



New! Rxi[®]-5Sil MS Capillary GC Columns

Fast, Accurate Semivolatiles Analysis

- Ultra-low bleed columns save you time and money with faster baseline stabilization.
- Outstanding inertness for low quantification limits of active compounds.
- Guaranteed column-to-column reproducibility.

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The analysis of semivolatiles places stringent demands on the analytical system, especially the GC column. 5% diphenyl/95% dimethyl polysiloxane ("5" phase) columns often are used for this GC/MS test method; however, silarylene columns generally perform better with the sensitivity of mass spectrometers. Silarylene phases exhibit lower bleed and produce improved peak efficiencies for difficult compounds while maintaining selectivity that is similar to a conventional "5" phase column. Restek recently improved its silarylene column (Rtx®-5Sil MS) using Rxi® technology. The result is the new Rxi®-5Sil MS column, a more inert, low-bleed column with improved peak shape and resolution for the active compounds found in semivolatiles analysis.

Rxi®-5Sil MS columns are ideal for the analysis of semivolatile analytes, such as those found in EPA Method 8270. Low bleed profiles assure accurate quantification of late eluting compounds, such as polycyclic (polynuclear) aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), including the challenging separation of benzo(b)fluoranthene and benzo(k)fluoranthene (Figures 1 and 2).

The inertness of the Rxi®-5Sil MS column is shown through the peak shapes and responses of active analytes, such as pyridine (basic) and 2,4-dinitrophenol (acidic), at low levels. Peak symmetry is good and analyte responses exceed method requirements even at single nanogram on-column levels (Figure 3). Chromatography, and thus quantification, of many active semivolatile compounds is improved by the inertness of Rxi®-5Sil MS columns.

Figure 1 Semivolatiles acquired on the highly inert 20m x 0.18mm ID x 0.18µm Rxi®-5Sil MS column.

Column: Rxi®-5Sil MS, 20m, 0.18mm ID, 0.18µm (cat.# 43602)
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 (1.0ng on-column concentration), 4mm Drilled Uniliner® (hole near bottom) inlet liner (cat.# 20756), pulsed splitless: pulse 20psi @ 0.2 min., 60mL/min. @ 0.15 min.
Inj. temp.: 250°C
Carrier gas: helium, constant flow
Flow rate: 1.0mL/min.
Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 0.5 min.) to 260°C @ 20°C/min. to 280°C @ 5°C/min. to 330°C @ 20°C/min. (hold 1.0 min.)
Det.: MS
Transfer line temp.: 280°C
Scan range: 35-550amu
Ionization: EI
Mode: scan

