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- Rxi®-35Sil MS
- Rxi®-17
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Rxi® columns deliver more accurate, reliable trace-level results than any other fused silica column on the market. To ensure the highest level of performance, all Rxi® capillary columns are manufactured and individually tested to meet stringent requirements for exceptional inertness, low bleed, and unsurpassed column-to-column reproducibility.

### Highest Inertness

Inertness is one of the most difficult attributes to achieve in an analytical column, but it is one of the most critical as it improves peak shape, response, and retention time stability. Rxi® technology produces the most inert columns available, providing:

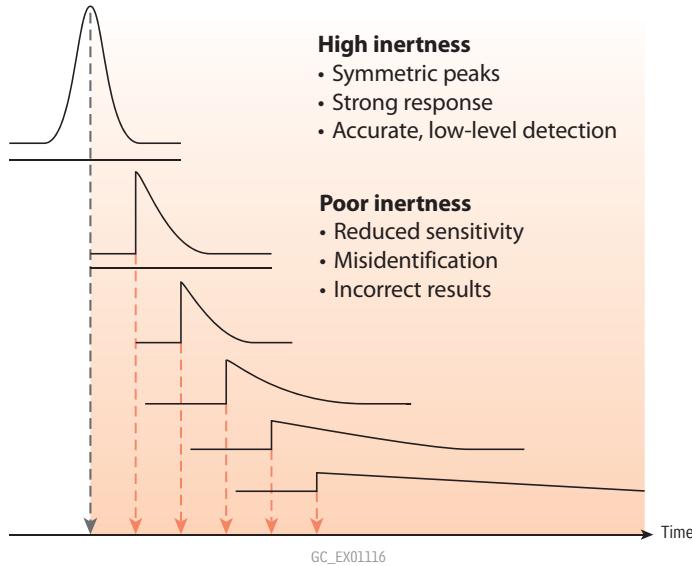
- Increased signal-to-noise ratios to improve low-level detection.
- Reproducible retention times for positive identifications.
- Improved response for polar, acidic, and basic compounds.

### Increased Signal and Reproducible Retention Times

When capillaries are not sufficiently deactivated, peaks become asymmetric, resulting in reduced signal and unpredictable retention times. As column activity increases, peak tailing becomes more pronounced, reducing peak height and causing retention time to drift (Figure 1). In practice, this means that sensitivity is lost and trace-level analytes cannot be reliably determined. In addition, even compounds at higher concentrations may be misidentified, due to retention time shifting.

A more significant problem for sample analysis is that retention time can vary with analyte concentration if the column is not highly inert. Since the amount of target analyte in samples is unknown, retention times on a poorly deactivated column can easily vary enough to move compounds outside the retention time window (Figure 2). This can result in inaccurate identifications, the need for manual integration, and additional review or analysis before results can be reported. Using inert Rxi® columns ensures that compounds elute with good signal-to-noise ratios at expected retention times, regardless of analyte concentration.

**Figure 1** As column activity increases, signal decreases and retention time shifts.



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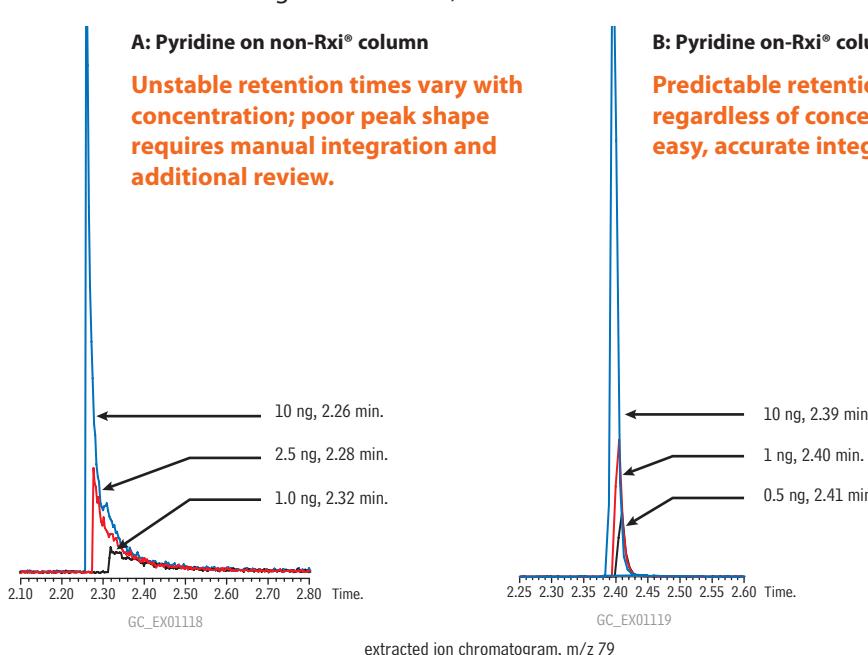
- Rxi®-1ms
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- Rxi®-5ms
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- Rxi®-XLB
- Rxi®-624Sil MS
- Rxi®-35Sil MS
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**Figure 2** Analyte levels in samples are unknown; only inert columns, which prevent concentration from affecting retention time, can assure accurate results.

