

# Detailed Hydrocarbon Analysis

Featuring Rtx®-1 PONA Columns

- Compatible with hydrogen, for **50% faster run times**.
- Improved resolution between oxygenates and hydrocarbons, for more accurate reporting.
- Individually tested to meet DHA method criteria; guaranteed column-to-column reproducibility.



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## Featuring Rtx®-1PONA Capillary GC Columns

- Columns meet or exceed all ASTM D6730-01 and Canadian General Standards Board method guidelines.
- Excellent responses and peak symmetry for polar oxygenates.
- Guaranteed column-to-column reproducibility for retention, efficiency, selectivity, peak skewness, resolution, and low bleed.

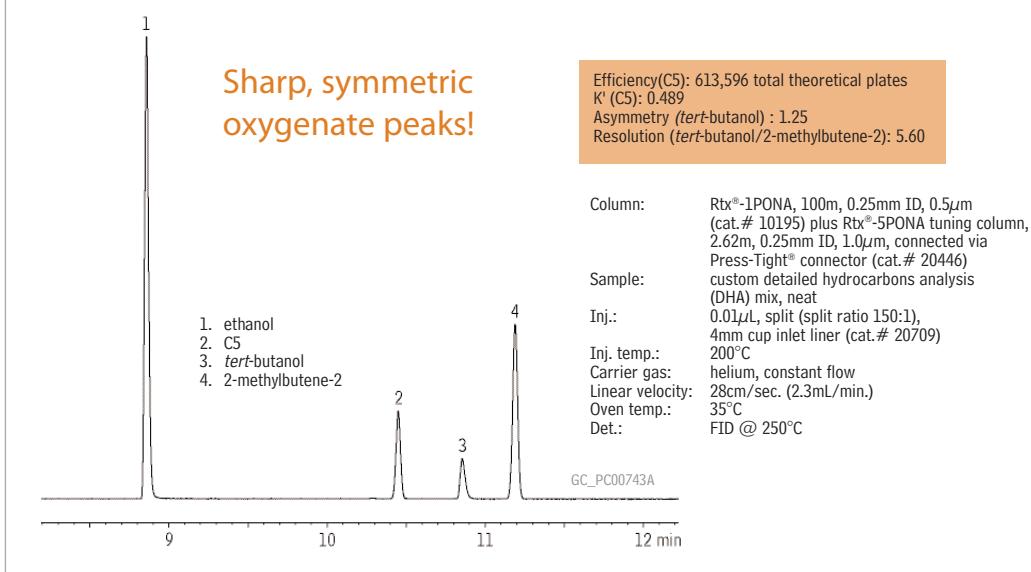
Gasolines are complex mixtures of hundreds of compounds. Information about concentrations of the individual components is important for evaluating raw materials and for controlling refinery processes. A high-resolution GC method for detailed hydrocarbon analysis (DHA) of gasolines is outlined in American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Method D6730-01—often referred to as the PONA (paraffins, olefins, naphthenes, aromatics) or PIANO (paraffins, isoparaffins, aromatics, naphthenes, olefins) analysis. ASTM D6730-01 is specific for the analysis of these hydrocarbon components, plus oxygenated additives such as methanol, ethanol, *tert*-butanol, methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE), and *tert*-amyl methyl ether (TAME) in spark-ignition engine fuels.

To maximize resolution of these complex mixtures, the ASTM method recommends a 100m x 0.25mm ID capillary column coated with 0.5 $\mu$ m of 100% dimethyl polysiloxane stationary phase and sets minimum resolution criteria for several critical pairs of closely eluting compounds. To retain the aromatics, and accomplish the separations, a short tuning column, approximately 2-3m long, coated with 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane polymer, is connected to the inlet of the 100m analytical column. Through a series of trial analyses, the length of the tuning column is adjusted to ensure the critical resolutions are achieved. Rtx®-1PONA columns are ideal for DHA methods and easily meet or exceed performance requirements.

### Quality & Consistency

Analytical columns used for DHA applications must exhibit high efficiency and exceptional inertness, especially for polar oxygenates in gasoline. Figure 1 illustrates a column efficiency of 613,596 total theoretical plates, measured on C5, and shows excellent peak symmetry for the oxygenated additives, including ethanol and *tert*-butanol (*tert*-butanol skewness = 1.25). We test every Rtx®-1PONA column for retention (k), efficiency (n), stationary phase selectivity (RI), and bleed, guaranteeing reproducible column-to-column performance.

