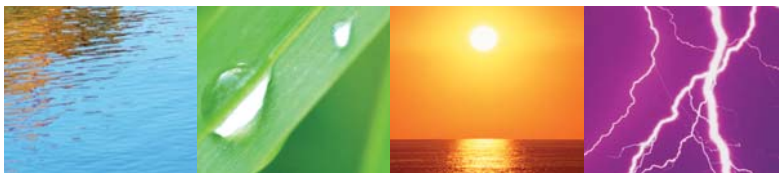
Rxi® Columns

Exceptionally Inert Capillary Columns



Unsurpassed inertness

An Rxi® column's inertness allows analysis of active compounds at levels not attainable with other manufacturers' columns. Basic and acidic compounds can be analyzed on the same column, often under the same conditions.

Ultra-low bleed

Save time and money through faster baseline stabilization.
With the lowest column bleed in the industry, Rxi® columns improve detection for trace level GC/MS analysis. Ultra-low bleed also reduces conditioning time after instrument maintenance.

Guaranteed reproducibility

Consistency is everything. With Rxi® column technology, we guarantee it: every new column will perform exactly as the column it replaces.

Unmatched performance

Every Rxi® column is held to stringent performance specifications for coating efficiency, selectivity, film thickness, inertness, and bleed. This guarantees you the most reliable columns available anywhere.

Restek's Exceptionally Inert (Rxi®) Capillary GC Columns

As GC detectors become more sensitive, accurately quantifying low concentrations of target compounds becomes much more challenging. We developed the Rxi® column line specifically to improve low-level quantification. Our goal was to develop a superior column that had the highest inertness, lowest bleed, and greatest reproducibility of any column available.

The exceptionally low bleed levels of Rxi® columns improve low-level analysis by reducing detector noise. This improves signal-to-noise ratios for low-level compounds leading to more accurate and reproducible results. A highly inert column improves results for active compounds by preventing adsorption of target analytes in the system. The inertness of Rxi® columns allows analysis of acidic and basic compounds on the same column—often under the same conditions—without the peak tailing, that can skew results for low-level analytes.

Finally, consistent column performance is critical to low-level analysis. In developing the Rxi® columns, we wanted to guarantee reproducibility so customers would always receive a column that worked as well as their previous column. To guarantee column-to-column reproducibility we redesigned the entire manufacturing process and used strict quality specifications. Every Rxi® column is individually tested for coating efficiency, selectivity, film thickness, inertness, and bleed level. As a result, Rxi® columns offer the most consistent retention times and highest level of inertness on the market. The data presented here demonstrate the unmatched performance of the Rxi® columns; we guarantee these columns, engineered to improve low-level analyses, are the most reliable columns available.

Low Bleed

Our bleed test is performed using a flame ionization detector with a compound marker to ensure the accuracy of the comparison. Column bleed was evaluated at 330°C and also at 350°C. As shown, the Rxi®-5ms column exhibits the lowest bleed of any column at both 330°C and 350°C (Figure 1). Note that at 350°C the variation in the bleed levels of the columns tested increases significantly. This increase is due to the difference in how the stationary phases are cross-linked by different manufacturers. As shown, the Crossbond® technology used by Restek in the Rxi® columns, results in a very stable stationary phase that does not degrade or bleed, compared to other columns on the market.

Highly Inert

We used pyridine (a basic compound) and 2,4-dinitrophenol (an acidic compound) to evaluate the activity level of our Rxi® columns. In this test, if the column was too acidic, the pyridine peak would tail; whereas if the column was too basic, the 2,4-dinitrophenol peak would tail and exhibit a low response factor. The excellent peak symmetry shown in Figure 2 demonstrates the neutrality of the Rxi®-5ms column for both acidic and basic compounds. Additionally, while many other commercially available columns are not able to detect 2,4-dinitrophenol at 0.5ng on-column, the Rxi®-5ms column produces a response factor of 0.14.

Figure 1 Rxi®-5ms columns have the lowest bleed among all major column brands.

Comparison of 30m x 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm columns at 330°C through 350°C; hydrogen carrier gas; flame ionization detection.