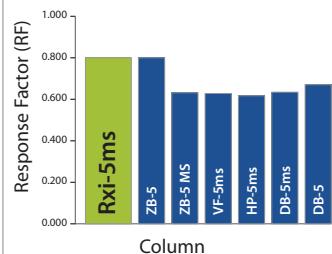
**A: Pyridine on non-Rxi® column**  
**Unstable retention times vary with concentration; poor peak shape requires manual integration and additional review.**



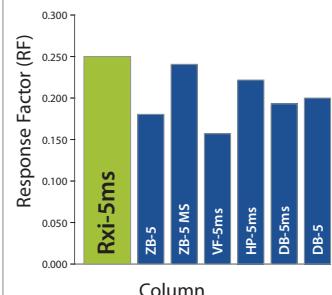
**B: Pyridine on-Rxi® column**  
**Predictable retention times, regardless of concentration; easy, accurate integration.**

**Figure 3** An Rxi®-5ms column gives the best overall performance for both basic and acidic compounds.

#### 2ng pyridine



#### 2ng 2,4-dinitrophenol



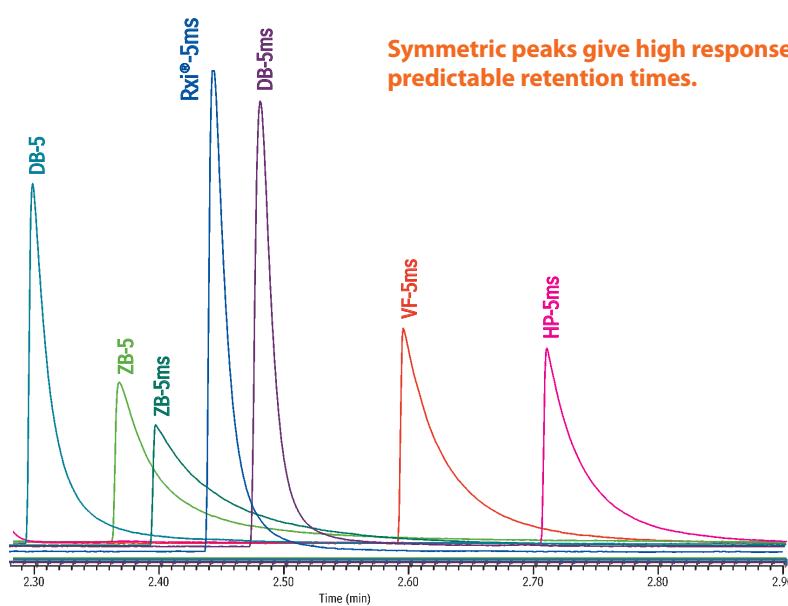
Comparison of 30m x 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm columns.

#### Improved Response for Difficult Compounds

Another reason column inertness is important for trace-level analysis is that many acidic, basic, and polar compounds will tail significantly and become difficult to analyze if the column contains active sites. The remarkable neutrality of Rxi® columns solves this problem and allows a wide range of compounds to be analyzed with high sensitivity, often on a single column. All Rxi® columns are exceptionally inert as demonstrated in Figure 3 by high response factors for both pyridine (basic) and 2,4-dinitrophenol (acidic). Rxi® columns reliably produce highly symmetric peaks and improved responses for difficult compounds, indicating greater inertness than columns produced by other manufacturers (Figure 4).

