

An Introduction to Low-Pressure GC-MS (LPGC-MS)

Leverage Your MS Vacuum to Significantly Speed Up Analyses

- 3x faster multiresidue pesticides analysis in foods.
- Factory-coupled, leak-free kit makes setting up LPGC as simple as a column change.
- Ideal for fast GC-MS and GC-MS/MS methods.
- Integrated transfer line reduces background and stabilization time

Using a mass spectrometer as a GC detection system has many advantages when it comes to compound identification and quantification, but GC-MS users have another untapped opportunity: speeding up analyses by using the MS vacuum to lower pressure within the column. The amount of the GC column that is affected depends on the column dimensions, with traditional column formats limiting the vacuum's effect to the last few meters of the column. However, when you lower the pressure throughout the whole column you can really speed things up!

Low-pressure GC-MS (LPGC-MS) is a technique that uses the MS vacuum system, along with a specially designed column setup, to lower pressure inside the entire column, thereby significantly speeding up analysis. By using a 0.53 mm analytical column that is inserted directly into the MS and a flow restrictor on the GC inlet side, low pressure can be maintained throughout 0.53 mm analytical column. Using LPGC-MS, some efficiency is traded for speed, but because a mass spectrometer is used, most coeluting components can be deconvoluted by the MS.

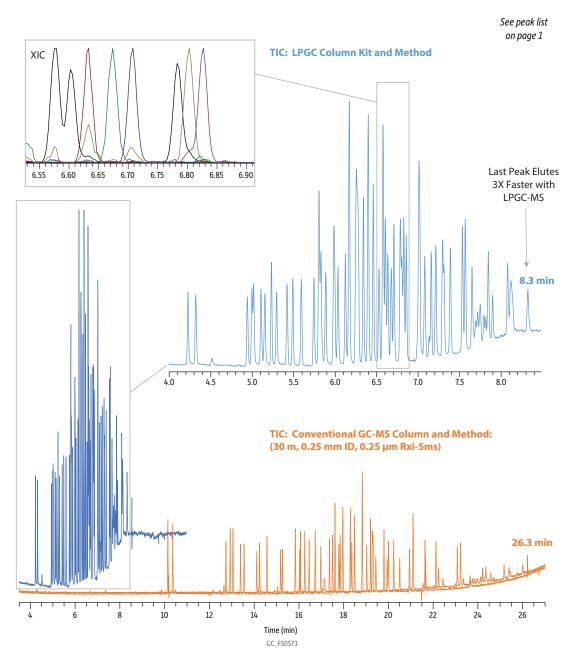
Figure 1 demonstrates an example of the speed and sensitivity performance gains that can be achieved by lowering the pressure in the GC column compared to using a conventional GC-MS setup. This technique, not surprisingly, is known as "vacuum-outlet GC," or more commonly as "low-pressure GC-MS" or LPGC-MS. This article will explore how to utilize LPGC-MS and a special LPGC column kit to speed up gas chromatographic analyses.

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18. Isodrin 0.4		39. Endosulfan sulfate	0.4	20.019	6.803	60. tau-Fluvalinate 1	0.4	25.715	8.113
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Chromatogram and conditions on page 2



Figure 1: This analysis of pesticides in food is 3x faster using LPGC-MS compared to a conventional setup even though a lower efficiency column is used. Because of the increased linear velocity, peak widths are narrower, creating taller peaks and potentially providing greater sensitivity. In addition, even densely populated peaks can still usually be resolved spectrally.



Column Sample

GC multiresidue pesticide standard #2 (cat.# 32564)

GC multiresidue pesticide standard #6 (cat.# 32568) Acetonitrile

Diluent: Conc.: Injection

Inj. Vol.:

2 µL split (split ratio 10:1) Topaz 4.0 mm ID straight inlet liner w/ wool (cat.# 23444)

250 °C Inj. Temp.: Oven Carrier Gas TSQ 8000 35-550 m/z Detector SIM Program:

Transfer Line Temp.: 290 °C Analyzer Type: Source Temp.: Quadrupole 330 °C PFTBA Ionization Mode:

Instrument

Thermo Scientific TSQ 8000 Triple Quadrupole GC-MS Conventional (30 m) Analysis:

Column: Rxi-5ms, 30 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 µm (cat.# 13423)

Temp. program: 90 °C (hold 1 min) to 330 °C at 8.5 °C/min (hold 5 min) Flow: 1.4 mL/min

LPGC-MS Analysis:

Column: Low-pressure GC column kit (factory-coupled restrictor column [5 m x 0.18 mm ID] and Rtx-5ms analytical column [15 m, 0.53 mm ID, 1 μ m plus 1 m integrated transfer line on the outlet end]; cat.# 11800) Temp. program: 80 °C (hold 1 min) to 320 °C at 35 °C/min (hold 5 min)

Flow: 2 mL/min



Why Use LPGC-MS for Fast GC-MS?

What makes LPGC-MS a favorable choice among the options for fast GC-MS? For MS work, 30 m x 0.25 mm ID columns are typically used. This format generates about 120,000 theoretical plates; has optimum carrier gas flow rates within the MS vacuum pump capabilities; and can maintain positive inlet pressure, despite the vacuum at the end of the column.

There are several ways to increase the analysis speed of a flow-optimized 30 m, 0.25 mm ID column; here is how they compare to the LPGC-MS approach used in Figure 1.

1. Use a shorter, narrower column

A 10 m x 0.10 mm column will provide similar efficiency (plate number) and resolving power to a 30 m x 0.25 mm column. However, this format has very low column capacity, requiring very low concentrations or injection volumes to avoid peak distortions (e.g., "fronting").

2. Use the 30 m x 0.25 mm column in the MS at a higher flow

Increasing flow is easiest way to reduce analysis time. But, to get a 3x faster analysis time, a flow of approximately 12 mL/min is needed, which requires an inlet pressure of approximately 63 psi. This is problematic for injection, MS data acquisition rate, and MS pump capacity.

