

### Tips for Best Results with Reverse Phase Columns

Column ID (mm)	Flow Rate Range mL/min
4.6	0.5-1.5
10	1.0-2.0
22	3.0-6.0

- 1 Run your reverse phase columns at the following flow rates for best results.
- 2 Do not worry about high backpressures. Jordi columns are packed at 8,000psig and can run for months at pressures in the 3,000-5,000psig range without damage.
- 3 If you notice a change in plate count or resolution after significant use, you may need a clean frit(s), particularly on the column inlet.
- 4 Try to keep at least 10% organic in your solvent when using Jordi DVB and Fluorinated DVB columns. Jordi gel is very hydrophobic and will not wet in water. When pure water/ buffer is used as the mobile phase, the gel will shrink slightly and can cause a premature loss in column efficiency. For aqueous applications, we recommend using Jordi Hydroxylated DVB or Glucose DVB columns.

### Avoiding Tailing and/or Adsorption Phenomena

Because of the large number of aromatic rings inherent in the packing's structure, Jordi Gel columns based on divinylbenzene will give unique responses to certain types of samples

If your samples contain aromatic rings or atoms such as O or N with unshared electron pairs, they have the potential to be strongly retained and/or tail on the Jordi Gel columns UNLESS there is a competing electron-rich solvent in the mobile phase.

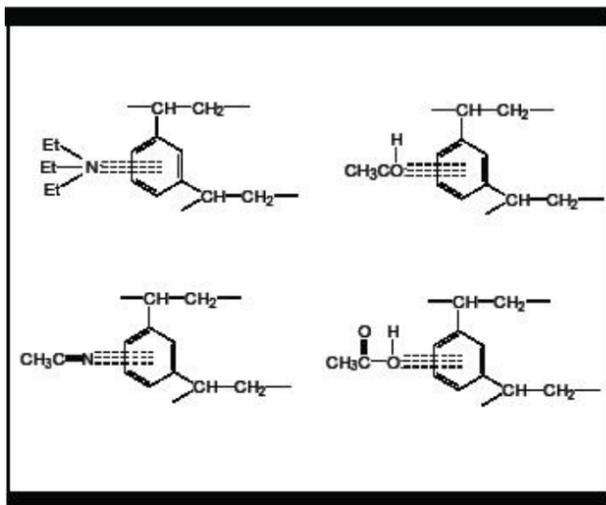
To obtain sharper peaks we recommend using a competing electron-rich solvent like acetonitrile, triethylamine (TEA), or n-butylamine, which coordinates with the aromatic rings of the packing material creating a less electron-dense surface chemistry.

For certain separations, it is also possible to use sodium acetate to modify peak shape and retention. In like manner, using low percentages of glycerol, 2-propanol, or other similarly hydrophilic hydroxylated solvents reduces the net effective surface hydrophobicity.

The diagrams below indicate several possible interactions of the mobile phase modifiers with the aromatic rings of the DVB gel.

In our experience, it is best to use quantities of 0.5-2.0% of TEA or ethylene glycol, or 0.01M Na Acetate, and anywhere from 2.0-100% of solvents such as CH<sub>3</sub>CN, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, or 2-propanol. We have also found that a 50/50 V/V CH<sub>3</sub>CN/CH<sub>3</sub>OH mixture as strong solvent is better than either used alone.

For samples containing the piperazine group, such as hindered amine light stabilizers, we have found that 98/2 V/V CHCl<sub>3</sub>/TEA or 75/25 V/V THF/ MeOH with 0.01 M NaAc are excellent mobile phases and yield high quality GPC results on the Jordi Gel DVB base GPC columns.



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# HPLC Columns Care and Tips Guide

### Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a Jordi column for your analysis. We strive to provide the highest quality HPLC columns on the market. Our goal is to make you successful. If you experience any problems or need any technical advice, please call or email us; we are here to help you. All Jordi columns are warranted for 90 days upon receipt. For technical support, Jordi customer service is available at:

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Phone: 508-966-1301

### Installation

Jordi recommends the use of stainless steel tubing of 1/16" OD and 0.010"ID for column connections of analytical columns. Preparative columns 22mm and greater require 0.020" ID tubing. Excessive tubing volume should be avoided by minimizing the tubing length between the column, detector and injector. The use of Jordi Column Connectors is recommended when connecting multiple columns in series. These connectors come preassembled and ready to use. For more information, see the Jordi Column Accessories at the end of the guide.