**Figure 4** Rxi® columns are the most inert columns on the market providing the most symmetric peak shape for basic compounds, such as pyridine.

**Symmetric peaks give high response and predictable retention times.**



Comparison of 30m x 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm 5% diphenyl columns, 2ng pyridine on-column, helium carrier gas, Oven temp.: 50°C (3 min.) to 180°C @ 35°C/min. (5 min.), Det.: FID @ 250°C

#### Service & Support

When my research group needed a GC column for a chiral separation, Restek was the only company that offered to provide us with test columns to evaluate. The willingness of Restek to work with us to find a solution to our separation problem is exceptional.

**Joe Dinnocenzo,**  
*Professor of Chemistry*  
*Director, Center for*  
*Photoinduced Charge Transfer*  
*University of Rochester*

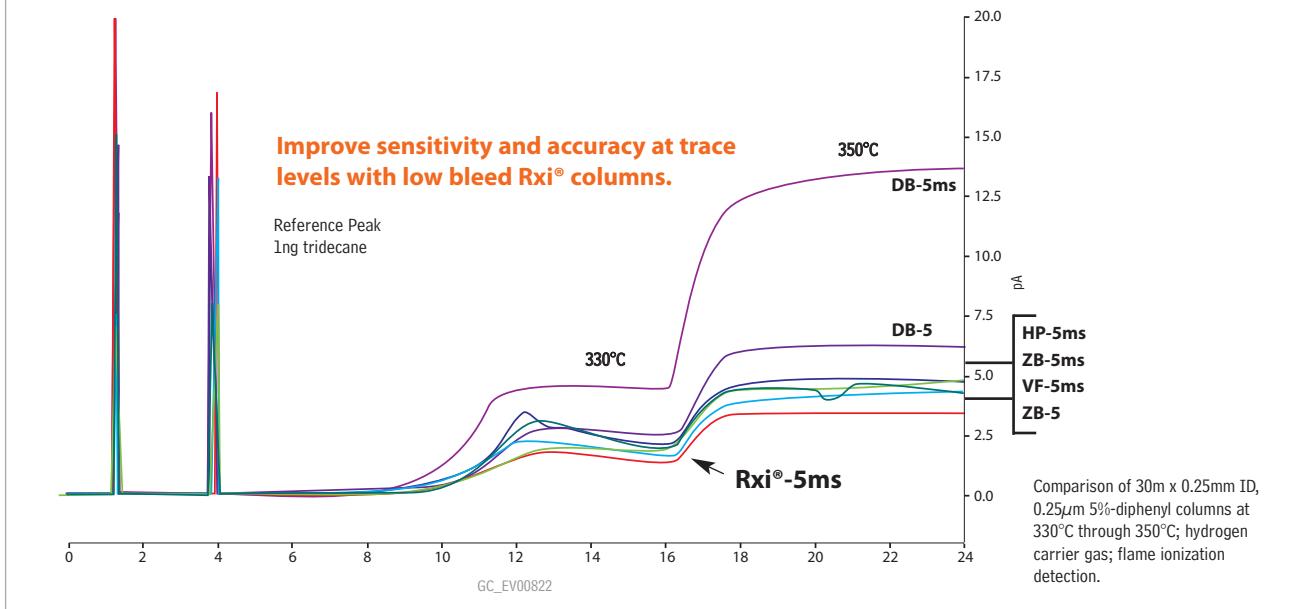
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## Lowest Bleed

Rxi® columns are more stable at high temperatures than any other manufacturer's column, resulting in higher system sensitivity (Figure 5). This low-bleed characteristic is the result of superior stabilization achieved by optimizing polymer cross-linking and surface deactivation technologies. Benefits of using ultra-low bleed Rxi® columns include:

- Increased sensitivity, for lower detection limits and better matches to mass spectral libraries.
- Faster system stabilization.
- Reduced detector contamination and less downtime for maintenance.