**Figure 1** Rtx®-1PONA columns meet or exceed ASTM D6730 specifications.

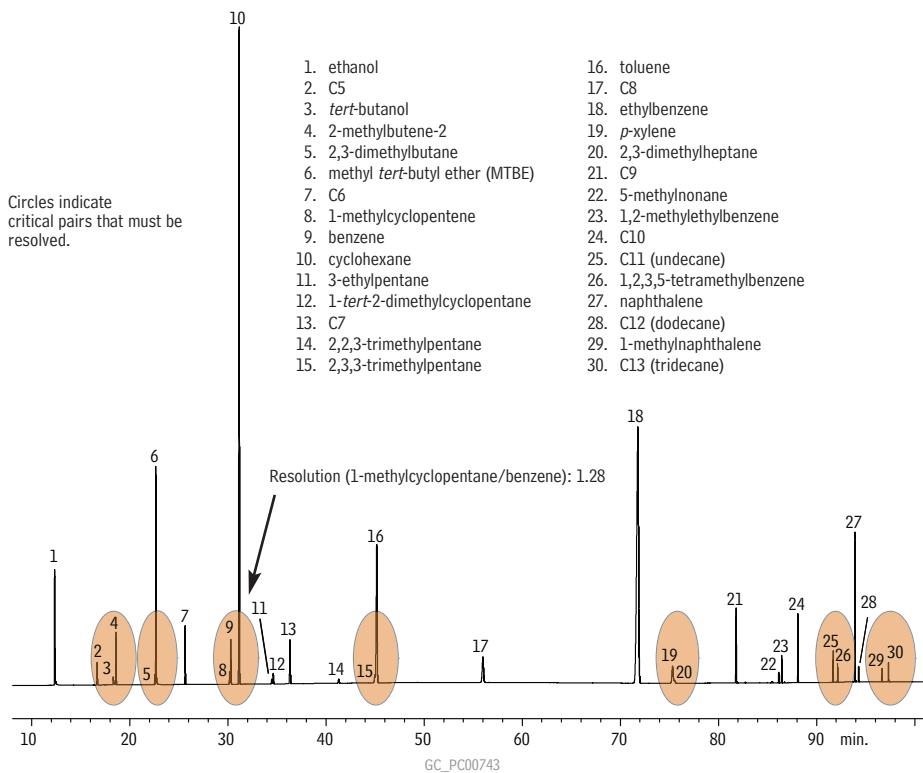


## Resolution of Critical Pairs

There are a number of critical compound pairs that must be resolved as measured by an oxy set-up blend mix. An Rtx®-1PONA column meets all ASTM D6730-01 requirements for critical pair resolution, as demonstrated in Figure 2. A 2.6m tuning column was used to achieve the highlighted resolutions based on retention of the aromatics (e.g., resolution for 1-methylcyclopentene/benzene = 1.28). In addition to qualifying for the ASTM D6730-01 analysis, Rtx®-1PONA columns meet the similarly stringent requirements of Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) methodology.

**Figure 2** Critical pairs of gasoline components resolved per ASTM specifications, using an Rtx®-1PONA column.

Resolve all critical pairs—including  
2,3,3-trimethylpentane and toluene!



Column: Rtx®-1PONA, 100m, 0.25mm ID, 0.5µm (cat.# 10195) w/ Rtx®-5 tuning column,  
2.62m, 0.25mm ID, 1.0µm, connected via Press-Tight®  
connector (cat.# 20446)  
Sample: custom detailed hydrocarbons analysis (DHA) mix, neat  
Inj.: 0.01µL, split (split ratio 150:1), 4mm cup inlet liner (cat.# 20709)  
Inj. temp.: 200°C  
Carrier gas: helium, constant flow  
Linear velocity: 28cm/sec. (2.3mL/min.)  
Oven temp.: 5°C (hold 15 min.) to 50°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 50 min.) to 200°C @ 8°C/min. (hold 10 min.)  
Det.: FID @ 250°C  
Cooling gas.: liquid nitrogen



