Rtx®-CLPesticides2**



**B. Rxi®-5Sil MS**



	Compound	Quant. ion	Qual. ion 1	Qual. ion 2
Column: A. Rtx®-CLPesticides2, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.20µm (cat.# 11323) B. Rxi®-5Sil MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13623) Sample: 10µg/mL Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB # 3 (cat.# 32415) in olive oil Inj.: 1µL, splitless (hold 0.5 min.), 3.5mm single gooseneck liner (cat.# 20962) packed with wool Inj. temp.: 225°C Carrier gas: helium, constant flow Flow rate: 1mL/min. Oven temp.: A. 140°C (hold 0.5 min.) to 268°C @ 20°C/min. to 290°C @ 3°C/min. to 330°C (hold 5 min.) @ 20°C/min. B. 130°C (hold 0.5 min.) to 330°C @ 5°C/min Det: MS Transfer line temp.: 320°C Ionization: EI Mode: SIM	*1. α-BHC	219	181	109
	2. γ-BHC	219	181	109
	3. β-BHC	219	181	109
	4. δ-BHC	219	181	109
	5. heptachlor	272	237	100
	6. aldrin	263	293	220
	7. heptachlor epoxide	263	237	81
	8. δ-chlordane	272	237	65
	9. α-chlordane	272	237	65
	10. endosulfan I	195	207	241
	11. 4,4'-DDE	246	318	176
	12. dieldrin	79	263	277
	13. endrin	263	281	81
	14. 4,4'-DDD	235	165	199
	15. endosulfan II	195	207	-
	16. 4,4'-DDT	235	165	199
	17. endrin aldehyde	67	250	345
	18. endosulfan sulfate	272	229	239
	19. methoxychlor	227	274	-
	20. endrin ketone	67	317	281
	* not present			

spectrometer detector (MSD). Only α-BHC was not detected, a subject of further investigation, however either column can be used effectively. Recoveries of 70%-80% were obtained, levels comparable to conventional SPE—without the necessity of vacuum manifolds or high pressure systems. The GPC method attained recoveries of > 95%. However this method requires large amounts of solvent and takes over twice as long as other methods.

The dSPE method shown here is an efficient, cost-effective way to clean up chlorinated pesticide residues in olive oil. With good recoveries and minimal matrix interference, it is an easy way to reduce solvent usage, compared to conventional SPE, and is more cost-effective than GPC.

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## Product Listing

### dSPE Tube for Clean-Up of Pesticide Residue Samples

Description	Material	Methods	qty.	cat.#	price
<b>2mL Microcentrifuge Tubes for dSPE</b>					
Resprep	150mg MgSO <sub>4</sub>	AOAC			
Q250	50mg PSA	2007.1	100-pk.	26124	

PSA—primary and secondary amine exchange material.

### Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB # 3

(20 components)

aldrin	dieldrin
α-BHC	endosulfan I
β-BHC	endosulfan II
δ-BHC	endosulfan sulfate
γ-BHC (lindane)	endrin
α-chlordane	endrin aldehyde
γ-chlordane	endrin ketone
4,4'-DDD	heptachlor
4,4'-DDE	heptachlor epoxide (isomer B)
4,4'-DDT	methoxychlor

2,000µg/mL each in hexane:toluene (1:1), 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 32415 (ea.)

### Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	0.20	-60 to 320/340°C	30-Meter	11323	

### Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond®, selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13623	



# Prevent Fraud in Egg Pasta with Simple Analysis of Cholesterol and Glycerides

*Eliminate the uncertainty of using cholesterol alone to authenticate egg content. Determine both glycerides and cholesterol in a single run using an Rtx®-65TG column and get definitive, fraud-identifying results.*

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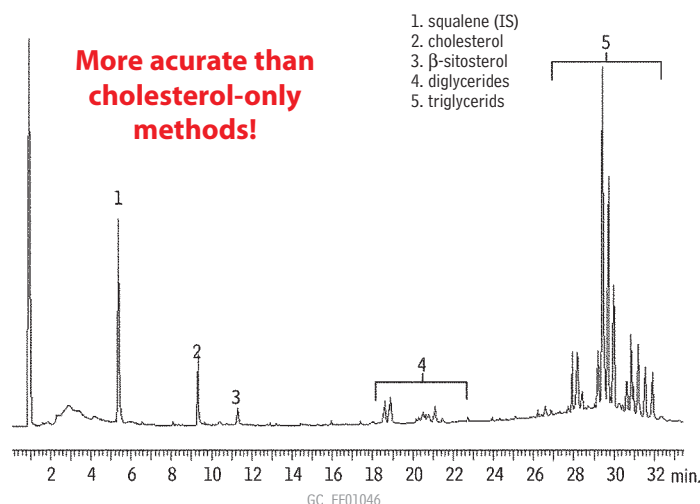
Eggs enhance the nutritional and commercial value of pasta, and thus many countries have established minimum egg content levels (based on either counts or weights) for pasta and other egg-containing products. Although egg content standards have been established, methods are not usually specified and a number of procedures may be applied. Cholesterol methods are often used to authenticate products claimed on the label to be made with eggs; however, since cholesterol can be added using non-egg sources, its presence alone is not a reliable marker of egg content. Also, even if egg is the source of the cholesterol in the product, it is difficult to correlate quantitatively to egg content levels, because the levels of cholesterol found naturally in eggs are highly variable. The method presented here allows the use of glycerides, in addition to cholesterol, to assess egg content in pasta. This method provides chromatographic separation of cholesterol, diglycerides, and triglycerides, allowing fraudulent (non-egg) sources of cholesterol to be easily and accurately determined, so qualitative and quantitative comparisons can be made.

## Simple Extraction Method

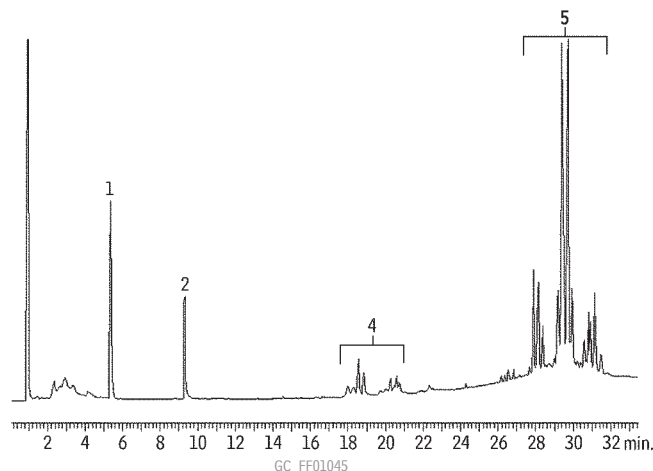
Current methods used for the extraction of fat from flour components generally involve either a 24-hour diethyl ether extraction or an 8-hour Soxhlet extraction. The extraction described here is rapid by comparison. In this simple procedure, fat is extracted from egg pasta dough and freeze-dried egg product by homogenizing the samples and pouring them into glass columns filled with sodium sulfate. The fat phase is eluted with 100mL diethyl ether and then evaporated with nitrogen. Approximately 50mg of the dried fat extract is then dissolved in 1mL internal standard solution (3,000 ppm squalene in diethyl ether). The extracted samples are analyzed by gas chromatography (GC) using an Rtx®-65TG column, which is specifically tested for triglyceride performance.

**Figure 1** Easily detect fraud by comparing cholesterol and glyceride profiles in one run on the Rtx®-65TG column.

### A. Extracted egg pasta fats



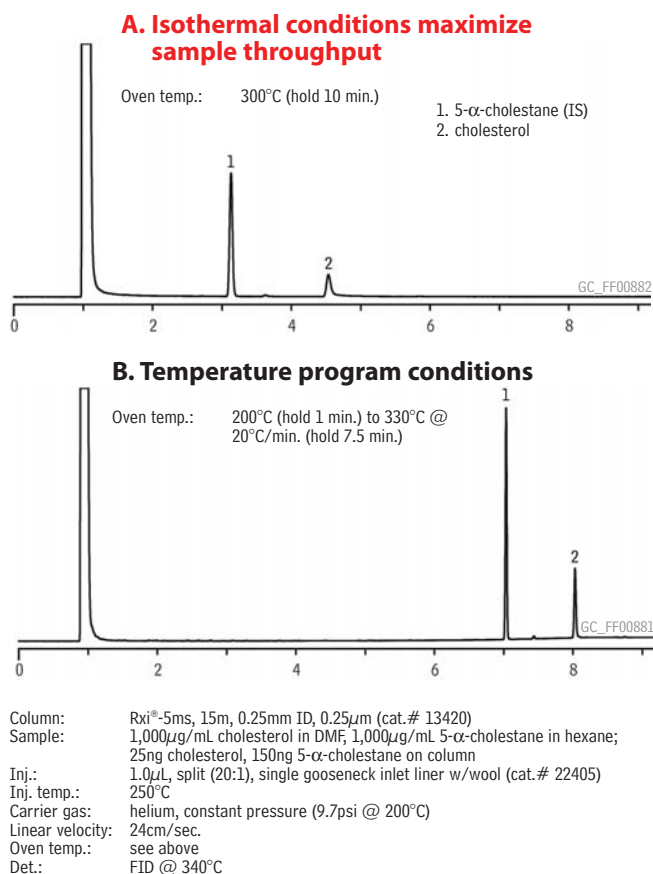
### B. Extracted egg fats



Column: Rtx®-65TG, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.10μm (cat.# 17008)  
Sample: A. 50μg/mL fat extract from egg pasta in diethyl ether solution with 3,000ppm squalene (IS)  
B. 50μg/mL fat extract from egg in diethyl ether solution with 3,000ppm squalene (IS)  
Inj.: 0.5μL, split (1:80), 70°C (hold 12 sec.) at 99°C up to 370°C (hold 5 min.)  
Carrier gas: hydrogen  
Flow rate: 1.5mL/min.  
Oven temp.: 220°C (hold 2.0 min.) to 360°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
Det: FID @ 370°C

**Fraudulent label claims of egg content in egg pasta can be detected more accurately by evaluating glycerides and cholesterol, compared to analyzing cholesterol alone. This simple method determines both in a single run.**

**Figure 2** 5-minute run times benefit cholesterol methods requiring high sample throughput instead of source confirmation.



## Easy Identification of Fraudulent Product

Excellent chromatographic separation of cholesterol, squalene, diglycerides, and triglycerides was obtained (Figure 1). Once separated, these fractions can be used to confirm the addition of egg fat by comparing the glyceride profiles of the egg pasta extract with those from the egg sample. Egg pasta products adulterated with non-egg sources of cholesterol will not show comparable patterns. Note, while cholestane often is used as an internal standard in cholesterol testing, the use of squalene instead in this method is advantageous as it allows both cholesterol and the glyceride profiles to be analyzed. Squalene is highly stable and similar to cholesterol, but the compounds are well-resolved on the Rtx®-65TG column. Cholestane is not sufficiently separated from cholesterol on this polar phase, however, for methods that recommend cholestane, separations can be accomplished on the less polar Rxi®-5ms column (Figure 2). In fact, for methods with a goal of high throughput cholesterol determination, rather than source authentication, using the Rxi®-5ms column under isocratic conditions can cut analysis time by nearly 50%.

In summary, estimating cholesterol in food products is often part of the authentication testing of label claims regarding egg content. However, the presence of cholesterol in a product may be due to a non-egg source, and the natural variability of cholesterol levels in eggs further complicates quantitative conclusions. The method shown here simplifies fraud detection by incorporating glyceride testing. Easy comparison of the chromatographic profiles of egg and egg product (pasta) samples can be made using an Rtx®-65TG column, which is specifically tested to assure excellent separations and a reliable performance for glycerides.

## Product Listing

### Rtx®-65TG Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 65% diphenyl/35% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df ( $\mu$ m)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	0.10	40 to 370°C	30-Meter	17008	

### Rxi®-5ms Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

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# Fast Screening and Confirmation of Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) in Urine



*Maximize your analytical options with this versatile GHB extraction method. No derivatization means faster sample preparation. Extracts are amenable to both liquid injection GC/FID and headspace GC/MS methods.*

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Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and its precursor, gamma-butyrolactone (GBL), are controlled substances associated with drug-facilitated sexual assault. Criminal cases often hinge on lab results, which can include screening urine samples and then quantifying GHB using GC/MS. In its native state, GHB is extremely difficult to chromatograph and must be analyzed as a trimethylsilyl derivative or converted to GBL. The headspace (HS) procedure described here (adapted from an FBI Chemistry Unit method) eliminates time-consuming derivatization.<sup>1</sup> This procedure reduces sample preparation time and minimizes both column contamination from derivatization reagents and contamination from sample matrix caused by liquid injections.

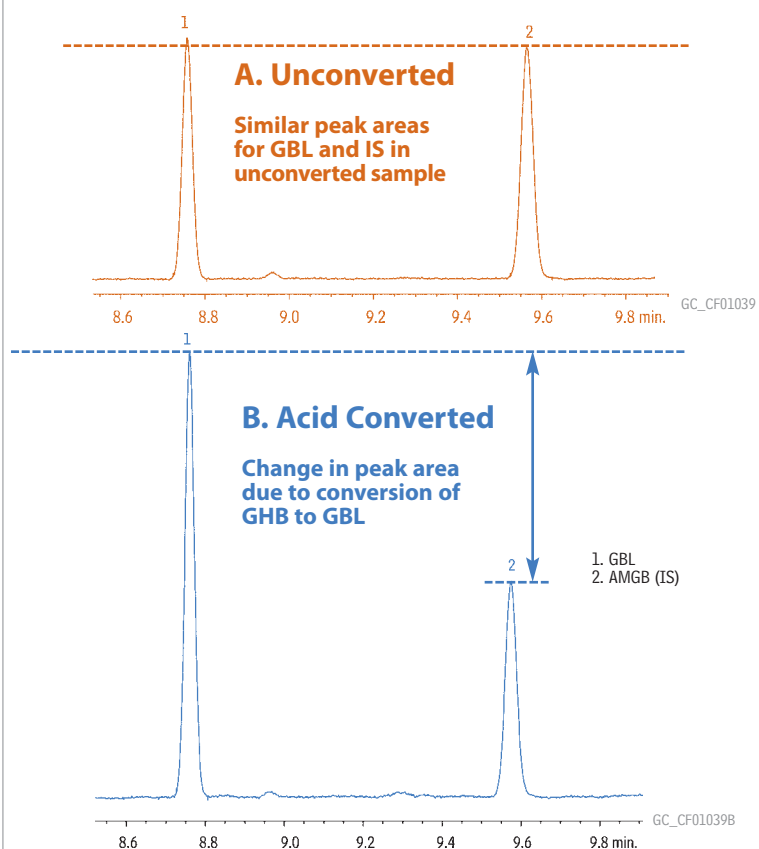
## Eliminate Derivatization and Reduce System Contamination

Samples were spiked in urine and extracted according to the procedure in Table I, using alpha-methylene-gamma-butyrolactone (AMGB) as an internal standard. GHB is converted to GBL with sulfuric acid, eliminating the need for derivatization (Figure 1). Note the unconverted sample shows comparable levels of GBL and AMGB, whereas GBL levels in the converted sample are significantly higher, due to the conversion of GHB to GBL.

## Reliably Screen Samples Using Existing Blood Alcohol Testing Set-Up

Headspace injections (using the total vaporization technique) of the final urine extracts were screened by GC/FID using an Rtx®-BAC1 column in a blood alcohol headspace GC system. This system is com-

**Figure 1** GHB can be converted to GBL for analysis, saving time by eliminating derivatization.



**Table I** Extraction procedure for GHB and GBL.

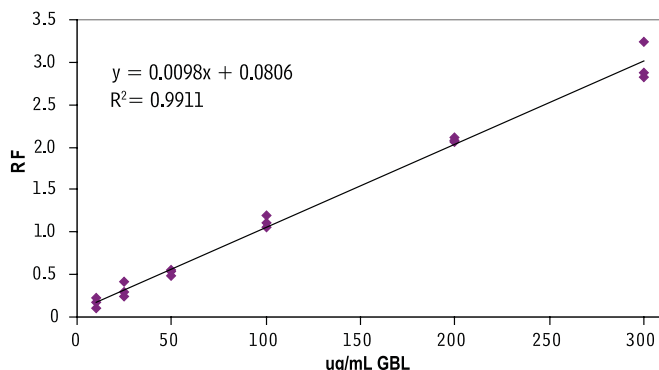
1. Label two screw top test tubes per specimen.  
One for total GHB, the other for GBL only.
2. Add 1mL of sample (urine) to each tube.
3. Add 50µL of AMGB to each tube.
4. Add 150µL concentrated sulfuric acid only to tubes used for analysis of total GHB.
5. Vortex all tubes and allow them to sit 5 minutes.
6. Add 5mL methylene chloride to each tube.  
Shake 10 minutes to extract.
7. Centrifuge samples at 3,000 rpm for 5 minutes.
8. Transfer bottom (methylene chloride) layer to a clean test tube for drying.
9. Concentrate samples to ~100µL at 30°C under nitrogen.
10. For headspace analysis, inject 15µL of sample into a capped headspace vial. Or, for liquid injection, transfer extract to a limited volume insert.

Column:	Rtx®-BAC1, 30m, 0.32mm ID, 1.8µm (cat.# 18003)	Headspace conditions:	Equilibration temp.: 100°C
Sample:	50µg/mL GHB, GBL, and AMGB (IS) in urine		Equilibration time: 10 min.
	A: unconverted		Injection volume: 1mL
	B: converted with sulfuric acid	Oven temp.:	50°C (hold 3 min.) to 150°C @ 20°C/min. (hold 7 min.)
Inj.:	1mL headspace injection, split (10:1), 1mm split inlet liner (cat.# 20972)	Det.:	FID @ 240°C
Inj. temp.:	200°C	Hydrogen:	40mL/min.
Carrier gas:	helium, constant flow	Air:	400mL/min.
Flow rate:	1.0mL/min.	Makeup:	40mL/min.

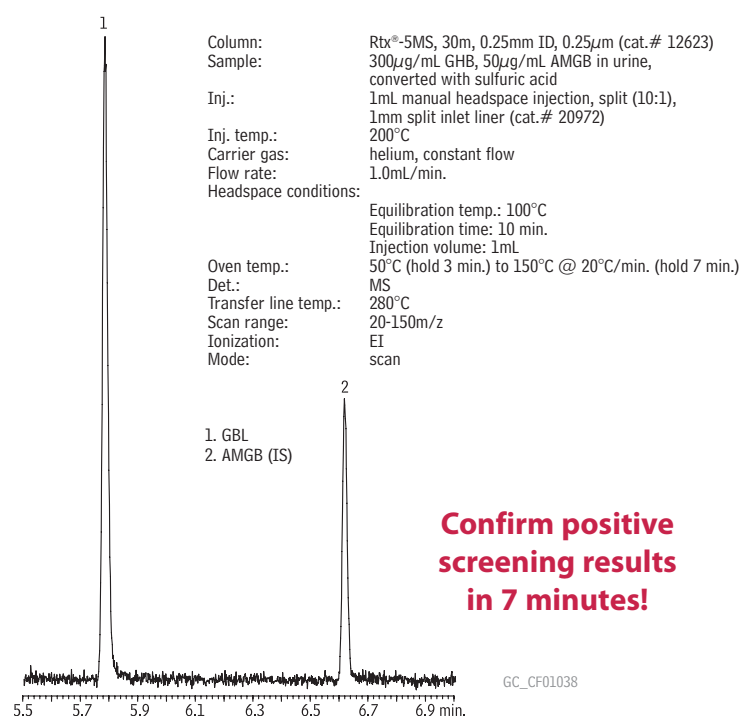
Sample: urine spiked with 50µg/mL each GHB, GBL, and AMGB (IS), extracted according to procedure in Table I, and analyzed using headspace (total vaporization technique).

**This versatile extraction and headspace method improves lab efficiency and reduces both contamination and matrix effects by eliminating the need for derivatization and liquid injections.**

**Figure 2** GHB (analyzed as GBL) confirmation method calibration curve for headspace GC/MS analysis (10-300µg/mL in urine).



**Figure 3** Confirmation headspace GC/MS analysis of 300µg/mL converted GHB (analyzed as GBL) standard in urine.



monly used in clinical/forensic labs, eliminating the need for additional equipment. Excellent linear response was obtained from both unconverted ( $r^2 = 0.9992$ , 10-100µg/mL 4-point curve) and converted GHB in matrix ( $r^2 = 0.9910$ , 20-200µg/mL 4-point curve) with AMBG at 50µg/mL.

### Fast, Definitive Confirmation Analysis by Headspace GC/MS

Positive screening results were quickly confirmed on an Rtx®-5MS column by headspace GC/MS; several quantification and qualifier ions were identified for each compound (GBL: 42, 56, 86; AMBG: 40, 68, 98). Again, excellent linearity was achieved (Figure 2) and analysis time was less than 7 minutes (Figure 3).

In summary, the versatile extraction and headspace method shown here saves lab time and minimizes contamination by eliminating the need for derivatization and by reducing matrix effects. Rapid screening is accomplished on commonly used blood alcohol GC columns, allowing labs to reduce costs by using existing equipment. Confirmation testing using the Rtx®-5MS column, provides the definitive results needed in court with a fast analysis time of less than 7 minutes.

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## Product Listing

### Rtx®-BAC1 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
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(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

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Compound	CAS#	Solvent Code	Conc.	cat.#	price
GHB					
γ-butyrolactone (GBL)	96-48-0	ACN	1,000	34077	
α-methylene-γ-butyrolactone (AMGBL)	547-65-9	ACN	1,000	34079	
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# Beyond C18—Increase Retention of Hydrophilic Compounds Using Biphenyl Columns

*Searching for a better way to retain hydrophilic aromatic drug compounds? Biphenyl phases, such as the **Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl** column, provide greater retention than alkyl phases. Use a Biphenyl column to separate difficult-to-retain polar aromatics from unretained matrix contaminants.*

By Amanda Rigdon, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist and Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Market Development Manager

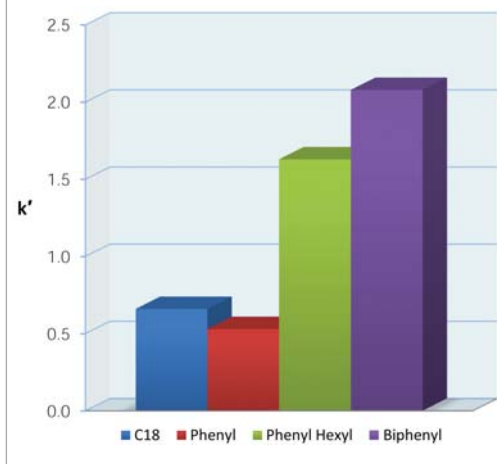
Many drug classes include compounds with aromatic ring structures, some of which also contain a sulfone or sulfoxide group. Both sulfur groups have dipole moments, adding a hydrophilic character to compounds containing these functional groups. The analysis of hydrophilic compounds on a traditional alkyl column (e.g., C18) can be problematic, since alkyl columns depend on hydrophobic (dispersive) interactions for retention. Since the sulfone and sulfoxide groups contain  $\pi$  bonds, the Biphenyl column's affinity toward compounds containing these bonds makes it a logical choice when increased retention of compounds containing these groups is desired.

To explore the selectivity of the biphenyl phase towards sulfur-containing aromatic compounds, phenyl sulfone, a simple probe, was analyzed on alkyl (C18), phenyl, phenyl hexyl, and Biphenyl columns to determine the relative retention of each phase, as measured by capacity factor ( $k'$ ). In order to ensure separation of analytes from unretained contaminants, a minimum  $k'$  value of 2 is recommended for most analyses, however in cases where there is little to no matrix interference, a  $k'$  of 1 may be acceptable. The data in Figure 1 show that phenyl sulfone is retained to a much greater degree on the Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl column, than on the other phases tested ( $k' = 2.08$ ). This is due to the unique retention mechanism of the biphenyl stationary phase, which can interact with both the hydrophobic aromatic ring and the hydrophilic sulfone group through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions. Although the phenyl stationary phase also allows for the use of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions, the biphenyl phase has a larger electron cloud and is significantly more retentive.

To further test the retention of the Biphenyl column, a second set of probes, consisting of compounds in the NSAID family, was analyzed. Tenoxicam, which contains a sulfone group, and sulfinpyrazone, which contains a sulfoxide group, were analyzed along with a void marker (uracil). Although these compounds are more complex than the probe used in the first experiment, the same pattern of retention was observed (Figure 2). The Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl column exhibited the greatest retention for tenoxicam. With  $k'$  values of 0.33 on the C18 and 0.49 on the phenyl columns, tenoxicam shows almost no retention on these stationary phases. The phenyl hexyl phase performed slightly better with a  $k'$  value of 1.52 for tenoxicam. However, when tenoxicam was analyzed on the Biphenyl column under the same conditions, the  $k'$  value increased to 2.22, a value much more likely to provide adequate resolution from matrix components. Sulfinpyrazone, a less polar compound, also followed the same pattern of retention (Table I).

The improved retention for hydrophilic aromatics shown here is due to the unique  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction retention mechanism of the Biphenyl phase. This mechanism is particularly useful for analysis of sulfone- and sulfoxide-containing drug compounds, which are not easily retained on alkyl or phenyl phases. The Biphenyl phase provides greater retention than alkyl and phenyl phases and is ideal for separating difficult-to-retain polar aromatics from unretained matrix contaminants.

**Figure 1** The Biphenyl phase is more retentive for phenyl sulfone than other alkyl and phenyl phases.



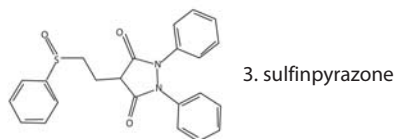
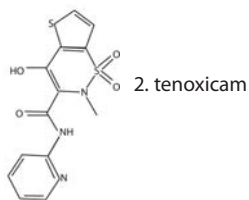
**Biphenyl columns are much more effective than alkyl, phenyl, or phenyl hexyl phases when increased retention of hydrophilic aromatics is desired.**

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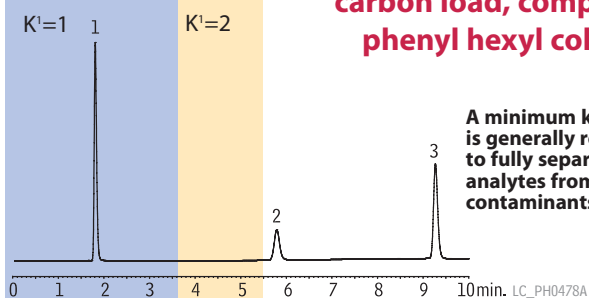




**Figure 2** Only the Biphenyl phase retains both test probes to  $k' > 2$ , the level recommended to ensure separation from unretrained matrix contaminants.



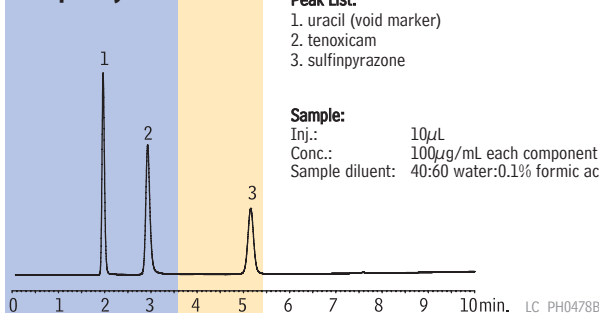
#### A. Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl



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**A minimum  $k'$  value of 2 is generally recommended to fully separate target analytes from matrix contaminants.**

#### B. phenyl



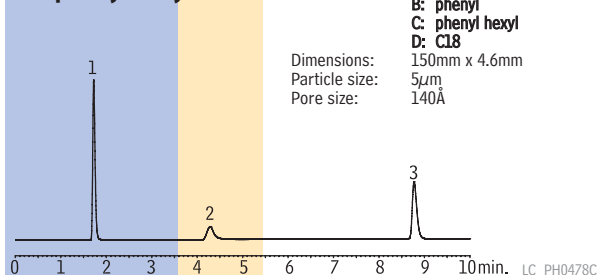
##### Peak List:

1. uracil (void marker)
2. tenoxicam
3. sulfipyrazone

##### Sample:

Inj.: 10  $\mu$ L  
Conc.: 100  $\mu$ g/mL each component  
Sample diluent: 40:60 water:0.1% formic acid:methanol

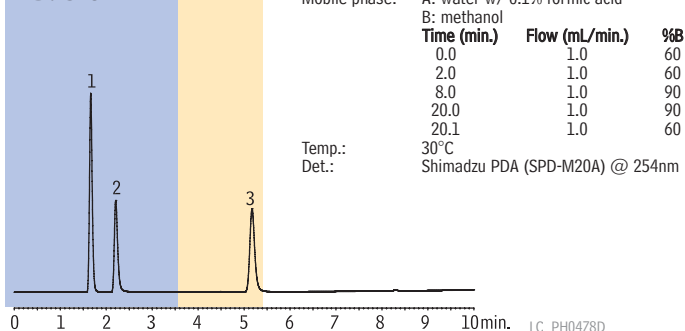
#### C. phenyl hexyl



##### Column:

A: Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl (cat.# 9409565)  
B: phenyl  
C: phenyl hexyl  
D: C18  
Dimensions: 150mm x 4.6mm  
Particle size: 5  $\mu$ m  
Pore size: 140Å

#### D. C18



##### Conditions:

Mobile phase: A: water w/ 0.1% formic acid  
B: methanol  
Time (min.) Flow (mL/min.) %B  
0.0 1.0 60  
2.0 1.0 60  
8.0 1.0 90  
20.0 1.0 90  
20.1 1.0 60  
Temp.: 30°C  
Det.: Shimadzu PDA (SPD-M20A) @ 254nm

**Table I** Biphenyl columns show improved retention of sulfone- and sulfoxide-containing aromatic drugs.

$K'$ Value	Biphenyl	Phenyl hexyl	Phenyl	C18
Tenoxicam	2.23	1.39	0.637	0.235
Sulfipyrazone	4.18	3.90	1.88	1.89

## Product Listing

### Pinnacle® DB Biphenyl Columns (USP L11)

particle size: 1.9  $\mu$ m,  
3  $\mu$ m or 5  $\mu$ m, spherical  
pore size: 140Å  
carbon load: 8%

endcap: yes  
pH range: 2.5 to 7.5  
temperature limit: 80°C

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50mm	9409351	
100mm	9409311	
150mm	9409361	
3 $\mu$ m Column, 2.1mm	cat. #	price
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50mm	9409352	
100mm	9409312	
150mm	9409362	
3 $\mu$ m Column, 3.2mm	cat. #	price
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3 $\mu$ m Column, 4.6mm	cat. #	price
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200mm	9409521	
250mm	9409571	
5 $\mu$ m Column, 2.1mm	cat. #	price
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50mm	9409552	
100mm	9409512	
150mm	9409562	
200mm	9409522	
250mm	9409572	
5 $\mu$ m Column, 3.2mm	cat. #	price
30mm	9409533	
50mm	9409553	
100mm	9409513	
150mm	9409563	
200mm	9409523	
250mm	9409573	
5 $\mu$ m Column, 4.6mm	cat. #	price
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# Two Options for Analyzing Potential Genotoxic Impurities in Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

*Laboratory needs for analyzing PGIs in API vary. Here we developed both a fast analysis of sulfonate esters on the **Rxi®-5Sil MS column**, and a comprehensive method for both sulfonate esters and alkyl halides on the **Rtx®-200 column**.*

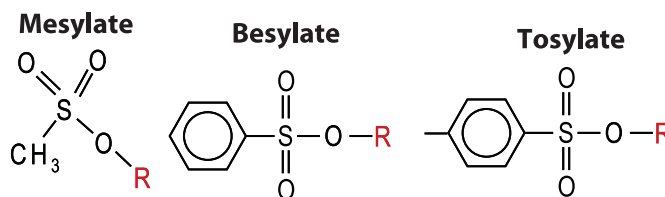
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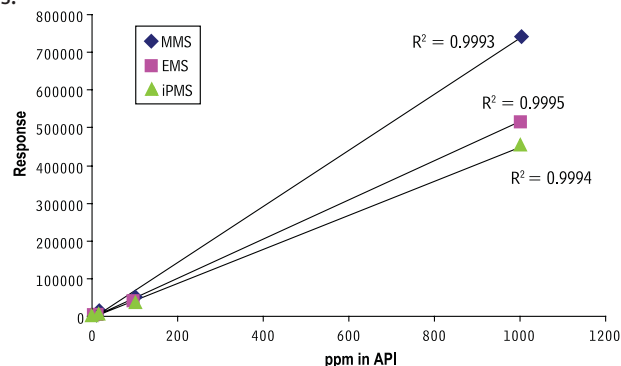
Compounds that are used in the synthesis of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), or reaction byproducts that form during synthesis, have the potential to remain as impurities in API. Some of these compounds are potentially genotoxic impurities (PGIs) and may raise concern about cancer and/or birth defects. Because of the toxicity of these compounds, it is essential that they be controlled to low levels in API after synthesis. In January of 2007, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) released guidance on acceptable limits of PGIs in APIs (Guideline on the Limits of Genotoxic Impurities (EMA/CHMP/QWP/251344/2006)). Developing new methods for sensitive detection of impurities is an increasingly active area of research across the pharmaceutical industry.

**Scientists from Merck, in collaboration with Restek, have developed a fast method for the analysis of sulfonate esters on the **Rxi®-5Sil MS column**.**

**Figure 1** Sulfonate ester PGIs. Differences between sulfonate esters and alkyl halides make the analysis of mixtures challenging.



**Figure 2** Linearity of fast GC/MS analysis for selected sulfonate esters.



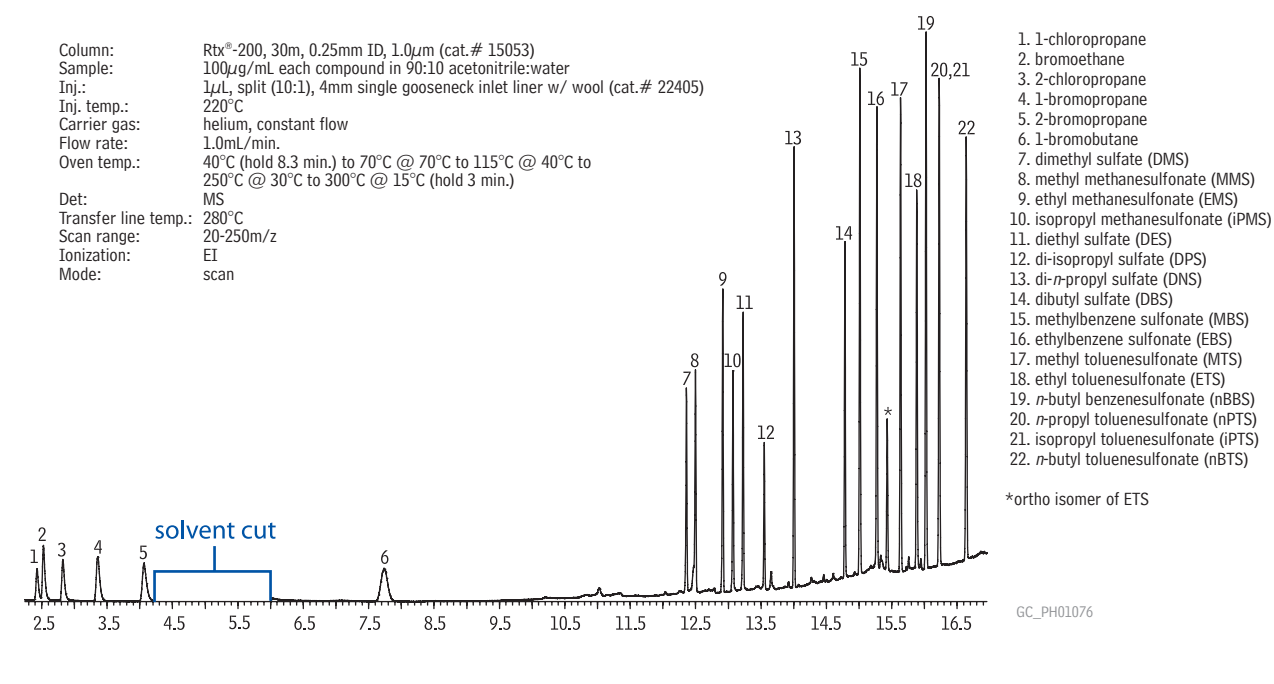
Four structural classes of PGIs are discussed in this article. The first three classes, known collectively as sulfonate esters, include mesylates, besylates, and tosylates (Figure 1). These alkylating sulfonic acid esters may form when sulfonic acid reacts with an alcohol solvent. The first three classes are differentiated by the group that forms an ester with the sulfur: mesylates contain a methyl group, besylates contain a phenyl (benzyl) group, and tosylates contain a toluene group. The fourth class of PGIs tested here, alkyl halides, consists of short alkyl chains with halogen constituents. Since alkyl halides are polar and very volatile, they are not retained well on thin film stationary phases. This can make analysis of a mixture of sulfonate esters and alkyl halides quite problematic.

Two options for the analysis of PGIs in API have been developed to meet different laboratory needs. The first option is a fast method for the analysis of sulfonate esters on the Rxi®-5Sil MS column. The second option is a comprehensive method for the analysis of both sulfonate esters and alkyl halides on the Rtx®-200 column. Both methods require very little sample preparation, which helps increase laboratory productivity.

## Option 1: Fast Analysis of Sulfonate Esters

Scientists from Merck, in collaboration with Restek, have developed a fast method for the analysis of sulfonate esters on the Rxi®-5Sil MS column. The use of a thin film Rxi®-5Sil MS column allows for speedy analysis of these active compounds. Since the Rxi®-5Sil MS column is very selective toward sulfonate esters, a fast oven program can be used to speed analysis. This method allows for the analysis of selected sulfonate esters in less than 4.5 minutes. A linearity study performed by Merck shows that this method is linear for sample concentrations from 1ppm to 1,000ppm in API (Figure 2). Depending on the dose of API to the patient, it may be necessary to detect levels of impurities as low as 1 ppm in order to meet EMA requirements. The 1ppm spike represents the threshold for toxicological concern (TTC) as set by the EMA for PGIs.

**Figure 3** Small, polar alkyl halides are well-retained on the fluorinated Rtx®-200 column, as are less volatile sulfonate esters.



## Option 2: Comprehensive PGI Method

Although the thin film Rxi®-5Sil MS column allows for fast analysis of sulfonate esters, the smaller, more polar alkyl halides are not well retained. To take advantage of the halogen constituents on the alkyl halides, a thick film Rtx®-200 column was used to develop a comprehensive method for both volatile alkyl halides and less volatile sulfonate esters. Since the Rtx®-200 column has a fluorinated stationary phase, the alkyl halides are well-retained (Figure 3). Note that all of the alkyl halides elute at a low temperature and some of the more volatile compounds elute prior to the sample solvent (acetonitrile). Because of this, the solvent cut time must be carefully measured. The Rtx®-200 column is also selective for sulfonate esters, providing baseline resolution for 20 out of 22 of the compounds analyzed (Figure 4). Additionally, the increased polarity of the fluorinated Rtx®-200 phase allows for the use of splitless injection of more polar sample solvents, such as methanol.

## Conclusion

Since potential genotoxic impurities are of increasing concern for both regulatory bodies and consumers, the importance of effective methods for detection and quantitation of these compounds is growing. As a result of collaboration between Merck and Restek, two easy, sensitive options are now available for the analysis of PGIs in API using inert, selective columns from Restek.

## Product Listing

### Rtx®-200 Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® trifluoropropylmethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.18mm	0.20	-20 to 310/330°C	20-Meter	45002	
0.25mm	1.00	-20 to 290/310°C	30-Meter	15053	

### Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond®, selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

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# Reduce Downtime with Robust Lipidomics Method

*Why lose days to downtime? Restek columns, such as the 10,000 injection Rxi®-5ms column shown here, are rugged and built for consistent long-term performance.*

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\*Lipomics Technologies

Lipidomic studies of cholesterol synthesis, absorption, and excretion, provide information central to the investigation of cardiovascular disease and other disorders. High-throughput methods are critical to lipidomics and are used to screen thousands of samples in order to identify biomarkers and clinical diagnostics with significant predictive power. Labs can save days of downtime by using an Rxi®-5ms column in assays similar to our test method for cholesterol and low-level sterol metabolites.

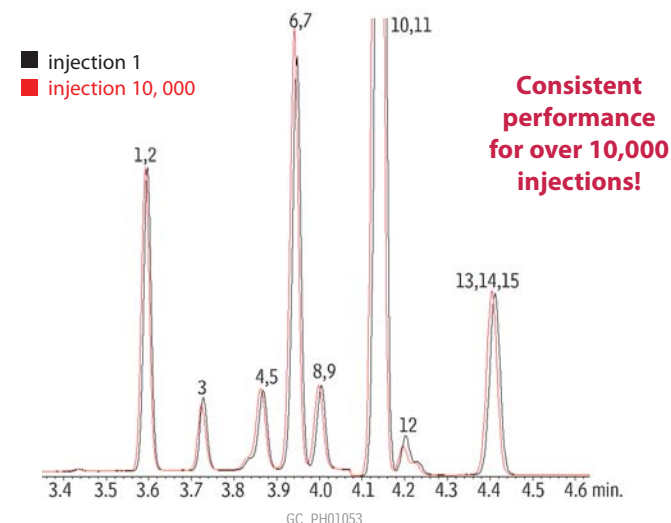
Here, extremely reproducible results were obtained using an Rxi®-5ms column, which gave highly consistent separations—even after 10,000 injections (Figure 1). In our method, biological samples were treated to form trimethylsilyl derivatives. Two injections were made: one to quantify minor sterols using a 10:1 split, and another, using a 100:1 split, to analyze cholesterol. To achieve maximum sensitivity for low-level sterols, multiple SIM retention time windows were set up.

## Reduced downtime for column changes and revalidation significantly increased lab productivity.

Stable retention times are critical to our testing program as revalidation is required if significant drift occurs. Revalidation requires days of downtime because inter-day variability must be assessed. The Rxi®-5ms column was chosen for this method, in part, because its long lifetime and stable performance reduced the number of column changes and revalidations, resulting in more days of productive analyses.

We found the performance of the Rxi®-5ms column to be remarkably consistent and reliable for high-throughput testing. The Rxi®-5ms column should be considered by labs running similar lipidomic methods that would benefit from a highly reproducible performance—or by any lab interested in reducing downtime and increasing productivity.

**Figure 1** Stable, highly reproducible results on the Rxi®-5ms column mean less downtime and more productive days.



### Compound:

Compound:	m/z
1. coprostanol	370.40
2. d5-cholestanol (IS)	220.20
3. 7 $\alpha$ -hydroxycholesterol	456.40
4. cholestanol	306.30
5. d5-epicholestanol (IS)	220.20
6. 7-dehydrocholesterol	325.25
7. desmosterol	343.25
8. lathosterol	458.35
9. d4-lathosterol (IS)	462.40
10. campesterol	382.35
11. 4-cholestenone	382.30
12. stigmastanol	394.15
13. lanosterol	393.35
14. $\beta$ -sitosterol	396.35
15. d7- $\beta$ -sitosterol (IS)	403.45

Column:	Rxi®-5ms, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25 $\mu$ m (cat. # 13423)
Sample:	lipid plasma extract as trimethylsilyl derivatives
Inj.:	1 $\mu$ L, split (10:1), 4mm gooseneck inlet liner w/wool
Inj. temp.:	310°C
Carrier gas:	helium, constant flow
Flow rate:	1.0mL/min.
Oven temp.:	250°C (hold 1 min.) to 320°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 1.6 min.)
Det:	MS
Transfer line temp.:	330°C
Ionization:	EI
Mode:	SIM

## Product Listing

### Rxi®-5ms Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df ( $\mu$ m)	temp. limits	length	cat. #	price
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13423	



## Achieving Faster GC

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separation (and another disappointed user is born!). Please also bear in mind that the above options will reduce all baseline segments in your chromatogram to the same extent. So, if you have over-resolution throughout your chromatogram except for one critical peak pair that is just barely resolved, forget about these options. In general however, all of the above options are low-risk options that could be tried before moving on to the more elaborate steps discussed below.

Now that you have eliminated all the empty parts of the baseline you can move to step 2, maximizing the selectivity of the system. Selectivity is the ability to distinguish between compounds. This can be done through the separation or through detection (once the method for sample preparation has been selected). Options for improving selectivity include:

- using a more selective stationary phase or coupled columns.
- using conventional 2-dimensional or comprehensive 2-dimensional GC.
- using selective detection, with mass spectrometry (MS) being particularly attractive.
- backflushing.

Because the above options are all rather expensive and require special instruments and expertise, the only really widely used option is the use of MS detection. Indeed MS is a marvellous way to get selectivity in an easy and quick way.

You have now gone through the two initial steps of speeding up your method. You have selected a system that offers you the required resolution, yet not more resolution than really needed. If the analysis time in this "minimum acceptable resolution" situation still exceeds the desired or permitted time, options that reduce the analysis time at constant resolution should be exploited. Possibilities include:

- reducing the column inner diameter.
- using hydrogen as the carrier gas.
- applying vacuum-outlet conditions.
- using turbulent flow conditions.

Of these options the first two always work; however, vacuum operation only works if you have a separation on a short wide-bore column, and turbulent flow operation in practice is of little use.

*Mea culpa*, with more than 20 papers published on fast GC, I have also contributed to the chaos in faster GC. I hope the above discussion helps resolve at least part of the confusion. Faster GC is possible, it is always possible, and the need for it is actually still increasing as a result of recent trends in process control and high-throughput experimenting.

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Date: Oct. 27-31  
Location: Arizona Grand Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

Show: **COLACRO XII**  
Date: Oct. 28-30  
Location: Florianopolis Convention Center, Florianopolis, Brazil

#### November, 2008

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Location: Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA

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Date: Nov. 17-20  
Location: Garden State Convention Center, Somerset, NJ

Show: **Symposium on Air Quality Methods & Technology**  
Date: Nov. 3-6  
Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Show: **LC/MS Montreux Symposium**  
Date: Nov. 12-14  
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Date: Jan. 20-21  
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## Quality Control in Metabolomics

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Comprehensive analysis of small molecule metabolites (30–1500 Da) is a challenging task for quality control. Metabolites are found in very different concentrations in complex biological matrices, from which they have to be extracted without compromising the structural integrity and relative abundances. There are metabolites which are transformed extremely rapidly if enzymatic activity is not stopped completely at the time of sample collection, such as the ratio of the energy metabolites ATP to ADP. Similarly, redox carriers such as NADH and NADPH are very sensitive to oxidative degradation during sample preparation. Consequently, quality control in metabolomics means more than just taking care of chromatographic or mass spectrometry parameters. Quality control is an attitude towards gaining reliable data, rather than an automatic procedure implemented in instrument software.

The first issue critical to obtaining valid metabolomic data is understanding the question behind a study. This means that communication with the partners of the metabolomic laboratory is an essential part of any metabolomic study. Most often, at least one other partner will be involved in a study (e.g. another laboratory focused on understanding the effect of a particular genetic alteration in an organism), and these partners may already have hypotheses on specific metabolic pathways that should be pursued. These hypotheses may then lead to suggestions for analytical procedures. For example, many secondary metabolites are easier to analyze by LC/MS methods whereas most primary metabolites can readily be quantified by GC/MS procedures. Therefore, communication with the partners should focus on the chemical classes of compounds that should be targeted. It is also critical for the analytical laboratory to understand that unbiased analysis of mass spectrometric data sets does not constitute metabolomics. A multivariate statistical differentiation of 'test' versus 'control' samples is meaningless if no identified metabolites can be reported that allow biological interpretation! Unidentified signals in metabolite analysis are as useless as unscored peptide peaks in proteomic experiments. Metabolomics is not a number game of detection of  $m/z$  features, but must be regarded as an extension of classical target-driven analytical chemistry. Only if the quantification and identification of known compounds empowers biological interpretations, can unknown peaks be further investigated and pulled into statistical tests.

**Metabolomics is not a numbers game of detection; it is an extension of classical target-driven analytical chemistry.**

There is a fundamental problem associated with metabolomics analyses, that is, the lack of clean up steps. If metabolomics means a comprehensive analysis of a wide range of small molecules, varying in molecular size, functional moieties, lipophilicity, volatility, or other physicochemical parameters, then the analytical laboratory faces tough choices. One option is to employ a variety of fractionation steps, but this can cause biases in metabolite coverage, require a number of different analytical procedures (raising the subsequent challenge of integrating the data sets), and also may result in analyte loss or degradation. Alternatively, the whole extract is subjected to one or several analytical methods; however, certain matrix components may lead to deterioration of analytical quality. In such cases, literally dirt is injected into the instrument! It is critical, therefore, to acknowledge that each matrix type requires validation and that procedures that worked for microbial organisms may be very inadequate for more complex samples such as blood plasma. For example, nonvolatile material will remain in the liner and other parts of the injector in GC/MS systems, causing problems with cross-contamination, progressing pyrolysis of material, and ultimately the formation of adsorptive materials, or catalytically active sites, in the injector system. Therefore, frequent liner changes are highly recommended.

Correspondingly, for LC/MS procedures, matrix components may be irreversibly adsorbed onto stationary phases, giving rise to similar challenges as described for GC/MS. Additionally, the soft electrospray ionization in LC/MS is a more selective or vulnerable

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# Increase Sample Throughput for Complex Drinking Water Pesticides

## Using Rtx<sup>®</sup>-CLPesticides and Rtx<sup>®</sup>-CLPesticides2 Capillary Columns

By Jason Thomas, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Optimized conditions cut analysis time in half, for higher sample throughput.
- Unique selectivity fully resolves complex compound list.
- Meets all method QA requirements, reducing rework.

With the advent of modern agriculture, and its vast selection of chemical pest control measures, the farming community has made significant increases in productivity and efficiency. Crop yield per acre is at an all time high, due in part to the role of pesticides and herbicides in mitigating the devastating effects of many plant and insect pests.<sup>1</sup> However, the use of these chemicals can have drawbacks, including surface and ground water contamination. EPA Methods, such as 508.1, are used to monitor pesticides and herbicides in drinking and ground water. The optimized dual column method shown here satisfies all method requirements in half the analysis time, significantly improving sample throughput.

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# Increase Sample Throughput for Complex Drinking Water Pesticides

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EPA Method 508.1 includes many of the components as Method 505, a similar GC/ECD method, but also contains several others, expanding the list to 38 compounds. This method calls for solid phase extraction and extract concentration, followed by analysis using a GC/ECD system. In order to increase sample throughput, an optimized method was developed using a dual column configuration with the Rtx®-CLPesticides/Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column pair. These columns, used under the conditions shown, offer a unique selectivity that allows the target analytes to be resolved in approximately half the analysis time of the original method (Figure 1). There was one coelution on the primary column, but these compounds were separated on the second column. Both columns easily passed the comprehensive system performance criteria adapted from 508.1 (Table I).<sup>2</sup>

In conclusion, due to the complexity of the compound list in Method 508.1, a very high degree of selectivity is required of the capillary column in order to achieve adequate resolution of all target analytes in a reasonable time. The optimized dual column method shown here offers a significantly faster analysis time, while maintaining excellent resolution of challenging drinking water pesticides and herbicides.

## References

1. <http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/trackrec/track00a.htm#principal>
2. US EPA Method 508.1, James W Eichelberger Rev 1.0 1994.

## Conditions for Figure 1

**Column:** Rtx®-CLPesticides2, 30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 11324) and Rtx®-CLPesticides, 30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.32µm (cat.# 11141) with 5m x 0.32mm ID Rxi® deactivated guard tubing (cat.# 10039), connected using Universal "Y" Press-Tight® Connector (cat.# 20405-261)

**Sample:** 50ng/mL 508.1 Calibration Mix #1 (cat.# 32094), 100ng/mL 508.1 Calibration Mix #2 (cat.# 32095), 100ng/mL 508.1 Calibration Mix #3 (cat.# 32096), 50ng/mL 508.1 Internal Standard (cat.# 32091), 250ng/mL 508.1 Surrogate (cat.# 32092), 500ng/mL Atrazine (cat.# 32208), 500ng/mL Simazine (cat.# 32236) in ethyl acetate

**Inj.:** 2µL splitless (hold 0.75 min.), 4mm cyclo double gooseneck liner (cat.# 20896)

**Inj. temp.:** 250°C

**Carrier gas:** helium, constant flow

**Linear velocity:** 26cm/sec. @ 80°C

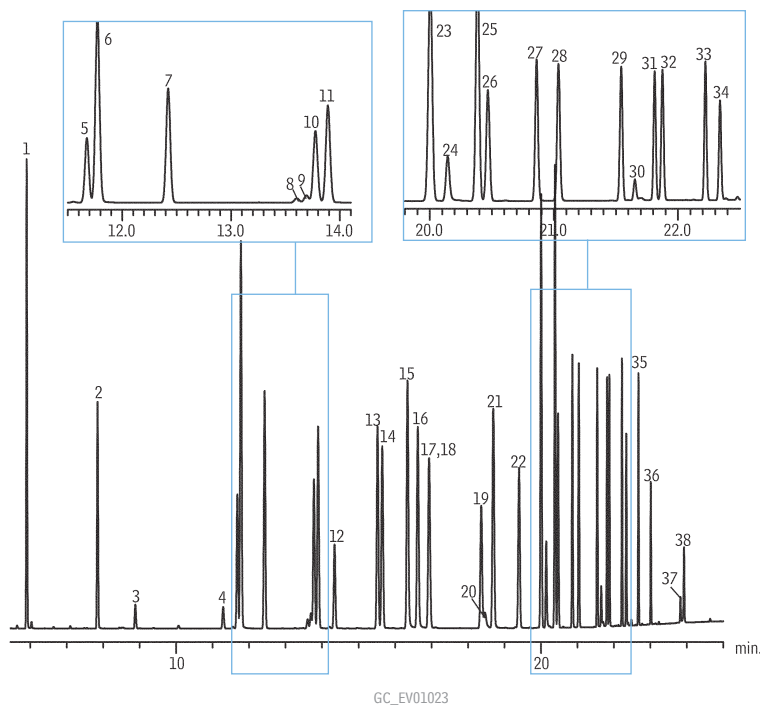
**Oven temp.:** 80°C (hold 0.5 min.) to 155°C (hold 1 min.) @ 19°C/min. to 210°C @ 4°C/min. to 310°C (hold 0.5 min.) @ 25°C/min.

**Detector temp.:** ECD @ 325°C

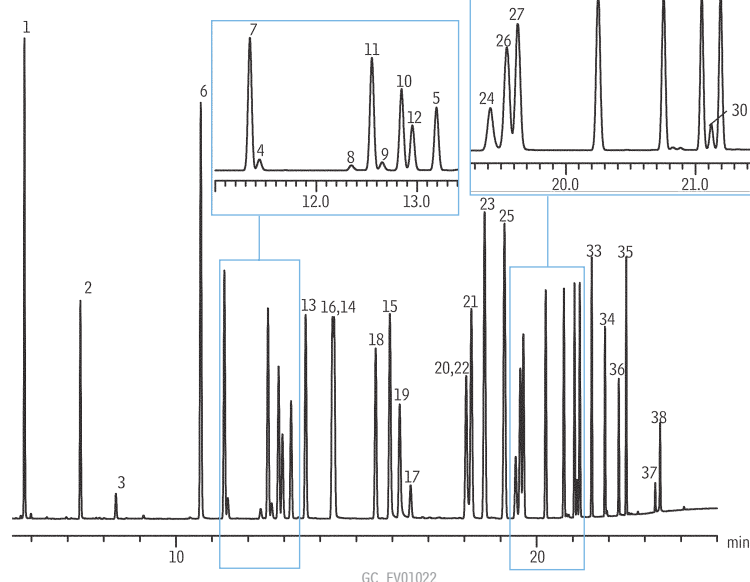
**Figure 1** Resolve all critical pairs using Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. hexachlorocyclopentadiene     | 14. heptachlor                | 27. 4,4'-DDE           |
| 2. etridiazole                   | 15. chlorothalonil            | 28. dieldrin           |
| 3. chlorneb                      | 16. metribuzin                | 29. endrin             |
| 4. propachlor                    | 17. alachlor                  | 30. chlorobenzilate    |
| 5. trifluralin                   | 18. aldrin                    | 31. 4,4'-DDD           |
| 6. hexachlorobenzene             | 19. 4,4'-dibromobiphenyl (SS) | 32. endosulfan II      |
| 7. α-BHC                         | 20. metachlor                 | 33. 4,4'-DDT           |
| 8. simazine                      | 21. DCPA                      | 34. endrin aldehyde    |
| 9. atrazine                      | 22. heptachlor epoxide        | 35. endosulfan sulfate |
| 10. pentachloronitrobenzene (IS) | 23. γ-chlordane               | 36. methoxychlor       |
| 11. γ-BHC                        | 24. cyanazine                 | 37. cis-permethrin     |
| 12. β-BHC                        | 25. α-chlordane               | 38. trans-permethrin   |
| 13. δ-BHC                        | 26. endosulfan I              |                        |

## Rtx®-CLPesticides2



## Rtx®-CLPesticides



# Satisfy all method requirements in half the time!



**Table I** Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns easily pass EPA Method 508.1 performance criteria.

Test/Requirement	Analyte	Concentration (ppb)	Rtx®-CLPesticides2	Rtx®-CLPesticides
Inertness (breakdown <20%)	endrin	50	0.9%	1.4%
Inertness (breakdown <20%)	4,4'-DDE	100	1.0%	1.1%
Sensitivity (S/N>3)	chlorpyrifos	2	12.0	6.2
Chromatographic performance (0.8<PGF<1.15)	DCPA	50	1.03	1.06
Column performance (resolution>0.50)	chlorothalonil	50	9.9	26.8
Column performance (resolution>0.50)	gamma-BHC	40	9.9	26.8

## Rxi® Guard/Retention Gap Columns (fused silica)

Nominal ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter	5-Meter/6-pk.	10-Meter	10-Meter/6-pk.
0.25mm	0.37 ± 0.04mm	10029	10029-600	10059	10059-600
0.32mm	0.45 ± 0.04mm	10039	10039-600	10064	10064-600
0.53mm	0.69 ± 0.05mm	10054	10054-600	10073	10073-600

## Universal "Y" Press-Tight® Connectors

Description	ea.	3-pk.
Universal "Y" Press-Tight Connector	20405	20406
Deactivated Universal "Y" Press-Tight Connector	20405-261	20406-261
Siltek Treated Universal "Y" Press-Tight Connector	20485	20486

## Rtx®-CLPesticides Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.32	-60 to 320/340°C	30-Meter	11141

**508.1 Calibration Mix #1** (17 components)  
 aldrin  
 α-BHC  
 β-BHC  
 δ-BHC  
 γ-BHC (lindane)  
 4,4'-DDD  
 4,4'-DDE  
 4,4'-DDT  
 dieldrin  
 500μg/mL each in ethyl acetate, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32094

**508.1 Calibration Mix #2** (11 components)  
 chlorobenzilate  
 α-chlordane  
 γ-chlordane  
 chlorneb  
 DCPA (Dacthal®)  
 etridiazole  
 500μg/mL each in ethyl acetate, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32095

\*1000μg/mL total permethrin. Exact content of each isomer listed on certificate of analysis.

**508.1 Calibration Mix #3** (8 components)  
 alachlor  
 atrazine  
 chlorthalonil  
 cyanazine  
 500μg/mL each in ethyl acetate, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32096

## Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 320/340°C	30-Meter	11324

**508.1 Internal Standard**  
 pentachloronitrobenzene  
 100μg/mL in ethyl acetate, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32091

**508.1 Surrogate**  
 4,4'-dibromobiphenyl  
 500μg/mL in ethyl acetate, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32092

**Atrazine**  
 1,000μg/mL in acetone, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32208

**Simazine**  
 1,000μg/mL in acetone, 1mL/ampul  
 cat. # 32236

## Splitless Liners for Agilent GC

ID* x OD & Length	qty.	cat.#
Cyclo Double Gooseneck (4mm)		
4.0mm x 6.5mm x 78.5mm	5-pk.	20896

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.

## Resprep™-C18 SPE Disks

Description	qty.	cat.#
Resprep-C18 47mm SPE Disks	20-pk.	24004





# One Stop Shop for EPA Method 535

## Reliably Analyze Acetamide Herbicide Degradates by LC/MS/MS

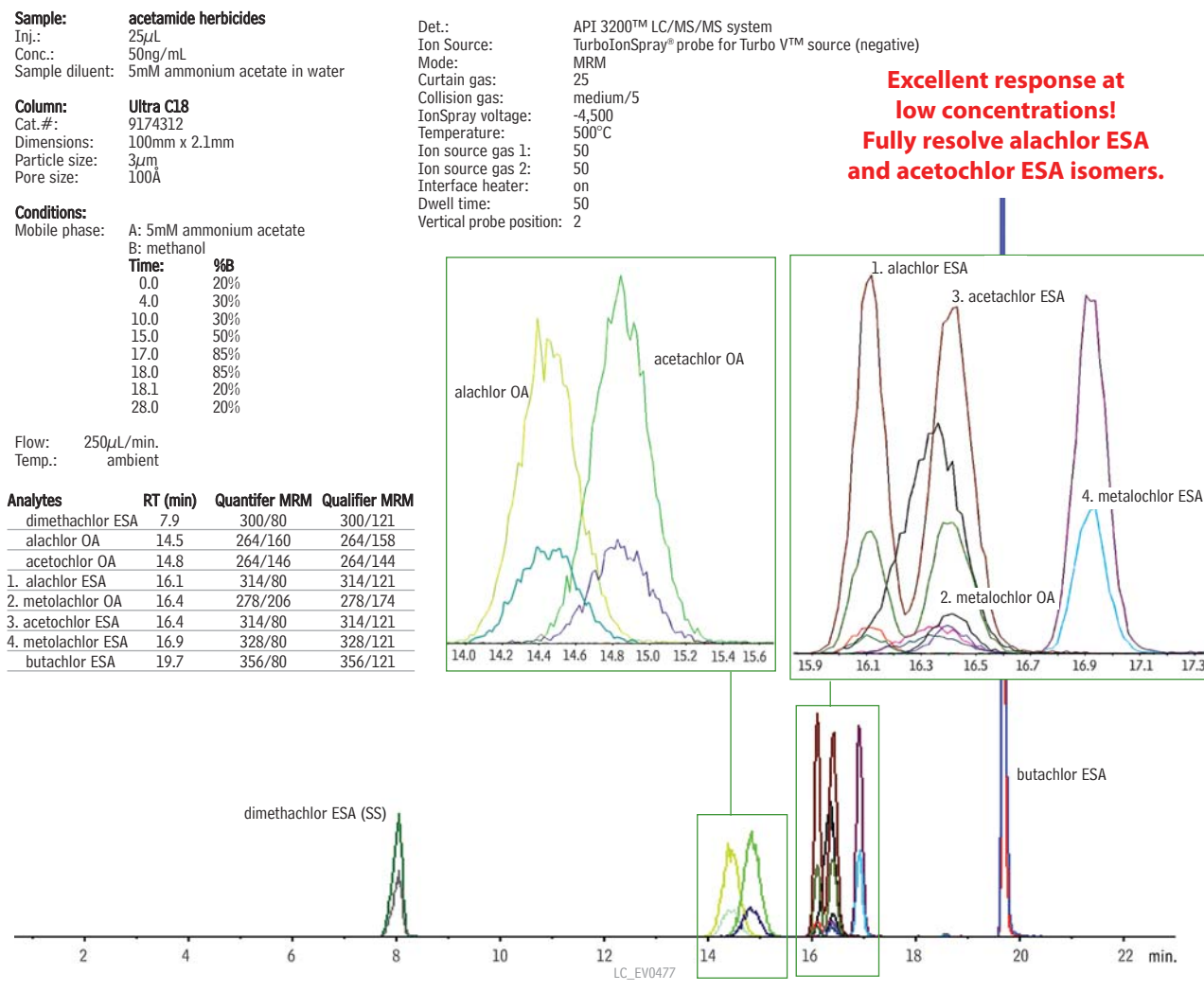
By Jason Thomas, Innovations Chemist, Julie Kowalski, Ph.D., Innovations Chemist, and Christopher Borton, Applied Biosystems

- Full package: reference standards, SPE cartridges, and HPLC columns.
- Chromatographic resolution of alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA isomers.
- Meet method requirements, with superior sensitivity.

Acetamide herbicides are used in large quantities to suppress weed growth in corn and soybean fields. However, due to the polar nature of ethanesulfonic acid (ESA) and oxanilic acid (OA) degradation products, contamination of drinking water sources is a concern. EPA Method 535 is designed to monitor drinking water for ESA and OA breakdown products of these herbicides. Chromatographic analysis is extremely important for this method because two analytes, alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA, are isomers that share the same mass spectral multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) transitions, and thus must be separated chromatographically.

Resolution of all Method 535 analytes, including alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA isomers, can easily be accomplished using Restek's full line of Method 535 products, which includes reference standards, solid phase extraction (SPE) cartridges, and HPLC columns that meet method guidelines. In the procedure shown here, 6mL CarboPrep™ 90 SPE cartridges were used for sample preparation, both to help extend the lifetime of the analytical column as well as to prevent matrix enhancement or suppression. LC/MS/MS analysis was performed on an Ultra C18 column coupled to an Applied Biosystems API 3200™ LC/MS/MS system equipped with a TurboIonSpray® probe for the Turbo V™ source.

**Figure 1** Easily resolve Method 535 herbicide degradates on an Ultra C18 HPLC column.





**Table I** Reliably achieve minimum detection limits of 0.004µg/L or less.

Analyte	LCMRL (µg/L)	Standard Deviation	Calculated Detection Limit in Matrix (µg/L)
alachlor OA	0.013	0.28	0.003
acetochlor OA	0.014	0.27	0.003
alachlor ESA	0.013	0.18	0.002
metolachlor OA	0.013	0.21	0.003
acetochlor ESA	0.012	0.29	0.004
metolachlor ESA	0.012	0.18	0.002

Seven matrix spikes prepared at 0.013µg/L (proposed MRL).

**Table II** Outstanding accuracy and precision using Ultra C18 HPLC columns.

Analytes	Average Recovery (%)	%RSD
dimethachlor ESA	100.1	9.2
metolachlor OA	95.0	8.5
metolachlor ESA	94.8	8.9
alachlor OA	96.6	8.5
acetochlor OA	97.0	8.9
alachlor ESA	92.5	8.6
acetochlor ESA	94.3	8.0

Four lab fortified blanks spiked at 0.2µg/L.

Method requirements: average recovery ±30% of the true value, %RSD ≤20%.

### CarboPrep™ SPE Cartridges Nonporous graphitized carbon

SPE Cartridge	Tube Volume, Bed Weight	qty.	cat.#
CarboPrep 90	6mL, 500mg	30-pk.	26092

### Ultra C18 Columns (USP L1) Excellent for a wide range of analyses

#### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 3µm, spherical	endcap: fully endcapped
pore size: 100Å	pH range: 2.5 to 7.5
carbon load: 20%	temperature limit: 80°C

3µm Column, 2.1mm	cat. #
100mm	9174312

### Method 535 Individual Compounds

Volume is 1mL/ampul. Concentration is µg/mL.

Compound	Solvent	Conc.	cat.#
acetochlor ESA sodium salt	M	100	33092
acetochlor OA	M	100	33094
alachlor ESA sodium salt	M	100	33096
alachlor OA	M	100	33099
metolachlor ESA sodium salt	M	100	33200
metolachlor OA	M	100	33201

M = methanol

### Method 535 Internal Standard

butachlor ESA sodium salt  
100µg/mL in methanol, 1mL/ampul

cat. # 33202

### Method 535 Surrogate Standard

dimethachlor ESA sodium salt  
100µg/mL in methanol, 1mL/ampul

cat. # 33203

Consistent chromatographic resolution of 3.5 or greater for alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA was easily achieved as shown in Figure 1. Surrogate recoveries, matrix spikes, minimum detection limits, and internal standard recoveries produced

**Resolution of all target analytes, including alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA isomers, can easily be achieved.**

consistently acceptable results at low concentrations and showed no interferences from the drinking water matrix. The method reporting limits (MRL) listed in Table I are based on seven replicate fortified blanks prepared at the proposed MRL of 0.013µg/L in drinking water. An LCMRL of 0.012 to 0.014µg/L was established and validated with a calculated detection limit of 0.004µg/L or less. Precision and accuracy were demonstrated using four replicate fortified blanks at 0.2µg/L; recovery and RSD values easily met method requirements (Table II). All analytes were detected in laboratory blanks at ≤1/3 MRL values demonstrating low system background levels.

The optimized method developed here shows superior sensitivity for the ESA and OA degradates of chloroacetanilide herbicides alachlor, acetochlor, and metolachlor, as well as reliable resolution between isomers alachlor ESA and acetochlor ESA. This method is simplified by Restek's suite of Method 535 products. All of the reference materials, sample preparation products, and HPLC columns needed are now available from a single source, to facilitate successful Method 535 analysis.

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1. C. Borton. EPA Method 535; Detection of Degradates of Chloroacetanilides and other Acetamide Herbicides in Water by LC/MS/MS. Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, 2008.





# Breaking Down? Improve BDE-209 Response

## Using a New Rtx®-1614 Column for PBDE Analysis

By Jason Thomas, Environmental Innovations Chemist, and Jack Cochran, Director of New Business and Technology

- Higher sensitivity and inertness for BDE-209 than the method-specified column, for more accurate, reproducible results.
- Meets all method requirements for resolution, tailing factors, and retention.
- Optimized short column conditions give improved BDE-209 response 3 times faster.

Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) are ubiquitous in humans and in the environment. Rapid and accurate PBDE methods are increasingly in demand as adverse effects have been associated with PBDE exposure. EPA Draft Method 1614 presents a considerable challenge to the analytical column due to the large number of PBDE compounds and stringent activity guidelines. One target compound, decabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-209), is of particular concern as it is frequently encountered and is the primary component in the only remaining commercial PBDE mixture. Column inertness is critical for BDE-209 analysis, as the breakdown mechanism is predominately column-related.

EPA Draft Method 1614 stipulates a 5% phenyl methyl column in a 30m x 0.25mm x 0.10µm format with a shorter 15m column option. Here we compare the performance of a method-specified column (DB-5HT) to the new Rtx®-1614 column, a 5% phenyl methyl column with a unique deactivation for maximum inertness to BDE-209. Although this method requires analysis on a high-resolution mass spectrometer, the columns were evaluated first on an Agilent 6890 GC with µ-ECD to assess inertness and general chromatographic performance. Columns were then analyzed on an Agilent 7890/5975 GC/MS to verify separation requirements under vacuum outlet conditions.

**Table I** Maximize BDE-209 response with an Rtx®-1614 column, in 15 or 30m lengths!

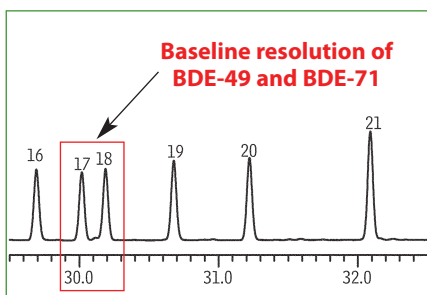
Column	BDE-209 Average RRF*
Rtx®-1614 (15m)	0.681
Rtx®-1614 (30m)	0.636
DB-5HT (30m)	0.502

\*Relative response factors based on internal standard hexabromobiphenyl (n=5). Analyses run under optimized conditions.

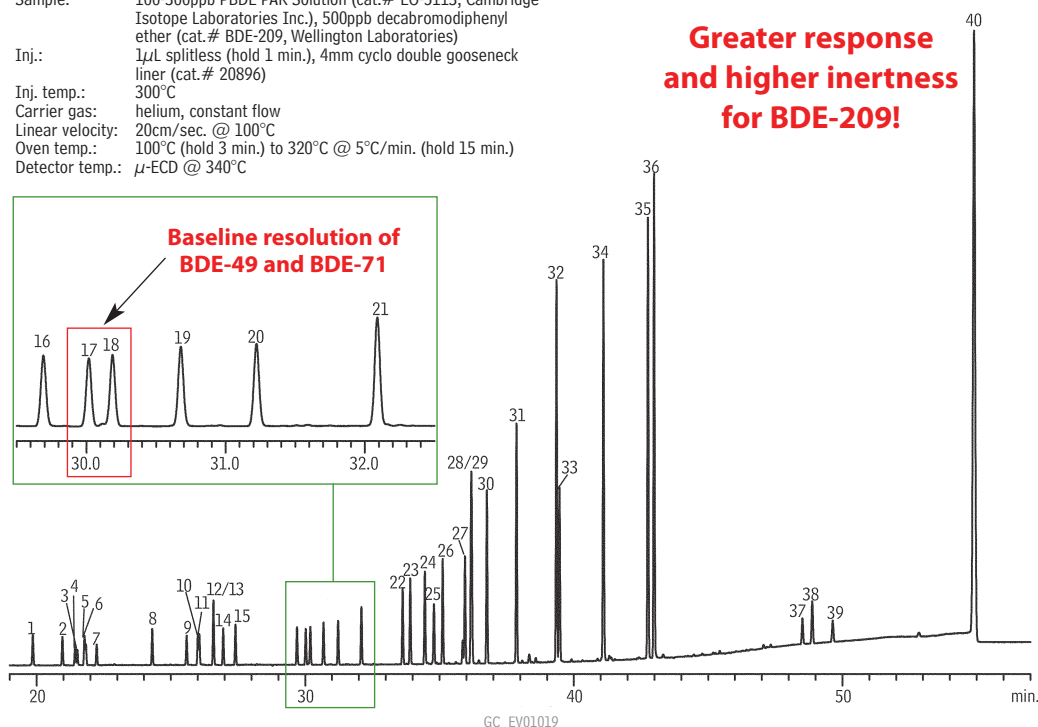
The Rtx®-1614 column meets the method requirements for the resolution of critical pairs, tailing factors, and retention. The data in Figure 1 demonstrate the separation of a large list of PBDEs on the Rtx®-1614 column; note the baseline resolution of congeners 49 and 71, which are required to have a 40% valley height of the smallest peak. The Rtx®-1614 column also performed exceptionally well for inertness to BDE-209 (Table 1). Compared to the performance of the DB-5HT, shown in Figure 2, the Rtx®-1614 column

**Figure 1** Separate PBDEs accurately and reliably on an Rtx®-1614 column.

Column: Rtx®-1614, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.10µm (cat.# 10295)  
 Sample: 100-300ppb PBDE PAR Solution (cat.# EO-5113, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.), 500ppb decabromodiphenyl ether (cat.# BDE-209, Wellington Laboratories)  
 Inj.: 1µL splitless (hold 1 min.), 4mm cyclo double gooseneck liner (cat.# 20896)  
 Inj. temp.: 300°C  
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
 Linear velocity: 20cm/sec. @ 100°C  
 Oven temp.: 100°C (hold 3 min.) to 320°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 15 min.)  
 Detector temp.: µ-ECD @ 340°C



**Greater response  
and higher inertness  
for BDE-209!**



1. BDE-10
2. BDE-7
3. BDE-8
4. BDE-11
5. BDE-12
6. BDE-13
7. BDE-15
8. BDE-30
9. BDE-32
10. BDE-17
11. BDE-25
12. BDE-28
13. BDE-33
14. BDE-35
15. BDE-37
16. BDE-75
17. BDE-49
18. BDE-71
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30. BDE-154
31. BDE-153
32. BDE-138
33. BDE-166
34. BDE-183
35. BDE-181
36. BDE-190
37. BDE-208
38. BDE-207
39. BDE-206
40. BDE-209

shows a greater response for BDE-209 and less peak fronting, indicating less on-column breakdown.

Although the method originally stipulated that BDE-209 must elute at least 48 minutes from injection, eliminating the possibility of much method optimization, a new revision provides a short column option which can greatly improve analysis time and BDE-209 response. Since BDE-209 breaks down primarily in the column, reducing column residence time by using a shorter 15m column, in combination with higher flows and quicker ramp rates, dramatically improves performance. Even applying optimized parameters to a 30m column results in greatly enhanced analyses, relative to the original method-stipulated operating conditions. To further optimize this method, BDE-209 degradation was reduced by using a maximum oven temperature of less than 300°C and setting the injection temperature at 340°C, to ensure complete vaporization, resulting in a consistent and high response (Figure 3).

In conclusion, the Rtx®-1614 is an excellent column choice for analyzing EPA Draft Method 1614, as well as any routine screening analysis of PBDEs, due to its selectivity, sensitivity, and inertness, specifically with respect to BDE-209.

### Rtx®-1614 Columns (fused silica)

(5% phenyl methyl)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.25mm	0.10	-60 to 330/360°C	15-Meter	10296
0.25mm	0.10	-60 to 330/360°C	30-Meter	10295

### Splitless Liners for Agilent

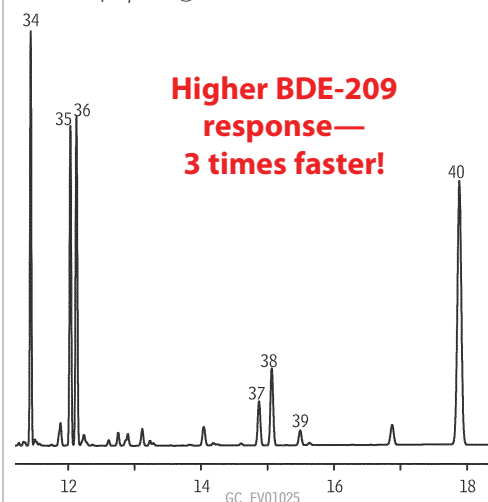
ID* x OD & Length	qty.	cat.#
Cyclo Double Gooseneck (4mm)		
4.0mm x 6.5mm x 78.5mm	5-pk.	20896

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.