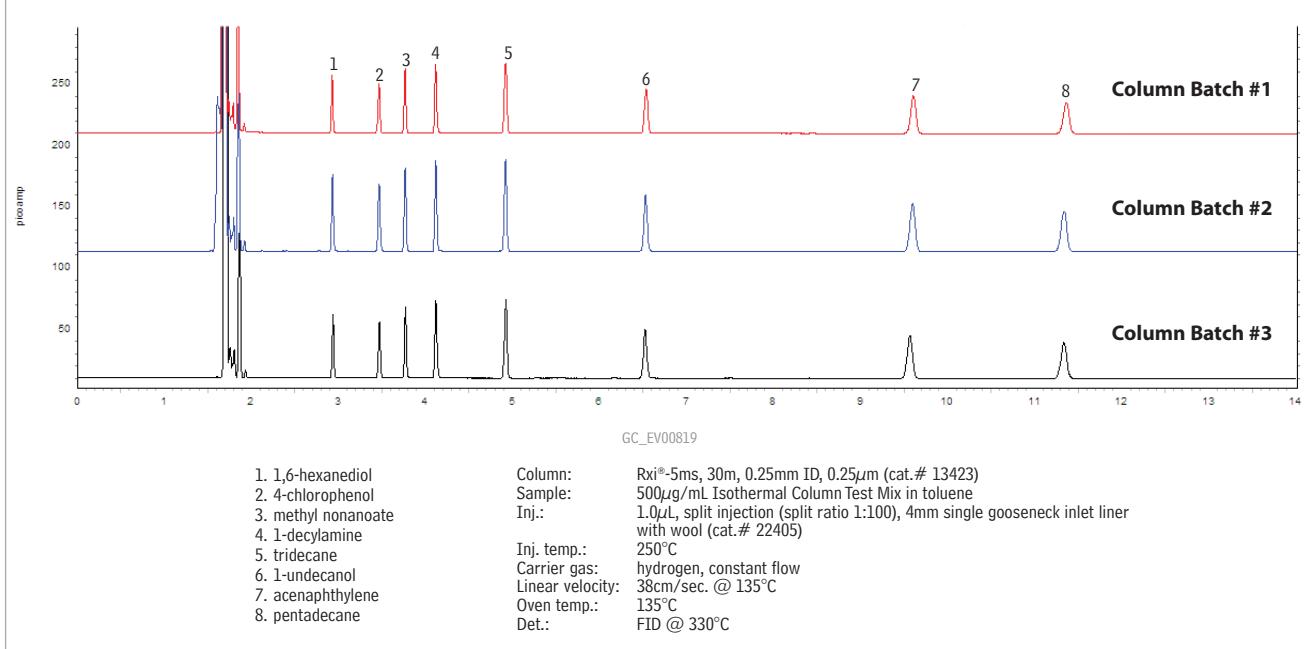
**Figure 5** Rxi® columns have the lowest bleed among all major brands of columns.



## Exceptional Reproducibility

Chromatographers today need to know that every column they receive is going to perform the same way as the column it replaces. Unmatched manufacturing precision and stringent quality control mean Rxi® columns exceed industry standards, resulting in the best column-to-column reproducibility available as measured by efficiency, retention, bleed, and inertness (Figure 6).

**Figure 6** Rxi® columns are engineered to assure column-to-column and lot-to-lot reproducibility.



# Rxi® Column Family

## Rxi®-1ms (fused silica)

(nonpolar phase, Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

- General purpose columns for drugs of abuse, essential oils, hydrocarbons, pesticides, PCB congeners or (e.g.) Aroclor mixes, sulfur compounds, amines, solvent impurities, simulated distillation, oxygenates, gasoline range organics (GRO), refinery gases.
- Equivalent to USP G2 phase.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	15-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13320	13323	13326
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13335	13338	13341
0.32mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13350	13353	13356
	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13321	13324	13327
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13336	13339	13342
0.53mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13351	13354	13357
	4.00	-60 to 330/350°C		13396	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13337	13340	
0.10mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13352	13355	
	1.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13367	13370	13373

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	12-Meter	20-Meter	25-Meter	50-Meter
0.10mm	0.10	-60 to 330/350°C	13301				
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 330/350°C		13302			
	0.36	-60 to 330/350°C			13311		
0.20mm	0.33	-60 to 330/350°C		13397		13398	13399

## Rxi®-1HT Columns (fused silica)

NEW!