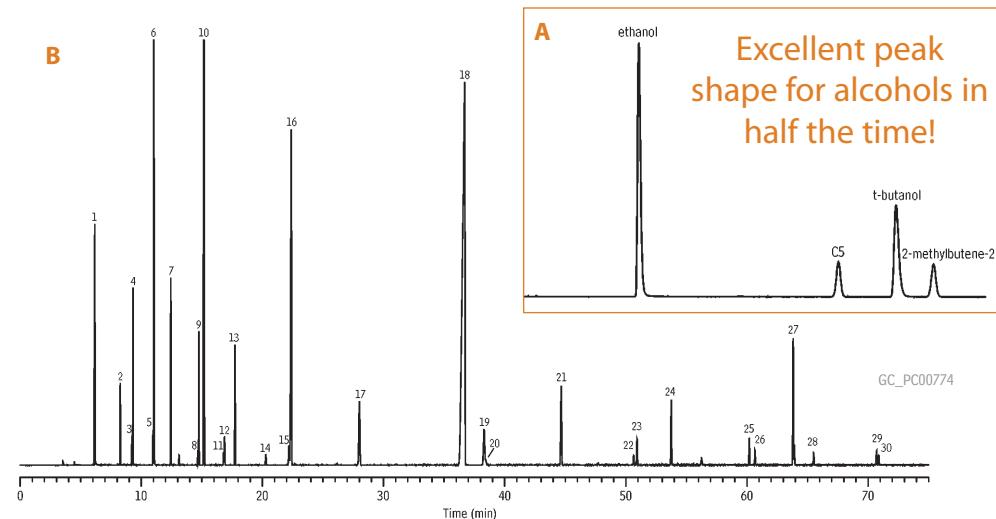
## Speed Up Analysis Time Using Hydrogen

Rtx®-1PONA columns easily meet all ASTM and CGSB method requirements when using helium as the carrier gas. However analysis times can be improved significantly—with no loss in chromatographic performance—by switching to hydrogen as the carrier gas. Rtx®-1PONA columns meet or exceed all criteria in these standardized methods in up to 50% less time when using hydrogen (Figure 3).

**Figure 3** Achieve up to 50% faster analysis times using hydrogen instead of helium.

	Optimized D6730 with hydrogen*	Optimized D6730 with helium*	Standard D6730 conditions
Approximate analysis time	72 min.	98 min.	146 min.
% Time savings (relative to standard method conditions)	<b>51% faster</b>	<b>33% faster</b>	—

\* Optimized conditions and chromatographic results for hydrogen shown below; for helium, see Figure 2.



Column: Rtx®-1PONA 100m, 0.25mm ID, 0.5 $\mu$ m (cat.# 10195) plus Rtx®-5PONA tuning column (cat.# 10196), connected via angled Press-Tight® connector (cat.# 20446)

Sample: DHA/oxygenates setup blend  
Inj.: 0.01 $\mu$ L, split (split ratio 150:1), 4mm ID cup inlet liner (cat.# 20709)

A: front slice of DHA/oxygenates setup blend

B: DHA/oxygenates setup blend

Carrier gas: hydrogen, constant flow (3.62cc/min.)

Linear velocity: 55cm/sec.

Inj. temp.: 250°C

Oven temp.: A: 35°C

B: 5°C (hold 8.32 min.) (elute C5) to 48°C @ 22°C/min. (hold 26.32 min.) (elute ethylbenzene) to 141°C @ 3.20°C/min. (no hold) (elute C12) to 300°C @ 1°C/min.

Det.: FID @ 300°C

*Chromatogram courtesy of Neil Johansen, Inc., Aztec, New Mexico, in association with Envantage Analytical Software, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.*

**A: Front end of DHA/oxygenates setup blend**

Efficiency (C5): 586,825 plates  
K' (C5): 0.476  
Asymmetry (*tert*-butanol): 2.10  
Resolution (*tert*-butanol/2-methylbutene-2): 5.39

**B: DHA/oxygenates setup blend**

1. ethanol  
2. C5  
3. *tert*-butanol  
4. 2-methylbutene-2  
5. 2,3-dimethylbutane  
6. methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE)  
7. C6  
8. 1-methylcyclopentene  
9. benzene  
10. cyclohexane  
11. 3-ethylpentane  
12. 1,2-dimethylcyclopentane  
13. C7  
14. 2,2,3-trimethylpentane  
15. 2,3,3-trimethylpentane  
16. toluene  
17. C8  
18. ethylbenzene  
19. *p*-xylene  
20. 2,3-dimethylheptane  
21. C9  
22. 5-methylnonane  
23. 1,2-methylethylbenzene  
24. C10  
25. C11  
26. 1,2,3,5-tetramethylbenzene  
27. naphthalene  
28. C12  
29. 1-methylnaphthalene  
30. C13