3. Use a 10 m x 0.25 mm column at optimal carrier gas flow rate

A 3x shorter column has about 40,000 theoretical plates and should give 3-4x faster analysis time, but the inlet pressure required for this column is about 0.35 psi, which is very difficult to control. At such pressures, split injection is a challenge, column trimming is hardly possible as it impacts pressure, and MS data acquisition can be difficult due to very narrow peak widths.

4. Use an LPGC column kit

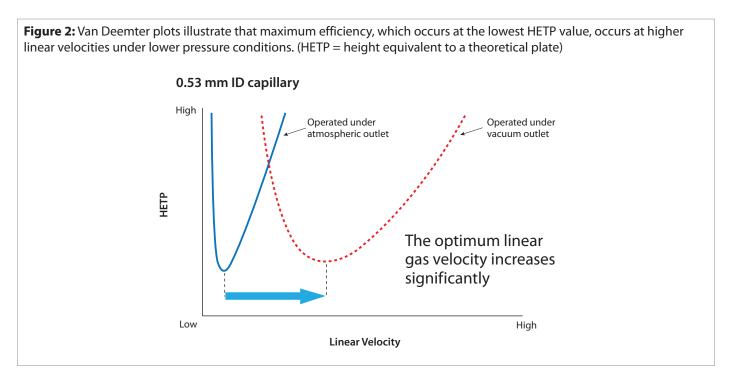
An LPGC column kit consists of a 15 m x 0.53 mm analytical column that is factory coupled to a 5 m x 0.18 mm restrictor column. This configuration produces about 30,000 theoretical plates and can be operated at standard flow rates of around 2 mL/min. Because of the vacuum inside the 0.53 mm ID analytical column, optimal carrier gas linear velocities are very high, resulting in very short analysis times (typically 3x faster than for a 30 m x 0.25 mm column). Peak widths are 1.5-2 seconds, which is broad enough for sufficient MS data acquisition. Additionally, 0.53 mm column have high capacity due to the $1 \mu m$ Rtx-5ms film.

How Does LPGC-MS Speed up Analyses?

At the heart of the benefits LPGC-MS has to offer is the concept of "low pressure." To see why low pressure matters, let's start with the idea of a column's "optimal linear velocity."

In any GC column, there is a carrier gas linear velocity that will produce the most efficient analysis. Too slow of a carrier gas velocity will result in broader peaks and less resolution. Too fast, and the different components of the sample won't have sufficient time to interact with the column's stationary phase and, again, resolution will be lost. For this reason, operating a GC column at its carrier gas's optimal linear velocity is an important element of achieving the greatest resolving power from a chromatographic system.

It is important to understand that optimal linear velocity is a pressure-dependent value. Lowering the pressure throughout the GC column lowers the carrier gas viscosity, which increases the optimal linear velocity (Figure 2). For a given column, this results in a very similar separation in a lot less time when everything else remains constant.





However, lowering the pressure throughout the entire length of a GC column is not easy to do. This is especially true for the column dimensions that are typically used in GC-MS applications (e.g., 30 m, 0.25 mm ID). The next section will explore practical solutions to some of the problems that can occur when trying to lower pressure throughout a GC column. The solution involves a specific column format that balances a tradeoff in overall chromatographic efficiency with the significant speed gains of LPGC-MS.

As will be discussed, using a relatively short GC column with a 0.53 mm ID allows for the evacuation of the column when it is connected to a mass spectrometer. Shorter, wider-bore GC columns will inherently have fewer theoretical plates (the measure of column efficiency) than a longer, narrower-ID GC-MS column format. As a consequence, LPGC-MS column kits will have lower chromatographic resolving power than a longer, narrower GC-MS format. However, as will be discussed, the spectral resolving power of the mass spectrometer makes up for this loss of overall chromatographic resolution in most cases.

Historical Hurdles

Low-pressure GC has been described theoretically in the literature since the 1960s and has even been tried in labs around the world in the years since, but it hasn't seen widespread adoption. Why is that? Who wouldn't want similar results in less time? The barriers to LPGC-MS adoption traditionally haven't been problems with chromatographic performance; indeed, the benefits of the technique are widely recognized [1, 15]. Rather, the obstacles to implementation have been due to challenges with the instrumental setup itself.

Historically, operating at greatly reduced pressure conditions throughout the GC column has not been easy to set up experimentally. You need a means of effectively evacuating the entire length of the GC column at the outlet while allowing head pressure to build at the inlet, and that has not always been simple to do.

One good solution has been to capitalize on the vacuum system of mass spectrometers coupled to GCs. The same vacuum that is pumping out air and carrier gas from the MS can also help lower the pressure in the GC column. However, to get an effective evacuation of the GC column, relatively short, wide-bore columns were necessary, which brings us to the problem of maintaining a head pressure in the GC inlet. With the vacuum extending all the way through the column, it is difficult or downright impossible to achieve a stable head pressure.

That problem was elegantly resolved in the early 2000s by introducing the use of a "restrictor column" on the front end of the analytical column. This relatively short length of very narrow capillary tubing allowed the GC inlet to build pressure while the MS vacuum could effectively lower the pressure in the analytical column. This was a promising solution, but a new problem cropped up—the connection between the restrictor column and the analytical column.