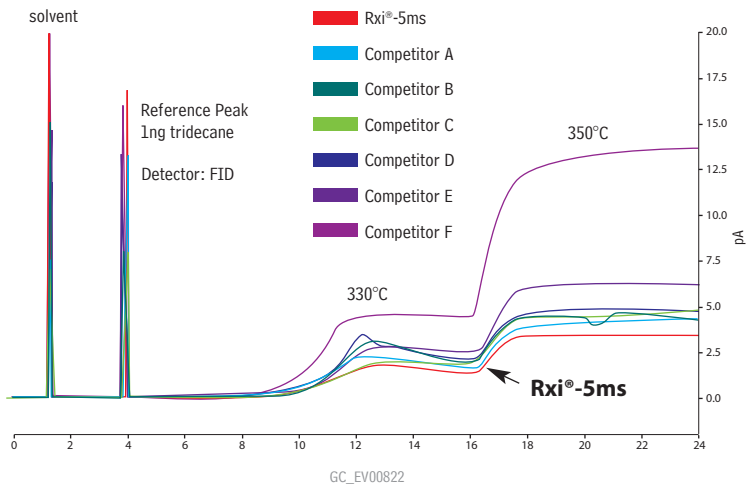
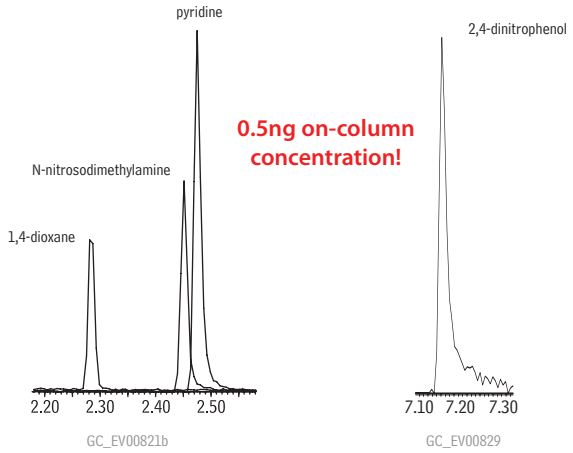


Figure 2 Peak symmetry for pyridine or 2,4-dinitrophenol is excellent from an Rxi®-5ms column, even with 0.5ng on-column!



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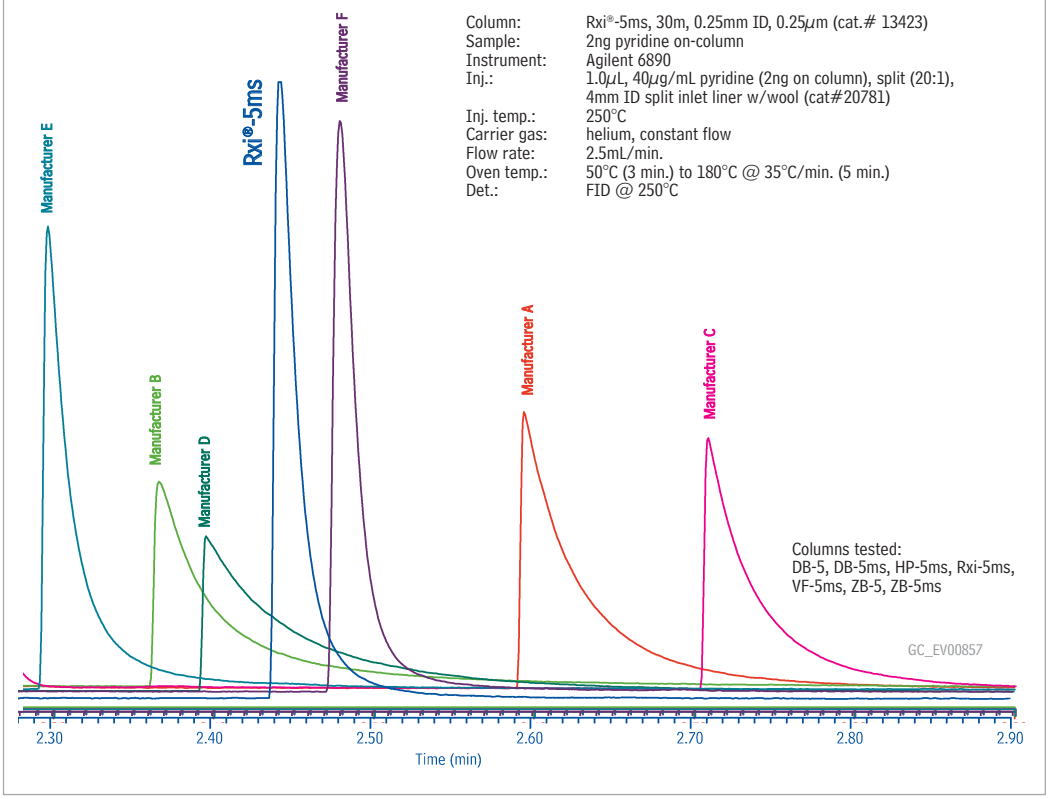
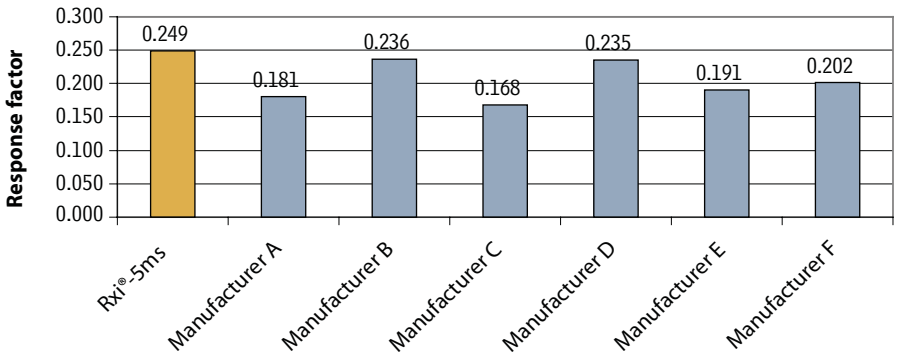
To further compare the inertness of the Rxi®-5ms column toward basic compounds to other columns on the market, 2ng of pyridine was used as a test probe. As shown in Figure 3, the tailing of pyridine is a very sensitive marker for inertness. The excellent peak symmetry on the Rxi®-5ms column demonstrates its inertness for basic compounds.