(low polarity phase, Crossbond® 100% methyl polysiloxane)  
Outstanding thermal stability; minimal bleed even at 430°C.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	15-Meter	30-Meter
0.25mm	0.10	-60 to 400°C	13950	13951
	0.25	-60 to 400°C		13952
0.32mm	0.10	-60 to 400°C	13953	13954
	0.25	-60 to 400°C		13955
0.53mm	0.15	-60 to 400°C		13956

## Rxi®-5ms (fused silica)

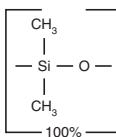
(low polarity phase, Crossbond® 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

- General purpose columns for semivolatiles, phenols, amines, residual solvents, drugs of abuse, pesticides, PCB congeners or (e.g.) Aroclor mixes, solvent impurities.
- Equivalent to USP G27 phase.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	15-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.25mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13420	13423	13426
	0.40	-60 to 330/350°C		13481	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13435	13438	13441
0.32mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13450	13453	13456
	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13421	13424	13427
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13436	13439	13442
0.53mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13451	13454	13457
	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13422	13425	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13437	13440	
0.10mm	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13452	13455	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13467	13470	
	1.50	-60 to 330/350°C			

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	12-Meter	20-Meter	25-Meter	50-Meter
0.10mm	0.10	-60 to 330/350°C	13401				
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 330/350°C		13402			
	0.30	-60 to 330/350°C			13409		
	0.36	-60 to 330/350°C			13411		
0.20mm	0.33	-60 to 330/350°C		13497		13498	13499

## Rxi®-1ms Structure



## similar phases

DB-1, DB-1ms, HP-1, HP-1ms, Ultra-1, SPB-1, Equity-1, VF-1ms, CP-Sil 5 CB Low Bleed/MS

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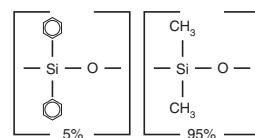
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## Rxi®-5ms Structure



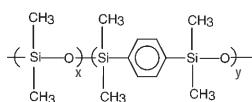
## similar phases

DB-5, HP-5, HP-5ms, Ultra-2, SPB-5, Equity-5, CP-Sil 8

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**Rxi®-5Sil MS  
Structure**



**Rxi®-5Sil MS (fused silica)**

(low polarity Crossbond® silarylene phase; selectivity close to 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane)

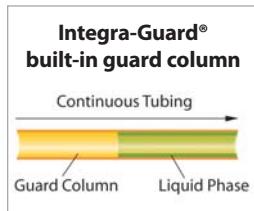
- Phenyl groups improve thermal stability, reduce bleed, and make the phase less prone to oxidation.
- Ideal for GC/MS applications requiring high sensitivity, including use in ion trap systems.

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	15-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.25mm	0.10	-60 to 330/350°C	13605	13608	
	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13620	13623	13626
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13635	13638	
	1.00	-60 to 325/350°C	13650	13653	13697
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13621	13624	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C		13639	
	1.00	-60 to 325/350°C		13654	
0.53mm	1.50	-60 to 310/330°C		13670	

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	20-Meter
0.10mm	0.10	-60 to 330/350°C	43601	
0.18mm	0.18	-60 to 330/350°C		43602
	0.36	-60 to 330/350°C		43604

**similar phases**

DB-5ms, VF-5ms, CP-Sil 8  
Low-Bleed/MS, DB-5ms UI,  
BPX-5



**Rxi®-5Sil MS with Integra-Guard®**

Extend column lifetime and eliminate leaks with a built-in retention gap.