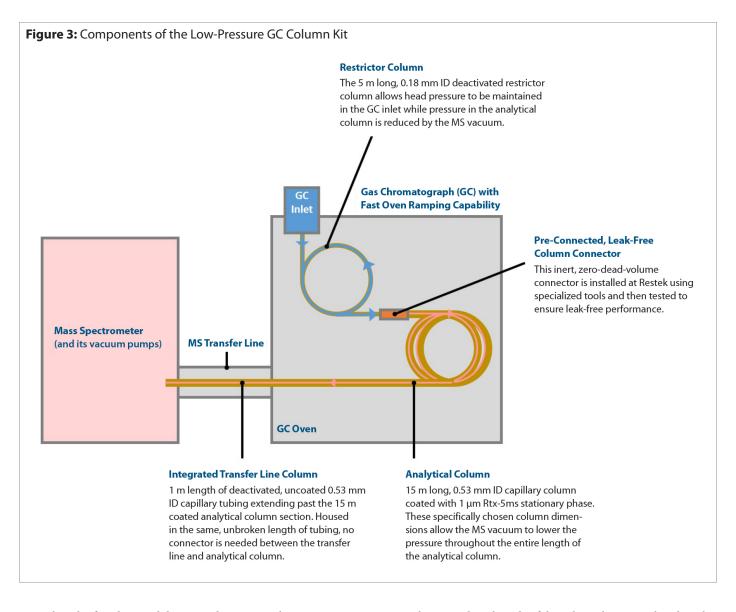
Under the best circumstances, a column connector must be extremely reliable and robust to be able to withstand the demanding environment of a GC oven, but low-pressure GC conditions can be especially taxing, and a failure at the column connector will likely mean replacing columns and rerunning samples. This, in combination with the inherent difficulty of making connections between columns of different diameters (e.g., 0.18 mm ID column to a 0.53 mm ID column), led many users to consider an LPGC-MS setup to be too challenging for routine use.

Despite the many demonstrations of the significant time-saving that LPGC-MS can offer, many of these issues have stood in the way of wide-spread adoption of the technique. Restek is proud to offer a solution to these challenges with our factory-coupled, low-pressure GC (LPGC) column kit.

Simple Solutions - The LPGC Column Kit

The LPGC column kit overcomes the hurdles that have traditionally been a barrier to adoption, making it simpler to set up for LPGC-MS and take advantage of the speed boost it offers. The reason the LPGC column kit makes this technique easier is because it provides a robust, zero-dead-volume, factory coupling of the necessary restrictor column and the recommended analytical column, which also includes an integrated transfer line (Figure 3). The LPGC column kit has been specifically designed to install easily, and each one is tested to ensure leak-free performance, meaning the setup for LPGC-MS can now be as simple as changing a column.





A 5 m length of Hydroguard deactivated 0.18 mm tubing serves as a restrictor column on the inlet side of the column kit. It attaches directly to the GC inlet and will allow the inlet to establish and maintain a stable head pressure. The restrictor column comes pre-connected to the analytical column using an inert, low-dead-volume and low-thermal-mass column connector that will remain leak free over the course of hundreds of temperature-ramped analyses. The connection is made as a part of the manufacturing process at Restek to ensure a stable, leak-free union, which is essential for successful LPGC-MS.

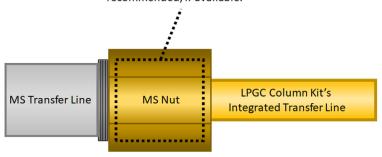
The dimensions of the analytical column have been chosen specifically to allow the vacuum system of an MS to reduce the pressure throughout the entire column length, allowing for efficient analyses in less time compared to a conventional 30 m, 0.25 mm ID column. The 5-type phase and film thickness make this column set particularly versatile.

In addition to the restrictor column and the analytical column, the Restek low-pressure GC column kit has another feature that makes it perfect for GC-MS use: an integrated transfer line. It is common for GC columns to be installed directly in the mass spectrometer through an independently heated transfer line that is typically held at a constant high temperature. Even the most robust GC column stationary phases will undergo degradation under those conditions. To improve performance, the 0.53 mm tubing housing the analytical column contains an additional meter of uncoated, deactivated surface after the coated portion. This uncoated length serves as an integrated transfer line, and the absence of stationary phase allows for quick stabilization, reduced background, and faster transfer of analytes to the detector. In addition, the transfer line can be set at a lower temperature, if desired, because there is no analyte retention in the uncoated segment. When installing into the MS interface, be sure to use a 0.8 mm 60:40 Vespel/graphite ferrule (this is the correct size for 0.53 mm ID tubing), and take care to not crush the LPGC tubing by overtightening the nut (Figure 4).



Figure 4: For best performance, use a 0.8 mm 60:40 Vespel/graphite ferrule for a 0.53 mm ID column tubing, and do not overtighten the MS nut.

NOTE: You will need to use a Vespel/graphite blend ferrule sized appropriately for a 0.53 mm ID tubing. A 60:40 blend of Vespel/graphite is recommended, if available.



NOTE: 0.53 mm ID columns are inherently easier to crush than narrower-bore capillary tubing, so take care when making the seal at the MS interface not to break the integrated transfer line by overtightening the column nut.

To fully realize the benefits of LPGC-MS, you need a GC that is capable of oven ramp rates as high as 30-40 °C/min even at oven temperatures in excess of 300 °C. In the United States, many standard GC ovens use 120V line voltage. These 120V ovens cannot ramp fast enough to get the greatest speed benefits that LPGC-MS has to offer. An instrument that uses 200+ V can, but even 120V ovens can get a boost using oven inserts like Restek's GC Accelerator oven insert kit (cat.# 23849). Oven inserts are an easy way to reduce oven volume, which allows the 120V instruments to ramp much faster than they can without an insert. You can still use LPGC-MS with less aggressive oven ramp rates, but you will not be able to get the same reductions in analysis time as instruments that can achieve the faster oven ramps at higher temperatures.

Method Development Investments Pay Big Performance Dividends

Even though the LPGC column kit makes the technique's physical setup as easy as installing a typical capillary GC column, it doesn't mean that there isn't any upfront method development time required to implement LPGC-MS in your lab. However, the initial investment establishing an LPGC-MS method, and the subsequent method upkeep required at column changes, are more than made up for by the hundreds of analyses performed so much faster than with a conventional method.