Figure 3 An Rxi®-5ms column provides the most symmetric peaks for the basic compound pyridine.



A further comparison of column inertness to acidic compounds was made using 2ng of 2,4-dinitrophenol. Figure 4 compares the mean response factors obtained on several columns and demonstrates that the Rxi®-5ms column is the most sensitive and gives the highest response factor for 2,4-dinitrophenol. In summary, Rxi®-5ms is the most inert column available for both basic and acidic compounds.

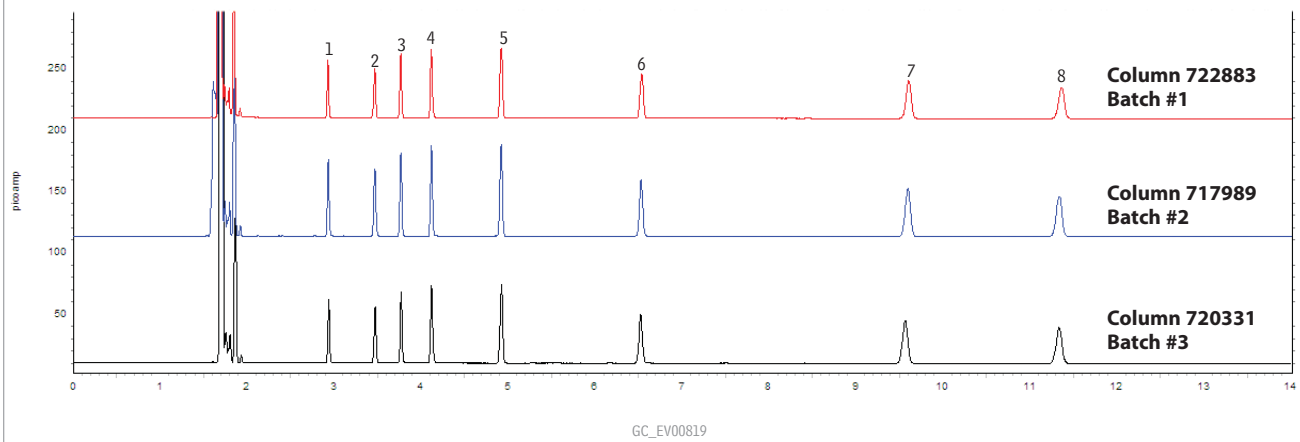
Figure 4 The Rxi®-5ms column gives the highest response factor for the acidic compound 2,4-dinitrophenol.