### General Guidelines for All Jordi Columns

In an effort to maximize column life expectancy and performance, steps should be taken to prepare each sample before injection. This should include sample filtration to remove particulates, and possibly, solid phase extraction (SPE) to remove highly retained sample components. Jordi offers a complete line of SPE products for sample cleanup.

Jordi recommends using a guard column to protect your analytical column. The guard column will help protect your analytical column from particulate matter and highly retained sample components. The guard column should be changed when performance measures decline, such as plate count, pressure, or resolution. A list of Jordi guard columns is found at the end of this guide.

Optimum sample injection volumes and concentrations are best determined for each type of analysis and are dependent on sample MW. Broad distribution polymers can generally be injected at higher concentrations than lower polydispersity samples. Overloading will not damage the Jordi column, but distorted peaks and questionable results may occur.

### Tips for Best Results with GPC Columns

JORDI GPC Specifications	
Description	MW Range
GPC NPR	2,000–400,000,000
GPC 100Å	<100–5,000
GPC 500Å	<100–10,000
GPC 10 <sup>3</sup> Å	<100–50,000
GPC 10 <sup>4</sup> Å	100–100,000
GPC 10 <sup>5</sup> Å	10,000–>10,000,000
GPC Mixed Bed	100–>10,000,000

- 1 Run your column at 0.5-2.0mL/min for maximum life and best results. Our recommended flow rate is 1.2mL/min.
- 2 For use in TCB at 140-150°C, we recommend purging the columns at 0.2mL/min overnight with TCB at 40°C and then ramping up to your desired temperature over 6 hr.
- 3 If you notice a calibration change after significant use, you may need a clean frit(s) particularly on the column inlet. If the original inlet frit clogs, it will contribute to shearing of high MW polymer and thus, must be changed.
- 4 For special solvents, i.e. DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O, MeOH, Acetone, please call a Jordi technician.
- 5 For any solvent changeover involving miscible solvents, it is best to purge with the new solvent at 0.2mL/min overnight. Immiscible solvents require an intermediary solvent that both the initial and final solvent are miscible with.
- 6 The Jordi Mixed-Bed, 10<sup>4</sup>Å, and 10<sup>5</sup>Å materials should never exceed 2000psig, as this will crush the gel. For solid bead, 100Å, 300Å, 500Å and 1000 Å gels, you may run at pressures up to 8000psig without failure.
- 7 If you have any specific questions, please call us. We are here to serve you.



## Solvent Changeover

Jordi columns are some of the most durable in the industry, tolerating a very wide range of solvents. When purging your column into a new solvent, it is important to keep in mind the following important facts:

**1** Before changing solvents, please confirm that your column is compatible with your new mobile phase. The solvent compatibility of Jordi Columns is so broad that it is easier to list which solvents should not be used. Jordi DVB and Jordi Fluorinated DVB columns should not be used in 100% water or buffer solutions. At least 10% organic solvent should be maintained at all times. All other columns have no known solvent limitations.

**2** Always purge your column into a new solvent at .2ml/min until two full column volumes have passed through the column.

Column Size	Volume
10mm x 25cm	40ml
7.8mm x 30cm	40ml
10mm x 50cm	80ml
4.6mm x 15cm	15ml
4.6mm x 25cm	25ml

## Frit Replacement

Changing column frits is simple and can be accomplished using the Jordi Frit Removal Tool. To change a column frit, please follow these steps:

**1** Clamp the column, with outlet and inlet plugs in place, in a ring stand or a bench vice with the column inlet pointing up.

**2** Allow the column to equilibrate to room temperature before removing the column end fitting.

**3** Carefully loosen and remove the column end fitting. Hold the column end fitting steady with one wrench while loosening the column nut with another wrench until it drops away from the end fitting.