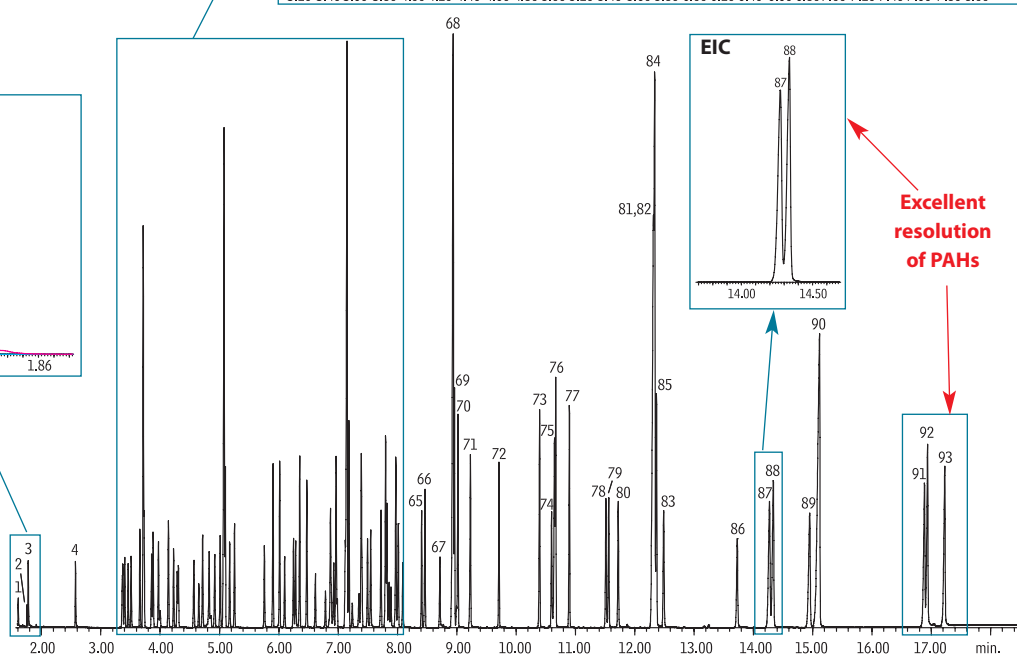
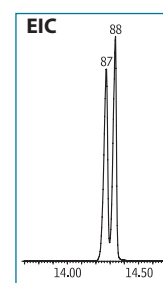
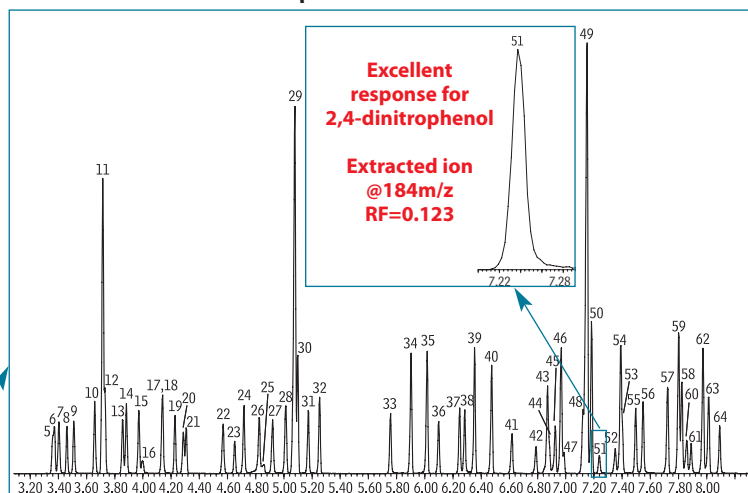
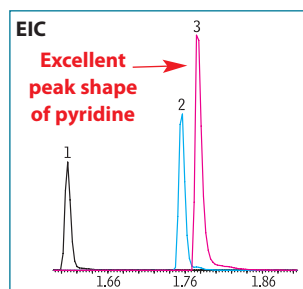
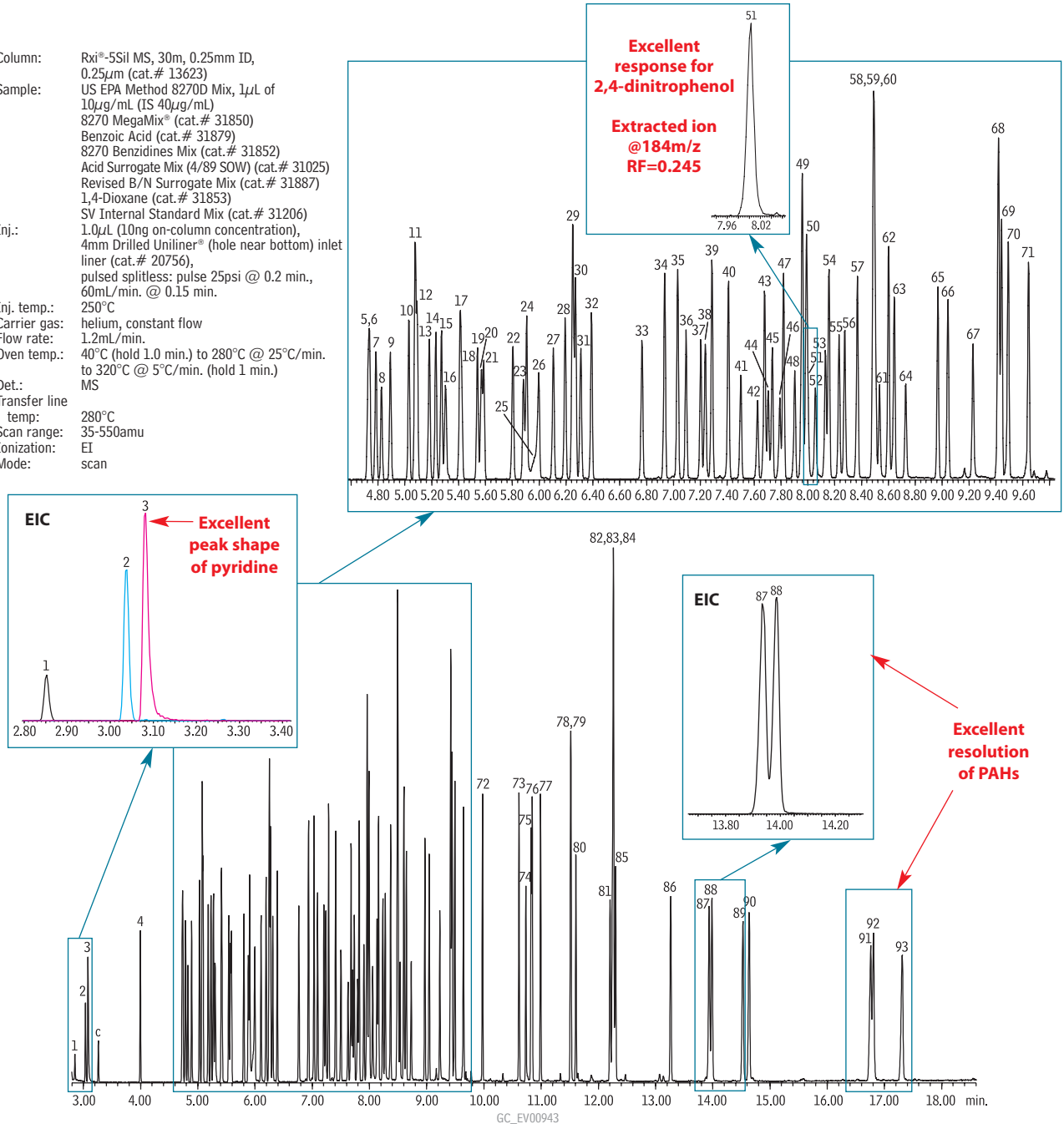