## Best Column Available

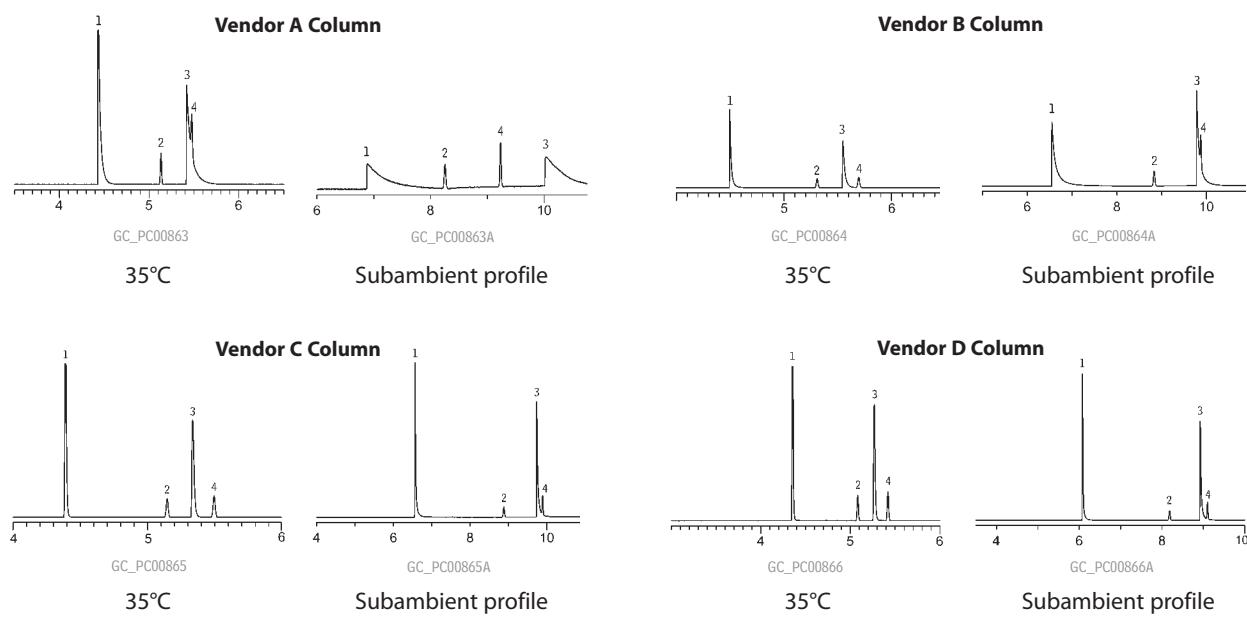
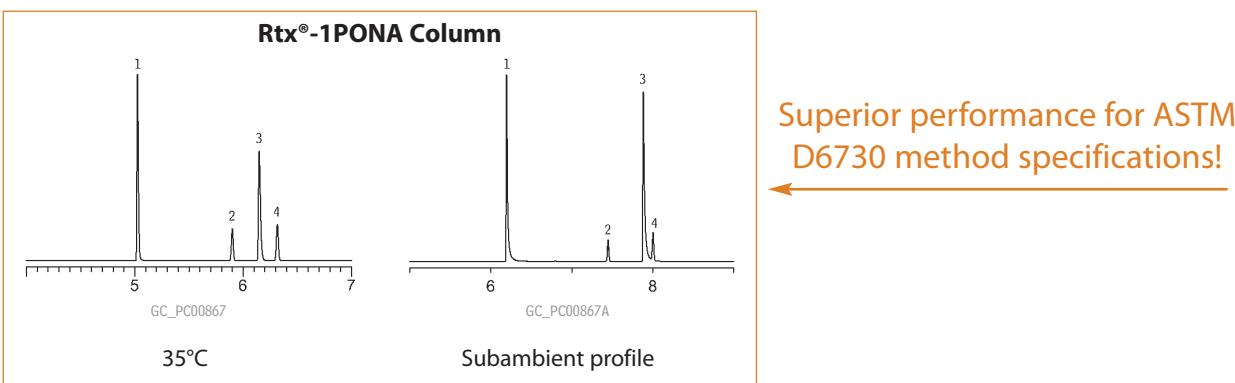
A comparison of PONA columns offered by other manufacturers shows that the Rtx®-1PONA column is the best overall column for peak shape, theoretical plates, and required resolution. Figure 4 shows that, at 35°C, the Vendor A and Vendor B PONA columns did not meet ASTM D6730 method specifications. The Vendor C and Vendor D PONA columns performed within specifications, but column efficiency was less than ideal. In contrast, the performance of the Rtx®-1PONA column at 35°C was well within ASTM D6730 method specifications, and column efficiency exceeded the specification. The column also performed well at subambient temperature using hydrogen as the carrier gas.