Column-to-Column Reproducibility

Column-to-column reproducibility is critical to obtaining consistent, reliable results for low-level analytes. We re-engineered our column manufacturing process to guarantee column-to-column reproducibility. The data in Figure 5 compare column performance from three separate production lots that were manufactured independently over a three-month period. The inertness and retention time of the probes match exactly across all three column batches. This means the responses and peak characteristics of active compounds will not vary from column-to-column or lot-to-lot.

Figure 5 Rxi® column technology assures reliable column-to-column performance.



Column:	Rxi®-5ms, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13423)
Sample:	500µg/mL Isothermal Column Test Mix in toluene
Inj.:	1.0µL, split injection (split ratio 1:100), 4mm single gooseneck inlet liner with wool (cat.# 22405)
Inj. temp.:	250°C
Carrier gas:	hydrogen, constant flow
Linear velocity:	38cm/sec. @ 135°C
Oven temp.:	135°C
Det.:	FID @ 330°C

1. 1,6-hexanediol
2. 4-chlorophenol
3. methyl nonanoate
4. 1-decylamine
5. tridecane
6. 1-undecanol
7. acenaphthylene
8. pentadecane

Summary

Rxi® columns offer unmatched performance in the three areas most critical to the accurate analysis of low-level analytes: bleed, inertness and reproducibility. Whether you are pursuing lower detection limits or simply looking for greater column-to-column consistency, Rxi® columns will outperform any column in the industry.

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Rxi® Guard/Retention Gap Columns

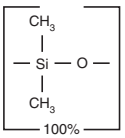
- Extend column lifetime.
- Excellent inertness—obtain lower detection limits for active compounds.
- Sharper chromatographic peaks by utilizing retention gap technology.
- Maximum temperature: 360°C.

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

Rxi®-1ms

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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Rxi®-1ms (nonpolar phase, Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

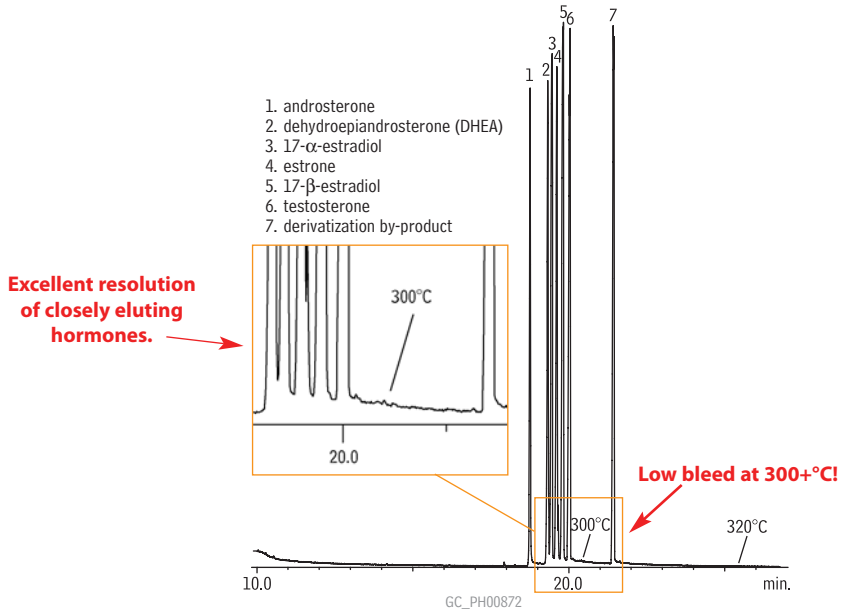
- General purpose columns for drugs of abuse, essential oils, hydrocarbons, pesticides, PCB congeners or (e.g.) Aroclor mixes, sulfur compounds, amines, solvent impurities, simulated distillation, oxygenates, gasoline range organics (GRO), refinery gases.
- Ultra-low bleed—improved signal-to-noise ratio, for better sensitivity and mass spectral integrity.
- Temperature range: -60°C to 330/350°C (bleed tested temperature/maximum operating temperature).
- Equivalent to USP G2 phase.

