

HPLC and UHPLC Columns

Independent Column Comparisons



- Porous and solid-core particles
- Asymmetry and efficiency comparisons
- Independently tested for impartial results



Independent Testing Comparison #1: HPLC Columns

Comparison of Leading 5µm C18 Columns

- Data obtained from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), USA

- Leading 5µm C18 column brands
- Basic molecule testing
- Peak asymmetry investigation

"Elution of organic bases (eg amitriptyline) with severe peak tailing is often associated with high silanol activity; however, the elution of such compounds with symmetrical peak shape is considered indicative of column deactivation."



Column Dimensions: 150 x 4.6mm, 5µm Mobile Phase: 80:20 MeOH/5mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) Flow Rate: 2.0ml/min Temperature: 24°C The above data was obtained from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Certificate of Analysis for Standard Reference Material 870 -"Column Performance Test Mixture for Liquid Chromatography" at the NIST internet site http:/ois.nist.gov/srmcatalog/certificates/870.pdf in September 2002. The NIST test mixture, which is designed to characterize general aspects of HPLC was revised in December 2002. Comparative data may not be representative of all applications.

Importance of Peak Asymmetry (As)





ACE® Stationary Phases Virtually Eliminate the Negative Effects of Silanols on UHPLC & HPLC Separations

"Independent Testing Shows ACE HPLC Columns Deliver Outstanding Peak Shape"

Independent Testing Comparison #2: UHPLC Columns

Comparison of Column Inertness at Intermediate pH

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- Leading column brands in 50 x 2.1mm LC/MS compatible dimensions at pH 5.8
- Silica, Hybrid and Superficially Porous particle technologies compared
- Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine a basic molecule
- Efficiency measured at 5% peak height to account for peak tailing effects



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Independent Testing Comparison #3: Solid-Core Particles

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Leading column brands from major manufacturers investigated

Comparison of column efficiency for pyridine – a basic molecule



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Reduce Peak Tailing to Improve MS Signal Response

Improved efficiency and peak shape has a direct effect upon signal response





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