**Figure 4** Rtx®-1PONA columns outperform competitor columns for detailed hydrocarbon analysis.

	ASTM D6730 guidelines	Rtx®-1 PONA	Vendor A	Vendor B	Vendor C	Vendor D
Efficiency (C5)*	400,000-550,000 plates	<b>551,294</b>	522,974	466,089	489,991	483,449
K' (C5)	0.45-0.50	<b>0.48</b>	0.46	0.51**	0.47	0.46
Asymmetry ( <i>t</i> -butanol)	>1.00-<5.00	<b>1.31</b>	>5.00**	3.6	1.71	1.59
Resolution ( <i>t</i> -butanol/2-methylbutene-2)*	3.25-5.25	<b>4.84</b>	1.00**	4.32	5.01	5.07

\* Minimum values; criteria may be exceeded for these parameters.

\*\* Fails method criteria (results based on analyses at 35°C).



Column: 100m, 0.25mm ID, 0.50μm  
Sample: DHA Oxy-Setup mix  
(Transition Labs #94100)  
Inj.: 0.01μL split (split ratio 150:1)  
Inj. temp.: 275°C  
Carrier gas: hydrogen  
Linear velocity: 48cm/sec.  
Det.: FID  
Det. temp.: 300°C

Oven temp.: 35°C and Method D 6730 temperature profile  
Temperature Profile  
Column A: 5°C > 8.23 min. > 22°C/min. > 48 min.  
Column B: 5°C > 8.84 min. > 22°C/min. > 48 min.  
Column C: 5°C > 8.87 min. > 22°C/min. > 48 min.  
Column D: 5°C > 8.19 min. > 22°C/min. > 48 min.  
Rtx®-1PONA: 5°C > 8.20 min. > 22°C/min. > 48 min.

1. ethanol
2. pentane (C5)
3. *t*-butanol
4. 2-methylbutene-2

## Conclusion

Rtx®-1PONA columns offer the best overall value and performance for detailed hydrocarbon analysis. These columns meet or exceed all ASTM D6730-01 and Canadian General Standards Board method requirements and outperform other commercially available columns. Make your next PONA column an Rtx®-1PONA column—individually tested to meet DHA method criteria, assuring outstanding performance and column-to-column reproducibility.

# Product Listing

## Rtx®-1PONA (nonpolar phase; Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

- Application-specific columns meet ASTM and CGSB requirements for detailed hydrocarbon analysis.
- Stable to 340°C.

### similar phases

Petrocol DH, DB-Petro,

HP-PONA

The Rtx®-1PONA polymer was designed to offer the exact polarity necessary to resolve hydrocarbons in the specific order requested by petrochemical companies. In order to meet the demanding resolution and retention criteria of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB), Restek has developed unique quality control tests and specifications for the Rtx®-1PONA column. The measured values for retention (k), efficiency (n), and stationary phase selectivity (RI) are controlled so that each column exceeds the requirements of the ASTM and CGSB methods.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	50-Meter	100-Meter	150-Meter
0.25mm	0.50	-60 to 300/340°C	10186	10195	10197

## Rtx®-5PONA Tuning Column (Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	5-Meter
0.25mm	1.0	-60 to 325°C	10196

### Universal Press-Tight® Connectors

- Connect a guard column to an analytical column.
- Angle approximates the curvature of a capillary column, reduces strain on column-end connections (Universal Angled Press-Tight® connectors only).
- Repair a broken column.
- Deactivated Press-Tight® connectors assure better recovery of polar and nonpolar compounds.
- Siltek® treated connectors are ideal for low-level analyses and active compounds.
- Fit column ODs from 0.33–0.74mm (Restek 0.1mm–0.53mm ID).



Description	5-pk.	25-pk.	100-pk.
Deactivated, Universal Press-Tight® Connectors	20429	20430	20431
Siltek® Treated Universal Press-Tight® Connectors	20480	20449	20481

Description	5-pk.	25-pk.	100-pk.
Deactivated Universal Angled Press-Tight Connectors	20446-261	20447-261	20448-261

### Vu2 Union™ Connectors

- Connect a guard column to an analytical column, a column to a transfer line, two columns in series, or repair a broken column.
- Combines the simplicity of a Press-Tight® union with the strength of a metal union.
- Will not unexpectedly disconnect, even at temperatures as high as 360°C.