**Figure 3** Improve BDE-209 response and analysis times with optimized conditions using the short column option.

Column: Rtx®-1614, 15m, 0.25mm ID, 0.10μm (cat.# 10296)  
 Sample: 100-300ppb PBDE PAR Solution (cat.# EO-5113, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.), 500ppb decabromodiphenyl ether (cat.# BDE-209, Wellington Laboratories)  
 Inj.: 1μL splitless (hold 1 min.), 4mm cyclo double gooseneck liner (cat.# 20896)  
 Inj. temp.: 340°C  
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
 Linear velocity: 60cm/sec. @ 120°C  
 Oven temp.: 120°C (hold 1 min.) to 275°C @ 15°C/min. to 300°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
 Detector temp.: μ-ECD @ 345°C

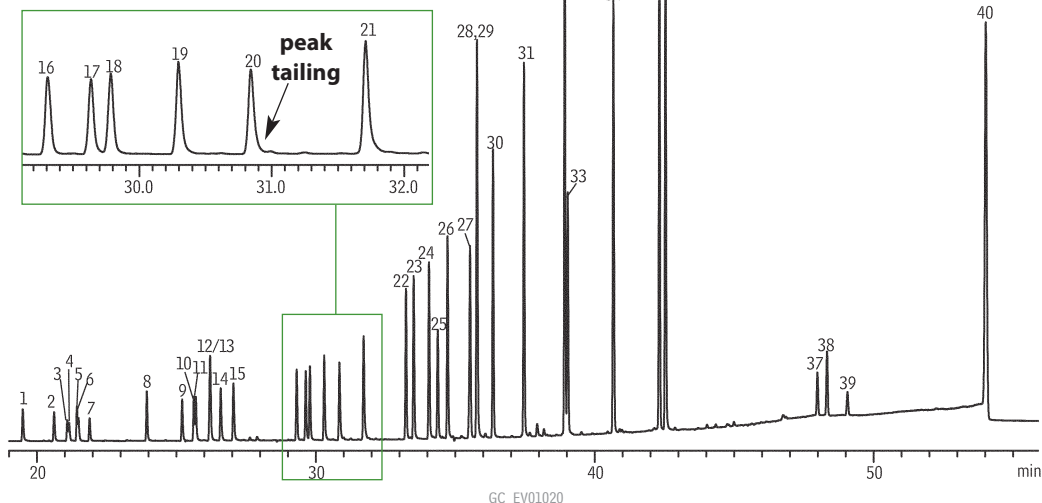


**Higher BDE-209 response—  
3 times faster!**

See Figure 1 for peak list.

**Figure 2** More BDE-209 peak fronting on the method-specific column indicates greater on-column breakdown.

Column: DB-5HT, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.10μm  
 Sample: 100-300ppb PBDE PAR Solution (cat.# EO-5113, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories Inc.), 500ppb decabromodiphenyl ether (cat.# BDE-209, Wellington Laboratories)  
 Inj.: 1μL splitless (hold 1 min.), 4mm cyclo double gooseneck liner (cat.# 20896)  
 Inj. temp.: 300°C  
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
 Linear velocity: 20cm/sec. @ 100°C  
 Oven temp.: 100°C (hold 3 min.) to 320°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 15 min.)  
 Detector temp.: μ-ECD @ 340°C



**Lower response  
than on Rtx®-1614**

See Figure 1 for peak list.





# Increase Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Sample Throughput

## With UHPLC and HPLC Column Options

By Michelle Long, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Two stationary phases optimized for PAH resolution.
- 3.5 minute EPA 610 and 6 minute EU PAH analyses by UHPLC.
- Portugal PAHs resolved by isocratic HPLC in 4 minutes.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are environmental contaminants resulting primarily from the incomplete combustion of organic materials. PAHs are an increasing human health concern, as this group of chemicals includes several known or suspected carcinogens. Exposure usually occurs by eating charbroiled foods, inhaling fumes from automobile or industrial emissions, or from other sources such as burning coal, wood, and tobacco. PAHs are also present in some medicines, plastics, and pesticides. National and international regulatory agencies provide target analyte lists and, although these lists are not identical, a number of compounds are common across the recommended lists. Here we analyze target compounds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), European Union (EU), and Portugal lists by UHPLC and HPLC. Procedures shown use optimized stationary phases and provide analysis times of 3.5 to 6 minutes, allowing labs to achieve significantly faster sample throughput.

### Two Phases Optimized for PAHs

Although most HPLC methods recommend a C18 column, the Pinnacle™ II PAH and Pinnacle™ DB PAH stationary phases both have been optimized specifically for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and offer greater selectivity for these compounds. Pinnacle™ II PAH columns are available in standard formats, while the Pinnacle™ DB PAH columns are offered on 1.9µm silica. To demonstrate the fast analysis times and optimal selectivity of these phases, US, EU, and Portugal lists were analyzed on 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH columns using ultra-high pressure liquid chromatography (UHPLC). Portugal PAHs were also analyzed isocratically on a Pinnacle™ II PAH (50mm x 3.2mm, 4µm) column. Conventional HPLC was used for the Portugal list because, since only five analytes are included on the target list, fast analysis times and high sample throughput can be achieved without the high backpressures associated with UHPLC.

### Fully Resolve PAHs in 3.5 to 6 Minutes

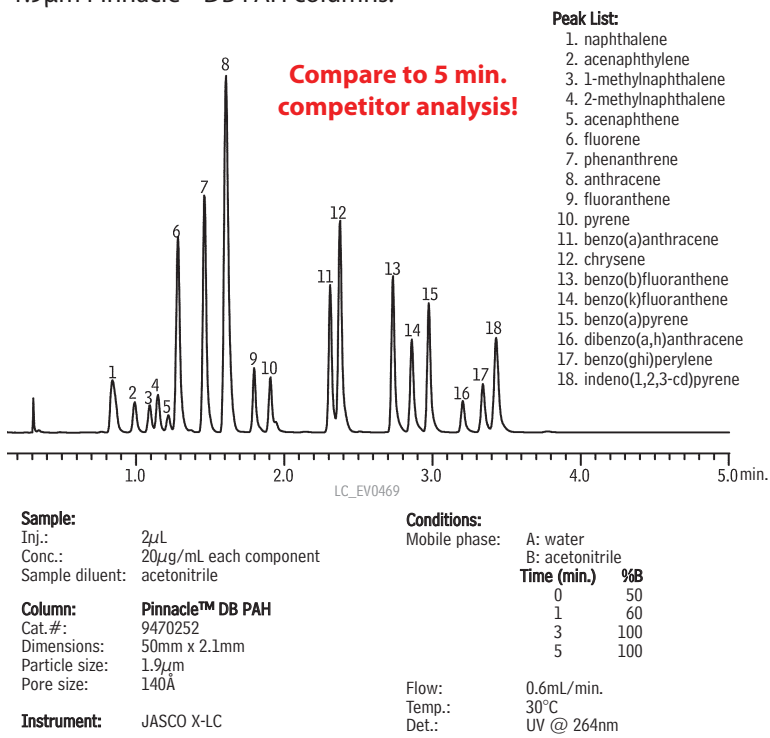
The 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH column resolved all 18 US EPA 610 analytes in less than 3.5 minutes (Figure 1). The column was held at a constant temperature of 30°C to improve overall peak shape. The priority PAHs included in EU recommendation 256/2005 were also analyzed on the 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH column and were separated in less than 6 minutes (Figure 2). Using the 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH column pairs the stationary phase's high selectivity for PAHs with the increased efficiency and fast analysis times of UHPLC. The Portugal PAH list was analyzed by UHPLC (data not shown), but was also analyzed by conventional HPLC using a 4µm Pinnacle™ II PAH column. All target analytes were resolved in less than 4 minutes (Figure 3).

For the analysis of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, two stationary phases provide optimum results. The Pinnacle™ II PAH phase is available in standard column dimensions while the Pinnacle™ DB PAH phase is available in 1.9µm particle size dimensions. Both alkyl phases have been optimized specifically for PAHs and offer exceptionally fast analysis times, providing a significant opportunity to labs interested in increasing sample throughput.

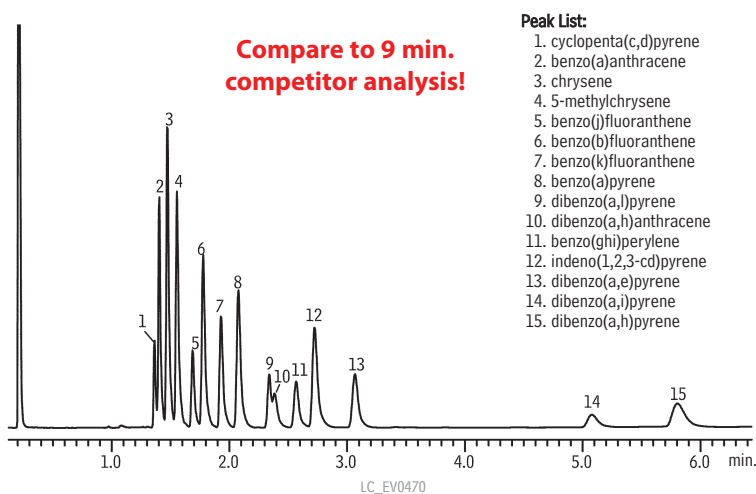
#### Acknowledgement

Thanks to JASCO for supplying the JASCO X-LC system used for this work.

**Figure 1** Baseline resolve EPA 610 PAHs in less than 3.5 minutes on 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH columns.



**Figure 2** Excellent resolution of EU PAHs on 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB PAH columns.



**Sample:**  
Inj.: 2µL  
Conc.: 20µg/mL each component  
Sample diluent: acetonitrile

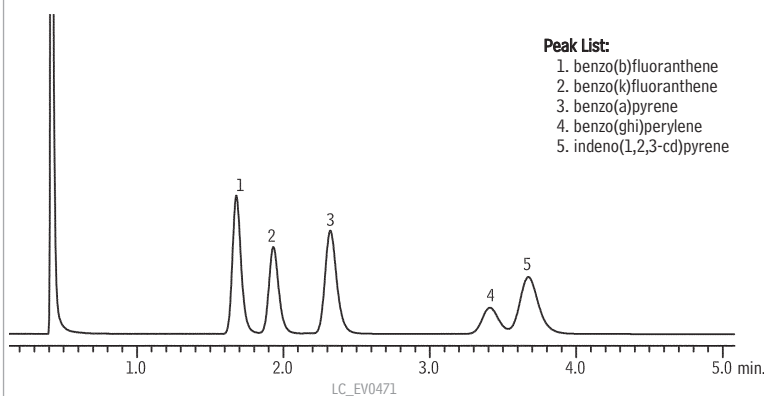
**Column:** Pinnacle™ DB PAH  
Cat. #: 9470252  
Dimensions: 50mm x 2.1mm  
Particle size: 1.9µm  
Pore size: 140Å

**Instrument:** JASCO X-LC

**Conditions:**  
Mobile phase: A: water  
B: acetonitrile  
**Time (min.)** **%B**  
0 50  
1 90  
2 95  
5 100  
7 100

Flow: 0.6mL/min.  
Temp.: 30°C  
Det.: UV @ 264nm

**Figure 3** Simple, isocratic separation of Portugal PAHs on 4µm Pinnacle™ II PAH columns.



**Sample:**  
Inj.: 2µL  
Conc.: 20µg/mL each component  
Sample diluent: acetonitrile

**Column:** Pinnacle™ II PAH  
Cat. #: 9219453  
Dimensions: 50mm x 3.2mm  
Particle size: 4µm  
Pore size: 110Å

**Instrument:** JASCO X-LC

**Conditions:**  
Mobile phase: water:acetonitrile, 5:95 (v/v)  
Flow: 0.6mL/min.  
Temp.: 30°C  
Det.: UV @ 264nm

## Pinnacle™ II PAH Columns

### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 4µm, spherical pH range: 2.5 to 10  
pore size: 110Å temperature limit: 80°C  
endcap: fully endcapped

4µm Column, 3.2mm	cat. #
50mm	9219453

## Pinnacle™ DB PAH UHPLC Columns

### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 1.9µm pH range: 2.5 to 7.5  
pore size: 140Å temperature limit: 80°C  
endcap: yes

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# Characterizing all 136 Tetra- to Octachlorinated Dioxins and Furans

## Using the Rtx®-Dioxin2 Column

By Jack Cochran, Director of New Business and Technology

- Known elution orders for all tetra- through octachlorinated dioxin and furan congeners.
- Resolve 14 of 17 tetra- through octachlorine 2,3,7,8-substituted dioxins and furans.
- TCDD and TCDF specificity, with a column stable up to 340°C.

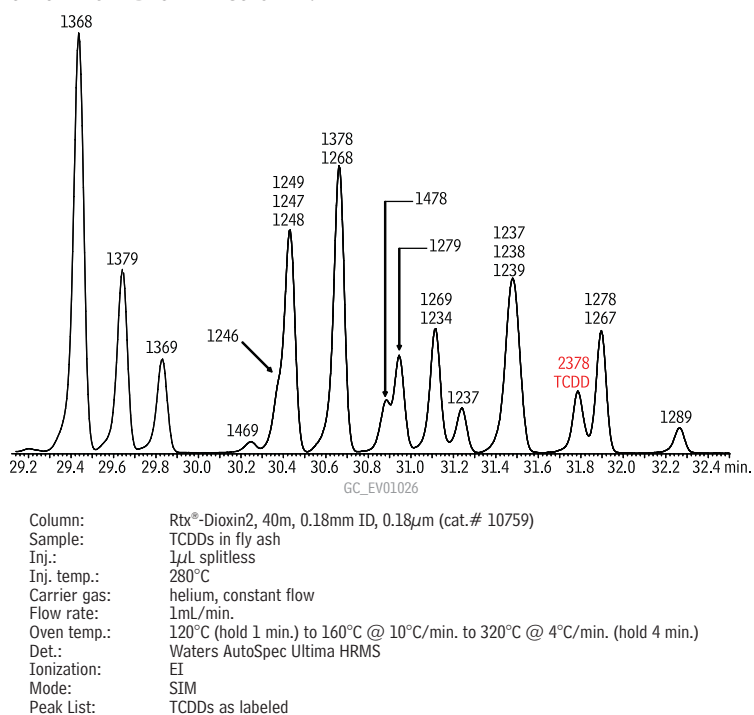
Successful analyses of dioxins and furans are critical because of the extremely toxic nature of these compounds. However, confidently resolving the most toxic congeners, 2,3,7,8-substituted tetrachlorinated dibenzodioxin (TCDD) and tetrachlorinated dibenzofuran (TCDF), is often complicated by the presence of the many other possible congeners. Even with high resolution GC/high resolution MS methods, the proper choice of chromatographic column is essential for separating 2,3,7,8-substituted dioxins and furans from the less toxic congeners and matrix-related compounds.

### Complete Column Characterization

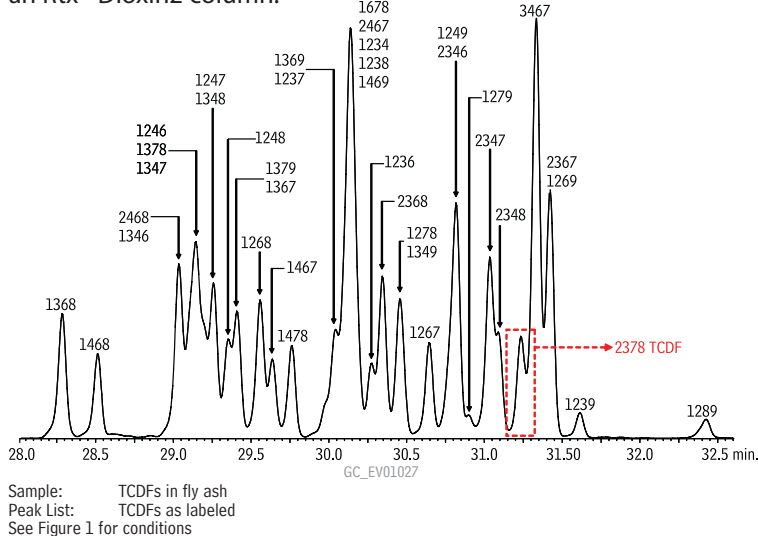
It is rare that a column's performance is characterized against all possible 136 tetra- through octachlorinated dioxins and furans. These standards are difficult to obtain, and testing can be time consuming. However, here the Rtx®-Dioxin2 column is characterized against all 136 compounds using standards from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. When compared to industry standard stationary phases, a unique selectivity is observed for the Rtx®-Dioxin2 column, and specific resolutions and coelutions are noted. Very few coelutions involving the toxic 2,3,7,8-substituted congeners are observed, making the Rtx®-Dioxin2 column an excellent choice for single column analyses of dioxins and furans (Tables I and II.)

Figure 1 shows fly ash samples, run under the same chromatographic conditions used to characterize the column. 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzofuran is not resolved under these conditions. However, the characterization study used simple linear temperature programming, and additional work exploring nonlinear oven programs and different flow parameters yielded better resolution between some congeners, especially 2,3,7,8-TCDF (data available upon request). The value in this work is not necessarily to show complete separation of all the congeners on a single column, but to show where all of the 136 compounds of interest elute, making all possible coelutions known.

**Figure 1** GC/HR-MS analysis of tetrachlorinated dioxins in fly ash on an Rtx®-Dioxin2 column.



**Figure 2** GC/HR-MS analysis of tetrachlorinated furans in fly ash on an Rtx®-Dioxin2 column.





The Rtx®-Dioxin2 column is an excellent column for the analysis of dioxin and furan congeners. It has a unique selectivity for the toxic congeners, including specificity for 2,3,7,8-TCDD and 2,3,7,8-TCDF. Here we characterized all 136 tetra- through octachlorine dioxins and furans and defined all possible coelutions. While commonly used cyanopropyl columns are limited by a low maximum operating temperature of 240°C, the Rtx®-Dioxin2 column is stable up to 340°C, extending column lifetime and improving analyses of dioxins and furans.

## Rtx®-Dioxin2 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.18	20°C to 340°C	40-Meter	10759
0.25mm	0.25	20°C to 340°C	60-Meter	10758

**Stable up to 340° for extended column lifetime!**

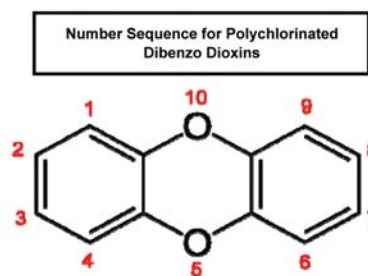
**Table I** Retention times (RT) and relative retention times (RRT) for all tetra- through octachlorinated dioxins on an Rtx®-Dioxin2 column.

tetrachlorinated			pentachlorinated			hexachlorinated			heptachlorinated			octachlorinated		
Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)
1368	29.43	0.8198	12468	33.75	0.9401	124679	37.89	1.0554	1234679	42.44	1.1822	12346789	46.93	1.3069
1379	29.64	0.8256	12479	33.80	0.9415	124689	37.89	1.0554	1234678	43.34	1.2072			
1369	29.84	0.8312	12469	34.17	0.9515	123468	38.53	1.0730						
1469	30.25	0.8424	12368	34.67	0.9657	123679	38.79	1.0805						
1246	30.38	0.8462	12478	34.83	0.9702	123689	38.82	1.0813						
1249	30.42	0.8474	12379	34.92	0.9727	123469	38.90	1.0833						
1247	30.43	0.8476	12467	35.02	0.9755	123478	39.55	1.1017						
1248	30.44	0.8479	12369	35.08	0.9769	123678	39.66	1.1047						
1378	30.64	0.8535	12489	35.08	0.9772	123467	39.78	1.1081						
1268	30.68	0.8546	12346	35.36	0.9850	123789	39.98	1.1136						
1478	30.88	0.8599	12347	35.40	0.9858									
1279	30.95	0.8621	12367	35.89	0.9997									
1269	31.12	0.8669	12378	35.91	1.0003									
1234	31.15	0.8677	12389	36.21	1.0086									
1236	31.25	0.8705												
1237	31.47	0.8766												
1238	31.50	0.8774												
1239	31.51	0.8777												
2378	31.79	0.8855												
1278	31.90	0.8883												
1267	31.90	0.8886												
1289	32.27	0.8989												

Blue boxes represent coelutions

Red boxes represent coelutions with 2378-substituted congeners

Bold red text indicates congeners with 2378 substitution



RRTs were calculated versus 12378 <sup>13</sup>C-labeled dioxin.

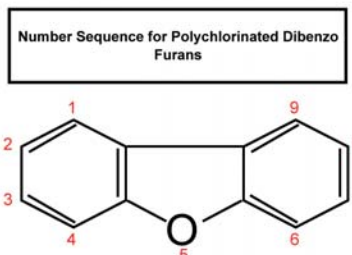
**Table II** Retention times (RT) and relative retention times (RRT) for all tetra- through octachlorinated furans on an Rtx®-Dioxin2 column.

tetrachlorinated			pentachlorinated			hexachlorinated			heptachlorinated			octachlorinated		
Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)	Congener	RT (min)	RRT (min)
1368	28.29	0.8181	13468	32.38	0.9364	123468	37.23	1.0766	1234678	41.99	1.2143	12346789	47.07	1.3604
1468	28.52	0.8243	12468	32.44	0.9378	134678	37.38	1.0807	1234679	42.36	1.2243			
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1246	29.11	0.8413	12467	33.61	0.9717	124679	37.83	1.0876						
1378	29.15	0.8427	14678	33.70	0.9717	124689	38.08	1.1009						
1347	29.19	0.8441	13478	33.69	0.9743	123467	38.45	1.1116						
1247	29.26	0.8459	12368	33.71	0.9746	123478	38.58	1.1154						
1348	29.27	0.8459	12478	33.76	0.9760	123678	38.70	1.1191						
1248	29.35	0.8485	13479	33.85	0.9783	123479	38.86	1.1234						
1379	29.40	0.8497	13469	34.00	0.9829	123469	38.96	1.1263						
1367	29.42	0.8503	12479	34.09	0.9858	123679	39.14	1.1315						
1268	29.56	0.8546	12346	34.14	0.9870	123689	39.40	1.1387						
1467	29.64	0.8569	12469	34.25	0.9902	234678	39.42	1.1400						
1478	29.76	0.8604	23468	34.35	0.9928	123489	40.29	1.1651						
1369	29.97	0.8664	12347	34.36	0.9931	123789	40.31	1.1654						
1237	30.03	0.8684	12348	34.39	0.9945									
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RRTs were calculated versus 12378 <sup>13</sup>C-labeled furan.

\*Note that the 1289 tetra chlorinated congener elutes after the 13468 penta chlorinated congener.



# Assure LC/MS/MS System Performance for Drug Analyses

## Using a System Suitability Test Mix

By Kristi Sellers, Clinical/Forensic Innovations Chemist and Houssain El Aribi, Ph.D., LC/MS Product Specialist, MDS ScieX

- Increase sample throughput and data quality with easy, reliable verification of LC/MS/MS performance.
- Extensively documented standard preparation assures accurate, consistent solutions.
- Method included in Cliquant® Drug Screen & Quant Software—automatically generates test reports.

Sample throughput is a critical issue in drug toxicology, and it can be adversely affected by inferior system performance. Poor system performance can produce unreliable data, increase downtime, and necessitate sample reanalysis, which ultimately decreases sample throughput. To ensure that your LC/MS/MS system is running properly, a system suitability mix should be analyzed on a regular basis before case samples are analyzed.

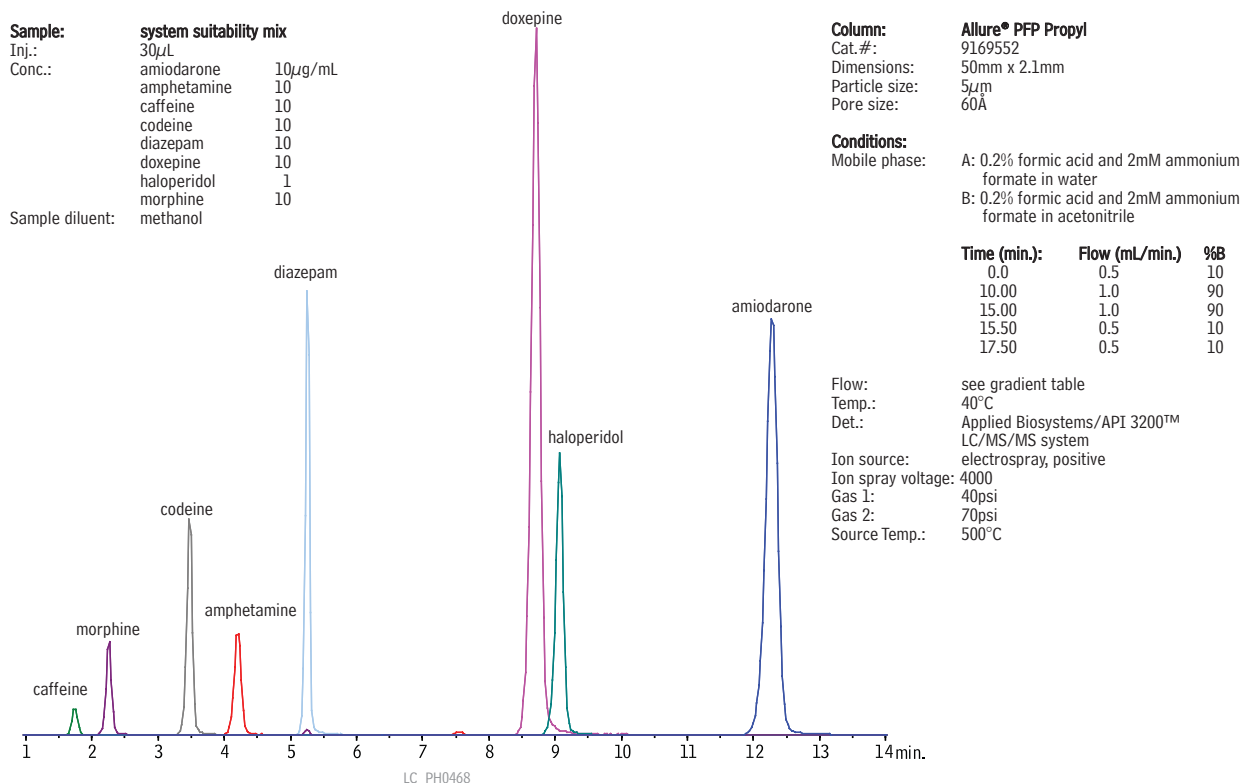
Restek and Applied Biosystems have developed a system suitability mix specifically for drug testing that contains compounds covering a wide range of molecular weights, polarities, and retention times (Table I). This standards mix is designed to verify system performance and identify system problems. Figure 1 shows a representative chromatogram (+MRM transitions) of this suitability mix analyzed on an Applied Biosystems API 3200™ LC/MS/MS system. This simple test evaluates the entire analytical system, including the autosampler, column, HPLC pumps, and mass spectrometer. The data is automatically compared to expected results by Applied Biosystem's Cliquant® Drug Screen & Quant Software to identify system problems.

**Table I** Mix components vary in chemical properties, providing a rigorous system performance test.

### Mass Spectrometer Conditions:

Analyte	MW	RT (min)	Q1	Q3
Amiodarone	645	12.30	646.0	58.0
Amphetamine	135	4.21	136.1	91.1
Caffeine	194	1.72	195.1	122.9
Codeine	299	3.47	300.2	165.2
Diazepam	284	5.25	285.1	193.2
Doxepin	279	8.72	280.2	107.1
Haloperidol	375	9.08	376.1	123.0
Morphine	285	2.24	286.1	165.1

**Figure 1** Increase sample throughput by verifying system readiness with a drug standard system suitability mix. (MRM transitions)



The Cliquid® Drug Screen & Quant Software automates this test and generates a verification report which highlights failures. Peak area, peak shape, retention time reproducibility, fragmentation, and library search function all are evaluated through the software by comparing the test mix data to expected results. For example, full scan linear ion trap MS/MS data for diazepam and caffeine are compared to the library to assess fragmentation. A mass spectral match of 80% or more must be achieved to pass this portion of the system suitability test. Otherwise, the failure will be highlighted on the automated report.

## Use this system suitability mix for drug analyses to assure system performance and simplify troubleshooting.

Analyzing this system suitability mix for drug analysis on a regular basis assures system performance, improves data quality, increases sample throughput, and simplifies troubleshooting. Moreover, the Cliquid® Drug Screen & Quant Software for Routine Forensic Toxicology enables nonexpert LC/MS/MS users to employ this system suitability test with little effort.

### Acknowledgement

Method and data supplied by Applied Biosystems.

### References

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50mm	9169552
<b>5µm Column, 3.2mm</b>	<b>cat. #</b>
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amiodarone	10µg/mL	diazepam	10
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caffeine	10	haloperidol	1
codeine	10	morphine	10

In P&T methanol, 1mL/ampul

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# Separating NSAIDs through Aromatic Selectivity

## Improve Retention by Using An Allure® Biphenyl HPLC Column

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist, and Benjamin Smith, Applications Technician

- Optimize retention and selectivity of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, for better separations.
- Orthogonal separations with simple mobile phase changes
- Increased retention requires higher organic content, increasing desolvation efficiency in LC/MS.

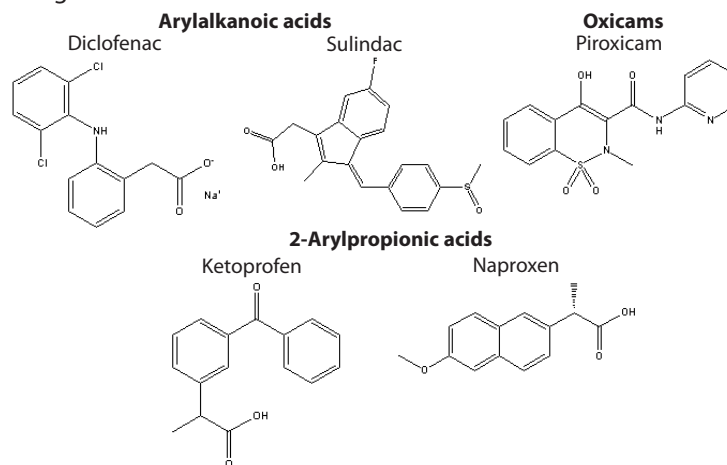
Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), in either prescribed or over-the-counter formulations, are widely used to treat pain, fever, and inflammation. While steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs all share a similar, four-ring chemical structure, NSAIDs have more diverse chemical structures, complicating their analysis. The work we report here is based on three common classes of NSAIDs: arylalkanoic acids, 2-arylpropionic acids (profens), and oxicams.

NSAIDs have a high carbon to heteroatom ratio and, therefore, historically have been separated through reversed phase HPLC on C18 columns. A conventional C18 stationary phase separates compounds based mainly on their overall hydrophobicity. Considering the carbon to heteroatom ratio, this is an effective separation mechanism for NSAIDs. Newer stationary phases are available, however, and we set out to determine if other phases, using other separation mechanisms, such as  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions, could be more effective for assaying NSAIDs.

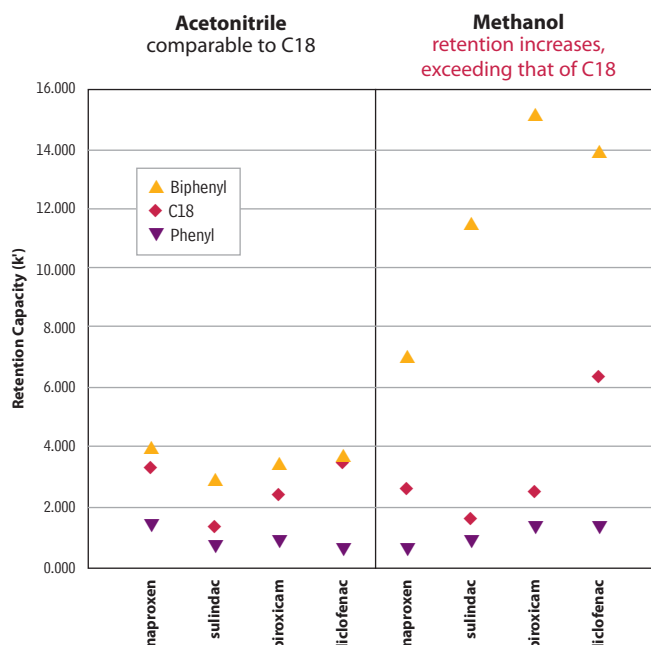
When selecting a stationary phase, it is advantageous to exploit inherent differences in the target analytes' chemical structures. Among these three classes of NSAIDs, there are some common functional groups, like halogens, amines, and carboxylic acids, but no one group is shared across the entire list of analytes (Figure 1). However, all of the target analytes do share one basic structural component – the six-carbon aromatic ring. Aromatic rings are common components of drug molecules, and they can be targeted using a phenyl-based stationary phase.

As a retention mechanism, phenyl stationary phases employ  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the phenyl groups in the stationary phase and any unsaturated bonds in the analyte. The use of conventional phenyl phases has been somewhat limited due to their moderate retention capacity, relative to that of a C18 phase. Figure 2 illustrates the relative retention capacities of NSAID test probes on an Allure® Biphenyl column, a conventional phenyl column and a C18 column. Note that, in all cases, as commonly seen in practice, the conventional phenyl phase yields only moderate retention compared to that of a C18 column. However, the Allure® Biphenyl phase, which is a stationary

**Figure 1** Aromatic rings make NSAIDs candidates for separation through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions.



**Figure 2** The retention capacity of the Allure® Biphenyl phase far exceeds that of conventional phenyl phases.



For each analyte all columns were assayed under identical isocratic conditions. The equivalent elutropic strength between acetonitrile and methanol was determined by the relative retention capacities of the C18 phase.

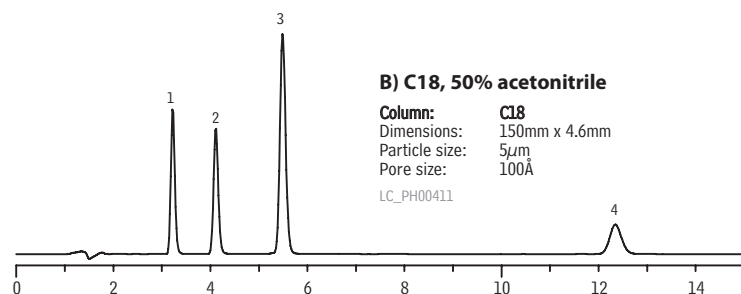
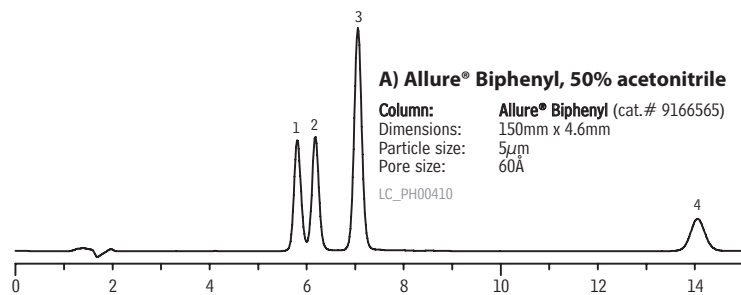
Columns: 5 $\mu$ m, 4.6mm x 150mm  
Mobile Phase: 10mM potassium phosphate (pH 2.5): acetonitrile or methanol  
Det.: UV @ 254nm  
Flow: 1.0 mL/min.

**Figure 3** The versatility of the Allure® Biphenyl phase makes it a great alternative to conventional phenyl phase columns, especially in method development.

**Sample:**  
 Inj.: 5µL  
 Conc.: ~300µg/mL each component  
 Sample diluent: mobile phase

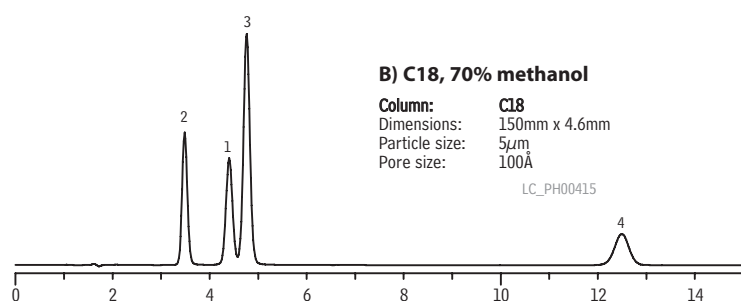
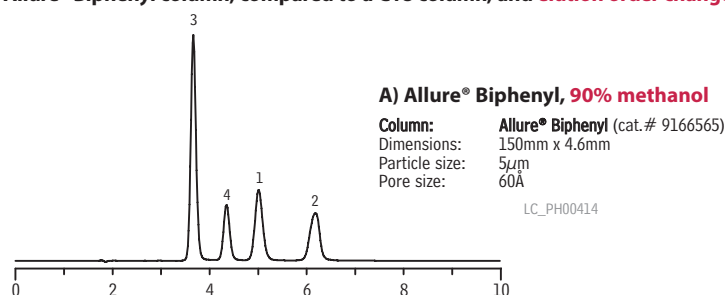
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 2. piroxicam  
 3. ketoprofen  
 4. diclofenac

**In acetonitrile, retention of NSAIDs on an Allure® Biphenyl column is comparable to retention on a C18 column and elution order is the same.**



**Conditions:**  
 Mobile phase: 0.5% formic acid in water (pH 2.25):0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, 50:50 (v/v)  
 Flow: 1.0mL/min.  
 Temp.: ambient  
 Det.: UV @ 254nm

**In methanol, retention capacity & selectivity of NSAIDs are much greater on an Allure® Biphenyl column, compared to a C18 column, and elution order changes.**



**Conditions:**  
 Mobile phase: 0.5% formic acid in water (pH 2.25):0.1% formic acid in methanol, 30:70 or 10:90 (v/v)  
 Flow: 1.0mL/min.  
 Temp.: ambient  
 Det.: UV @ 254nm

phase composed of two phenyl groups bonded end-to-end, easily achieves retention capacities similar to, and even greater than, those of a C18 column when used with a highly organic mobile phase. For this reason, we evaluated the enhanced retention of the Allure® Biphenyl column for assaying NSAIDs through aromatic selectivity.

First, we compared the retention characteristics of a conventional C18 column and an Allure® Biphenyl column, using acetonitrile as the organic modifier. As expected, the Allure® Biphenyl column exhibited similar retention under equivalent analytical conditions (Figure 3). But, when we assayed the same analytes, using methanol as the organic modifier, we found retention on the Allure® Biphenyl column was *greatly increased*. To maintain the same retention capacities (*k'*) between the columns, we had to increase the organic content by 20% (Figure 3). In addition, selectivity between the two columns became dramatically different. Based on these results, we conclude that methanol in the mobile phase enhances  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between aromatic compounds and the biphenyl stationary phase, leading to greater retention and superior selectivity.

An Allure® Biphenyl column, in combination with a methanol-containing mobile phase, significantly improves separations of NSAIDs, or other aromatic drug compounds. Increased retention capacity creates a need for a higher percentage of organic solvent in the mobile phase, to elute the analytes in a timely manner. Increasing the organic content, in turn, increases sensitivity in LC/MS methods, because it optimizes the desolvation efficiency in electrospray interfaces. And this, in turn, makes an Allure® Biphenyl column the best choice for separating aromatics.

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# Easily Resolve Oxytocin PEGylation Reaction Products

## Using Viva Wide Pore HPLC Columns

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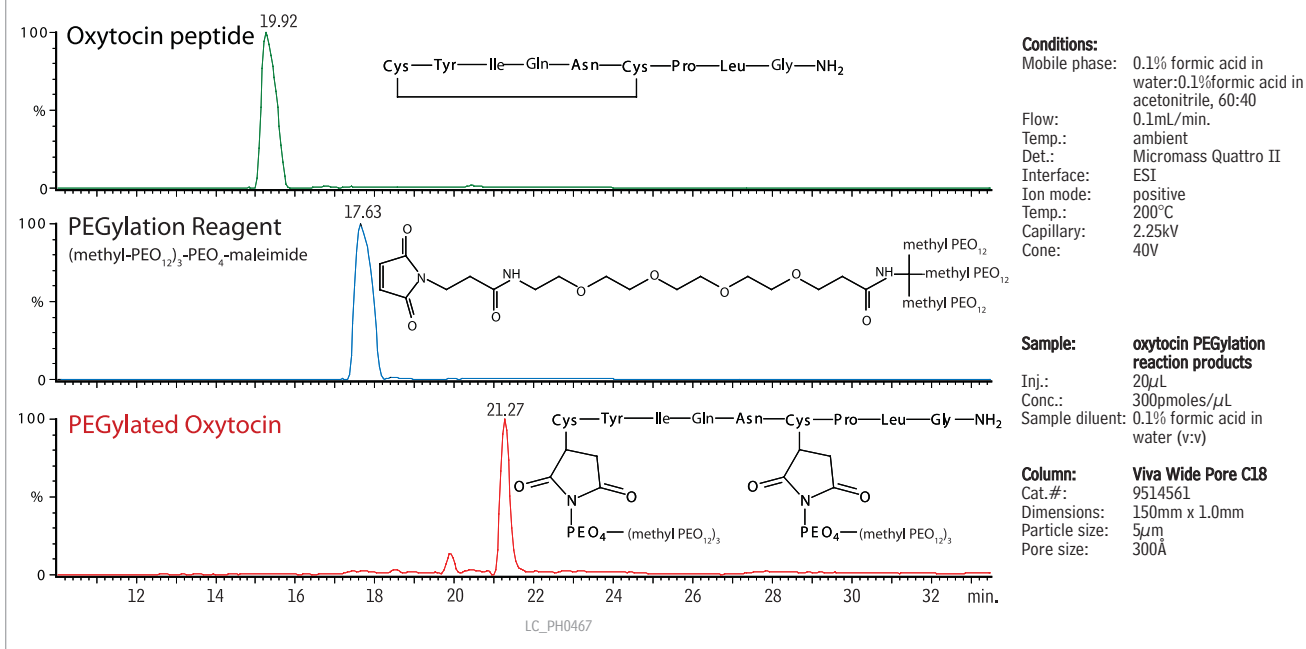
- Ideal for PEGylation reaction monitoring.
- Easy isocratic method saves time, eliminating column equilibration time between injections.
- Largest available surface area in 250-350Å pores; engineered for proteins, peptides, and other large biomolecules.

PEGylation, the covalent attachment of polyethylene glycol (PEG) units to proteins and peptides, is an important tool in drug discovery. PEGylation is used to enhance drug delivery, while maintaining the therapeutic function of the active compound. Viva Wide Pore HPLC columns are ideal for the separation of large molecules, such as oxytocin PEGylation reaction products, as the target analytes can enter the larger pores and access more surface area, increasing retention and overall resolution. For analytes with molecular weights larger than 3,000, pore diameters of 250-350Å offer the best combination of retention and pressure stability, and Viva Wide Pore silica has the greatest available surface area in 250-350Å pores. Here we demonstrate the suitability of Viva Wide Pore HPLC columns for PEGylation reaction monitoring.

Viva columns reliably separate large, closely related compounds.

The PEGylation reaction mixture consisted of oxytocin with an excess of reducing agent tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP) and (methyl-PEO<sub>12</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-PEO<sub>4</sub>-maleimide. The oxytocin solution was mixed with ammonium bicarbonate buffer to pH 8. Excess TCEP was added and the resulting solution incubated at 60°C for 1 hour. The test solution was cooled to room temperature and a molar excess of (methyl-PEO<sub>12</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-PEO<sub>4</sub>-maleimide was added, followed by incubation in a water bath at 40°C for 1 hour. Approximately 6 nmoles of oxytocin was injected in 20µL of deionized water with 0.1% formic acid. The extracted ion chromatograms in Figure 1 show excellent resolution for the three compounds of interest. The added retention power of Viva columns allows separation of large, closely related compounds, making it an ideal column for monitoring PEGylation reactions.

**Figure 1** Excellent resolution of oxytocin PEGylation reaction products on Viva Wide Pore HPLC columns.



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# Rapid Screening Method for Carbamates in Orange Oil

## Using an Ultra Carbamate HPLC Column

Julie Kowalski, Ph.D., Innovations Chemist

- Fast analysis times, for increased sample throughput.
- Simple methodology saves time—no sample preparation.
- Accurate mass identification, for definitive results.

Concern over the presence of pesticides in food products, particularly citrus, is growing, resulting in an increasing number of countries regulating insecticides such as carbamates. EPA Method 531.1 describes a method for the analysis of carbamates in water, but not in other commodities. Matrices like citrus oil contain numerous interferences and often require time-consuming sample preparation. However, the method described here requires no sample preparation and provides fast analysis times, significantly increasing sample throughput.

Carbamates are most easily determined via HPLC analysis because derivatization is required for GC analysis. The rapid screening method shown here uses the Ultra Carbamate HPLC column, which is designed specifically for analyzing carbamates and is compatible with both traditional detectors and mass spectrometry. This column works well with mass spectrometry amenable buffers and allows an initial mobile phase composition of 20% organic, which promotes complete ionization at the electrospray source.

Orange oil was spiked at 10ppm with a carbamate mix and analyzed (Figures 1-2). The monoisotopic masses and retention times were compared to an injected standard and found to match closely (Table I). The high mass accuracy of the Leco Unique TOF-MS allowed positive analyte identification, even in a complex mixture containing compounds with the same nominal mass (within 1 amu) as the target carbamate. By using the Ultra Carbamate column in conjunction with the Leco Unique TOF-MS, we were able to develop a quick, easy, and accurate screening method for carbamates in a complex matrix such as orange oil.

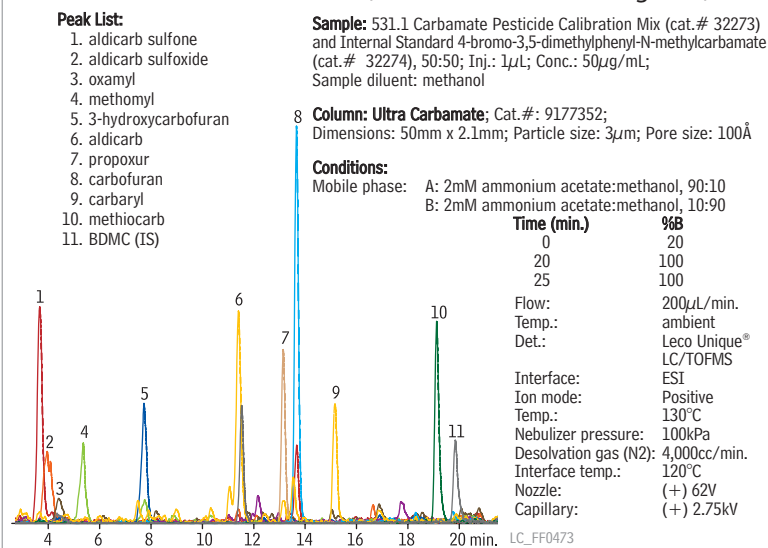
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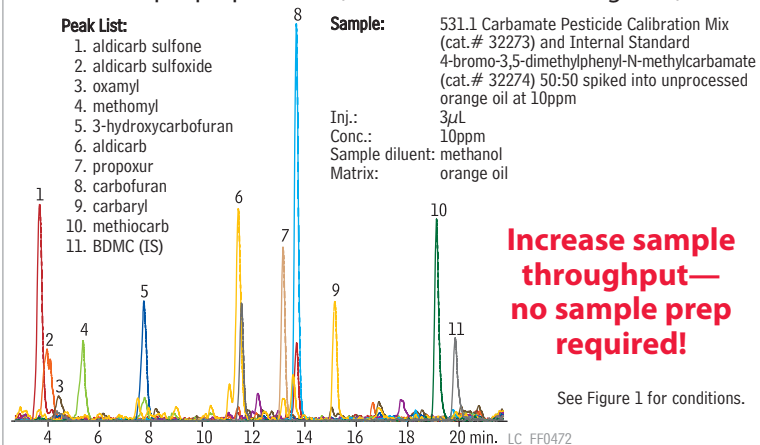
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**Figure 1** Reference standard carbamates resolve quickly on an Ultra Carbamate HPLC column. (extracted ion chromatograms)



**Figure 2** Positive identification of carbamates in orange oil injected with no sample preparation. (extracted ion chromatograms)



**Table I** Carbamates were positively identified in matrix using both retention time and mass.

		calculated ion monoisotopic mass	standard ion monoisotopic mass	standard retention time (min.)	orange oil ion monoisotopic mass	orange oil retention time (min.)
aldicarb sulfone	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	223.075	223.099	3.81	223.142	3.67
aldicarb sulfoxide	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	207.080	207.103	4.31	207.122	4.09
oxamyl	[M+NH <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	237.102	237.085	4.97	237.110	4.41
methomyl	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	163.054	163.074	5.84	163.086	5.36
3-hydroxycarbofuran	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	238.108	238.121	8.32	238.128	7.73
aldicarb	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	191.085	191.0728 116.0751*	11.92	116.052*	11.53
propoxur	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	210.113	210.152	13.53	210.153	13.14
carbofuran	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	222.113	222.140	13.98	222.120	13.66
carbaryl	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	202.087	202.084	15.48	202.101	15.17
methiocarb	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	226.090	226.097	19.22	226.060	19.12
BDMC	[M+H] <sup>+</sup>	258.013	258.042	19.89	258.005	19.84

\* m/z 116.052 is a fragment ion with higher intensity than the [M+H]<sup>+</sup> ion and was used for identification in orange oil



# Using Thermal Desorption to Enhance Aroma Profiling by GC/MS

## Lower Detection Limits with Latest Technology

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- Accommodates a wide range of sampling methods.
- Allows sample re-collection, for repeat analysis and result verification.
- Eliminates extraction solvents, purges volatile interferences, and concentrates sample vapors, for enhanced low-level detection.

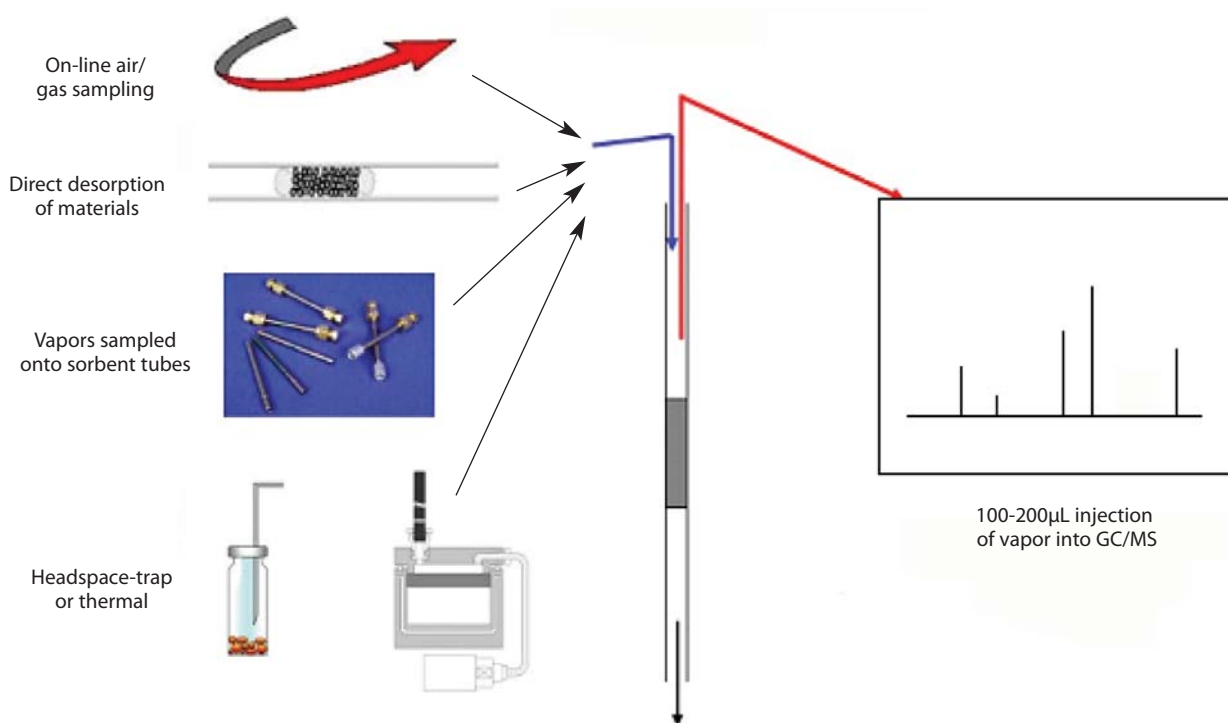
Flavor and fragrance profiling by GC/MS presents significant analytical challenges, as profiles typically comprise hundreds of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), often with the lowest concentration analytes having the most profound effects on perceived aroma. Conventional sample preparation methods (solvent extraction, steam distillation, etc.) do not meet sensitivity requirements and often distort the vapor profile so that it is not representative of what the consumer experiences. Recently, thermal desorption (TD) has emerged as a useful complement to GC/MS, enabling more aroma profiling applications to be carried out using quantitative, automatic instrumentation. TD combines automated sample preparation with selective analyte enrichment, allowing VOCs to be injected into the GC/MS as a narrow concentrated band, free of most or all sample matrix effects.

### Many Sampling Options, No Extraction Interferences

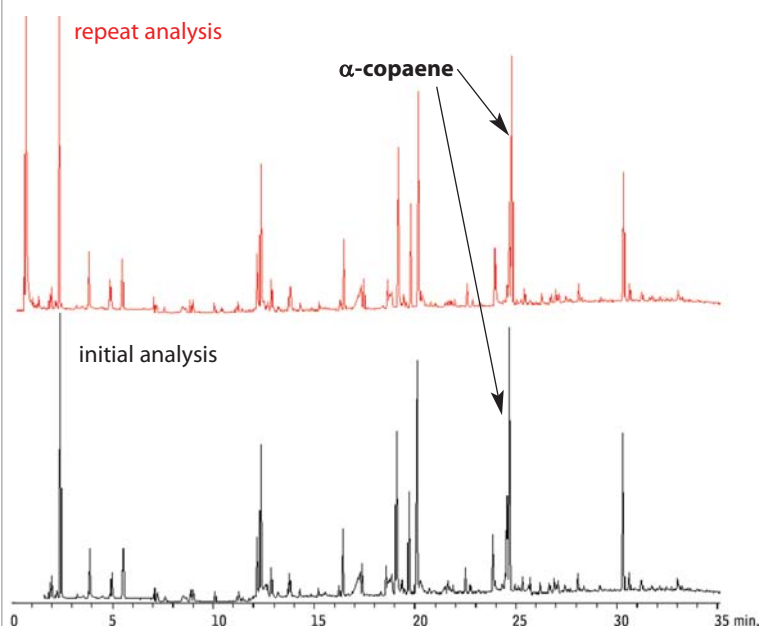
One of the strengths of thermal desorption for food, flavor, and fragrance profiling is that it offers a versatile range of sampling methodologies including sorbent tubes/traps, on-line sampling, direct desorption, and off-line thermal extraction (dynamic headspace) sampling. Whichever of these approaches is used, the compounds of interest are separated from the sample matrix and focused on a small, electrically-cooled sorbent trap (Figure 1). This focusing trap is subsequently desorbed by heating it rapidly in a reverse flow of carrier gas causing the VOCs to be injected into the GC/MS system as a narrow band of vapor. Since samples are extracted directly

Thermal desorption is an automatic, high-sensitivity alternative to conventional liquid extraction.

**Figure 1** Thermal desorption is compatible with a wide range of sampling strategies.

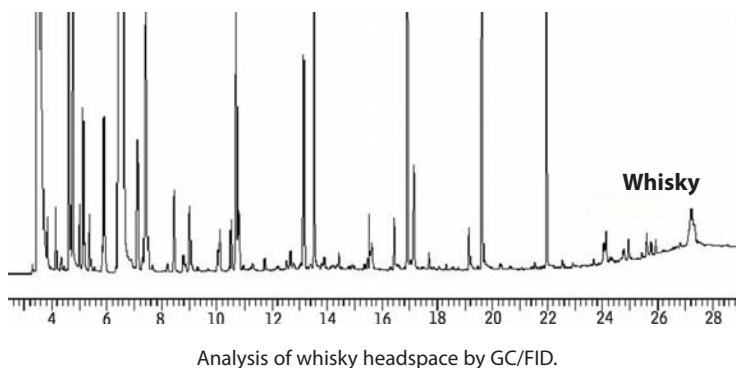


**Figure 2** Verify initial results by analyzing re-collected samples.



Analysis of headspace collected above boiling, genetically-modified potatoes. Repeat analysis of the re-collected sample demonstrated excellent recovery of reactive monoterpenes, such as  $\alpha$ -copaene.

**Figure 3** Thermal desorption allows selective elimination of water and >99% of ethanol vapor, enhancing the determination of key olfactory components.



Analysis of whisky headspace by GC/FID.

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TDU Tubes, Tenax TA/Graphitized Carbon/Carboxen 1000	10-pk.	24060	24066
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into the GC carrier gas stream, no manual sample preparation is required and the problems associated with solvents—masking of peaks of interest, loss of volatiles, and variable extraction efficiency—are eliminated.

### Lower Detection Limits and Repeat Analysis

The latest TD systems use thin-walled quartz traps capable of heating at rates over 100°C/sec., maximizing desorption efficiency and lowering detection limits. They also incorporate split re-collection for repeat analysis and simple validation of recovery (Figure 2) through the analytical system. Newer thermal desorption systems are also capable of transferring the vapor profile constituents into the GC capillary column in volumes of carrier gas as low as 100 $\mu$ L. This means that significant concentration enhancement factors can be achieved—typically from 103 to 106—depending on the number of concentration/desorption steps. TD also allows volatile interferences such as water and ethanol to be purged to vent prior to analysis, making it easier to discriminate between samples according to the key olfactory components (Figure 3).

### Summary

Thermal desorption offers an automatic, high-sensitivity alternative to conventional liquid extraction methods for aroma profiling by GC/MS. It allows vapor profile constituents to be cleanly separated from the sample matrix and facilitates selective purging of volatile interferences in many cases. This helps to ensure that the vapor profile analyzed is most representative of the aroma perceived by consumers and that key olfactory compounds can be identified and measured at the lowest levels possible.

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Tenax TA/Graphitized Carbon/Carboxen 1000	Vapor phase organics from C2/3 to C20
Carbopack C/Carbopack B/Carbosieve SIII	Vapor phase organics from <i>n</i> -C2/3 to <i>n</i> -C16/20 (EPA Methods TO-14/TO-15/TO-17)





# Under Pressure?

## Reduce System Stress by Backflushing Your HPLC Column

By Tim Herring, Technical Service

Experiencing a higher pump pressure than usual? Or perhaps a complete pressure shut-down of the system has occurred, even after replacing the in-line frit and guard column. High pump pressures can be caused by heavily retained impurities building up within the head of the analytical column. Such contamination can cause poor chromatography, usually in the form of broad, split, or misshapen peaks, and ultimately can compromise results. Backflushing a contaminated analytical column using the following procedure can help restore column performance and reduce pump pressure and system strain.

If back pressure is abnormally high, first take the column out of the equation by disconnecting it from the system altogether. Install a union and run the pumps to verify that the back pressure problem is due to the column, and not to the HPLC system. If the pressure is normal, then the column is most likely the cause of the high back pressure. To address this, reverse the column flow and rinse (backflush) the column to remove the contaminants from the inlet frit and column head. This will move the contaminants down the path of least resistance, instead of forcing them further into the analytical column. Reverse rinse into a waste beaker at low flow (e.g. 0.5mL/min. for a 4.6mm ID column) for 10-15 minutes initially, and then increase the flow to 1.5-2 times the optimal flow (1.5 to 2.0mL/min. for a 4.6mm ID column). Do not reconnect to the detector when backflushing the column. Rather, flush the waste stream into a beaker so that the detector cell is not contaminated by impurities or obstructed by particulate build-up.

Solubility is a key issue when backflushing columns, so remember the old adage, “like dissolves like”. For example, if the contaminants are suspected to be oily or hydrophobic in nature, then backflush with a strong, nonpolar solvent such as hexane. If the contamination is polar (a salt for instance), then use a polar solvent, such as water or methanol. Solvent miscibility also needs to be considered, so be sure to use solvents that are miscible with one another. If in doubt, use isopropanol (IPA) as an intermediary solvent between solvent wash steps, as it is miscible with all common solvents. This is particularly true when switching from typical normal phase solvents (such as hexane) to reverse phase solvents (such as methanol, acetonitrile, or water) and vice versa. Note that 10 to 15 column volumes are generally necessary at each step to remove all traces of immiscible solvents prior to the next step.

If the contaminants are unknown, or vary in chemistry, a series of solvent washes will provide an array of differing chemical interactions and maximize the removal of most types of contamination. The solvent order presented in Table I considers miscibility, polarity, and eluotropic strength and is a very effective series for removing most contaminants. Column backflushing, with proper solvent selection, is a simple way to regenerate analytical columns, improving column performance and reducing system stress.

**Table I** Restore column performance by backflushing with recommended solvent washes.

**Reversed phase series:**

- A. 1% glacial acetic acid in methanol and water (50:50)
- B. methanol
- C. chloroform
- D. hexane (or heptane)
- E. methylene chloride (dichloromethane)
- F. methanol

**Normal phase:**

- A. isopropanol

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## Quality Control in Metabolomics

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process than the hard electron impact ionization in GC/MS. It is insufficient to declare that in LC/MS no major matrix effect is apparent with respect to ion suppression just based on quenching of signal intensity of a single infused compound. This single compound may have characteristics that make it less vulnerable to matrix effects, and thus unsuitable to explore matrix effects. Far better suited are classical approaches, most importantly the use of isotope labeled internal standards. Quality control in metabolomics means that the short-term and long-term influence of matrix effects is carefully evaluated by comparing the metabolite coverage and their relative quantification levels to expected values from background knowledge. Only if quantification of a range of well-known target metabolites validates a specific analytical protocol, can unbiased analysis be furthered to the level of metabolomics and comprise novel metabolite signals. Such integration of classical analytical strategies with modern unbiased data analysis should also include randomized sample sequences, blank controls, and bracketing samples with external calibration standards.

Among the most difficult challenges in metabolomics is the annotation of unknown metabolic signals. The Metabolomics Standards Initiative (MSI) has issued a variety of suggestions for reporting minimal experimental parameters to ensure that metabolomic data can be used and reproduced by other laboratories. Importantly, the identification of metabolites must always be based on at least two orthogonal physicochemical characteristics, such as retention index and mass spectrum. Identifications that are based on authentic chemical standards are generally more trustworthy than annotations based on calculated characteristics. Nevertheless, the metabolome itself is an unrestricted entity that clearly comprises more than the suite of known compounds to be found in classical textbooks or that can be purchased from chemical manufacturers. The metabolome cannot be simply computed from reconstructed biochemical pathways due to enzymatic diversity, substrate ambiguity, and variation in regulatory mechanisms. Hence, the finding of many unknown signals in metabolomic surveys comes as no surprise to biochemists. The sheer complexity of natural products, including isomeric compounds, renders the use of accurate masses and database queries insufficient for annotation of metabolites. Instead, novel algorithms are needed to score metabolic signals based on all available information, from calculated physicochemical characteristics to presence in biochemical databases. Such algorithms might ultimately boost the quality of metabolomic data in a similar way as SEQUEST® did for proteomic analysis. Yet, no software is available to perform this much-needed task.

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# Using Guard Columns and Retention Gaps in GC (Part 2)

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Guard columns and retention gaps are used widely in gas chromatography (GC). Many users have difficulty understanding the difference between these two products, even though there is a significant difference in application. In Part 1 of this article we reviewed retention gaps, which mainly are used for focusing the sample components when introducing a large (liquid) sample directly onto the column. In contrast, guard columns are used to protect the analytical column from contamination. Guard columns and retention gaps both must be coupled to the analytical column, and this connection introduces a potential point of risk. A new approach is to integrate the retention gap directly into the analytical column tubing. By applying a "segment" coating technology the stationary phase can be deposited only in a certain part of the column allowing a deactivated section at the beginning. Column coupling is not required and maintenance is greatly simplified. Here we will review guard columns and discuss the new segment coating technology.

## Use of guard columns

The purpose of using guard columns is to protect the analytical column from contamination since the sample that is introduced is not always pure. Although the best chromatography is obtained with "clean" samples, the practical situation is that sample clean-up procedures are minimized and relative "dirty" samples are introduced onto the column. Samples can contain particulates, heavy components, derivatization reagents, ionic residues, acids, bases... all these compounds can interfere with the stationary phase and they will influence the separation process. Usually the degradation of column performance is a slow process but it will happen.

Most of the time the impurities accumulate in the first meter(s) of the column and by cutting off this section adequate separation is restored. Many users choose to connect a guard column in front of the analytical column. Such a guard column is deactivated and can be trimmed when contaminated and eventually replaced. Depending on the application, guard columns have a lifetime of 1 week up to 6 months. One has different choices for guard columns; a guard column can consist only of deactivated capillary, or it can be a coated capillary.

**Deactivated capillary tubing:** Deactivated fused silica tubing can be purchased by the meter and then a defined length can be coupled in front of the analytical column. Upon contamination, a section of the guard column is removed. When the whole guard is "consumed" a new guard column can be coupled. The disadvantage of cutting parts off of the guard column is that the column becomes shorter and this may affect retention times. However, if a similar length is always cut from the guard column, the change in retention time becomes very predictable. A deactivated guard column will also result in band focusing. If the injection is not optimal, there will be a focusing effect similar to that of a retention gap.

**Coated capillary tubing:** As the guard column needs to prevent contamination of the analytical column, a coated guard column can help as it has both the surface deactivation and also the stationary phase layer. The easiest and most economical way of using coated guard columns (or precolumns) is to buy two analytical columns. One we will use as a separation column and the second one will be used to make coated guard columns. From this second column we will cut 2m sections and couple a section in front of the analytical separation column. We can run our samples until contamination affects peak shape/response and then we can replace the guard with a new 2m section.

The system we have created will produce reproducible retention times as we always will replace the entire 2m coated guard column. Since the stationary phase is the same on the guard as on the analytical column, there will be no surprises. The coated guard column also will allow more aggressive samples/more contamination before it will give up. Lastly, we are able to cut 15 coated guard columns from a full 30m analytical column...that's also economical! However, if using a coated guard column, there will be no focusing effects.

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# Accurately Quantify PAHs Down to 5pg On-Column

## GC/MS SIM Analysis with the **New** Rxi<sup>®</sup>-5Sil MS Column

By Robert Freeman, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Excellent linearity across a broad calibration range.
- Ideal for trace level analyses.
- Low bleed at high temperatures, for better overall response and lower detection limits.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are common environmental pollutants, affecting air, water, and soil quality. Although naturally occurring, human impact has created a steady increase in environmental levels of PAHs and their byproducts. PAHs are typically formed through the incomplete combustion of organic materials, such as wood, coal, and oil, but are also used in manufacturing of some medicines, plastics, and pesticides. Many chromatographic methods are available to analyze these pollutants. Laboratories performing low-level PAH analyses often utilize the single ion monitoring (SIM) function of GC/MS because of the sensitivity required to achieve typical regulatory or monitoring levels.

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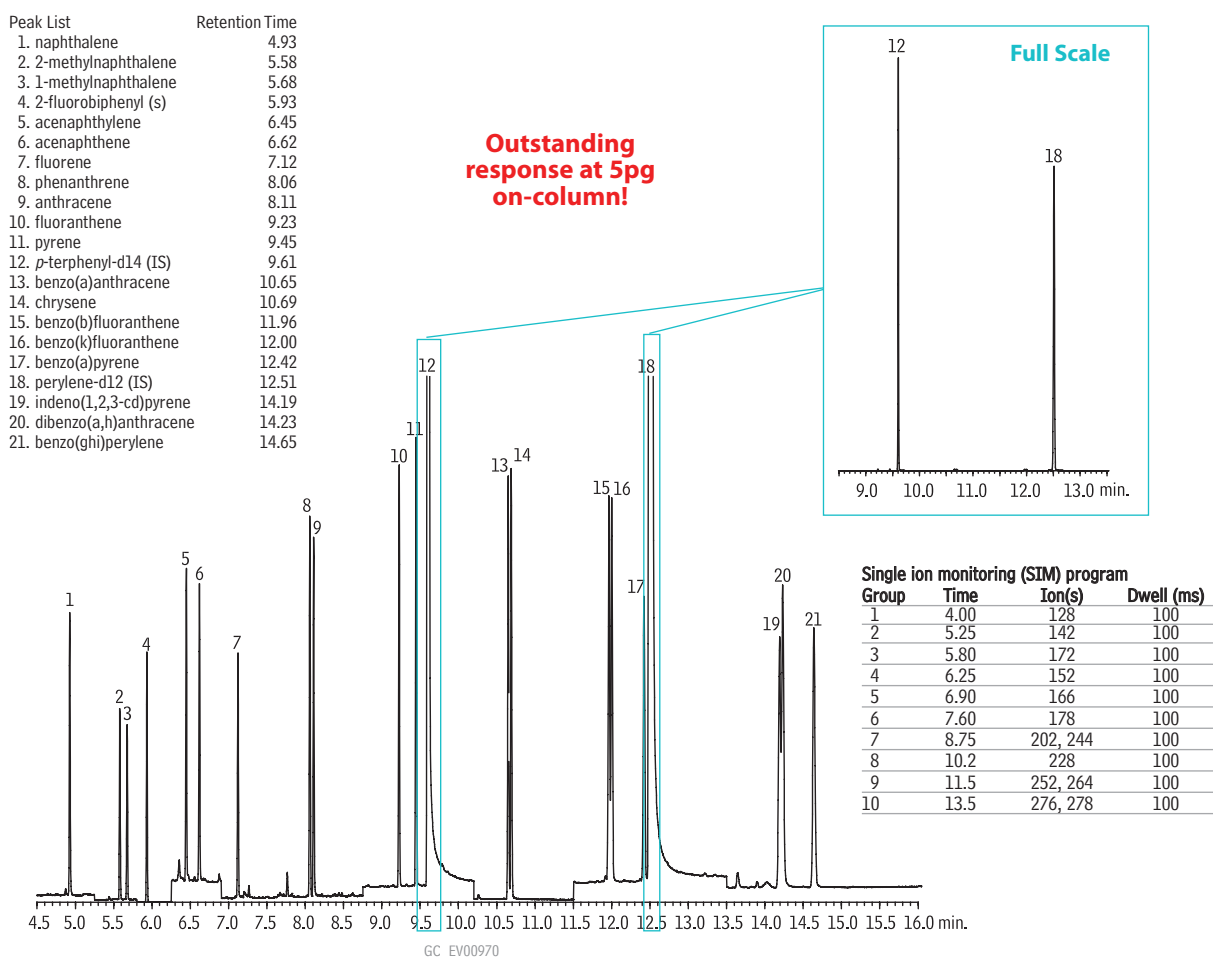
## Accurately Quantify PAHs Down to 5pg On-Column *Continued from page 3.*

### Method Parameters

For our SIM method we chose to use the new Rxi®-5Sil MS column. This stationary phase incorporates phenyl rings in the polymer backbone, which strengthens the siloxane chain, preventing thermal breakdown. This low bleed column is similar in selectivity to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl phases, but offers improved signal-to-noise ratios, resulting in increased sensitivity and subsequently lower detection limits. The silarylene polymer not only exhibits improved thermal stability and reduced bleed, but it also shows improved separation for aromatic compounds, such as PAHs.

Analytical conditions were set to optimize resolution of critical pairs and reduce discrimination of high molecular weight analytes. We chose a 4mm Drilled Uniliner® inlet liner with wool, since direct injection using this liner provides near complete transfer of sample analytes to the column. To improve the quantification of high molecular weight compounds we chose a thin film thickness (0.25µm) and set the injection port temperature to 300°C. A pulsed splitless injection technique was used to maximize the transfer of analytes onto the column. The pressure pulse is an effective injection technique for trace level analyses and also helps minimize discrimination against the high molecular weight components. Finally, the ion source and quadrupole temperatures were set at 290°C and 180°C, respectively. This increase in detector temperatures, from the defaults of 230°C and 150°C, yields better peak shapes and responses for the PAHs.

**Figure 1** Excellent response and resolution of PAHs at 5pg on column in SIM mode



Column: Rxi®-5Sil MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13623)  
 Sample: PAH mix, 1µL of 0.005µg/mL (IS 2µg/mL)  
 SV Calibration Mix #5 (cat.# 31011)  
 1-methylnaphthalene (cat.# 31283)  
 2-methylnaphthalene (cat.# 31285)  
 2-fluorobiphenyl (cat.# 31091)  
 Inj.: 1.0µL (5pg on-column concentration),  
 4mm Drilled Uniliner® (hole near top) inlet liner (cat.# 21055-200.5),  
 pulsed splitless: pulse 20psi @ 0.2 min., 60mL/min. @ 0.15 min.

Inj. temp.: 300°C  
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 1.4mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 0.5 min.) to 290°C @ 25°C/min. to 320°C @ 5°C/min.  
 Det.: MS  
 Transfer line temp: 290°C  
 Ionization: EI  
 Mode: SIM

## Results

These run conditions produced excellent resolution and response for all of the target analytes in a run time of less than 16 minutes. Figure 1 shows the SIM trace at 0.005µg/mL (5pg on column). The system was calibrated at eight levels, from 0.005 to 10µg/mL in single ion monitoring mode. The SIM acquisition program used for this analysis is shown in Figure 1. Each calibration standard contained eighteen target PAHs, two internal standards (*p*-terphenyl-d14 and perylene-d12), and the surrogate (2-fluorobiphenyl). At each level, the relative response factor (RRF) was calculated for all compounds and linearity was determined by calculating the percent relative standard deviation (%RSD) for all response factors, as shown in Table II. The %RSDs for all compounds are in the low single digits with an average for all compounds of 4.7%.

The Rxi®-5Sil MS column allows for a very broad calibration range, in this case 2000-fold from 5pg to 10ng while maintaining exceptional linearity. Using the Rxi®-5Sil MS column and an optimized temperature program is an excellent solution to the challenges posed by SIM PAH analyses.

**Table I** Relative response factors and %RSD for calibration standards (0.005-10µg/mL).

Compound	Relative Response Factor								Avg	%RSD
	0.005	0.01	0.05	0.1	0.5	1	5	10		
<b><i>p</i>-Terphenyl-d14 (IS)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naphthalene	0.825	0.778	0.822	0.785	0.760	0.774	0.771	0.721	0.779	4.28
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.539	0.518	0.556	0.525	0.512	0.524	0.521	0.495	0.524	3.42
1-Methylnaphthalene	0.503	0.478	0.518	0.483	0.470	0.481	0.476	0.455	0.483	4.05
<b>2-Fluorobiphenyl (SS)</b>	0.689	0.664	0.691	0.680	0.664	0.679	0.669	0.608	0.668	3.93
Acenaphthylene	0.879	0.838	0.917	0.887	0.868	0.899	0.904	0.856	0.881	3.00
Acenaphthene	0.541	0.508	0.544	0.522	0.508	0.522	0.514	0.482	0.518	3.80
Fluorene	0.700	0.662	0.709	0.677	0.659	0.679	0.668	0.627	0.673	3.80
Phenanthrene	1.108	1.049	1.119	1.068	1.028	1.050	1.022	0.953	1.050	4.97
Anthracene	1.052	0.962	1.043	1.003	0.981	1.013	0.993	0.921	0.996	4.27
Fluoranthene	1.239	1.161	1.254	1.206	1.166	1.195	1.171	1.093	1.185	4.25
Pyrene	1.364	1.254	1.355	1.295	1.256	1.284	1.247	1.155	1.276	5.20
<b>Perylene-d12 (IS)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benzo(a)anthracene	1.111	0.980	1.086	1.054	1.048	1.087	1.090	1.017	1.059	4.12
Chrysene	1.153	1.041	1.116	1.073	1.057	1.078	1.043	0.951	1.064	5.59
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	1.282	1.039	1.183	1.146	1.139	1.185	1.204	1.144	1.165	5.92
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	1.327	1.119	1.223	1.189	1.183	1.229	1.225	1.136	1.204	5.35
Benzo(a)pyrene	1.037	0.967	1.146	1.083	1.038	1.089	1.134	1.080	1.072	5.36
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	1.457	1.224	1.379	1.366	1.333	1.387	1.471	1.424	1.380	5.69
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	1.195	1.027	1.150	1.180	1.094	1.164	1.233	1.173	1.152	5.56
Benzo(ghi)perylene	1.331	1.118	1.238	1.263	1.140	1.192	1.244	1.190	1.215	5.68

### SV Calibration Mix #5 / 610 PAH Mix

(16 components)

acenaphthene	chrysene
acenaphthylene	dibenzo(a,h)anthracene
anthracene	fluoranthene
benzo(a)anthracene	fluorene
benzo(a)pyrene	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
benzo(b)fluoranthene	naphthalene
benzo(k)fluoranthene	phenanthrene
benzo(ghi)perylene	pyrene

2,000µg/mL each in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31011

### 1-Methylnaphthalene

1,000µg/mL in methanol, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31283

### 2-Methylnaphthalene

1,000µg/mL in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31285

### 2-Fluorobiphenyl

2,000µg/mL in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31091

### Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond®, selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13623

### Direct Injection Liners for Agilent GCs (For 0.25/0.32/0.53mm ID Columns)

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
Drilled Uniliner® (hole near top)		
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	21054
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	21055
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	25-pk.	20998

Drilled Uniliner® (hole near top) w/ Wool

4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	21054-200.1
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	21055-200.5
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	25-pk.	20998-214.25

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.