One of the first things you will need to do when installing a LPGC column kit is to configure the column dimensions in the GC software. Even if your GC is able to define columns with multiple segments, it is recommended that you only use the length and inner diameter of the restrictor column to define the column dimensions in your acquisition software.

Moving from a method developed for a conventional GC-MS column to the LPGC column kit can be as easy as using the starting and ending temperatures from the conventional method, and then multiplying your existing oven ramp rates by 2-4 times, depending on what ramp rate your GC is capable of achieving. Adjusting method flow rates may also be advantageous, just be mindful not to introduce too high a flow rate into the mass spectrometer. If the flow is too high, you will experience loss of MS sensitivity. It is also recommended to tune the mass spectrometer under the same flow conditions you establish for your faster LPGC-MS method.

Once you establish your LPGC-MS method, you will likely observe some loss of overall resolution; however, using the mass spectrometer's ability to resolve chromatographic coelutions is a powerful way to compensate for this. Exercise caution, though; if your original method has very closely eluting compounds that share critical ions; pay particular attention to their separation during LPGC-MS method development. If they coelute and the MS cannot spectrally resolve them, then more method development may be necessary.

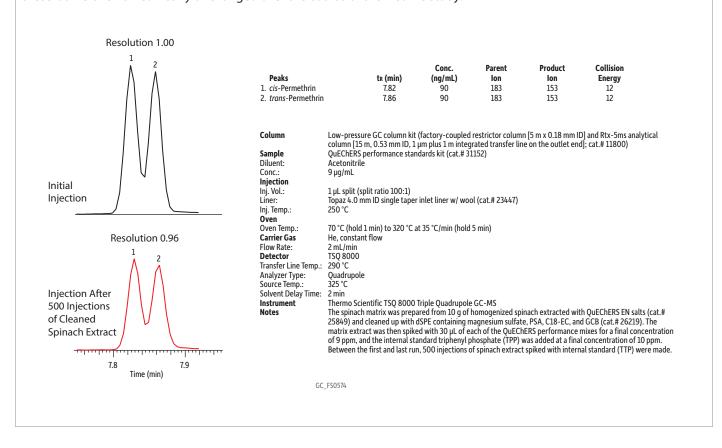
Online method translation calculators allow you to calculate new method conditions for different size columns. However, they do not allow you to calculate new method conditions for low-pressure GC. Because it isn't easy to simply translate a method from a conventional GC-MS column to an LPGC column kit using an online method translation calculator, some method development is necessary. But, if your lab could benefit from a significant increase in sample throughput, that method development investment is well worth it.



A Reliable Solution to LPGC-MS Implementation

Implementing any new technique can be a risk, especially for a fast-paced lab with a constant supply of samples awaiting analysis. To make that risk pay off, it is essential to have confidence in the new method's stability. Once a successful LPGC-MS method has been developed and the column kit has been installed, you need to know that it is going to perform reliably over the course of a long operational lifetime. An LPGC column kit will provide stable performance over the course of hundreds of injections, as is shown in Figure 5 below.

Figure 5: Even after 500 injections of spinach extract under LPGC-MS, the resolution, peak shapes, and retention times of these isomers remained nearly unchanged over the course of the lifetime study.



Traditionally, one of the most vulnerable parts of an LPGC-MS solution that employs a restrictor column coupled to an analytical column is the column connection itself. The environment of a GC oven can be tough on column connections. Repeatedly cycling over a wide range of temperatures can cause inconsistent expansion and contraction between the different material components of the columns and the connectors. The buffeting of GC oven fans during oven cool-down periods can also place a significant stress on any column connector. A leak at a column connector can be catastrophic for a batch of samples, resulting in reruns and often even column replacement. Add the influence of the MS vacuum at the column connector under LPGC conditions and the stability of that connection becomes critical.

These challenges are why Restek offers its LPGC solution as a preassembled kit. We have exhaustively tested different column connection technologies over the years, and the low-thermal mass, low-dead-volume, inert connector used in the low-pressure GC column kit is robust and will remain leak free even after extended use. Our specially trained manufacturing personnel use specifically designed tools to reliably make the connection for you, and each column is leak tested as part of its quality control evaluation before being placed into stock.

With no loss of peak shape or significant variability in response, Figure 5 offers indirect evidence that no leak was formed during the 500+ oven cycles performed during the lifetime study. Table I shows the mass spectrometer's direct evaluation of how well the GC-MS/MS system was sealed throughout the experiment.



Table I: Mass spectrometer leak-check results over the course of a 500-injection lifetime study. The response of the tuning compound was consistent throughout the study, and the masses of ions related to the presence of a leak (e.g., m/z 18, 28, and 32 for water, nitrogen, and oxygen, respectively) were determined by the instrument to be at suitably low levels, indicating that the system remained leak free throughout the lifetime study.

# of Oven Cycles between 70-320 °C	% Leak Relative to Tuning Compound	Order of Magnitude of Tuning Compound (m/z 69) Intensity (10x)	Tuning Compound (m/z 69) Signal Full Width at Half Max (m/z)
0	5.03 % - Pass	107	0.70
100	4.69 % - Pass	107	0.71
200	4.08 % - Pass	107	0.71
300	3.85 % - Pass	107	0.71
400	3.40 % - Pass	107	0.71
500	4.59 % - Pass	107	0.72

Even though an LPGC column kit is expected to have a long lifetime, it will need occasional maintenance based on the number and types of samples you analyze as well as the degree of sample preparation performed. Just like a conventional GC-MS column, it may be necessary to trim some of the column if replacing inlet consumables (like liners and seals) is not enough to restore system performance. However, unlike conventional GC-MS columns, you will not trim the analytical column section of the LPGC column kit. You only need to trim the restrictor column, where residue from samples may have built up. Trimming 10-30 cm off of the inlet side of the restrictor column should reestablish performance, but we recommend that you trim as little as necessary since the restrictor is only 5 meters long. Trimming more than a total of 3 meters may result in difficulty achieving and maintaining a stable head pressure in the GC inlet. If too much of the column's length is removed, the restrictor may not isolate the inlet enough to stop the MS vacuum from affecting the GC inlet.