Rxi®-1ms Columns (fused silica)
(Crossbond® 100% dimethyl polysiloxane)

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
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13350	13353	13356
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13321	13324	13327
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13336	13339	13342
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13351	13354	13357
	4.00	-60 to 330/350°C		13396	
0.53mm	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13337	13340	
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13352	13355	
	1.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13367	13370	13373

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

Steroids: Hormones on an Rxi®-1ms column.

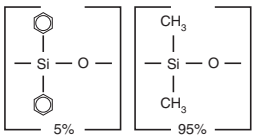


Column:	Rxi®-1ms, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13323)
Sample:	100µg/mL each hormone in methanol or ethanol; compounds derivatized using 2% methoxylamine HCl (CH_3ONH_2) in pyridine, then N-trimethylsilylimidazole (TMSI), then analyzed
Inj.:	1.0µL splitless (hold 0.5 min.), 3.5mm single gooseneck inlet 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 10 min.)
Det:	MS: Shimadzu 17A with QP5000
Transfer line temp.:	280°C
Scan range:	40-700amu
Ionization:	EI
Mode:	scan

Rxi®-5ms (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.
- Most inert column on the market.
- Ultra-low bleed—improved signal-to-noise ratio, for better sensitivity and mass spectral integrity.
- Temperature range: -60°C to 330/350°C (bleed tested temperature/maximum operating temperature).
- Equivalent to USP G27 phase.

Rxi®-5ms Structure



Rxi®-5ms Columns (fused silica)

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

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
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13450	13453	13456
0.32mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13421	13424	13427
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13436	13439	13442
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13451	13454	13457
0.53mm	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13422	13425	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13437	13440	
	1.00	-60 to 330/350°C	13452	13455	
	1.50	-60 to 330/350°C	13467	13470	

ID	df (µm)	temp. limits	12-Meter	20-Meter	25-Meter	50-Meter
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

similar phases

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

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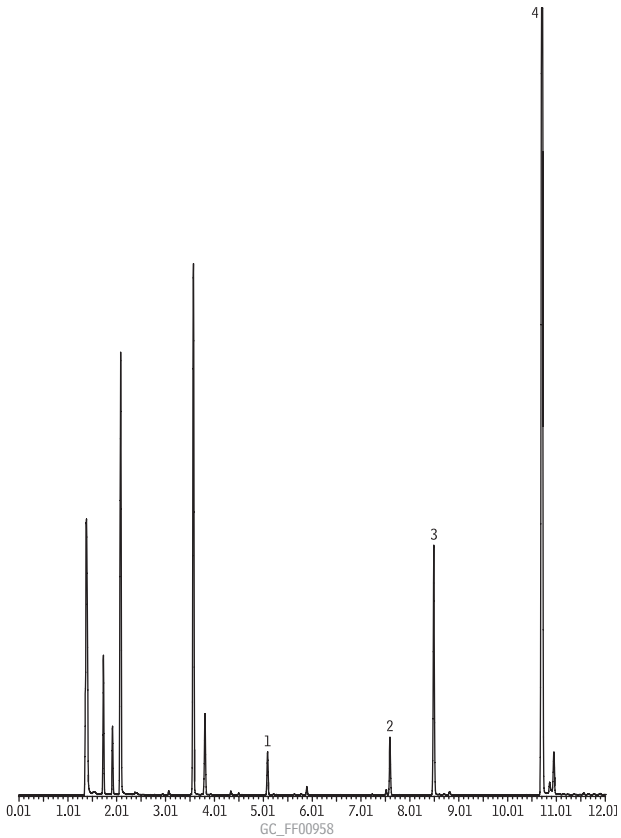
Fresh garlic on an Rxi®-5ms column.



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

Column:	Rxi®-5ms, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 1.0µm (cat.# 13453) with a 5m, 0.32mm ID IP deactivated guard column (cat.# 10044)
Sample:	fresh garlic
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

Rxi®-5Sil MS

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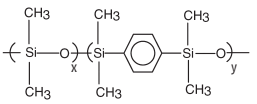
Rxi®-5Sil MS Structure



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

- Engineered to be a low bleed GC/MS column.
- Excellent inertness for active compounds.
- General purpose columns, ideal for GC/MS analysis of chlorinated hydrocarbons, phthalates, phenols, amines, organochlorine pesticides, organophosphorus pesticides, drugs, solvent impurities, hydrocarbons.
- Temperature range: -60°C to 350°C.