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## 13 Minute Chlorophenoxyacid Herbicides Analysis

On New Rtx®-CLPesticides & Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns

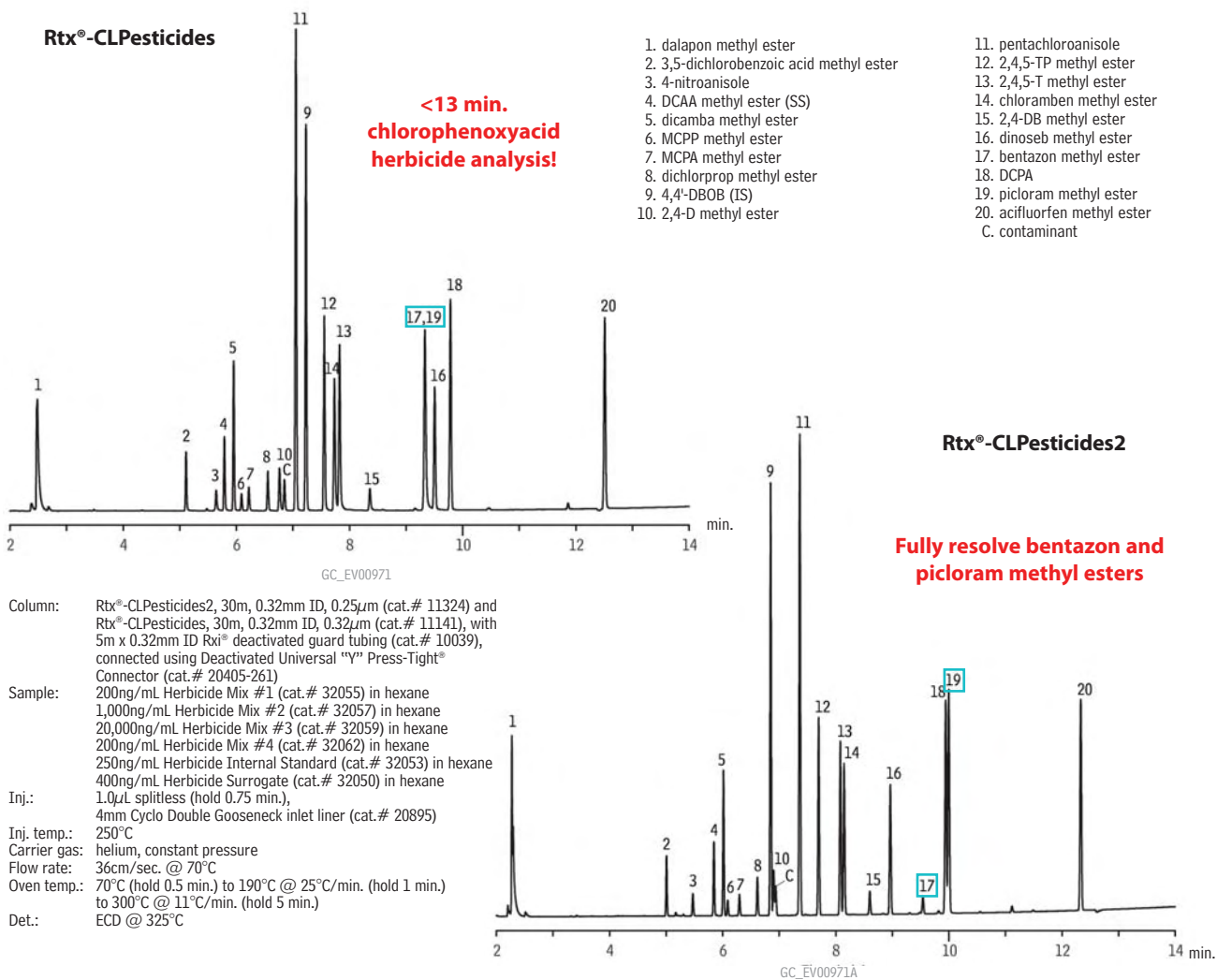
By Jason Thomas, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Higher throughput compared to typical methods of 20 minutes or more.
- Use one column pair for multiple dual column ECD methods.
- Versatility and durability to harsh samples lead to longer life and less down time.

The analysis of chlorophenoxyacid herbicides is a very common assay performed routinely in most environmental laboratories today. Chlorophenoxyacid herbicides, as a group, are used to prevent the growth of broadleaf plants in agricultural fields. EPA Method 8151A is commonly used for chlorophenoxyacid herbicide analysis and involves extraction and derivatization to methyl ester form. GC analysis using an electron capture detector (ECD) is the analytical procedure of choice, although mass spectrometry is also used. ECD detection requires the use of second column confirmation for quantification of target analytes.

The Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column pair is an excellent choice for chlorophenoxyacid analysis. Now, with an optimized film thickness for the 0.32mm ID version, this difficult analysis can be made in less than 13 minutes on both the primary and confirmation columns. Near baseline resolution is achieved for all analytes except for bentazon/picloram on the Rtx®-CLPesticides column; however, this pair is fully resolved on the Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column (Figure 1). The Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column pair is an excellent choice for chlorophenoxyacid herbicide analysis due to the unique selectivity, low bleed, and durability of the columns. The Rtx®-CLPesticides column pair can also be used for other environmental ECD methods, including chorinated pesticide analysis.

**Figure 1** Excellent resolution of chlorophenoxyacid herbicides on the Rtx®-CLPesticides column pair.





**Rtx®-CLPesticides Columns (fused silica)**

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.32	-60 to 320/340°C	30-Meter	11141

**Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns (fused silica)**

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 320/340°C	30-Meter	11324

**Rxi® Guard/Retention Gap Columns (fused silica)**

Nominal ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter	5-Meter/6-pk.	10-Meter	10-Meter/6-pk.
0.32mm	0.45 ± 0.04mm	10039	10039-600	10064	10064-600

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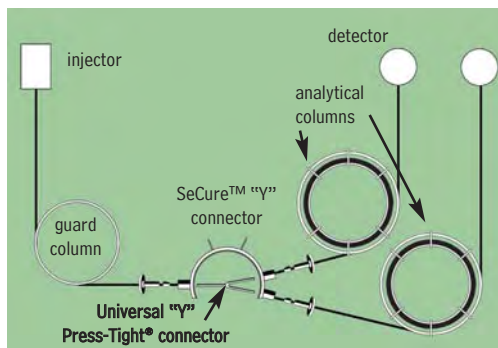
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**Herbicide Mix #1** (7 components)**Derivatized Form:**

2,4-D methyl ester	dicamba methyl ester
2,4-DB methyl ester	dichlorprop methyl ester
2,4,5-T methyl ester	dinoseb methyl ether
2,4,5-TP methyl ester	

200μg/mL each in hexane, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 32055

**Herbicide Mix #2****Derivatized Form:**

dalapon methyl ester
2,000μg/mL in hexane, 1mL/ampul cat. # 32057
1,000μg/mL in methanol, 1mL/ampul cat. # 32254

**Herbicide Mix #3****Derivatized Form:**

MCPA methyl ester	MCPP methyl ester
20,000μg/mL each in hexane, 1mL/ampul cat. # 32059	

**Herbicide Mix #4** (8 components)**Derivatized Form:**

acifluorfen methyl ester	methyl ester
bentazon methyl ester	4-nitroanisoole
chloramben methyl ester	pentachloroanisoole
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3,5-dichlorobenzoic acid	
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\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point..

**Herbicide Internal Standard**

4,4'-dibromooctafluorobiphenyl

250μg/mL in hexane, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 32053

2,000μg/mL in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31040

2,000μg/mL in methyl *tert*-butyl ether, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31856

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# Enhancing Air Monitoring Methods with Thermal Desorption

## Advantages Over Solvent Extraction Tubes

By Liz Woolfenden, Director, Markes International, UK, and Irene DeGraff, Product Marketing Manager

- Accurately monitor down to ppb/ppt levels.
- Use thermal desorption tubes for either active or passive sampling, without modification.
- Compliant with air sampling methods.

The use of active sampling onto glass tubes packed with charcoal, followed by carbon disulfide (CS<sub>2</sub>) extraction and gas chromatography (GC) analysis, was developed as an air monitoring method for vapor-phase organic compounds (VOCs) in the 1970s. The approach is still used today for some personal exposure assessment (occupational hygiene) applications and stack emission testing, but is fundamentally limited with respect to detection limits. Thermal desorption (TD) is a complementary gas extraction technique whereby sorbent tubes (Figure 1) are heated in a flow of carrier gas. Trapped vapors desorb from the sample tubes into the gas stream and are transferred into the GC/MS for analysis. Here, we summarize the key advantages of thermal desorption versus solvent extraction.

### Sensitivity & Reproducibility

Solvent extraction of charcoal tubes requires at least 1 or 2ml of CS<sub>2</sub> followed by injection of only 1-2µl of extract into the GC/MS, resulting in a 1000-fold dilution of the sample right at the start of the process. Conversely, thermal desorption allows complete transfer of all target analytes to the analytical system, with no dilution or solvent interference. Detection limits offered by thermal desorption methods facilitate ambient monitoring at ppt/ppb levels as well as higher ppm (and %-level) concentrations. In addition to high sensitivity, thermal desorption is highly reproducible, offering efficiency greater than 95%, regardless of ambient conditions and the nature of the target analytes. By comparison, results from solvent desorption tubes may be highly variable.

### Passive Sampling Option

While thermal desorption tubes are used extensively for active air sampling, they are also compatible with low-cost passive sampling. Passive samplers eliminate the requirement for personal monitoring pumps making them much less heavy/intrusive. Instead of a pump, each tube is simply fitted with a diffusion cap at the sampling end.

### Repeat Analysis & Method Compliance

The historical advantages of solvent desorption tubes over thermal desorption, such as multiple sample injection and method compliance, no longer hold true. Since the advent of the SecureTD-Q™ thermal desorption unit, quantitative re-collection of split flow during both tube and trap desorption is possible. The utility of quantitative sample re-collection for repeat TD-GC/MS analysis has recently been recognized in standard methods as an aid to TD method/data validation.<sup>1</sup> Well-validated thermal desorption methods for many applications are now available from all the major international standards agencies. Key examples include: EN ISO 16017, ISO 16000-6, ASTM D-6196, US EPA Method TO-17, NIOSH 2549, MDHS 72, 80, etc. (UK) and EN 14662.

### Conclusion

Thermal desorption technology offers several significant advantages over conventional solvent extraction. TD systems offer better sensitivity, desorption efficiency, and reproducibility compared to charcoal/CS<sub>2</sub> systems. Additionally, tubes may be used for both passive and active sampling without modification. These benefits, in combination with SecureTD-Q™ technology, which allows repeat analysis, make thermal desorption an excellent choice for many air monitoring applications.

**Figure 1** A selection of thermal desorption air sampling tubes from Restek's new line.



#### References

1. ASTM D6196-03



## Thermal Desorption Unit (TDU) Tubes

- Variety of sorbents to collect a wide range of VOCs.
- Use glass tubes for maximum inertness in active sampling.
- Choose stainless steel tubes for either active or passive sampling. No sampling pump necessary for passive sampling with diffusion caps!
- Individually etched with unique serial number for convenient sample identification.
- Available unconditioned or preconditioned and ready to sample. Tubes are Reusable after thermal desorption.

High-quality thermal desorption tubes by Markes International are now available from Restek. These sorbent tubes are suitable for ppt to ppm concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in ambient, indoor, and industrial hygiene environments. Available in both stainless steel and glass (for thermally labile VOCs), they fit Markes ULTRA-UNITY, PerkinElmer, and Shimadzu thermal desorbers. Packed tubes come with a report detailing the total mass of sorbent in the tube; conditioned tubes also include a blank chromatogram.

Thermal Desorption Tube Sorbent	Applications
Tenax TA	Vapour phase organics from C6/7 to C26
Graphitized Carbon	Vapour phase organics from C5/6 to C14
Tenax GR/Carbopack™ B	Vapour phase organics from <i>n</i> -C5/6 to <i>n</i> -C20 (EPA Methods TO-14/TO-15/TO-17)
Carbopack™ B/Carbosieve™ SIII	Vapour phase organics from <i>n</i> -C2/3 to <i>n</i> -C12/14 (EPA Methods TO-14/TO-15/TO-17)
Tenax TA/Graphitized Carbon/Carboxen™ 1000	Vapour phase organics from C2/3 to C20
Carbopack™ C/Carbopack™ B/Carbosieve™ SIII	Vapour phase organics from <i>n</i> -C2/3 to <i>n</i> -C16/20 (EPA Methods TO-14/TO-15/TO-17)



## method applications

Method	Application
US EPA	TO-17
ASTM	D-6196
NIOSH	2549
DIN EN ISO	16017

## Specifications

Dimensions: 1/4" OD x 3-1/2" Long  
 Low sampling rates:  
 0.01-0.20 L/min.  
 (<10L total volume)  
 Long-term storage caps are supplied with conditioned tubes

## Thermal Desorption Unit Tubes, Unconditioned and Conditioned & Capped

Description	qty.	Unconditioned		Conditioned & Capped	
		Stainless Steel	Glass	Stainless Steel	Glass
		cat. #	cat. #	cat. #	cat. #
TDU Tubes, Tenax TA	10-pk.	24056	24062	24080	24086
TDU Tubes, Graphitized Carbon	10-pk.	24057	24063	24081	24087
TDU Tubes, Tenax GR/Carbopack™ B	10-pk.	24058	24064	24082	24088
TDU Tubes, Carbopack™ B/Carbosieve™ SIII	10-pk.	24059	24065	24083	24089
TDU Tubes, Tenax TA/Graphitized Carbon/Carboxen™ 1000	10-pk.	24060	24066	24084	24090
TDU Tubes, Carbopack™ C/Carbopack™ B/Carbosieve™ SIII	10-pk.	24061	24067	24085	24091



Stainless Steel,  
Conditioned and Capped

## Thermal Desorption Unit Tubes, Empty

Description	qty.	Stainless Steel	Glass
		cat. #	cat. #
TDU Tubes, Empty	10-pk.	24054	24055



Glass, Unconditioned

## Thermal Desorption Unit Tubes, Calibration

Description	qty.	Stainless Steel	Glass
		cat. #	cat. #
TDU Tubes, Calibration, Tenax TA 1cm Bed	10-pk.	24075	24076
Description	qty.	cat. #	
Calibration Solution Loading Rig	ea.	24077	
Calibration Solution Loading Rig 9.5mm Replacement Septa	10-pk.	24078	
Certified Reference Standard, 100ng BTX on Tenax TA	10-pk.	24079	



Stainless Steel,  
Unconditioned

## Thermal Desorption Unit Tubes, Accessories

Description	Benefits/Uses	qty.	cat.
1/4" Brass Cap and PTFE Ferrules	Use for long-term storage of blank/sampled tubes.	20-pk.	24068
1/4" PTFE Ferrules	Long-term storage caps.	20-pk.	24069
CapLok Tool	Use for tightening long-term storage caps.	ea.	24070
Pen Clip		10-pk.	24071
TubeMate Tool	Assists with tube packing.	ea.	24072
1/4" Stainless Steel Union and PTFE Ferrules	Use for connecting tubes in series.	10-pk.	24073
Diffusion Caps	Required for diffusive sampling with stainless steel tubes.	10-pk.	24074



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## Selecting a GC Column for Glycerin in Biodiesel

By Barry Burger, Petroleum Innovations Chemist, and Gary Stidsen, Product Marketing Manager

- Choose metal MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns for high temp. conditions; low bleed and leak-proof for more accurate results.
- Use Rtx®-Biodiesel TG columns up to 380°C when fused silica is desired; reliable, low bleed performance.
- Innovative Alumaseal™ and Integra-Gap™ technology; choose Restek for leak-proof retention gap options.

### Comparing Fused Silica and Metal Columns

Fused silica columns traditionally have been used for GC biodiesel analysis, but metal columns offer significant performance advantages. How can analysts determine which column is best for their lab? Here we compare fused silica and metal column performance for total glycerin analysis of biodiesel and offer guidelines for column selection.

Excellent chromatography can be obtained using Rtx®-Biodiesel TG fused silica columns. However, for high temperature work (>380°C) metal columns are much more rugged because the polyimide resin used to make fused silica hardens at high temperatures, making columns brittle and producing active sites in the column. To maximize column lifetime, tubing choice should be based on the maximum temperature setting in the GC temperature program. If the temperature program will be 400°C or lower, high temperature fused silica tubing is an acceptable choice; for GC temperatures that will exceed 400°C, metal tubing should be used.

### Rtx®-Biodiesel TG Fused Silica Columns

Two fused silica GC column dimensions are available for the analysis of total glycerin: 10m x 0.32mm ID or 15m x 0.32mm ID, both of which are connected to a 2m x 0.53mm ID retention gap for cool on-column injection. The retention gap is factory coupled using Restek's unique Alumaseal™ connector (Figure 1). This innovative connector is leak-tight and low dead volume, making it advantageous for high temperature work.

### Metal Column Solutions: Two Options for Increased Stability and Performance

- 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns with factory-connected retention gaps.
- 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns with built-in retention gaps.

The primary advantage of using metal MXT® columns is that they are more stable at high temperatures than fused silica columns. This means they will exhibit lower bleed, improving analytical performance, and have longer lifetimes, making them a cost-effective option. High temperature tolerance also means these columns can be brought to high temperatures (430°C) allowing nonvolatile material to be baked off of the column. MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are available in the same dimensions as their fused silica counterparts:

**Figure 1** The Alumaseal™ connector

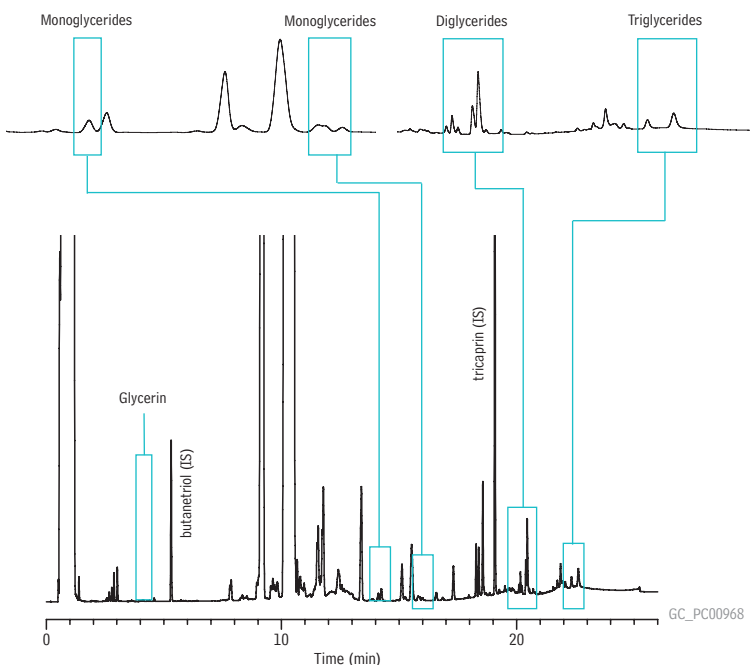
The Alumaseal™ connector is the best column connector for coupling fused silica and metal columns, even columns of different internal diameters. Made of aluminum, it is designed for high temperature performance. These connectors have been factory-coupled and tested using temperature programmed mass spectrometry and have shown no signs of leaks, even at 430°C.

#### The Alumaseal™ connector offers:

- A leak-tight connection.
- Low dead volume.
- Low thermal mass.
- High inertness.



**Figure 2** Derivatized B100 samples resolve well on the 15m x 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, which is factory coupled to a 0.53mm retention gap using an Alumaseal™ connector.



Column: MXT®-Biodiesel TG, 15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10µm (cat.# 70291) with a 2m x 0.53mm MXT® retention gap connected with an Alumaseal™ connector (17m total length)

Sample: biodiesel (B100), derivatized

Inj.: cool on-column injection

Inj. temp.: 1µL in heptane

Carrier gas: oven track

Flow rate: hydrogen, constant flow

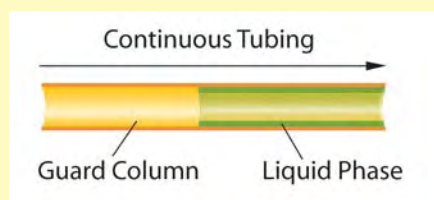
Oven temp.: 3mL/min.

Det.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min. to 230°C @ 7°C/min. to 380°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.)

FID @ 380°C

**Figure 3** The Ultimate Biodiesel Solution: MXT®-Biodiesel TG column with Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gap.

The 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are an innovative alternative to using a 0.32mm column coupled to a 0.53mm retention gap. Restek applied the Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gap technology to the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns, eliminating the column coupling. These 100% leak-proof columns feature a built-in retention gap, reducing the risk of peak broadening and tailing, and guaranteeing the user many analyses without downtime.



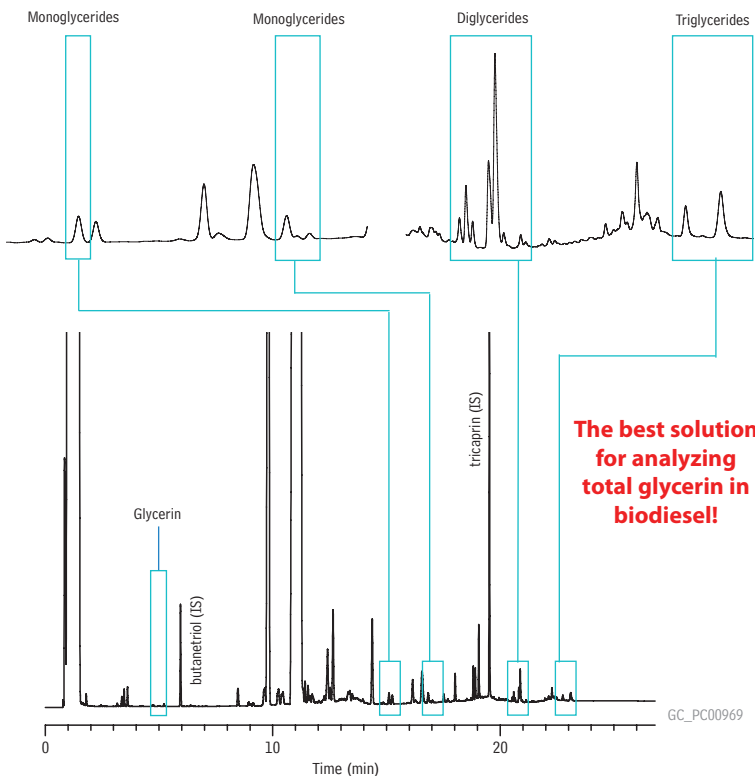
10 x 0.32mm ID and 15m x 0.32mm ID, both of which are factory coupled to a 2m x 0.53mm retention gap using an Alumaseal™ connector. Excellent resolution of all glycerides is achieved, as shown in Figure 2.

Restek has also developed an innovative column where the analytical column includes a built-in retention gap in a continuous section of tubing, requiring no connectors. This column, the MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, is 14m x 0.53mm ID, and features a 2m x 0.53mm ID Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gap (Figure 3). This product eliminates any need for connections because the column and retention gap are one piece of continuous tubing. Target analytes resolve exceptionally well and the solvent and triglyceride peaks show excellent symmetry (Figure 4). Peak shape for butanetriol is very good, demonstrating inertness, and the resolution and response of the glycerides is also excellent.

#### Conclusion

There are several column options available for analyzing total glycerin in biodiesel fuels. The best chromatographic solution for this analysis is the 14m x 0.53mm ID MXT®-Biodiesel TG column with the 2m x 0.53mm ID Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gap. This column eliminates the column connection and can be used to 430°C allowing for faster analysis times and higher sample throughput.

**Figure 4** Excellent chromatographic quality and resolution on the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, with the Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gap.



**The best solution for analyzing total glycerin in biodiesel!**

Column: MXT®-Biodiesel TG, 14m, 0.53mm ID, 0.16µm (cat.# 70289) with a 2m x 0.53mm Integra-Gap™ retention gap (16m total length)  
 Sample: biodiesel (B100), derivatized  
 Inj.: cool on-column injection  
 Inj.: 1µL in heptane  
 Inj. temp.: oven track  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 4mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min. to 230°C @ 7°C/min. to 380°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
 Det.: FID @ 380°C

#### MXT®-Biodiesel TG Columns (Siltek® treated stainless steel)

Description	temp. limits	cat.#
14m, 0.53mm ID, 0.16 w/2m Integra-Gap™	-60 to 380/430°C	70289
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	-60 to 380/430°C	70292
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap**	-60 to 380/430°C	70290
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	-60 to 380/430°C	70293
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap**	-60 to 380/430°C	70291

\*\*Connected with low-dead-volume Alumaseal™ connector.

#### Rtx®-Biodiesel TG Columns (fused silica)

Description	temp. limits	cat.#
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	to 330/380°C	10292
10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap**	to 330/380°C	10291
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10	to 330/380°C	10294
15m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10 w/2m x 0.53mm retention gap**	to 330/380°C	10293

\*\*Connected with low-dead-volume Alumaseal™ connector.

# Stable Sulfur & Mercury Sampling in Refineries

## Using Siltek® and Sulfinert® Surface Treated Components

By Gary Barone, Restek Performance Coatings, and Irene DeGraff, Product Marketing Manager

- Reliably sample sulfur and mercury compounds at ppb levels.
- Reduce lab costs—obtain accurate results the first time.
- Detect costly process upsets, improving product yield.

Refinery and natural gas samples often contain trace amounts of sulfur- and mercury-containing compounds, which can interfere with reactions, poison catalysts in petrochemical processes, and damage equipment. Because these compounds quickly react with stainless steel surfaces, accurate determination of these compounds is impossible when samples are collected and stored in untreated sample cylinders. Restek's Siltek® and Sulfinert® passivation techniques bond an inert layer into the surface of stainless steel, preventing active compounds from reacting with or adsorbing to the steel.

### Accurate sulfur sampling

To characterize Sulfinert® surfaces, we tested the stability of 17ppbv standards of sulfur compounds in three Sulfinert® sample cylinders over a 54-hour period. Dimethyl sulfide, which is not adsorbed by stainless steel, was used as an internal standard. The Sulfinert®-treated cylinders were inert to the reactive sulfur compounds over the 54-hour test period (Figure 1). Hydrogen sulfide exhibited greater than 85% recovery; methyl mercaptan, ethyl mercaptan, carbonyl sulfide, and dimethyl disulfide exhibited greater than 90% recovery.

Sulfinert®-treated gas sampling equipment is ideal for collecting and storing samples containing ppb levels of sulfur compounds, such as natural gas or beverage-grade carbon dioxide. Sulfinert® treatment ensures that sulfur compounds or other highly active compounds remain stable during transport from the field to the laboratory.

### Stable Mercury Results

Siltek® surface treatment has been used in a wide variety of applications in which an inert surface is of paramount importance. To measure the impact of Siltek® treatment on adsorption of mercury during storage, we compared the performances of 304 grade stainless steel gas sampling cylinders (Swagelok®, Solon OH) with and without Siltek® treatment.

We filled each cylinder with  $8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of elemental mercury (approximately 1 part per billion) (Spectra Gases, Alpha NJ) and assessed the mercury concentration in each cylinder over time to determine changes in mercury concentration. Detection was achieved by direct interface gas sampling to an atomic absorption detector. The sample pathway regulator and tubing were Siltek® treated to ensure accurate transfer.

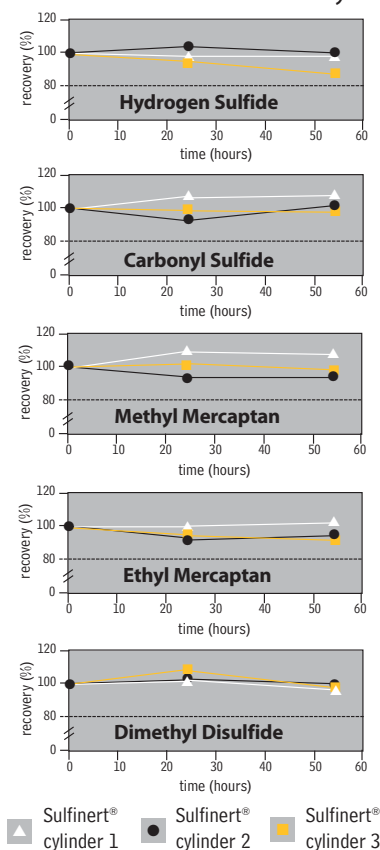
The data in Figure 2 demonstrate that Siltek® treatment provides a stable surface for elemental mercury, and untreated stainless steel does not. Based on these results, we conclude that Siltek® surface treatment for steel or stainless steel components and tubing in CMMS and sorbent tube mercury sampling systems will improve analytical reliability.

Siltek® and Sulfinert® surface treated cylinders and sampling components provide an inert sample path, which prevents adsorption of active compounds and ensures accurate sampling. For more information about these treatments, visit us at [www.restekcoatings.com](http://www.restekcoatings.com).

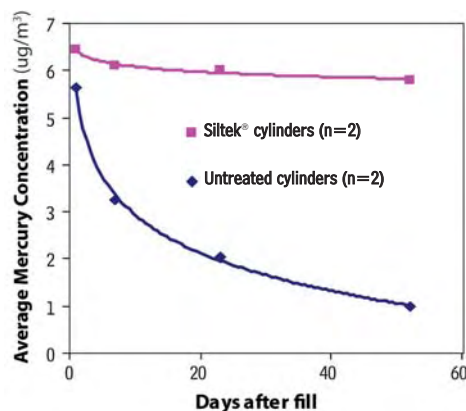
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**Figure 1** Stability of sulfur compounds is remarkable in Sulfinert®-treated cylinders.



**Figure 2** Siltek® treated gas sampling cylinders show very good inertness toward mercury.





**Sulfinert® Treated Swagelok® Sample Cylinders**

- Stable storage of samples containing ppb levels of sulfur compounds.
- Manufactured by Swagelok®; U.S. D.O.T. rated to 1,800psi (12,411kPa) at room temperature.
- 304 grade stainless steel with 1/4" female NPT threads on both ends.

Description	Size	qty.	cat.#
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	75cc	ea.	24130
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	150cc	ea.	24131
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	300cc	ea.	24132
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	500cc	ea.	24133
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	1000cc	ea.	24134
Sulfinert® Sample Cylinder	2250cc	ea.	21394

**Sulfinert® Treated Alta-Robbins Sample Cylinder Valves**

- All wetted parts are Sulfinert® treated for inertness.
- Compatible with Sulfinert® treated Swagelok® sample cylinders.
- Large, durable, Kel-F® seat ensures leak-free operation; temperature range: -40°C to 120°C.

Description	qty.	cat.#
1/4" NPT Exit	ea.	21400
1/4" Compression Exit	ea.	21401
1/4" NPT with Dip Tube*	ea.	21402
1/4" NPT with 2850psi Rupture Disc	ea.	21403
1/4" NPT Male Inlet x 1/4" Female Outlet with 2850psi Rupture Disc	ea.	21404

\*To order catalog #21402 (Sulfinert Alta-Robbins Sample Cylinder Valve, 1/4" NPT with Dip Tube), please call Customer Service at 800-356-1688, ext. 3, or contact your Restek representative. Specify dip tube length or % outage when ordering (maximum length = 5.25" / 13.3cm). Note: End of part will not be treated after cutting tube to length.

**Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Coiled Electropolished 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing**

Recommended for:

- high temperatures
- demanding/corrosive environments
- ultimate inertness

OD	ID	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-99 ft.	100-299 ft.	>300 ft.
1/8" (3.18mm)*	0.085" (2.16mm)	22538				
1/4" (6.35mm)**	0.180" (4.57mm)	22539				

**Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Coiled 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing**

Recommended for:

- inert applications
- high temperatures
- high pressures
- corrosive environments

OD	ID	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-199 ft.	200-399 ft.	>400 ft.
1/8" (3.18mm)**	0.055" (1.40mm)	22508				
1/4" (6.35mm)**	0.180" (4.57mm)	22509				
3/8" (9.52mm)***	0.277" (7.04mm)	22914				

**Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Straight Seamless 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing**

- Individual 6-foot pieces.

6 foot Length

OD	ID	qty.	cat.#
1/8" (3.18mm)**	0.055" (1.40mm)	ea.	22901
1/4" (6.35mm)**	0.180" (4.57mm)	ea.	22902
3/8" (9.52mm)***	0.277" (7.04mm)	ea.	22903

1/8" OD: 5 ft. to 100 ft. in one continuous coil; 1/4" OD: 5 ft. to 300 ft. in one continuous coil. Longer lengths will be more than one coil.  
Note: required length in meters x 3.2808 = length in feet.

\*0.020" wall thickness

\*\*0.035" wall thickness

\*\*\*0.049" wall thickness

**ordering note**

An extra charge is applied for cutting Siltek®/Sulfinert® or Silcosteel®-CR tubing. The charge is calculated from the total number of pieces produced for each line item

# High Sensitivity Melamine GC/MS Analysis of Cat Food

## Modified Conditions Save Costs and Reduce Maintenance

By Michelle Long, Innovations Chemist and Julie Kowalski, Ph.D., Food Flavor and Fragrance Innovations Chemist

- Excellent results in pet food matrix; lower pyridine background for better sensitivity.
- Easy sample preparation; reduced derivatization reagent volume lowers costs and keeps inlet and column clean.
- Modified conditions reduce maintenance and extend filament lifetime.

A large pet food recall occurred in 2007 when animals became ill or died after eating food contaminated with melamine and related compounds. Melamine is an industrial chemical used in the production of plastics, adhesives, flame retardants, fabrics and other materials. It is not a food ingredient, but since melamine and related compounds are high in nitrogen content—and protein testing methods are based on nitrogen levels—these compounds were used as additives to generate artificially high label values for protein content.

### Procedure

The procedure for this experiment was adapted from the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA), GC/MS Method for Screening and Confirmation of Melamine and Related Analogs, Version 2, May 7, 2007. Standards were diluted to 10µg/mL and 1µg/mL with 10:40:50 diethylamine:water:acetonitrile. Three 0.5g matrix samples (dry cat food) were prepared: one control, one spiked at 50µg/g and one at 10µg/g.

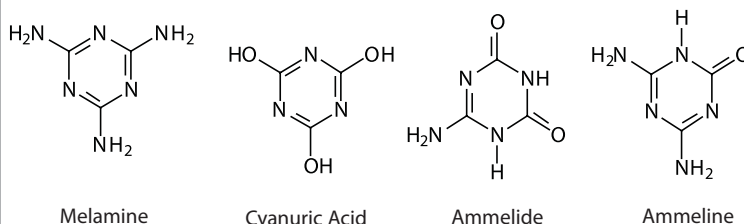
Two modifications were made to the derivatization procedure in the FDA method. The amount of derivatizing reagent was reduced from 200µL to 50µL of BSTFA with 1% TMCS (which is still a molar excess of 50:1). Incubation time was subsequently increased from 45 min. to 120 min.

Analyses were performed on a Shimadzu QP-2010 Plus gas chromatograph mass spectrometer (GC/MS) using a 30m x 0.25mm ID x 0.25µm Rtx®-5MS column. The mass spectrometer data was acquired in SIM acquisition mode with selected ions for each analyte of interest (Table I).

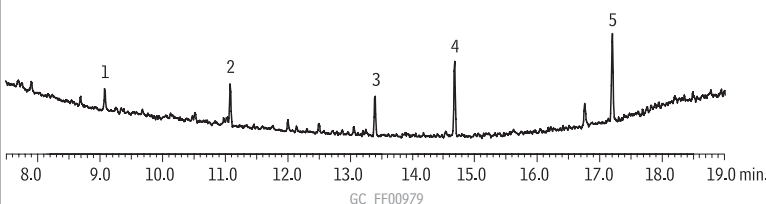
### Results

The original method conditions resulted in a significant initial baseline elevation due to the presence of pyridine, which is necessary for the derivatization reaction (Figure 2). Pyridine can increase ion signal background over a long period of time. To combat this, pyridine can be evaporated and the remaining analytes can be dissolved in a more GC amenable solvent, but this is time consuming and can result in analyte loss. A simpler solution is to eliminate the pyridine ion signal by changing the mass range to be scanned. All of the analytes have characteristic ions of interest well above m/z 79 which is associated with pyridine. Therefore,

**Figure 1** Melamine and related compounds are nitrogen-rich and can artificially raise labeled protein content when used as an additive.



**Figure 2** Original method produces an elevated baseline, compromising integration and reducing sensitivity (10µg/mL standard).

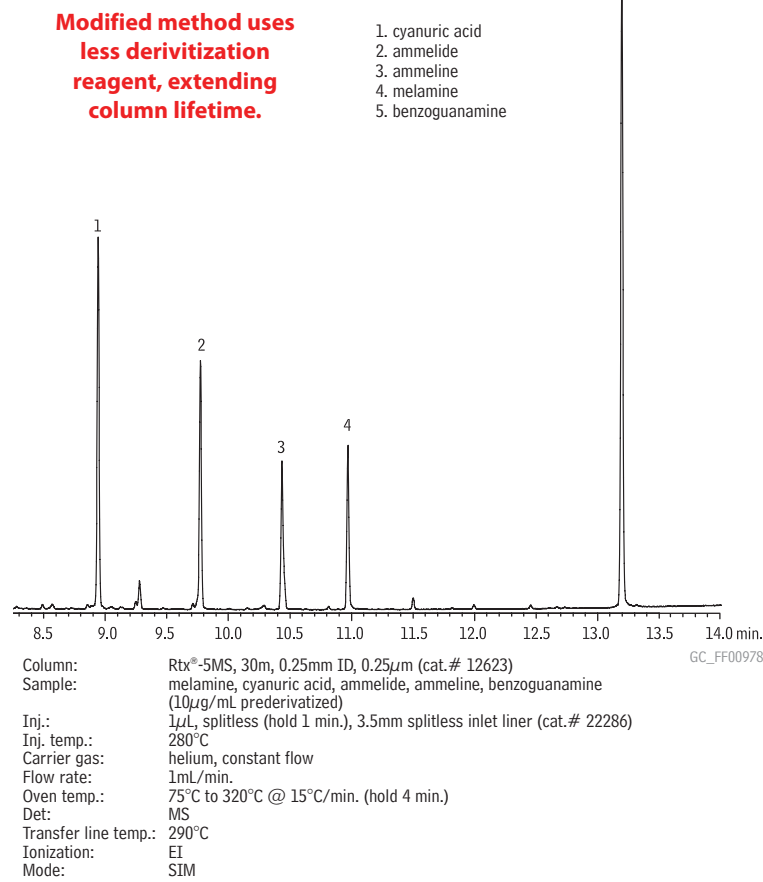


1. cyanuric acid	Column:	Rtx®-5MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 12623)
2. ammelide	Sample:	melamine, cyanuric acid, ammelide, ammeline, benzoguanamine (10µg/mL prederivatized)
3. ammeline	Inj.:	1µL, splitless (hold 1 min.), 3.5mm splitless inlet liner (cat.# 22286)
4. melamine	Inj. temp.:	280°C
5. benzoguanamine	Carrier gas:	helium, constant flow
	Flow rate:	1mL/min.
	Oven temp.:	75°C (hold 1 min.) to 320°C (hold 4 min.) @ 15°C/min.
	Det:	MS
	Transfer line temp.:	290°C
	Scan range:	50-450 m/z
	Ionization:	EI
	Mode:	scan

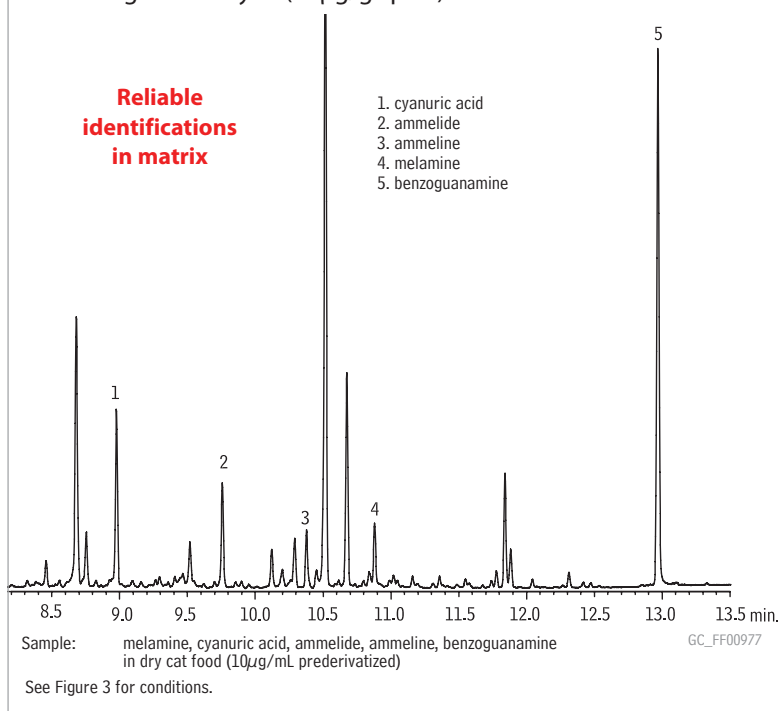
**Table I** MS conditions (SIM mode).

Compound	Retention Time (min.)	Target Ions	Reference Ions	Reference Ions	Reference Ions
Cyanuric Acid	8.97	345 (100)*	330 (36)	346 (30)	347 (15)
Ammelide	9.79	344 (100)	329 (30)	345 (58)	330 (16)
Ammeline	10.44	328 (100)	343 (79)	329 (29)	344 (24)
Melamine	10.97	327 (100)	342 (53)	328 (30)	343 (17)
Benzoguanamine	13.18	316 (100)	331 (68)	332 (20)	330 (9)

**Figure 3** Excellent separation of melamine and related compound using modified conditions (10µg/mL standard).



**Figure 4** Melamine production analytes are easily identified in cat food using SIM analysis (50µg/g spike).



the scan method was modified to begin scanning at m/z 85. The solvent delay was also increased to approximately 8 min. due to the high background levels. This extra time helps increase the filament lifetime and ensures all the analytes will be detected.

This method provides excellent separation of melamine and cyanuric acid, the suspected toxic compounds, as well as ammelide and ammeline (Figure 3). Reproducible and reliable retention times were obtained for matrix spikes; this, along with SIM mass spectrometric detection, allows easy identification of analytes at both the high and low spike levels (Figure 4).

## Conclusions

This work demonstrates that the FDA method is a valuable guideline for analysts screening melamine and related analogs. Using an Rtx®-5MS column and modifying the original method provides additional benefits: 1) decreasing the derivitization reagent volume results in longer column lifetime and less inlet maintenance, and 2) increasing the solvent delay decreases pyridine ion background, resulting in higher sensitivity, approximately 5 times higher, for the analytes of interest.

## References

GC-MS Method for Screening and Confirmation of Melamine and Related Analogs, Version 2, May 7, 2007, U.S Food and Drug Administration, <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/GCMSscreen.htm>.

## Rtx®-5MS—Low-bleed GC/MS Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	12623

## Splitless Liners for Shimadzu 17A, 2010, and 2014 GCs

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat. #
3.5mm Splitless		
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	ea.	22286
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	5-pk.	22287

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.

## Silylation Derivatization Reagents

Compound	CAS#	cat. #
BSTFA w/1% TMCS (N,O-bis[ trimethylsilyl]trifluoroacetamide] w/1% trimethylchlorosilane)		
10-pk. (10x1g)	25561-30-2	35606
25g Flex Tube	25561-30-2	35607





## Fast, Simple Sample Cleanup

### Using QuEChERS SPE Tubes

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- Achieve a four-fold increase in sample throughput.
- Significantly reduce material costs.
- Convenient, ready to use centrifuge tubes with ultra pure, pre-weighed adsorbent mixtures.

**Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged, and Safe**, the QuEChERS (“catchers”) method for extracting pesticides from food is based on research by the US Department of Agriculture.<sup>1</sup> In addition to using less solvent and materials versus conventional SPE methods, QuEChERS employs a novel and much quicker dispersive solid phase extraction cleanup (dSPE). QuEChERS methods, including an AOAC Official Method<sup>2</sup> and modifications to the methods, have been posted on the Internet.<sup>3</sup> These methods have several basic steps in common:

**Step 1:** Sample preparation and extraction—Commodities are uniformly comminuted. Acetonitrile solvent is added for a shake extraction. Salts, acids and buffers may be added to enhance extraction efficiency and protect sensitive analytes. Surrogate standards can be added to monitor extraction efficiencies.

**Step 2:** Extract cleanup – A subsample of solvent extract is cleaned up using dSPE, a key improvement incorporated in the QuEChERS technique. Small polypropylene centrifuge tubes are prefilled with precise weights of MgSO<sub>4</sub> and SPE adsorbents to remove excess water and unwanted contaminants from the extracted samples. After agitation and centrifugation, the cleaned extracts are ready for analysis.

**Step 3:** Sample analysis – Samples may be pH adjusted to protect sensitive pesticides and/or solvent-exchanged to improve analysis by either GC/MS or LC/MS. Internal standards can be added.

**Table I** Modified mini-multiresidue QuEChERS for pesticides from strawberries.

#### Sample preparation and extraction

<b>Sample:</b>	10g of strawberries were homogenized and placed in a 50mL PTFE centrifuge tube
<b>Solvent:</b>	10mL of acetonitrile were added to homogenate Shake for 1 minute, until uniform
<b>Salts:</b>	4.0g MgSO <sub>4</sub> (powder or granular) 1.1.0g NaCl 1.0g trisodium citrate dihydrate 0.5g disodium hydrogen citrate sesquihydrate Salts were added and vigorously shaken for 1 minute. Sample was centrifuged and the supernatant removed for cleanup. Pesticides standards (200ng/mL) were spiked in at this point.

#### Sample extract cleanup

<b>QuEChERS tubes:</b>	1mL of supernatant from the previous step was placed into several 2mL polypropylene centrifuge tubes, each containing one of the following adsorbent mixes: A. 50mg PSA + 150mg MgSO <sub>4</sub> (cat.# 26124) B. 50mg PSA + 150mg MgSO <sub>4</sub> + 50mg C18 (cat.# 26125) C. 50mg PSA + 150mg MgSO <sub>4</sub> + 50mg GCB (cat.# 26123)
<b>Cleanup:</b>	Samples were shaken with the adsorbents for 30 seconds (carbon for 2 minutes), then centrifuged to produce a clear supernatant for GC/MS analysis.

**Internal standard:** Pentachloronitrobenzene in a formic acid solution, pH 5.

PSA—primary and secondary amine exchange material.

GCB—graphitized carbon black

**Table II** Instrument conditions.

<b>Column:</b>	Rtx®-CLPesticides2 20m, 0.18mm ID, 0.14µm (cat.# 42302)
<b>Sample:</b>	custom pesticide mix 200µg/mL each pesticide, internal standards: 8140-8141 ISTD, 1000µg/mL (cat.# 32279), 508.1 ISTD 100µg/mL (cat.# 32091), triphenylphosphate 1000µg/mL (cat.# 32281)
<b>Inj.:</b>	1.0µL splitless (hold 1 min.)
<b>Inj. temp.:</b>	250°C
<b>Carrier gas:</b>	helium
<b>Flow rate:</b>	constant linear velocity @ 40cm/sec
<b>Oven temp.:</b>	40°C (hold 1 min.) to 320°C @ 12°C/min.
<b>Det:</b>	Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Plus
<b>Transfer line temp.:</b>	300°C
<b>Ionization:</b>	Electron ionization
<b>Mode:</b>	Selected ion monitoring



QuEChERS methods are convenient, rugged methods that simplify extract cleanup, reduce material costs, and improve sample throughput. Here we demonstrate the effectiveness of QuEChERS sample cleanup using a multiresidue analysis of pesticides on strawberries.

#### Experimental

Strawberry extracts were prepared, spiked, and dSPE treated according to Table I. Analytical conditions are presented in Table II.

One microliter splitless injections of the extracts were performed by a Shimadzu AOC-20i autosampler using “mid” injection speed into a Shimadzu QP-2010 Plus GC-MS system operated under the conditions in Table II.

#### Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.14	-60 to 310/330°C	20-Meter	42302

## Results and Discussion

Primary and secondary amine exchange material (PSA) is the base sorbent used for dSPE cleanup of QuEChERS fruit and vegetable extracts because it removes many organic acids and sugars that might act as instrumental interferences.

A pesticide-spiked strawberry extract (200ng/mL) subjected to dSPE with PSA was used to generate one-point calibration curves. Spiked strawberry extracts subjected to additional dSPE sorbents were analyzed and the results versus PSA dSPE are shown as percent recoveries in Table III. C18 is suggested for use when samples might contain fats; not an issue for a strawberry extract, but it was important to verify that gross losses of more hydrophobic pesticides (e.g. Endrin and DDT) would not occur. GCB is used to remove pigments, and when treated, the pink/red strawberry extract became clear. However, GCB can also have a negative effect on certain pesticides, especially those that can assume a planar shape like chlorothalonil and thiabendazole.

Restek dSPE products in a variety of standard sizes and formats make QuEChERS even simpler. The centrifuge tube format, available in 2mL and 15mL sizes, contains magnesium sulfate (to partition water from organic solvent) and a choice of SPE sorbents, including PSA (to remove sugars and fatty acids), C18 (to remove nonpolar interferences such as fats), and GCB (to remove pigments and sterols). Custom products also are available by request. If you are frustrated by the time and cost involved with your current approach to pesticide sample cleanup, we suggest you try this simple and economical new method.

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**Table III** Pesticide percent recoveries in strawberry extracts treated with C18 or GCB dSPE, relative to PSA only.

Rt (min.)	pesticide	CAS Number	action/Use	classification	C18*	GCB**
9.50	Dichlorvos	62-73-7	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	111	116
9.67	Methamidophos	10265-92-6	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	105	107
11.75	Mevinphos	7786-34-7	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	112	130
12.02	o-Phenylphenol	90-43-7	Fungicide	Unclassified	106	97
12.14	Acephate	30560-19-1	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	128	147
13.89	Omethoate	1113-02-6	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	120	119
14.74	Diazinon	333-41-5	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	108	127
14.98	Dimethoate	60-51-5	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	124	151
15.69	Chlorothalonil	1897-45-6	Fungicide	Organochlorine	125	13
15.86	Vinclozolin	50471-44-8	Fungicide	Organochlorine	102	98
16.21	Metaxyl	57837-19-1	Fungicide	Organonitrogen	105	117
16.28	Carbaryl	63-25-2	Insecticide	Carbamate	114	111
16.60	Malathion	121-75-5	Insecticide	Organophosphorus	124	160
16.67	Dichlofluanid	1085-98-9	Fungicide	Organohalogen	122	103
17.51	Thiabendazole	148-79-8	Fungicide	Organonitrogen	88	14
17.70	Captan	133-06-2	Fungicide	Organochlorine	88	91
17.76	Folpet	133-07-3	Fungicide	Organochlorine	108	63
18.23	Imazalil	35554-44-0	Fungicide	Organonitrogen	115	95
18.39	Endrin	72-20-8	Insecticide	Organochlorine	104	101
18.62	Myclobutanil	88671-89-0	Fungicide	Organonitrogen	119	114
19.07	4,4-DDT	50-29-3	Insecticide	Organochlorine	102	95
19.22	Fenhexamid	126833-17-8	Fungicide	Organochlorine	118	77
19.40	Propargite 1	2312-35-8	Acaricide	Organosulfur	110	95
19.43	Propargite 2	2312-35-8	Acaricide	Organosulfur	121	114
19.75	Bifenthrin	82657-04-3	Insecticide	Pyrethroid	106	81
20.04	Dicofol	115-32-2	Acaricide	Organochlorine	98	54
20.05	Iprodione	36734-19-7	Fungicide	Organonitrogen	118	90
20.21	Fenpropathrin	39515-41-8	Insecticide	Pyrethroid	113	96
21.32	cis-Permethrin	52645-53-1	Insecticide	Pyrethroid	106	65
21.47	trans-Permethrin	51877-74-8	Insecticide	Pyrethroid	109	71
23.74	Deltamethrin	52918-63-5	Insecticide	Pyrethroid	97	52

\*50mg PSA, 50mg C18, \*\*50mg PSA, 50mg GCB

$$\% \text{ recovery} = \frac{\text{RRF C18 or GCB}}{\text{RRF PSA}} \times 100$$

### QuEChERS SPE Tubes

AOAC Method 2007.1	Benefits/Uses	qty.	cat#
2mL QuEChERS SPE Micro-Centrifuge Tube Contains 150mg Magnesium Sulfate and 50mg PSA	Cleanup of agricultural produce extracts, 1mL sample volume.	100-pk.	26124
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2mL QuEChERS SPE Micro-Centrifuge Tube Contains 150mg Magnesium Sulfate, 50mg PSA, and 50mg C18	Cleanup of 1mL sample extract with residual fat.	100-pk.	26125
15mL QuEChERS SPE Centrifuge Tube Contains 900mg Magnesium Sulfate, 300mg PSA, and 150mg Graphitized Carbon	Cleanup of 6mL sample extract with residual pigments and sterols.	50-pk.	26126

PSA—primary and secondary amine exchange material.



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# Multi-task with an Ultra IBD Column

## A Versatile Column with Many Applications

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist

- Effective in normal or reversed mode; compatible with 100% aqueous mobile phases.
- Excellent base deactivation—superior peak shape for basic compounds.
- Enhanced retention of hydrophilic compounds.

Reversed phase HPLC analyses are predominantly performed on C18 columns, which, in many cases, are suitable. There are, however, situations in which a conventional C18 column produces less than optimal chromatography. For example, C18 columns have little retention for hydrophilic compounds, basic compounds often exhibit peak tailing, and highly aqueous conditions can cause inconsistent retention or even phase collapse.

One way in which column manufacturers attempt to address these issues, and yet maintain the favorable hydrophobic interaction of a C18 column, is to impart polar functionality into an alkyl phase. The Ultra IBD column is an example of such a polar embedded column. Compared to a C18 column, this column offers enhanced retention and selectivity towards a wider range of compounds, orthogonal separations, improved base-deactivation, and compatibility with entirely aqueous mobile phases.

### Degree of Polarity

The Ultra IBD column exhibits a high degree of polarity relative to conventional and aqueous C18 phases. Because the Ultra IBD column possesses both nonpolar and highly polar characteristics, it can be used in both normal phase mode and reversed phase mode. The bonding chemistry used in the Ultra IBD column makes it a very adaptable column capable of unique separations.

### Base-Deactivation

The Ultra IBD column bonding chemistry alleviates one of the common problems associated with alkyl phases—peak tailing of basic analytes. Comparing the analysis of amitriptyline on a conventional C18 column and an Ultra IBD column demonstrates the effectiveness of this bonding chemistry. Amitriptyline is a highly basic, tricyclic antidepressant that commonly tails on silica-based alkyl phases. Even at a neutral pH and, importantly, with no modifiers, the Ultra IBD column exhibits excellent peak shape for amitriptyline (Figure 1). This is advantageous because it provides needed flexibility for method development, especially for analytes that are labile under acidic conditions. In applications where Gaussian peak shape is needed for accurate integrations, such as potency assays, or when tighter system suitability criteria are required, an intrinsically base-deactivated stationary phase offers a benefit that a conventional C18 column cannot—exceptional peak shape with a simplified mobile phase.

### Retention and Selectivity

In contrast to conventional C18 columns, the Ultra IBD has a polar functional group embedded within the alkyl chain. Retention, therefore, is attributed not only to hydrophobic interactions (the major retention mechanism of an alkyl (or C18) phase, but also to polar attraction between the analyte and stationary phase. This mixed-mode mechanism results in high retention for hydrophilic compounds or compounds with polar moieties, such as purines (Figure 2).

Orthogonal separations also can be achieved through the Ultra IBD phase chemistry. For example, a small group of hydroxybenzoic acids was also assayed on a C18 and IBD column under identical conditions. The elution order of the analytes differed and dihydroxybenzoic acid was more retained on the Ultra IBD column (Figure 3). Additionally, the unique phase chemistry of the Ultra IBD column makes it suitable for a simultaneous analysis of a wide range of compounds—acidic through basic, as well as zwitterions (Figure 4).

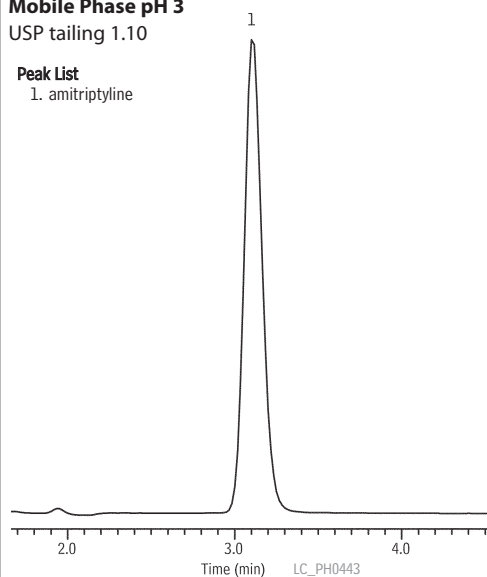
**Figure 1** Ultra IBD offers more flexibility in method development giving excellent peak shape for highly basic compounds—even without mobile phase modifiers—over a wide mobile phase pH range.

#### Mobile Phase pH 3

USP tailing 1.10

##### Peak List

1. amitriptyline



#### Mobile Phase pH 7

USP tailing 1.13

##### Sample:

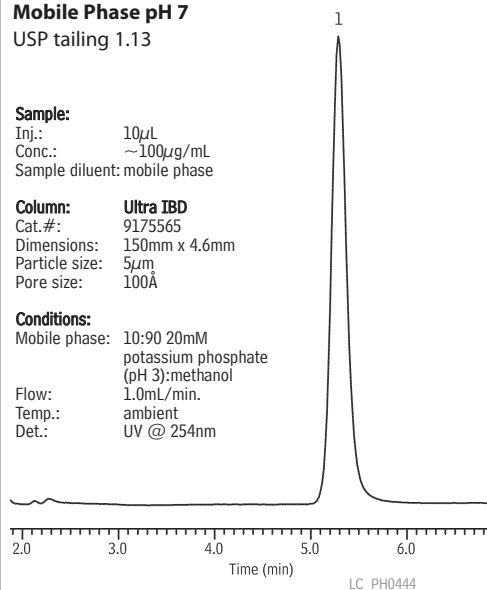
Inj.: 10 $\mu$ L  
Conc.: ~100 $\mu$ g/mL  
Sample diluent: mobile phase

##### Column:

Ultra IBD  
Cat.#: 9175565  
Dimensions: 150mm x 4.6mm  
Particle size: 5 $\mu$ m  
Pore size: 100Å

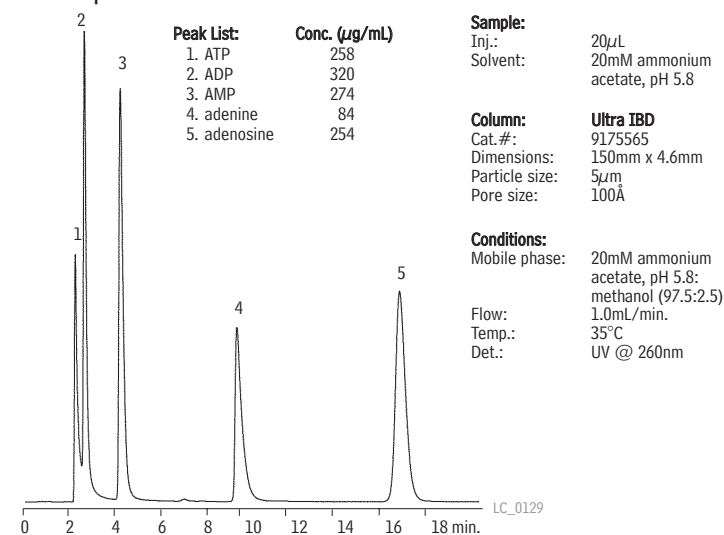
##### Conditions:

Mobile phase: 10:90 20mM  
potassium phosphate  
(pH 3):methanol  
Flow: 1.0mL/min.  
Temp.: ambient  
Det.: UV @ 254nm

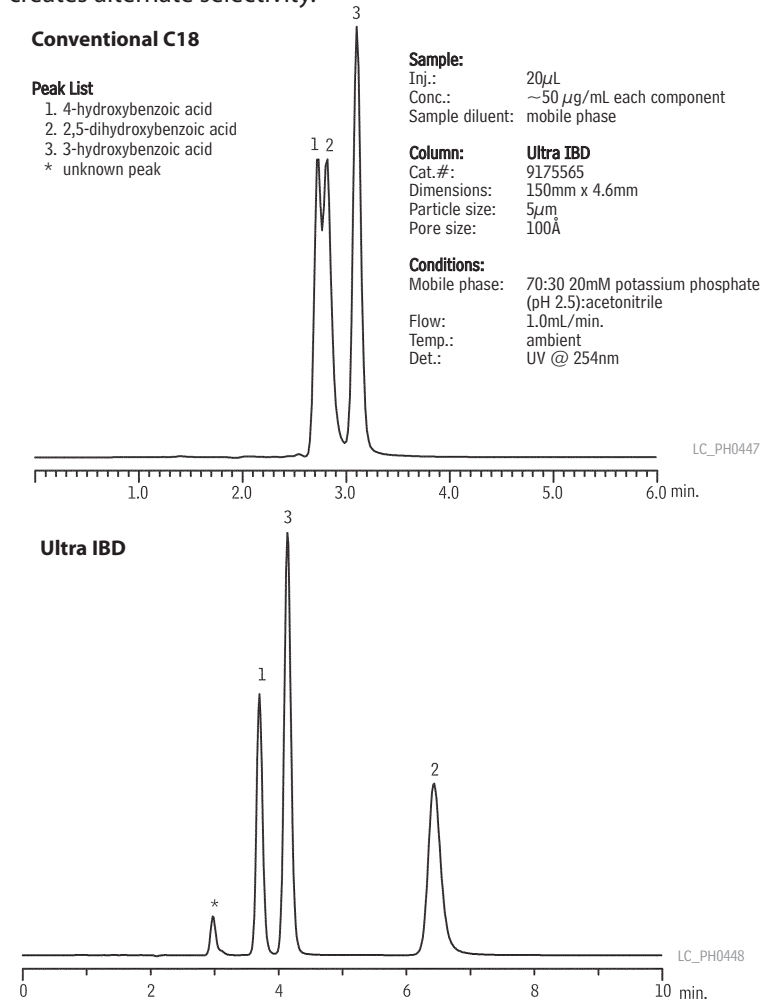




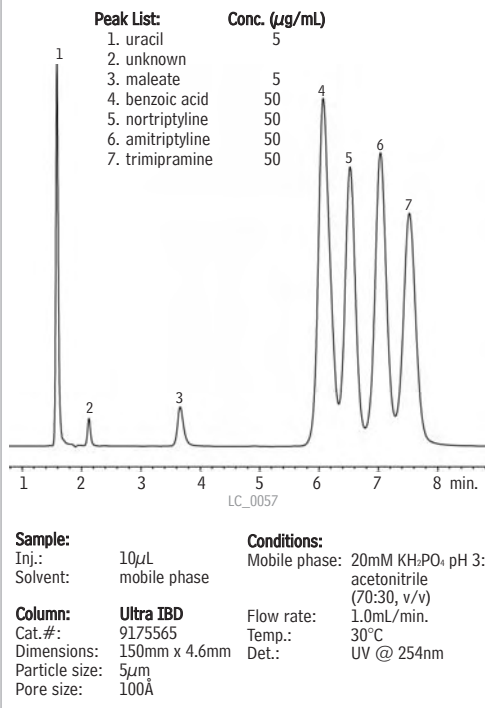
**Figure 2** The Ultra IBD column exhibits high retention for hydrophilic compounds or compounds with polar moieties, and is compatible with up to 100% aqueous mobile phases ruggedness in aqueous mobile phases.



**Figure 3** The Ultra IBD column gives needed flexibility for polar compounds; it increases retention, enhances resolution, and creates alternate selectivity.



**Figure 4** The versatility of the Ultra IBD makes it well-suited for analyzing a wide range of compounds.



## Conclusion

The Ultra IBD, through unique bonding chemistry, is an extremely versatile HPLC column. It offers alternate selectivity, and a high degree of both polar and nonpolar retention, making it a powerful tool for analyzing a wide range of compounds. The Ultra IBD also addresses the inherent problems attributed to linear alkyl phases, providing excellent peak shape for basic compounds and heightened retention of hydrophilic compounds. The versatility of the Ultra IBD makes it an excellent tool for the practicing method developer.

## Ultra IBD Columns Specialized Columns for Mixed Polar and Nonpolar Compounds

### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 3µm or 5µm, spherical	endcap: no
pore size: 100Å	pH range: 2.5 to 7.5
carbon load: 12%	temperature limit: 80°C

### Ultra IBD, 5µm Columns

5µm Column, 4.6mm	cat. #
150mm	9175565
150mm (with Trident Inlet Fitting)	9175565-700
Ultra IBD Guard Cartridges	qty. cat. #
10 x 2.1mm	3-pk. 917550212
10 x 4.0mm	3-pk. 917550210
20 x 2.1mm	2-pk. 917550222
20 x 4.0mm	2-pk. 917550220

# Fast, Sensitive Analysis of Benzodiazepines by LC/MS/MS

Quantify an Order of Magnitude below Typical Methods

By Kristi Sellers, Clinical/Forensic Innovations Chemist

- Achieve full chromatographic separation of compounds with shared precursor ions
- Quantify compounds at 10ng/mL or less in urine.
- Increase accuracy with improved desolution efficiency from highly organic mobile phase.

Benzodiazepines are widely prescribed drugs used for treating anxiety and sleep disorders. Since addiction and abuse can occur, efficient screening methods are critical to clinical, forensic, and toxicology laboratories. The liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS) method presented here offers several advantages over other techniques: minimal sample preparation, fast analysis times, multiple reaction monitoring transitions for quantification and confirmation, and sensitivity down to 0.10-10ng/mL. This method uses the Allure® PFP Propyl stationary phase, which retains compounds long enough to minimize matrix interferences and chromatographically separate compounds that share the same precursor ion.

## Procedure

Samples were prepared by adding 100µL of internal standard solution (1µg/mL D5-Diazepam and D3-Diozepam) to 100µL urine, diluting with 800µL LC grade water, and centrifuging. The samples were then analyzed by LC/MS/MS. Compound separation was achieved using an Allure® PFP Propyl column and a mobile phase gradient program.

A 3200 QTrap® LC/MS/MS system equipped with a Turbo V™ source with electrospray ionization was used to develop and detect the two MRM transitions (Table 1). For each compound, MRM 1 was used to quantify, and the ratio to MRM 2 was used to confirm.

Cliquid™ Drug Screen & Quant Software was used to process data and generate automatic reporting relevant to forensic guidelines. Limits of quantification were determined and the automated reporting allowed for positive confirmation based on the detected MRM ratios.

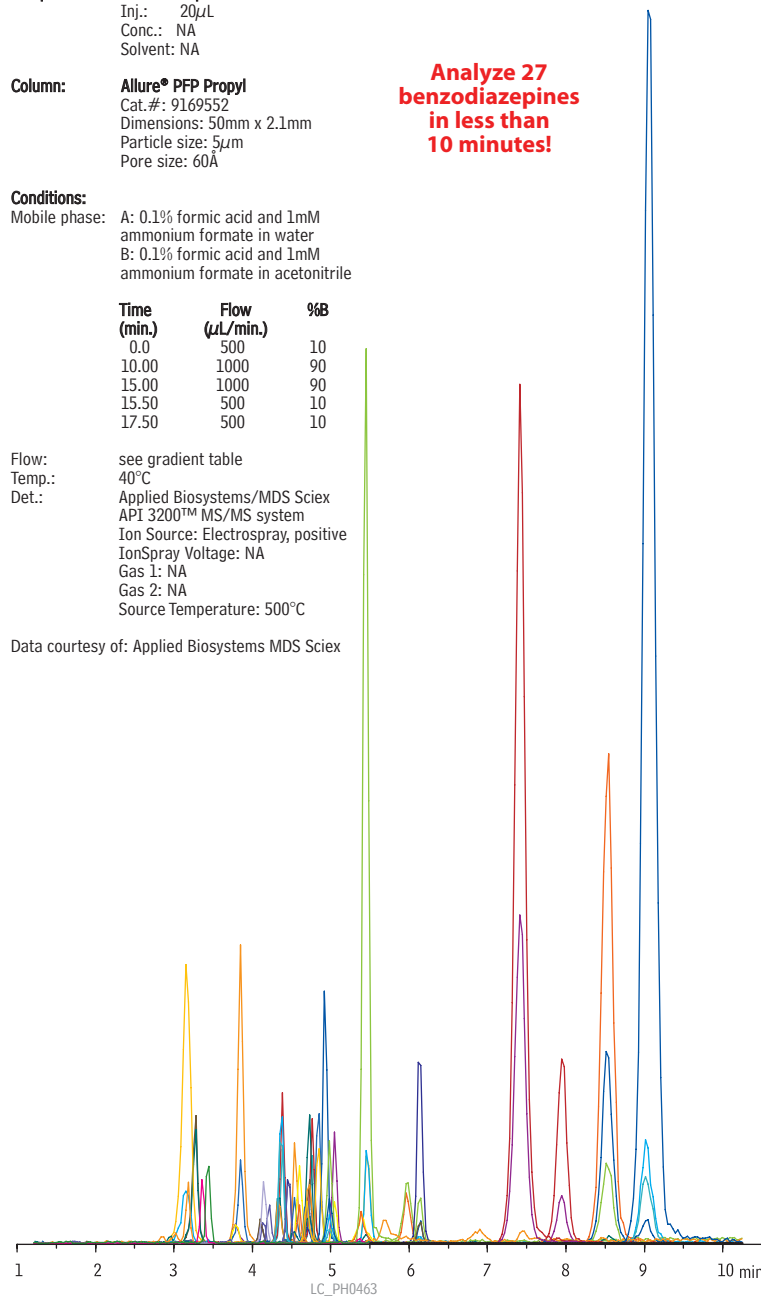
## Results

By diluting the urine samples ten-fold, matrix effects are reduced (reducing ion suppression) and LOQs between 0.10ng/mL and 10ng/mL can be achieved (Table 1). Ion suppression is further reduced by using a retentive column which 1) elutes matrix interferences before the compounds of interest, and 2) allows for better desolvation efficiency due to the ability to use 90% organic in the mobile phase composition. The Allure® PFP Propyl is such a column; it has high retention and selectivity for basic drug compounds, such as benzodiazepines (Figure 1).

**Figure 1** MRM transitions of 27 benzodiazepines, 3 nonbenzodiazepine hypnotics, and two internal standards on the Allure® PFP Propyl column.

<b>Sample:</b> benzodiazepines		
Inj.:	20µL	
Conc.:	NA	
Solvent:	NA	
<b>Column:</b> Allure® PFP Propyl		
Cat. #:	9169552	
Dimensions:	50mm x 2.1mm	
Particle size:	5µm	
Pore size:	60Å	
<b>Conditions:</b>		
Mobile phase: A: 0.1% formic acid and 1mM ammonium formate in water		
B: 0.1% formic acid and 1mM ammonium formate in acetonitrile		
<b>Time (min.)</b>	<b>Flow (µL/min.)</b>	<b>%B</b>
0.0	500	10
10.00	1000	90
15.00	1000	90
15.50	500	10
17.50	500	10
Flow: see gradient table		
Temp.: 40°C		
Det.: Applied Biosystems/MDS Sciex		
API 3200™ MS/MS system		
Ion Source: Electrospray, positive		
IonSpray Voltage: NA		
Gas 1: NA		
Gas 2: NA		
Source Temperature: 500°C		

Data courtesy of: Applied Biosystems MDS Sciex



**Table I** MRM Transitions, retention times, and LOQ values.

Compound Name	Retention Time (min.)	Precursor Ion (amu)	MRM 1 (amu)	MRM 2 (amu)	DP	CE (MRM 1)	CE (MRM 2)	LOQ (ng/mL)
7-aminonitrazepam	3.2	252.1	121.1	94.0	51	35	53	1.0
7-aminoclonazepam	3.3	286.1	121.0	222.2	46	41	35	0.5
7-aminoflunitrazepam	3.8	284.1	135.1	226.0	51	39	49	0.5
Bromazepam	3.8	316.0/318.0	182.1	182.1	51	45	45	5.0
$\alpha$ -hydroxyalprazolam	4.1	325.1	297.2	204.9	51	31	59	2.0
$\alpha$ -hydroxytriazolam	4.1	359.0	239.2	176.0	61	63	37	5.0
Oxazepam	4.2	287.0	241.1	268.9	41	27	19	10.0
Lorazepam	4.3	321.0/323.1	275.0	277.0	41	31	27	5.0
Estazolam	4.4	295.0	205.0	267.1	51	53	31	2.0
Zaleplon	4.4	306.2	236.3	264.2	56	35	27	0.5
2-hydroxyethylflurazepam	4.5	333.1	211.2	109.0	56	51	41	1.0
Desmethyflunitrazepam	4.5	300.1	254.2	198.2	56	35	51	2.0
Nitrazepam	4.6	282.0	236.1	180.2	71	35	51	2.0
Clonazepam	4.7	316.0	270.2	214.0	56	41	51	2.0
Desalkylflurazepam	4.7	289.1	140.1	226.1	71	41	39	2.0
Temazepam	4.7	301.1/303.1	255.1	257.2	35	30	30	5.0
Triazolam	4.7	343.0	238.9	314.9	61	53	37	1.0
Alprazolam	4.8	309.1	205.1	281.1	56	53	35	1.0
Lormetazepam	4.8	335.0/337.1	289.0	291.1	41	29	29	2.0
Clobazam	4.9	301.1	259.1	224.3	46	29	47	1.0
Flunitrazepam	5.0	314.0	268.1	239.1	56	35	49	1.0
Nordiazepam	5.0	271.1	140.2	164.9	46	37	35	2.0
Zolpiclone	5.4	389.1	244.8	217.0	16	25	41	1.0
D5-Diazepam	5.4	290.1	198.2	-	55	41	-	-
Diazepam	5.5	285.0	193.2	154.1	55	41	37	1.0
Chlordiazepoxide	6.0	300.1	227.1	283.2	36	31	21	5.0
Prazepam	6.1	325.1	271.1	140.0	81	31	53	2.0
Zolpidem	7.4	308.1	235.1	236.1	56	39	35	0.2
Midazolam	7.9	326.1	291.3	222.0	56	33	63	0.5
Flurazepam	8.5	388.2	315.1	317.1	36	27	27	0.1
Medazepam	9.0	271.0	91.1	207.3	46	41	39	2.0
D3-Doxepine	9.1	283.0	107.1	-	41	35	-	-

Bar color indicates shared precursor ions. Note compounds with shared precursor ions are baseline resolved on the Allure® PFP Propyl column, as shown by retention time comparison. Data courtesy of Applied Biosystems MDS Sciex.

The Allure® PFP Propyl stationary phase provides baseline resolution for compounds sharing the same precursor ion, such as nordiazepam and medazepam. The ability to chromatographically separate compounds with similar spectra allows this method to be adapted for single stage MS, however, the LOQ values would be affected. Tandem MS is advantageous since two MRM transitions are collected, allowing quantification and confirmation to be accomplished in a single run, without loss of sensitivity.

### Conclusion

The method presented here provides significant advantages over other techniques for benzodiazepine analysis: simple sample preparation, fast analysis time (less than 10 minutes), LOQs of 0.10-10ng/mL in matrix, and quantification and confirmation in a single run. Further, using the retentive Allure® PFP Propyl column eliminates coelution of matrix peaks with target compounds and assures full chromatographic resolution of analytes with shared precursor ions.

### Acknowledgement

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### Trident Direct Guard Cartridge System

Description	qty.	cat.#
High-pressure filter	ea.	25082
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10mm guard cartridge holder with filter	ea.	25084
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20mm guard cartridge holder with filter	ea.	25086

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### Allure® PFP Propyl Columns (USP L43) Excellent Columns for LC/MS and ELSD

#### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 3µm or 5µm, spherical	endcap: fully endcapped
pore size: 60Å	pH range: 2.5 to 7.5
carbon load: 17%	temperature limit: 80°C

5µm Column, 2.1mm	cat. #
50mm	9169552
50mm (with Trident Inlet Fitting)	9169552-700

Allure® PFP Propyl Guard Cartridges	qty.	cat. #
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20 x 4.0mm	2-pk.	916950220

### Exempted Drug of Abuse Reference

#### Materials: Benzodiazepines

Concentration is µg/mL. Volume is 1mL/ampul.

Compound	CAS#	Solvent Code	Conc.	cat.#
alprazolam	28981-97-7	PTM	1,000	34042
bromazepam	1812-30-2	PTM	1,000	34043
chlordiazepoxide	438-41-5	PTM	1,000	34044
clobazam	22316-47-8	PTM	1,000	34045
clonazepam	1622-61-3	PTM	1,000	34046
diazepam	439-14-5	PTM	1,000	34047
flunitrazepam	1622-62-4	PTM	1,000	34049
flurazepam	1172-18-5	PTM	1,000	34050
lorazepam	846-49-1	PTM	1,000	34051
nitrazepam	146-22-5	PTM	1,000	34053
oxazepam	604-75-1	PTM	1,000	34054
prazepam	2955-38-6	PTM	1,000	34055
temazepam	896-50-4	PTM	1,000	34056
triazolam	28911-01-5	PTM	1,000	34057

PTM=purge & trap grade methanol



# Accurate, Reproducible Amphetamines Analysis

## Clean Up Procedure Improves Chromatography and Reduces Maintenance

By Kristi Sellers, Clinical/Forensic Innovations Chemist, and Amanda Rigdon, Innovations Chemist

- Derivatization improves peak symmetry, for more accurate results.
- Clean up procedure reduces system contamination, and extends column lifetime.
- Rtx®-5MS column produces a stable baseline for derivatized compounds, ideal for GC/MS analysis.