Note that retention times will change when the restrictor column is cut, so some method parameter changes will be needed. You can adjust the column length in the GC software setup conditions and work under the same flow rate. Or, you can keep the same column length in the GC software setup conditions and manually adjust the flow rate to decrease the linear velocity. In both cases, this should account for the shorter length that results from trimming the restrictor column. If done correctly, there should be no need to change the MRM integration windows, but this should always be confirmed prior to sample analysis.

When it comes time to replace your LPGC column kit, we recommend that you replace the entire kit rather than attempt to disassemble it and make new column connections. While that is possible, the risk of weak or inconsistent column connections is exactly why Restek offers the kit preassembled. The proven leak-free connection you get with a factory-coupled kit provides the easiest, quickest, and most reliable way of implementing LPGC-MS and benefiting from its faster analysis times.

When a new LPGC column kit is installed, you will likely observe some shift in absolute retention times for your target analytes. This shift could be in excess of ± 10 seconds. The *relative* separation between compounds should remain consistent from kit to kit, but the shift in absolute retention time may require you to reassign retention time windows to your target analytes. By performing a simple analysis using a standard in solvent where wide ion monitoring windows are used to make sure you catch the target analytes, you can quickly reestablish retention time windows, if necessary. You can also choose to change the carrier gas flow to match the preferred retention time.

Welcome to a Simple, Reliable Setup for Low-Pressure GC-MS

Taking advantage of your mass spectrometer's vacuum system to greatly accelerate GC separations has never been easier. Restek's low-pressure GC column kit for vacuum-outlet GC-MS makes transforming your instrument's productivity as easy as a quick column change and method update. With this simplified setup, you can start processing more samples per shift, have more time for instrument maintenance, or even put off that next big capital investment in a new instrument to accommodate your workload.

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Restek's low-pressure GC column kit has been specifically designed to easily install into your GC-MS or GC-MS/MS system, making it simpler to take advantage of the speed boost that is possible with low-pressure GC-MS (LPGC-MS). This kit is comprised of two factory-coupled columns:

- Restrictor column: 5 m length of 0.18 mm ID Hydroguard tubing.
- Analytical column with integrated transfer line: 15 m, 0.53 mm ID, 1 μ m Rtx-5ms analytical column plus 1 m integrated transfer lines on the outlet end (16 m total length of 0.53 mm ID tubing).

These two lengths of tubing (0.18 mm ID restrictor column and 0.53 mm ID analytical column with integrated transfer line) are pre-connected by Restek using a robust, inert, zero-dead-volume connector and then individually tested to ensure leak-free performance for LPGC-MS applications.

Temp. Limits	Includes	qty.	cat.#
-60 to 340/340 °C	Factory-coupled restrictor column (5 m x 0.18 mm ID) and Rtx-5ms analytical column (15 m, 0.53 mm ID, 1 µm plus 1 m integrated transfer line on the outlet end)	kit	11800



Topaz GC Inlet Liners

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for Thermo TRACE 1300/1310 GCs equipped with SSL inlets

ID x OD x Length	Packing	king qty Similar to Part #		cat.#
Single Taper, Premium Deactivation	on, Borosilicate Glass			
4.0 mm x 6.5 mm x 78.5 mm	Quartz Wool	5-pk.	Thermo Fisher Scientific 453A1925-UI	23447

^{* 100%} SATISFACTION GUARANTEE: If your Topaz inlet liner does not perform to your expectations for any reason, simply contact Restek Technical Service or your local Restek representative and provide a sample chromatogram showing the problem. If our GC experts are not able to quickly and completely resolve the issue to your satisfaction, you will be given an account credit or replacement product (same cat.#) along with instructions for returning any unopened product. (Do not return product prior to receiving authorization.) For additional details about Restek's return policy, visit www.restek.com/warranty







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Vespel/Graphite Capillary Ferrules for 1/16-Inch Compression-Type Fittings

Description	Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	Material	Used with	qty.	cat.#
Ferrules	0.8 mm	0.45/0.53 mm	VG2, 60% Vespel/		10-pk.	20213

GC Accelerator Oven Insert Kit

for Agilent 5890, 6890, 7890, and 8890 instruments

- Get the same GC separation in less time—use a GC Accelerator kit and the EZGC method translator to accurately convert methods to a scaled-down column format.
- Scaled-down methods let you speed up analysis time and increase sample throughput without capital investment.
- GC Accelerator kit installs easily without damaging the GC column or interfering with the MS interface.

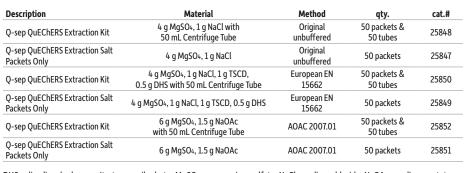
Description	Instrument	qty.	cat.#
GC Accelerator Oven Insert Kit	for Agilent 5890, 6890, 7890, and 8890 instruments	kit	23849



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Q-sep QuEChERS Extraction Salts

- Free-flowing salts transfer easily and completely.
- Easy-open packets eliminate the need for a second empty tube for salt transfer.
- Convenient slim packets fit perfectly into tubes to prevent spills.
- Ready-to-use tubes, no glassware required.
- Pre-weighed, ultra-pure extraction salts.
- Ideal for original unbuffered, AOAC (2007.01), and European (EN 15662) QuEChERS methods.