**4** Remove the column distributor frit using a frit removal tool (Jordi Frit Removal Tool recommended) or by pulling up on the plastic housing. Be careful when removing the frit to prevent the loss of significant gel from the tube end.

**5** Clean the top surface of the column by gently scraping a flat spatula or a razor blade across the gel surface. Be sure to avoid disturbing the packing material in the column. To get the surface even, you may have to wet the packing with the solvent that the column is conditioned in or another miscible solvent.

**6** Place a new distributor frit cap on top of the cleaned surface of the column. Press the frit firmly down onto the column end.

**7** Rinse all residual packing material from the column end fitting and frit. Failure to remove packing material from threads and sealing surfaces, e.g. frit, may result in leaks or clogging.

**8** Replace the column end fitting. Use wrenches to tighten the end fitting nut approximately 1/4 turn past finger tight. Do not over tighten.

**9** Connect the column to the HPLC system and check for leaks.

**10** If the column leaks, turn the pump flow off; allow the pressure to bleed off, and then tighten the end-fitting nut slightly more, approximately 1/8 of a turn.

## Guard Columns

Guard columns are an excellent way to protect the investment you have made in your analytical columns. This is especially true when working with unknown samples, which may contain reactive or adsorbable materials. A guard column is a shorter version of the analytical column, which is sacrificed in order to protect your main column.

Jordi Guard columns are available for all GPC columns and most RP and NP columns. In all cases, your Guard column(s) will be packed with the same high quality gels used in your analytical column. See the Guard Column Guide at the end of this brochure for further ordering details.

We recommend the following guard column sizes:

Analytical Column ID	Guard column Length
2.1mm, 4.6mm	3cm, 5cm
7mm Bullet Columns	Not Recommended
7.8mm	4cm
10mm	5cm
22mm, 30mm, 50mm	10cm

## Quality Assurance

Jordi has a strict quality assurance program designed to provide our customers with a product they can trust every time.

All Jordi columns come with a Quality Assurance Certificate to ensure customer satisfaction. This certificate provides the customer with performance information for the specific column received. Performance measures included are plate count, backpressure, resolution and symmetry. Since instrumentation, tubing, and other elements can alter performance, your results may vary slightly from the results shown on the Jordi certificate. Taking care to follow the instructions outlined in this guide will help ensure the product is being used in the best manner possible.

## Storage

Jordi end plugs should be used to cap the column when not in use. Jordi columns should be stored at room temperature; preferably in the box they were originally shipped in for safekeeping. Jordi columns can be stored in many solvents without concern. However, reactive solvents such as unstabilized Tetrahydrofuran (THF) should not be used to store columns for extended periods. If you have any questions regarding a specific solvent, please contact a Jordi representative for technical advice.

## Warranty

Jordi columns come with a 90 day warranty from the date of delivery. This warranty does not cover: installation or service of product, conditions resulting from consumer mishandling such as improper maintenance or misuse, abuse, accident, or alteration.

## Return Policy

Jordi products can be returned within 30 days of delivery. There is a 15% restocking fee on all orders. All returned products must be accompanied by a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number. To obtain an RMA number, please contact the Jordi representative from which the items were originally purchased. You may also contact Jordi customer service directly at:

Email: [info@jordilabs.com](mailto:info@jordilabs.com)  
Phone: 508-966-1301

## Choosing a Guard Column

Jordi Guard columns are available for all GPC columns and most RP and NP columns. In all cases, your Guard column(s) will be packed with the same high quality gels used in your analytical column.

Jordi Guard Columns come in two porosities. Jordi 500Å guard columns protect porosities of 100Å, 500Å, and 10<sup>3</sup>Å. Our Mixed-bed guard columns protect porosities of 10<sup>4</sup>Å, 10<sup>5</sup>Å, and Mixed-bed. For example, if you are purchasing P/N 15001 Jordi 500Å DVB Column, you can protect it with P/N 15001G5 Jordi 500Å DVB Guard Column. If you are purchasing P/N 15063 Jordi 10<sup>4</sup>Å Glucose Column, you can protect it with P/N 15065G5 Jordi MB Glucose Guard Column. Jordi guard columns come in 10mm x 50mm and 7.8mm x 40mm sizes. Customized solutions are available if larger sizes are desired. If you need assistance choosing the correct guard column, please contact customer service or use our Guard Column Finder at: [www.jordilabs.com/guard.php](http://www.jordilabs.com/guard.php)