### Introduction

Analyzing amphetamines by GC/MS is challenging whether the compounds are derivatized or underivatized. Underivatized amphetamines appear as irregular and asymmetric peaks, which are difficult to integrate, and may lead to irreproducible results. Derivatized amphetamines result in symmetric peaks, but derivatizing reagents can contaminate the inlet/column. This contamination can shorten column lifetime and cause noisy, elevated baselines that interfere with the analysis of target compounds.

In this study, we evaluated the effects of several sample pretreatment methods. These methods included: 1) no pretreatment, 2) converting the salt forms into free bases, 3) derivatizing the free bases with heptafluorobutyric acid anhydride (HFAA), and 4) derivatizing the free bases with HFAA followed by a clean up. Our objectives were to obtain symmetric shapes, reduce baseline noise, and maintain low column bleed from injection to injection for GC/MS analysis.

### Procedure

The first method had no pretreatment. The untreated standard was prepared in methanol and diluted to a final concentration of 100µg/mL. It was then injected without any further preparation. The second pretreatment involved converting the drug standard to the free base form. The free base forms were prepared by mixing the standard (100µg/mL) with water, then adding saturated sodium borate water, and extracting the amphetamines with butylchloride. The resulting sample was then analyzed by GC.

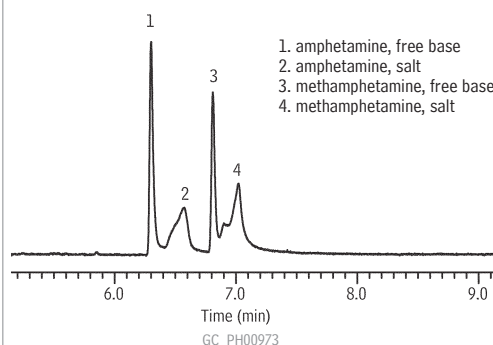
The third pretreatment procedure included both conversion and derivatization. The HFAA derivatized amphetamines were prepared by converting the compounds to free bases (as described above), reacting with derivatizing reagent HFAA, and diluting the sample before injection. The fourth pretreatment procedure consisted of free base conversion, HFAA derivatization, and a clean up step to remove the acidic byproducts of derivatization. The clean up procedure included mixing the sample with a phosphate buffer (pH=7.0) before dilution, removing the butylchloride layer, and then diluting the sample just before injection. An Rtx®-5MS column (30m x 0.25mm ID x 0.25µm) was used for analysis; instrument conditions are presented in Figure 1. Repetitive GC/MS runs (over 190 injections) were evaluated to confirm symmetry, baseline, and bleed results.

### Results

Analyzing untreated amphetamine and methamphetamine results in peak doublets caused by the presence of both the salt (hydrochloride) and free base forms (Figure 1). Peak doublets were eliminated by conversion to free base form, however, some tailing was still observed (Figure 2). This pretreatment improves reproducibility, but is still not optimal as tailing can cause irreproducible integration and significant variation in peak area counts.

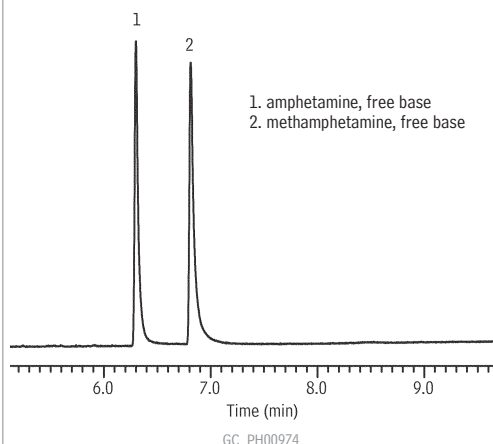
The most symmetric peak shapes were obtained by derivatizing the amphetamines with HFAA (Figure 3). Although peak shape was improved, the acidic derivatization byproducts generated a noisy baseline and shortened column life. This system contamination increases injector and column maintenance.

**Figure 1** Untreated standard contains both salt and free base forms causing inaccurate, irreproducible results.



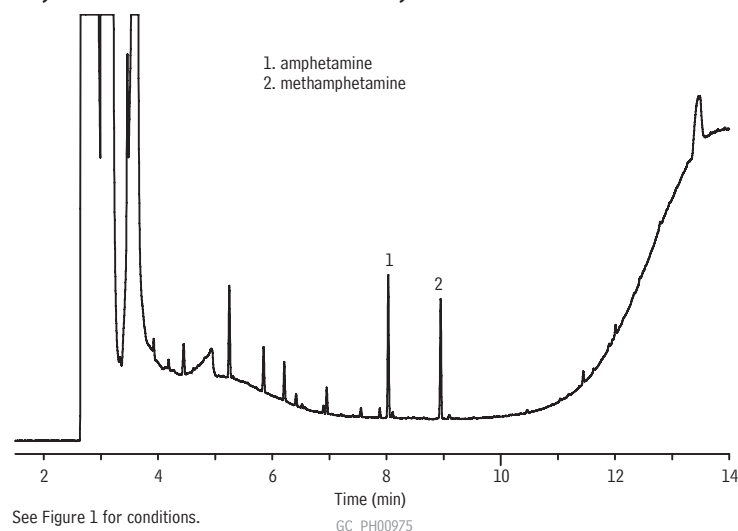
Column: Rtx®-5MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 12623)  
Sample: 100µg/mL amphetamine and methamphetamine in methanol  
Inj.: 1µL, split (split ratio 10:1), 4mm single gooseneck w/ wool inlet liner (cat.# 20798-211.1)  
Inj. temp.: 250°C  
Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow  
Flow rate: 1mL/min.  
Oven temp.: 70°C to 250°C @ 15°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
Det: FID @ 300°C

**Figure 2** Conversion to free base form improves chromatography, but produces tailing factors over 2.0.

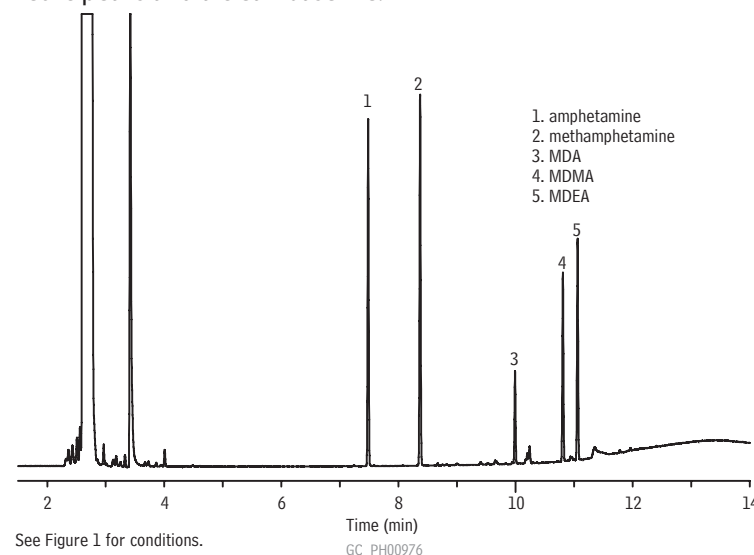


See Figure 1 for conditions.

**Figure 3** Derivatizing with HFAA yields symmetric peaks but results in system contamination and a noisy baseline.



**Figure 4** A post-derivatization clean up procedure results in symmetric peaks and a clean baseline.



**Table I** Tailing factor comparison of pretreatments.

Pretreatment	TF Amp	TF Meth	TF MDA	TF MDMA	TF MDEA
Sodium Borate Wash (GC/FID)	2.115	2.837	NA	NA	NA
HFAA Only (GC/FID)	1.010	0.989	NA	NA	NA
HFAA w/Post clean Up (GC/FID)	0.981	0.996	1.007	0.997	0.992

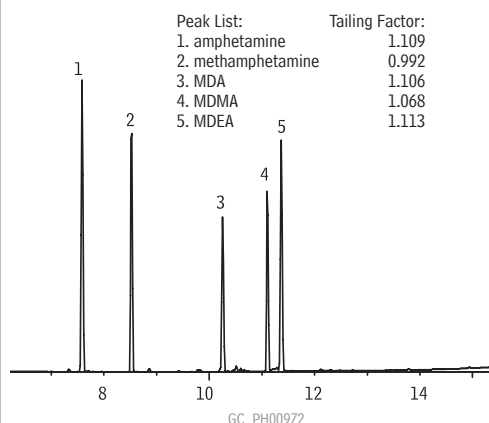
NOTE: A perfectly symmetric peak exhibits a tailing factor of 1.0. Tailing factors shown were generated using the USP tailing factor calculation.

#### Rtx®-5MS—Low-bleed GC/MS Column (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	12623

**Figure 5** Post-derivatization clean up also produces symmetric peaks and a stable baseline when analyzed by GC/MS.



Column: Rtx®-5MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm (cat.# 12623)  
Sample: 100μg/mL each amphetamine, methamphetamine, MDA, MDMA, and MDEA extracted from methanol and HFAA derivatized Inj.: 1μL, splitless (hold 0.5 min.), 3.5mm custom splitless inlet liner w/IP deactivated wool; Inj. temp.: 220°C; Carrier gas: helium, constant flow; Flow rate: 1.25mL/min.; Oven temp.: 70°C (hold 1 min.) to 290°C @ 15°C/min. (hold 4 min.); Det: MS; Transfer line temp.: 280°C; Scan range: 43-450amu; Ionization: EI; Mode: scan.

Incorporating a post conversion/derivatization clean-up procedure removed derivatization contaminants while maintaining chromatographic quality (Table I), thus reducing the need for frequent system maintenance and extending column lifetime. These benefits were also seen when samples were analyzed by GC/MS (Figure 5).

#### Conclusion

The conversion/derivatization/clean-up procedure presented here produces symmetric peaks while reducing the amount of contamination that can enter the GC system. This method ensures accurate area count reproducibility, a clean GC system, and a stable baseline, even for GC/MS work.

#### Acylation Derivatization Reagents

Compound	CAS#	cat.#
HFAA (heptafluorobutyric acid anhydride)		
10-pk. (10x1g)	336-59-4	35622
25g Flex Tube	336-59-4	35623

#### Exempted Drug of Abuse Reference

##### Materials: Amphetamines & Metabolites

Concentration is μg/mL. Volume is 1mL/ampul.

Compound	CAS#	Solvent	Code	Conc.	cat.#
d-amphetamine	51-63-8	PTM	1,000	34020	
3,4-MDA HCl	4764-17-4	M	1,000	34070	
3,4-MDEA HCl	82801-81-8	M	1,000	34072	
3,4-MDMA HCl	42542-10-9	M	1,000	34071	

M=methanol

PTM=purge & trap grade methanol

# The Forgotten Septum

## How to Correctly Diagnose the Source of Bleed Contamination

By Amanda Rigdon, Innovations Chemist



- Avoid lengthy inlet troubleshooting.
- Reduce interference with correct solvent-septum compatibility.

Septum bleed is not common, but when it occurs it is observed as sharp, repetitive peaks in high temperature portions of an analysis. Bleed peaks can come from either the injection port septum or the vial cap septum. Interfering peaks and inaccurate data can result, so it is important to correctly identify the source and understand how to eliminate or minimize the bleed.

### Diagnose the Bleed Source

The bleed from either septum shows a similar pattern (Figure 1), but it is easy to determine the source with a simple test. Isolate the injection port by setting the instrument to perform a run without an injection. Perform an analysis; if the bleed disappears, then the vial cap septum was the source. Determining if the vial cap septum is the source of the bleed can save time by preventing unnecessary troubleshooting and maintenance of the injection port. If the vial cap septum is causing bleed, the problem can be eliminated or minimized with the following considerations.

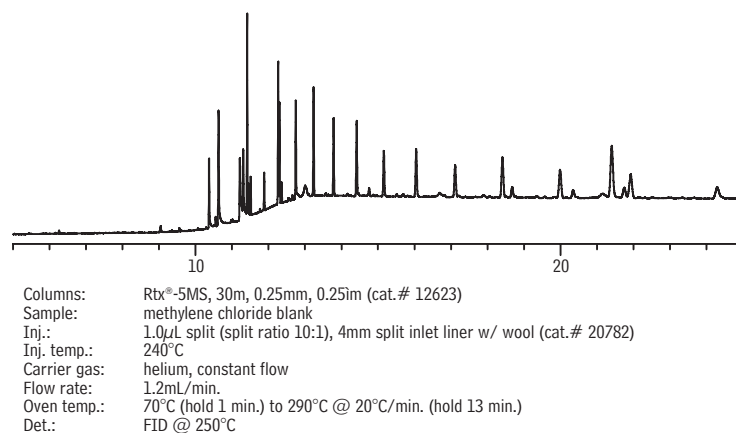
### Check Solvent-Septum Compatibility

Most of the time, septum bleed is negligible. However, when a solvent and vial cap septum are incompatible, extreme contamination can occur. Figure 2 compares the first and fifth injections from a vial containing a derivatized amphetamine sample. In this case, the septum bleed peaks are almost as large as the analyte peaks. This level of bleed can interfere with analyses, especially those geared for trace levels. Reduce the risk of septum bleed by using a compatibility chart, such as the one in the on-line version of this article ([www.restek.com/general](http://www.restek.com/general)) to determine which septum material is compatible with the sample solvent used.

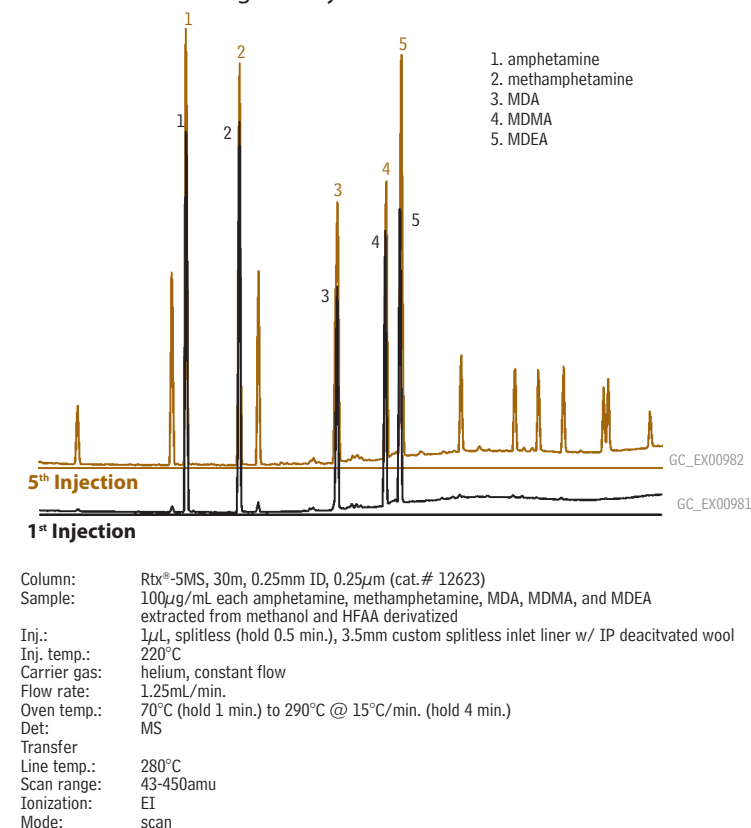
### Use Lined Septa

Most vial cap septa are lined with a protective layer of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) to prevent solvent attack. As shown in Figure 3, PTFE effectively prevents septum breakdown due to solvent exposure. In comparison, unlined septa exhibit bleed after just 24 hours at room temperature. Bleed levels for unlined septa varied by material, but even a low level of bleed can interfere with integration and is of particular concern for trace analyses (Figure 4).

**Figure 1** Sharp, repetitive peaks are typical of septum bleed from the vial cap or injection port.

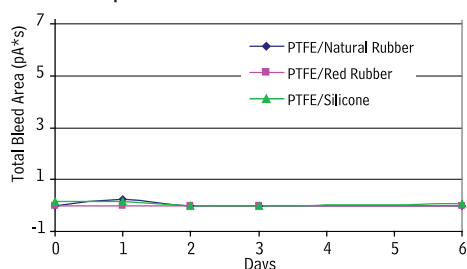


**Figure 2** Contamination from septum bleed can cause significant interference with target analytes.



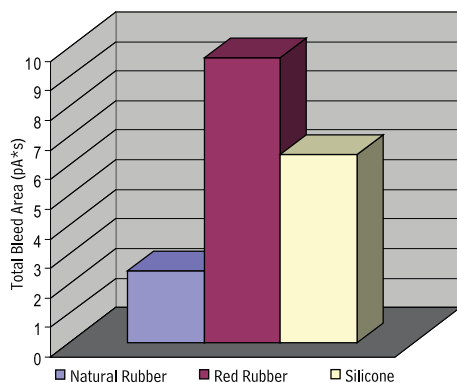


**Figure 3** PTFE lining prevents bleed due to solvent/septum interaction.



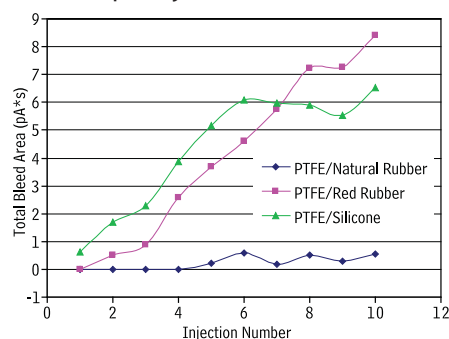
Vials were prepared with methylene chloride and stored at room temperature.

**Figure 4** Unlined septa show bleed contamination within 24 hours.

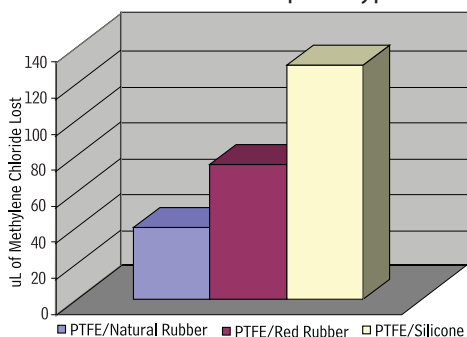


Vials were prepared with methylene chloride, sealed with caps containing septa that were inserted upside down in order to expose the non-PTFE lined septum surface to the solvent, and stored at room temperature.

**Figure 5** Bleed contamination increases over multiple injections.



**Figure 6** This bar graph shows the volume of solvent lost for three septum types.



Vials containing 300 $\mu$ L of methylene chloride were punctured and left at room temperature for 24 hours.

## Consider Resealability

Multiple injections can core the vial cap septum and lead to significant bleed. Resistance to coring varies by septum material (Figure 5). Coring can be minimized by preparing separate vials for replicate injections, when feasible, and by carefully considering the type of septum material when multiple injections are necessary. Septum resealability also affects evaporative loss, which can be a significant source of error for low volume samples. For example, a relatively nonvolatile analyte in a volatile solvent can concentrate significantly due to evaporative loss (Figure 6). Vials should be recapped when necessary for extended runs or long term storage.

## Conclusion

Septum bleed is not a very common occurrence, but when bleed does occur, it is easy to assume the injection port septum is the source because the vial cap septum often is not considered. However, correctly diagnosing the source of bleed contamination can save time and effort by preventing unnecessary injection port maintenance. Effectively and efficiently reducing interfering peaks by controlling septum bleed can significantly improve analytical performance, particularly for trace analyses.

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4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	25-pk.	20783

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.



## Selecting the Right HPLC Guard Column

By Terry Reid, Technical Service

HPLC guard columns (cartridges) are installed in front of an analytical column in order to protect it from strongly retained impurities. Understanding the significant factors that affect guard column performance can help you protect your analytical column and save money by extending column lifetime.

### Packing & Dimensions

It is best to use a guard column that contains the same packing material as the analytical column. In other words, the best guard column for a Pinnacle™ II C18 analytical column is a Pinnacle™ II C18 guard column. Trident guard cartridges come in two lengths, 10mm or 20mm. The 10mm length is adequate for most applications, but a 20mm guard should be considered for samples that contain a lot of impurities, such as crude extracts. Regarding internal diameter (ID), the general rule is that the guard column ID should be the same as, or one size smaller than, the ID of the analytical column to prevent a loss of efficiency.

### Cartridge Holder Options

Trident guard cartridges can be used with three different styles of Trident guard holder: integral, in-line, and direct. Note that guard cartridges from one manufacturer should never be used in another manufacturer's holder.

The Trident Integral guard system is a cost-effective, low dead volume option that is recommended when purchasing a guard and analytical column at the same time. This system includes an analytical column, a guard cartridge, and extra frit, all of which are integrated into a single unit. The advantages of the Trident Integral Guard column system are that it has the lowest dead volume of any of the holders and is also the most cost effective option.

Restek also offers in-line and direct holders. Trident In-Line holders are traditional stand-alone style holders that require an additional piece of HPLC capillary tubing to connect the guard holder to the analytical column. The Trident Direct Holder differs in that it contains a threaded PEEK™ tip. The threaded tip allows the holder to screw directly into the analytical column's inlet end fitting, eliminating the need for any additional tubing. The Trident In-Line and Trident Direct holders both can be connected to any HPLC column, even those from other manufacturers. Both these holders are available in either a "with filter" or "without filter" version. The "with filter" versions have an XF (extra filter) fitting that contains a cap frit that can be changed independently of the guard cartridge.

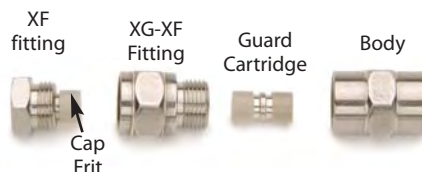
### Filters

The ID of the cap frit should match the ID of the guard cartridge; however, frit porosity is largely a matter of preference. The smaller porosity will provide the greatest protection against particles, but also may mean that the frit needs to be changed more frequently. Choosing a filter porosity that matches the porosity of the analytical column protects against particles lodging in the column inlet frit.

Restek offers a wide selection of HPLC guard options. An understanding of the significance of different guard column parameters, including dimensions, holder styles, and extra filters, can simplify the selection process. Choosing the proper guard column will maximize the lifetime of your analytical column by effectively protecting it from sample contaminants.

### Trident In-Line 10mm guard cartridge holder with filter

#### Components



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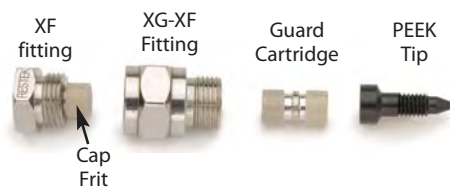


#### Installed onto column



### Trident Direct 10mm guard cartridge holder with filter

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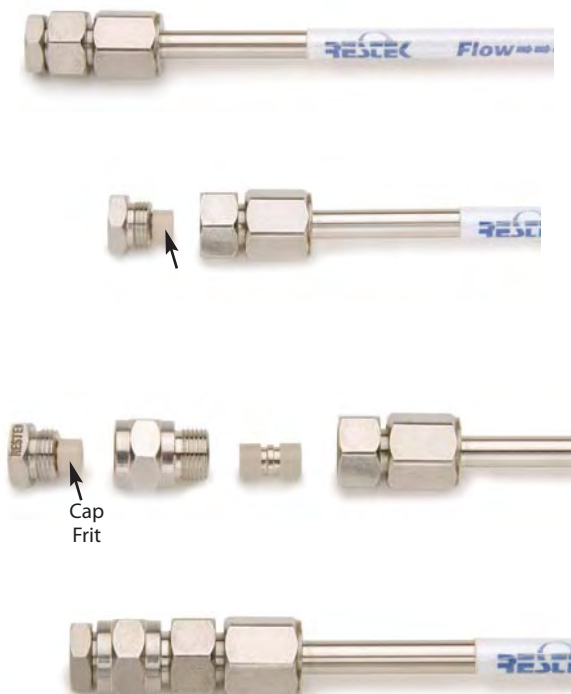


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By Becky Wittrig, Ph.D, HPLC Product Marketing Manager

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### Replacement Parts for Agilent FID Detectors

By Donna Lidgett, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager and Sue Benes, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager

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#### Capillary Dedicated FID Replacement Jet for Agilent 6890/6850/7890 GCs

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High-Performance Siltek® Treated, 0.011-Inch ID Tip	G1531-80560	ea.	21620	3-pk.	21683

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Standard, 0.030-Inch ID Tip	18789-80070	ea.	21688	3-pk.	21689
High-Performance Siltek® Treated, 0.030-Inch ID Tip	18789-80070	ea.	21686	3-pk.	21687

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\*\* 0.030-inch ID jets: For packings that exhibit high bleed and that frequently clog the tip of smaller 0.018-inch jets.

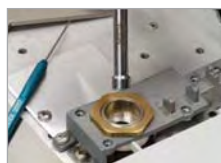
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#### Which FID Jet Should I Use?

There are two FID jet configurations for Agilent GCs. The longer "adaptable" jet fits both 5890 and 6890 GCs, and can be used with capillary or packed columns. The shorter "dedicated" jet is for the FID in the 6890 GC that is designed only for use with capillary columns.

#### FID Jet Removal Tool for Agilent 5890/6890/6850/7890 FIDs

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Slip tool  
over FID  
jet...



...loosen  
jet...



...and  
remove.

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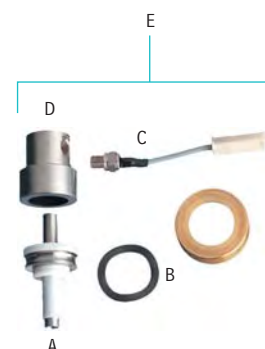
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D) FID Ignitor Castle	19231-20910	ea.	21137
Siltek® FID Ignitor Castle	—	ea.	21135

\*Also fits OI Analytical 4410 detector (similar to OI part # 191833).



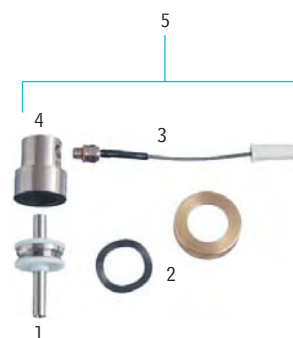
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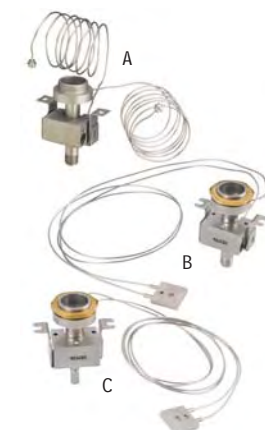


## FID Base Weldment for Agilent GCs

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- Includes brass nut.

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C) FID Base Weldment, Capillary Column FID, for Agilent 6850/6890 GCs	G1531-80630	ea.	23053

Note: 6890 GC connections to EPC modules are not compatible with the 7890 EPC modules.



## Spanner Wrench for Agilent 5890/6890/6850/7890 FID Collector Assemblies

- Easily remove the nut from the FID collector without damaging the nut.
- Unique, ergonomic handle—easy to grip.



Remove FID ignitor castle.



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...then turn counter-clockwise...



...and remove.



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By Sue Benes, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager

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†This unit is designed for use in the 5975, 5973 GC and the LC/MSD.

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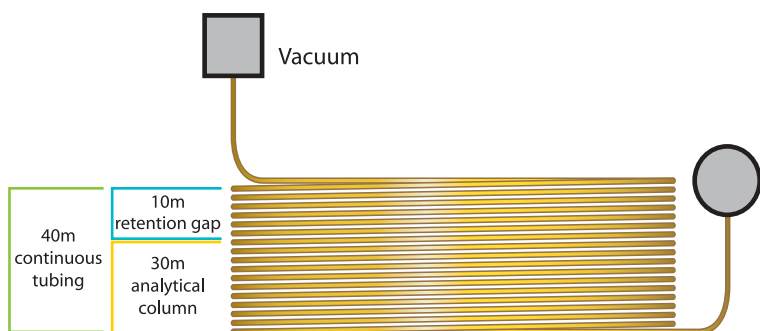
## Using Guard Columns and Retention Gaps in GC (Part 2) *Continued from page 2.*

### Segment coating technology eliminates problematic connections

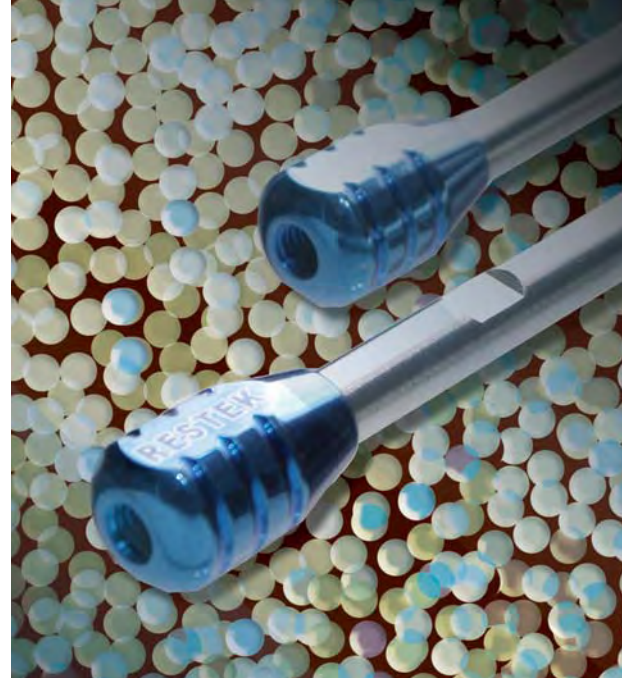
Both retention gaps and guard columns must be coupled to the analytical column. While there are several types of effective coupling devices, all can create dead volume and can be a potential source of leaks and reactivity. Segment coating technology allows the retention gap or guard column to be built directly in the same piece of tubing as the analytical column, eliminating the connector and associated risks. This technology, available from Restek, is termed Integra-Guard™ or Integra-Gap™ and is based on the static coating method. In this process the capillary column is filled with a coating solution of stationary phase in a volatile solvent. The column is sealed on one end and on the other side a vacuum is applied. The solvent is evaporated and the dissolved polymer is deposited on the inside deactivated wall of the fused silica column. The static coating method allows columns to be coated by segment. When filling, for example, a 40m capillary with the coating solution, only 30m are filled. The first 10m remain uncoated, having only the deactivation treatment (Figure 1). This method deposits the stationary phase only in a designated portion of the capillary, creating the Integra-Guard™ or the Integra-Gap™. The advantages of this technology are clear: eliminating the connector removes a potential source of leaks and reduces dead volume. Additionally, maintenance is faster and simpler since there is no manual connection to make.

Guard columns and retention gaps are useful tools to the practicing chemist, and it is important to understand the difference between them. While they help protect analytical columns and focus samples, respectively, they are also a source of potential problems, such as leaks. Segment coating technology offers a better solution—integrated columns containing both the guard or gap section and the analytical column together in a single piece of tubing. These Integra-Guard™ and Integra-Gap™ columns are a simple, effective solution; they eliminate the risks of a separate connection and provide stable, accurate data.

**Figure 1** Static coating allows Integra-Gap™ integrated retention gaps to be built directly into the analytical column tubing.



**For more information on Integra-Gap™ technology, see “Selecting a GC Column for Glycerin in Biodiesel” on page 10.**



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**Erratum**

The heading of Figure 1 on page 8 of the 2007.03 issue of the Restek Advantage incorrectly describes the column internal diameter as 0.18mm. The correct internal diameter is 0.32mm.

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# Using Guard Columns and Retention Gaps in GC (Part 1)

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Guard columns and retention gaps are used widely in gas chromatography (GC). Many users have difficulty understanding the difference between these two products, even though there is a significant difference in application. Retention gaps mainly are used for focusing the sample components when introducing a large (liquid) sample directly onto the column. Guard columns are used to protect the analytical column from contamination.

When using a retention gap system, the retention gap will also act as a guard column, but its primary function is to create a focusing effect.

Guard columns and retention gaps both must be coupled to the analytical column, and this connection introduces a potential point of risk. A new approach is to integrate the retention gap directly into the analytical column. By applying a "segment" coating technology, the stationary phase can be deposited in a certain part of the column allowing a deactivated section at the beginning. Column coupling is not required, and maintenance is greatly simplified. In Part 1 of this article, we will explore retention gaps and build a foundation for a comparison to guard columns. In Part 2, we will review guard columns and discuss the new segment coating technology.

## Use of retention gaps

In today's laboratory, GC methods must be simple, fast, and low detection limits are required. Besides that, sufficient precision must also be obtained. It all starts by introducing the sample in the smallest possible injection band and making the band migrate through the capillary with minimal loss of the target components. With on-column injection, a liquid sample is directly introduced into the capillary column as a liquid while the capillary column is kept at a temperature 10-15°C below the boiling point of the solvent. During this process, the sample components are spread in an unreproducible way over the first 20-100cm of capillary while the solvent is evaporating. Parameters like injection speed, carrier gas flow, temperature of solvent and column, type of solvent and pressure all will affect the injection band width. Additionally, when nonbonded stationary phases are used, the direct contact with liquids will result in a distortion of the stationary phase film and very short column lifetime. The majority of today's stationary phases, like the Rtx® and Rxi® phases, are immobilized by cross- and surface bonding techniques.

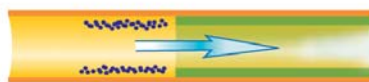
For proper application of the on-column injection technique, the use of retention gaps is essential.<sup>1,2</sup> The retention gap consists of a 1-3m length of deactivated capillary that is positioned in front of the analytical column. All the processes described will still take place, but now the components are distributed over the retention gap. When the oven temperature is

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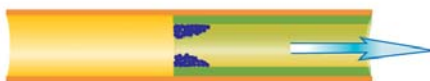
**Figure 1** Retention gaps are used to focus components in a tight band at the beginning of the analytical column



**a)** Sample introduction: liquid film of solvent and sample are deposited in the first length of capillary.



**b)** Oven temperature is increased (temp. program run): solvent and target compounds are vaporized and travel unretained through retention gap.



**c)** When target compounds come in contact with the stationary phase, they are re-focused on the analytical column, resulting in a narrow initial band width.



# Fast, Accurate Semivolatiles Analysis!

## Using **New** Rxi®-5Sil MS GC Columns

By Robert Freeman, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Ultra-low bleed column saves you time and money with faster baseline stabilization.
- Highly inert for more accurate low-level analysis of active compounds.
- Guaranteed column-to-column reproducibility.

Semivolatiles methods, such as EPA Method 8270, place stringent demands on the analytical system, especially the GC column. 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane (“5” phase) columns often are used for this GC/MS test method; however, silarylene columns generally perform better with the sensitivity of mass spectrometers. Silarylene phases are lower bleed and produce improved peak efficiencies for difficult compounds while maintaining selectivity that is similar to a conventional “5” phase column. Restek recently improved its silarylene column (Rtx®-5Sil MS) using Rxi® technology. The result is the new Rxi®-5Sil MS column, a more inert, low-bleed column with improved peak shape and resolution for the active compounds found in semivolatiles analysis. *Continued on page 4.*

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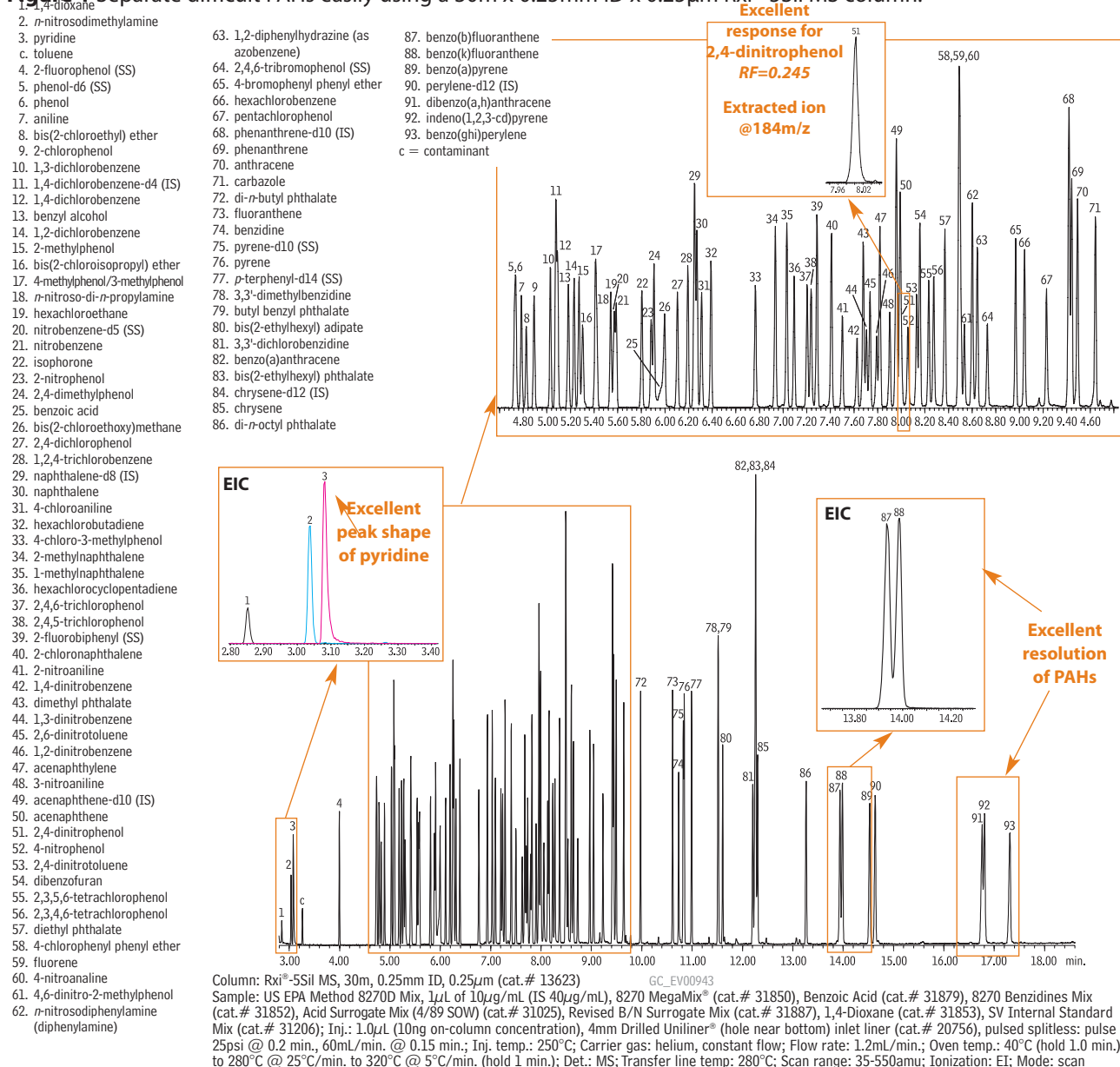
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Rxi®-5Sil MS columns are ideal for the analysis of semivolatile analytes such as those found in EPA Method 8270. Low bleed profiles assure accurate quantification of late eluting compounds, such as polycyclic (polynuclear) aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), including the challenging separation of benzo(b)fluoranthene and benzo(k)fluoranthene (Figures 1 and 2). The inertness of the Rxi®-5Sil MS column is demonstrated through the peak shapes and responses of active analytes, such as pyridine (basic) and 2,4-dinitrophenol (acidic), at low levels. Peak symmetry is good and analyte responses exceed method requirements even at single ng on-column levels (Figure 3). Chromatography, and thus quantification, of many active semivolatile compounds is improved by the inertness of Rxi®-5Sil MS columns.

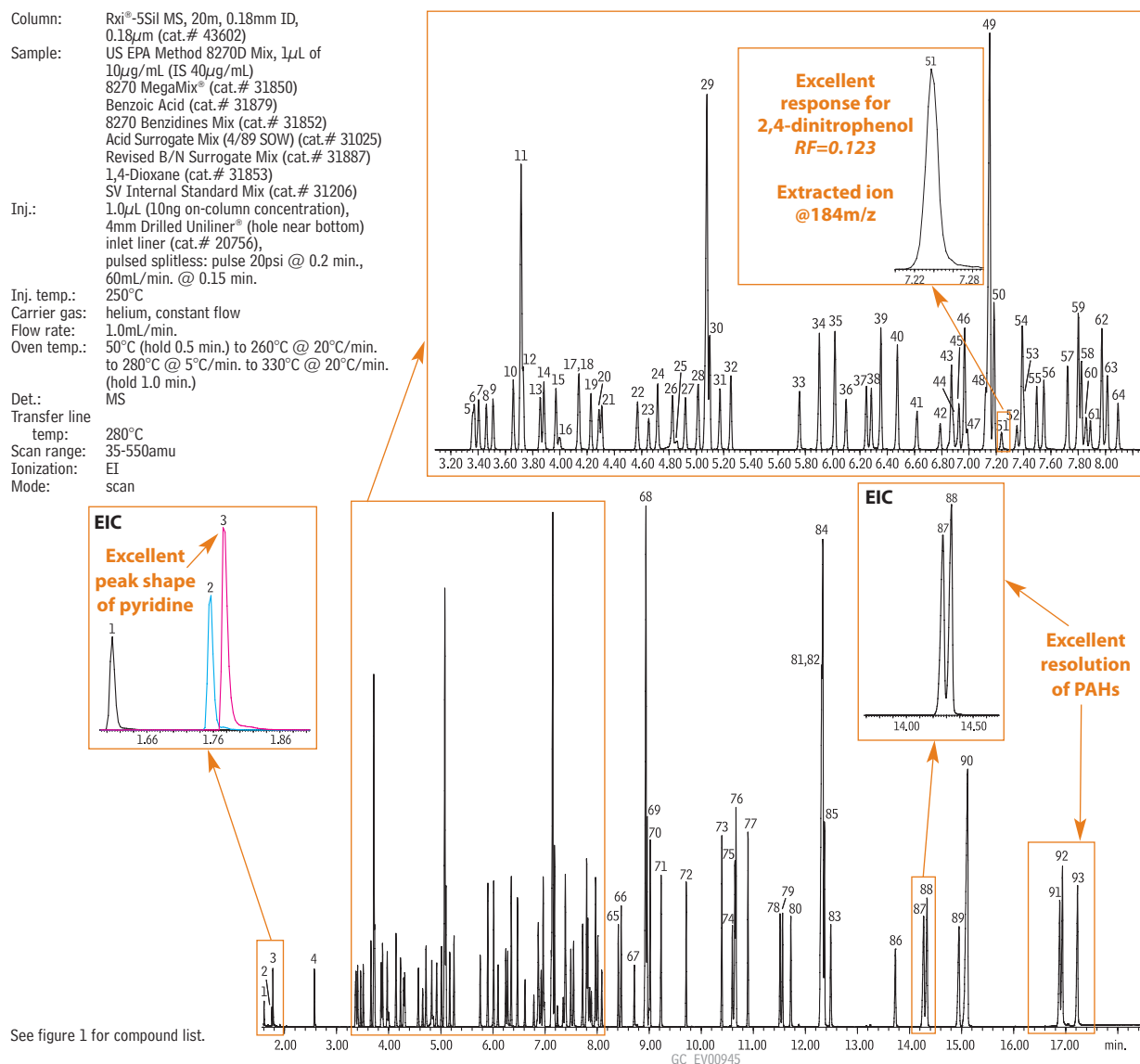
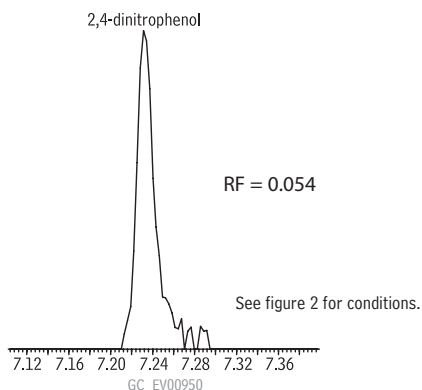
The Rxi®-5Sil MS columns most commonly used for semivolatiles analysis are the 30m x 0.25mm ID columns with either 0.25µm or 0.5µm film thicknesses. These dimensions generally offer the best balance of sample capacity, analysis time, and column lifetime. However, if sample throughput is paramount, shorter narrow bore columns, such as the 20m x 0.18mm ID with either 0.18µm or 0.36µm film thicknesses, are preferred. Due to increased peak efficiencies, temperature programs can be accelerated without compromising key separations. Regardless of which dimension you choose, the new Rxi®-5Sil MS columns are ideal for analyzing semivolatile compounds.

**Figure 1** Separate difficult PAHs easily using a 30m x 0.25mm ID x 0.25µm Rxi®-5Sil MS column.



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**Figure 2** Semivolatile compounds resolved on a 20m x 0.18mm ID x 0.18µm Rxi®-5Sil MS column.**Figure 3** Excellent peak symmetry and response at 1ng on-column.**Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)**

(Crossbond®, selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 330/350°C	20-Meter	43602
0.18mm	0.36	-60 to 330/350°C	20-Meter	43604
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13623
0.25mm	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	13638

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ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat. #
Drilled Uniliner® (hole near bottom)		
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	20756
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# Complete Resolution of Benzene from Ethanol in Spark Ignition Fuels

Using a Modified ASTM D3606-06e1 Method and the New D3606 Column Set

By Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Innovations Chemist

- Easy, accurate quantification of aromatics.
- Fully conditioned column set—ready to use out of the box.
- Each column set is tested for method applicability and includes chromatogram.

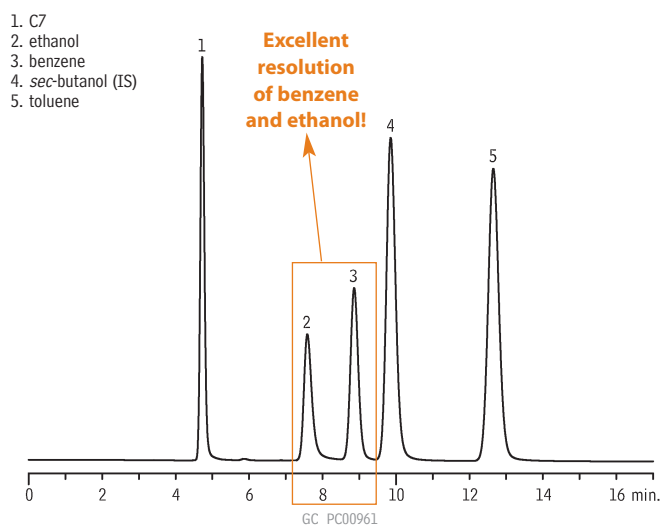
Laboratories analyzing reformulated spark ignition fuels that contain ethanol for the determination of benzene and toluene must use a modified ASTM D3606-06e1 method to prevent the coelution of ethanol and benzene. This method modification is also a requirement of the US EPA. The benzene range of determination is 0.1 to 5% by volume, and the toluene range is 2 to 20% by volume. The primary challenge in this analysis is twofold: the tailing of the ethanol peak, and the retention time shift of the aromatics towards ethanol, specifically benzene merging quickly into the ethanol peak and preventing accurate quantification.

Restek has resolved these issues by developing a new D3606 column set for this modified ASTM D3606-06e1 application. Column 1 is a 6' x 1/8" OD (1.8m x 2mm ID) nonpolar Rtx®-1 phase which separates components by boiling point. After the elution of *n*-octane (C8), Column 1 is backflushed to prevent heavier compounds from entering Column 2, the main analytical column. The light compounds pass into Column 2, a 16' x 1/8" OD (4.9m x 2mm ID) column packed with a new proprietary polymer that fully resolves the aromatic compounds.

To demonstrate the performance of this new column set, we installed it in an Agilent 6890 GC equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID). Helium was used as the carrier gas at 20mL/min. in the constant flow mode. The data in Figure 1 show that the aromatic compounds are fully resolved, and can easily be quantified using the internal standard, sec-butanol.

This column set is fully conditioned and ready to use right out of the box. Only a brief (10 min.) carrier gas purge at ambient temperature, followed by a 30 min. hold at 165°C, is required. If your laboratory has been struggling with ASTM method D3606-06e1 for reformulated fuels containing ethanol, Restek's new column set is the solution.

**Figure 1** Complete resolution of benzene from ethanol using a D3606 column set and modified ASTM D3606-06e1 method.



1. C7  
2. ethanol  
3. benzene  
4. sec-butanol (IS)  
5. toluene

Column: D3606 Column Set  
column 1: 6' x 1/8" OD (1.8m x 2mm ID), nonpolar Rtx®-1 polymer  
column 2: 16' x 1/8" OD (4.9m x 2mm ID), proprietary packing  
Sample: 0.05µg/µL; C7 (26%), ethanol (10%) benzene(10%), sec-butanol (26%), toluene (26%)  
Inj.: 0.05µL, direct injection  
Inj. temp.: 200°C  
Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
Flow rate: 20mL/min.  
Oven temp.: 135°C, isothermal  
Det.: FID @ 250°C

## D3606 Application Column (2 column set) **new!**

Description	cat.#*
D3606 Application Column (2 column set)**	
Column 1: 6' (1.8m), 1/8" OD, 2.0mm ID, nonpolar Rtx®-1	
Column 2: 16' (4.9m), 1/8" OD, 2.0mm ID, proprietary packing material	83606-

\*Please add column instrument configuration suffix number to cat.# when ordering.

\*\*This column set is for a valving system; therefore, packing material is filled to ends of columns.

### Column Instrument Configurations



General  
Configuration  
Suffix -800



Varian 3700,  
Vista Series,  
FID:  
Suffix -820



Agilent  
5880, 5890,  
5987, 6890:  
Suffix -810



PE 900-3920  
8 3/4" Sigma 1,2,3:  
Suffix -830



PE Auto System  
8300, 8400, 8700  
(Not On-Column):  
Suffix -840

**Note:** Initial 2" of column will be empty, to accommodate a needle. For a completely filled column (not on-column), add suffix -901.

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# Rapid Characterization of Garlic Volatiles No Sample Prep Required!

Using Headspace GC/MS and an Rxi®-5ms Capillary Column

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- No sample preparation! Eliminate complicated steps required by other methods.
- Rapid screening of garlic-specific flavor and odor compounds.
- Speedy determination of volatiles profile.

Garlic, *Allium sativum* (L.), has a rich history in cooking and medicinal use. Recently, garlic supplements have gained popularity for boosting immune and cardiovascular health. Chromatographic methods for garlic are used by the dietary supplements industry to detect volatiles, such as sulfide degradants, that may affect the acceptability of supplements to the consumer. The headspace gas chromatography mass spectrometry (HS GC/MS) method for garlic and garlic powder shown here requires no sample preparation—making the bench work simple and fast. Other methods involve steam distillation, solid phase trapping solvent exchange, headspace solid phase microextraction, and simultaneous distillation and solvent extraction, which can be difficult and time-consuming.

This HS GC/MS analysis was done using a 30m x 0.25mm ID x 1.0µm Rxi®-5ms column and a PerkinElmer TurboMatrix 40 Trap Headspace Sampler. Conditions used are shown in the figure and were set to optimize the comparison. Several sulfur components were identified including allyl methylsulfide, 3,3'-thiobis-1-propene, allyl mercaptan and diallyl disulfide. Diallyl disulfide appeared to be the dominant component for both garlic preparations. The fingerprint, or relative ratios, of the other components were distinct for fresh garlic and powdered garlic (Figure 1).

Headspace GC/MS is an effective technique for rapid characterization of garlic and garlic powder samples. The experimental set-up shown here is ideal for both screening and low-level trace analysis. This method provides a fast assessment of garlic quality and is applicable to the determination of low-level sulfur containing compounds from odorless supplements.

\* PerkinElmer

## Rxi®-5ms Column (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

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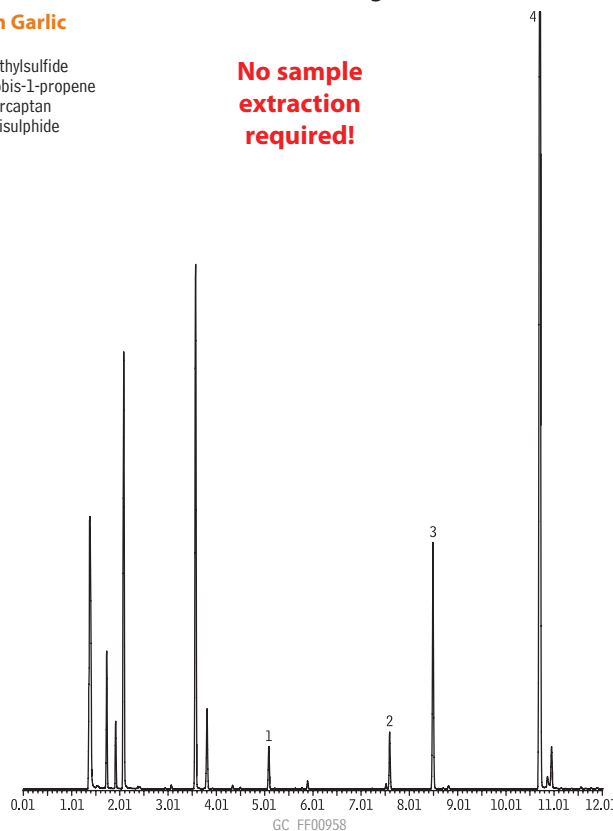


**Figure 1** Rapid screening of garlic volatiles—analyze samples in less than 11 minutes! (Total ion chromatogram)

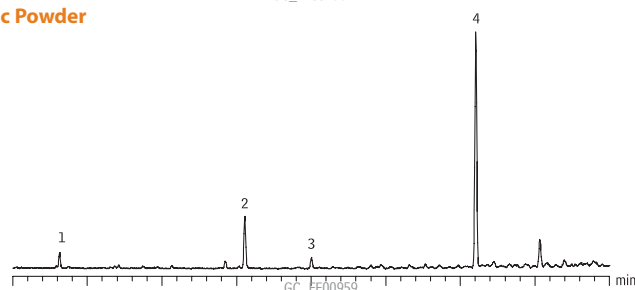
### A. Fresh Garlic

1. allyl methylsulfide
2. 3,3'-thiobis-1-propene
3. allyl mercaptan
4. diallyl disulfide

**No sample  
extraction  
required!**



### B. Garlic Powder



Column: Rxi®-5ms, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 1.0µm (cat.# 13453) with a 5m, 0.32mm ID IP deactivated guard column (cat.# 10044); Sample: A. fresh garlic B. garlic powder  
Inj.: split (10:1); Inj. temp.: 220°C; Flow rate: 1.5mL/min.; Oven temp.: 35°C (hold 1 min.) to 220°C @ 15°C/min. to 300°C @ 45°C/min.; Det: MS; Scan range: 35-350amu; Ionization: EI; Mode: scan  
Headspace Conditions  
Instrument: PerkinElmer TurboMatrix 40 Trap Headspace Sampler; Column pressure: 15psi (103kPa); Inj. pressure: 30psi (207kPa); Thermostat time: 15 min.; Vial pressurize time: 1 min.; Withdraw time: 0.2 min.; Injection time: 0.02 min.; Oven temp.: 80°C; Needle temp.: 90°C; Transfer temp.: 110°C



# Simplify and Speed Up Opiates Analysis

Using LC/MS/MS & an Allure® PFP Propyl HPLC Column

By Kristi Sellers, Innovations Chemist

- 7-minute analysis time, for increased sample throughput.
- Faster sample prep—no derivatization required.
- Separate compounds with similar mass spectra.

Opiates are one of the primary drug classes tested in clinical and forensic laboratories, and most confirmation methods use GC/MS. These methods require derivatization of the target compounds, which significantly lengthens sample preparation time. Here we present an alternative confirmation method, using LC/MS/MS, which can increase sample throughput by eliminating derivatization and shortening analysis time. This procedure also provides accurate confirmation and quantification of compounds that have similar mass spectra, by using an Allure® PFP Propyl column to chromatographically separate compounds that share product ions, allowing positive identification based on retention time.

In developing this LC/MS/MS method for the analysis of opiates, our goals were to obtain baseline resolution of compounds having similar mass spectra while providing an analysis time of less than 10 minutes. To accomplish this, mass spectrometer conditions, column selection, mobile phase, and gradient profiling were evaluated and optimized. Several different stationary phases initially were evaluated including an aqueous C18, a biphenyl, a propyl cyano, and a pentafluorophenyl propyl stationary phase. Consistent column dimensions and base silica (50mm, 2.1mm ID, 5µm particle size, and 60Å pore size) were used for all phases; mobile phase conditions were optimized for each stationary phase. Mobile phases tested included: 0.1% formic acid in water, 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile, and 0.1% formic acid in methanol in various combinations. A variety of gradient profiles also were evaluated.

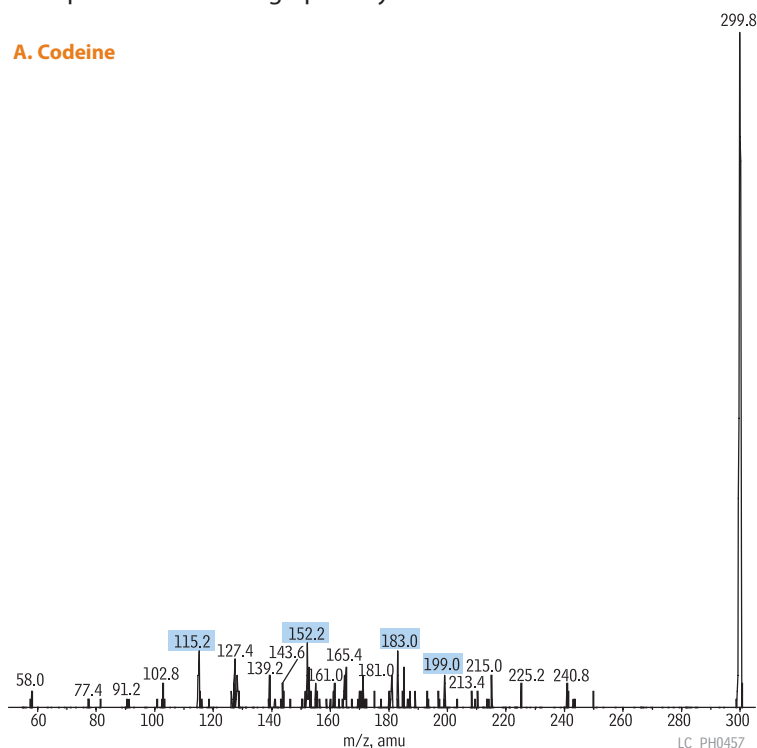
**Table I** +MRM Transitions for Opiates.

Mass Spectrometer Experiments:

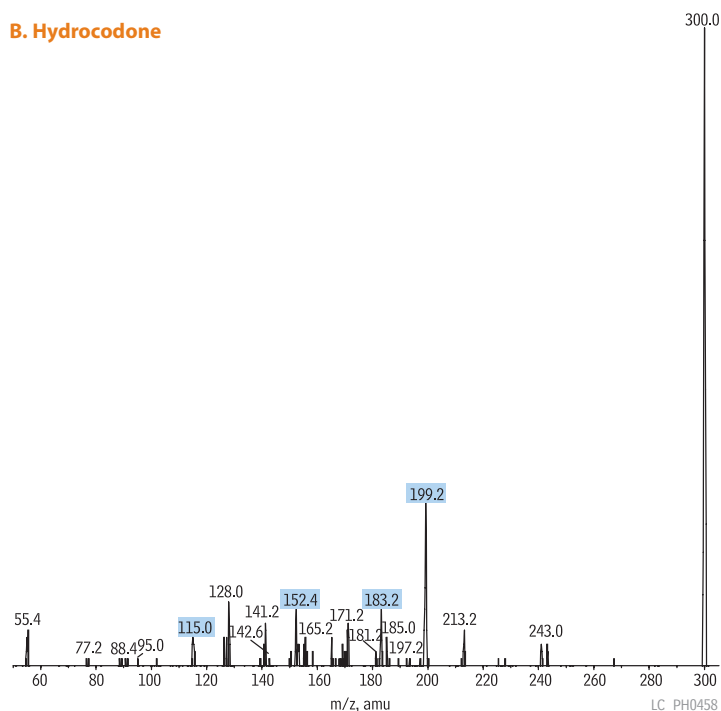
Compound	Q1	Q3	Declustering Potential (V)	Collision Energy (V)
morphine	286	152	46	79
morphine	286	165	46	51
hydromorphone	286	185	46	41
hydromorphone	286	157	46	55
oxymorphone	302	227	36	37
oxymorphone	302	198	36	55
codeine	300	152	46	85
codeine	300	115	46	89
hydrocodone	300	199	46	39
hydrocodone	300	128	46	69
oxycodone	316	240	31	39
oxycodone	316	256	31	33
6-monoacetylmorphine	328	211	51	55
6-monoacetylmorphine	328	193	51	35

**Figure 1** Codeine and hydrocodone share product ions and must be separated chromatographically.

## A. Codeine

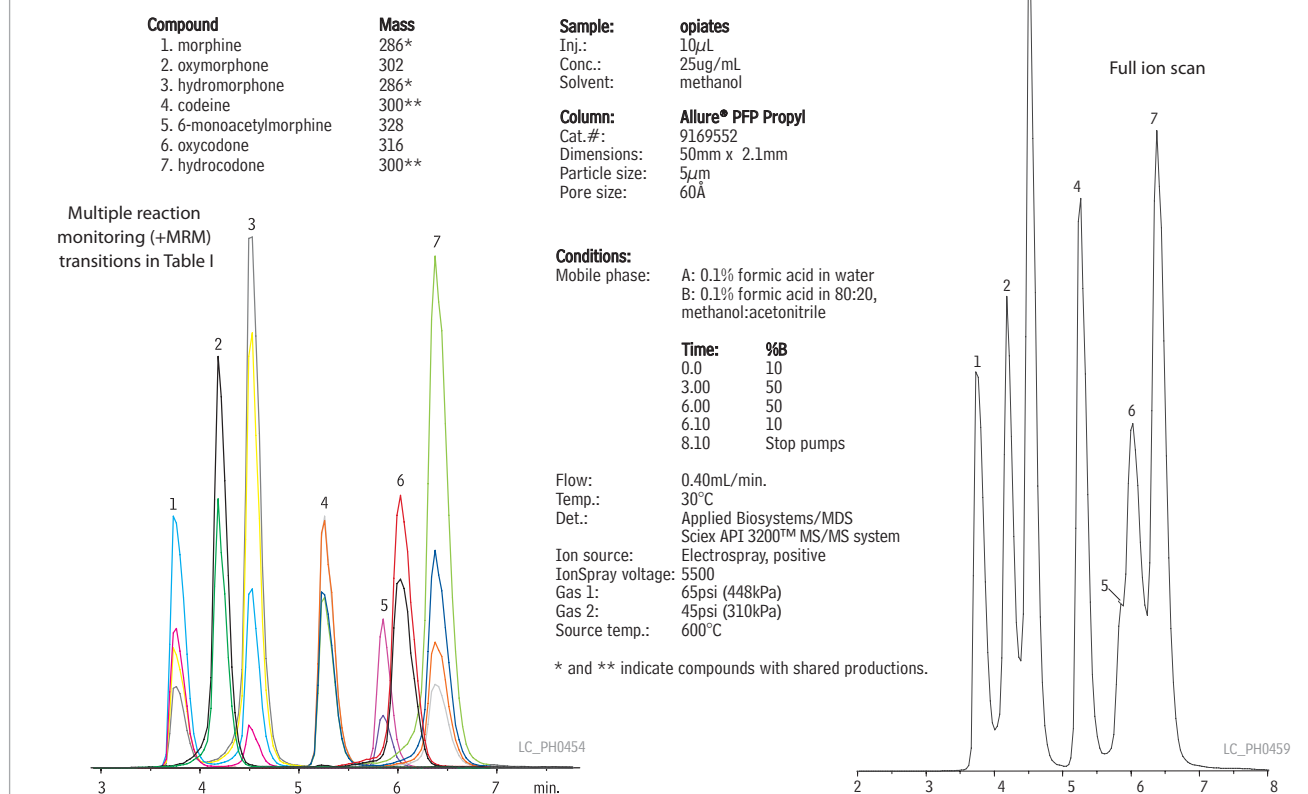


## B. Hydrocodone



For conditions see Figure 2.

**Figure 2** Fully resolve opiates with shared product ions on (morphine/hydromorphone and codeine/hydrocodone) on an Allure® PFP Propyl column.



After mass spectrometry conditions were optimized for each compound, the resulting mass spectra were used to generate +MRM (multiple reaction monitoring) methods. Since MS/MS was used, we were able to target two +MRM transitions per compound to verify the identity of each compound. Table I shows the +MRM transitions and the mass spectrometer conditions. Standards contained morphine, hydromorphone, oxymorphone, codeine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, and 6-monoacetylmorphine (6-MAM) in methanol. The on-column concentration used for column evaluations was 250ng for all compounds.

Although two +MRM transitions were targeted for each compound, some compounds, such as codeine and hydrocodone, shared all monitored product ions (Figure 1). Since these compounds have similar mass spectra, two peaks appear in the extracted ion chromatograms. This made it necessary to separate codeine and hydrocodone chromatographically and identify compound peaks by retention time. Morphine and hydromorphone present the same challenge. Of the stationary phases tested, pentafluorophenyl propyl phase (Allure® PFP Propyl column) produced the best chromatographic separation and peak shape. Baseline resolution of opiates that shared the same product ions was achieved on an Allure® PFP Propyl column in a total analysis time of 7 minutes (Figure 2). Mobile phase gradient and composition had a significant effect on peak shape and resolution (data not shown) and optimized analytical conditions were used.

The Allure® PFP Propyl column, coupled with an LC/MS/MS, produced positive identification of opiates while reducing sample preparation time and keeping analysis time short. Use of the Allure® PFP Propyl column and the LC/MS/MS method shown here can increase sample throughput and is recommended for routine opiates analysis.

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#### Allure® PFP Propyl Columns (USP L43) Excellent Columns for LC/MS and ELSD

##### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 5µm, spherical  
 pore size: 60Å  
 carbon load: 17%

endcap: fully endcapped  
 pH range: 2.5 to 7.5  
 temperature limit: 80°C

<b>5µm Column, 2.1mm</b>	<b>cat. #</b>
50mm	9169552
50mm (with Trident Inlet Fitting)	9169552-700
<b>Guard Cartridges</b>	<b>qty. cat. #</b>
10 x 2.1mm	3-pk. 916950212
10 x 4.0mm	3-pk. 916950210
20 x 2.1mm	2-pk. 916950222
20 x 4.0mm	2-pk. 916950220

#### Exempted Drug of Abuse Reference Materials: Opiates & Metabolites

Concentration is µg/mL. Volume is 1mL/ampul.

Compound	CAS#	Code	Conc.	cat. #
codeine	76-57-3	PTM	1,000	34000
hydrocodone	34195-34-1	PTM	1,000	34002
hydromorphone	71-68-1	PTM	1,000	34063
morphine	6211-15-0	PTM	1,000	34006
oxycodone	124-90-3	PTM	1,000	34007
oxymorphone	76-41-5	PTM	1,000	34065

PTM=purge & trap grade methanol.

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# Easy Transfer of HPLC Methods to UHPLC

## Using Fully Scalable Pinnacle™ DB Columns

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist

- Methods on Pinnacle™ DB columns are easily transferred from 3 and 5µm to 1.9µm, allowing faster analysis without losing separation quality.
- Pinnacle™ DB columns are 100% Restek manufactured—from base silica to final packed column.
- Restek offers the widest selection of stationary phases for UHPLC—more choices mean better selectivity for your analytes.

Ultra High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC) is a rapidly growing technique that produces significantly faster analysis times compared to conventional HPLC. While transferring HPLC methods to UHPLC can increase sample throughput, comparable method parameters must be used to maintain equivalent separations. Here we review which column properties and operating conditions should remain consistent and which need to be optimized in order to maintain selectivity.

In this example, we will perform a scale-down method transfer for sulfonamides (Figure 1). For optimal selectivity and faster analysis times, we used a Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl stationary phase for this application (Figure 2). When performing a scale-down procedure, column pore size, carbon load, and support material must remain the same. Changes to other parameters can be made using a few simple calculations. Let's go through them sequentially.

### Adjusting Column Size

The first calculation determines the appropriate column length. Keeping the same column length while decreasing the particle size increases the number of theoretical plates. Therefore, column length can be shortened without losing resolution. By adjusting the column length properly, using Equation 1, we can maintain the same separation.

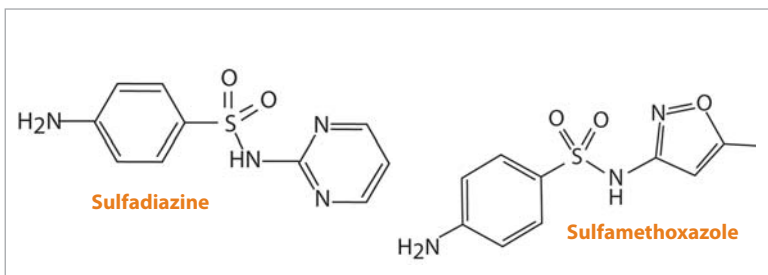
### Adjusting Injection Volume

Once we have determined the proper column length, we can calculate injection volume. Decreasing the column internal diameter and length decreases the overall column volume and sample capacity. Therefore, we must alter the injection volume as described in Equation 2. Note that since overall column volume has decreased, it is important to match the sample solvent to the starting mobile phase composition. Mismatched sample solvents can cause irreproducible retention times, efficiencies, and even changes in selectivity.

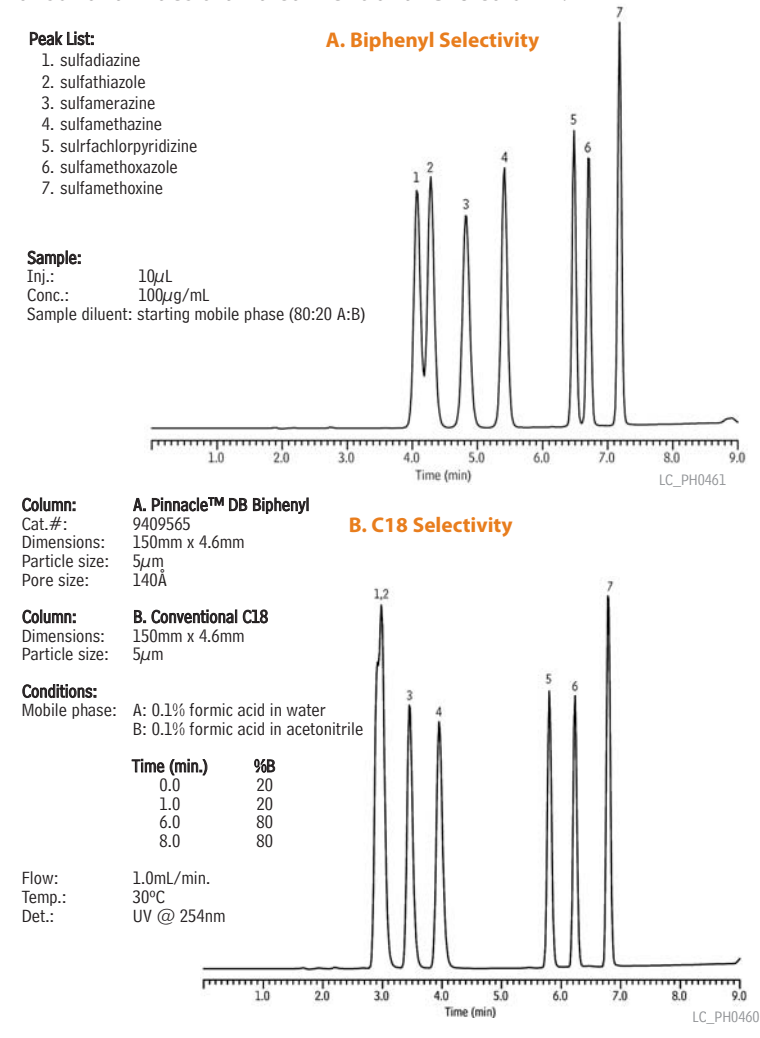
### Adjusting Flow rate

Next, flow rate must be adjusted to maintain comparable linear velocity through a column with smaller internal diameter. To maintain the same linear velocity (which is important in maintaining

**Figure 1** Chemical structures for example sulfonamides.



**Figure 2** A 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl column is more selective for sulfonamides than a conventional C18 column.





**Equation 1** Adjusted column length can easily be calculated when scaling from HPLC to UHPLC.

$$L_{C2} = \frac{L_{C1} \cdot dp_2}{dp_1}$$

**Example:**

$$\frac{L_{C2}}{L_{C1}} = \frac{150\text{mm} \cdot 1.9\mu\text{m}}{5\mu\text{m}}$$

$$L_{C2} = 57\text{mm}$$

$L_C$  = Column Length  
 $dp$  = Particle Size

**Equation 2** Changing column dimensions requires an adjusted injection volume.

$$V_{I2} = V_{I1} \cdot \left( \frac{d_{C2}^2 \cdot L_{C2}}{d_{C1}^2 \cdot L_{C1}} \right)$$

**Example:**

$$V_{I2} = 10\mu\text{l} \cdot \left( \frac{2.1\text{mm}^2 \cdot 50\text{mm}}{4.6\text{mm}^2 \cdot 150\text{mm}} \right)$$

$$V_{I2} = 0.69\mu\text{l}$$

$V_I$  = Injection Volume  
 $L_C$  = Column Length  
 $d_C$  = Column Diameter

**Equation 3** Changing column internal diameter requires using an adjusted flow rate.

$$F_{C2} = \left( \frac{d_{C2}}{d_{C1}} \right)^2 \cdot F_{C1}$$

**Example:**

$$F_{C2} = \left( \frac{2.1\text{mm}}{4.6\text{mm}} \right)^2 \cdot 1.0\text{ ml/min}$$

$$F_{C2} = 0.208\text{ ml/min}$$

$F_C$  = Column Flow  
 $d_C$  = Column Diameter

**Equation 4** When scaling down a gradient method, the time program needs to be adjusted.

$$t_{g2} = t_{g1} \cdot \left( \frac{F_{C1}}{F_{C2}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{d_{C2}^2}{d_{C1}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{C2}}{L_{C1}} \right)$$

**Example:**

$$t_{g2} = 5\text{min} \cdot \left( \frac{1.0\text{ml/min}}{0.2\text{ml/min}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{2.1\text{mm}^2}{4.6\text{mm}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{50\text{mm}}{150\text{mm}} \right)$$

$$t_{g2} = 1.7\text{ min}$$

$t_g$  = Gradient Time  
 $F$  = Column Flow  
 $L_C$  = Column Length  
 $d_C$  = Column Diameter

### Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl Columns (USP L11)

#### Physical Characteristics:

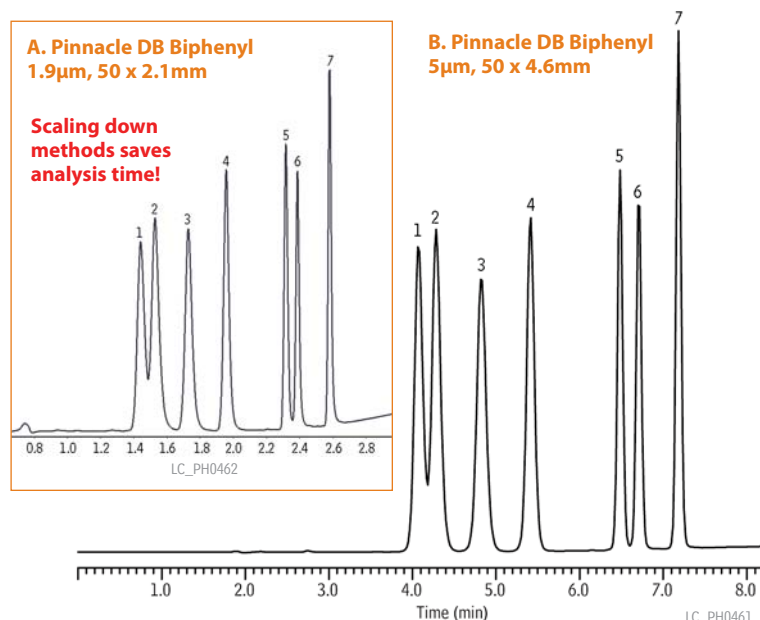
particle size:	endcap: yes
1.9μm, & 5μm, spherical	pH range: 2.5 to 7.5
pore size: 140Å	temperature limit: 80°C
carbon load: 8%	

<b>1.9μm Column, 2.1mm</b>	<b>cat. #</b>
50mm	9409252
<b>5μm Column, 4.6mm</b>	<b>cat. #</b>
150mm	9409565

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**Figure 3** Restek's Pinnacle™ DB 1.9μm columns can easily be scaled from HPLC to UHPLC and vice versa.



#### Peak List:

1. sulfadiazine
2. sulfathiazole
3. sulfamerazine
4. sulfamethazine
5. sulrfachlorpyridizine
6. sulfamethoxazole
7. sulfamethoxine

#### Sample:

Inj.: 10μL  
Conc.: 100μg/mL  
Sample diluent: starting mobile phase (80:20 A:B)

**Column:** A. 1.9μm Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl  
Cat. #: 9409252  
Dimensions: 50mm x 2.1mm  
Particle size: 1.9μm

**Column:** B. Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl  
Cat. #: 9409565  
Dimensions: 150mm x 4.6mm  
Particle size: 5μm  
Pore size: 140Å

#### Conditions:

Mobile phase: A: 0.1% formic acid in water  
B: 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile

Time(min.)	%B
0.0	20
1.0	20
6.0	80
8.0	80

Flow: 1.0mL/min.

Temp: 30°C

Det.: UV @ 254nm

efficiencies), flow rates must be decreased. Also, since smaller particle sizes give rise to higher optimal linear velocities, isocratic flow rates should be calculated with particle size taken into account. In this example, a gradient elution was used and, therefore, particle size was not included in the equation. Equation 3 can be used to estimate the adjusted flow rate needed for equivalent chromatography. Also, note that since <2μm particle sizes are less affected by flow rate, faster flow rates can be used in isocratic systems without detrimental effects on peak efficiency.