DHS – disodium hydrogen citrate sesquihydrate; MgSO4 – magnesium sulfate; NaCl – sodium chloride; NaOAc – sodium acetate; TSCD – trisodium citrate dihydrate



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Q-sep QuEChERS dSPE Tubes for Extract Cleanup

Fast, Simple Sample Prep for Multiresidue Pesticide Analysis

- Packaged in foil subpacks of 10 for enhanced protection and storage stability.
- Ready-to-use tubes, no glassware required.
- Pre-weighed, ultra-pure sorbents.
- Support original unbuffered, AOAC (2007.01), European (EN 15662), and minimultiresidue QuEChERS methods.

Multiple sorbents are used to extract different types of interferences.

MgSO₄—removes excess water.

 $PSA\ (primary\ and\ secondary\ amine) -- removes\ sugars,\ fatty\ acids,\ organic\ acids,\ and\ anthocyanine\ pigments.$

C18-EC (end-capped)—removes nonpolar interferences.

GCB (graphitized carbon black)—removes pigments, sterols, and nonpolar interferences.



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Description	Material	Method	Туре	Volume	qty.	cat.#
Foodstuffs with fats a	and waxes (e.g., cereals, avocado, nuts, seed	s, and dairy)				
	150 mg MgSO4, 25 mg PSA, 25 mg C18-EC	Mini-multiresidue	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26216
	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 50 mg C18-EC	_	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26242
Q-sep QuEChERS	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 50 mg PSA, 50 mg C18-EC	AOAC 2007.01	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26125
dSPE Tubes	1200 mg MgSO ₄ , 400 mg PSA, 400 mg C18-EC	AOAC 2007.01	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26221
	1200 mg MgSO ₄ , 400 mg C18-EC	_	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26244
	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 150 mg PSA, 150 mg C18-EC	_	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26226
General fruits and veg	getables (e.g., celery, head lettuce, cucumbe	r, melon)				
	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 50 mg PSA	AOAC 2007.01	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26124
Q-sep QuEChERS dSPE Tubes	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 25 mg PSA	Original unbuffered, EN 15662, mini-multiresidue	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26215
	1200 mg MgSO ₄ , 400 mg PSA	AOAC 2007.01	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26220
	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 150 mg PSA	Original unbuffered, EN 15662	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26223
General purpose (wid	le variety of sample types, including fatty an	d pigmented fruits and vegetable	s)			
Q-sep QuEChERS	150 mg MgSO4, 50 mg PSA, 50 mg C18-EC, 7.5 mg GCB	_	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26243
dSPE Tubes	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 300 mg PSA, 300 mg C18-EC, 45 mg GCB	_	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26245
Highly pigmented fru	its and vegetables (e.g., red peppers, spinac	h, blueberries)				
	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 25 mg PSA, 7.5 mg GCB	Mini-multiresidue, EN 15662	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26218
Q-sep QuEChERS	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 50 mg PSA, 50 mg C18-EC, 50 mg GCB	AOAC 2007.01	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26219
dSPE Tubes	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 150 mg PSA, 45 mg GCB	EN 15662	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26225
	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 300 mg PSA, 150 mg GCB	_	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26126
Pigmented fruits and	vegetables (e.g., strawberries, sweet potato	es, and tomatoes)				
	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 25 mg PSA, 2.5 mg GCB	Mini-multiresidue, EN 15662	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26217
Q-sep QuEChERS	150 mg MgSO ₄ , 50 mg PSA, 50 mg GCB	AOAC 2007.01	2 mL Micro-Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (1 mL Extract)	2 mL	100-pk.	26123
dSPE Tubes	1200 mg MgSO ₄ , 400 mg PSA, 400 mg C18-EC, 400 mg GCB	AOAC 2007.01	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26222
	900 mg MgSO ₄ , 150 mg PSA, 15 mg GCB	EN 15662	15 mL Centrifuge Tubes Prefilled with dSPE Materials for Cleanup (6 mL and 8 mL Extract)	15 mL	50-pk.	26224

Note: No entry in the Method column refers to dSPE formulations not specifically included in one of the cited references. These products can be used to accommodate the various needs of specific matrices not directly met by the cited references.

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GC Multiresidue Pesticide Kit

- Accurately identify and quantify pesticide residues by GC-MS/MS in fruits, vegetables, botanicals, and herbals such as tea, ginseng, ginger, echinacea, and dietary supplements.
- Comprehensive 203-compound kit covers food safety lists by the FDA, USDA, and other global governmental agencies; individual ampuls also sold separately.



Cat.# 32563: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #1 (16 components)

Organophosphorus Compounds 100 μg/mL each in toluene, 1 mL/ampul Azinphos ethyl (2642-71-9) Azinphos methyl (86-50-0) Chlorpyrifos (2921-88-2) Chlorpyrifos methyl (5598-13-0) Diazinon (333-41-5) EPN (2104-64-5) Fenitrothion (122-14-5) Isazophos (42509-80-8) Phosalone (2310-17-0) Phosmet (732-11-6) Pirimiphos ethyl (23505-41-1) Pirimiphos methyl (29232-93-7) Pyraclofos (89784-60-1) Pyrazophos (13457-18-6) Pyridaphenthion (119-12-0) Quinalphos (13593-03-8)

Cat.# 32564: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #2 (40 components)

Organochlorine Compounds 100 μg/mL each in toluene. 1 mL/ampul Aldrin (309-00-2) α-BHC (319-84-6) β-BHC (319-85-7) δ-BHC (319-86-8) γ-BHC (Lindane) (58-89-9) Chlorbenside (103-17-3) cis-Chlordane (5103-71-9) trans-Chlordane (5103-74-2) Chlorfenson (Ovex) (80-33-1) Chloroneb (2675-77-6) 2,4'-DDD (53-19-0) 4,4'-DDD (72-54-8) 2,4'-DDE (3424-82-6) 4,4'-DDE (72-55-9) 2,4'-DDT (789-02-6) 4,4'-DDT (50-29-3) 4,4'-Dichlorobenzophenone (90 - 98 - 2)Dieldrin (60-57-1) Endosulfan I (959-98-8) Endosulfan II (33213-65-9) Endosulfan ether (3369-52-6) Endosulfan sulfate (1031-07-8) Endrin (72-20-8) Endrin aldehyde (7421-93-4) Endrin ketone (53494-70-5) Ethylan (Perthane) (72-56-0)

