

Base-Deactivated Guard/Retention Gap Columns (Fused Silica)

- Tested with a basic amine test mix.
- Excellent inertness for basic compounds.
- Recommended for use with Rtx®-5 Amine, Rtx®-35 Amine, and Stabilwax®-DB capillary columns.
- Batch test chromatogram included.
- Maximum temperature: 315°C.

Chemists using guard columns in analyses of basic compounds frequently observe peak tailing and low recovery. This happens because conventionally deactivated tubing surfaces can be adsorptive to basic compounds. Restek offers base-deactivated guard columns for completely inert sample pathways.

Nominal ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter	5-Meter/6-pk.
0.25mm	0.37 ± 0.04mm	10000	10000-600
0.32mm	0.45 ± 0.04mm	10001	10001-600
0.53mm	0.69 ± 0.05mm	10002	10002-600

Hydroguard™ Water-Resistant Guard/Retention Gap Tubing/Transfer Lines (Fused Silica)

Diameters greater than 0.10mm are tested with the Grob test mix to ensure high inertness.

- Extend analytical column lifetime by preventing degradation by harsh “steam-cleaning” water injections.
- Maximum temperature: 325°C.

When transfer lines from purge & trap systems, air monitoring equipment, or other instruments carry condensed water vapor, deactivated column tubing quickly becomes active because of the creation of free silanol groups. These silanol groups adsorb active oxygenated compounds such as alcohols and diols.

Restek chemists have addressed this concern and found a solution—the Hydroguard™ deactivation process. A unique deactivation chemistry creates a high-density surface that is not readily attacked by aggressive hydrolysis. The high-density surface coverage of the Hydroguard™ deactivation layer effectively prevents water vapor from reaching the fused silica surface beneath. Use Hydroguard™ tubing for connecting GCs to:

- Purge & trap systems.
- Headspace analyzers.
- Air analysis equipment and concentrator units.

Nominal ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter	5-Meter/6-pk.	10-Meter	30-Meter**	60-Meter**†
0.05mm*	0.363 ± 0.012mm	10075				
0.10mm*	0.363 ± 0.012mm	10076				
0.15mm	0.363 ± 0.012mm	10077				
0.18mm	0.37 ± 0.04mm	10078				
0.25mm	0.37 ± 0.04mm	10079	10079-600	10082	10085	10088
0.32mm	0.45 ± 0.04mm	10080	10080-600	10083	10086	10089
0.53mm	0.69 ± 0.05mm	10081	10081-600	10084	10087	10090

*Not tested with the Grob test mix because of a large pressure drop.

**30- and 60-meter lengths are banded in 5-meter sections.

†Recommendation: Cut 60m guard columns into shorter lengths. Using full length may cause peak distortion.



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did you know?

We test our guard columns/transfer lines with the Grob test mix to ensure high inertness.

also available

MXT® Guard Columns
Rugged, flexible, Siltek® treated stainless steel tubing; inertness comparable to fused silica tubing. See **page 100** for our Hydroguard™ MXT® Guard Tubing/Transfer Lines.

best choice

Siltek® treated tubing (cat.# 22505, page 394) is recommended for purge and trap transfer lines.