### Adjusting Time Program

After determining the proper column length, injection volume, and flow rate, we can calculate the time needed for gradient or step elutions. As an analytical method is scaled down, the time program also needs to be scaled down to keep the phase interactions the same. Time can be adjusted using Equation 4.

### Conclusion

After determining the equivalent conditions for scaling-down the analysis of sulfonamides, we can see that the separations are equivalent, while the analysis time was greatly reduced (Figure 3). By following the procedure described here to ensure that the columns are equivalent, scaling analytical procedures from HPLC to UHPLC can easily be accomplished using Pinnacle™ DB columns.

# Complete Resolution of 13 Carbonyls as DNPH Derivatives

## Using the New Allure® AK HPLC Column

By Randy Romesberg, HPLC Innovations Chemist, and Becky Wittrig, Ph.D, HPLC Product Marketing Manager

- Superior separation of difficult carbonyls—including butyraldehyde and methyl ethyl ketone—compared to C18 columns.
- Allows the use of a simple water:acetonitrile mobile phase for easier preparation and waste disposal.
- Significantly faster run time than conventional C18 columns—less than 12 minutes.

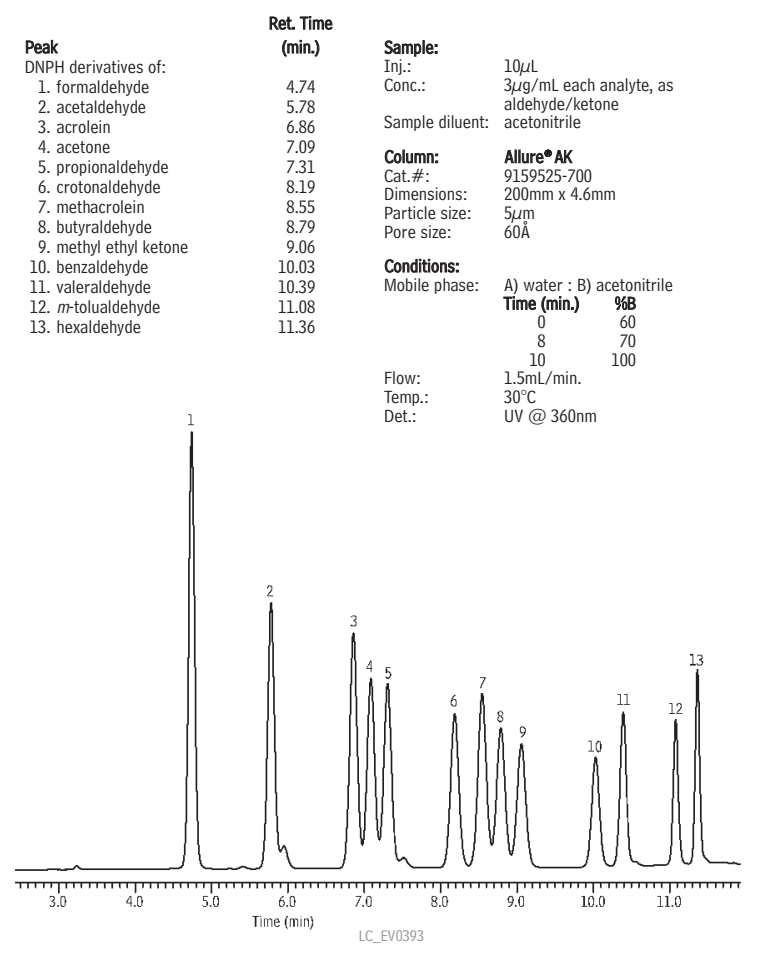
Carbonyls are collected and measured from a variety of samples, including air, exhaust, and cigarette smoke. For example, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) was established in 1967 to address many aspects of air pollution, including air quality problems caused by motor vehicles. CARB Method 1004 is used by the automotive industry to monitor a range of carbonyl compounds (e.g., aldehydes and ketones) in engine exhaust.

Sample collection cartridges impregnated with 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine (DNPH), or impingers containing acidified DNPH, are used to sample air or exhaust. After conversion to DNPH derivatives, the carbonyl compounds are collected and analyzed by HPLC. Since the DNPH derivatives absorb strongly at 360nm, detection limits below 1ppm are easily achievable. The original CARB method uses two C18 columns in series for analysis, although other columns can be used as long as they provide an equivalent or better separation.

The new Allure® AK HPLC column was developed specifically for the analysis of aldehydes and ketones. With a single 200mm column, excellent resolution of these compounds can be achieved in less than 12 minutes (Figure 1). While C18 phases often cannot separate butyraldehyde and methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), the Allure® AK column shows excellent resolution of this difficult pair. In addition, a simple mobile phase gradient of water:acetonitrile can be used with the Allure® AK column, while C18 phases require the addition of THF to achieve acceptable resolution.

When analyzing aldehydes and ketones by HPLC, such as the carbonyls specified in CARB method 1004, the new Allure® AK column will give you the resolution and fast analysis times that you require.

**Figure 1** Excellent resolution of carbonyl compounds in less than 12 minutes, using the Allure® AK HPLC column and a simple water:acetonitrile mobile phase gradient.



### CARB 1004 Aldehyde/Ketone-DNPH Calibration Standard (13 components)

acetaldehyde-2,4-DNPH	hexaldehyde-2,4-DNPH
acetone-2,4-DNPH	methacrolein-2,4-DNPH
acrolein-2,4-DNPH	methyl ethyl ketone-2,4-DNPH
benzaldehyde-2,4-DNPH	propionaldehyde-2,4-DNPH
<i>n</i> -butyraldehyde-2,4-DNPH	<i>m</i> -tolualdehyde-2,4-DNPH
crotonaldehyde-2,4-DNPH	valeraldehyde-2,4-DNPH
formaldehyde-2,4-DNPH	

3µg/mL each in acetonitrile, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 33093

### Allure® AK Columns

#### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 5µm  
pore size: 60Å

endcap: yes  
pH range: 2.5 to 7.5  
temperature limit: 80°C

	cat. #
5µm Column, 3.2mm, 200mm (with Trident Inlet Fitting)	9159523-700
5µm Column, 4.6mm, 200mm (with Trident Inlet Fitting)	9159525-700

Guard Cartridge	qty.	cat. #
10 x 4.0mm	3-pk.	915950210

## Now Available! Capillary Stainless Steel Tubing Assemblies

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By Becky Wittrig, Ph.D, HPLC Product Marketing Manager



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Capillary SS Tubing, 700mm x 0.25mm ID, with fittings	01018-67305	ea.	26528
Capillary SS Tubing, 700mm x 0.25mm ID, with fittings	01078-87306	ea.	26529
Seat Capillary, SS Tubing, 0.17mm ID	01078-87303	ea.	26530
Capillary SS Tubing, 105mm x 0.17mm ID	5021-1816	ea.	26531
Mixing Capillary Assembly	G1312-67302	ea.	26532
Capillary SS Tubing, Valve to Metering Head	G1313-87301	ea.	26533
Capillary SS Tubing, 150mm x 0.17mm ID	5021-1817	ea.	26534
Capillary SS Tubing, 280mm x 0.17mm ID	5021-1818	ea.	26535
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## Sulfinert® Treated Systems Preserve ppb Levels of Active Sulfur Compounds

By Gary Barone, Martin Higgins, David Smith (Restek Performance Coatings Division);  
Shawn Rowan and Warren J. Gross (O'Brien Corporation); and Phil Harris (Harritec LLC.)

- Sulfinert® treatment prevents adsorption of sulfur compounds, ensuring representative sampling.
- Improved accuracy allows precise control of downstream processes, for better efficiency and profitability.
- Shorter cycles translate directly into increased sample throughput.

Many volatile sulfur compounds adsorb strongly to metal surfaces in sampling, storage, and transfer apparatuses. In addition to causing inaccurate values, adsorption can prolong analysis cycle times. To compare quantitative losses of active sulfur species, we sampled, stored, and transferred low ppmv to low ppbv concentrations of active sulfur gases, using control (untreated) and Sulfinert® treated system components.

### Preventing Sulfur Compound Losses During Storage

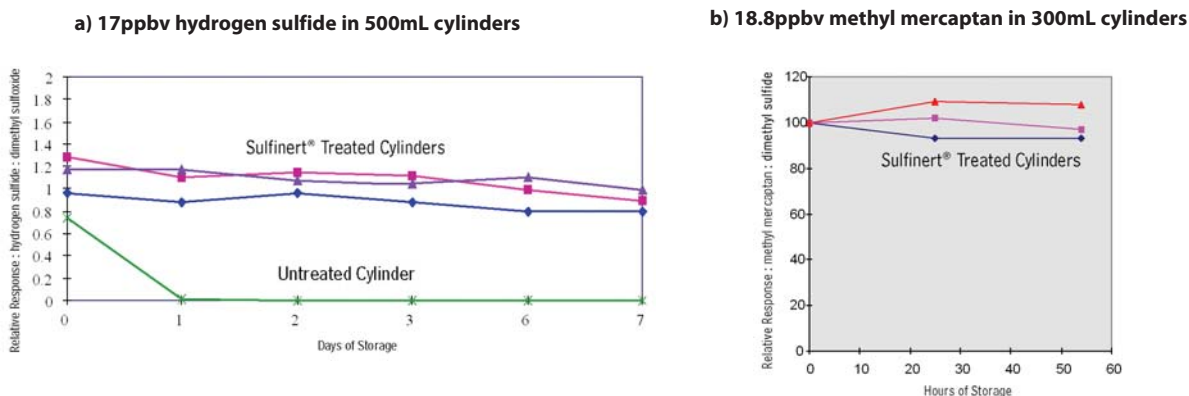
Figure 1a depicts results from a comparison in which a gas containing 17ppbv of hydrogen sulfide was stored for 7 days in untreated or in Sulfinert® treated stainless steel sample cylinders. The response ratio for hydrogen sulfide, relative to a stable reference material, dimethyl sulfide, is steady at approximately 1:1 for at least 7 days in Sulfinert® treated cylinders. The data show a Sulfinert® treated system will reliably store ppb levels of the active sulfur-containing compound during transport from the sampling site to the analytical laboratory. In contrast, hydrogen sulfide degraded rapidly in the untreated cylinder, and was lost totally within 24 hours. In a similar study in which gas containing 18.8ppbv methyl mercaptan was stored for 60 hours in Sulfinert® treated sample cylinders, recovery of the active sulfur compound was equally high relative to the stable reference material, dimethyl sulfide, as shown in Figure 1b.

### Sample Transfer: Adsorption of Sulfur Compounds to Tubing

Comparison of Sulfinert® treated electropolished stainless steel tubing (TrueTube® EPS tubing, O'Brien Corporation, St. Louis, MO), untreated electropolished stainless steel tubing (TrueTube® EP tubing, O'Brien Corporation), and raw commercial grade 316L stainless steel tubing showed Sulfinert® treated electropolished tubing has the inertness necessary for quantitatively transferring low ppmv to low ppbv concentrations of sulfur compounds.

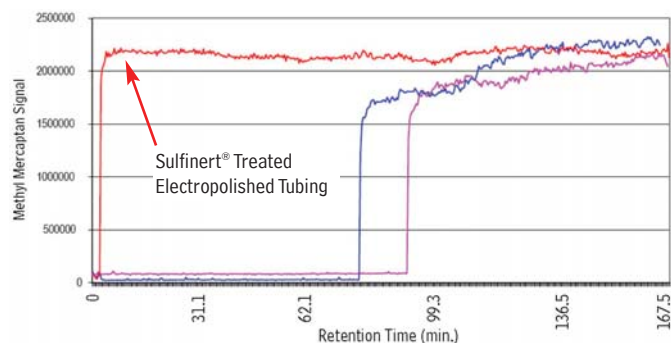
To determine whether an active sulfur-containing compound in a gas stream would adsorb to active sites on the transfer tubing surface, we monitored the length of time that elapsed before recovery values for a sulfur compound exiting a 100-foot (30.5-meter) length of tubing were stable and accurate, using helium containing 0.500ppmv methyl mercaptan as the test material, at a flow rate of 40cc/minute. Figure 2 shows Sulfinert® treated electropolished tubing did not adsorb methyl mercaptan to any measurable extent, delivering a representative sample with no delay. When adsorption of sulfur-containing compounds is prolonged, desorption from the surface also is slow. This "memory" of adsorbed compounds can cause long delays in re-equilibrating a sample pathway. In Figure 3, Sulfinert® treated tubing shows the lowest retention of sulfur compounds, by several orders of magnitude. Samples can be evaluated, with accurate results and with no delay between them.

**Figure 1** Sulfur compounds are stable in Sulfinert® treated cylinders, assuring a representative sample is delivered.

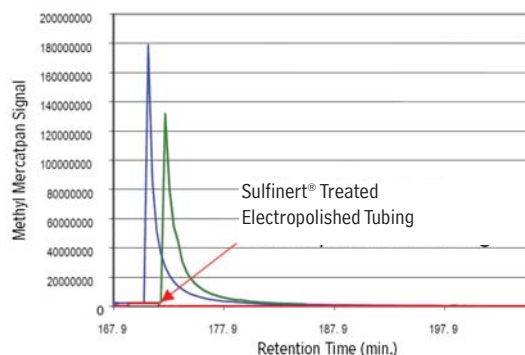


The authors thank Shell Research and Technology Centre, Amsterdam, for the data used in evaluating sulfur gas uptake and the memory effects of tubing substrates.

**Figure 2** Sulfinert® treated tubing (red) does not adsorb methyl mercaptan (500ppbv), giving accurate results with no delay.



**Figure 3** Sulfur memory is prolonged in raw commercial grade stainless steel tubing, increasing cycle time and reducing accuracy.



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Size	qty.	cat.#
75cc	ea.	24130
150cc	ea.	24131
300cc	ea.	24132
500cc	ea.	24133
1000cc	ea.	24134
2250cc	ea.	21394

### Conclusion

We obtained more accurate data, with no delay between samples, by using Sulfinert® treated electropolished tubing in the sampling-storage-transport system. In contrast, we obtained significantly less accurate data, with delays of more than two hours between samples, by using untreated tubing. Improved accuracy and reliability of data for sulfur mean downstream processes can be more precisely controlled, with associated cost savings. Shorter cycles translate directly into more samples collected and analyzed in a given period of time. Analysts charged with monitoring sulfur levels can significantly improve efficiency and profitability by using Sulfinert® treated tubing and components.

### Acknowledgement

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## Performance Testing VOC Audit Sample for Air Toxics

By Irene DeGraff, Product Marketing Manager

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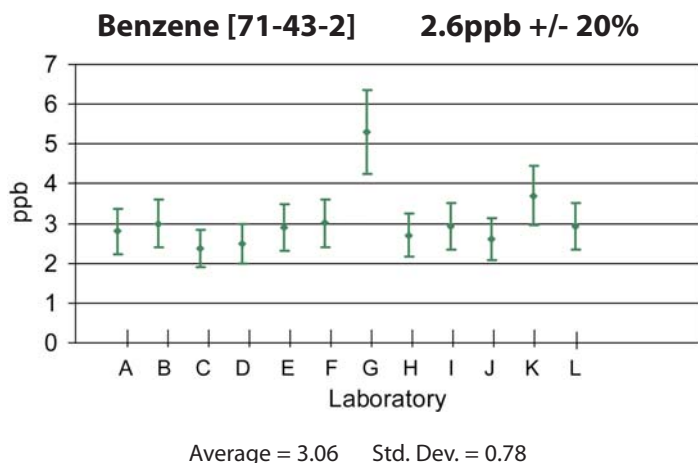
Restek is pleased to be a source of Performance Testing/VOC Audit Samples for the Spectra Gases testing program. This is an on-going testing program in which laboratories, or other users of VOC gas standards, are able to evaluate their own capabilities and compare their performance with that of other air toxic labs. US EPA methods TO-14A, TO-15, and TO-17 are used to determine volatile organic compounds in ambient air. Without an air analysis accreditation program available, a performance testing program by Spectra Gases provides an invaluable tool allowing labs to demonstrate their competence with these methods.

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**Figure 1** Example graph from program report lets you anonymously compare your lab to competitors.



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## Affected by the Helium Shortage?

### Switch Your GC Carrier Gas to Hydrogen

By Al Carusone, Technical Service

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The most common concern when considering a switch to hydrogen is the risk of explosion. Safety depends largely on whether a GC is back pressure regulated or head pressure regulated. Generally older instruments use a pressure regulator located upstream of the injection port (head pressure regulated). In the event of a leak the upstream pressure regulator will maintain pressure, but overall flow can increase dramatically. This situation can lead to an explosion if hydrogen carrier gas fills the hot GC oven. Check your instrument manual to make sure your instrument is either back pressure regulated or equipped with safety features to prevent major leaks. Many instrument companies also are now recognizing the benefits of using hydrogen as a carrier gas and are manufacturing their latest models with additional safety features designed to prevent hydrogen build-up and reduce the risk of explosion.

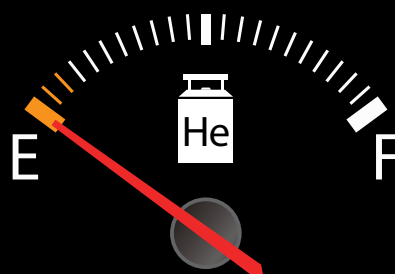
Hydrogen is available in cylinders, but it can also be produced on-site using a hydrogen generator. Hydrogen generators are much safer and more cost-effective than high pressure cylinders. All hydrogen generators offered by Restek are equipped with built-in sensing circuits that will automatically shut down the generator in the rare case that a leak is detected. Another advantage is that hydrogen generators produce hydrogen on-demand, meaning only small volumes (50-100mL) are stored at any one time. Producing hydrogen as it is consumed is much safer than using cylinders which each store up to 9,000 liters.

Hydrogen is a safe, dependable alternative to helium, and hydrogen generators are an ideal way to produce the hydrogen your lab requires. They include great safety features and are cost-effective; based on cylinder savings alone, a generator pays for itself in only one or two years. If your lab has been affected by the current helium shortage and you are considering a switch to hydrogen, see the titles in the sidebar for more information. You'll find switching to hydrogen and using a hydrogen generator to supply your lab offers significant financial and performance benefits.

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## Parker Balston® PEM Hydrogen Generators

By Sue Benes, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager



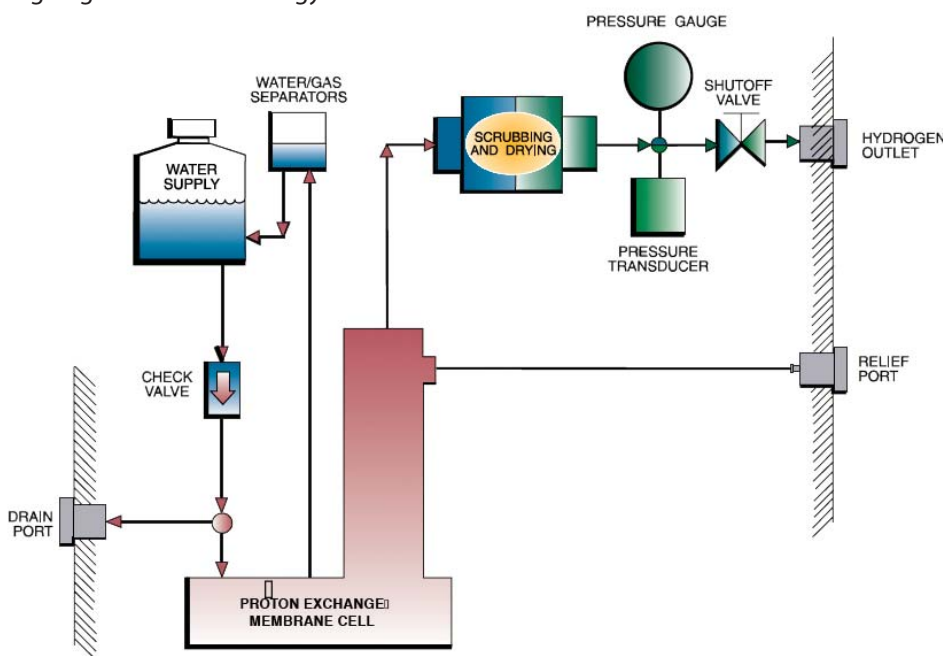
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Purity:	99.9995%	99.9995%	99.9995%	99.9995%
Flow Rates:	100cc/min	165cc/min	260cc/min	510cc/min
Outlet Port:	1/8" compression	1/8" compression	1/8" compression	1/8" compression
Electrical:	100-230Vac/50-60Hz	100-230Vac/50-60Hz	100-230Vac/50-60Hz	100-230Vac/50-60Hz
Delivery Pressure:	10-100 psig $\pm$ 1 psig	10-100 psig $\pm$ 1 psig	10-100 psig $\pm$ 1 psig	10-100 psig $\pm$ 1 psig
Shipping Weight:	40lb (18kg) dry	40lb (18kg) dry	40lb (18kg) dry	40lb (18kg) dry
Dimensions:	17.12"H x 13.46"W x 17.95"D (43.48cm x 34.19cm x 45.6cm)	17.12"H x 13.46"W x 17.95"D (43.48cm x 34.19cm x 45.6cm)	17.12"H x 13.46"W x 17.95"D (43.48cm x 34.19cm x 45.6cm)	17.12"H x 13.46"W x 17.95"D (43.48cm x 34.19cm x 45.6cm)

Description	Capacity	qty.	cat.#
Hydrogen Generator H2PEM-100	100cc/min.	ea.	23065
Hydrogen Generator H2PEM-165	165cc/min.	ea.	23066
Hydrogen Generator H2PEM-260	260cc/min.	ea.	23067
Hydrogen Generator H2PEM-510	510cc/min.	ea.	23068
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(10.2 x 10.2 x 4.8 cm)





## Warm Up Before You Run

Why conditioning your inlet parts after maintenance is good practice

By Scott Grossman, GC Accessories Chemist

- Eliminate background peaks and avoid costly reanalysis.
- Improve reproducibility and system performance.
- Demonstrate system cleanliness.

Every good coach tells athletes to warmup before they run to make sure the body is primed for optimum performance. The same principle applies to maintaining your gas chromatograph—time spent warming up the analytical system after maintenance pays big dividends by improving accuracy and reducing the need for reanalysis. No matter whose products you purchase, inlet parts, just like columns, require a brief conditioning before they are ready for analytical work. Although it is tempting to save time by jumping directly into sample analysis after maintenance, warming up your system helps you ensure accurate results the first time. In this article, we will highlight inlet liners as a perfect example of the need to condition your inlet after maintenance to avoid costly coelutions, irreproducible results, and avoidable reanalysis.

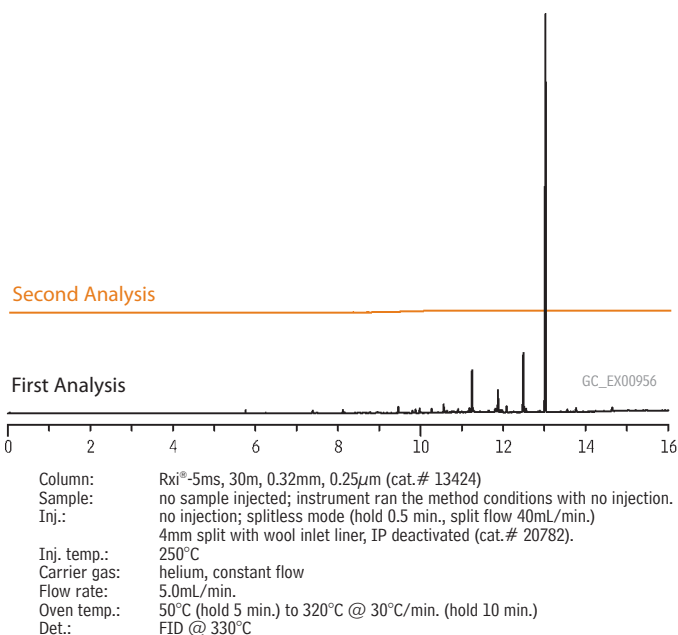
### Sources of Contamination

Even the best liner can exhibit a small bleed pattern if it is used immediately after installation. Common sources of contaminants that can cause bleed include plastic packaging (e.g. phthalates used to make plastics more flexible) and fatty acids from finger oils. To evaluate bleed from contaminated liners, we first established a clean baseline with a control liner, then installed a test liner, and ran the instrument without making an injection. Figure 1 illustrates the effect of handling an inlet liner with bare hands. Even some gloves will impart hydrocarbon contamination that can be very prominent and persistent (Figure 2). So, care needs to be taken when handling your new liners. Handling liners with clean forceps or lint-free technical wipes is a good way to prevent liner contamination.

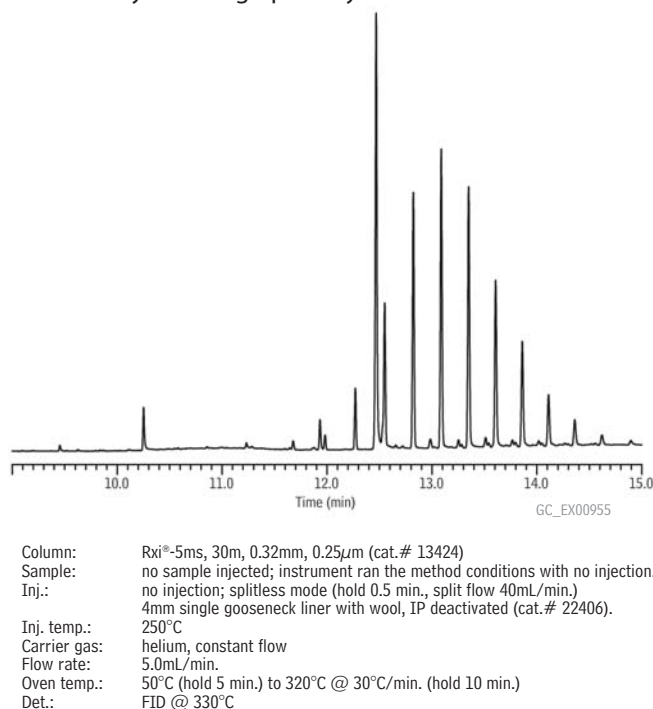
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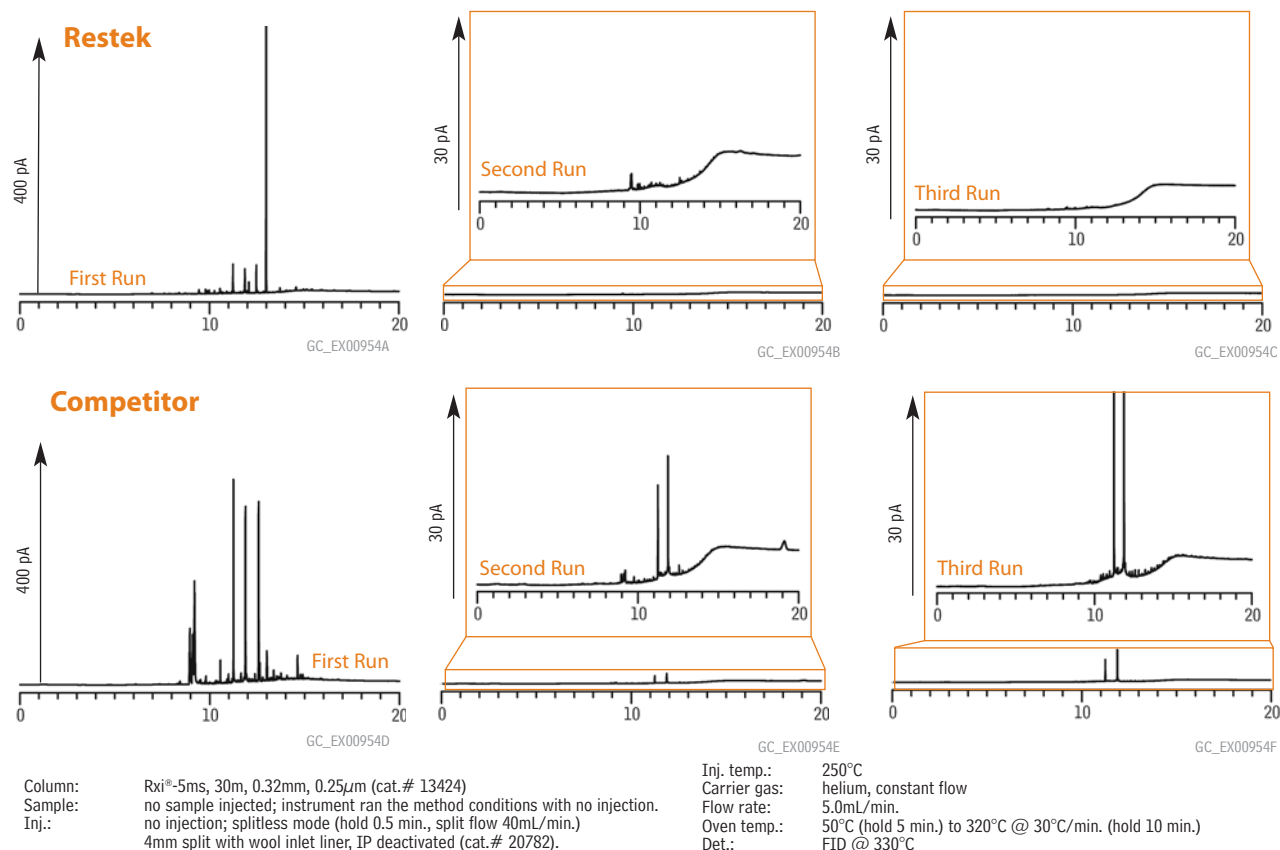
This contamination, also called background “noise,” can be eliminated simply by conditioning the GC system prior to use. You can condition the entire inlet a variety of ways. One suggestion is to make a few preliminary runs using the analytical method parameters (inlet temperature, oven program, etc.) to be used in the subsequent analyses. We evaluated several commercially available liners and determined that liner bleed generally will be gone by the second or third run (Figure 3). An

**Figure 1** Eliminate contamination peaks from finger oils by warming up the system prior to sample analysis.



**Figure 2** Hydrocarbon peaks from nitrile gloves are another example of contamination from maintenance activities that can be eliminated by warming up the system.



**Figure 3** Warmup your system and invest in quality liners to reduce noise and improve accuracy.

advantage to this technique is that it doesn't exert any additional thermal stress on the system, which may mean longer lifetimes for some parts, such as inlet O-rings.

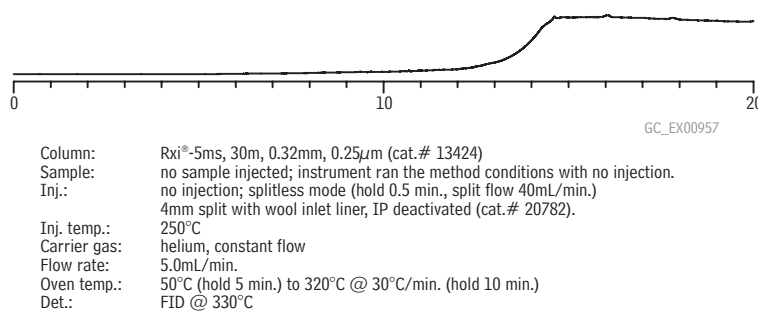
Another method is to elevate the thermal zones in your instrument for a set period of time. The data in Figure 4 show that a flat baseline is achieved after just ten minutes of thermal conditioning. If you use thermal conditioning, be sure to use progressively hotter temperatures along the sample flow path. For example, your column should be hotter than your inlet, and your detector should be hotter than your column. This prevents condensation of contaminants in the system which can appear as "ghost peaks" or poorly shaped peaks that elute at irreproducible retention times.

### Conclusion

We observed that no matter whose product you buy, you can expect some background noise if you install an inlet liner and immediately begin analysis. However, these background peaks easily can be eliminated by either a few warm-up runs or a brief period of thermal conditioning. Before analyzing valuable samples, take the time to warm up your system, ensuring that you are ready to run!

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**Figure 4** Conditioning your system above method temperatures is an excellent way to remove contaminants.

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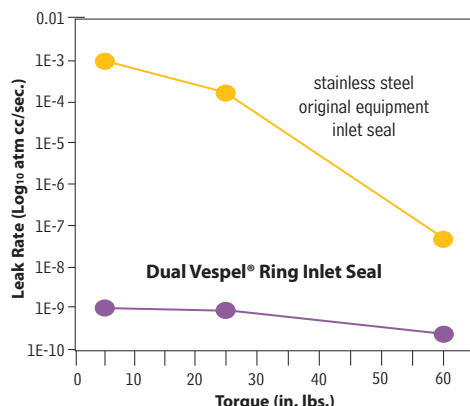


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## Using Guard Columns and Retention Gaps in GC (Part 1)

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increased the sample components will start to move (there is very little retention ...that's why it's called a retention "gap"). When reaching the analytical column, the components will focus in the stationary phase resulting in a narrowing of injection band width (Figure 1). As these retention gaps are mainly used for on-column injection, the inside diameter is usually 0.32mm up to 0.53mm since the needle of an on-column syringe must be able to enter the retention gap. For coupling the retention gaps to the analytical column, we need generally coupling devices that can deal with different diameter capillary tubing.

### Retention gaps and splitless injection

While on-column injection minimizes discrimination and provides the best quantitative data, especially for thermolabile components, it can be challenging to perform. Many laboratories will choose a splitless method for ease of use. For splitless injection we generally do not require a retention gap. The sample is injected in a hot injection port, evaporated, and transported with a carrier gas flow of approximately 1mL/min. into the capillary. The amount of solvent vapor that enters the column per unit time is much smaller than with on-column injection. Although with splitless injection the oven temperature is also 10-15°C below the boiling point of the solvent, there is little chance of the solvent condensing. The high concentration of solvent entering the capillary column will cause a strong focusing effect for the components, generating a narrow injection band. If, in splitless injection, a method is used where the initial (injection) oven temperature is much lower than the boiling point of the solvent, the risk of solvent condensation (forming a liquid plug) will increase. This can cause unwanted broadening of the injection band. Coupling a retention gap will also fix this problem.

### Wettability of the retention gap

An important factor for good performance is the wettability of the retention gap surface. It is critical that the solvent spread evenly over the surface. This means that nonpolar solvents (hexane, methylene chloride, isooctane, benzene) require non/intermediate deactivated retention gaps and more polar solvents (methanol) will require polar deactivated retention gaps. If the polarity of the retention gap and solvent do not match, the solvent will form droplets inside the capillary. The carrier gas will "push" this droplet along the retention gap into the analytical column. The result is a broadened injection and possibly even peak splitting.

### Retention gaps for large volume injection

Instead of injection of 1µl on a 1-2m retention gap, one can also inject much larger amounts on much longer retention gaps. Here we talk about large volume injection technique where retention gaps of 8-10m are used. Such retention gaps can be loaded with 100-200µl of sample. Injection must be slow to allow the solvent to evaporate while passing through the retention gap. With large volume injection, detection limits can be reduced by a factor of 100. The technique requires some skill to optimize all the injection parameters. Additionally, the large volume retention gaps do pollute relatively quickly due to the large amounts of sample introduced.

Guard columns and retention gaps are useful tools to the practicing chemist and it is important to understand the difference between them. In Part 2 of this article, we will review guard columns and discuss a new segment coating technology that allows retention gaps and guard columns to be built directly into the analytical column tubing. This new technology eliminates column coupling, substantially reducing analytical problems related to leaks and dead volume.

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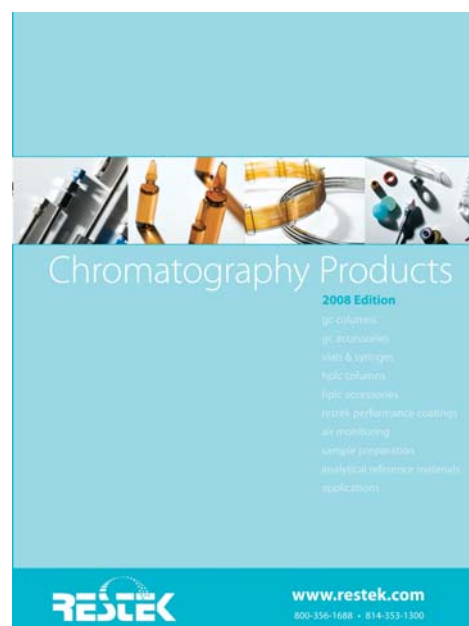
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# Retention Cross-over Phenomenon in Gas Chromatography—Can the Mystery be Revealed? Part 2

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In the last issue of the Restek Advantage (2007.02), I showed some examples of the cross-over phenomenon on polar (polyethyleneglycol) columns. Here in Part 2, we will examine the cross-over phenomenon on nonpolar columns.

It is known to a lesser extent that changes in peak elution order also occur on nonpolar or weakly polar stationary phases for hydrocarbons that differ only in their carbon skeleton, e.g. aliphatic versus cyclic compounds or cyclic compounds differing in their ring number. The terpenes sabinene,  $\beta$ -pinene and myrcene are given as an example in Figure 1. The cross-over effect was observed on a polydimethylsiloxane phase with 5% phenyl (60m, 0.25mm ID, 1 $\mu$ m film thickness) as well as on a 100% polydimethylsiloxane phase (60m, 0.32mm ID, 0.5 $\mu$ m film thickness). The column temperature was increased from 90°C to 160°C using isothermal mode. The elution order changed from sabinene,  $\beta$ -pinene, myrcene at 90°C to myrcene, sabinene,  $\beta$ -pinene at 160°C. What could be the reason for this effect? A closer look at the molecular structure shows that sabinene and  $\beta$ -pinene are double ring systems whereas myrcene is an aliphatic hydrocarbon.

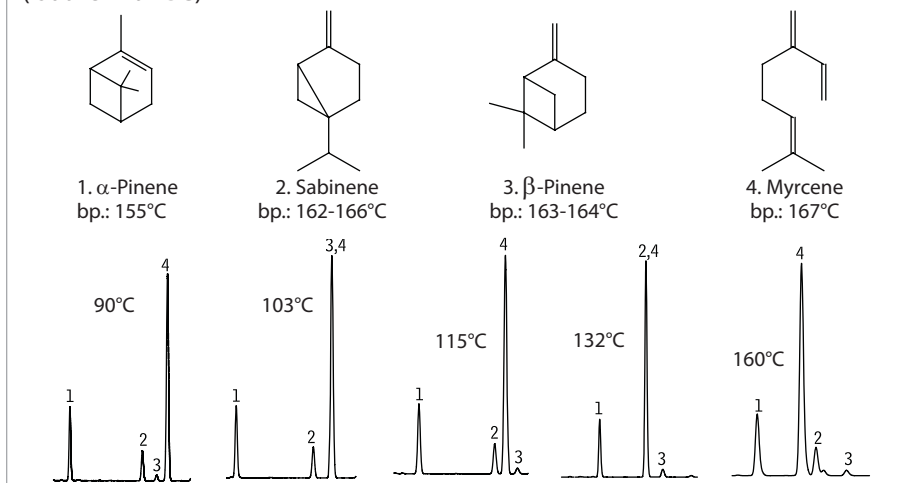
Other interesting analyte pairs prone to cross-over on methylsiloxane phases at different column temperatures are *o*-xylene/*n*-nonane, naphthalene/dodecane, as well as 1,2,3-trimethylbenzene/*n*-decane. In the latter case we also observe coelution and cross-over at different temperature programming rates. At a heating rate of 2°C/min., *n*-decane elutes before 1,2,3-trimethylbenzene, at 5°C/min. coelution occurs, and at 20°C the aromatic hydrocarbon is the first peak (100% PDMS column, 12m, 0.2mm ID, 0.33 $\mu$ m film thickness, starting temperature 35°C). It seems obvious that the geometry of the molecule, e.g. cyclic versus open chain, contributes to the cross-over phenomenon.

Nevertheless, I have this long-standing friendly discussion with a former student of mine, who persistently points out that the examples we have been looking at so far are always pairs of conjugated versus nonconjugated compounds and that  $\pi$  interactions, specifically with phenyl modified phases, should be taken into account.

Let's, therefore, go back to the structure of substances presented in Figure 2: they are exclusively saturated aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons. The data in Figure 2 are from Hively and Hinton (1968) and in that paper the relative retention and retention indices of approxi-

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**Figure 1** Elution order on a 100% PDMS column at various temperatures (isothermal GC)



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The high temperature programs required for analysis of biodiesel oils (B100) by either ASTM D-6584 or EN-14105 methodology present a significant challenge to the analytical column. High-temperature fused silica tubing breaks down under these extreme conditions, but the metal MXT® tubing does not degrade, even at temperatures up to 430°C (Figure 1). This allows analysts to bake out any residue eluting after the triglycerides, preventing carryover without damaging the column.

So how well do the MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns perform? We conducted a benchmarking experiment comparing an MXT®-Biodiesel TG column with Integra-Gap™ to a high-temperature fused silica column coupled to a conventional 0.53mm retention gap. Methodology followed ASTM method D-6584, except the final temperature was modified to 430°C. Both columns were subjected to 100 temperature cycles up to 430°C and derivatized B100 was injected.

This evaluation was performed using a Shimadzu 2010 gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector, a model AOC 20i + S autosampler with a 10µL SGE syringe and 42mm 26-gauge needle, and a cold on-column programmable injector with a stainless steel injector insert. A Parker hydrogen generator supplied the carrier gas. Peak symmetry and retention time were evaluated as indicators of thermal stability.

Peak symmetry of butanetriol on a commercial high-temperature fused silica column deteriorates after just 20 injections, compared to the excellent symmetry that is maintained on the MXT®-Biodiesel TG column (Figure 2). In addition to peak shape, retention time stability was used to evaluate column performance. The decrease in retention time seen on the high-temperature fused silica column indicates the liquid phase is being lost (Figure 3). In contrast, the consistent retention times obtained on the MXT®-Biodiesel TG column demonstrate its stability. Practically, this translates into reliable performance and longer column lifetimes.

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### Factory connected 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns & 0.53mm retention gaps

For accurate analysis of heavy triglycerides, on-column injection is required. ASTM D-6584 describes the use of a 0.32mm analytical column coupled with a 0.53mm retention gap. The 0.53mm ID retention gap allows the cool on-column technique to be used, but care must be taken to minimize dead volume and to establish a leak-tight connection. Restek's 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are factory-coupled to a 0.53mm MXT® retention gap with an Alumaseal™ connector, ensuring a leak-

**Figure 1** MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are undamaged by high thermal cycles compared to high-temperature fused silica columns which breakdown under the same conditions.



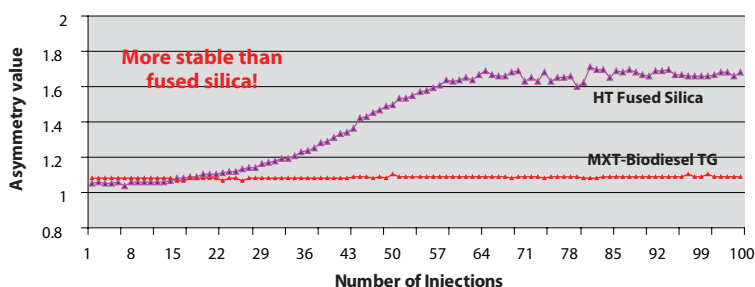
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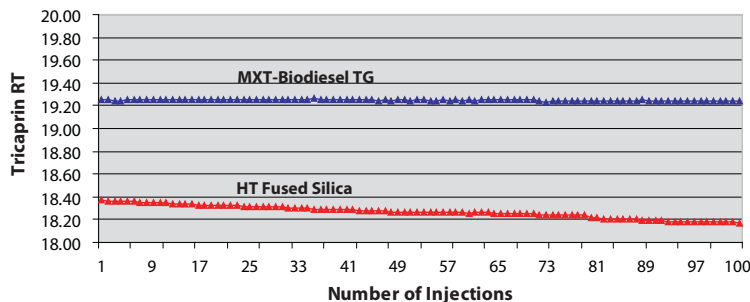
**HT fused silica columns, labeled as stable to 430°C, show pitting and breakdown.**

100 temperature cycles to 430°C totaling 500 minutes at maximum temperature.

**Figure 2** Stable and consistent peak shape for the internal standard butanetriol gives you more accurate quantitation.

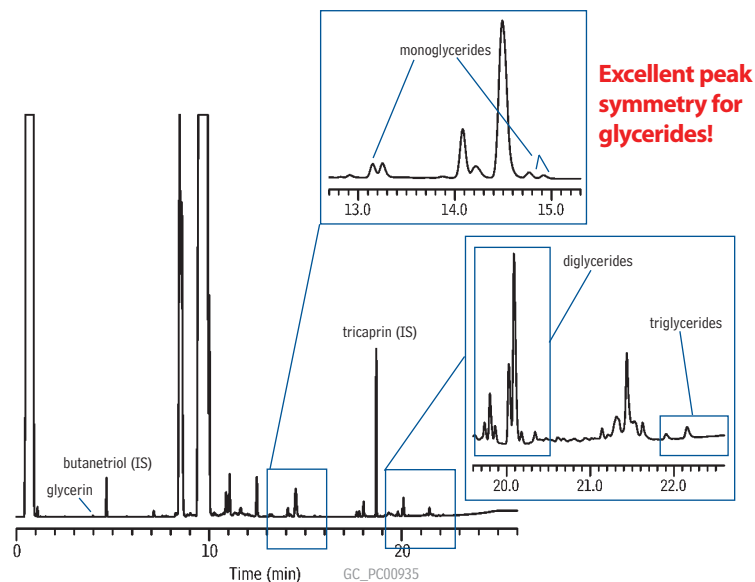


**Figure 3** Retention time is stable on a metal MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, even after 100 cycles up to 430°C.





**Figure 4** Derivatized B100 samples resolve well on the 0.32mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG column, which is factory-coupled to a 0.53mm MXT® retention gap.



Column: MXT®-Biodiesel TG 10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.1µm with 2m x 0.53mm retention gap  
 Sample: B100 + IS Butanetriol & Tricaprin derivatized with MSTFA as per ASTM D-6584  
 Instrument: Shimadzu 2010  
 Inj.: 1.0µL cool on-column; Inj. temp.: oven track  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 4mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min., to 230°C @ 7°C/min., to 430°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
 Det.: FID @ 430°C

tight connection. Target analytes resolve well and the solvent and triglyceride peaks show excellent symmetry (Figure 4).

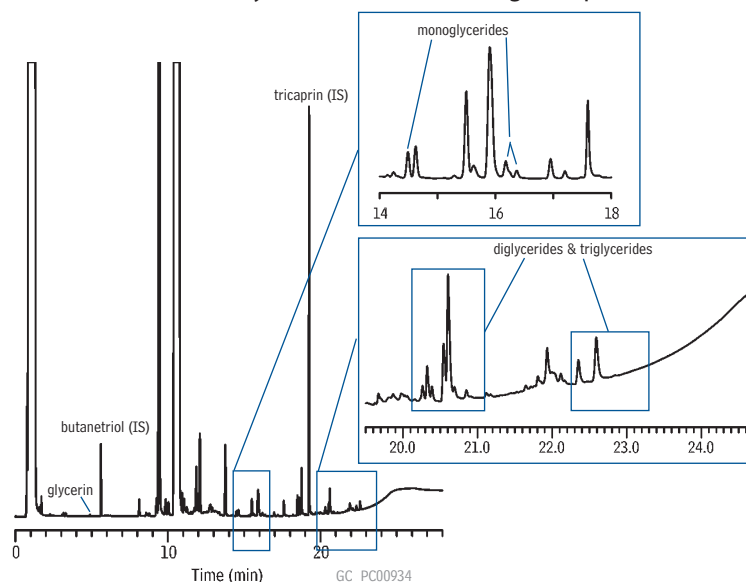
#### 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns

The 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns are a simpler alternative to using a 0.32mm column coupled to a 0.53mm retention gap. Restek applied Integra-Gap™ technology to the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns, eliminating the column coupling. These single unit leak-proof columns feature a built-in retention gap, reducing the risk of peak broadening and tailing. Chromatography from the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG with Integra-Gap™ technology (Figure 5) is excellent and comparable to that obtained on the 0.32mm ID column in Figure 4.

#### Conclusion

As demonstrated, for high temperature GC analysis, the metal MXT®-Biodiesel TG column is a rugged column that withstands the harsh temperatures required for total residual glycerin analysis. The column has the resolution needed for accurate, reliable results and is more stable at high temperatures than competitive fused silica columns, leading to longer column lifetimes. To improve the reliability and robustness of your biodiesel analyses, try one of our MXT®-Biodiesel TG columns.

**Figure 5** Equivalent chromatographic quality on the 0.53mm MXT®-Biodiesel TG analytical column with Integra-Gap™



Column: MXT®-Biodiesel TG 13m, 0.53mm ID, 0.16µm with built-in 2m Integra-Gap™ (total column length 15m)  
 Sample: B100 + IS Butanetriol & Tricaprin derivatized with MSTFA as per ASTM D-6584  
 Instrument: Shimadzu 2010  
 Inj.: 1.0µL cool on-column; Inj. temp.: oven track  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 4mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min., to 230°C @ 7°C/min., to 430°C @ 30°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
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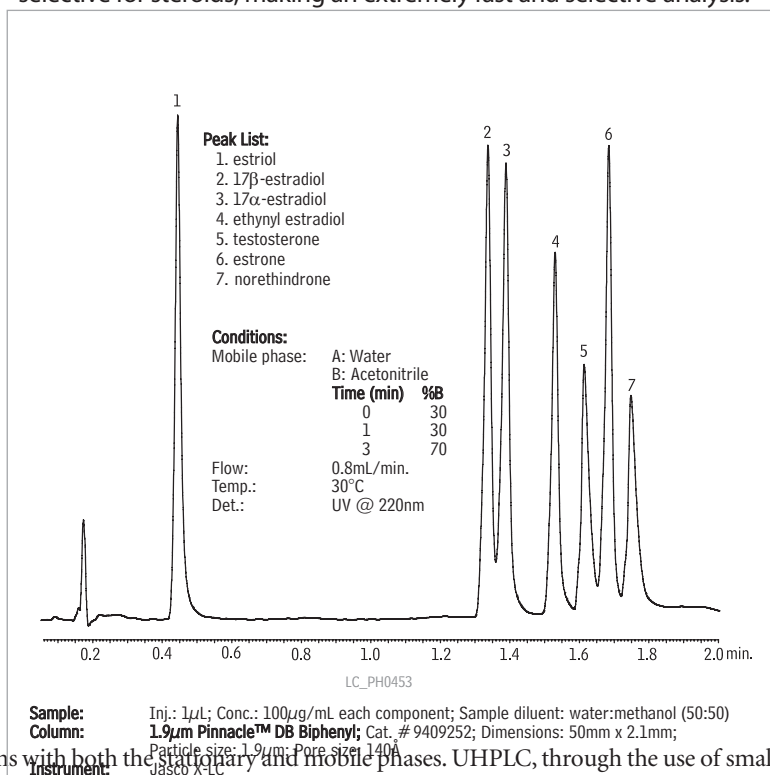
In past articles we have discussed the physical advantages that are driving interest in small particles, mainly the influence of particle size on usable flow rates and peak efficiency. Although small particles have made faster separations possible, selectivity has the greatest effect on resolution. Selectivity, in turn, is governed predominantly by analyte interactions with both the stationary and mobile phases. UHPLC, through the use of small particle columns, does maximize efficiency (e.g. theoretical plates), but the stationary phase is still the most important consideration when attempting to resolve mixtures of compounds. Ideally, a stationary phase that produces optimum selectivity or allows for resolution of compounds in a timely manner should be selected.

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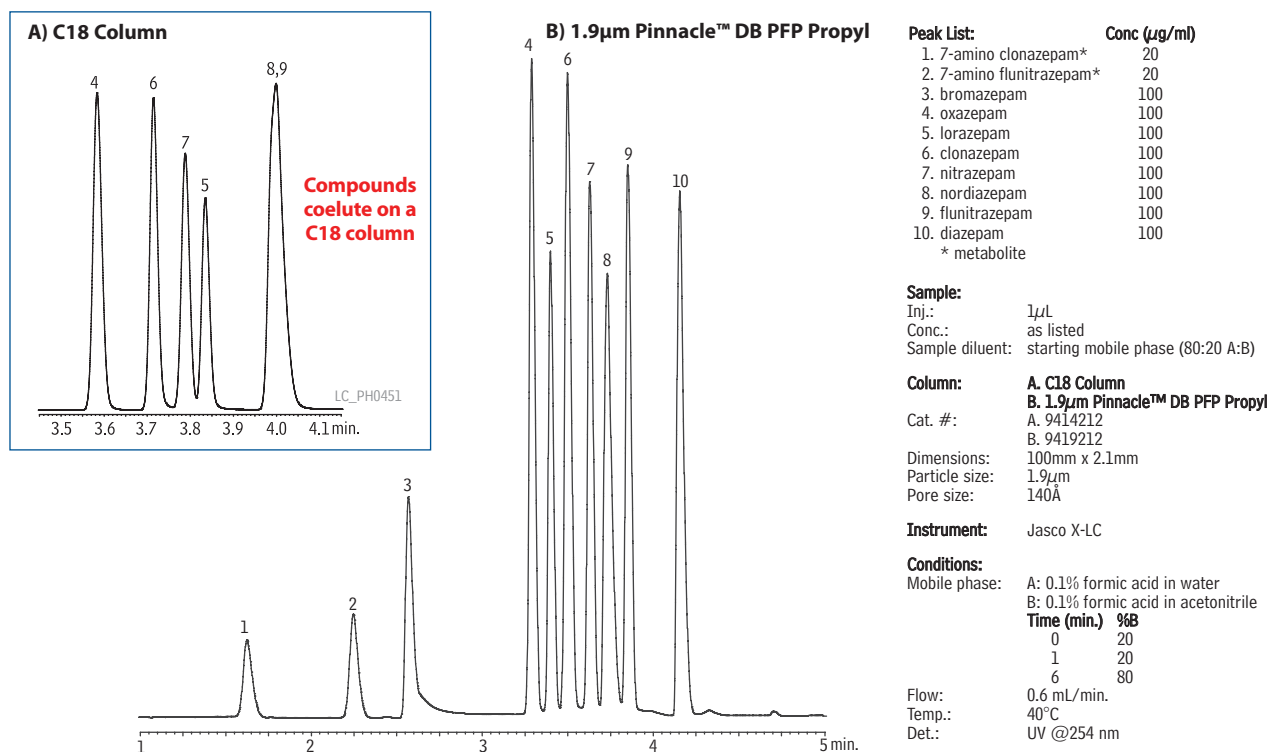
Another example of unique selectivity available on a 1.9µm particle size column is the PFP Propyl (pentafluorophenyl propyl) stationary phase for halogenated drug compounds. This phase is very selective and retentive for organohalogens or other compounds containing basic or electronegative functionalities. To demonstrate heightened selectivity for halogenated drug compounds, we assayed a test mix of eight benzodiazepines and two metabolites, a mix commonly assayed on a C18 column, in just over 4 minutes with complete resolution (Figure 2). To get the same level of selectivity from a C18 column, a shallower gradient would be needed, prolonging the analysis time. Since the selectivity of the Pinnacle™ DB 1.9µm PFP Propyl column elutes the benzodiazepines in quick succession, a simple gradient still allows for the earlier elution of the more polar metabolites, while maintaining a fast overall run time.

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**Figure 1** Restek's 1.9 µm Pinnacle™ DB Biphenyl columns are highly selective for steroids, making an extremely fast and selective analysis.



**Figure 2** Fast, selective analysis of benzodiazepines is made possible by combining the speed of UHPLC with the enhanced selectivity of the 1.9 $\mu$ m Pinnacle™ DB PFP Propyl column.



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 endcap: yes

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50mm	9414252
100mm	9414212
<b>1.9<math>\mu</math>m Pinnacle™ DB Silica column, 2.1mm</b>	<b>cat. #</b>
30mm	9410232
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100mm	9410212
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100mm	9418212

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# Faster Organochlorine Pesticide Sample Throughput

On New Rtx®-CLPesticides & Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns

By Jason Thomas, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Dramatically improve sample throughput.
- Results in <7min. by conventional analysis, or <5min. using the Gerstel MACH system.
- Outstanding resolution on all columns.

As the environmental testing market continues to be very competitive, laboratory operating costs are a critical concern. Increasing sample throughput is one way to reduce costs, and shortening analytical run time is an effective way to do this. Here we offer methods for reducing run time for the organochlorine pesticides analyzed under US EPA Method 8081. The significant reduction in both analysis time and more significantly, cycle time, offered here is a major benefit for environmental laboratories.

Restek developed the Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column pair specifically for chlorinated pesticides. These phases were designed to separate the isomers and the structurally similar pairs on the list of target analytes. Here we introduce new film thicknesses with optimized phase ratios for some of the columns in this line. Using these new stationary phase film thicknesses and the optimized run conditions shown, the 20 compounds in US EPA Method 8081 can be separated to baseline in less than 7 minutes (Figure 1). This allows rapid analysis without sacrificing column capacity, which translates, of course, into much improved sample throughput for your laboratory.

## An Even Faster Alternative

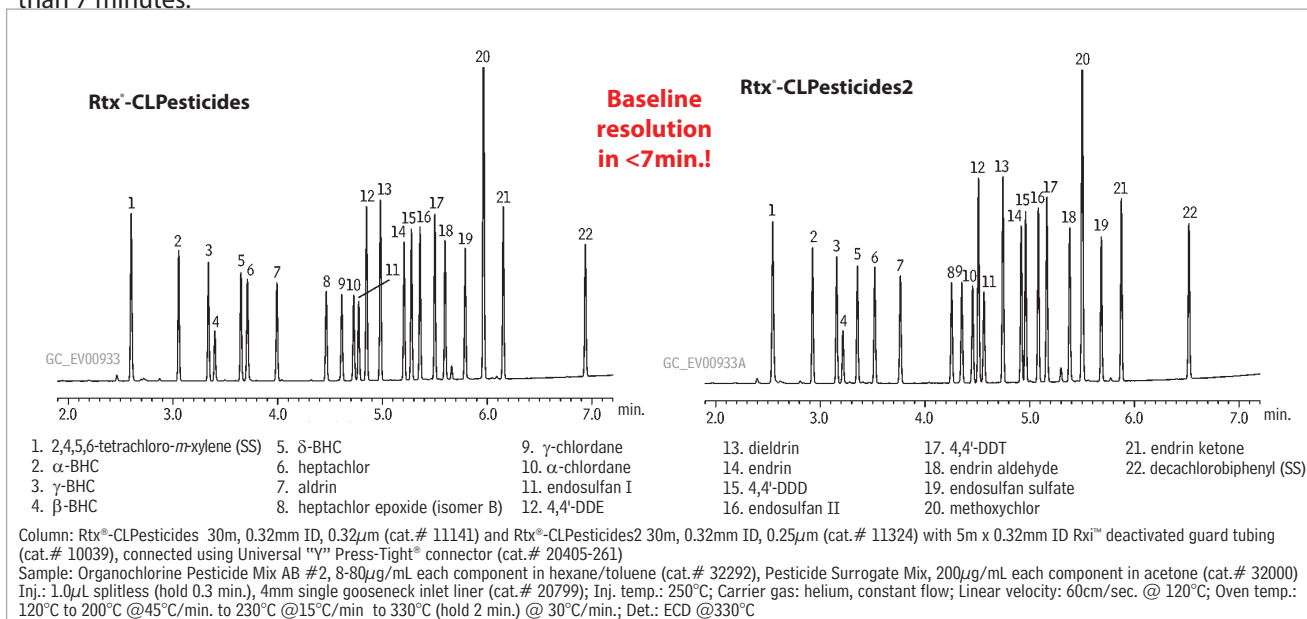
In the attempt to obtain faster analytical run times, several different concepts have been introduced to improve the stock performance of standard GCs. One of the most recent and versatile ideas is the low thermal mass method by Gerstel using an apparatus called the MACH, (Modular Accelerated Column Heater) (Figure 2). This system operates by heating the capillary column outside of the GC oven in a small column module mounted on the oven door.

This apparatus provides several important advantages. First, due to the low thermal mass of the unit, very rapid heating and cooling times can be realized, which significantly shortens cycle times. Second, because of the way the column is wrapped, very uniform heating occurs, which eliminates the eddies and hot spots produced in a conventional GC oven. Finally, since the column modules are independently controlled, two different temperature programs can be run simultaneously, which allows each column to be optimized individually.

Restek applied this novel MACH technology to EPA Method 8081 using an Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 column pair. Almost 100% baseline resolution was obtained for all 22 pesticides and surrogates, on both columns, in under five minutes (Figure 3). This combination of ultra-fast analysis time and outstanding resolution is a result of the unique selectivity and high efficiency of the phases combined with the narrow peaks associated with ultra-rapid ramp rates.

Regardless of whether you choose to embrace the new fast-GC technology, or continue to adhere to more conventional GC, Restek Rtx®-CLPesticides and Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns can provide exceptional performance and very rapid run times when analyzing chlorinated pesticides.

**Figure 1** Baseline resolution of organochlorine pesticides on the 0.18mm ID Rtx®-CLPesticides column pair in less than 7 minutes.





**Figure 2** Two column modules in a Gerstel MACH column heating system.

The MACH system allows independent temperature programming of up to two columns, simultaneously.

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### Rtx®-CLPesticides Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 310/330°C	20-Meter	42102
0.53mm	0.50	-60 to 300/320°C	30-Meter	11140

### Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns (fused silica)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.14	-60 to 310/330°C	20-Meter	42302
0.53mm	0.42	-60 to 300/320°C	30-Meter	11340

### Pesticide Surrogate Mix

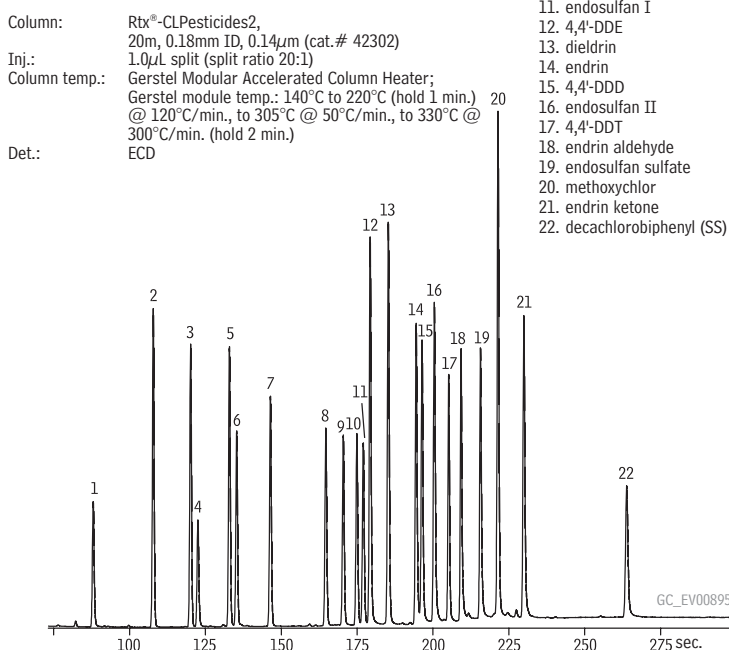
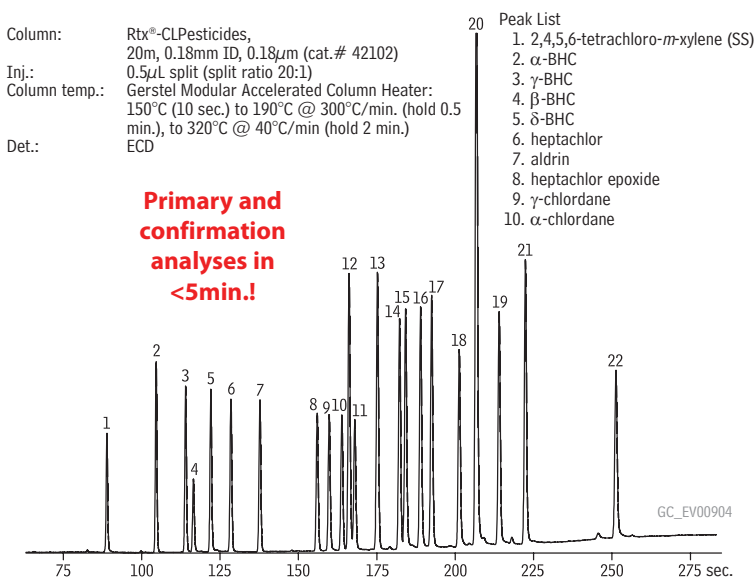
decachlorobiphenyl 2,4,5,6-tetrachloro-*m*-xylene  
200 μg/mL each in acetone, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 32000

### Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2

(20 components)

aldrin	8 μg/mL	dieldrin	16
α-BHC	8	endosulfan I	8
β-BHC	8	endosulfan II	16
δ-BHC	8	endosulfan sulfate	16
γ-BHC (lindane)	8	endrin	16
α-chlordane	8	endrin aldehyde	16
γ-chlordane	8	endrin ketone	16
4,4'-DDD	16	heptachlor	8
4,4'-DDE	16	heptachlor epoxide (B)	8
4,4'-DDT	16	methoxychlor	80
In hexane:toluene (1:1), 1mL/ampul			
cat. # 32292			

**Figure 3** Resolve organochlorine pesticides in less than 5 minutes using the Rtx®-CLPesticides columns and the MACH system.



Sample: Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2 (8-80 μg/mL each component in hexane:toluene 1:1, cat. # 32292), Pesticide Surrogate Mix (200 μg/mL each component in acetone, cat. # 32000)

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# Resolving the Benzo(j)fluoranthene Challenge

## Separate New PAHs Quickly Using the Rxi™-17 GC Column

By Robert Freeman, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Fully resolve benzo(j)fluoranthene from benzo(b) & (k).
- Excellent resolution of 16 priority pollutant PAHs.
- Separate difficult dibenzo pyrene isomers.

### New Compounds, New Challenges

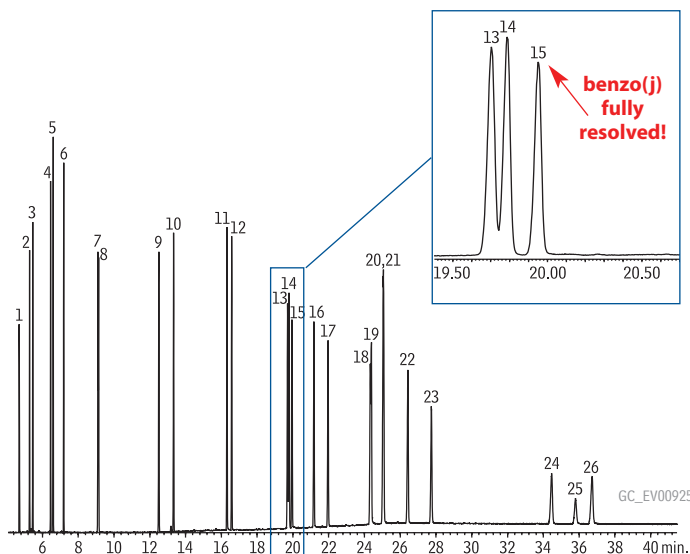
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are widespread organic pollutants that significantly affect environmental quality and raise human health concerns. The US EPA mandates testing of 16 priority PAH pollutants, while analyte lists in other countries are expanding to include compounds such as benzo(j)fluoranthene, dibenzo(a,h)-acridine, and dibenzo(a,e)pyrene, that are difficult to analyze under conventional test conditions. Benzo(j)fluoranthene and benzo(b)fluoranthene, for example, co-elute on a 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane stationary phase. When reporting of individual concentrations for each isomer is required, conventional methods are not viable and new solutions must be found.

### The Rxi™ Alternative

The Rxi™-17 column contains a 50% diphenyl/50% dimethyl polysiloxane stationary phase. The higher concentration of phenyl groups in this stationary phase increases retention of phenyl-containing compounds, such as PAHs, thus facilitating separation. We also used a Drilled Uniliner® inlet liner since it eliminates sample exposure to cold spots and potentially active metal components in the injection port. Using a pulsed splitless injection, we maximize sample transfer to the column while minimizing high molecular weight discrimination.

The data in Figure 1 demonstrate the excellent resolution of benzo(j)fluoranthene achievable on the Rxi™-17 column. Phenanthrene and anthracene also resolve well on this column under slower run conditions (data not shown). Using the Rxi™-17 column with an optimized temperature program is a practical solution to the challenges posed by expanding PAH analyte lists. If you are struggling to quantify PAHs on conventional columns, try the Rxi™-17 column and the optimized temperature program shown here.

**Figure 1** Fast, effective separation of target PAHs using an Rxi™-17 column and an optimized temperature program.



Peak List	Ret. Time (min.)		Ret. Time (min.)
1. naphthalene	4.70	14. benzo(k)fluoranthene	19.78
2. 1-methylnaphthalene	5.28	15. benzo(j)fluoranthene	19.95
3. 2-methylnaphthalene	5.46	16. benzo(a)pyrene	21.17
4. acenaphthylene	6.45	17. 3-methylcholanthrene	21.97
5. acenaphthene	6.60	18. dibenzo(a,h)acridine	24.33
6. fluorene	7.18	19. dibenzo(a,j)acridine	24.39
7. phenanthrene	9.10	20. indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	25.04
8. anthracene	9.14	21. dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	25.07
9. fluoranthene	12.50	22. benzo(ghi)perylene	26.43
10. pyrene	13.33	23. 7H-dibenzo(c,g)carbazole	27.75
11. benzo(a)anthracene	16.32	24. dibenzo(a,e)pyrene	34.46
12. chrysene	16.58	25. dibenzo(a,i)pyrene	35.80
13. benzo(b)fluoranthene	19.70	26. dibenzo(a,h)pyrene	36.73

Column: Rxi™-17, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13523)

Sample: PAH mix, 20µg/mL each component: EPA Method 610 Mix (cat.# 31011), PAH Supplement Mix (cat.# 31857), 1-methylnaphthalene (cat.#31283), 2-methylnaphthalene (cat.#31285); Inj.: 1.0µL pulsed splitless injection (20ng each component on column), 4mm Drilled Uniliner® inlet liner with hole at top (cat.# 21055); pulse: 20psi @ 0.3 min., 40mL/min. @ 0.2 min. Inj. temp.: 300°C; Carrier gas: helium, constant flow; Flow rate: 1.2mL/min.; Oven temp.: 90°C (hold 1.0 min.) to 215°C @ 25°C/min. (hold 0.5 min.) to 235°C @ 4°C/min., to 280°C @ 15°C/min., to 320°C @ 4°C/min. (hold 20 min.); Det.: Agilent 5973 GC/MS; Scan range: 50-550 amu; Solvent delay: 4.0 min.; Tune: DFTPP; Ionization: EI

### Rxi™-17 Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 50% diphenyl / 50% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.25mm	0.25	40 to 280/300°C	30-Meter	13523

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ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
Drilled Uniliner® (hole on top)		
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	21055

### SV Calibration Mix #5 / 610 PAH Mix (16 components)

acenaphthene	benzo(k)fluoranthene	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
acenaphthylene	benzo(ghi)perylene	naphthalene
anthracene	chrysene	phenanthrene
benzo(a)anthracene	dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	pyrene
benzo(a)pyrene	fluoranthene	
benzo(b)fluoranthene	fluorene	

2,000µg/mL each in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31011

### PAH Supplement Mix for Method 8100 (8 components)

benzo(j)fluoranthene	7H-dibenzo(c,g)carbazole	dibenzo(a,i)pyrene
dibenzo(a,h)acridine	dibenzo(a,e)pyrene	3-methylcholanthrene
dibenzo(a,j)acridine	dibenzo(a,h)pyrene	

1000µg/mL each in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 31857



# Analysis of Nitrofurans in Honey

## Using LC/MS/MS and an Ultra C18 Column

By Eberhardt Kuhn, Ph.D.; International Marketing Specialist; and Becky Wittrig, Ph.D., HPLC Product Marketing Manager

- Sensitive detection of antibiotic metabolites in a complex matrix.
- Ultra C18 column assures the resolution needed for the LC/MS/MS method.
- Excellent peak shape at sub-ppb levels.

Nitrofurans are a class of veterinary antibiotics used to increase growth rate and prevent or treat disease in animals. Animals have been treated with antibiotics since the 1950s and, currently, about 45% of the antibiotics produced each year in the U.S. are administered to livestock. In Europe, this practice is illegal, because the inadvertent consumption of residual antibiotics in animal tissue, such as meat or liver, can lead to increased drug resistance or allergies in humans.

Nitrofurans have been detected not only in treated animals, but also in animal products, including honey. The low levels of these compounds and the complexity of honey as a matrix present challenges for the analysis of nitrofurans. In addition, nitrofurans are unstable and metabolize rapidly *in vivo*. Any analysis method for nitrofurans, therefore, must be able to separate and detect these metabolites. In the analysis of honey, it is of interest to quantify four nitrofurans: furazolidone, furaltadone, nitrofurazone, and nitrofurantoin, through their respective metabolites, 3-amino-2-oxazolidone (AOZ), 5-mofolinomethylmethyl-3-amino-2-oxazolidone (AMOZ), semicarbazide (SC) and 1-aminohydantoin (AHD). The method of choice for the analysis of nitrofurans and nitrofurans metabolites in honey is LC/MS/MS, with separation on a C18 column.

In this study, honey samples treated with the four nitrofurans metabolites were dissolved in water, then extracted with ethyl acetate. After centrifugation, the extract was evaporated and reconstituted in 125mM HCl, then derivatized with 2-nitrobenzaldehyde. After two liquid-liquid extractions with ethyl acetate, the extract was evaporated and reconstituted with mobile phase, filtered, and injected into the LC/MS/MS system. The column used for the analysis was a 100mm x 2.1mm, 3µm Ultra C18 column. For maximum sensitivity and specificity, a triple quadrupole analyzer was used, with electrospray ionization and selected reaction monitoring (SRM).

Results from the analysis of 0.3ppb nitrofurans metabolites in honey are shown in Figure 1. The Ultra C18 HPLC column is an excellent choice for this analysis. As a reliable general purpose column based on a high-purity, base-deactivated silica, its utility extends to other compounds that might be present in animal-derived matrices, such as steroids and vitamins.

In analyses for nitrofurans antibiotics, an Ultra C18 HPLC column is an excellent choice, especially for analyzing trace levels of these compounds in a complex sample matrix.

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### Ultra C18 HPLC Column

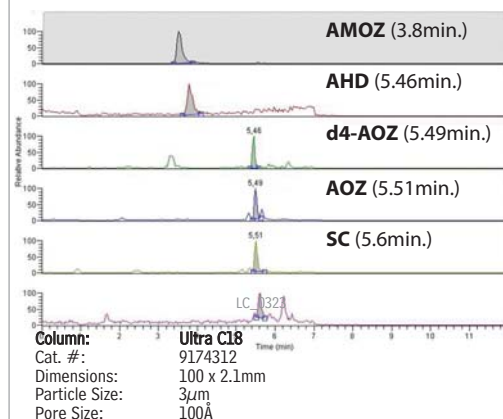
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3µm Column, 2.1mm

cat. #



**Figure 1** Nitrofurans metabolites in honey detected at 0.3ppb by LC/MS/MS, using an Ultra C18 column.



### Conditions:

Mobile phase: A: 0.05% formic acid in methanol  
 B: 0.05% formic acid – 5 mM NH<sub>4</sub> formate in water

Time (min)	%B
0	90
2.5	90
5	10
10	10
12	90
15	90

Sample: 0.3ppb each analyte  
 Flow: 200µL/min.  
 Temp.: 30°C  
 Det.: MS/MS triple quadrupoles (Thermo Scientific Discovery)

### Analyzer Parameters:

Ion source: ESI (electrospray ionization)  
 Only segment: 15 min.  
 Polarity: positive  
 Data type: centroid  
 Scan mode: SRM product  
 Scan width (m/z): 0.7  
 Scan time (s): 0.25  
 Peak width: Q1: within 0.7  
 Q2: 0.7

Collision gas pressure (mTorr): 1.5 (argon)  
 Divert valve: active, with 3 positions  
 Positions: 1° 2 min., 2° 8 min., 3° 5 min.

Analyte	Prec. Ion	Prod. Ion	Collision E	Tube Lens
AOZ	236	134	12 V	120
AMOZ	335	291	10 V	100
SC	209	166	12 V	80
AHD	249	134	12 V	110

AMOZ = 3-amino-5-morpholinomethyl-2-oxazolidinone  
 AHD = 1-aminohydantoin hydrochloride  
 AOZ = 3-amino-2-oxazolidinone  
 SC = semicarbazide

Data courtesy of Dr. Alejandro Albornoz, EIDOMET SRL, Buenos Aires.

## Why Derivatize?

### Improve GC Separations with Derivatization

By Kristi Sellers, Innovations Chemist

- Get better separations with increased resolution and response.
- Learn how to choose proper reagents for desired reactions.

Many laboratories include derivatization as part of their sample preparation for gas chromatography (GC) analysis. So, what is derivatization? Why is it important and how do you choose a derivatizing reagent? The discussion below answers these questions. By choosing the right derivatization reagent and procedure you can increase resolution and analyte response, significantly improving your separations.