Description	qty.	cat.#
15m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/10m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13620-127
30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/5m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13623-124
30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/10m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13623-127
15m, 0.25mm ID, 0.50μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/5m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13635-124
30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.50μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/5m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13638-124
30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.50μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/10m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13638-127
30m, 0.32mm ID, 0.50μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/5m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13639-125
30m, 0.32mm ID, 1.00μm Rxi-5Sil MS w/5m Integra-Guard Column	ea.	13654-125

**similar phases**

DB-5HT, VF-5HT, ZB-5HT

**Rxi®-5HT (fused silica)**

(low polarity phase; 5% diphenyl/95% dimethylpolysiloxane)

- Columns processed for high temperature applications.
- 40% longer lifetime from specially designed fused silica tubing.

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits*	15-Meter	30-Meter
0.25mm	0.10	-60 to 400°C	13905	13908
	0.25	-60 to 400°C		13923
0.32mm	0.10	-60 to 400°C	13906	13909
	0.25	-60 to 400°C		13924
0.53mm	0.15	-60 to 400°C		13910

\*Column is capable of going to 430°C, but column lifetime will be reduced.

**Rxi®-XLB (fused silica)**

(low polarity proprietary phase)

- General purpose columns with unique selectivity and extremely low bleed.
- Ideal for many GC/MS applications—pesticides, semivolatiles, PCB congeners, Aroclor mixes, and PAHs

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits*	15-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.25mm	0.10	30 to 340/360°C	13705	13708	
	0.25	30 to 340/360°C	13720	13723	13726
	0.50	30 to 340/360°C		13738	
	1.00	30 to 340/360°C	13750	13753	
0.32mm	0.10	30 to 340/360°C		13709	
	0.25	30 to 340/360°C	13721	13724	13727
	0.50	30 to 340/360°C		13739	
	1.00	30 to 340/360°C		13754	
0.53mm	0.50	30 to 340/360°C		13740	
	1.50	30 to 320/340°C	13767	13770	

ID	df (μm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	20-Meter
0.10mm	0.10	30 to 340/360°C	43701	
0.18mm	0.18	30 to 340/360°C		43702

\*Maximum temperatures listed are for 15- and 30-meter lengths. Longer lengths may have a slightly reduced maximum temperature.

**similar phases**

DB-XLB, VF-Xms, VF-35ms



### Rxi®-624Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(mid polarity Crossbond® silarylene phase; equivalent to 6% cyanopropylphenyl/94% dimethyl polysiloxane)

Inert—excellent peak shape for a wide range of analytes, including acidic and basic compounds.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	20-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.18mm	1.00	-60 to 300/320°C	13865		
0.25mm	1.40	-60 to 300/320°C		13868	
0.32mm	1.80	-60 to 300/320°C		13870	13872
0.53mm	3.00	-60 to 280/300°C		13871	

### Rxi®-35Sil MS (fused silica)

(midpolarity phase; equivalent to 35% phenyl methylpolysiloxane)

- Excellent inertness for active compounds.
- Very low bleed phase for GC/MS analysis.

similar phases DB-35ms, MR2, VF-35ms

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	30-Meter
0.25mm	0.25	50 to 340/360°C	13823
0.32mm	0.25	50 to 340/360°C	13824
0.53mm	0.50	50 to 320/340°C	13840

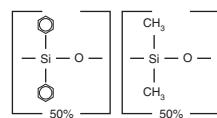
### Rxi®-17 (fused silica)

(midpolarity phase; Crossbond® 50% diphenyl/50% dimethyl polysiloxane)

General purpose columns for pesticides, herbicides, rosin acids, phthalate esters, triglycerides, sterols.

similar phases DB-17, DB-608, VF-17ms, CP-Sil 24 CB

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	15-Meter	30-Meter
0.25mm	0.25	40 to 280/320°C	13520	13523
	0.50	40 to 280/320°C	13535	13538
	1.00	40 to 280/320°C	13550	13553
0.32mm	0.25	40 to 280/320°C	13521	13524
	0.50	40 to 280/320°C	13536	13539
	1.00	40 to 280/320°C	13551	13554
0.53mm	0.25	40 to 280/320°C	13522	13525
	0.50	40 to 280/320°C	13537	13540
	0.83	40 to 280/320°C		13569
	1.00	40 to 280/320°C	13552	13555
	1.50	40 to 280/320°C	13567	13570
ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	20-Meter
0.10mm	0.10	40 to 280/320°C	13501	
0.18mm	0.18	40 to 280/320°C		13502



### Rxi®-17Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

(mid polarity Crossbond® silarylene phase; equivalent to 50% phenyl methyl polysiloxane)  
Low-bleed for use with sensitive detectors and GC/MS.