Figure 2 Separate difficult PAHs easily using a 30m x 0.25mm ID x 0.25µm Rxi®-5Sil MS column.

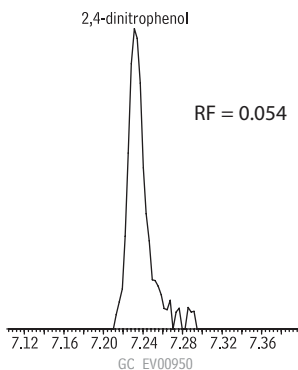
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 Inj.: 1.0µL (10ng on-column concentration), 4mm Drilled Uniliner® (hole near bottom) inlet liner (cat.# 20756), pulsed splitless: pulse 25psi @ 0.2 min., 60mL/min. @ 0.15 min.
 Inj. temp.: 250°C
 Carrier gas: helium, constant flow
 Flow rate: 1.2mL/min.
 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



Compound List for Figure 1 & 2

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

Figure 3 Excellent peak symmetry and response at 1ng on-column.



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 Det.: MS
 Transfer line
 temp: 280°C
 Scan range: 35-550amu
 Ionization: EI
 Mode: scan

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

The Rxi®-5Sil MS columns most commonly used for semivolatiles analysis are the 30m x 0.25mm ID columns with either 0.25 μ m or 0.5 μ m film thicknesses. These dimensions generally offer the best balance of sample capacity, analysis time, and column lifetime. However, if sample throughput is paramount, shorter narrow bore columns such as the 20m x 0.18mm ID with either 0.18 μ m or 0.36 μ m film thicknesses are preferred. Due to increased peak efficiencies, temperature programs can be accelerated without compromising key separations. Regardless which dimension you choose, the new Rxi®-5Sil MS columns are ideal for analyzing semivolatile compounds.

ID	df (μ m)	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	
0.32mm	1.00	-60 to 325/350°C	13650	13653	13697
	0.25	-60 to 330/350°C	13621	13624	
	0.50	-60 to 330/350°C		13639	
0.53mm	1.00	-60 to 325/350°C		13654	
	1.50	-60 to 310/330°C		13670	

ID	df (μ m)	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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