#### What is derivatization?

Derivatization is the process by which a compound is chemically changed, producing a new compound that has properties more amenable to a particular analytical method. Some samples analyzed by GC require derivatization in order to make them suitable for analysis. Compounds that have poor volatility, poor thermal stability, or that can be adsorbed in the injector will exhibit nonreproducible peak areas, heights, and shapes. Other compounds that respond poorly on a specific detector may need to be “tagged” with a different functional group to improve detection. For example, tagging with chlorine can improve response on an ECD (electron capture detector). In addition to improving suitability and response, derivatization can improve resolution between coeluting compounds and overlapping peaks.<sup>1</sup>

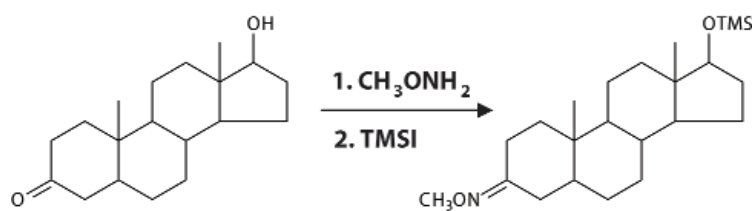
#### How do I choose a derivatizing reagent?

A good derivatizing reagent and procedure should produce the desired chemical modification of the compound(s) of interest, and be reproducible, efficient, and nonhazardous.<sup>2</sup> For GC, there are three basic types of derivatization reactions: silylation, acylation, and alkylation. Silylating reagents react with compounds containing active hydrogens; these reagents are the most common type used in GC. Acylating reagents react with highly polar functional groups such as amino acids or carbohydrates. Alkylating reagents target active hydrogens on amines and acidic hydroxyl groups.<sup>3</sup> Multiple derivatizing reagents may be necessary for compounds containing several different functional groups such as androsterone (Figure 1). In these multi-step derivatization procedures the use of other types of reagents, such as oxime, hydrazone, methylation, and cyclic derivatives, may be necessary.

#### A multi-step example

Derivatization can substantially improve chromatographic results, as seen in this example derivatization of androsterone (Figure 1). Androsterone contains a hydroxyl group and a carbonyl group and exhibits poor peak shape and poor separation if analyzed underivatized by GC (Figure 2b). Using silylation, active hydrogens on OH, SH, and NH groups can be replaced.<sup>3</sup> Since *n*-trimethylsilylimidazole (TMSI) is a strong silyl donor, it will react readily with the hydroxyl group on the androsterone molecule creating a trimethylsilyl (TMS) derivative. Because androsterone also contains a carbonyl group, another derivatizing reagent is needed to improve chromatographic peak shape. Methoxyamine will react with the carbonyl group forming an oxime derivative (CH<sub>3</sub>ON). Oxime derivatives not only improve chromatographic performance, but also alter GC separations. Figure 2a shows the chromatographic result of derivatizing sex hormones using TMSI and methoxyamine; retention times are increased, separation is increased, and peak shapes and responses are improved.

**Figure 1** Derivatization reaction of androsterone using TMSI/methoxyamine.



#### Conclusion

Derivatizing compounds for GC often is necessary to obtain reproducible chromatographic results. Eliminating this step to save time can be costly and produce inaccurate and unreliable results. A well-chosen derivatization procedure, based on the chemical composition of the target compounds, can significantly improve your chemical separations.

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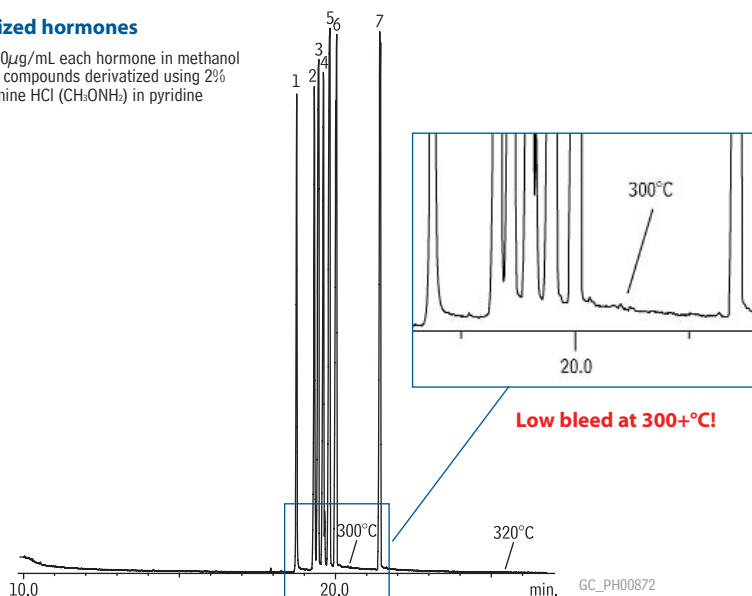
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**Figure 2** Derivatized hormones show excellent resolution and more symmetrical peak shapes than underivatized hormones.

#### A) Derivatized hormones

Sample: 100µg/mL each hormone in methanol or ethanol; compounds derivatized using 2% methoxylamine HCl (CH<sub>3</sub>ONH<sub>2</sub>) in pyridine

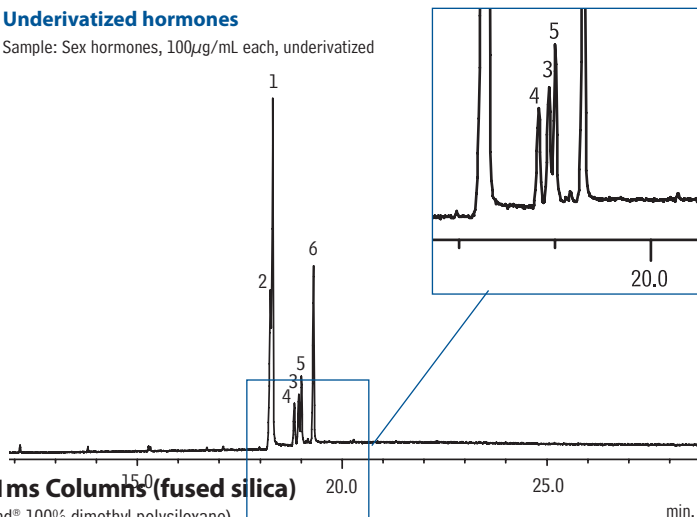


1. androsterone
2. dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA)
3. 17- $\alpha$ -estradiol
4. estrone
5. 17- $\beta$ -estradiol
6. testosterone
7. derivatization by-product

For the derivatization procedure used in this analysis, see Knapp's *Handbook of Analytical Derivatization Reactions*, page 482.

#### B) Underivatized hormones

Sample: Sex hormones, 100µg/mL each, underivatized



Column: Rxi™-1ms 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat. # 13323)  
 Inj.: 1.0µL splitless (hold 0.5min.), 3.5mm single gooseneck inlet liner (cat.# 20961)  
 Inj. temp.: 250°C  
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 1mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 100°C to 320°C @ 10°C/min. (hold for 10 min.)  
 Det.: MS: Shimadzu 17A with QP5000  
 Transfer line temp.: 280°C  
 Scan range: 40-700amu  
 Ionization: EI  
 Mode: Scan

#### Rxi™-1ms Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
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# Superior Fractionation of Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons

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By Lydia Nolan, Innovations Chemist

- Easier quantitation; lower background & less interference.
- Reliable, reproducible results.
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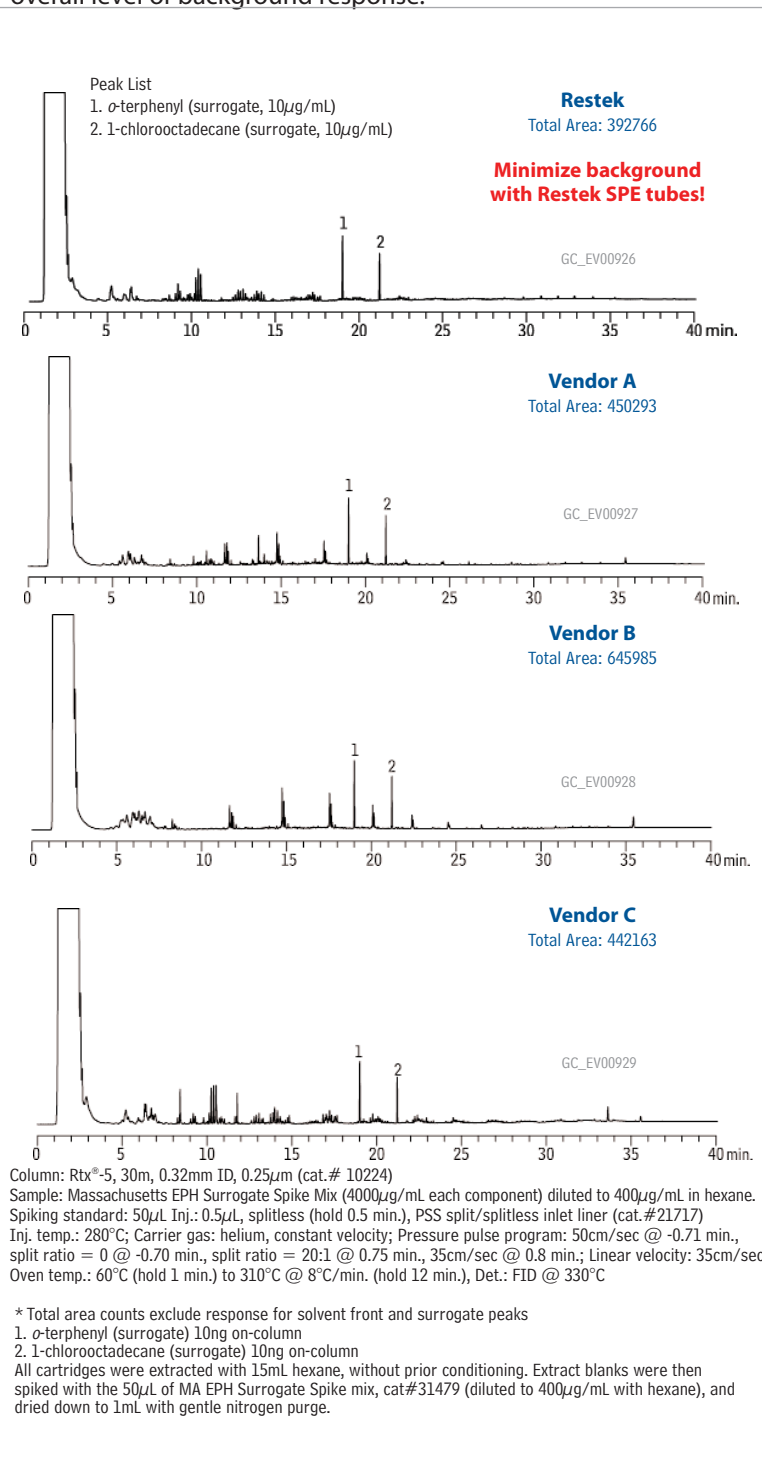
There is an increasing public awareness of the threat to public health from leaking underground storage tanks. Both federal and state agencies have developed methods to address the testing of potential problem sites. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's "Method for the Determination of Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (EPH)" has recently been updated and is based on solvent extraction of water and soil/sediment matrices, followed by silica gel SPE fractionation of aliphatics and aromatics from C9 through C36 hydrocarbon ranges.

The quality and conformation of the silica SPE clean-up column is essential to acceptable fractionation and recovery results. Commercial silica SPE products streamline this process, but it is important to understand the quality and performance differences among the available products, and the impact they have on your results. The activity level and capacity of the silica, the compression of the bed, and the quality of the constituents and packaging are all critical to getting accurate and reliable results. The data in Table I show how even very minor amounts of excess moisture (known amounts added for experimental purposes during the first conditioning step) or long-term storage without desiccation can produce early breakthrough of the sensitive analytes from the aromatic fraction into the aliphatic fraction.

To ensure maximum shelf-life and minimum environmental exposure after opening these cartridges, Restek packages them into 5 smaller packs of 4 SPE tubes each—the fewest cartridges per pack available. We also provide an additional outer, resealable barrier bag, making successful short- and long-term product storage easier for the user.

Activity level of the silica and consistency of the cartridge packing are essential for reliable fractionation recovery and reproducibility. The recovery and reproducibility of results for the fractionation surrogates (2-fluorobiphenyl, 2-bromonaphthalene and naphthalene) are critical to determining if breakthrough is occurring. Again, in comparing several commercial sources, using optimized conditions for each vendor, results show that the Restek Massachusetts EPH cartridges are capable of quantitative (greater than 97%) and reliable (RSDs less than 7.3) recoveries for these critical markers (Table II).

**Figure 1** Restek Massachusetts EPH SPE tubes show the lowest overall level of background response.



**Table I** Excess moisture and improper storage compromise results by causing breakthrough into the aromatic fraction.

Analyte	% Breakthrough into Hexane (Aliphatic) Fraction			
	Package intact, no added moisture	200 $\mu$ L water added	Package opened, resealed, stored on shelf, 1 year	Package intact, stored on shelf, 1 year
Naphthalene	0.0	0.0	----	----
2-fluorobiphenyl (surrogate)	0.0	0.0	----	----
2-bromonaphthalene (surrogate)	0.0	4.4	33.3	28.5

**Table II** Restek Massachusetts EPH SPE tubes provide more accurate and reproducible results for critical marker compounds.

Analyte	Restek			Vendor A			Vendor B			Vendor C		
	Recovery	STD	RSD	Recovery	STD	RSD	Recovery	STD	RSD	Recovery	STD	RSD
naphthalene	103.1	7.5	7.2	101.2	10.1	10.0	88.8	2.8	3.1	66.5	2.6	3.9
2-fluorobiphenyl	97.8	6.6	6.7	100.4	13.7	13.6	99.3	5.0	5.0	104.2	6.6	6.4
2-bromonaphthalene	98.6	5.3	5.4	71	7.1	10.0	50.0	8.1	16.1	29.2	1.9	6.6

All tubes were 20 or 25 mL with approximately 5g silica packing. Conditioning: 15 mL hexane. Sample: 0.5 mL of each fractionation check standard and surrogate standard. Elution for fraction #1 (aliphatics): 17-20 mL hexane (volume was optimized for each supplier and lot of tubes). Elution for fraction #2 (aromatics): 20 mL of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Each fraction was dried to a total volume of 1 mL and analyzed by GC.<sup>1</sup>

**MA Fractionation Check Mix** (31 components)**PAHs:**

acenaphthene  
acenaphthylene  
anthracene  
benzo(a)anthracene  
benzo(a)pyrene  
benzo(b)fluoranthene  
benzo(k)fluoranthene  
benzo(ghi)perylene  
chrysene  
dibenzo(a,h)anthracene  
fluoranthene  
fluorene  
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene  
2-methylnaphthalene  
naphthalene  
phenanthrene  
pyrene

**Hydrocarbons:**

*n*-nonane (C9)  
*n*-decane (C10)  
*n*-dodecane (C12)  
*n*-tetradecane (C14)  
*n*-hexadecane (C16)  
*n*-octadecane (C18)  
*n*-nonadecane (C19)  
*n*-eicosane (C20)  
*n*-docosane (C22)  
*n*-tetracosane (C24)  
*n*-hexacosane (C26)  
*n*-octacosane (C28)  
*n*-triacontane (C30)  
*n*-hexatriacontane (C36)

25  $\mu$ g/mL each in hexane, 1 mL/ampul  
cat. # 31481

**MA Fractionation Surrogate Spike Mix**

2-bromonaphthalene      2-fluorobiphenyl  
4,000  $\mu$ g/mL each in hexane, 1 mL/ampul  
cat. # 31480

**MA EPH Surrogate Spike Mix**

1-chlorooctadecane      *o*-terphenyl  
4,000  $\mu$ g/mL each in acetone, 1 mL/ampul  
cat. # 31479

**Method Specific SPE Cartridges:  
Massachusetts EPH**

Tube Volume, Bed Weight	qty.	cat. #
20 mL, 5g	20-pk.	26065

**Rtx-5 Columns (fused silica)**

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df ( $\mu$ m)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	30-Meter	10224

**Splitless Liners for PerkinElmer GCs**

ID x OD x Length (mm)	qty.	cat. #
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Coextractables are another major concern with commercial cartridges. The contaminants may be found in the packaging, cartridge materials such as the SPE tube and frits, and the silica itself. The solvent blank extractions shown in Figure 1 were collected from cartridges that were not pre-conditioned. Restek cartridges show the lowest level of background peak area counts, indicating the lowest level of background extractables.

When cartridges start out with low levels of extractables, it may not be necessary to use the methylene chloride pre-treatment allowed in the method. This pre-treatment can easily compromise the fractionation performance of the cartridge beds and should be avoided whenever possible. In addition, fewer product-related contaminants will provide clearer quantitation and require fewer manual reviews of the data generated from the final chromatograms.

In all of the key performance areas, the Restek Massachusetts EPH SPE tubes outperformed other commercially available products. Our cartridges are designed to deliver accurate, reliable, and reproducible results. For high quality separation products developed to prevent breakthrough and minimize background, reach for Restek sample preparation products.

**References**

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**for more info**

For more information on our selection of SPE tubes, visit us online at [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com)



# Prevent Mercury Loss During Transport and Storage

## Use Siltek® Surface Treatment on Steel Components

By Gary Barone, Restek Performance Coatings Division

- Rugged—withstands temperatures up to 400°C.
- Meets system inertness requirements.
- Eliminates costly retests.

As concerns grow over mercury in the environment, new regulations have been developed to measure, and eventually reduce, mercury emissions from coal-fired electric utilities. For example, the US EPA will require all electric utilities to measure mercury emissions starting on January 1, 2009. The most popular methods of sampling will be based on continuous mercury monitoring systems (CMMS) and sorbent tube samplers. To ensure quantitative storage and transfer, and accurate analysis, of the low levels of mercury in streams sampled from flue stacks, these sampling systems must be inert.

Siltek® surface treatment has been used in a wide variety of applications in which an inert surface is of paramount importance. To measure the impact of Siltek® treatment on adsorption of mercury during storage, we compared the performances of 304 grade stainless steel gas sampling cylinders (Swagelok®, Solon OH) with and without Siltek® treatment.

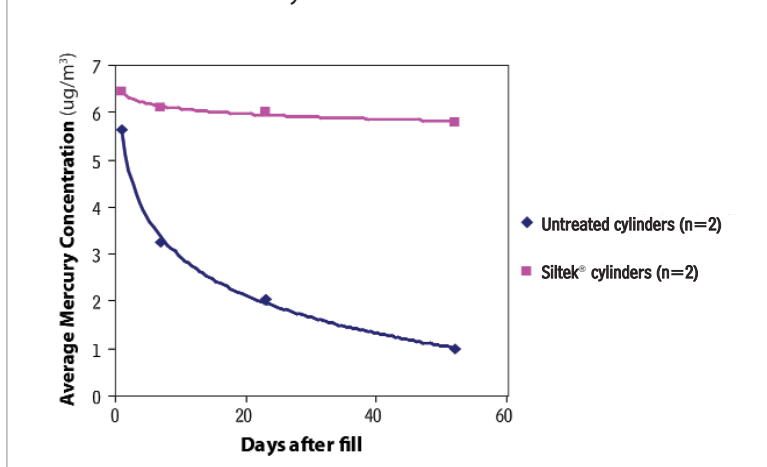
We filled each cylinder with  $8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  of elemental mercury (approximately 1 part per billion) (Spectra Gases, Alpha NJ) and assessed the mercury concentration in each cylinder over time to determine changes in mercury concentration. Detection was achieved by direct interface gas sampling to an atomic adsorption detector. Sample pathway regulator and tubing were Siltek® treated to ensure accurate transfer.

The data in Figure 1 demonstrate that Siltek® treatment provides a stable surface for elemental mercury, and untreated stainless steel does not. Based on these results, we conclude that Siltek® surface treatment for steel or stainless steel components and tubing in CMMS and sorbent tube mercury sampling systems will improve analytical reliability. For more information about Siltek® surface treatment, visit us at: [www.restekcoatings.com](http://www.restekcoatings.com)

### Sulfinert® Treated Swagelok® Sample Cylinders

Size	qty.	cat.#
75cc	ea.	24130
150cc	ea.	24131
300cc	ea.	24132
500cc	ea.	24133
1000cc	ea.	24134
2250cc	ea.	21394

**Figure 1** Siltek® treated gas sampling cylinders show very good inertness toward mercury.



### Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Coiled Electropolished 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-99 ft.	100-299 ft.	>300 ft.
0.085" (2.16mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)*	22538				
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22539				

1/8" OD: 5 ft. to 100 ft. in one continuous coil; 1/4" OD: 5 ft. to 300 ft. in one continuous coil. Longer lengths will be more than one coil. Note: required length in meters x 3.2808 = length in feet.

### Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Coiled 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-199 ft.	200-399 ft.	>400 ft.
0.055" (1.40mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)**	22508				
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22509				
0.277" (7.04mm)	3/8" (9.52mm)***	22914				

### Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated Straight Seamless 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

6 foot Length

ID	OD	qty.	cat.#
0.055" (1.40mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)**	ea.	22901
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	ea.	22902
0.277" (7.04mm)	3/8" (9.52mm)***	ea.	22903

\*0.020" wall thickness    \*\*0.035" wall thickness    \*\*\*0.049" wall thickness

### Sulfinert® Treated Alta-Robbins Sample Cylinder Valves

Description	qty.	cat.#
1/4" NPT Exit	ea.	21400
1/4" Compression Exit	ea.	21401
1/4" NPT with Dip Tube*	ea.	21402
1/4" NPT with 2850psi Rupture Disc	ea.	21403
1/4" NPT Male Inlet x 1/4" Female Outlet with 2850psi Rupture Disc	ea.	21404

Specify dip tube length or % outage when ordering (maximum length = 5.25" / 13.3cm)

United States patent 6,444,326 (Siltek®/Sulfinert®)

thank you

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# Protect Sample Integrity and Prolong Sampling System Lifetime

## Using Hydroguard™ Deactivated/Silcosteel® Treated Tubing

By Gary Barone, Restek Performance Coatings Division

- Prevents adsorption of sample components to an active surface.
- Long-lasting water resistance, increases instrument up-time.
- Specifically designed and tested for deactivating purge and trap or headspace systems.

Current regulations for drinking water and waste water require quantifying contaminant component concentrations at parts-per-trillion levels. As the demands of analytical methods and the sensitivity of analytical instruments advance, so has the need for improved inertness of the components of the sample pathway. In analyses at parts-per-trillion concentrations, any surface activity in the transfer system can adsorb significant amounts of active analytes and greatly impact the reliability of the data. Furthermore, components of purge and trap or headspace systems often are in contact with steam, which can create activity very quickly—even in coated system components. To address this need, we have created a superior surface for the tubing in purge and trap or headspace systems: Hydroguard™ deactivated/Silcosteel® treated stainless steel tubing.

For more than a decade, Restek's proprietary Silcosteel® and Siltek®/Sulfinert® treatments† have been ideal solutions for creating inert stainless steel pathways. Now, we have developed and rigorously tested Hydroguard™ deactivated/Silcosteel® treated stainless steel tubing specifically to meet the demanding requirements and environments of purge and trap and headspace systems.

Hydroguard™ deactivated/Silcosteel® treated tubing is preferred for situations in which water vaporization is encountered, as in purge and trap systems. Unique deactivation chemistry creates a high-density surface that is not readily attacked by hydrolysis. High-density Hydroguard™ deactivation at the outer surface effectively prevents water vapor from contacting the Silcosteel® treated stainless steel surface below. Thus, an inert surface is maintained in the face of highly aggressive conditions, and active analytes pass through the tubing without adsorbing to the surface.

Regardless of your application, we highly recommend Hydroguard™ deactivated/Silcosteel® treated tubing to improve analytical reliability from your purge and trap or headspace system.

† United States patents 6,511,760 (Silcosteel®) and 6,444,326 (Siltek®/Sulfinert®).

### Silcosteel® Treated Hydroguard™ Deactivated Electropolished 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-99 ft.	100-299 ft.	>300 ft.
0.085" (2.16mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)*	22489				
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22488				

### Silcosteel® Treated Hydroguard™ Deactivated Seamless 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-199 ft.	200-399 ft.	>400 ft.
0.055" (1.40mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)**	22491				
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22490				

### Silcosteel® Treated Hydroguard™ Deactivated 304 Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-199 ft.	200-399 ft.	>400 ft.
0.010" (0.25mm)	1/16" (1.59mm)	22497				
0.020" (0.51mm)	1/16" (1.59mm)	22496				
0.030" (0.76mm)	1/16" (1.59mm)	22495				
0.040" (1.02mm)	1/16" (1.59mm)	22494				
0.085" (2.16mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)*	22493				
0.210" (5.33mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)*	22492				

\*0.020" wall thickness

\*\*0.035" wall thickness

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## Hub-Cap Mobile Phase Accessories

### Simplify Mobile Phase Delivery with the Hub-Cap Filter Kit

Introducing our new Hub Cap filter kit! The Hub-Cap filter allows you to simultaneously transfer and filter your mobile phases. The bottle tops and adaptors are designed to fit securely on 4-liter solvent bottles and eliminate messy, loose-fitting parafilm or foil wraps. Tidy up your mobile phase delivery—try a Hub-Cap today!



**Keep your mobile phase lines under control—use Hub-Cap bottle tops instead of parafilm, aluminum foil, or tape on your mobile phase reservoirs.**

#### Hub-Cap Filter Kit

**new!**

Transfer and filter mobile phases in one easy step.

Kit includes: bottle adapter, bottle adapter nut, filter inlet cap, grid support, vacuum hose barb, tube compression fitting, 47mm grid, 47mm .22µm filter membrane, 47mm .45µm filter membrane, 1/4" OD x 1/8" ID ultra chemical resistant, Teflon® FEP lined Tygon® tubing (3'), 6" x 6" box with shrink wrap insert



cat. #26395

Description	qty.	cat.#
Hub-Cap Filter Kit	kit	26395
Replacement Membrane Filters	qty.	cat.#
Polypropylene Membrane Filters, 47mm, 0.45µm	100-pk.	26396
Polypropylene Membrane Filters, 47mm, 0.22µm	100-pk.	26397
Nylon Membrane Filters, 47mm, 0.45µm	100-pk.	26398
Nylon Membrane Filters, 47mm, 0.22µm	100-pk.	26399

#### Hub-Cap 4 Liter Bottle Tops

Most bottles use a GL45 cap. New Hub-Cap bottle tops are a great way to neatly keep your mobile phase lines where they belong. Use instead of parafilm, aluminum foil, or tape on your mobile phase reservoirs.



cat. #26541

Description	qty.	cat.#
Hub-Cap (assembly of the bottle cap and plug)	kit	26541
Hub-Cap Multi-pack	3-pk.	26542

#### Hub-Cap Adapters

Allow the use of the Opti-Cap™ with 4-liter solvent bottles.



cat. #26538

cat. #2654

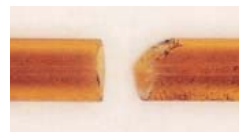
Description	qty.	cat.#
Hub-Cap Adapter	ea.	26538
Hub-Cap Adapter Multi-pack	3-pk.	26539
Hub-Cap Adapter and Opti-Cap™	kit	26540

# Cool Tools!

Restek Innovations Save You Time and Money

## A Clean Square Cut...

The key to obtaining a leak-tight seal in a Press-Tight® connector—or in other connecting devices that make a compression seal with the end of the column—is a clean, right angle cut at the end of the column. If you use an unsuitable device to cut your columns, you run the risk of angled cuts or chipped or jagged edges that will not seal effectively, or even crushing the end of the column. We offer a selection of scoring tools that will help you properly cut your columns.



Make a clean, square cut for optimum connector performance. The cut on the right will produce a poor seal.

## Scoring Wafer with Handle

- Ceramic wafer is serrated on one side and straight-edged on the other to cut both fused silica and metal tubing cleanly.
- Unique, ergonomic handle is made of soft, comfortable rubber.



Hold tubing firmly in one hand, allowing about two inches to extend freely. Hold the scoring wafer at a 45° angle to the tubing. Exert just enough pressure to put a slight arc in the tubing. Pull perpendicularly across the tubing.

Description  
Scoring Wafer with Handle



The tubing should fall off on its own, or it should easily break at the score with a slight tap of the wafer.

qty.  
2-pk.



23015

Check the cut against the white of the scoring wafer. Look for a clean, square cut.



## Ceramic Scoring Wafers

- Four straight scoring edges for cutting fused silica tubing and four serrated edges for cutting MXT® metal capillary columns.
- Sure-grip handle included.



Exert just enough pressure to put a slight arc in the tubing. The tubing should fall off or break with a slight tap of the wafer.



Check the cut against the white of the scoring wafer. Look for a clean, square cut.



### Description

Ceramic Scoring Wafers

qty.  
5-pk.

cat.#  
20116

## Sapphire Scribe

- Cuts fused silica tubing.
- Produces a clean, square cut.



One quick stroke...



...and tap leaves a clean, square end.



### Description

Sapphire Scribe

qty.  
ea.

cat.#  
20182

## Capillary Column Caps

- Attach to the column in seconds to form an airtight seal.
- Increase column lifetime—prevent moisture and air from entering the column during storage.
- Color-coded for identifying detector and injector ends.
- Not recommended for reuse.

### Description

Capillary Column Caps

qty.  
10-pk.

cat.#  
21044





## Peak Performers

### Routine Connections Made Simple

By Donna Lidgett, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager

#### SeCure™ “Y” Connector Kits

- Connect two analytical columns to a transfer line or guard column.
- Use standard “Y” Press-Tight® connectors and 1/16" graphite ferrules.
- Reliable seal integrity, will not unexpectedly disconnect during temperature-programmed analyses.
- Open design allows visual confirmation of the seal for added confidence in the connection.

Combine the simplicity of a “Y” Press-Tight® connector with the strength of a metal union. The ferrules and knurled nuts hold the fused silica tubing in place, which prevents the tubing from unexpectedly disconnecting, even at temperatures as high as 400°C.

Kits include: SeCure™ “Y” connector body, 3 knurled nuts, “Y” Universal Press-Tight® union, 3 ferrules.

Description	Ferrules Fit Column ID	qty.	cat.#
SeCure™ “Y” Connector Kit	0.18/0.25/0.28mm	kit	20276
SeCure™ “Y” Connector Kit	0.32mm	kit	20277
SeCure™ “Y” Connector Kit	0.45/0.53mm	kit	20278
Knurled nut		3-pk.	20279

#### Graphite Ferrules for SeCure™ “Y” Connectors

- Preconditioned to minimize out-gassing.
- High-purity, high-density graphite.
- Stable to 450°C.
- No binders that can off-gas or adsorb analytes.
- Smooth surface and clean edges.

Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	Graphite 10-pk.	Graphite 50-pk.
0.4mm	0.18/0.25/0.28mm	20200	20227
0.5mm	0.32mm	20201	20228
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	20202	20224

#### Vu2 Union™ Connectors

- Connect a guard column to an analytical column.
- Connect a column to a transfer line.
- Connect two columns in series.
- Repair a broken column.

Kits include: Vu2 Union™ body, 2 knurled nuts, 2 Press-Tight® unions, and 4 ferrules

Description	Ferrules Fit Column ID	qty.	cat.#
Vu2 Union™ Connector Kit	0.10/0.15mm	kit	22220
Vu2 Union™ Connector Kit	0.18/0.28mm	kit	21105
Vu2 Union™ Connector Kit	0.32mm	kit	21106
Vu2 Union™ Connector Kit	0.45/0.53mm	kit	21107
Knurled nut		2-pk.	21108

NOTE: Not recommended for GC column-to-MS connections—use the Vacuum Vu-Union® available at [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com).

#### Graphite Ferrules for Vu2 Union™ Connectors

- High-purity, high-density graphite.
- Stable to 450°C.
- No binders that can off-gas or adsorb analytes.
- Smooth surface and clean edges.

Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	Graphite 2-pk.	Graphite 10-pk.
0.3mm	0.10/0.15mm	22221	22222
0.4mm	0.18/0.28mm	20280	20281
0.5mm	0.32mm	20282	20283
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	20284	20285

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Make secure, reliable column-to-column connections with SeCure™ “Y” connectors.



The Vu2 Union™ connector's open design allows visual confirmation of the seal; secondary seals ensure a leak-tight connection.



### Universal Press-Tight® Connectors

- Connect a guard column to an analytical column.
- Repair a broken column.
- Connect a column outlet to a transfer line.
- Deactivated Press-Tight® connectors assure better recovery of polar and non-polar compounds.
- Siltek® treated connectors are ideal for organochlorine pesticides analysis.
- Fit column ODs from 0.33–0.74mm (Restek 0.1mm–0.53mm ID).

Description	5-pk.	25-pk.	100-pk.
Universal Press-Tight® Connectors	20400	20401	20402
Deactivated, Universal Press-Tight® Connectors	20429	20430	20431
Siltek® Treated Universal Press-Tight® Connectors	20480	20449	20481

### Universal Angled Press-Tight® Connectors

- Angle approximates the curvature of a capillary column, reduces strain on column-end connections.

Description	5-pk.	25-pk.	100-pk.
Universal Angled Press-Tight® Connectors	20446	20447	20448
Deactivated Universal Angled Press-Tight® Connectors	20446-261	20447-261	20448-261
Siltek® Treated Universal Angled Press-Tight® Connectors	20482	20483	20484

### Universal “Y” Press-Tight® Connectors

- Split sample flow onto two columns.
- Split a single column flow to two detectors—perform confirmation analysis with a single injection.
- Deactivated Press-Tight® connectors assure better recovery of polar and non-polar compounds.
- Siltek® treated connectors are ideal for organochlorine pesticides analysis.
- Fit column ODs from 0.33–0.74mm (Restek 0.1mm–0.53mm ID).

*An alternative method of performing dual-column confirmational analyses!*

Description	ea.	3-pk.
Universal “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20405	20406
Deactivated Universal “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20405-261	20406-261
Siltek® Treated Universal “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20485	20486

### Universal Angled “Y” Press-Tight® Connectors

- Inlet and outlet ends conform to the column curvature—alleviates column-end connection strain.

Description	ea.	3-pk.
Universal Angled “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20403	20404
Deactivated Universal Angled “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20403-261	20404-261
Siltek® Treated Universal Angled “Y” Press-Tight® Connector	20487	20469

### MXT™-Union Connector Kits for Fused Silica Columns

- Low-dead-volume, leak-tight connection.
- Reusable.
- Siltek® treatment ensures maximum inertness.
- Ideal for connecting a guard column or transfer line to an analytical column.
- Use to oven temperatures of 350°C.
- Available in union and “Y” configurations.

These MXT™ connectors can be used with fused silica tubing, because of a Valcon polyimide 1/32-inch one-piece fused silica adaptor. This unique graphite-reinforced composite allows a capillary column to slide into the adaptor and be locked in place simply by loosening and tightening the fitting. Each kit contains the MXT™ union, two 1/32-inch nuts and two one-piece fused silica adaptors.

### MXT™-Union Connector Kits for Fused Silica Columns

Description	qty.	cat.#
For 0.25mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21386
For 0.32mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21385
For 0.53mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21384

### MXT™ “Y”-Union Connector Kits for Fused Silica Columns

Description	qty.	cat.#
For 0.25mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21389
For 0.32mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21388
For 0.53mm ID Fused Silica Columns	kit	21387



**SILTEK®**  
treated



## Get Connected!

By Al Carusone, Technical Service



### What is the difference between angled and regular Press-Tight® connectors?

The only difference between these connectors is their shape. A Press-Tight® connector is a straight tube; an angled Press-Tight® connector has a slight angle in the middle which reduces the strain on the fused silica tubing. This is of particular use in making a connection in a broken column, when you must make the connection within the column coils.

### How can I obtain a leak-tight seal using a Press-Tight® connector?

Press-Tight® connectors are easy to use, but if they are not properly sealed, they can loosen due to thermal expansion during temperature-programmed runs. The keys to successful sealing are: 1) making a clean, square cut on the column and 2) moistening the end of the column with methanol before seating it into the connector. A small amount of polyimide resin also helps prevent the seal from separating during temperature cycling.



A brown ring indicates a proper seal.

### Can Press-Tight® connectors be used with MXT® columns?

No. To achieve a leak-tight metal-to-metal connection, we recommend the **MXT™ Low Dead Volume connector** for metal columns. These low dead volume connectors are Siltek® treated to make them inert to active compounds, and they can be used up to 400°C without degrading the deactivation layer. MXT™ tubing can even be connected to fused silica tubing using an MXT™ connector with a Valcon Polyimide ferrule instead of a stainless steel ferrule.

Have you ever had to connect a GC analytical column to a guard column or transfer line? Or repair a broken column? How about connecting two columns in series or performing confirmation analysis with a single injection? All of these connections are possible with Restek's extensive selection of GC connectors. In most situations, connector choice is a personal preference and Restek offers several options. Here we review differences among our connectors and answer some frequently asked questions about our popular Press-Tight® connectors.

The **Press-Tight® connector**, a glass connector with a tapered internal diameter at each end, is the quickest and least expensive option. Straight or angled Press-Tight® connectors are effective for fused silica-to-fused silica connections for standard applications at temperatures below 325°C. The resulting connections are inert and have low dead volume.

The **MXT™-Union connectors** are unbreakable metal connectors that are reusable and ensure a low dead volume. They are designed for metal-to-metal connections, but also can make metal-to-fused silica unions using a Valcon polyimide adaptor. This unique graphite-reinforced composite allows a capillary column to slide into the adaptor and be locked in place simply by loosening and tightening the nuts.

If you require a fused silica-to-fused silica connector for high temperature applications, try Restek's **Vu2 Union™ connector** or **SeCure™ "Y" connector**. They combine the simplicity of a glass connector with the strength of a metal connector. Both connectors feature an open design that allows visual confirmation of the seal, and also have secondary seals to help maintain a leak-tight connection. These ultra-strong connections will not disconnect unexpectedly under temperature changes, vibrations, or other stresses normally encountered in GC analysis.

Restek also offers a **Vacuum Vu-Union® connector** for connecting a fused silica column to a mass spec transfer line. The Vacuum Vu-Union® connector utilizes Vespel® ferrules for nonpermeable vacuum connections. A specifically designed Vu-Union® glass insert permits more torque to be applied to the ferrules without fear of cracking the insert. As with the Vu2 Union™, you can confirm the seal through the window of the connector.

## get the connection

see page 20-21 for a sampling of our connectors, or visit us online at [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com)





# Retention Cross-over Phenomenon in Gas Chromatography—Can the Mystery be Revealed? Part 2

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mately 250 compounds were measured on a squalane stationary phase at four temperatures.<sup>1</sup> From these data one can identify numerous reversals in elution order of aliphatic and cyclic hydrocarbons. The solute interactions with a squalane stationary phase, the most nonpolar stationary phase one can use, are largely a result of dispersion interactions. The authors stated that the magnitude of temperature variation is a function of the size of the molecule expressed by the cross-sectional area of the molecules, which should also prove my point in my next discussion over coffee with my former student.

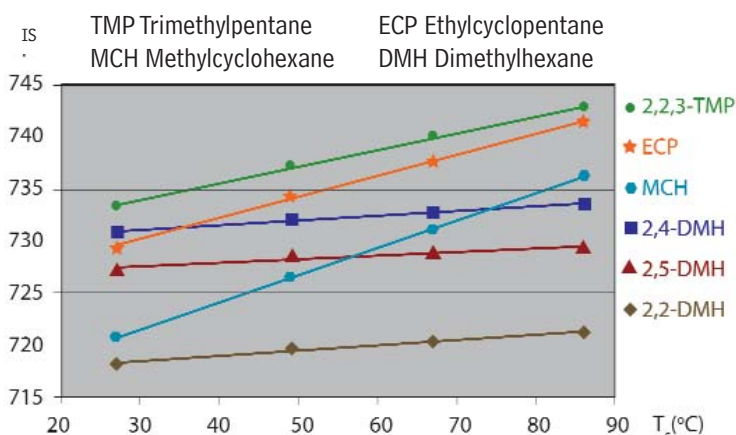
Finally, coming back to our first example in Part 1, both components not only show different functional groups, they also differ in their carbon skeleton (Figure 3). Linalool is an aliphatic alcohol and camphor is a bi-cyclic ketone, which means that not only the functional groups but also the difference in molecular geometry will contribute to the cross-over phenomenon.

What can we learn from this discussion? Peak overlapping and cross-over in peak elution order caused by variation of column temperature or temperature programming rate can occur not only on polar stationary phases for compounds with different functional groups but also on nonpolar or weak polar stationary phases for compounds that differ in their carbon skeleton. The analyst should, therefore, carefully examine the structure of the compounds to be separated if the information is available. Furthermore, it is recommended to study analyte retention carefully at various temperatures for difficult separations as an important aspect of method optimization.

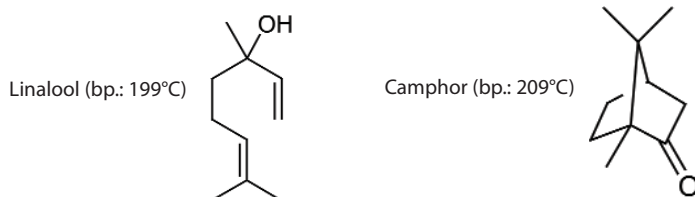
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**Figure 2** Retention indices on squalane (IS) as a function of  $T_c$  for isothermal GC at 27°C, 49°C, 67°C, and 86°C.<sup>1</sup>



**Figure 3** Functional groups influence elution order.



## Tradeshow Schedule

We'd be happy to talk with you at any of the following meetings or shows. We'll post our booth numbers as they become available to us.

### September, 2007

Date	September 2-7
Show	Dioxin 2007
Location	Hotel Okura, Tokyo
Date	September 13
Show	New Jersey Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group Annual Vendor Show
Location	DoubleTree Hotel, Somerset, NJ
Date	September 16-20
Show	AOAC International 121st Annual Meeting & Expo
Location	Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, CA
Date	September 25-28
Show	Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS)
Location	Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, MI
Date	September 26-28
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# Retention Cross-over Phenomenon in Gas Chromatography—Can the Mystery be Revealed? Part 1

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Have you ever faced changes in elution order after modifying the column temperature or the heating rate in the temperature program of the GC analysis of complex samples? This so-called cross-over phenomenon, which can lead to problems in peak identification, has been a well-known mystery in GC for decades.<sup>1</sup> But, so far, the physico-chemical background is still not well understood.

The cross-over phenomenon is very common when separating compounds with different functional groups on polar stationary phases. For example, we observed a reversal in the elution order for components like linalool and camphor on a polyethylene glycol column (Carbowax 20M) after changing the column temperature programming rate: at 5°C/min. linalool elutes before camphor but at 3°C/min. camphor will elute first. Effects like this are often observed when essential oils are analyzed or, to be more precise, when the GC methods are optimized. The reversal of the elution order is mainly explained as a result of the different temperature-dependencies of the intermolecular interactions, which are responsible for the retention: London-type dispersion forces and induction forces are independent of temperature, whereas the orientation forces and hydrogen bridge bonds depend strongly on the temperature (Figure 1).

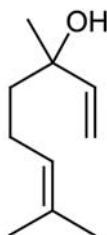
However, this explanation is only half the truth and we should examine the influence of column temperature on retention in some more detail. It is generally known that the column temperature is one of the two most important variables in GC (the other being of course the nature of the stationary phase). In partition GC, the effect of temperature on the solute partition coefficient  $K$  is given by the van't Hoff relationship  $\ln K = HS/RT_c + C$  (with  $HS$  being the molar heat of solution of solute). From this follows the fundamental correlation between column temperature  $T_c$  and retention factors:

$$\ln k' = HS/RT_c + C' - \ln \beta$$

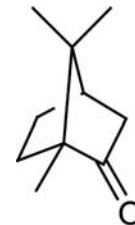
where  $k'$  is the retention or capacity factor ( $k' = t_R/t_M$ ) and  $\beta$  the column phase ratio. This equation indicates that the retention decreases logarithmically as the column temperature increases.

**Figure 1** Functional groups influence elution order.

Linalool (bp.: 199°C)



Camphor (bp.: 209°C)



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# Explaining the **Small Particle** Advantage

## Faster Sample Throughput on a 1.9 $\mu$ m Pinnacle™ DB HPLC Column

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist, Randy Romesberg, HPLC Innovations Chemist, and Becky Wittrig, Ph.D., HPLC Product Marketing Manager

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## Explaining the Small Particle Advantage (continued from page 3)

In HPLC column terminology, particle size refers to the mean diameter of the silica spheres used as the support material to which the stationary phase is bonded. Until recently, the practical particle size limit was around 3µm; smaller particles created backpressures above the limit of conventional LC systems. The advent of LC systems capable of handling higher backpressures (>10000psi) now allows chromatographers to realize the benefits of sub-2µm particle size columns. Smaller particles give rise to greater column efficiencies and a wider range of usable flow rates, resulting in better resolution and higher sensitivity with a significantly faster overall analysis time. Figure 1 and Table 1 illustrate the excellent peak shape and higher efficiency characteristic of a 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column, compared to competitive columns.

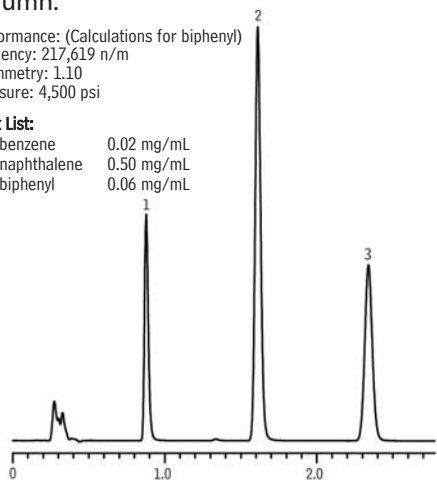
To demonstrate the substantial gain in sample throughput that is possible on a small particle column, we assayed a series of parabens under conditions that give comparable linear velocities on both a C18 column with conventional dimensions and on a 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column (Figure 2B & C). Similar resolution was achieved in a much shorter analysis time on the 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column. We also doubled the flow rate on the 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column: the resolution and peak efficiencies again were comparable, but the analysis time was cut in half (Figure 2A). This illustrates the considerable effect that small particles can have on chromatographic separations; a much wider range of usable flow rates translates into significantly faster analysis times—in this case 10-fold faster, with no loss in chromatographic quality.

**Figure 1** Excellent peak symmetry and efficiency on a 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column.

Performance: (Calculations for biphenyl)  
 Efficiency: 217,619 n/m  
 Asymmetry: 1.10  
 Pressure: 4,500 psi

**Peak List:**

- |                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| 1. benzene     | 0.02 mg/mL |
| 2. naphthalene | 0.50 mg/mL |
| 3. biphenyl    | 0.06 mg/mL |



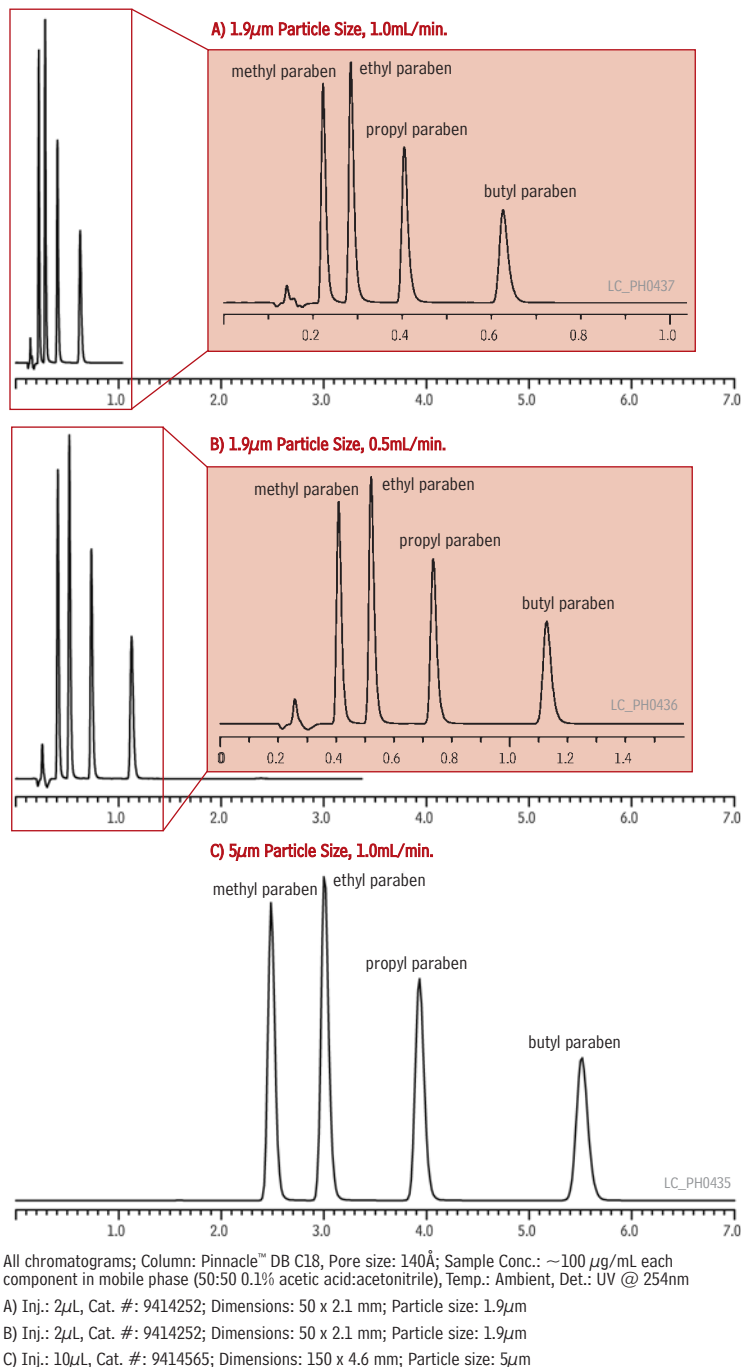
Sample: Inj.: 2µL, HPLC Reversed Phase Test Mix #1 (cat.# 35005),  
 Sample diluent: water:methanol (25:75), Sample temp.: ambient,  
 Column: Pinnacle™ DB C18, Cat. #: 9414252, Dimensions: 50 x 2.1mm,  
 Particle size: 1.9µm, Pore size: 140Å, Mobile phase: water:acetonitrile  
 (45:55), Flow: 0.4 mL/min., Temp.: 25°C, Det.: UV @ 254nm LC\_EX0427

**Table 1** 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 column offers the highest efficiency of all columns tested.

Column	Efficiency (n/m)	Pressure (psi)	Asymmetry
1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB	217,619	4,500	1.10
Competitor A	177,999	4,400	1.13
Competitor B	188,508	4,300	1.09

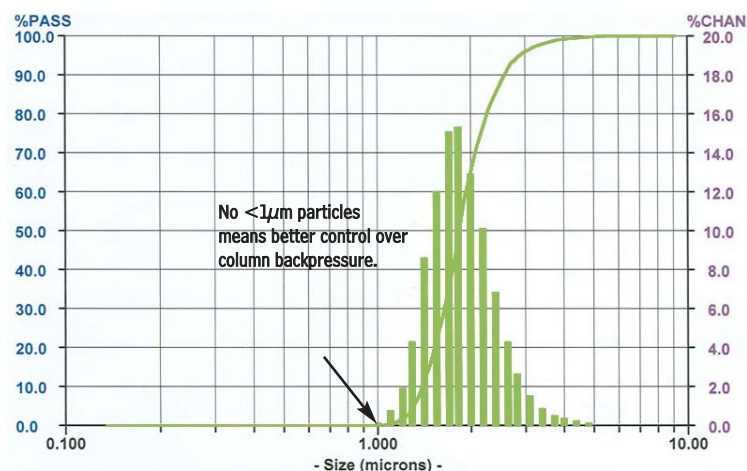
Data from the biphenyl peak of a reversed phase test mix.

**Figure 2** 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB columns offer a wider range of usable flow rates, dramatically increasing sample throughput—with no loss in resolution.





**Figure 3** Pinnacle™ DB silica particle size distribution shows an exceptionally tight, symmetrical distribution around 1.9µm.



Column	Target Particle Size (µm)	Actual Mean Particle Size (µm)	Standard Deviation	Particles present <1µm
1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB	1.9	1.952	0.437	No
Competitor A	1.7	1.993	0.529	No
Competitor B	1.8	1.832	0.468	Yes

The stated particle size of an HPLC column is actually the mean of the distribution of all particles used in manufacturing the column. In practice, the smaller the particle size distribution, the more uniformly packed the column will be, resulting in higher efficiencies. This distribution is even more critical when manufacturing columns with particle sizes less than 2µm. If the distribution contains many larger particles and is not tightly controlled, the efficiency of the column and column-to-column reproducibility will suffer. More importantly, if the column contains particles less than 1µm (termed “fines”), clogging of the column frit and excessively high column backpressure can result. 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB columns have a narrow, symmetric particle size distribution; they contain no particles less than 1µm in diameter. Figure 3 illustrates this exceptional distribution, which is tighter and more accurate than competitive sub-2µm columns.

1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB columns offer practical advantages for today's chemist across a wide range of analytes, from acidic to basic. For higher sample throughput, matched with the reliability and ruggedness of a column made entirely by chromatographers for chromatographers, reach for Restek small particle HPLC columns.

### 1.9µm Pinnacle™ DB C18 HPLC Columns

#### Physical Characteristics:

particle size: 1.9µm  
pore size: 140Å  
carbon load: 11%

endcap: yes  
pH range: 2.5 - 10  
temperature limit: 80°C

#### 1.9µm Column, 2.1mm

	cat. #
30mm	9414232
50mm	9414252
100mm	9414212

## More Small Particles

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## Revised USP 467 Residual Solvent Method

Satisfy New Method Requirements with Restek Columns and Standards

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist

- Overview of the new USP 30/NF 25 procedure.
- New reference standards - stock mixes, custom preparations.
- Optimize your testing within the constraints of the method.

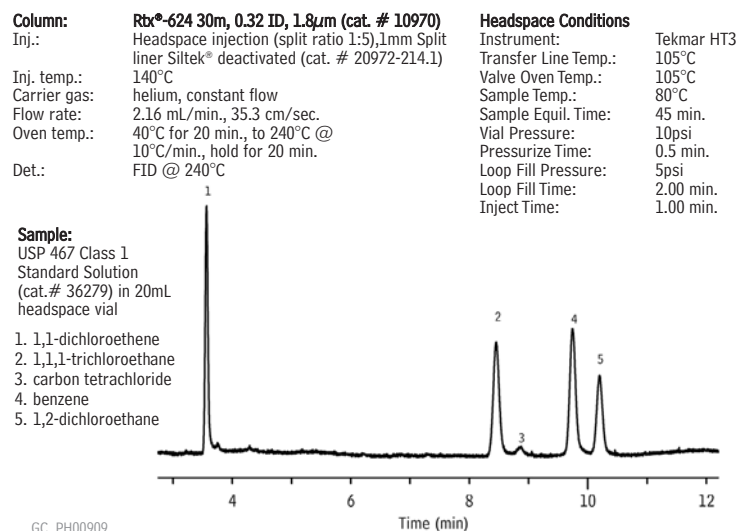
Organic volatile impurities (OVIs), commonly referred to as residual solvents, are trace level chemical residues in drug substances and drug products that are byproducts of manufacturing, or that form during packaging and storage. The United States Pharmacopeia recently revised the general chapter on residual solvent analysis, USP 467, to mirror the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guidelines. This revision, effective July 1, 2007, replaces previous methods that were not consistent with the ICH guidelines.

The revised procedure consists of a static headspace extraction coupled with a gas chromatographic separation and flame ionization detection (GC/FID), and is divided into two sections based on sample solubility – water soluble and water insoluble articles. Altogether, the test method consists of three separate procedures – A, B and C – that are designed to identify, confirm and quantify residual solvents in pharmaceuticals.

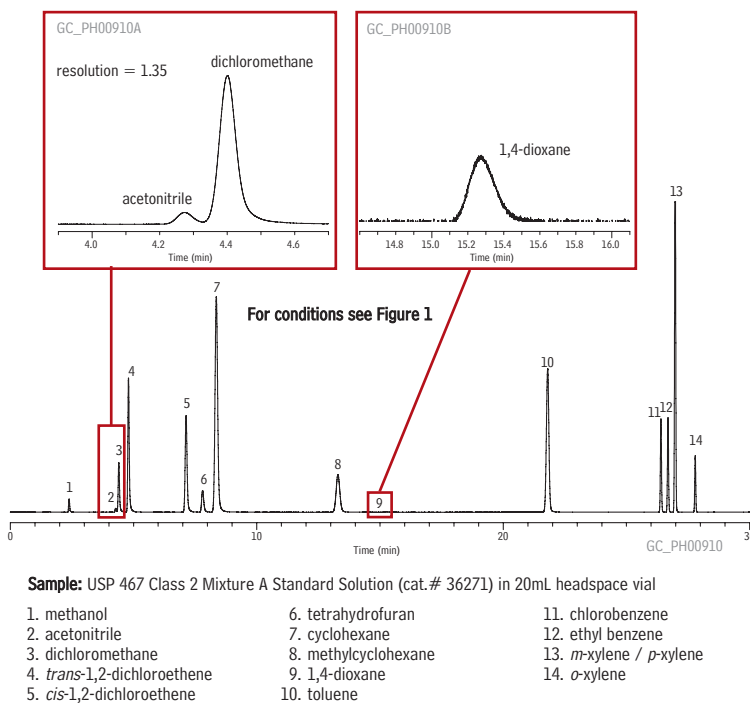
Procedure A is the first step in the identification process and is performed to screen samples for residual solvents. A series of residual solvent mixes, consisting of Class 1 and Class 2 mixes A and B, are analyzed along with the system suitability and test solutions on an Rtx®-624 column – equivalent to an Rtx®-1301 (G43) column (Figures 1-3). If a peak in the sample matches a retention time, and exceeds the response of the corresponding standard, the analyst proceeds to Procedure B for verification of the analyte.

Once a residual solvent is identified, Procedure B is performed to confirm analyte identity. We recommend a Stabilwax® (G16) capillary column as a confirmation column because it yields an alternate selectivity compared to an Rtx®-624 column or an Rtx®-1301 (G43) column. (See our OVI retention time index at [www.restek.com/ovi](http://www.restek.com/ovi)). The same reference mixes are analyzed with an acetonitrile/trichloroethylene system suitability solution. If a residual solvent is verified, Procedure C is used to quantify the analyte by comparison to a specific, individual standard for the analyte identified. For water-insoluble articles, the procedure is the same, except dimethylformamide and 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone are used as the diluent and Class 2 Mix C (higher boiling point solvents mix) is analyzed as a reference solution.

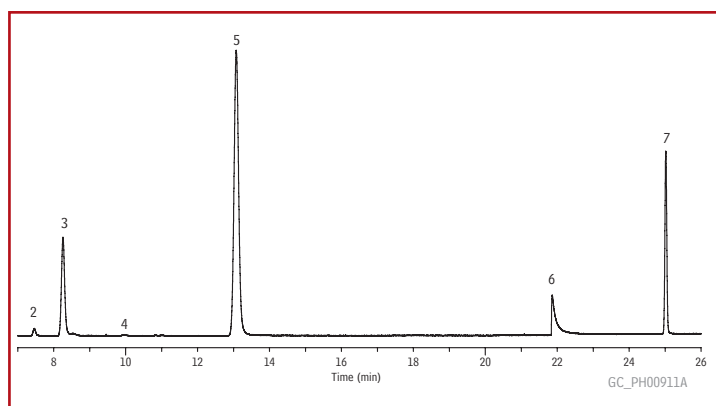
**Figure 1** USP Residual Solvent Class 1 standard solution on an Rtx®-624 (G43) column.



**Figure 2** USP Residual Solvent Class 2 Mixture A standard solution on an Rtx®-624 (G43) column.



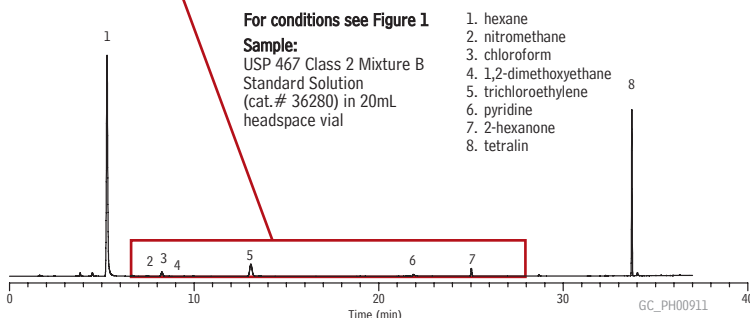
**Figure 3** USP Residual Solvent Class 2 Mixture B standard solution on an Rtx®-624 (G43) column.



For conditions see Figure 1

**Sample:**  
USP 467 Class 2 Mixture B  
Standard Solution  
(cat.# 36280) in 20mL  
headspace vial

1. hexane
2. nitromethane
3. chloroform
4. 1,2-dimethoxyethane
5. trichloroethylene
6. pyridine
7. 2-hexanone
8. tetralin



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#### Residual Solvents - Class 1

benzene	10mg/mL	1,1-dichloroethene	40
carbon tetrachloride	20	1,1,1-trichloroethylene	50
1,2-dichloroethane	25		

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
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#### Residual Solvents Class 2 - Mix A (15 components)

acetonitrile	2.05mg/mL	methylcyclohexane	5.90
chlorobenzene	1.80	methylene chloride	3.00
cyclohexane	19.40	tetrahydrofuran	3.45
cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	4.70	toluene	4.45
trans-1,2-dichloroethylene	4.70	m-xylene	6.51
1,4-dioxane	1.90	o-xylene	0.98
ethylbenzene	1.84	p-xylene	1.52
methanol	15.00		

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 36271 (ea.)

#### Residual Solvents Class 2 - Mix B (8 components)

chloroform	60µg/mL	nitromethane	50
1,2-dimethoxyethane	100	pyridine	200
n-hexane (C6)	290	tetralin	100
2-hexanone	50	trichloroethylene	80

In dimethyl sulfoxide, 1mL/ampul  
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0.53mm	0.25	40 to 250°C	30-Meter	10625

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# GC Inlet Liner Deactivations for Basic Drug Analysis

By Kristi Sellers, Clinical/Forensic Innovations Chemist, and Lydia Nolan, Innovations Chemist

- Base-deactivated inlet liners are inert to basic drugs, for greater responses.
- Inertness of Rtx®-5 Amine column is enhanced for basic compounds.
- Use this liner / column combination for the lowest %RSDs for basic drugs.

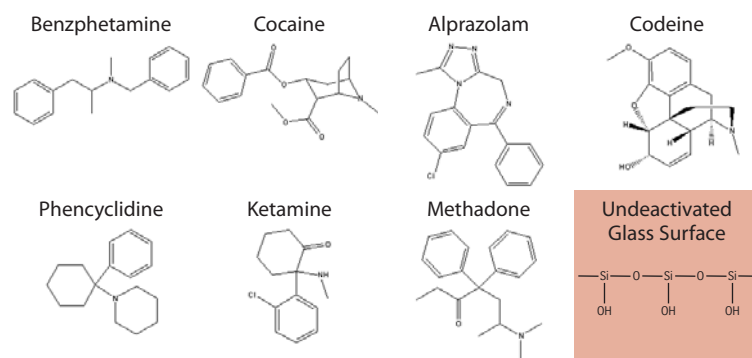
Clinical and forensic toxicologists are required to detect low levels of abused drugs in body fluids and confirm their presence by GC/MS. Typical limits of detection are 1-15ng/mL, depending on the sample matrix. For basic drugs (e.g., Figure 1), selecting the proper surface treatment for the GC inlet liner is important, because this parameter can affect responses. The surface of a glass inlet liner contains active silanol groups (Si-OH) that can act as electron pair acceptors, and react with nitrogen or oxygen electron pair donors in basic drug molecules (Figure 2).<sup>1</sup> These reactions usually are rapid and reversible, but they are expressed chromatographically as broad, tailing peaks and/or reduced responses. To eliminate these acid-base reactions, make chromatographic peaks sharp, Gaussian, and easy to integrate, and thereby help ensure reproducible and accurate responses, the -OH groups on the glass surface must be deactivated.

We evaluated several alternatives for deactivating inlet liners to determine the best deactivation chemistry for the analysis of basic drugs. Standards composed of the free base forms of the drugs shown in Figure 1 were prepared at concentrations of 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 ng/mL for analysis on a 15m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm Rtx®-5 Amine column (5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane stationary phase). The analysis of these drug standards was repeated on a series of 4mm ID single gooseneck liners that had been treated with different deactivation techniques, as well as an untreated liner. Three replicate analyses were performed on each liner to determine which deactivation treatment offered the highest and most consistent response for these basic drugs.

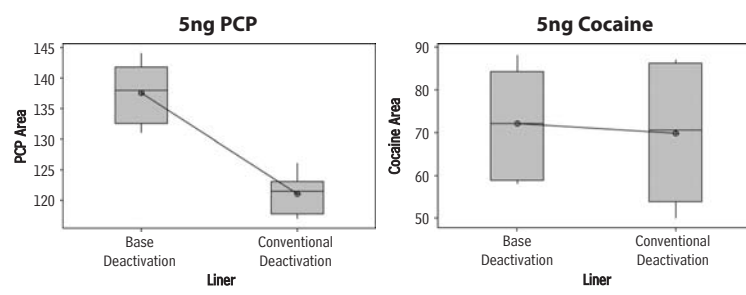
We used these results to generate box plots that display the range of data distribution, or variation – an indication of the reproducibility of the performance. We chose phencyclidine (PCP) and cocaine plots to represent the nitrogen-containing and nitrogen/oxygen-containing drugs, respectively (Figure 2). The line in each box indicates the mean response.

The data show that undeactivated liners and liners that received intermediate polarity treatment provided poorer responses or reproducibility, com-

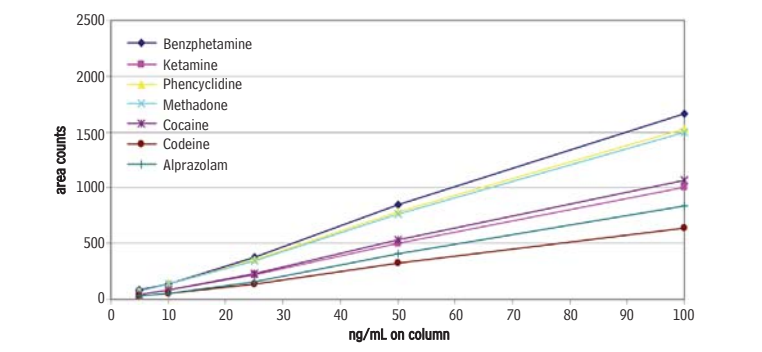
**Figure 1** Basic compounds can react with silanol groups on glass liner surfaces, causing poor chromatography.



**Figure 2** A base-deactivated inlet liner provides highest mean responses for PCP.



**Figure 3** Linearity plots for all drugs, analyzed using a base-deactivated inlet liner and an Rtx®-5 Amine column.



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Split Straight, Base Deactivated w/ Base Deactivated Wool (4.0mm ID* x 6.3mm OD x 78.5mm)	20781-211.1	20782-211.5	20783-211.25
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- Won't chip or crack the liner.

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## Rtx®-5 Amine Columns (fused silica)

(Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
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pared to base-deactivated or Siltek® treated liners, due to the acidic nature of the undeactivated glass surface or to a small but influential number of residual acidic sites remaining on the intermediate polarity deactivated surface.

Because the undeactivated liners and intermediate polarity treated liners exhibited either low mean response or high variation, we reanalyzed the data, excluding these treatments and comparing the remaining data (for base-deactivated liners and Siltek® treated liners) for responses and reproducibility. As shown by the examples in Figure 2, base-deactivated liners and Siltek® treated liners performed equally well for cocaine, but the base-deactivated liners yielded the best responses and reproducibility for PCP. Ultimately, a base-deactivated liner would give the best overall performance. Figure 3 shows the linearity plots for all analyzed drugs, obtained using a base-deactivated liner and an Rtx®-5Amine column. Low %RSD values for ketamine (3%), phencyclidine (2%), methadone (2%), cocaine (3%), codeine (5%), and alprazolam (12%) confirm the reproducibility of data obtained from this combination.

Because nitrogen- and oxygen-containing drugs react with silanol groups on glass surfaces, it is important to use properly deactivated glass inlet liners when analyzing these compounds by GC. This work demonstrates that a base-deactivated inlet liner, used in combination with a base-deactivated column, produces high and reproducible responses for basic drugs.

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## Simple, Reliable HPLC Analyses of Organic Acids

### Using Water-Compatible Allure® or Ultra C18 Columns

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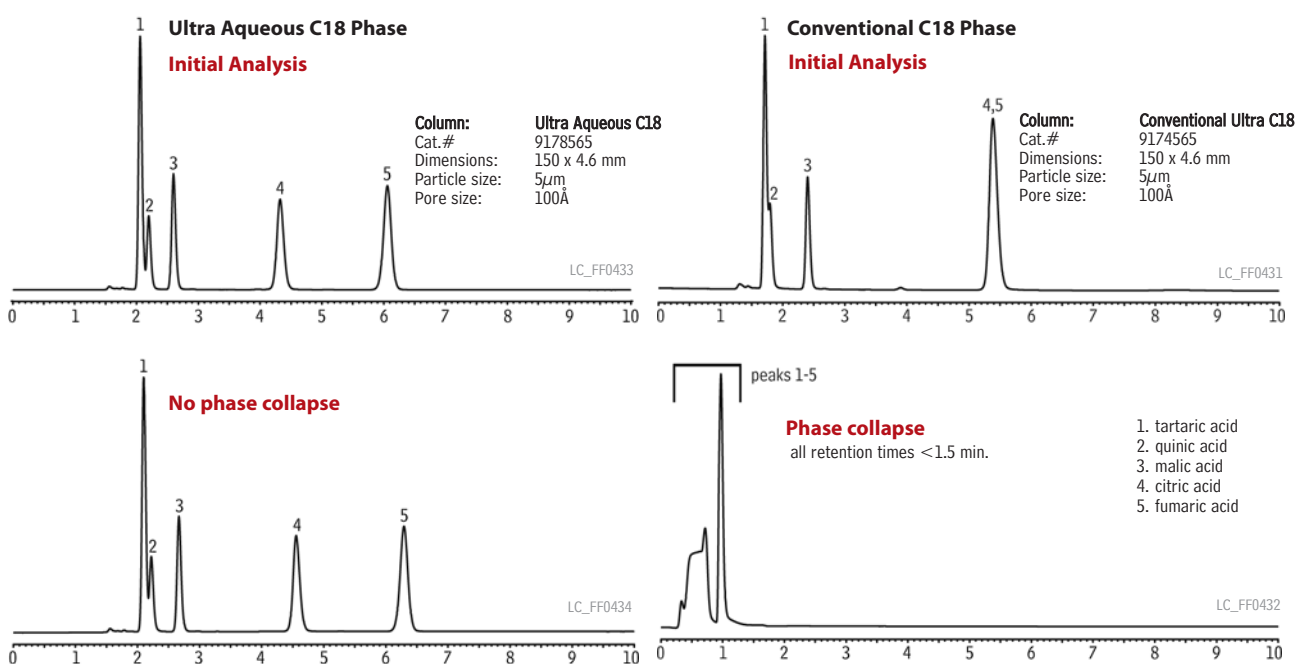
- Use 100% aqueous mobile phases without losing retention.
- Simple, isocratic method.
- Complete resolution of critical fruit juice organic acids, including quinic and tartaric acids.

Organic acids are common components in foods and beverages, and play a critical role in product characteristics like taste and aroma. They can be tested for in many food products including fruits, cheeses, and various beverages such as juices and wines. Organic acids can originate in the foods themselves (e.g. cranberries) or can be produced by food processing (e.g. alcoholic fermentation). A method that allows resolution of organic acids, as well as their quantification, can help determine product quality and authenticity.

Reversed phase HPLC coupled with UV-Vis detection is a popular technique for organic acid analysis. One common method, AOAC method 986.13, stipulates reversed phase HPLC using two C18 stationary phase columns in series. Because organic acids are low in molecular weight, and have polar functionalities, 100% aqueous buffer is needed for adequate retention. A low pH buffer is used to ensure that the organic acids remain protonated or neutral, thus allowing the best interaction between the organic acids and the C18 stationary phase. However, using a 100% aqueous mobile phase can cause the C18 chain in conventional C18 columns to collapse. Phase collapse results in loss of retention, and the column must be flushed with organic mobile phase, a time consuming step, to restore chain structure and column performance.

Three Restek columns – the Ultra Aqueous C18 column, the Allure® Aqueous C18 column, and the Allure® Organic Acids column – use aqueous-compatible C18 phases that do not exhibit phase collapse, even with 100% aqueous mobile phases. The advantage of using these columns is demonstrated in Figure 1 by the fast analysis of organic acids on a Shimadzu Prominence 20A system. Here, we compared the ability of the Ultra Aqueous C18 phase and a conventional C18 phase to withstand phase collapse. Figures 1A and 1B show that the Ultra Aqueous C18 phase resolves organic acids in a 100% aqueous mobile phase without loss of retention. In comparison, the conventional C18 phase shown in Figure 1C and 1D suffers a complete loss of retention following phase collapse when used under the same conditions. Thus, in an analysis that requires, or is improved by, a mobile phase with a high aqueous content, an Ultra Aqueous C18 column is the superior choice.

**Figure 1** Restek's water-compatible C18 phase does not collapse in a 100% aqueous mobile phase, compared to a conventional C18 column which shows a complete loss of retention.



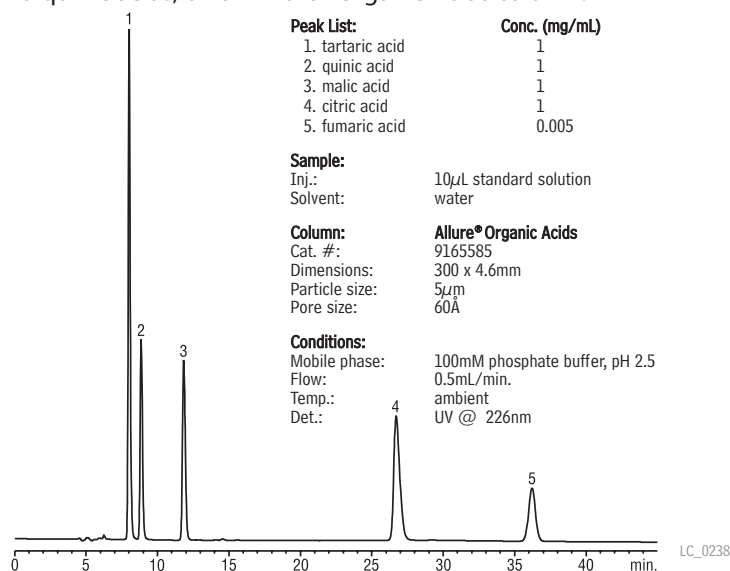
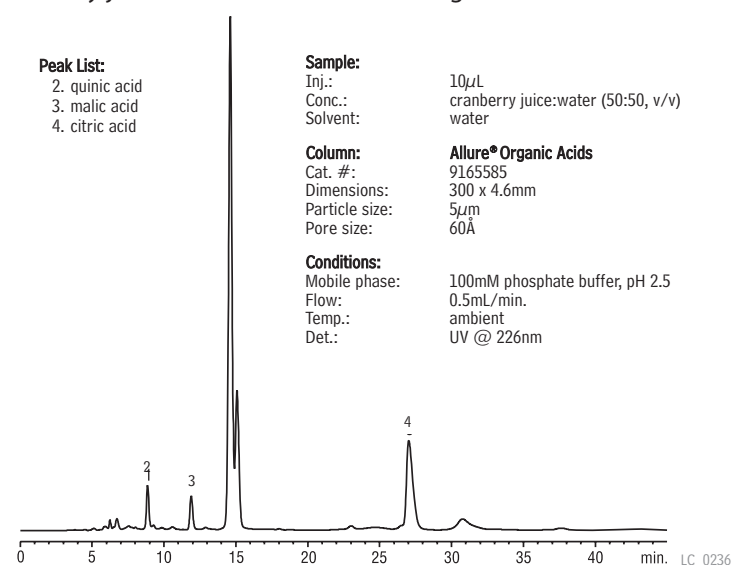
**Instrument:** Shimadzu Prominence 20A

**Sample:** Inj.: 10µL; Conc.: 2000µg/mL each component except fumaric acid (10µg/mL) (Organic Acids Reference Mixture cat.# 35080); Sample diluent: deionized water

**Conditions:** Mobile phase: 20mM potassium phosphate (pH 2.5); Flow: 1.0mL/min.; Temp.: 30°C; Det.: UV @ 226nm

Phase collapse caused for experimental purposes by releasing column pressure



**Figure 2** Excellent resolution of organic acids, including tartaric and quinic acids, on an Allure® Organic Acids column.**Figure 3** Sharp, easily differentiated organic acid profiles for cranberry juice cocktail on an Allure® Organic Acids column.

In analyses of organic acids, specifically, under high aqueous mobile phase conditions, the Allure® Organic Acids column is the column of choice. We have developed a method using a 300mm Allure® Organic Acids column to separate critical organic acids: tartaric, quinic, malic, citric and fumaric acids. This method calls for 100% aqueous mobile phase as recommended by AOAC method 986.13. The Allure® Organic Acids column is tested specifically for resolving critical organic acids. Figure 2 shows that tartaric and quinic acids are resolved to baseline; Figure 3 shows typical analyses under the conditions we recommend.

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#### Fruit Juice Organic Acid Standard

citric acid	2000 µg/ml	quinic acid	2000
fumaric acid	10*	tartaric acid	2000
malic acid	2000		
In water, 1mL/ampul			
cat. # 35080 (ea.)			
In water, 5mL/ampul			
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\*Fumaric acid is a trace impurity in malic acid, as well as an added component of the mix. The amount of fumaric acid in malic acid will not affect the stated concentration of malic acid, but can represent a significant and variable deviation from the low concentration of fumaric acid stated to be in the mix. All other components of the mix are at the specified concentration.