NOTE: This product is not recommended for GC column-to-MS connections—use the Vacuum Vu-Union. Visit [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com).

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
Knurled nut		2-pk.	21108

Use Universal Press-Tight® Connectors (cat.# 20429) as replacement connectors.

### Split Liners for Agilent GCs

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
4mm Split w/ Wool 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	20781
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	20782
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	25-pk.	20783
Siltek 4mm Split w/ Wool 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	20781-213.1
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	20782-213.5
Cup Splitter 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	20709
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	20710
Siltek Cup Splitter 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	ea.	20709-214.1
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 78.5	5-pk.	20710-214.5

### Split Liners for Varian GCs

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
Splitter w/ Wool 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 72	ea.	20792
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 72	5-pk.	20793
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 72	25-pk.	20794
Cup Splitter 4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 72	ea.	20724
4.0 ID x 6.3 OD x 72	5-pk.	20725

\*Nominal ID at syringe needle expulsion point.

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

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
Split/Splitless w/ Wool 3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	ea.	20955
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	5-pk.	20956
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	25-pk.	20957
Siltek Split/Splitless w/ Wool 3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	ea.	20955-213.1
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	5-pk.	20956-213.5
3.5 ID x 5.0 OD x 95	25-pk.	20957-213.25

### Split Liners for Thermo Scientific TRACE & Focus SSL

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
5mm Split 5.0 ID x 8.0 OD x 105	ea.	20939
5.0 ID x 8.0 OD x 105	5-pk.	20940
5.0 ID x 8.0 OD x 105	25-pk.	20941
Cup Splitter 4.0 ID x 8.0 OD x 105	ea.	20950
4.0 ID x 8.0 OD x 105	5-pk.	20951

### Split Liners for PerkinElmer GCs

ID* x OD & Length (mm)	qty.	cat.#
Auto SYS Cup Splitter 4.0 ID x 6.2 OD x 92.1	ea.	20835
4.0 ID x 6.2 OD x 92.1	5-pk.	20836

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Shimadzu Plug	27153	27154	27155

# Product Listing

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## Oxy Set-Up Blend

ASTM method D6730-01 is specifically designed for the determination of the individual hydrocarbons present in spark ignition fuels, as well as fuel blends containing oxygenates such as methyl *tert*-butyl ether, ethyl *tert*-butyl ether, *tert*-butanol, ethanol, etc.

Gravimetrically prepared and NIST-traceable.

benzene	1.00%	1-methyl-2-ethylbenzene	0.50%
<i>tert</i> -butanol	0.50%	1-methylnaphthalene	0.25%
cyclohexane	28.9%	5-methylnonane	0.20%
<i>n</i> -decane	1.00%	naphthalene	0.50%
2,3-dimethylbutane	0.50%	<i>n</i> -nonane	2.00%
<i>trans</i> -1,2-dimethylcyclopentane	0.50%	<i>n</i> -octane	2.00%
2,3-dimethylheptane	0.20%	<i>n</i> -pentane	2.00%
dodecane	0.25%	1,2,3,5-tetramethylbenzene	0.25%
ethanol	8.00%	toluene	7.00%
ethylbenzene	25.0%	tridecane	0.25%
3-ethylpentane	0.20%	2,2,3-trimethylpentane	0.50%
<i>n</i> -heptane	2.00%	2,3,3-trimethylpentane	0.50%
<i>n</i> -hexane	2.00%	undecane	0.50%
2-methyl-2-butene	2.50%	<i>p</i> -xylene	1.00%
methyl <i>tert</i> -butyl ether	10.0%		
1-methylcyclopentane	0.50%		

2mL prescored ampul  
cat. # 33034 (ea.)

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## DHA Oxy Setup Blend (30 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30710 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30711 (ea.)

## DHA PIANO Blend (136 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30712 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30709 (ea.)

## DHA Paraffins Mix (11 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30713 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30714 (ea.)

## DHA Isoparaffins Mix (34 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30715 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30716 (ea.)

## DHA Naphthenes Mix (27 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30719 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30720 (ea.)

## DHA Aromatics Mix (38 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30717 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30718 (ea.)

## DHA Olefins Mix (26 components)

Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30721 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30722 (ea.)

## DHA PONA VI Mix (426 components)

Contact us for component listing.  
Neat, 0.1mL in Autosampler Vial  
cat. # 30723 (ea.)  
Neat, 0.1mL in Vial with Miniert Valve  
cat. # 30724 (ea.)

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