The Rxi®-5Sil MS stationary phase incorporates phenyl groups in the polymer backbone. This improves thermal stability, reduces bleed, and makes the phase less prone to oxidation. Rxi®-5Sil MS columns are ideal for GC/MS applications requiring high sensitivity, including use in ion trap systems.

similar **phases**

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

Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns (fused silica)

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

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

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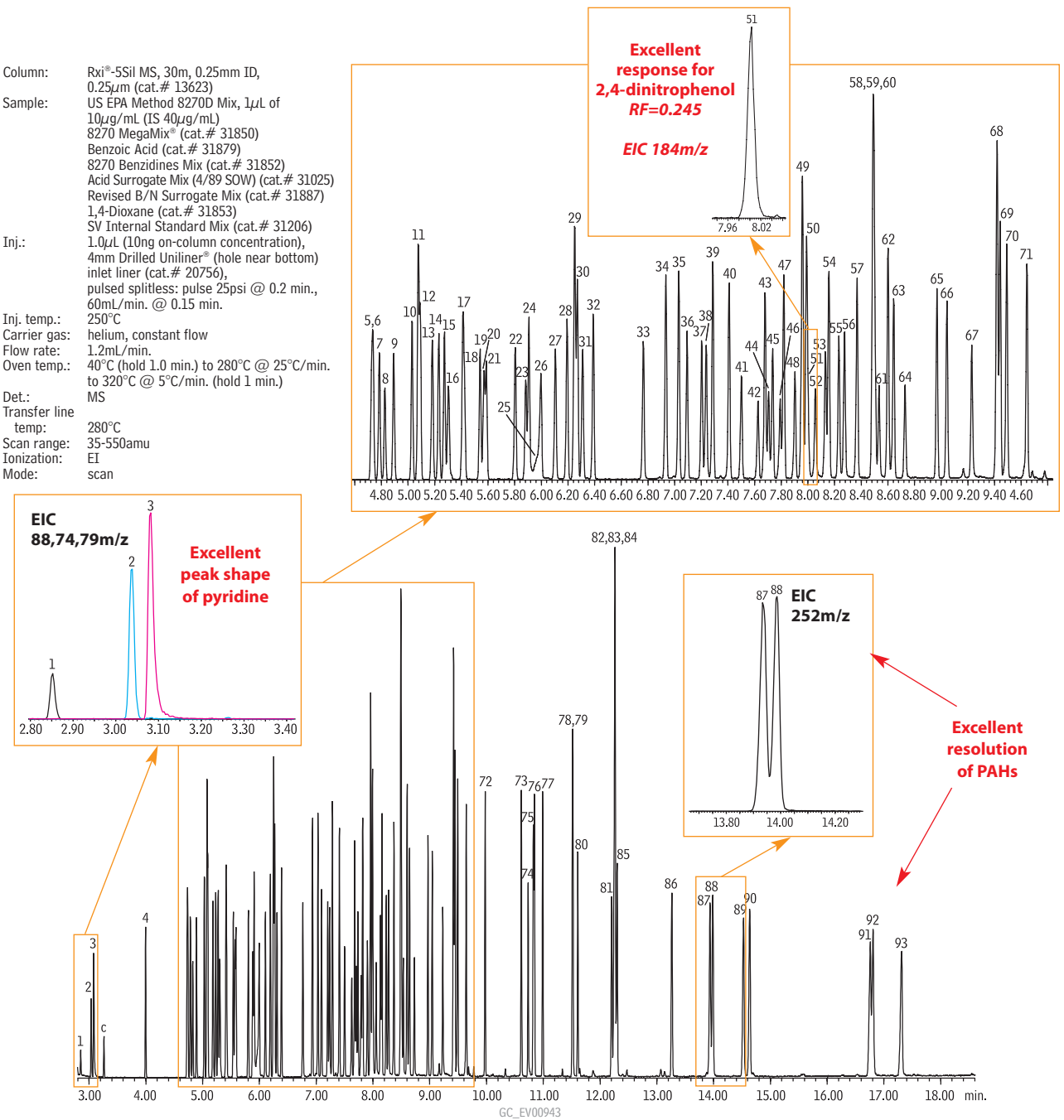
Semivolatile organics for US EPA Method 8270 on an Rxi®-5Sil MS column.