Fenson (80-38-6)

Heptachlor (76-44-8) Heptachlor epoxide (isomer B) (1024-57-3) Hexachlorobenzene (118-74-1) Isodrin (465-73-6) 2,4'-Methoxychlor (30667-99-3) 4,4'-Methoxychlor olefin (2132-70-9)Mirex (2385-85-5) cis-Nonachlor (5103-73-1) trans-Nonachlor (39765-80-5) Pentachloroanisole (1825-21-4) Pentachlorobenzene (608-93-5) Pentachlorothioanisole (1825-19-0) Tetradifon (116-29-0)

Cat.# 32565: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #3 (25 components) Organonitrogen Compounds

100 µg/mL each in toluene:

acetonitrile (99:1), 1 mL/ampul Benfluralin (1861-40-1) Biphenyl (92-52-4) Chlorothalonil (1897-45-6) Dichlofluanid (1085-98-9) Dichloran (99-30-9) 3,4-Dichloroaniline (95-76-1) 2,6-Dichlorobenzonitrile (Dichlobenil) (1194-65-6) Diphenylamine (122-39-4) Ethalfluralin (55283-68-6) Fluchloralin (33245-39-5) Isopropalin (33820-53-0) Nitralin (4726-14-1) Nitrofen (1836-75-5) Oxyfluorfen (42874-03-3) Pendimethalin (40487-42-1) Pentachloroaniline (527-20-8) Pentachlorobenzonitrile (20925-85-3) Pentachloronitrobenzene (Quintozene) (82-68-8) Prodiamine (29091-21-2) Profluralin (26399-36-0) 2,3,5,6-Tetrachloroaniline (3481-20-7) Tetrachloronitrobenzene (Tecnazene) (117-18-0) THPI (Tetrahydrophthalimide) (1469-48-3) Tolylfluanid (731-27-1) Trifluralin (1582-09-8)

Cat.# 32566: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #4 (28 components) Organonitrogen Compounds

100 µg/mL each in toluene, 1 mL/ampul Acetochlor (34256-82-1) Alachlor (15972-60-8) Allidochlor (93-71-0) Clomazone (Command) (81777-89-1) Cycloate (1134-23-2) Diallate (cis & trans) (2303-16-4) Dimethachlor (50563-36-5) Diphenamid (957-51-7) Fenpropathrin (39515-41-8) Fluquinconazole (136426-54-5) Flutolanil (66332-96-5) Linuron (330-55-2) Metazachlor (67129-08-2) Methoxychlor (72-43-5) Metolachlor (51218-45-2) N-(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)formamide (60397-77-5) Norflurazon (27314-13-2) Oxadiazon (19666-30-9) Pebulate (1114-71-2) Pretilachlor (51218-49-6) Prochloraz (67747-09-5)

Triallate (2303-17-5) Cat.# 32567: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #5 (34 components)

Organonitrogen Compounds

Atrazine (1912-24-9)

100 µg/mL each in toluene, 1 mL/

Propachlor (1918-16-7)

Propisochlor (86763-47-5)

Propyzamide (23950-58-5)

Tebufenpyrad (119168-77-3)

Pyridaben (96489-71-3)

Propanil (709-98-8)

Bupirimate (41483-43-6) Captafol (2425-06-1) Captan (133-06-2) Chlorfenapyr (122453-73-0) Cyprodinil (121552-61-2) Etofenprox (80844-07-1) Etridiazole (2593-15-9) Fenarimol (60168-88-9) Fipronil (120068-37-3) Fludioxonil (131341-86-1) Fluridone (Sonar) (59756-60-4) Flusilazole (85509-19-9) Flutriafol (76674-21-0) Folpet (133-07-3) Hexazinone (Velpar) (51235-04-2) Iprodione (36734-19-7) Lenacil (2164-08-1) MGK-264 (113-48-4) Myclobutanil (88671-89-0) Paclobutrazol (76738-62-0) Penconazole (66246-88-6) Procymidone (32809-16-8) Propargite (2312-35-8) Pyrimethanil (53112-28-0) Pyriproxyfen (95737-68-1) Tebuconazole (107534-96-3) Terbacil (5902-51-2) Terbuthylazine (5915-41-3) Triadimefon (43121-43-3) Triadimenol (55219-65-3) Tricyclazole (Beam) (41814-78-2) Triflumizole (68694-11-1) Vinclozolin (50471-44-8)

Cat.# 32568: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #6 (18 components)

Synthetic Pyrethroid Compounds 100 µg/mL each in toluene, 1 mL/ampul Acrinathrin (101007-06-1) Anthraquinone (84-65-1) Bifenthrin (82657-04-3) Bioallethrin (584-79-2) Cyfluthrin (68359-37-5) lambda-Cyhalothrin (91465-08-6) Cypermethrin (52315-07-8) Deltamethrin (52918-63-5) Fenvalerate (51630-58-1) Flucythrinate (70124-77-5) tau-Fluvalinate (102851-06-9) cis-Permethrin (61949-76-6) trans-Permethrin (61949-77-7) Phenothrin (cis & trans) (26002-80-2)Resmethrin (10453-86-8) Tefluthrin (79538-32-2)

Cat.# 32569: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #7 (10 components)

Tetramethrin (7696-12-0)

Transfluthrin (118712-89-3)