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## Separate Explosives and Propellant Residues

### Using Ultra C18 and Pinnacle™ II Biphenyl Columns

by Robert Freeman, Environmental Innovations Chemist

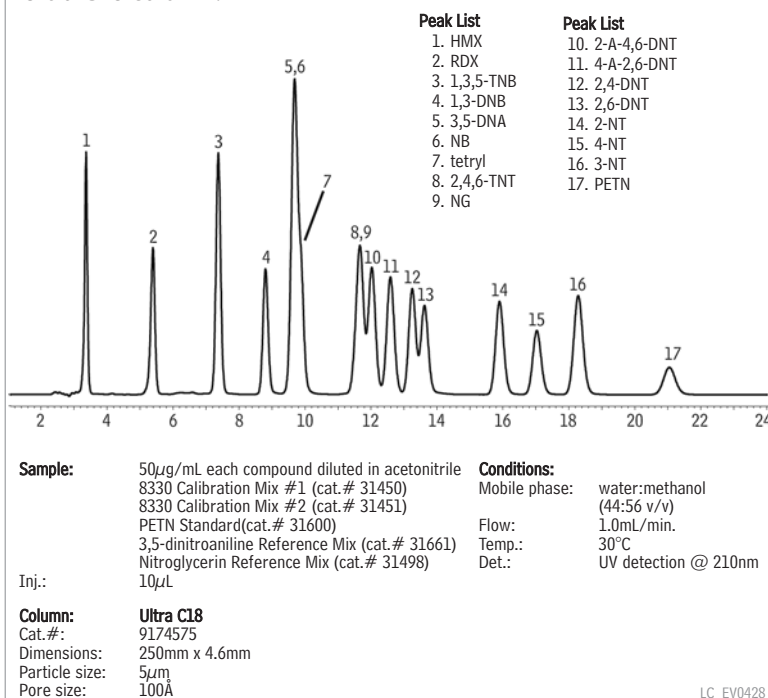
- Easily quantify and confirm new US EPA Method 8330B target analytes.
- Excellent resolution, improved accuracy.
- Simple, easy to use, isocratic method.

US EPA 8330, a test method for determining trace amounts of 14 nitramines and nitrate esters, was recently revised to include three new target analytes. The new method, EPA 8330B, includes nitroglycerin (NG), pentaerythritol tetranitrate, (PETN), and 3,5-dinitroaniline (3,5-DNA) and now covers 17 analytes that are commonly found in explosives and propellants residues. This method uses reversed phase HPLC and dual wavelength UV detection (210 & 254nm) in conjunction with a primary and a confirmation column.

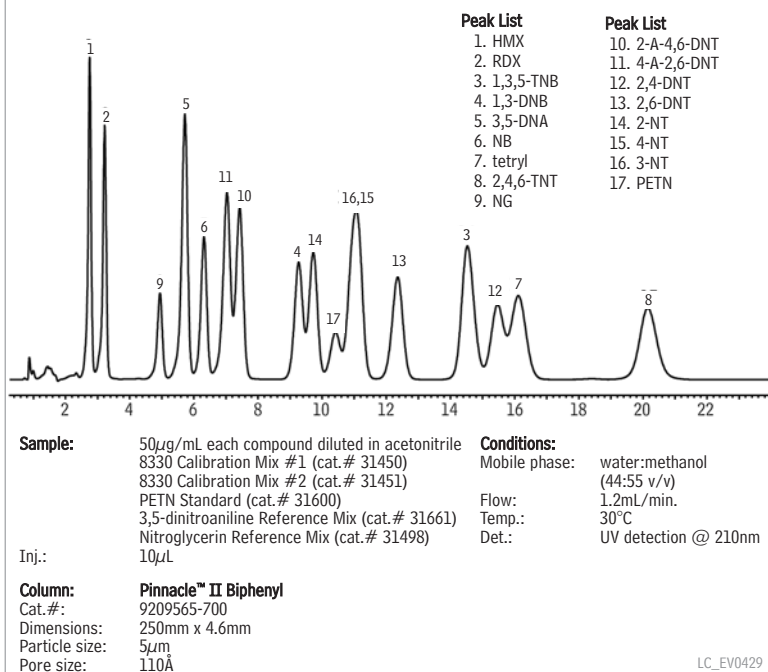
We recently assessed the performance of our current column offerings relative to the elution order and retention times of the new analytes in the revised method. Separations on all columns were accomplished using a simple, isocratic water:methanol mobile phase (Table 1). The primary and confirmation columns that we recommend for the EPA 8330 analysis are the Ultra C18 and Pinnacle™ II Biphenyl columns, respectively. Based on this work, we conclude this combination will work well for the revised method, EPA 8330B, as shown by the chromatograms in Figures 1 and 2. Both columns provide excellent resolution of the EPA 8330B analytes and their differing selectivity provides a true confirmation analysis.

As an alternative to the Ultra C18/Pinnacle™ II Biphenyl combination, a Pinnacle™ II C18 column and a Pinnacle™ II Cyano column work well together as a primary-confirmation column set. Another column of interest is the Allure® Biphenyl column. A high organic mobile phase was required on this column but the analysis was completed in approximately six minutes (Table 1).

**Figure 1** Excellent resolution of EPA 8330B target analytes on the Ultra C18 column.



**Figure 2** Alternate selectivity of EPA 8330B analytes on the Pinnacle™ II Biphenyl column confirms compound identity.



**Table 1** Retention times for EPA 8330B analytes on various Restek columns.

- new target analytes are shown in red
- highlighted cells indicate coelution.

H <sub>2</sub> O:MeOH	Primary Columns		Confirmation Columns		
	50:50	44:56	45:55	50:50	20:80
Flow	1.5 mL/min	1.0 mL/min	1.2 mL/min	1.5 mL/min	1.5 mL/min
Analytes	Pinnacle™ II C18	Ultra C18	Pinnacle™ II Biphenyl	Pinnacle™ II Cyano	Allure® Biphenyl
HMX	2.29	3.38	2.76	18.65	1.61
RDX	3.63	5.41	3.22	9.38	1.75
1,3,5-TNB	4.89	7.39	14.54	4.78	5.69
1,3-DNB	5.94	8.82	9.26	4.59	3.92
3,5-DNA	6.63	9.71	5.73	6.34	2.30
tetryl	6.97	9.71	16.12	11.47	4.42
NB	6.97	9.88	6.31	3.80	2.79
2,4,6-TNT	8.23	11.69	20.17	5.94	6.22
NG	8.23	11.69	4.94	8.52	1.98
2-A-4,6-DNT	8.94	12.05	7.43	7.24	2.50
4-A-2,6-DNT	8.94	12.61	7.02	6.34	2.41
2,6-DNT	9.73	13.27	12.36	5.10	4.09
2,4-DNT	9.73	13.64	15.46	5.58	5.14
2-NT	11.92	15.92	9.73	4.38	3.40
4-NT	12.76	17.05	11.07	4.38	3.72
3-NT	13.74	18.32	11.07	4.38	3.73
PETN	16.13	21.08	10.43	17.24	2.67

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**8330 Calibration Mix #1** (7 components)

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2,4-dinitrotoluene	1,3,5-trinitrobenzene
HMX	2,4,6-trinitrotoluene
nitrobenzene	
1,000µg/mL each in acetonitrile, 1mL/ampul	
	cat. # 31450 (ea.)

**8330 Calibration Mix #2** (7 components)

2-amino-4,6-dinitrotoluene	3-nitrotoluene
4-amino-2,6-dinitrotoluene	4-nitrotoluene
2,6-dinitrotoluene	tetryl
2-nitrotoluene	
1,000µg/mL each in acetonitrile, 1mL/ampul	
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**Single-Component Explosives Reference Mixes**

Volume is 1mL/ampul unless otherwise noted. Concentration is µg/mL unless otherwise noted.

3,5-dinitroaniline	ACN	1,000	31661
nitroglycerin	M	1,000	31498
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## Fast, Accurate FAMES Analyses of Biodiesel Fuel

Using a Stabilwax® Capillary GC Column

By Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Innovations Chemist

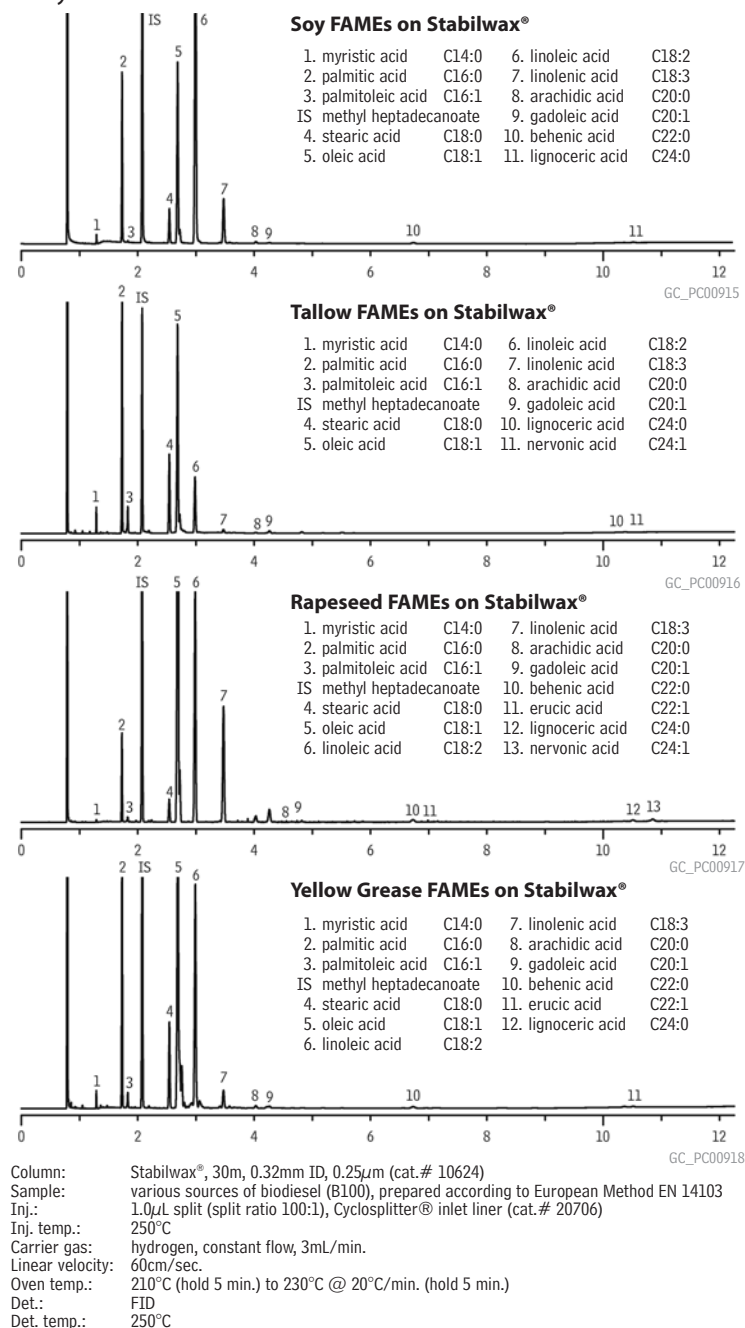
- Stable baselines, excellent peak symmetry, baseline resolution of all compounds.
- Analysis complete in less than 11 minutes using hydrogen.
- All RSD% values less than 1%.

A Stabilwax® fused silica GC column affords excellent peak symmetry, resolution, and reproducibility for determining the fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) and linolenic acid methyl ester content in B100 biodiesel fuel, using European standard method EN 14103. The chromatograms and quantified data shown here were generated from four different sources of biodiesel fuel, and meet or exceed the method criteria.

As biodiesel fuel continues to stimulate interest worldwide as an energy source, several gas chromatographic methods have been developed to determine the quality of B100 fuel. European standard method EN 14103 is used for determining the FAME and linolenic acid methyl ester content, European standard method EN 14105 and ASTM standard method D-6584-00e1 are used for determining free and total glycerin, and European standard method EN 14110 is used for determining residual methanol. Method EN 14103 permits the analyst to assure the B100 product is greater than 90% fatty acid methyl esters (m/m) and the linolenic acid content is between 1% and 15% (m/m). The analysis is appropriate for FAME compositions between C14:0 and C24:1.

In evaluating the suitability of the Stabilwax® column for quantifying FAMES and linolenic acid methyl ester by method EN 14103, we prepared reference standards from each of the four B100 fuel sources – soy, tallow, rapeseed, and yellow grease (Table 1) – by weighing 250mg of the source material into a 10mL vial, then adding 5mL of a 10mg/mL solution of internal standard methyl heptadecanoate. (Avoid allowing the samples to stand longer than 12 hours, or quantification will be inaccurate.) We installed the 30m x 0.32mm ID x 0.25µm Stabilwax® column (cat.# 10624) in an Agilent 6890 instrument equipped with a split/splitless injector, a flame ionization detector, and ChemStation software. To obtain the fastest analysis, without sacrificing resolution, we selected hydrogen as the carrier gas, supplied from a Parker Balston hydrogen generator.

**Figure 1** Stable baselines, excellent peak symmetry, and rapid, baseline resolution of all compounds characterize FAMES analyses on a Stabilwax® column.



**Table 1** Sources of FAMES in B100 biodiesel fuel (% m/m).

		Soy	Tallow	Rapeseed	Yellow Grease
Myristic acid	C14:0	0.21	1.7	0.11	0.68
Palmitic acid	C16:0	11.24	25.5	4.1	16.35
Palmitoleic acid	C16:1	0.2	3.27	0.27	1.23
Stearic acid	C18:0	4.04	14.41	1.8	9.32
Oleic acid	C18:1	21.93	40.34	58.57	47.8
Linoleic acid	C18:2	53.84	12.02	22.2	20.01
Linolenic acid	C18:3	7.29	0.99	13.26	2.93
Arachidic acid	C20:0	0.36	0.4	0.79	0.46
Gadoleic acid	C20:1	0.26	1.03	1.79	0.39
Behenic acid	C22:0	0.45		0.57	0.44
Erucic acid	C22:1			0.13	0.23
Lignoceric acid	C24:0	0.16	0.34	0.3	0.24
Nervonic acid	C24:1		0.17	0.54	

**Table 2** Relative standard deviations for FAMES do not exceed 1% in analyses on a Stabilwax® column (n = 3).

		Soy	Tallow	Rapeseed	Yellow Grease
Myristic acid	C14:0	0.33	0.42	0.24	0.36
Palmitic acid	C16:0	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.04
Palmitoleic acid	C16:1	0.23	0.17	0.19	0.09
Stearic acid	C18:0	0.05	0.02	0.13	0.19
Oleic acid	C18:1	0.02	0.3	0.2	0.25
Linoleic acid	C18:2	0.25	0.41	0.11	0.22
Linolenic acid	C18:3	0.13	0.16	0.07	0.14
Arachidic acid	C20:0	0.3	0.37	0.23	0.31
Gadoleic acid	C20:1	0.33	0.28	0.37	0.41
Behenic acid	C22:0	0.28		0.29	0.17
Erucic acid	C22:1			0.21	0.26
Lignoceric acid	C24:0	0.53	0.14	0.1	0.33
Nervonic acid	C24:1		0.55	0.83	

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Hydrogen Generator B9200	250cc/min.	ea.	22035
Hydrogen Generator B9400	500cc/min.	ea.	22036
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Figure 1 shows, for each source material, the analysis to FAME C24:1 is completed in less than 11 minutes. Particularly notable are the stability of the baselines, the excellent peak symmetry, and baseline resolution of all compounds of interest. Table 2 summarizes the RSD% values for the FAMES measurements, all of which are less than 1%.

A 30m x 0.32mm ID x 0.25µm Stabilwax® column, used with hydrogen carrier gas, permits high speed analysis and ensures precise data acquisition for accurate quantification of C14:0-C24:1 FAMES and linolenic acid methyl ester.

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## Assure Accurate Sampling and Reliable Sample Purity

Restek Sampling System Treatments Prevent Adsorption, Protect Components

By Gary Barone, Manager, Restek Performance Coatings

- Quantify active compounds (e.g., sulfur, mercury, NOx) at parts-per-billion levels.
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### Accurate sampling with Siltek®/Sulfinert® tubing and fittings.

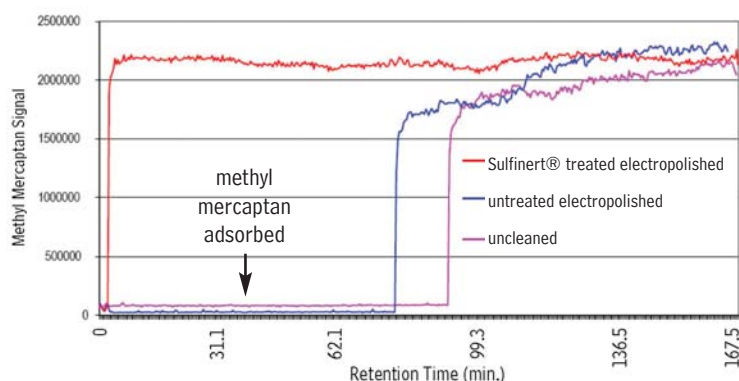
Adsorption problems in sample pathways often can be traced to the tubing and fittings used to transfer the sample to the analytical instrument. Always use treated tubing and fittings for applications involving active compounds. To ensure maximum inertness and minimal surface area, use Siltek®/Sulfinert® treated electropolished tubing. Figure 1 shows uptake and release curves for 500ppbv of methyl mercaptan, an active sulfur compound, in a gas stream passing through a variety of tubing substrates. Siltek®/Sulfinert® treated tubing reduces uptake by orders of magnitude, relative to untreated stainless steel tubing.

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Figure 3 shows the results of a 4000-hour salt spray test on Silcosteel®-CR treated 316L stainless steel and untreated 316L stainless steel. The Silcosteel®-CR treated material exhibited virtually no change. Silcosteel®-CR treatment has extended the life of process systems in oil and gas production, oil refining, petrochemical processing, aerospace equipment, food and beverage processing, and laboratory testing. Figure 4 shows Silcosteel®-CR treatment can reduce the overall lifetime cost of a typical process system by hundreds of thousands of dollars. While the initial cost of an unprotected stainless steel system is lower than that of a comparable Silcosteel®-CR system, the overall lifetime cost, considering replacement cost due to corrosion, is nearly double that of a Silcosteel®-CR treated system. High performance alloy systems offer superlative corrosion performance, but the initial material cost can be up to six times that of a stainless steel system.

**Figure 1** Sulfinert® treated electropolished seamless stainless steel tubing does not adsorb methyl mercaptan (500ppbv).



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#### Fittings

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#### Valves

The sample flow path through a valve can prolong contact between the sample stream and the valve components. Restek surface treatments have been applied to many valve geometries, to eliminate adsorption to bodies, stems, diaphragms, or other components.

#### Filters

Frits and other filtering devices trap particles and prevent them from entering the analytical instrument, but they also very effectively adsorb active components in sample streams. Their large surface areas can increase sample/system contact by orders of magnitude. Siltek®/Sulfinert® treatment of frits and filters creates an inert flowpath. Our chemical vapor deposition technology ensures the treatment penetrates even the smallest pores in sintered metal frits.

#### Sample Vessel Equipment

Restek treated sampling containers prevent active components from adsorbing to vessel, valve, or outage tube surfaces. We offer a complete line of high pressure sampling equipment for applications involving liquefied petroleum gases, ethylene, natural gas, or propylene.

#### Sampling Probes

An untreated probe contributes to the active surface area in the system, and this should be considered when identifying potential adsorption sites during active stream transfer.

#### Heated Transport Lines

Active compounds in the sample quickly can be adsorbed onto the hot tubing in a heated "trace line". Restek surface treatment prevents adsorption of active compounds.

#### Summary

Surface treatments from the Restek Performance Coatings group prevent adsorption of active compounds or corrosion in process systems, and always should be considered in applications in which active or corrosive streams are to be sampled, transferred, or analyzed.

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0.277" (7.04mm)	3/8" (9.52mm)***	22914				

#### Silcosteel®-CR Treated Coiled 316L Grade Stainless Steel Tubing

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0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22897				
0.277" (7.04mm)	3/8" (9.52mm)***	22915				

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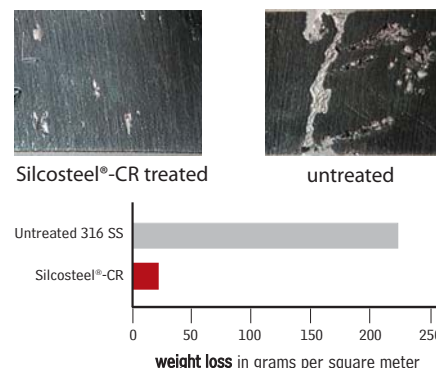
ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-99 ft.	100-299 ft.	> 300 ft.
0.085" (2.16mm)	1/8" (3.18mm)*	22538				
0.180" (4.57mm)	1/4" (6.35mm)**	22539				

\*0.020" wall thickness

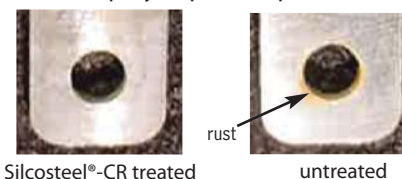
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\*\*\*0.049" wall thickness

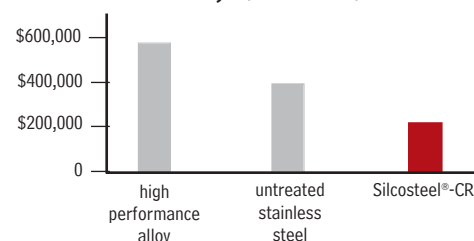
**Figure 2** Silcosteel®-CR resists pitting and crevice corrosion when exposed to ferric chloride, per ASTM G48, B.



**Figure 3** Silcosteel®-CR treated stainless steel shows no sign of attack after 4000-hour salt spray exposure, per ASTM B117.



**Figure 4** Silcosteel®-CR demonstrates significant cost savings, compared to untreated stainless steel or alloys (US dollars).



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## Peak Performers

### Introduction to Pressure Regulators

by Donna Lidgett, GC Accessories Product Manager



#### General Purpose or Analytical?

General-purpose regulators usually are best suited for applications involving gases that are less than 99.995% pure: pneumatically-actuated valves and autosamplers, blanketing, inert atmospheres, and any other application not directly integrated with analytical data production. General purpose regulators have nylon-reinforced neoprene diaphragms that provide very good pressure control but are prone to air and moisture diffusion and hydrocarbon off-gassing.

Analytical regulators are recommended for applications in which maintaining the purity of a gas or mixture is the overriding concern, i.e., for applications requiring gases that are greater than 99.995% pure. They are commonly used in analytical labs. Analytical regulators have stainless steel diaphragms for pressure control. Stainless steel is not subject to the diffusion and off-gassing associated with neoprene diaphragms, and is easily purged of atmospheric contaminants when put into service.

#### Dual- or Single-Stage?

Dual-stage regulators reduce the source pressure to outlet pressure in two steps. The first stage reduces the inlet pressure to about three times the maximum working pressure. Outlet pressure regulation is controlled by the second stage and is set through an adjusting knob. This two-step regulation is highly recommended for services requiring a near constant delivery pressure as the source pressure decays, including chromatographic analyses.

Single-stage regulators perform the same function as dual-stage regulators, but in a single step down from source pressure to outlet pressure. For this reason, the outlet pressure cannot be as accurately maintained as the source pressure decays. We highly recommend that single-stage regulators be used only in circumstances in which the operator can monitor and adjust the regulator as needed, when the regulator is supplied with a nearly constant source pressure, or when additional pressure regulation is supplied downstream.

#### Brass or Stainless Steel?

Analytical regulators made from brass bar stock provide optimum performance for most analytical applications. Brass provides excellent strength and cleanliness and the machined bar stock design has less dead volume than forged-body regulators, making purging of atmospheric contaminants faster and more assured.

Regulators with stainless steel bodies were designed for delivering corrosive gases that would be incompatible with brass. With the advent of semiconductor manufacturing and high sensitivity analytical techniques, stainless steel also has proven to be a better surface for removing “sticky” atmospheric contaminants that interfere with detectors downstream. Unless these regulators are used in an all-stainless-steel system that incorporates welded tubing and special fittings, and in which rigorous cleaning and proper gas management are practiced, the extra expense relative to brass is not justified.

#### Overview of Restek's Brass and Stainless Steel Body Ultra-High-Purity Regulators

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#### Ultra-High-Purity Stainless Steel Body Regulators

These regulators are the standard for ultra-high-purity and corrosion-resistant pressure regulation. They are more easily purged of atmospheric components, compared to brass regulators, making them ideal for the most demanding applications. Regulation performance is equal to our brass body regulators. For use in all-stainless steel systems where welded tubing and special fittings are used, and rigorous cleaning and proper gas management are practiced.

#### Dual-Stage Ultra-High-Purity Stainless Steel Regulators

- Most stable outlet pressure control throughout the life of a high-pressure gas cylinder.
- Secondary pressure regulation not needed.

Outlet pressure: 0 to 100psig  
 Outlet gauge: 30" – 0 to 200psig  
 Inlet gauge: 0 to 4000psig  
 Outlet assembly: diaphragm valve,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " tube fitting



Fitting	qty.	cat.#
CGA 580 (N <sub>2</sub> , He, Ar)	ea.	20662
CGA 350 (H <sub>2</sub> , P <sub>2</sub> )	ea.	20663
CGA 590 (Air)	ea.	20664

**Single-Stage Ultra-High-Purity Stainless Steel Regulators**

- Use when there is secondary pressure regulation downstream.
- Identical gas purity protection as with our dual-stage regulators.

Outlet pressure: 0 to 100psig  
 Outlet gauge: 30" – 0 to 200psig  
 Inlet gauge: 0 to 4000psig  
 Outlet assembly: diaphragm valve, 1/4" tube fitting

Fitting	qty.	cat.#
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CGA 350 (H <sub>2</sub> , P <sub>2</sub> )	ea.	20666
CGA 590 (Air)	ea.	20667

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- Most stable outlet pressure control throughout the life of a high-pressure gas cylinder.
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Outlet pressure: 0 to 100psig  
 Outlet gauge: 30" – 0 to 200psig  
 Inlet gauge: 0 to 4000psig  
 Outlet assembly: diaphragm valve, 1/4" tube fitting

Fitting	qty.	cat.#
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**Single-Stage Ultra-High-Purity Chrome-Plated Brass Regulators**

- Oxidation-resistant, chrome-plated.
- Use when there is secondary pressure regulation downstream.
- Identical gas purity protection as with our dual-stage regulators.

Outlet pressure: 0 to 100psig  
 Outlet gauge: 30" – 0 to 200psig  
 Inlet gauge: 0 to 4000psig  
 Outlet assembly: diaphragm valve, 1/4" tube fitting

Fitting	qty.	cat.#
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CGA 590 (Air)	ea.	20648

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- Oxidation-resistant, chrome-plated.
- Use where you need to reduce the line pressure by 20psi or more.
- Same purity protection as high-pressure cylinder regulators.

Inlet connections: 1/4" FPT  
 Outlet assembly: 1/4" FPT port

Fitting	Outlet Gauge	Outlet Pressure	qty.	cat.#
1/4" female NPT ports*	30" - 0 to 100psig	0-50psig	ea.	21666
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## Preventing Septum Problems

By Donna Lidgett, GC Accessories Product Marketing Manager and Scott Grossman, GC Accessories Chemist

- Avoid extraneous peaks with proper septum handling & maintenance.
- Handy size chart & septum choice guidelines.
- Optimize performance by choosing the right septum for the job.

All septa, regardless of their composition, puncturability, or resistance to thermal degradation, will be a source of problems if they are mis-handled or used inappropriately. Poor septum choice and improper treatment can significantly compromise both qualitative and quantitative analytical results. Proper septum choice and careful handling can minimize septum bleed and septum coring, two of the most common septum problems that affect chromatography.

Septum bleed occurs when volatiles from the septum (e.g., silicone oils, phthalates) enter the column and then elute, creating elevated baselines (for isothermal analyses), baseline disturbances, or extraneous (but consistent) peaks in the chromatogram. Either baseline rise or extraneous peaks can interfere with identification and quantification of target analytes. This problem is prevalent in temperature-programmed analyses, because the septum volatiles collect on the column during the oven cool-down and initial hold periods.

To avoid septum bleed, either condition your septum prior to running your analysis, or use a pre-conditioned septum that is ready for immediate use. All Restek septa are preconditioned and ready to use. Allowing the septum to condition at operating temperatures for a few hours is an excellent way to assure optimum performance. Also always use clean forceps or wear clean powderless latex gloves, or cotton gloves when handling septa. Do not handle them with bare fingers or with powdered latex gloves since contaminants such as finger oils, perfumes, make-up, fingernail polish, skin creams, hand soaps, and talcum can be absorbed into the septum and bleed out during analysis.

Septum coring is another common problem that can diminish chromatographic performance. Coring occurs when the septum has been punctured too many times, the needle is damaged, or the wrong needle tip type is used. In these cases, small particles may be cored from the body of the septum and fall into the inlet liner. Once in the liner, they are subjected to higher temperatures, causing the release of septum volatiles which are swept into the column and can appear on the chromatogram (see "How Hot is Your Septum?" on page 22).

To prevent septum coring, always follow the septum and instrument manufacturers' installation recommendations and take care not to over-tighten the septum nut. Over-tightening the septum nut invariably reduces septum lifetime by increasing coring and splitting. Routinely replacing your septum and inspecting your syringe needle (manual or autosampler) for tip damage also help prevent septum damage.

Softer septa, such as Ice-Blue™ septa, are less likely to core than firmer septa. However, softer septa usually have a lower maximum operating temperature than firmer septa, so consider your method requirements carefully before deciding to switch. Changing syringe needle styles also can help reduce coring. For example, a point-style #2 needle (beveled point) is much more likely to cause coring (especially when the tip has become bent or dull) than a point-style #5 needle (conical needle with side-port).

A septum that can be penetrated cleanly and easily by the needle is less prone to coring and has a longer life. Moreover, consistent injections made through such a septum help ensure accurate results. The soft silicone rubber from which all Restek septa are manufactured is specially formulated for chromatographic performance, which ensures our septa are easy to puncture. However, in cases in which a small degree of pliability is sacrificed for high-temperature optimization, the CenterGuide™ dimple will help guide the syringe, for clean, consistent injections, minimizing septum coring.

Careful consideration of instrument and method requirements should dictate your septum choice, but proper handling and maintenance are the keys to minimizing septum damage and maximizing the accuracy of your analyses. Restek offers septa for all major brands of gas chromatographs and injectors. Use our handy septum size chart to determine the septum diameter for your instrument or contact us at **1-800-356-1688 (ext. 4)** to discuss your application.

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9mm	27132	27133	27134
9.5mm (7/8")	27135	27136	27137
10mm	27138	27139	27140
11mm (7/16")	27141	27142	27143
11.5mm	27144	27145	27146
12.5mm (1/2")	27147	27148	27149
17mm	27150	27151	27152
Shimadzu Plug	27153	27154	27155
<b>IceBlue™ Septa</b>			
9mm		27156	27157
9.5mm (7/8")		27158	27159
10mm		27160	27161
11mm (7/16")		27162	27163
11.5mm		27164	27165
12.5mm (1/2")		27166	27167
17mm		27168	27169
Shimadzu Plug		27170	27171
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9.5mm (7/8")		27106	27107
10mm		27108	27109
11mm (7/16") CenterGuide™		27110	27111
11.5mm CenterGuide™		27112	27113
12.5mm (1/2") CenterGuide™		27114	27115
17mm CenterGuide™		27116	27117
Shimadzu Plug		27118	27119



## HANDY septum size chart

Instrument	Septum Diameter (mm)	Instrument	Septum Diameter (mm)
<b>Agilent (HP)</b>		<b>Pye/Unicam</b>	
5880A, 5890, 6890,		All models	7
6850, PTV	11	<b>Shimadzu</b>	
5700, 5880	9.5/10	All models	Plug
On-Column Injection	5	<b>SRI</b>	
<b>Thermo Scientific</b>		All models	Plug
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GCQ w/TRACE™, PTV	17	54011.5	
8000 series	17	550,560	9.5
<b>Finnigan (TMQ)</b>		220,222	12.5
GC 9001	9.5	<b>Varian</b>	
GCQ 9.5		Injector type:	
QCQ™ 9.5		Packed column	9.5/10
TRACE™ 2000	9.5	Split/splitless	
<b>Gow-Mac</b>		1078/1079	10/11
6890 series	11	1177 9	
All other models	9.5	1075/1077	11
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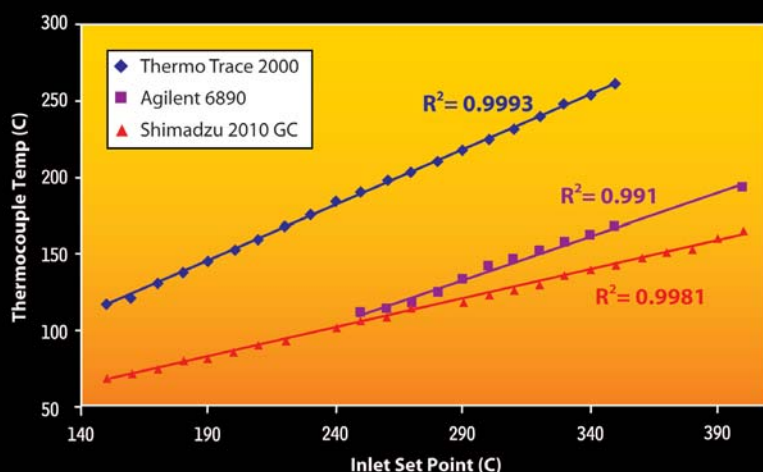
By Scott Grossman, GC Accessories Chemist

Different septa brands are given a single, maximum operating temperature based on their performance in a specific instrument inlet, not the actual temperature that the septum can withstand and still function properly. Understanding how different inlets influence the actual temperature at the septum can help prevent problems such as sticking. The temperature at the septum is affected by the heating element and the overall inlet design, which varies significantly among manufacturers. To illustrate this, we placed a thermocouple at the bottom of the septum in several instruments and compared the actual temperature to the inlet set point. The resulting data demonstrate that for any given setting the temperature at the septum is lower than the set point, but the degree of difference, or gradient, varies among instruments (Figure 1).

There are distinct advantages and disadvantages associated with different temperature gradients that should be considered. Inlets with a larger gradient (cooler septum compartment) typically experience fewer problems with septa sticking. In contrast, inlets with a smaller gradient (hotter septum compartment) are more prone to septa sticking, but have the advantage of a more evenly heated inlet and thus more uniform sample vaporization. Uniform vaporization reduces analyte discrimination, the bias against higher boiling point (i.e. higher molecular weight) compounds in favor of lower boiling point compounds that occurs when compounds are not vaporized with equal efficiency.

Operators of instruments that have a smaller temperature gradient should consider using septa that are rated for the highest possible temperature and setting the inlet at the lowest permissible temperature. Low bleed BTO® septa are one of the best choices for temperature resistance, and have the added benefit of a needle guide, which increases septum lifetime (see "Preventing Septum Problems" on page 20 for more information on septum selection and care). Understanding how your inlet temperature setting relates to the actual temperature at the septum allows you to control bias, avoid septum problems, and better understand your results.

**Figure 1** Septum temperature differs from inlet temperature set point; the degree of difference varies by manufacturer.



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# Retention Cross-over Phenomenon in Gas Chromatography- Can the Mystery be Revealed? Part 1

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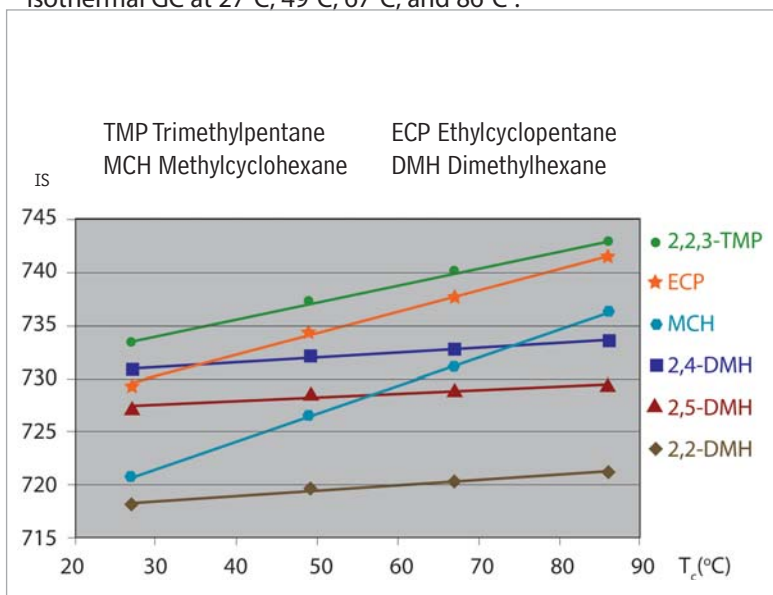
Therefore, the dependence of the retention time upon column temperature is usually expressed graphically as the log of the retention parameter (net retention time  $t'_R$  or retention factor  $k'$  or retention index  $I$ ) vs.  $T_c$  or  $1/T_c$ , where  $T_c$  is the absolute column temperature. In many cases, the plots are linear over the temperature range employed and, furthermore, the lines are approximately parallel to each other indicating that there is little change in selectivity by changing the column temperature in isothermal mode. This is valid for chemically similar compounds. But closer inspection reveals that some lines diverge slightly in their slope and even cross each other (Figure 2).<sup>2</sup> The practical implication is coelution of the two compounds at the temperature where the lines intersect. By further changing the column temperature the compounds are again separated but in reverse elution order. As mentioned above, this kind of behavior is often experienced when compounds of different chemical nature are analyzed on moderate to highly polar stationary phases.

But not only compounds with different functional groups will behave this way! In the next issue of the Restek Advantage, you will see examples of aliphatic versus cyclic compounds or cyclic compounds differing in their ring number, and the cross-over effect on non-polar columns.

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**Figure 2** Retention indices on squalane (IS) as a function of  $T_c$  for isothermal GC at 27°C, 49°C, 67°C, and 86°C<sup>2</sup>.



## more to reveal!

See the next issue of the Restek Advantage for Part 2 of Retention Cross-over Phenomenon in Gas Chromatography- Can the Mystery be revealed?

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# Restek: A Company of Owners

by Paul Silvis, Restek Founder & former Head Coach



Twenty-one years ago, I had a vision of creating a company where employees would enjoy coming to work as much as going home. Everyone kept telling me that we couldn't keep alive the Restek vision of being a great place to work as we got bigger, but I've always been too stubborn to agree. Today, more than 250 employee-owners and our families work, play, and celebrate milestones in our state-of-the-art facility in Bellefonte, in our new research facility in California, and in our subsidiary locations in England, France, Germany, and Ireland. And, in keeping with my vision, Restek is celebrating its twenty-first year in business by being selected as one of Pennsylvania's Top 100 Places To Work – for the third time!! We understand that our customers' happiness and our own are tightly intertwined – we care about the products we make, and the Plus 1 service we provide, because your best interests also are ours.

Plus 1 Service, Innovation, and Execution (PIE®) have been, and continue to be, the keys to our success, but another vital component to our success is that Restek employees have a positive vision of their future. Why? Because as the founder and controlling shareholder, I have set in motion a plan to sell the company to the employees, providing them the opportunity to chart their own future and continue the tradition of our customer-first culture.

Friends of mine who started companies, including Walt Jennings of J&W, and Nick Pelick and Walt Supina of Supelco, had a significant impact on my vision for Restek. These individuals all expressed regret once their exciting, entrepreneurial companies were sold. Each watched as the cultures they so carefully assembled began to change, and employees lost that "enjoy coming to work" feeling. I have come to believe that success is not measured by the price for which you can sell a company, but by the way the company prospers under the next generation of leadership. In 2005, I turned over the reins of Restek to Don McCandless, who took over as Head Coach and in the supporting role of mentoring and teaching the next generation of leadership. Now, we are fully engaged in the process of executing an employee stock ownership plan for selling the company to those whose labors have had a major role in building it. As we advance toward total employee ownership, our people and our products are positioning Restek to meet new challenges and opportunities, with even better service to our customers and community, and it is no exaggeration to say that Restekians truly do enjoy their work.

Restek will continue to be successful because our employees are excited that their future is in their own hands. Customers will continue to benefit because Restek will remain independent – able to work with all of the instrument companies – and will continue to create top quality products for all of them. We will be able to continue responding to all the ideas that pour in from customers around the world, telling us what products and services they need to make their lives easier in the lab.

Our company of owners will control their own destiny. I will be smiling from ear to ear when I see how employee ownership works to create a company in which employees still enjoy coming to work as much as going home! Isn't it fun to do business with employee-owners who love coming to work every day?





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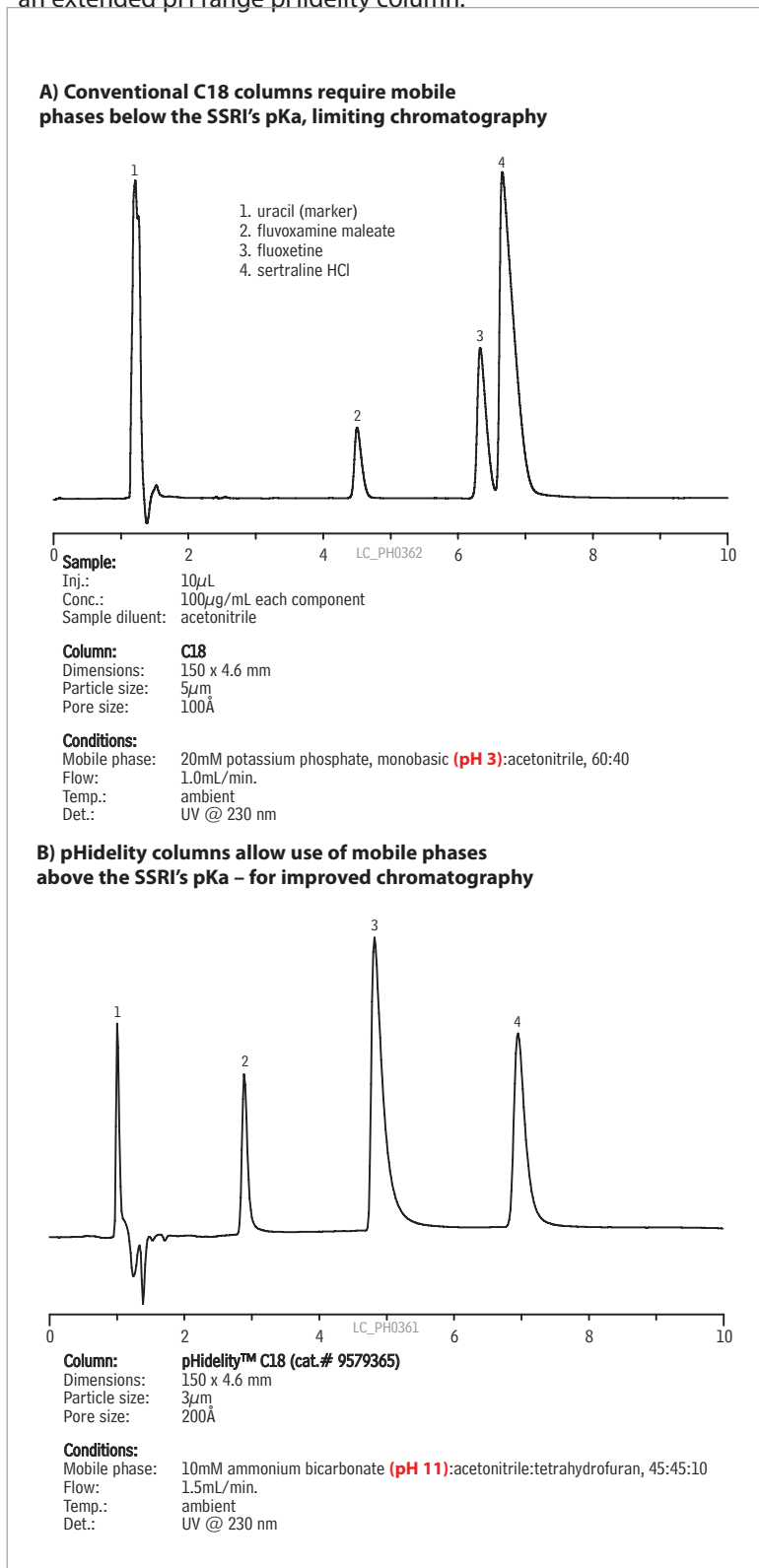
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- True C18 selectivity, for simpler and more reproducible analyses.

Practically, the useable pH range for conventional silica-based HPLC columns is pH 2.5 to 7.5. Columns are used outside of this range only when there is an extreme need for a separation, and the inevitable price – a very short column lifetime – must be accepted. pHdility™ pH-stable HPLC columns can be used far above the typical pH range for silica-based stationary phases, with mobile phases up to pH 12, giving more control over analyte retention and resolution.

To illustrate the advantages of using high pH mobile phases for assaying basic analytes, we first analyzed selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). SSRIs are basic compounds with high pKa values. Ideally, a high pH mobile phase would be used for this analysis. A high pH mobile phase will keep the analytes in their neutral forms and allow better retention and resolution on an alkyl C18 column. However, if using a mobile phase pH appropriately above compound pKa values (approximately 1.5-2 pH units) on a column with a limited alkaline range, the caustic mobile phase would rapidly degrade the silica particles – significantly shortening column lifetime. Therefore, with a conventional C18 column, an acidic or neutral mobile phase pH must be used. As result, when the compounds are assayed at a mobile phase pH below their pKas, they are in their ionized forms and their retention, peak shape, and resolution is limited on a conventional C18 column (Figure 1A). An extended range pHdility C18 column allows the use of high pH mobile phases, above the analytes pKa, without deleterious effects to the column. Under these conditions, basic analytes are neutral, more hydrophobic and better retained (Figure 1B). By using a pHdility™ column mobile phase pH can be optimized, improving retention, peak shape, and resolution on a C18 column.

Another advantage to extending the pH range of silica based columns, is improved analysis of multi-component test mixes with high pH mobile phases. When faced with a mixture of basic analytes, choosing the appropriate mobile phase pH can be problematic. An example of this is the mixture of bases which vary in pKa value, as shown in Figure 2. If a conventional C18 column was employed to assay this ionic mixture, a pH approximately 1.5 - 2 units below the lowest pKa would need to be used (a pH above the highest pKa would be above the operating range of conventional silica columns). This would result in protonation of the basic analytes, making them more hydrophilic, and less

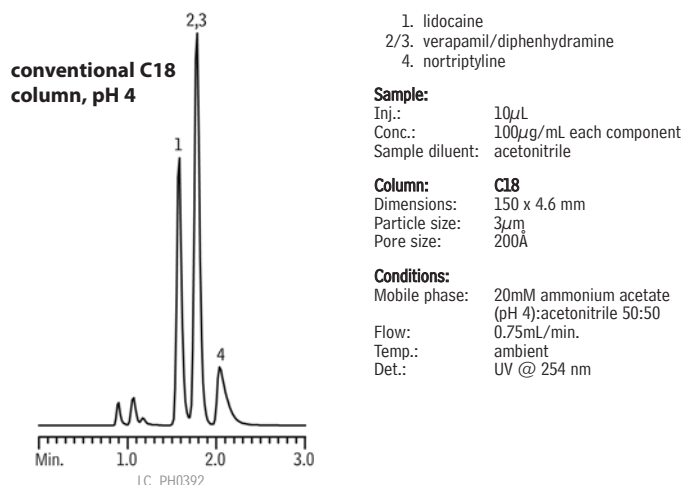
**Figure 1** Improve SSRI retention, peak shape, and resolution using an extended pH range pHdility column.



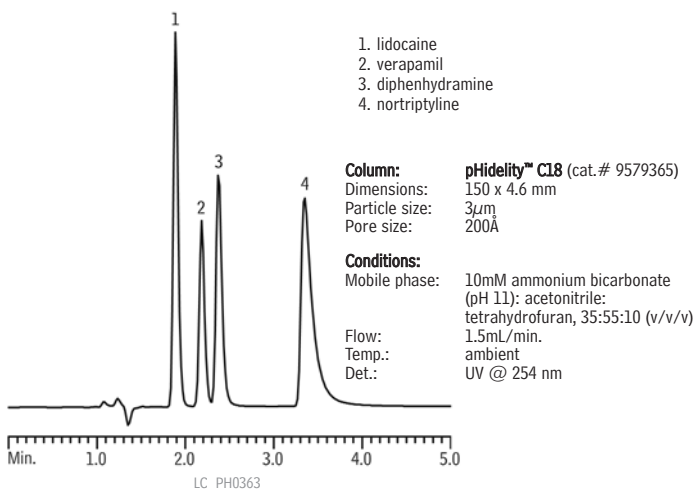


**Figure 2** Using a high pH mobile phase is an easy way to improve peak retention, resolution, and symmetry in a test mix of compounds varying in pKa values.

**A) Poor separation of bases under typical conditions**



**B) Complete separation of bases on a pHidility™ column at pH 11**



retained (Figure 2A). In contrast, using an extended range pHidility™ C18 column and a mobile phase pH above the highest pKa of the analytes, the compounds will be uncharged and more hydrophobic, resulting in greater retention (Figure 2B). The analysis of basic compounds using a high pH mobile phase is an easy way to increase retention and to enhance resolution and peak shape. This makes a simpler task of method development, especially for complex test mixtures.

Non-silica-based chemistries have been developed in attempts to overcome the pH constraints of conventional silica-based HPLC columns, but silica-based phases offer a number of advantages, including high efficiencies, consistent lot-to-lot reproducibility, and predictable selectivities. Silica-based pHidility™ pH-stable columns offer selectivity similar to conventional materials, but with dramatically increased column lifetime, even under the most harsh conditions. Figure 3 shows equivalent comparisons of a pHidility™ C18 column and a conventional C18 column in an accelerated lifetime test under high pH conditions, at pH 10 and 60°C. This test demonstrates that pHidility™ columns have a much greater lifetime when used in caustic environments than conventional C18 columns. Additionally, the pHidility™ packing material is based on a true silica particle, ensuring a more C18-like selectivity than any competitive column based on non-silica or hybrid materials.

If your separation would benefit from extended pH conditions, we recommend you take advantage of pHidility™ column for extreme-pH stability, C18-like selectivity, and long lifetimes. To discuss your separation, or for more information, please contact Restek's HPLC technical service group, and we will be happy to discuss how you can improve your analysis, and make fewer column changes. **pHidility™ C18 Columns**

**Physical Characteristics:**

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pore size: 200 Å  
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temperature limit: 80°C

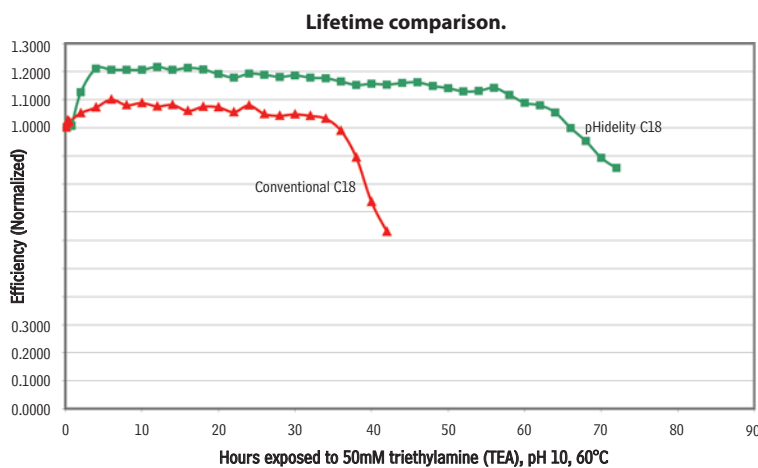
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100mm		9579315
150mm		9579365
<b>pHidility™ C18 Guard Cartridges</b>		
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10 x 4.0mm	3-pk.	957930210
20 x 2.1mm	2-pk.	957930222
20 x 4.0mm	2-pk.	957930220

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**Figure 3** pHidility™ C18 columns - exceptional performance under accelerated high pH stability testing conditions.



# Simplified LC/MS/MS Analysis of Fluoroquinolones

## Using An Allure® PFP Propyl Column

By Rick Lake, Pharmaceutical Innovations Chemist, and Benjamin Smith, Applications Technician

- Increase retention without ion-pairing.
- Better selectivity than C18 or cyano phases.
- Use desirable high-organic mobile phases for better ESI LC/MS sensitivity.

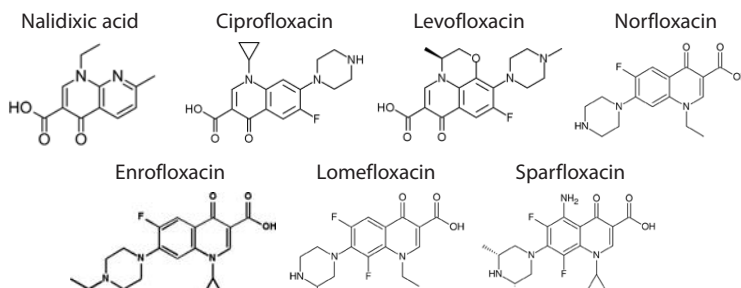
Fluoroquinolones are broad-spectrum antibiotics, used in both human and veterinary medicine. Because they are widely used, fluoroquinolones are target compounds in many analysis sectors, from research and clinical testing to environmental impact and residues in food. We have determined that an Allure® PFP Propyl column offers good retention capacity, and better selectivity than a C18 column, allowing simple method development strategies for fluoroquinolones.

Parent compound nalidixic acid is the structural basis for all quinolones, and fluoroquinolones are a fluorine-containing subset of this group (Figure 1). Chemically, fluoroquinolones exhibit amphoteric behavior: the nalidixic acid portion of the molecule has acidic functionality (carboxylic acid), while the compound as a whole also expresses a basic functionality. These characteristics, and the typical presence of polar functional groups, make chromatographic retention of the compounds difficult when using an alkyl phase and a simple (two-component) mobile phase. Polar groups reduce retention on alkyl phases, making a highly aqueous mobile phase, or ion-pairing, necessary for acceptable retention.

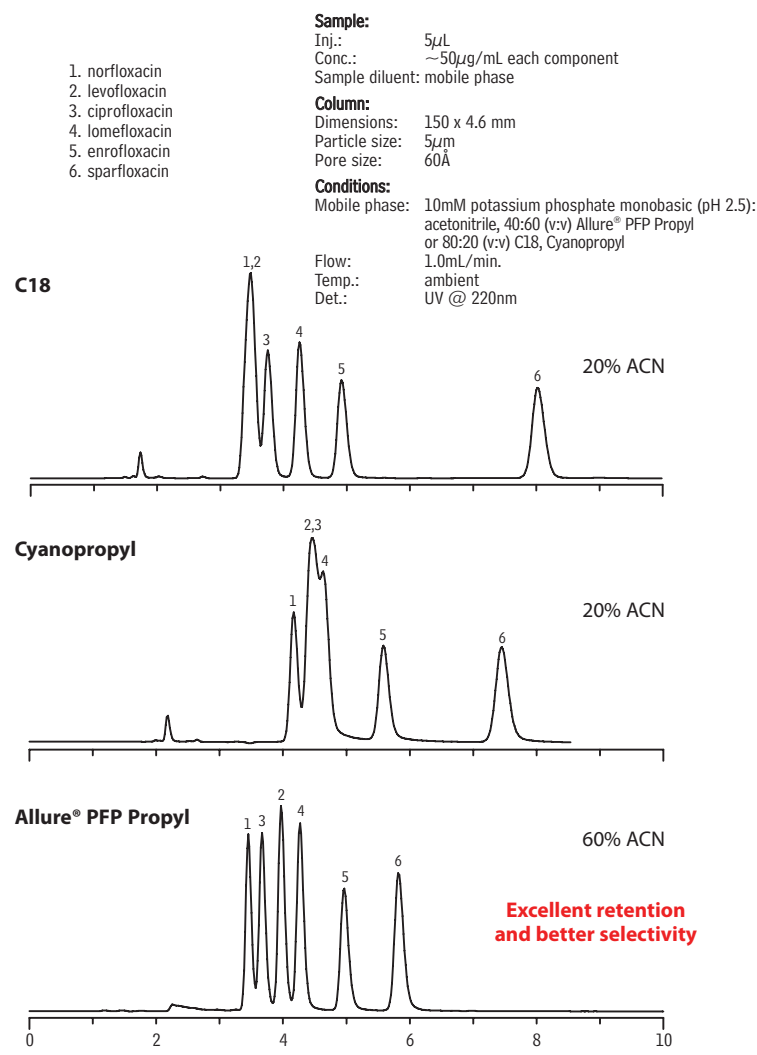
For non-selective, non-MS analyses, like potency assays, fluoroquinolones traditionally have been analyzed by reversed phase HPLC, on a C18 phase and in a highly aqueous mobile phase, as described in the USP monograph for ciprofloxacin.<sup>1</sup> When mass spectrometry is dictated, and a highly aqueous mobile phase is undesirable, ion-pairing with a volatile "MS friendly" reagent, like nonafluoropentanoic acid, has been used to increase retention. Although these mechanisms are sufficient, we sought to determine if, with a simple mobile phase, an Allure® PFP Propyl column would offer better retention, and possibly better selectivity, than a C18 phase.

Initially, we assayed the analytes on a C18 column, in an aqueous buffer and acetonitrile, to evaluate the retention and selectivity that could be achieved with a conventional stationary phase and isocratic mobile phase. As expected, retention was poor: an acceptable retention capacity value (roughly 2-5) required an aqueous concentration of 80% (Figure 2). Next, to see if we could improve retention through ionic

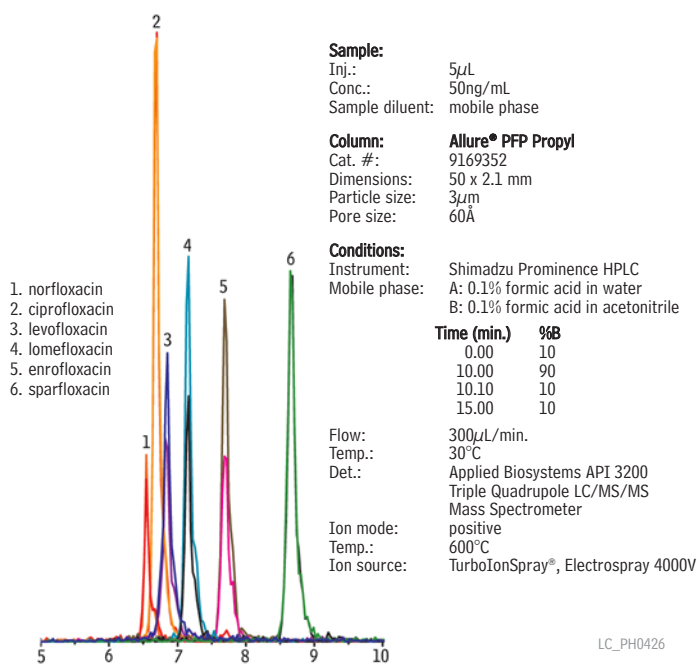
**Figure 1** The polarity of fluoroquinolones make them a challenge to retain on C18 phases.



**Figure 2** Greater retention capacities and better selectivity enable you to use simple two-component mobile phases with an Allure® PFP Propyl column.



**Figure 3** Optimizing retention with the Allure PFP Propyl gives high sensitivity and low matrix interference when analyzing fluoroquinolones by LC/MS/MS.



Compound	Precursor Ion	Fragment Ion	Decustering Potential (V)	Collision Energy (V)
1. Norfloxacin	319.9	276.0	36.00	23.00
		233.1	36.00	35.00
2. Ciprofloxacin	332.1	288.2	41.00	23.00
		244.9	41.00	31.00
3. Levofloxacin	362.1	318.1	31.00	25.00
		261.0	31.00	41.00
4. Lomefloxacin	351.9	265.1	41.00	29.00
		308.0	41.00	23.00
5. Enrofloxacin	360.2	316.1	36.00	25.00
		245.3	36.00	37.00
6. Sparfloxacin	393.1	349.4	36.00	25.00
		292.2	36.00	29.00



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interactions, we evaluated a cyanopropyl phase under the same conditions. This combination produced similar retention, but less selectivity (Figure 2). In contrast, an Allure® PFP Propyl column (pentafluorophenyl propyl phase), used under the same conditions, enabled us to achieve comparable retention capacities with the water content of the mobile phase reduced to 40% (Figure 2). In addition to greater retention capacity than the other phases, the Allure® PFP Propyl stationary phase has better selectivity – unlike with the C18 and cyano phases, there are no coelutions.

Another advantage to the Allure® PFP Propyl column's high retention capacity for fluoroquinolones is in LC/MS analysis. Maximizing retention causes the analytes to elute in mobile phases having higher percentages of the organic component. This can increase desolvation efficiency in electrospray ionization (ESI), and can eliminate unwanted adduct formation or charge competition from matrix interferences that are less retained by the column. The result is a potential for increasing sensitivity, while using simple analytical conditions. A simple mobile phase gradient, starting with a highly aqueous content and moving to a highly organic content, can be employed to elute salts and low molecular weight sample matrix interferences ahead of the compounds of interest. We observed the same improved retention when we assayed our fluoroquinolone test mix through positive ESI LC/MS/MS on an Applied Biosystems/MDS SCIEX API 3200 triple quadrupole LC/MS/MS mass spectrometer equipped with a Shimadzu Prominence binary pump LC system (Figure 3).

The Allure® PFP Propyl phase will retain polar analytes much more effectively than a C18 phase. When greater retention is needed to give the desired selectivity, or when LC/MS analysis is desired or required, simplify your method – use an Allure® PFP Propyl column and a simple mobile phase rather than a C18 column and an ion-pairing technique.

#### Reference

1. United States Pharmacopoeia, 28th revision; National Formulary, 23rd edition.

### Allure® PFP Propyl Columns (USP L43) Excellent Columns for LC/MS and ELSD

5µm Column, 4.6mm	cat. #
150mm	9169565
150mm (with Trident™ Inlet Fitting)	9169565-700

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## Monitor Antioxidants in Tea Extract

Using an Ultra Aqueous C18 HPLC Column and Unique® TOFMS

by Julie Kowalski, Ph.D., Innovations Chemist

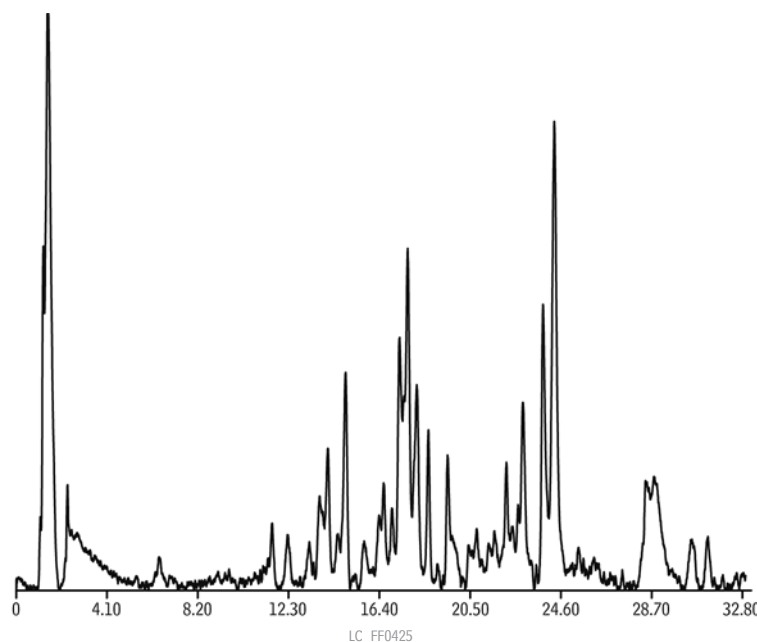
- Use highly aqueous mobile phases without collapsing the stationary phase.
- Extract data for specific compounds and manually inspect spectra for other compounds.
- Simple sample preparation.

Much focus has been given to the health benefits of foods and beverages that contain antioxidant compounds. By reacting with free radical-forming compounds before they can cause cell damage, antioxidants protect the body against oxidative stress.<sup>1</sup> Some foods and beverages naturally contain antioxidants, but supplementing foodstuffs has been on the rise due to demands by health conscious consumers. Recently, green tea has been successfully promoted as a health drink because it contains antioxidant phenolic compounds.

Using LC/TOFMS, we show a straightforward method for determining the presence of antioxidant compounds in commercial tea formulations. Samples were prepared by adding approximately 15g of dry tea product to 200mL of methanol which was cooled to approximately 20°C. The mixture was stirred for 5 minutes and decanted. The tea product was rinsed with an additional 20mL of cooled methanol. The 200mL and 20mL solutions were combined, then filtered through a 0.45µm syringe filter to capture particles. The filtered solution was used directly for analysis.

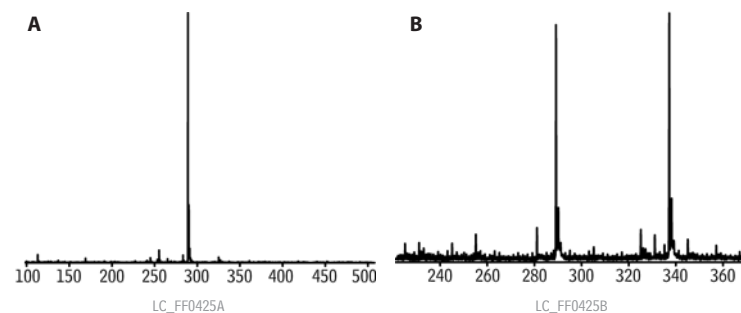
We used a 150 x 2.1mm Ultra Aqueous C18 HPLC column for the analysis and, because a tea extract is a complex matrix, we used a gradient elution and mobile phases with a high water content. The Ultra Aqueous C18 stationary phase is ideal for such an application: the phase is specifically designed to prevent collapse of the C18 alkyl chains in highly aqueous mobile phases.<sup>2</sup>

**Figure 1** A complex mix of tea extract components is best separated on an Ultra Aqueous C18 column with a highly aqueous mobile phase (total ion chromatograms of Table 1 compounds).



For conditions see Figure 3.

**Figure 2** (-)-Epicatechin produced by infusion of a standard (A) and spectrum of (-)-epicatechin created from an extracted ion chromatogram (B).

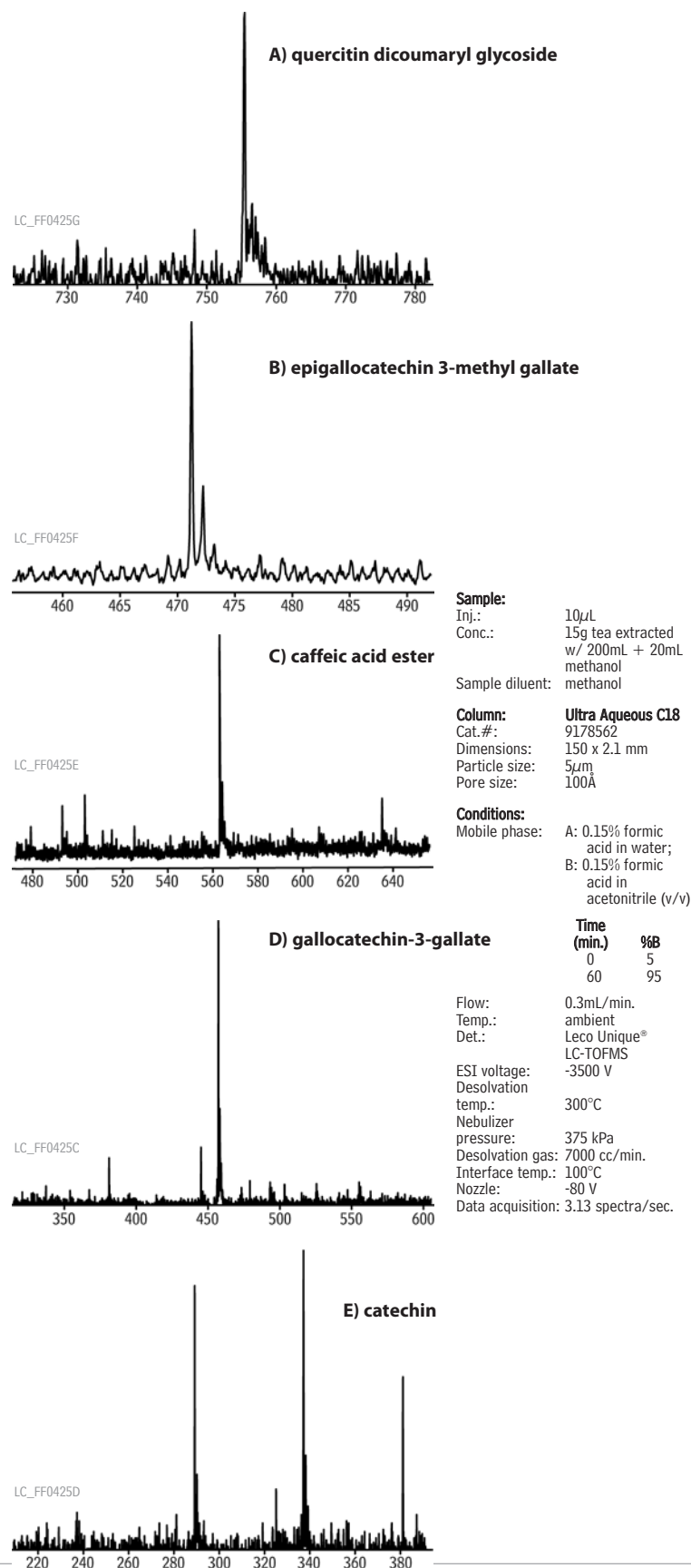


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**Figure 3** Spectra of phenolic compounds identified in the tea extract.**Table 1** Phenolic compounds of interest.

Compound	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>
gallic catechin-3-gallate	457.206
catechin	289.154
epigallocatechin-3-methyl gallate	471.208
epicatechin di-gallate	609.318
epicatechin-3-gallate	441.208
catechin gallate	

Note: m/z 441.2 can be either epicatechin-3-gallate or catechin gallate. The Ultra Aqueous C18 phase proved ideal for resolving the complex tea matrix, as shown by the large number of peaks in Figure 1. The resolving power of this chromatographic system, in combination with the LECO Unique® TOF Mass Spectrometer, allow the analyst to both extract data for specific compounds of interest and manually inspect spectra for other compounds, including phenolic glycosides and esters of phenolic acid.

If you are analyzing antioxidants in tea, or other complex mixtures of compounds, an Ultra Aqueous C18 column gives you the reliable results you need, without restricting your ability to use the mobile phase composition that works best for your application.

For information about the LECO Unique® TOFMS, please visit the LECO website: [www.leco.com](http://www.leco.com)

- Free radical damage is implemented in many disease models, including cancer, in many degenerative illnesses, and in the aging process.
- When the long, hydrophobic alkyl chain of a conventional C18 stationary phase is exposed to a highly aqueous mobile phase it folds down on itself, causing loss of retention. A prolonged equilibration time in a high organic solution is needed to restore the phase. The Ultra Aqueous C18 stationary phase is not susceptible to phase collapse – not even in mobile phases with very highly aqueous content.

### Ultra Aqueous C18 Columns (USP L1)

5µm Column, 2.1mm	cat. #
150mm	9178562
150mm (with Trident™ Inlet Fitting)	9178562-700

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25mm	0.45µm	pink	500-pk.	26203

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# Superior Chromatography for Semivolatile Organics

## Using the Rtx®-5Sil MS Capillary GC Column

by Robert Freeman, Environmental Innovations Chemist

- Superior resolution of benzo(b)- and benzo(k)fluoranthene.
- Symmetric peaks and excellent responses for phenols.
- Excellent thermal stability and exceptionally low bleed.

GC/MS analytical methods for semivolatile compounds, such as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Method 8270D and equivalent methods in other countries, cover a broad range of environmental pollutants. The target lists often include complex mixtures of acidic, basic, and neutral analytes. Further, the sample extracts often contain problematic matrix interferences. These factors, coupled with the increasing need for lower detection limits, place significant demand on the thermal stability, inertness, and efficiency of the analytical column.

Restek chemists designed the Rtx®-5Sil MS capillary column to address the challenging demands of semivolatiles analysis. Phenyl rings in the polymer backbone of the stationary phase stiffen the siloxane chain, preventing thermal breakdown and reducing bleed. The content of this aryl functionality has been adjusted so that selectivity is similar, but improved, compared to that of conventional 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl phases. The silarylene polymer not only exhibits improved thermal stability and reduced bleed, it has increased separation for aromatic isomers benzo(b)- and benzo(k)fluoranthene – as shown in Figure 1.

Surface activity in a column is revealed by the response factors for active analytes, such as 2,4-dinitrophenol (acidic) and pyridine (basic). Most column manufacturers struggle to attain adequate responses and good peak shapes for such analytes. Our unique deactivation process for the Rtx®-5Sil MS silarylene phase assures unsurpassed inertness and excellent responses for these active analytes – note the response for 2,4-dinitrophenol in Figure 2, and for many other semivolatiles in Figure 3.

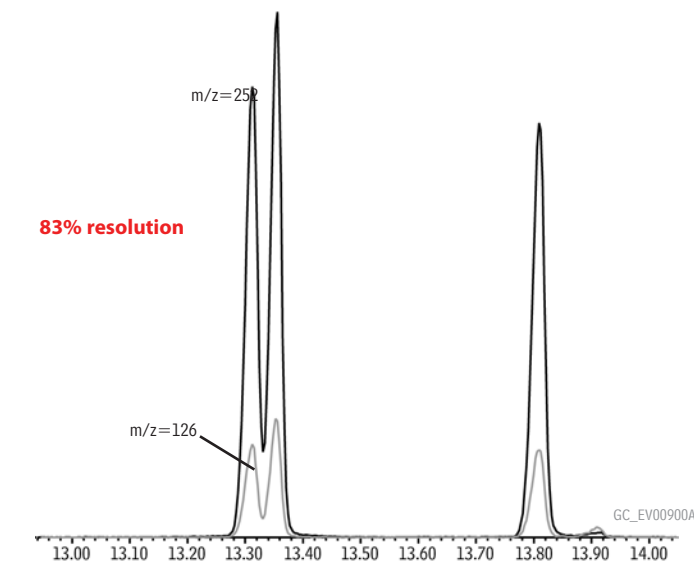
Featuring an optimized stationary phase, inherently low bleed, and proprietary deactivation, Rtx®-5Sil MS columns overcome the inherent problems associated with semivolatiles analyses. If you are performing these analyses, you can simplify life in your laboratory – rely on these new columns to help you obtain consistent results.

### Rtx®-5Sil MS Column (fused silica)

(Crossbond®, selectivity similar to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

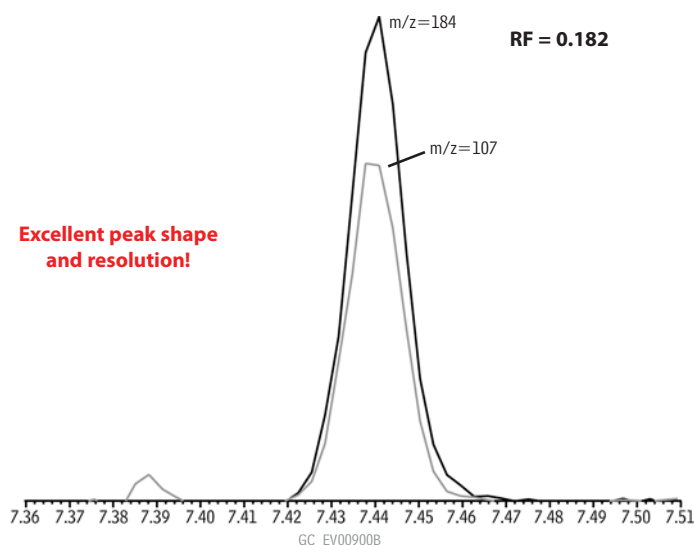
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**Figure 1** Superior resolution of benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene, and benzo(a)pyrene (10µg/mL).



For conditions see Figure 3.

**Figure 2** Excellent response for 2,4-dinitrophenol (10µg/mL).

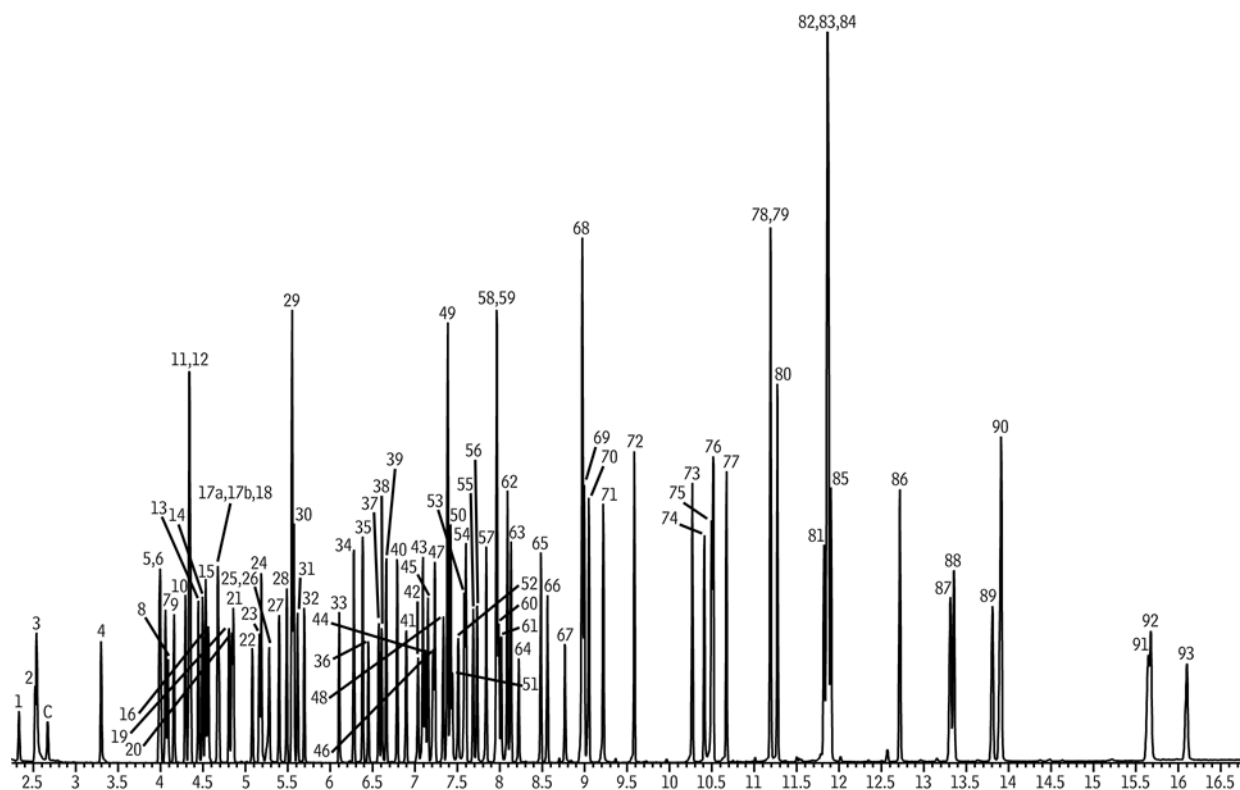


For conditions see Figure 3.