Column:	Rxi®-5Sil MS, 30m, 0.25mm ID, 0.25µm (cat.# 13623)
Sample:	US EPA Method 8270D Mix, 1µL of 10µg/mL (IS 40µg/mL) 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 (10ng on-column concentration), 4mm Drilled Uniliner® (hole near bottom) inlet liner (cat.# 20756), pulsed splitless: pulse 25psi @ 0.2 min., 60mL/min. @ 0.15 min.
Inj. temp.:	250°C
Carrier gas:	helium, constant flow
Flow rate:	1.2mL/min.
Oven temp.:	40°C (hold 1.0 min.) to 280°C @ 25°C/min. to 320°C @ 5°C/min. (hold 1 min.)
Det.:	MS
Transfer line temp:	280°C
Scan range:	35-550amu
Ionization:	EI
Mode:	scan



1. 1,4-dioxane
2. *n*-nitrosodimethylamine
3. pyridine
c. toluene
4. 2-fluorophenol (SS)
5. phenol-d6 (SS)
6. phenol
7. aniline
8. bis(2-chloroethyl) ether
9. 2-chlorophenol
10. 1,3-dichlorobenzene
11. 1,4-dichlorobenzene-d4 (IS)
12. 1,4-dichlorobenzene
13. benzyl alcohol
14. 1,2-dichlorobenzene
15. 2-methylphenol
16. bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether
17. 4-methylphenol/3-methylphenol
18. *n*-nitroso-di-*n*-propylamine
19. hexachloroethane
20. nitrobenzene-d5 (SS)
21. nitrobenzene
22. isophorone
23. 2-nitrophenol
24. 2,4-dimethylphenol
25. benzoic acid
26. bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane
27. 2,4-dichlorophenol
28. 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene
29. naphthalene-d8 (IS)
30. naphthalene
31. 4-chloroaniline
32. hexachlorobutadiene
33. 4-chloro-3-methylphenol
34. 2-methylnaphthalene
35. 1-methylnaphthalene
36. hexachlorocyclopentadiene
37. 2,4,6-trichlorophenol
38. 2,4,5-trichlorophenol
39. 2-fluorobiphenyl (SS)
40. 2-chloronaphthalene
41. 2-nitroaniline
42. 1,4-dinitrobenzene
43. dimethyl phthalate
44. 1,3-dinitrobenzene
45. 2,6-dinitrotoluene
46. 1,2-dinitrobenzene
47. acenaphthylene
48. 3-nitroaniline
49. acenaphthene-d10 (IS)
50. acenaphthene
51. 2,4-dinitrophenol
52. 4-nitrophenol
53. 2,4-dinitrotoluene
54. dibenzofuran
55. 2,3,5,6-tetrachlorophenol
56. 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol
57. diethyl phthalate
58. 4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether
59. fluorene
60. 4-nitroanaline
61. 4,6-dinitro-2-methylphenol
62. *n*-nitrosodiphenylamine (diphenylamine)
63. 1,2-diphenylhydrazine (as azobenzene)
64. 2,4,6-tribromophenol (SS)
65. 4-bromophenyl phenyl ether
66. hexachlorobenzene
67. pentachlorophenol
68. phenanthrene-d10 (IS)
69. phenanthrene
70. anthracene
71. carbazole
72. di-*n*-butyl phthalate
73. fluoranthene
74. benzidine
75. pyrene-d10 (SS)
76. pyrene
77. *p*-terphenyl-d14 (SS)
78. 3,3'-dimethylbenzidine
79. butyl benzyl phthalate
80. bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate
81. 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine
82. benzo(a)anthracene
83. bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
84. chrysene-d12 (IS)
85. chrysene
86. di-*n*-octyl phthalate
87. benzo(b)fluoranthene
88. benzo(k)fluoranthene
89. benzo(a)pyrene
90. perylene-d12 (IS)
91. dibenzo(a,h)anthracene
92. indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
93. benzo(ghi)perylene

c = contaminant