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits*	15-Meter	30-Meter	60-Meter
0.25mm	0.25	40 to 340/360°C			
0.32mm	0.25	40 to 340/360°C			
ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	10-Meter	20-Meter	
0.10mm	0.10	40 to 340/360°C			
0.18mm	0.18	40 to 340/360°C			
	0.36	40 to 340/360°C			

### Rxi® Guard/Retention Gap Columns

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

## Rxi® Column Test Mixes

### Rxi® Test Mix (250ppm) (8 components)

acenaphthylene  
4-chlorophenol  
*n*-decylamine  
1,6-hexanediol  
methyl nonanoate  
(C9:0 FAME)

250µg/mL each in toluene, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 35248 (ea.)

### Rxi® Test Mix (500ppm) (8 components)

acenaphthylene  
4-chlorophenol  
*n*-decylamine  
1,6-hexanediol  
methyl nonanoate  
(C9:0 FAME)

500µg/mL each in toluene, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 35247 (ea.)

### Rxi® Test Mix (Rev. A) (8 components)

acenaphthylene  
4-chlorophenol  
*n*-decylamine  
1,6-hexanediol

1,000µg/mL each in toluene, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 35241 (ea.)

### Rxi®-5Sil MS/XLB Column Test Mix (8 components)

4-chlorophenol  
dicyclohexylamine  
2-ethylhexanoic acid  
1,6-hexanediol

1-methylnaphthalene  
*n*-tetradecane (C14)  
*n*-tridecane (C13)  
1-undecanol

350µg/mL each in methylene chloride, 1mL/ampul  
cat. # 35226 (ea.)



POLARITY

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**Column Cross-Reference Table**

Rxi® columns produce the same selectivity as competitor columns, but are much more inert, exhibit lower bleed, and offer exceptional reproducibility. For more accurate, reliable trace-level results, choose Rxi® columns.

Restek	Phase Composition	Agilent	Varian/Chrompack	SGE	Phenomenex	Machery-Nagel	Supelco
<b>Rxi-1ms</b>	100% dimethyl polysiloxane	HP-1ms UI, DB-1ms UI, HP-1, HP-1ms, DB-1 ms, Ultra-1	VF-1ms, CP-Sil 5, CP Sil 5 CB, Low Bleed/MS	BP-1	ZB-1 ZB-1ms	Optima-1 Optima-1ms	SPB-1
<b>Rxi-1HT</b>	100% methyl polysiloxane	DB-1HT			ZB-1HT		
<b>Rxi-5ms</b>	5% diphenyl polysiloxane	HP-5ms UI, HP-5, HP-5ms, DB-5, Ultra-2	CP-Sil 8, CP Sil 8 CB	BP-5	ZB-5	Optima-5	SPB-5
<b>Rxi-5Sil MS</b>	5% phenyl arylene polysiloxane	DB-5ms UI, DB-5ms	VF-5ms, CP-Sil 8 CB, Low Bleed/MS	BPX-5	ZB-5MS	Optima-5ms	SLB-5
<b>Rxi-5HT</b>	5% diphenyl polysiloxane	DB-5HT	VF-5HT		ZB-5HT		
<b>Rxi-XLB</b>	arylene/methyl modified polysiloxane	DB-XLB	VF-XMS		MR1		
<b>Rxi-624Sil MS</b>	6% cyanopropyl 94% dimethyl arylene polysiloxane	DB-624, HP-624	VF-624ms	BP-624	ZB-624	Optima-624	
<b>Rxi-35Sil MS</b>	35% phenyl arylene polysiloxane	DB-35ms	VF-35ms		MR2		
<b>Rxi-17</b>	50% diphenyl polysiloxane	HP-17, DB-17	CP-Sil 24 CB		ZB-50		
<b>Rxi-17Sil MS</b>	50% phenyl arylene polysiloxane	DB-17ms	VF-17ms	BPX-50			

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