**Figure 3** Total ion chromatogram for 94 semivolatile analytes (10µg/mL).

Peak	RT	Peak	RT	Peak	RT	Peak	RT
1. 1,4-dioxane	2.33	24. 2,4-dimethylphenol	5.19	49. acenaphthene-d10 (IS)	7.39	72. di-n-butyl phthalate	9.59
2. N-nitrosodimethylamine	2.52	25. benzoic acid	5.27	50. acenaphthene	7.42	73. fluoranthene	10.27
3. pyridine	2.54	26. bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane	5.28	51. 2,4-dinitrophenol	7.44	74. benzidine	10.41
C. toluene	2.67	27. 2,4-dichlorophenol	5.40	52. 4-nitrophenol	7.51	75. pyrene-d10 (Surr.)	10.50
4. 2-fluorophenol (Surr.)	3.30	28. 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	5.49	53. 2,4-dinitrotoluene	7.58	76. pyrene	10.52
5. phenol-d6 (Surr.)	3.99	29. naphthalene-d8 (IS)	5.55	54. dibenzofuran	7.60	77. p-terphenyl-d14 (Surr.)	10.67
6. phenol	4.00	30. naphthalene	5.57	55. 2,3,5,6-tetrachlorophenol	7.69	78. 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine	11.19
7. aniline	4.06	31. 4-chloroaniline	5.62	56. 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol	7.73	79. butyl benzyl phthalate	11.20
8. bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	4.09	32. hexachlorobutadiene	5.70	57. diethyl phthalate	7.84	80. bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	11.27
9. 2-chlorophenol	4.16	33. 4-chloro-3-methylphenol	6.11	58. 4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether	7.96	81. 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine	11.82
10. 1,3-dichlorobenzene	4.29	34. 2-methylnaphthalene	6.28	59. fluorene	7.97	82. bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	11.86
11. 1,4-dichlorobenzene-d4 (IS)	4.34	35. 1-methylnaphthalene	6.38	60. 4-nitroaniline	7.99	83. benzo(a)anthracene	11.86
12. 1,4-dichlorobenzene	4.35	36. hexachlorocyclopentadiene	6.45	61. 4,6-dinitro-2-methylphenol	8.02	84. chrysene-d12 (IS)	11.88
13. benzyl alcohol	4.45	37. 2,4,6-trichlorophenol	6.57	62. N-nitrosodiphenylamine	8.09	85. chrysene	11.91
14. 1,2-dichlorobenzene	4.50	38. 2,4,5-trichlorophenol	6.61	(diphenylamine)	8.09	86. di-n-octyl phthalate	12.72
15. 2-methylphenol	4.53	39. 2-fluorobiphenyl (Surr.)	6.66	63. 1,2-diphenylhydrazine	8.13	87. benzo(b)fluoranthene	13.31
16. bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether	4.56	40. 2-chloronaphthalene	6.79	(as azobenzene)	8.13	88. benzo(k)fluoranthene	13.36
17a. 4-methylphenol	4.67	41. 2-nitroaniline	6.90	64. 2,4,6-tribromophenol (Surr.)	8.22	89. benzo(a)pyrene	13.81
17b. 3-methylphenol	4.67	42. 1,4-dinitrobenzene	7.04	65. 4-bromophenyl phenyl ether	8.49	90. perylene-d12 (IS)	13.91
18. N-nitroso-di-n-propylamine	4.69	43. dimethyl phthalate	7.09	66. hexachlorobenzene	8.56	91. dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	15.65
19. hexachloroethane	4.81	44. 1,3-dinitrobenzene	7.12	67. pentachlorophenol	8.77	92. indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	15.68
20. nitrobenzene-d5 (Surr.)	4.84	45. 2,6-dinitrotoluene	7.15	68. phenanthrene-d10 (IS)	8.97	93. benzo(ghi)perylene	16.10
21. nitrobenzene	4.86	46. 1,2-dinitrobenzene	7.21	69. phenanthrene	9.00		
22. isophorone	5.08	47. acenaphthylene	7.23	70. anthracene	9.05		
23. 2-nitrophenol	5.16	48. 3-nitroaniline	7.34	71. carbazole	9.22		



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 Sample: US EPA Method 8270D mix: 8270 MegaMix® (cat.# 31850), Benzoic Acid (cat.# 31879), 8270 Benzidines Mix (cat.# 31852), Acid Surrogate Mix (4/89 SOW) (cat.# 31025), Revised B/N Surrogate Mix (cat.# 31887), 1,4-Dioxane (cat.# 31853), SV Internal Standard Mix (cat.# 31206)  
 Inj.: 1.0µL, pulsed splitless, 10µg/mL each component, int. stds. 20µg/mL (10ng or 20ng on column), 4mm Drilled Uniliner® inlet liner, hole on bottom (cat.# 20756), pulse: 30psi @ 0.4 min.; 60mL/min. @ 0.3 min.  
 GC: Agilent 6890  
 Inj. temp.: 250°C  
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 Flow rate: 1.2mL/min., constant flow  
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 Det.: Agilent 5973 GC/MS  
 Transfer temp.: 280°C  
 Scan range: 35-550 amu  
 Solvent delay: 2.20 min.  
 Tune: DFTPP  
 Ionization: EI

# 8-Minute Dual Column Analysis of Organochlorine Pesticides

## Using Rtx®-CLPesticides / Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Columns

By Jason Thomas, Environmental Chemist

- Analysis and confirmation of 20 pesticides in 8 minutes.
- Baseline resolution of all compounds, for improved accuracy.
- Low-bleed columns, for reliable data.

Analyses for organochlorine pesticides are among the most common pesticide methodologies in use today. US EPA Method 8081, for example, requires separation of 20 organochlorine pesticides, some of which are isomers or are otherwise structurally similar and, therefore, are difficult to separate. Restek introduced two proprietary phases to address this issue, the Rtx®-CLPesticides phase and the Rtx®-CLPesticides2 phase, which have proven very popular within the environmental community. The unique selectivities of this column pair allow laboratories to significantly reduce analysis times for Method 8081.

There is a constant need for faster analyses, to help increase sample throughput and, thereby, increase productivity. Fast GC is a good solution, but the reduced column internal diameters and thinner phase film coatings associated with fast GC have been deterrents, due to concerns about the columns' ability to cope with the harsh sample matrices often encountered in environmental samples, and shortened column lifetimes have not been acceptable.

Using a 0.53mm ID guard column at the inlet end of a dual column configuration protects the analytical columns downstream. This configuration allows 20m x 0.18mm ID thin film columns to be used, with their associated high efficiency, to greatly reduce analysis time without the reduction of column lifetime usually associated with introducing "dirty" samples into small bore columns.

Figure 1 shows separation of the 20 target pesticides in EPA Method 8081 in 8 minutes using 20m x 0.18mm ID Rtx®-CLPesticides/Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns with a 0.53 ID guard column. In addition to rapid, baseline resolution, the pesticides are eluted as sharp, symmetric peaks. This, in turn, helps assure reliable quantification data for these analytes. Clearly the Rtx®-CLPesticides/Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns, in conjunction with a 0.53mm ID guard column, are an excellent choice for analyzing EPA Method 8081 pesticides, or equivalent target lists of these pesticides.

### Rtx®-CLPesticides Column (fused silica)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 310/330°C	20-Meter	42102

### Rtx®-CLPesticides2 Column (fused silica)

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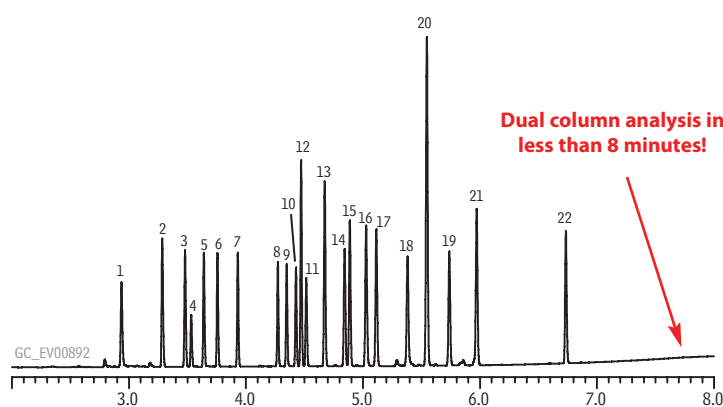
### IP Deactivated Guard Column

length, ID	cat. #
5m, 0.53mm ID	10045

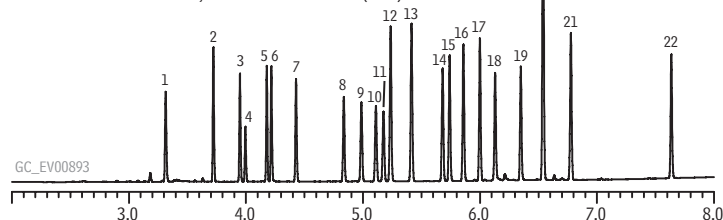
### SeCure™ "Y" Connector Kits

Ferrules Fit Column ID	qty.	cat. #
0.25/0.28mm	kit	20276

**Figure 1** 20 organochlorine pesticides resolved and confirmed in 8 minutes, using Rtx®-CLPesticides/Rtx®-CLPesticides2 columns.



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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. 2,4,5,6-tetrachloro-<br>m-xylene (surr.) | 8. heptachlor epoxide | 16. endosulfan II                 |
| 2. α-BHC                                    | 9. γ-chlordane        | 17. 4,4' DDT                      |
| 3. γ-BHC                                    | 10. α-chlordane       | 18. endrin aldehyde               |
| 4. β-BHC                                    | 11. endosulfan I      | 19. endosulfan sulfate            |
| 5. δ-BHC                                    | 12. 4,4' DDE          | 20. methoxychlor                  |
| 6. heptachlor                               | 13. dieldrin          | 21. endrin ketone                 |
| 7. aldrin                                   | 14. endrin            | 22. decachlorobiphenyl<br>(surr.) |
|   | 15. 4,4' DDD          |                                   |



Column: Rtx®-CLPesticides, 20m, 0.18mm ID, 0.18μm (cat. # 42102) (top) and Rtx®-CLPesticides2, 20m, 0.18mm ID, 0.14μm (cat. # 42302) with 5m x 0.53mm ID intermediate-polarity deactivated guard tubing (cat. # 10045), connected using SeCure™ "Y" Connector Kit (cat. # 20276) with Universal "Y" Press-Tight® Connector

Sample: Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2 (cat. # 32292), 8-80μg/mL each component in hexane/toluene, Pesticide Surrogate Mix (cat. # 32000), 200μg/mL each component in acetone

Inj.: 0.5μL splitless (hold 0.75 min.), 2mm single gooseneck inlet liner (cat. # 20795)

Inj. temp.: 250°C

Carrier gas: helium, constant flow

Linear velocity: 20cm/sec. @ 140°C

Oven temp.: 140°C (hold 1 min.) to 250°C @ 35°C/min. (hold 1 min.) to 330°C @ 35°C/min. (hold 3 min.)

Det.: ECD @ 350°C

# Organochlorine Pesticide Reference Mixes

## Popular Restek Analytical Standards

By Ken Herwehe, Analytical Reference Materials Product Marketing Manager

### Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2

(20 components)

aldrin	8µg/mL	dieldrin	16
α-BHC	8	endosulfan I	8
β-BHC	8	endosulfan II	16
δ-BHC	8	endosulfan sulfate	16
γ-BHC (lindane)	8	endrin	16
α-chlordane	8	endrin aldehyde	16
γ-chlordane	8	endrin ketone	16
4,4'-DDD	16	heptachlor	8
4,4'-DDE	16	heptachlor epoxide (B)	8
4,4'-DDT	16	methoxychlor	80

In hexane:toluene (1:1), 1mL/ampul

cat. # 32292 (ea.)

### Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #1

(20 components)

same components as Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2, listed above

200µg/mL each in hexane:toluene (1:1), 1mL/ampul

cat. # 32291 (ea.)

### Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #3

(20 components)

same components as Organochlorine Pesticide Mix AB #2, listed above

2,000µg/mL each in hexane:toluene (1:1), 1mL/ampul

cat. # 32000 (ea.)

### Pesticide Surrogate Mix

decachlorobiphenyl 2,4,5,6-tetrachloro-*m*-xylene

200µg/mL each in acetone, 1mL/ampul

cat. # 32000 (ea.)

### Pesticide Surrogate Mix

decachlorobiphenyl 200µg/mL

2,4,5,6-tetrachloro-*m*-xylene 100

In P&T methanol, 1mL/ampul  
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# Analyze and Confirm Cannabinoids by LC/MS/MS

## Using an Allure® Biphenyl Column

by Kristi Sellers, Clinical/Forensic Innovations Chemist, Becky Wittrig, Ph.D., HPLC Product Marketing Manager, and André Schreiber, Ph.D., Application Chemist, Applied Biosystems

- Faster sample throughput (short analysis time, no derivatization)
- Reliable response at 1 ng on-column
- Undisputable identification, using two +MRM transitions

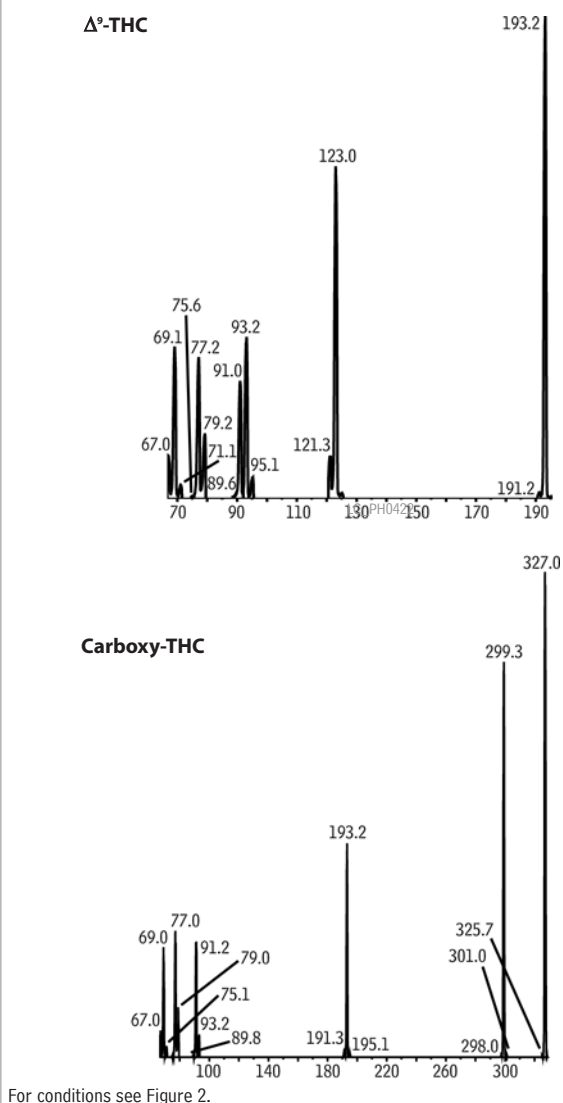
As marijuana is smoked, the main psychoactive component,  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta^9$ -THC), is quickly absorbed and metabolized to 11-hydroxy- $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol (hydroxy-THC), an active metabolite. Hydroxy-THC is further metabolized, rapidly, to 11-nor-9-carboxy- $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol (carboxy-THC), an inactive metabolite commonly found in urine, blood, hair, and tissues.<sup>1</sup> GC/MS often is used for confirming and quantifying  $\Delta^9$ -THC and carboxy-THC; however, GC/MS methods require time-consuming steps, like derivatization, to obtain acceptable chromatography. By using HPLC, derivatization can be eliminated, saving time without sacrificing sensitivity.

We developed a quantitative method for analyzing underivatized cannabinoids by HPLC/tandem mass spectrometry. Our goals were threefold; 1) to optimize column selection, 2) to provide a short analysis time, and 3) to obtain reliable confirmation and quantification data in the low nanogram range (< 10 ng). We used an Applied Biosystems API 3200 MS/MS detector coupled to a Shimadzu LC20AD Prominence Series chromatograph for optimum chromatographic and detection capabilities.

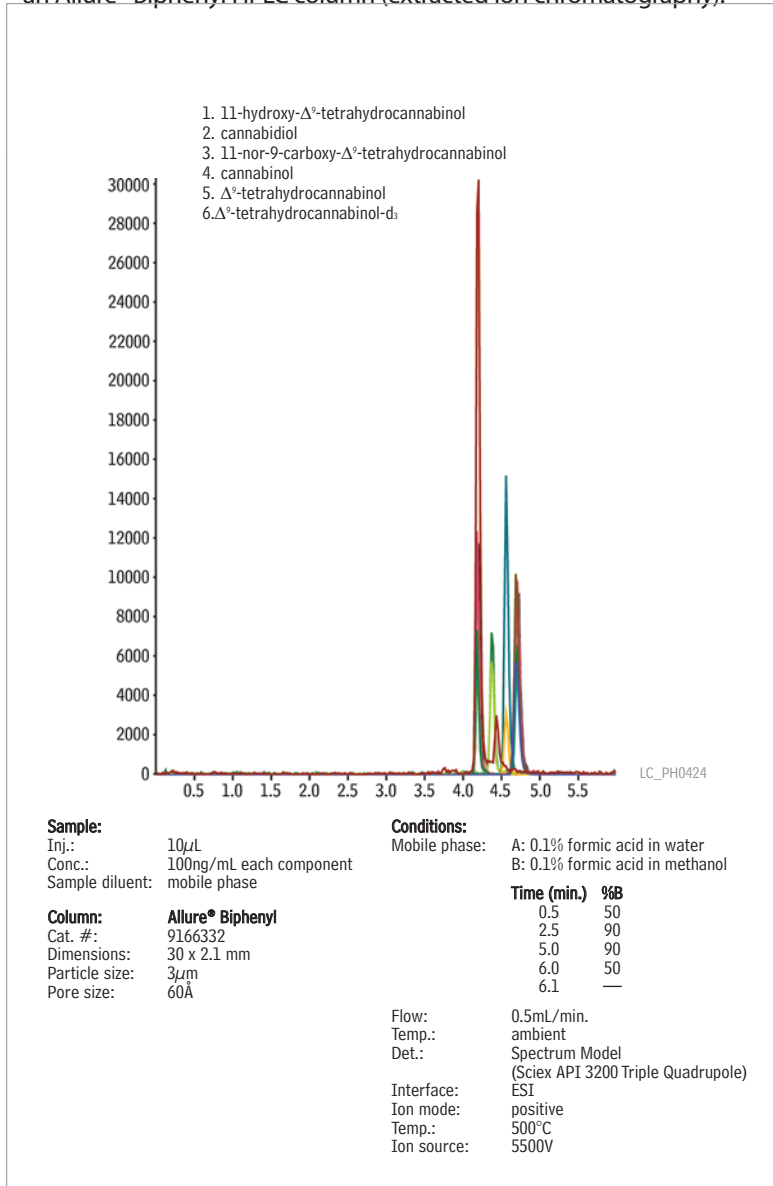
Figure 1 shows the final product spectra for  $\Delta^9$ -THC and carboxy-THC used to develop the +MRM (multiple reaction monitoring) method.<sup>3</sup> We determined the 30 mm, 2.1 mm ID, 3  $\mu$ m Allure® Biphenyl HPLC column to be the best column for this analysis. This column employs a unique separation mechanism,  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction, which greatly improves selectivity and retention, relative to conventional C18 phases. In addition, with the increased retention of the biphenyl phase, higher amounts of methanol can be used in the mobile phase. This noticeably increases sensitivity when using an electrospray interface.

The Allure® Biphenyl column provides good resolution of all compounds in less than 5 minutes – including baseline resolution of  $\Delta^9$ -THC and cannabidiol, which have very similar product ion spectra and +MRM transitions (Figure 2). By using MS/MS detection, we were able to target two

**Figure 1** Final product spectra used in developing MRM transitions for compound identification and optimized sensitivity.



**Figure 2** Fast, selective separation of  $\Delta^9$ -THC and its metabolites, using an Allure® Biphenyl HPLC column (extracted ion chromatography).



**Table 1** MRM transitions for THC and metabolites: multiple transitions are monitored for each compound for definitive identifications.

Analyte	Q1 Mass	Q3 Mass	Time (ms)	DP (V)	EP (V)	CE (V)	CXP (V)
Hydroxy-THC (MRM1)	331.2	313.1	100	36	5	21	10
Hydroxy-THC (MRM2)	331.2	193.1	100	36	5	35	6
Carboxy-THC (MRM1)	345.2	327.0	100	41	4.5	21	10
Carboxy-THC (MRM2)	345.2	299.3	100	41	4.5	25	6
Cannabidiol (MRM1)*	315.2	193.2	100	36	4.5	31	6
Cannabidiol (MRM2)*	315.2	123.2	100	36	4.5	43	6
Cannabinol (MRM1)	311.2	223.0	100	46	8.5	27	8
Cannabinol (MRM2)	311.2	222.5	100	46	8.5	37	10
$\Delta^9$ -THC (MRM1)*	315.2	193.2	100	41	4.5	33	6
$\Delta^9$ -THC (MRM2)*	315.2	123.1	100	41	4.5	43	6
$\Delta^9$ -THC-d3 (MRM1)	318.3	196.3	100	36	4.5	31	6
$\Delta^9$ -THC-d3 (MRM2)	318.3	123.2	100	36	4.5	43	6

\*Note, cannabidiol and  $\Delta^9$ -THC share the same transitions, but are separated chromatographically.

DP – declustering potential, EP – entrance potential, CE – collision energy, CXP – collision cell exit potential

+MRM transitions per compound to verify compound identity at approximately 1 ng on-column. Table 1 shows the +MRM transitions and the source conditions for approximately 1 ng each of several cannabinoid metabolites.

Based on this work, we conclude an Allure® Biphenyl column, coupled with an API MS/MS 3200 detector and a Shimadzu LC20AD Prominence, can be used to quantify low levels of cannabinoid analytes from underivatized sample, and can achieve baseline separation of  $\Delta^9$ -THC and cannabidiol, in less than 5 minutes.

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Reference 2 available from Restek – request lit. cat.# 580120.

### Allure® Biphenyl Columns (USP L11)

3 $\mu$ m Column, 2.1mm	cat. #
30mm	9166332
50mm	9166352
100mm	9166312
30mm (with Trident™ Inlet Fitting)	9166332-700
50mm (with Trident™ Inlet Fitting)	9166352-700
100mm (with Trident™ Inlet Fitting)	9166312-700

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### Exempted Drug of Abuse Reference Materials

1,000  $\mu$ g/mL in P&T methanol, 1 mL/ampul

Compound	CAS#	Individual cat. #
<b>Cannabinoid &amp; Metabolites</b>		
cannabidiol	13956-24-1	34011
cannabinol	521-35-7	34010
$\Delta^9$ -THC	1972-08-3	34067
$\pm$ 11-nor-9-carboxy- $\Delta^9$ -THC	104874-50-2	34068

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By Irene DeGraff, Air Monitoring Product Marketing Manager

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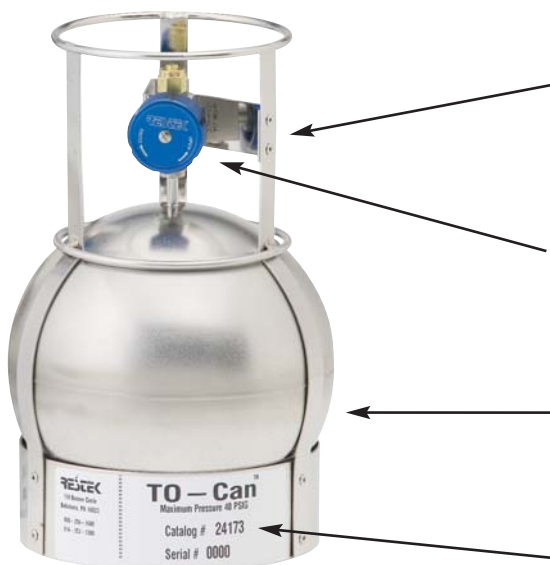
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SilcoCan™ Canister, Siltek® Treated 1/4" Valve	ea.	24182-650
SilcoCan™ Canister with Gauge, 1/4" Valve	ea.	24142
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SilcoCan™ Canister with No Valve	ea.	22092

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**Rxi™-1ms Column (fused silica)**

(Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
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0.32mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	60-Meter	13357
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**TO-15 62 Component Mix** (62 components)

Cylinder Construction:	aluminum
Cylinder Size:	8 x 24 cm.
Volume/Pressure:	104 liters of gas @ 1800psig
Cylinder Fitting:	CGA-180 outlet
Weight:	1.5 lbs./0.7 kg

acetone	trichlorofluoromethane (Freon® 11)
benzene	dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon® 12)
benzyl chloride*	1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon® 113)
bromodichloromethane	1,2-dichlorotetrafluoroethane (Freon® 114)
bromoform	heptane
bromomethane	hexachloro-1,3-butadiene
1,3-butadiene	hexane
2-butanone (MEK)	2-hexanone (MBK)
carbon disulfide*	4-methyl-2-pentanone (MIBK)
carbon tetrachloride	methylene chloride
chlorobenzene	methyl <i>tert</i> -butyl ether (MTBE)
chloroethane	2-propanol
chloroform	propylene
chloromethane	styrene
cyclohexane	1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
dibromochloromethane	tetrachloroethene
1,2-dichlorobenzene	tetrahydrofuran
1,3-dichlorobenzene	toluene
1,4-dichlorobenzene	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene
1,1-dichloroethane	1,1,1-trichloroethane
1,2-dichloroethane	1,1,2-trichloroethane
1,1-dichloroethene	trichloroethene
<i>cis</i> -1,2-dichloroethene	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene
<i>trans</i> -1,2-dichloroethene	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene
1,2-dichloropropane	vinyl acetate
<i>cis</i> -1,3-dichloropropene	vinyl chloride
<i>trans</i> -1,3-dichloropropene	<i>m</i> -xylene
1,4-dioxane	<i>o</i> -xylene
ethanol*	<i>p</i> -xylene
ethyl acetate	
ethyl benzene	
ethylene dibromide	
(1,2-dibromoethane)	
4-ethyltoluene	

In nitrogen, 104 liters @ 1800psig

**1ppm** cat. # 34436 (ea.)**100ppb** cat. # 34437 (ea.)

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**TO-14A Internal Standard/Tuning Mix**

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Cylinder Size:	8 x 24 cm.
Volume/Pressure:	104 liters of gas @ 1800psig
Cylinder Fitting:	CGA-180 outlet
Weight:	1.5 lbs./0.7 kg

bromochloromethane	chlorobenzene-d5
1-bromo-4-fluorobenzene	1,4-difluorobenzene
(4-bromofluorobenzene)	

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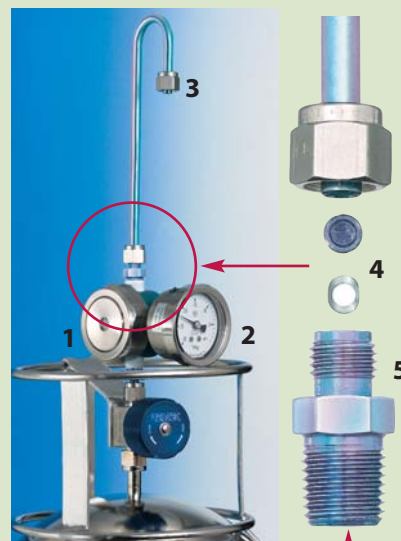
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3 hour	20–40	0.0030"	24163	24168
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By Lydia Nolan, Innovations Chemist



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The researchers developed a simple two-step procedure. First, the homogenized samples are extracted and partitioned, using an organic solvent and salt solution. Then, the supernatant is further extracted and cleaned, using a dispersive SPE technique. Multiple adsorbents are placed in a centrifuge tube, along with the 1mL of organic solvent and the extracted residues partitioned from step 1. The contents are thoroughly mixed, then centrifuged, producing a clean extract ready for a variety of GC or HPLC analytical techniques.<sup>2</sup> Validation and proficiency data for the QuEChERS method are available for a wide variety of pesticides in several common food matrices at [www.quechers.com](http://www.quechers.com)

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\*PSA – primary and secondary amine exchange material

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QuEChERS SPE 15mL Centrifuge Cartridge Packed with 900mg Magnesium Sulfate, 300mg PSA, and 150mg Graphitized Carbon	50-pk.	26126
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QuEChERS SPE 6mL SPE Cartridge Packed with 500mg Graphitized Carbon and 500mg PSA, Teflon® Frits	30-pk.	26129

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# Resprep™ Cell Parts and Tools for ASE® Extraction Units

## Enhanced Design For Faster Installation and Easier Cleaning

By Irene DeGraff, Sample Preparation Product Marketing Manager

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Extraction Cell Kit, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 5mL	kit	25982	kit	25983
Extraction Cell Kit, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 11mL	kit	25984	kit	25985
Extraction Cell Kit, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 33mL	kit	25986	kit	25987
Extraction Cell Body, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 1mL	ea.	25960	ea.	25961
Extraction Cell Body, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 5mL	ea.	25962	ea.	25963
Extraction Cell Body, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 11mL	ea.	25964	ea.	25965
Extraction Cell Body, Resprep™ for ASE® 200, 33mL	ea.	25966	ea.	25967
Extraction Cell Caps, Resprep™ for ASE® 200	2-pk.	25968	2-pk.	25969
PEEK® Seal/Frit Assembly, Resprep™ for ASE® 200	2-pk.	25970	2-pk.	25971
Frit, Resprep™ for ASE® 200	12-pk.	25972	12-pk.	25973

Description	qty.	cat.#
PEEK® Seal, Resprep™ for ASE® 200	12-pk.	25974
PEEK® Seal, Resprep™ for ASE® 200	48-pk.	25975
PTFE O-Rings for ASE® 200 & ASE® 300 Caps	100-pk.	26187
Viton® O-Rings for ASE® 200 & ASE® 300 Caps	50-pk.	26188



- Simpler design with fewer parts.
- Faster installation.
- Easier cleaning.

### 20mm Filters for ASE® 200 Extraction Cells

- Cellulose or glass fiber construction.
- Cellulose filters available in economical 1000-packs.

Description	Similar to Dionex part #	qty.	cat.#
Cellulose Filters for ASE® 200	049458	100-pk.	26118
Cellulose Filters for ASE® 200	049458	1000-pk.	26190
Glass Fiber Filters for ASE® 200	047017	100-pk.	26119



### Resprep™ Tools for ASE® Systems

- Specialized tools that simplify routine chores.
- Use with ASE® 100, ASE® 200, or ASE® 300 systems.

### New 2-in-1 Filter/O-Ring Insertion Tool Kit for ASE® 100/200/300

Inserting a filter, using the Filter Insertion Attachments and the Resprep™ Tool Handle.



Screw the appropriate attachment onto the end of the tool.

Place a filter at the top of the extraction cell.

Push the filter to the bottom of the extraction cell.

Inserting an O-ring, using the Resprep™ Tool Handle.



Place the O-ring over the tip of the tool.

Insert the tool into the center hole of the extraction cell cap.

Press the tool firmly until the O-ring snaps into place.



Resprep™ Tool Handle



Filter Insertion Attachments

Description	qty.	cat.#
2-in-1 Filter/O-Ring Insertion Tool Kit for ASE® 100/200/300 (includes Resprep™ Tool Handle and Filter Insertion Attachments)	kit	26181
Resprep™ Tool Handle for ASE® 100/200/300	ea.	26182
Filter Insertion Attachments for ASE® 100/200/300 (1mL, 5mL, 11mL, 33mL)	4-piece set	26183

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# Extend Process Component Lifetime and Enhance Durability

## Restek Surface Treatments Improve Sampling and Transfer Component Performance

by Marty Higgins and Carrie Sprout, Restek Performance Coatings Division

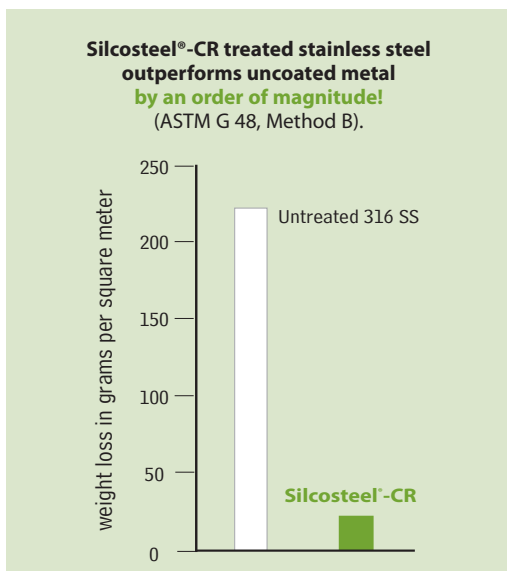
- Economical—lower cost than specialty alloys, more durable than traditional stainless steels.
- Versatile—suitable in a variety of environments and temperature ranges.
- Simple—can be applied to existing equipment; stock tubing and fittings also available.

When surface activity or corrosion are a concern, solutions must be engineered. The Restek Performance Coatings group offers a family of surface treatments that address activity and corrosion concerns over a wide spectrum of applications. Table 1 lists applications in which a Restek Performance Coating treatment of sample pathway components prevents adsorption of active compounds, thereby contributing toward reliable and accurate information, or greatly reduces corrosion.

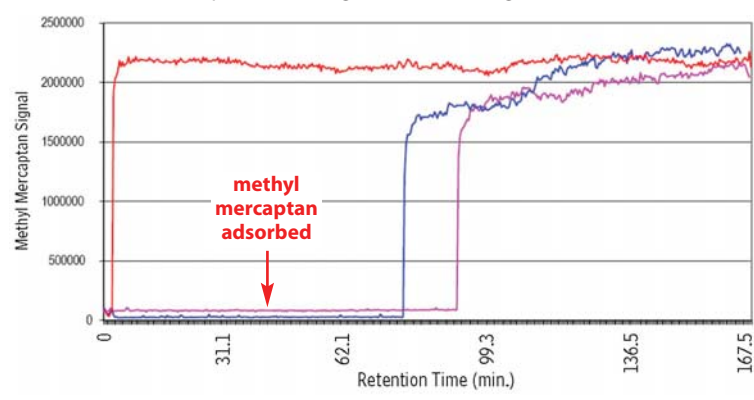
Adsorption problems in sample pathways often can be traced to the tubing and fittings used to transfer the sample to the analytical instrument. Always use deactivated tubing and fittings for applications involving active compounds. For special requirements, ensure maximum inertness and minimal surface area by applying the deactivating treatment to electropolished tubing. Figure 1 shows uptake and release curves for 500ppbv of methyl mercaptan, an active sulfur compound, in a gas stream passing through a variety of tubing substrates.<sup>†</sup> Siltek®/Sulfinert® treated tubing reduces uptake by orders of magnitude, relative to untreated stainless steel tubing.

In corrosive environments, Silcosteel®-CR treated tubing is an excellent alternative to expensive alloys. Silcosteel®-CR treatment extends the lifetime of the tubing, reducing the frequency of preventive maintenance and helping to ensure the purity of the process or sample stream.<sup>†</sup>

Silcosteel®-CR improves corrosion resistance by up to 10X over untreated 316 stainless steel (per ASTM G48 Method B, see graph below).



**Figure 1** Sulfinert® treated electropolished seamless stainless steel tubing (red) does not adsorb methyl mercaptan (500ppbv). Blue-untreated electropolished tubing; violet-raw tubing.



**Table 1** Applications in which Restek treated sample pathway components minimize corrosion\*\* or prevent adsorption of active compounds\*.

**Sulfur compounds in:\***

automotive exhaust  
beverage grade CO<sub>2</sub>  
diesel fuels  
environmental samples  
ethylene  
gasoline  
liquefied petroleum gas  
natural gas (odorants)  
propylene  
stack gas emissions  
wines and beers

**Nitric oxide (NOx) compounds in:\***

automotive exhaust  
stack gas emissions

**Mercury compounds in:\***

crude oil  
environmental samples  
exhaust  
stack gas emissions from coal fired electric power plants

**Corrosive environments:\*\***

hydrochloric acid  
hydrogen peroxide  
seawater

**Moisture hold-up in high purity sampling lines\*\***

sample systems  
gas delivery systems  
process systems

\*Siltek®/Sulfinert® treatment.












\*\*Silcosteel®-CR treatment.

<sup>†</sup>Note that with any corrosive stream, regular inspections are needed to confirm there are no leaks or breakthroughs.

**Siltek®/Sulfinert® Treated and Silcosteel®-CR****Treated Swagelok® Fittings**

- Wide selection of treated  $\frac{1}{16}$ "  $\frac{1}{8}$ "  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and  $\frac{3}{8}$ " fittings.
- Siltek®/Sulfinert® treatment ensures ultimate inertness.
- Silcosteel®-CR treatment enhances corrosion resistance by 10X, or more.
- Custom treatment available for any Swagelok® fittings, or other system parts.

**Siltek®/Sulfinert® treated**      **Silcosteel®-CR Treated**

Fitting Type	Size	cat.#	cat.#
<b>Union</b> 	$\frac{1}{16}$ "	22540	22575
	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22541	22576
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22542	22577
	$\frac{3}{8}$ "	22909	22904
<b>Tee</b> 	$\frac{1}{16}$ "	22543	22578
	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22544	22579
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22545	22580
	$\frac{3}{8}$ "	22910	22905
<b>Reducing Union</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{16}$ "	22546	22581
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{16}$ "	22547	22582
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ "	22548	22583
	$\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22911	22906
<b>Elbow</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22549	22584
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22550	22585
<b>Plug</b> 	$\frac{1}{16}$ "	22572	22619
	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22573	22620
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22574	22597
<b>Cross</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22551	22586
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22552	22587
<b>Tube End Reducer</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ " tube to $\frac{1}{16}$ "	22553	22588
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " tube to $\frac{1}{16}$ "	22554	22589
	$\frac{1}{8}$ " tube to $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22555	22590
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " tube to $\frac{1}{8}$ "	22556	22591
<b>Port Connector</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22557	22592
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22558	22593
	$\frac{1}{8}$ " tube to $\frac{1}{4}$ "	22559	22594
<b>Male Connector</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22561	22595
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	22562	22596
	$\frac{1}{16}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22563	22610
	$\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	22564	22611
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22565	22612
	$\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22912	22907
	$\frac{3}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	22913	22908
<b>Female Connector</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22566	22613
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	22567	22614
	$\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ " NPT	22568	22615
	$\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " NPT	22569	22616
<b>Bulkhead Union</b> 	$\frac{1}{8}$ "	22570	22617
	$\frac{1}{4}$ "	22571	22618

**Silcosteel®-CR Treated Coiled Stainless Steel Tubing**

Electropolished 316L Grade, Coiled

ID	OD	cat.#	5-24 ft.	25-99 ft.	100-299 ft.	>300 ft.
0.085" (2.16mm)	$\frac{1}{8}$ " (3.18mm)*	22536				
0.180" (4.57mm)	$\frac{1}{4}$ " (6.35mm)**	22537				
<b>316L Grade, Coiled</b>						
0.055" (1.40mm)	$\frac{1}{8}$ " (3.18mm)**	22896				
0.180" (4.57mm)	$\frac{1}{4}$ " (6.35mm)**	22897				
0.277" (7.04mm)	$\frac{3}{8}$ " (9.52mm)***	22915				
<b>Straight Seamless 316L Grade, 6 foot Length</b>						
ID	OD	qty.	cat.#			
0.055" (1.40mm)	$\frac{1}{8}$ " (3.18mm)**	ea.	22898			
0.180" (4.57mm)	$\frac{1}{4}$ " (6.35mm)**	ea.	22899			
0.277" (7.04mm)	$\frac{3}{8}$ " (9.52mm)***	ea.	22900			

\*0.020" wall thickness    \*\*0.035" wall thickness    \*\*\*0.049" wall thickness

**Summary**

Surface treatments from the Restek Performance Coatings group prevent corrosion or adsorption of active compounds in delivery systems, and always should be considered in applications in which corrosive or active streams are to be sampled, transferred, or analyzed.

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**Economical solutions for varied sample stream challenges**

Restek surface treatments are:

**Silcosteel®**—A general-purpose passivation layer for steel and stainless steel. U.S. patent 6,511,760.

**Silcosteel®-AC**—Dramatically reduces carbon buildup on stainless steel components. U.S. patent 6,444,326.

**Silcosteel®-CR**—A corrosion resistant layer that increases the lifetime of system components in acidic environments containing hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, or seawater. U.S. patent 7,070,833.

**Silcosteel®-UHV**—Greatly reduces outgassing from components of ultra-high vacuum systems. U.S. patent 7,070,833.

**Siltek®**—The ultimate passivation for treated components, from glass to high nickel alloys of steel. U.S. patent 6,444,326.

**Sulfinert®**—A required treatment for metal components when analyzing for parts-per-billion levels of organo-sulfur compounds. U.S. patent 6,444,326.

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## Resolving Aromatics in Spark Ignition Fuels

Using Silcosmooth™ Columns and a Modified ASTM D-3606-06e1 Method

By Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Chemist

- Easy quantification of aromatics, using 2-butanol as an internal standard.
- Complete resolution of benzene from ethanol.
- Fully conditioned column set – ready to use out of the box.

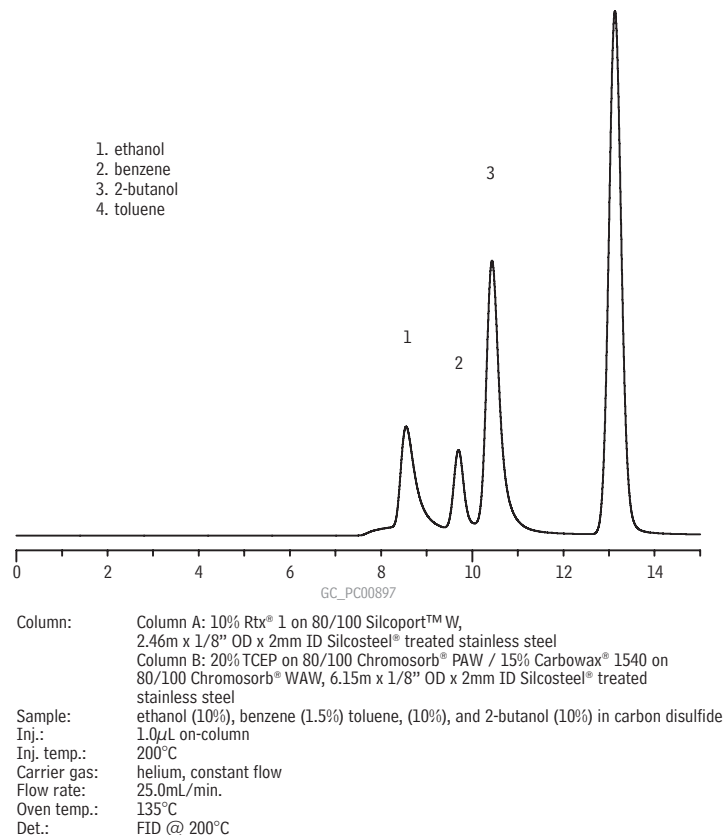
Laboratories analyzing benzene and toluene in spark ignition fuels reformulated to contain ethanol must use a modified ASTM D-3606-06e1 method to prevent the co-elution of ethanol and benzene. This method modification also is a requirement of the US EPA. The benzene range of determination is between 0.1 and 5 volume percent, and the toluene range is between 2 and 20 volume percent.

Our robust two column set for this modified D-3606-06e1 application completely resolves benzene from ethanol. Column A is a 2.46m x 1/8" OD x 2mm ID Silcosmooth™ (Silcosteel® treated) stainless steel column packed with 10% Rtx®-1 on 80/100 Silcoport™ W, which separates the components by boiling point. After the elution of n-octane (C8) from Column A, the column is back-flushed to prevent the heavier compounds from entering Column B, the main analytical column. Column B is a unidirectional 6.15m x 1/8" OD x 2mm ID Silcosmooth™ stainless steel column packed with separate beds of 15% Carbowax® 1540 on 80/100 Chromosorb® WAW and 20% TCEP on 80/100 Chromosorb® PAW. To demonstrate the performance of the column set, we installed it in an Agilent 6890 GC equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID). Helium was used as the carrier gas at a flow rate of 25mL/min. in the constant flow mode. Figure 1 shows the aromatic compounds are fully resolved, and can easily be quantified, using 2-butanol as an internal standard.

This column set is fully conditioned, and is ready to use right out of the box. Only a brief (10 min.) carrier gas purge at ambient temperature, followed by a 30 min. hold at 165°C, is required.

If your laboratory has been struggling with ASTM method D-3606-06e1 for reformulated fuels containing ethanol, Restek's new column set is the solution.

**Figure 1** Complete resolution of benzene from ethanol, using a Silcosmooth™ two column set and modified ASTM D3606-06e1 method.



### D3606 Application Columns (2 column set)

OD	ID	9.2-Meter cat. #*
1/8" Silcosmooth™	2.0mm	80487

\*Please add column configuration suffix number from our catalog to cat.# when ordering—see our catalog or website.

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# Separate Argon from Oxygen Above Ambient Temperatures

## Using an Rt-Msieve™ 5A PLOT Column

By Gary Stidsen, GC Columns Product Marketing Manager, and Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Chemist

- Fast, efficient separations at above ambient temperatures.
- High permeability and narrow column diameter mean sharper peaks.
- 100% bonding process eliminates the need for particle traps.

Porous layer open tubular columns—PLOT columns—offer significant advantages over packed gas-solid chromatography (GSC) columns. The open tubular design gives PLOT columns greater permeability, and their narrow diameter ensures sharper peaks. The open construction affords a smaller pressure drop per unit length, so longer columns can be used. This means much higher column efficiency and, therefore, superior resolution. In brief, PLOT columns provide faster and more sensitive analyses than packed GSC columns.

Restek PLOT columns are especially effective for separating mixtures of gaseous analytes. Rt-Msieve™ 5A PLOT columns contain molecular sieve 5A particles that are bonded to prevent particle dislocation, thus protecting valves and detection systems from damage. They are designed for fast, efficient separation of argon and oxygen, hydrogen and helium, and other permanent gases, including permanent gases admixed in refinery or natural gas. Finely controlled pore size allows selective adsorption of specific target compounds, ensuring that difficult separations can be made without subambient temperatures.

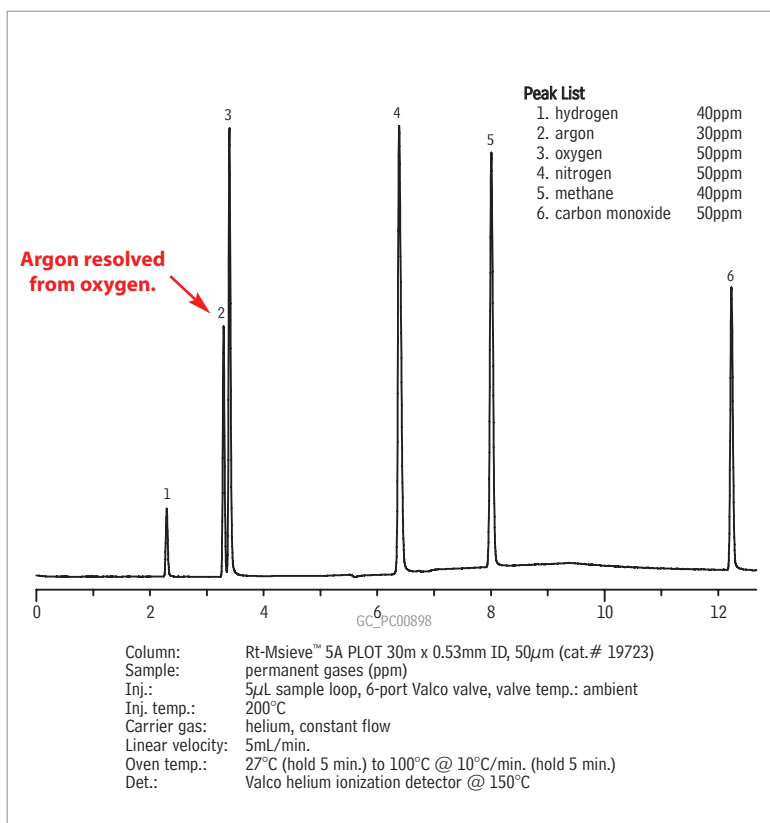
Figure 1 shows a 30m x 0.53mm ID Rt-Msieve™ 5A PLOT column can separate oxygen from argon to baseline, at above ambient temperature, in approximately 4 min. Also, the permanent gases are resolved from methane in the same analysis. Carbon dioxide does not elute from a molecular sieve 5A column, but can be chromatographed on an Rt-QPLOT™ porous polymer column. For more information, and additional example analyses on Restek PLOT columns, refer to our current chromatography products catalog or our website.

If your analyses call for difficult separations of gaseous analytes, and neither conventional packed GC columns nor WCOT capillary columns are providing the separations you want, or if your analyses depend on costly or time-consuming conditions, a Restek PLOT column may be your solution.

### Rt-Msieve™ 5A Columns (fused silica PLOT)

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.53mm	50	to 300°C	30-Meter	19723
0.32mm	30	to 300°C	15-Meter	19720
0.32mm	30	to 300°C	30-Meter	19722
0.53mm	50	to 300°C	15-Meter	19721

**Figure 1** Excellent resolution at above ambient temperatures on an Rt-Msieve™ 5A-PLOT column.



### Plot Column Advantages

Gas-liquid chromatography (GLC), the most common mode of gas chromatography, has limited application in analyses of gases. Subambient temperatures often are required to achieve a separation, and cryogenic cooling systems are costly and inconvenient.

Gas-solid chromatography (GSC), in which gaseous analytes are adsorbed onto the packing particles, rather than into a surface coating, is far more effective for separating gases. Difficult-to-separate small molecules, such as argon and oxygen, ethane isomers, and many others, can be separated by GSC at above ambient temperatures.

When analyzing gases, PLOT columns offer significant advantages over both GLC and GSC packed columns, including:

- Excellent separations at above ambient temperature; no costly cooling systems required.
- Sharper peaks, due to smaller tubing internal diameters.
- Higher efficiency and greater sensitivity.



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# Biodiesel Analysis by European Methodology

## Exceptional Peak Symmetry, Using an Rtx®-Biodiesel GC Column

By Barry L. Burger, Petroleum Chemist

- Excellent peak shape, even for free glycerin.
- Low column bleed at >350°C.
- Quantify oil components more easily and more reliably.

In less than a decade biodiesel oil has become a significant fuel source, especially in European countries, where current usage has soared to 1,800,000 tons annually.<sup>1</sup> Transesterification of the rapeseed oil or other fats from which biodiesel oil is prepared yields two products: methyl esters – biodiesel oil – and glycerin. Glycerin is extremely challenging to analyze by GC, but because excessive amounts in biodiesel products can cause problems during storage or in the engine it is necessary to monitor glycerin levels. In the US, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Method D6584-00e1 is an accepted GC procedure for biodiesel oil analysis; the standard European method is Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN) EN14105. Both methods set limits on free glycerin and glycerides in biodiesel oil product. While these methods differ in GC column specifications and chromatographic conditions, both require a column that can perform reliably at elevated temperatures, with minimal bleed.

Figure 1 shows the chromatography for the DIN analysis, using an Rtx®-Biodiesel column. Peaks for glycerin and the glycerides exhibit minimal tailing, and bleed is low, even at 370°C. Thus, components of the oil can be more easily and more reliably quantified. These results confirm the Rtx®-Biodiesel column is a wise choice for biodiesel oil analysis according to DIN EN14105 conditions. The Rtx®-Biodiesel column also has proven well suited for analyzing biodiesel oil according to the ASTM method.<sup>2</sup>

To obtain Figure 1, we spiked a soybean oil-based sample of B100 biodiesel oil with internal standards butanetriol and tricaprins, silylated the mixture with MSTFA and, using simple on-column injection mode, injected a 1µL aliquot into a low dead volume direct injection liner in a Shimadzu 2010 GC equipped with an on-column injector (OCI). The liner has a 1mm internal diameter and a Press-Tight® constriction one-third of its length from the outlet end. The Rtx®-Biodiesel column forms a seal with the liner at the Press-Tight® constriction; the sample is injected into, and vaporizes in, the top two-thirds of the liner.

Glycerin is a notoriously difficult challenge in GC, particularly at the levels involved in biodiesel oil analysis, yet an Rtx®-Biodiesel column provides a symmetric peak that makes quantification easier and more reliable. Restek chromatographers always are happy to help you with your toughest analytical problems. If you have questions regarding biodiesel oil analysis, please call our technical service team, or contact your Restek distributor, for fast and reliable assistance.

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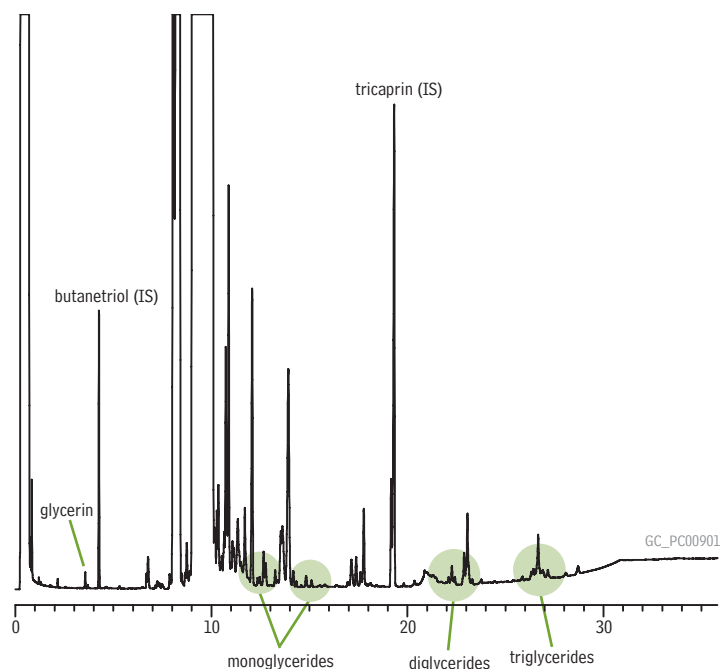
### Rtx®-Biodiesel Column (fused silica)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	length	cat. #
0.32mm	0.10	330°/380°C	10-Meter	10292

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We also offer biodiesel calibration standards.  
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**Figure 1** Biodiesel oil analysis using an Rtx®-Biodiesel column and DIN EN14105 conditions: peaks for glycerin and glycerides are symmetric, and bleed is low, even at 370°C.



Column: Rtx®-Biodiesel, 10m, 0.32mm ID, 0.10µm (cat.# 10292)  
 Sample: B100 biodiesel oil plus butanetriol and tricaprins, in heptane, derivatized with MSTFA  
 Inj.: 1µL onto Shimadzu on-column injector (OCI) equipped with low dead volume Shimadzu direct injection liner  
 Inj. temp.: oven track  
 Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow  
 Flow rate: 4mL/min.  
 Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 1 min.) to 180°C @ 15°C/min., to 230°C @ 7°C/min., to 370°C @ 10°C/min. (hold 5 min.)  
 Det.: FID  
 Det. temp.: 390°C

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### All kits include these components:

- 1/8" nylon brush
- 3/16" nylon brush
- 1/4" nylon brush
- 1/4" stainless steel wire tube brush
- 3/8" stainless steel wire tube brush
- 3/16" stainless steel wire tube brush
- stainless steel surface brush
- 6 stainless steel jet reamers (0.25–0.65mm OD)
- 1/4" x 5/16" open end wrench
- 3/8" x 7/16" open end wrench
- rubber-tipped slide-lock tweezers
- scoring wafers with handles
- inlet liner removal tool
- septum puller
- mini wool puller/insertor tool
- 4-inch tapered needle file
- swivel head flashlight
- mini hand drill set
- 15cm compact steel ruler
- pocket magnifier
- high temperature string (1 meter)
- pipe cleaner (12-inch)
- cotton tip swabs (pk. of 25)

### MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Agilent GCs

#### (cat.# 22186) also includes:

- capillary installation gauge for Agilent GCs
- injector wrench for Agilent GCs
- septum nut removal tool
- 7/16" x 1/2" open end wrench
- 1/2" x 9/16" open end wrench

### MLE Capillary Tool Kit for PerkinElmer GCs

#### (cat.# 22185) also includes:

- 7/16" x 1/2" open end wrench
- 1/2" x 9/16" open end wrench

### MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Shimadzu GCs

#### (cat.# 22182) also includes:

- capillary installation gauge for Shimadzu GCs
- injector wrench for Shimadzu GCs
- 6mm x 7mm open end wrench
- 8mm x 10mm open end wrench
- 16mm x 17mm open end wrench

### MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Thermo Scientific

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- liner cap removing tool for Thermo Fisher GCs
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- 16mm x 17mm open end wrench

### MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Varian GCs

#### (cat.# 22184) also includes:

- capillary installation gauge for Varian GCs
- 7/16" x 1/2" open end wrench
- 1/2" x 9/16" open end wrench

#### Description

- MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Agilent GCs
- MLE Capillary Tool Kit for PerkinElmer GCs
- MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Shimadzu GCs
- MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Thermo Scientific GCs
- MLE Capillary Tool Kit for Varian GCs

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## Super-Clean™ Click-On Traps

### Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps

by Donna Lidgett, GC Accessories Product Manager

- High-purity output ensures 99.9999% pure gas.
- Click-On fittings for easy, leak-tight cartridge changes; no tools required!
- Helium-Specific Triple Trap is packaged and purged under helium; ideal for GC/MS.

Using the same features and benefits as the Super-Clean™ base-plates and filters, SGT designed an inline trap. Click-On adaptor connectors allow cartridges to be exchanged without introducing oxygen. Spring-loaded check valves seal when a filter is removed and open only when a new filter has been locked in place. There is no need for loosening and tightening fittings every time a trap is changed, and your system will not become contaminated during the process.

The Triple Trap is ideal for purifying carrier gas—it contains oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbon scrubbers in one cartridge.

The Fuel Gas Trap is ideal for purifying flame ionization detector (FID) fuel gases, removing both moisture and hydrocarbons.

The Helium-Specific Triple Trap is ideal for purifying helium in GC/MS systems. This trap is packed and purged under helium and contains oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbon scrubbers in one cartridge.

Trap replacement depends on the quality of the incoming gas. Use the double connector and install an indicating cartridge after a trap to indicate when the trap should be replaced.

#### please note

Super-Clean™ Gas Filters are recommended for purifying non corrosive gases with low concentrations of contaminants. The maximum concentration of oxygen in the incoming gas stream for oxygen purifiers is 0.5%.

Filter Type	Gas Quality at Outlet	Maximum Pressure	Maximum Flow (L/min.)	Use For	H <sub>2</sub> O (g)	Capacity O <sub>2</sub> (mL)	Hydrocarbons (g)	Estimated Lifetime (years)
Moisture cat.#22467	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H <sub>2</sub>	21	NA	NA	>3
Oxygen cat.#22468	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas	NA	3000	NA	>3
Hydrocarbon cat.#22466	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H <sub>2</sub>	NA	NA	36 <sup>3</sup>	>3
Fuel Gas <sup>1</sup> cat.#22465	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H <sub>2</sub>	10	NA	18 <sup>3</sup>	>2
Triple cat.#22464	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas	6	1000	12 <sup>3</sup>	>2

<sup>1</sup>Removes hydrocarbons, moisture. <sup>2</sup>Removes hydrocarbons, moisture, oxygen. <sup>3</sup>As *n*-butane.

### Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps and Connector Kits



Brass or stainless steel  
1/4" or 1/8" fittings available.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel Includes (2) 1/8" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22456
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Brass Includes (2) 1/8" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22457
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel Includes (2) 1/4" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22458
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Brass Includes (2) 1/4" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22459
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel Includes (4) 1/8" SS connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22460
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Brass Includes (4) 1/8" brass connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22461
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel Includes (4) 1/4" SS connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22462
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Brass Includes (4) 1/4" brass connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22463

**Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Replacement Traps**

Description	qty.	cat.#
Click-On Super-Clean™ Replacement Triple Trap (removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22464
Click-On Super-Clean™ Replacement Fuel Gas Trap (removes moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22465

**Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Traps**

Description	qty.	cat.#
Ultra-High Capacity Hydrocarbon Trap	ea.	22466
Ultra-High Capacity Moisture Trap	ea.	22467
Ultra-High Capacity Oxygen Trap	ea.	22468

**Helium-Specific Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Trap and Connector Kits**

Description	qty.	cat.#
<b>Kits</b>		
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel Includes (2) 1/8" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon helium-specific triple trap	kit	22469
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/8" Brass Includes (2) 1/8" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon helium-specific triple trap	kit	22470
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel Includes (2) 1/4" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon helium-specific triple trap	kit	22471
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/4" Brass Includes (2) 1/4" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon helium-specific triple trap	kit	22472
<b>Replacement Trap</b>		
Helium-Specific Replacement Triple Trap (removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22473

**Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Indicator**

- Oxygen: Green to Grey
- Moisture: Beige to Clear

Description	qty.	cat.#
Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Indicator (oxygen, moisture)	ea.	22474

**Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors**

- Click-On connectors allow you to change traps quickly, without introducing oxygen into your system.

Description	qty.	cat.#
1/8" Brass Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22475
1/8" Stainless Steel Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22476
1/4" Brass Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22477
1/4" Stainless Steel Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22478

**Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Double Connector**

- Connects any Click-On trap to a Click-On indicator.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Double Connector, stainless steel	ea.	22479

**Wall-Mounting Clamps for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps**

Description	qty.	cat.#
Wall-Mounting Clamps for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps	4-pk.	22480

**Replacement O-Rings for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors**

Description	qty.	cat.#
Replacement O-Rings for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	20-pk.	22481

- Pack includes 10 large O-rings and 10 small O-rings.

**did you know?**

Helium-Specific Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Trap and Kits are designed specifically for purification of helium in GC/MS systems!

**tech tip**

Install an indicator after the Click-On inline trap so there is no confusion about when to replace the trap.



# Genuine Restek Replacement Parts

## For Agilent HPLC Systems

By Becky Wittrig, Ph.D., HPLC Product Marketing Manager

### Outlet Cap and Gold Seal Assembly Tool for Agilent 1100 HPLC Systems

Easily install the gold seal into the outlet cap.



new!



Put Outlet Cap on male part of Assembly Tool.



Push the Assembly Tool together.



Hold onto Outlet Cap and pull Assembly Tool apart.



Put Gold Seal over pin on male part of Assembly Tool.



Push the Assembly Tool together and press the Gold Seal in the Outlet Cap.



Pull the Assembly Tool apart and remove assembled Outlet Cap and Gold Seal.

#### Description

Outlet Cap and Gold Seal Assembly Tool for Agilent 1100 HPLC Systems

#### Restek Replacement Parts for Agilent HPLC Systems

- Meet or exceed OEM performance.

#### qty.

ea.

#### cat.#

24989

#### Description

Preventive Maintenance Kit (Includes: rotor seal, needle seat, needle assembly, seat cap)  
Autosampler Preventive Maintenance Kit

#### Model #

1050

#### Similar to Agilent part #

01078-68721

#### qty.

kit

#### cat.#

25259

(Includes: rotor seal, needle assembly, needle seat)  
Pump Maintenance Kit

1100

G1313-68709

kit

25271

(Includes: PTFE frit, outlet cap, active inlet cartridge, gold disk seal, 2 piston seals, glass solvent filter)

1050 & 1100

G1311-68710

kit

25270

Outlet Ball Valve, Binary Pump

1100

G1312-60012

ea.

25267

Outlet Ball Valve

1050 & 1100

G1311-60012

ea.

25276

Sieves for Outlet Valve

1050 & 1100

5063-6505

10-pk.

25266

Check Valve Cartridge Assembly

1090

79835-67101

ea.

25344

Piston Seals, Teflon® w/Graphite

1050 & 1100

5063-6589

2-pk.

22482

Piston Seals, Teflon® w/Graphite

1050 & 1100

5063-6589

10-pk.

22483

Piston Seals (Black)

1090

5062-2494

4-pk.

25347

Seal Wash Kit, Binary Pump (4 seals, 4 gaskets)

1100

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kit

25268

Seal Wash Kit (2 seals, 2 gaskets)

1100

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kit

25269

Wash Seal

1050 & 1100

0905-1175

ea.

25277

Sapphire Piston

1050 & 1100

5063-6586

ea.

25273

Sapphire Piston

1090

6980-0672

ea.

25345

Needle Seat

1050

79846-67101

ea.

25258

Needle Seat

1090

79846-67101

ea.

25348

Needle Seat Assembly

1100

G1313-87101

ea.

25265

Needle Assembly

1100

G1313-87201

ea.

25278

Rotor Seal (not for use with 7125 injection valve)

1050

0101-0626

ea.

25272

Rotor Seal

1100

0100-1853

ea.

25275

Rotor Seal (Rheodyne®-style)

1090

0101-0623

ea.

25349

Frits, PTFE

1050 & 1100

01018-22707

5-pk.

25466

Seal, Gold Disk (outlet)

1050 & 1100

5001-3707

ea.

25467

Outlet Cap

1050 & 1100

5062-2485

4-pk.

25139

Outlet Cap & Gold Seal Assembly

1050 & 1100

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2-pk.

25140

Connecting Tube

1050 & 1100

G1311-67304

ea.

25058

Detector Lamp, 1090 DA, 1050 VW/DA/MWD

1090, 1050

79883-60002

ea.

25260

Lamp, DAD G1315A, G1365A

1100

2140-0590

ea.

25261

Lamp, VWD G1314A

1100

G1314-60100

ea.

25262

8453 Deuterium Lamp

—

2140-0605

ea.

25263

G1321 Fluorescence Detector Flash Lamp

—

2140-0600

ea.

25264

Lamp, DAD Long Life Deuterium (2000 hours)

1100

5181-1530

ea.

25399

Outlet Ball Valve

Needle Seat Assembly

Lamp, VWD G1314A



## HPLC Mobile Phase Accessories

An economical way to store and deliver your mobile phases.

By Becky Wittrig, Ph.D., HPLC Product Marketing Manager

### Hub-Cap Bottle Tops and Adapters

Allows the use of the Opti-Cap™ with 4-liter solvent bottles.

Description	qty.	cat.#
<b>Adapters</b>		
Hub-Cap Adapter	ea.	26538
Hub-Cap Adapter Multi-pack	3-pk.	26539
Hub-Cap Adapter and Opti-Cap™	kit	26540

### 4 Liter Bottle Tops

Hub-Cap (assembly of the bottle cap and plug)	kit	26541
Hub-Cap Multi-pack	3-pk.	26542

### Opti-Cap™ Bottle Top

The most economical way to helium-sparge and deliver HPLC mobile phases. The Opti-Cap™ top fits all standard GL-45 bottles and has two 1/8-inch holes and one 1/16-inch hole for tubing.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Opti-Cap™ (Cap and PEEK® Plug)	ea.	25300
Opti-Cap™ Kit (Opti-Cap™, 3 meters of tubing, sparging filters)	kit	25301
Opti-Cap™ Kit with 1L Bottle	kit	25302
Opti-Cap™ Kit with 2L Bottle	kit	25303
<b>Related items and replacement parts</b>		
Mobile Phase Sparge Filter: 2µm, stainless steel	ea.	25311
Mobile Phase Inlet Filter: 10µm	ea.	25312
Teflon® Tubing, 1/8" OD x 0.094" ID x 3m (2.4mm ID)	3m	25307
Teflon® Tubing, 1/8" OD x 0.063" ID x 3m (1.6mm ID)	3m	25306
PEEK® Plug, 1/4"-28 threads	3-pk.	25319
1L Graduated Safety-Coated Bottle – GL-45 threads	ea.	25304
2L Graduated Safety-Coated Bottle – GL-45 threads	ea.	25305

### Solvent Debubbler

Bubbles in an HPLC system can cause check valve malfunctions and pump cavitation, seriously affecting pump performance. The debubbler removes bubbles from the fluid stream before it enters the pump.

Special geometry at the base of the housing allows bubbles entrained in the inlet fluid stream to rise and be trapped in the reservoir. The gas/liquid interface is easily visible through the translucent wall of the device. Loosening the airtight cap releases the trapped gas. The debubbler is fitted with a bracket and universal connecting tips.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Solvent Debubbler with Bracket	ea.	25014

**new!**

cat. # 26541



cat. # 26540

cat. # 26538



Opti-Cap™ Kit with bottle



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We can supply all your HPLC accessory needs.  
Visit **www.restek.com/hplcacc** for details.



# Using Micropacked Columns

By Alan Sensus, Technical Service Specialist

Most analysts are familiar with capillary gas chromatography columns and packed GC columns, but many are not familiar with micropacked columns. Here, we briefly discuss these useful columns, instrument requirements, and applications.

## What Are Micropacked Columns?

Micropacked columns are short, narrow bore stainless steel columns packed with diatomaceous earth solid support, porous polymer, molecular sieve, or other particles. Standard Restek micropacked columns are 1 meter or 2 meters long and 0.75mm ID x 0.95mm OD or 1mm ID x 1/16 inch OD. Like most micropacked columns, ours have a larger internal diameter than mega-bore (wide-bore) capillary columns (0.53mm ID) and a smaller outside diameter than traditional packed columns (1/8 inch or 3/16 inch).

As you might suspect from this description, performance characteristics of micropacked columns are intermediate between those of packed columns and those of capillary columns: they offer higher efficiency than traditional packed columns, and higher capacity than wall coated open tubular (WCOT) capillary columns or porous layer open tubular (PLOT) columns. They are inexpensive, very durable, and easy to install and operate.

## Instrument Requirements

To use micropacked columns, a high carrier gas head pressure is needed to overcome the large pressure drop created in the narrow, densely packed bore. For helium, typical column head pressures for 1-2 meter micropacked columns range from 30-45psi for 1mm ID columns to 50-65psi for 0.75mm ID columns.

Installation of micropacked columns will vary according to instrument make and model. The injection port nuts in many capillary column injection ports will accommodate 0.95mm OD micropacked columns, but not 1/16 inch OD columns. If the injection port nut will not accommodate the column, you can attach a short piece of 0.53mm ID fused silica tubing to each end of the column, using 1/16 inch compression fitting unions and appropriate ferrules. Alternatively, Restek sells inlet conversion kits which contain appropriate selections of injection port accessories.

For GCs with packed column injection ports, a reducing ferrule or a tube-end reducer fitting, and appropriate ferrules, usually are all that are needed for installing a micropacked column.

## Applications

Micropacked columns have a wide range of applications, from analyses of the lightest gases (permanent gases) to simulated column distillation (Sim-Dist). They are especially useful for analyses of gas mixes, including sulfur compounds or light hydrocarbons, in which the use of a packed column is necessary to obtain baseline separations of the gaseous components.

Typically, chromatogram peaks are sharper than from traditional packed columns, and micropacked columns are less likely to be overloaded by concentrated samples than are capillary columns. Micropacked columns do have limitations, however: like packed columns, they do not have the efficiency of capillary columns. Therefore, they typically are not adequate for baseline separations of complex multi-component mixtures. Also like packed columns, they require a carrier gas flow rate that is higher than most mass spectrometer pumping systems can accept.

When choosing a micropacked column, consider that, as with any column, internal diameter affects column capacity. If you intend to use a sensitive detector, such as a helium ionization detector (HID), flame ionization detector (FID), nitrogen-phosphorus detector (NPD), or flame photometric detector (FPD), typically you can use a smaller ID column – either a conventional capillary column or a micropacked column. If you intend to use a thermal conductivity detector (TCD), however, consider using a 1/8 inch OD packed column, rather than either a capillary column or a micropacked column.

For a complete listing of micropacked columns and installation kits offered by Restek, please visit our website, [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com) and enter “micropacked columns” in the search feature. For typical applications, see web page: [www.restek.com/micropacked](http://www.restek.com/micropacked)

You also will find these items in the Restek Chromatography Products Catalog. For additional information concerning micropacked columns, please contact Restek Technical Service at **800-356-1688, ext 4.**

## Custom Micropacked Columns

### To Order:

Contact your Restek representative and specify the following:

- 1) dimensions (length, OD, ID, and tubing material)
- 2) packing description (percent coating and phase, support mesh size, and treatment)
- 3) installation kit

### Ordering Example:

(2m x 1/16" OD x 1.00mm ID)  
(Silcosteel® tubing) (5%)  
(Carbowax® 20M)  
(CarboBlack™ B) (80/120)  
(installation kit for valve applications, cat. #21065)

### To Obtain a Quote:

See our catalog or website, or contact technical service at 800-356-1688, ext. 4.

Maximum length for custom micropacked columns is 25ft./8m.

## Pittcon Presentations by Restek Personnel

### Sunday Feb. 25



#### **Analysis of EPA Method 527 Using New Capillary Column Technology**

JASON THOMAS, Gary Stidsen, Neil Mosesman, William Goodman (PerkinElmer Co.)

Poster Session 220: New Developments in Analytical Instrumentation and Software

Posters on display from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm, authors present from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Location: S100A (poster 220-41P)

### Monday Feb. 26



#### **Enhancing Resolution of Unsaturated Compounds Using a Unique Biphenyl Stationary Phase**

RICHARD LAKE, Rebecca Wittrig, Frank Dorman

Oral Session 420: New Developments in Pharmaceutical Separations Room 501BC (420-8 / 11:05 am)



#### **Forensic Applications Using a New 5% Diphenylpolysiloxane Stationary Phase for Gas Chromatography**

KRISTI SELLERS, Richard Lake, Gary Stidsen, Neil Mosesman

Poster Session 820: Homeland Security/Forensics

Posters on display from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, authors present from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Location: Hall A1-A2 (poster 820-14P)

### Tuesday Feb. 27



#### **GCxGC-TOFMS of Volatile Organic Compounds in Urban and Rural Air**

JACK COCHRAN, Mark Libardoni (LECO Corporation), Frank Dorman, David M. Shelov

Oral Session 1340: GC-MS Methodology II Room 501A (1340-1 / 1:30 pm)

### Thursday Mar. 1



#### **An Innovative Approach to Low Mass, Zero Dead Volume Connection of Fused Silica Columns**

MICHAEL GOSS, William Grove, Brad Rightnour, Matt Lininger, Paul Silvis, Gary Stidsen

Poster Session 2330: Gas Chromatography: Development and Applications

Posters on display from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, authors present from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Location: Hall A1-A2 (poster 2330-24P)



#### **New, In-Situ Cross-Linkable Wax Phase for Gas Chromatography**

JULIE KOWALSKI, Shawn Reese, Roy Lautamo, Gianna Barlupi, Rick Morehead, Don Rhodes, Frank Dorman, Chris Cox, Jennifer Weston, Gary Stidsen

Oral Session 2500: Gas Chromatography: Method Development Room 501D (2500-5 / 3:05 pm)

## Leading Chromatographers to Join Restek

### New expertise available to help solve your technical challenges

Restek celebrates continued growth in 2007 with the addition of two key chromatographers: Jack Cochran and Jaap de Zeeuw.



**Jack Cochran** comes to Restek with extensive experience at LECO Corporation, where he was most recently the International Director of Separation Science. Jack is a recognized expert in GC-

TOFMS and GCxGC-TOFMS, as well as in the analysis of pesticides, PCBs, explosives, PAHs, and other priority pollutants in soils, sediments, air, and waters. His many years of employment at the Waste Management and Research Center in Champaign, IL and with the US EPA in Ada, OK provide real-world experience in methods development, sample preparation, and analysis that he can share with chromatographers world-wide, in order to help them optimize their separations. Jack will be based at our headquarters in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.



**Jaap de Zeeuw** spent 27 years with Varian/Chrompack, and has distinguished himself as an authority on every aspect of capillary column technology. After working as an R&D scientist, product specialist,

and international product manager for GC and LC columns, he has most recently focused on industrial analysis issues in the USA, Europe, and the Far East. Jaap is widely published, and he travels extensively, giving seminars, workshops, and presentations at international symposia. In 1999 he received the first "Presenter of the Year" award at the Gulf Coast Conference in Galveston, Texas. Jaap will be based in Middleburg, the Netherlands; his main focus will be supporting Restek's European activities in the form of training, seminars, and participation in professional meetings and trade shows.

We welcome Jack & Jaap into the Restek family!

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