(10 components)
Herbicide Methyl Esters
100 µg/mL each in toluene,
1 mL/ampul
Acequinocyl (57960-19-7)
Bromopropylate (18181-80-1)
Carfentrazone ethyl (128639-02-1)
Chlorobenzilate (510-15-6)

Chlorpropham (101-21-3) Chlozolinate (84332-86-5) DCPA methyl ester (Chlorthal-dimethyl) (1861-32-1) Fluazifop-p-butyl (79241-46-6) Metalaxyl (57837-19-1) 2-Phenylphenol (90-43-7)

Cat.# 32570: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #8 (24 components)

Organophosphorus Compounds 100 μg/mL each in toluene, 1 mL/ampul Bromfenvinfos-methyl (13104-21-7) Bromfenvinphos (33399-00-7) Bromophos ethyl (4824-78-6) Bromophos methyl (2104-96-3) Carbophenothion (786-19-6) Chlorfenvinphos (470-90-6) Chlorthiophos (60238-56-4) Coumaphos (56-72-4) Edifenphos (17109-49-8) Ethion (563-12-2) Fenamiphos (22224-92-6) Fenchlorphos (Ronnel) (299-84-3) Fenthion (55-38-9) Iodofenphos (18181-70-9) Leptophos (21609-90-5) Malathion (121-75-5) Methacrifos (62610-77-9) Profenofos (41198-08-7) Prothiofos (34643-46-4) Sulfotepp (3689-24-5) Sulprofos (35400-43-2) Terbufos (13071-79-9) Tetrachlorvinphos (22248-79-9) Tolclofos-methyl (57018-04-9)

Cat.# 32571: GC Multiresidue Pesticide Standard #9 (8 components)

Organophosphorus Compounds
100 μg/mL each in toluene,
1 mL/ampul
Disulfoton (298-04-4)
Fonofos (944-22-9)
Methyl parathion (298-00-0)
Mevinphos (7786-34-7)
Parathion (ethyl parathion)
(56-38-2)
Phorate (298-02-2)
Piperonyl butoxide (51-03-6)
Triazophos (24017-47-8)

Description	Conc. in Solvent	CRM?	Min Shelf Life on Ship Date	Shipping Conditions	Storage Temp.	qty.	cat.#
GC Multiresidue Pesticide Kit	Contains 1 mL each of these mixtures.	Yes	6 months	Ambient	10 °C or colder	kit	32562





QuEChERS Performance Standards Kit

- Designed for use in all QuEChERS methods for pesticides in fruits and vegetables, including the original unbuffered method, AOAC 2007.01, and EN 15662.
- Kit contains organochlorine, organonitrogen, organophosphorus, and carbamate pesticides commonly used on fruits and vegetables.
- Volatile, polar, active, base-sensitive, and nonvolatile compounds are included to allow comprehensive evaluation of QuEChERS extraction and cleanup efficiencies, and optimization of GC and LC instrumental conditions.
- Ideal for initial method evaluations and ongoing method performance validations.
- Analytes are divided into three ampuls based on compatibility for maximum stability and shelf life.*
- Precise formulations improve data quality and operational efficiency; spend more time running samples and less time sourcing and preparing standards.
- Quantitatively analyzed to confirm the composition and stability of each mixture.

*When combining compounds with different functionalities, chemical stability can be an issue. The analytes in this kit are separated into three mixes to ensure maximum long-term storage stability. For analysis, a fresh working standard should be prepared by combining the three kit mixes in a 1:1:1 ratio to prepare a $100~\mu g/mL$ working standard solution. Once blended, Restek does not recommend storing working standards or subsequent dilutions for future use.

Contains 1 mL each of these mixtures. 31153: QuEChERS Performance Standard A 31154: QuEChERS Performance Standard B 31155: QuEChERS Performance Standard C

Cat.# 31153: QuEChERS Performance Standard A

(16 components) Acephate (30560-19-1) Azinphos methyl (86-50-0) Chlorpyrifos (2921-88-2) Coumaphos (56-72-4) Diazinon (333-41-5) Dichlofluanid (1085-98-9) Dichlorvos (DDVP) (62-73-7) Dimethoate (60-51-5) Fenthion (55-38-9) Malathion (121-75-5) Methamidophos (10265-92-6) Mevinphos (7786-34-7) Omethoate (1113-02-6) Phosalone (2310-17-0) Pirimiphos methyl (29232-93-7)

Cat.# 31154: QuEChERS Performance Standard B (7 components)

gamma-BHC (Lindane) (58-89-9) Chlorothalonil (1897-45-6) 4,4'-DDT (50-29-3)

Propargite (2312-35-8)

Dicofol (Kelthane) (115-32-2) Endosulfan sulfate (1031-07-8) Endrin (72-20-8) 2-Phenylphenol (90-43-7)

Cat.# 31155: QuEChERS Performance Standard C (17 components)

Bifenthrin (82657-04-3) Captan (133-06-2) Carbaryl (Sevin) (63-25-2) Cyprodinil (121552-61-2) Deltamethrin (52918-63-5) Fenhexamid (126833-17-8) Fenpropathrin (39515-41-8) Folpet (133-07-3) Imazalil (35554-44-0) Iprodione (36734-19-7) Metalaxyl (57837-19-1) Methiocarb (2032-65-7) Myclobutanil (88671-89-0) cis-Permethrin (61949-76-6) trans-Permethrin (61949-77-7) Thiabendazole (148-79-8) Vinclozolin (50471-44-8)

Description	Conc. in Solvent		Min Shelf Life on Ship Date	Shipping Conditions	Storage Temp.	cat.#
QuEChERS	300 µg/mL each in acetonitrile/acetic acid				10 °C or	
Performance	(99.9:0.1), 1 mL/ampul. Blend equal volumes of all	Yes	3 months	Ambient	colder	31152
Standards Kit	three ampuls for a 100 µg/mL final solution.				coluer	



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