## Guard Column Guide

Gel Type	Part Number	Columns Guarded	Porosity Guarded	Sizes Guarded	
DVB	15001G5	15000,15001,15002,15020,15021,15022	100Å, 500Å, 103Å	10mm x 250mm, 10mm x 500mm	
		15003,15004,15005,15023,15024,15025	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed	10mm x 250mm, 10mm x 500mm	
		15071G5	15070,15071,15072	100Å, 500Å, 103Å	7.8mm x 300mm
DVB	15075G5	15073,15074,15075	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed	7.8mm x 300mm	
		90011G5	90000,90001,90002,90010,90011,90012	100Å, 500Å, 103Å	10mm x 250mm, 10mm x 500mm
			90015G5	90003,90004,90005,90013,90014,90015	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed
Fluorinated	90061G5		90060,90061,90062	100Å, 500Å, 103Å	7.8mm x 300mm
		90065G5	90063,90064,90065	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed	7.8mm x 300mm
			15061G5	15050,15051,15052,15060,15061,15062	100Å, 500Å, 103Å
Glucose	15065G5			15053,15054,15055,15063,15064,15065	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed
		30061G5		30060,30061,30062	100Å, 500Å
			30065G5	30063,30064,30065	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed
Hydroxylated	20001G5			19000,19001,19002,20000,20001,20002	100Å, 500Å, 103Å
		20005G5		19003,19004,19005,20003,20004,20005	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed
		20011G5	20010,20011,20012	100Å, 500Å, 103Å	7.8mm x 300mm
20015G5	20013,20014,20015		104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed	7.8mm x 300mm	
	Sulfonated		15041G5	15030,15031,15032,15040,15041,15042	100Å, 500Å, 103Å
		15045G5		15033,15034,15035,15043,15044,15045	104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed
Polar Pack Wax				15091G5	15080,15081,15082,15090,15091,15092
	15095G5		15083,15084,15085,15093,15094,15095		104Å, 105Å, Mixed-bed

## Column Accessories

Jordi columns boast some of the longest column lifetimes in the industry. To help extend the life of your column, we offer a full line of replacement parts.

## Column Care Kit

The Column Care Kit provides all the items you will need when correcting high-pressure problems. The kits come with 2 inlet frits, 2 outlet frits and a Frit Puller. The Frit Puller tool allows you to remove blocked frits without damaging the column. The items in these kits are also sold separately.

Catalog #	Description
CCK21	2.1mm ID Column Care Kit: includes the following
SHIF21	2 - 2.1mm Inlet Frits
SHOF21	2 - 2.1mm Outlet Frits
SHFP2146	Small Frit Puller
CCK46	4.6mm ID Column Care Kit: includes the following
SHIF46	2 - 4.6mm Inlet Frits
SHOF46	2 - 4.6mm Outlet frits
SHFP2146	Small Frit Puller
CCK78	7.8mm ID Column Care Kit: includes the following
SHIF78	2 - 7.8mm Inlet Frits
SHOF78	2 - 7.8mm Outlet Frits
SHFP7810	Large Frit Puller
CCK10	10mm ID Column Care Kit: includes the following
SHIF10	2 - 10mm Inlet Frits
SHOF10	2 - 10mm Outlet Frits
SHFP7810	Large Frit Puller

## End Fittings

If an end fitting becomes damaged during frit removal, you can order a replacement by selecting the item of choice below. It's been our experience that when the end fitting has been damaged, so has the frit. Therefore all replacement end fittings come with the appropriate frit.

Catalog No.	Description
SHEF21	2.1mm End Fitting with frit
SHEF46	4.6mm End Fitting with frit
SHEF78	7.8mm End Fitting with frit
SHEF10	10mm End Fitting with frit
SHEF22	22mm End Fitting with frit

## Torque Wrench

To remove end fittings, Jordi offers a specialized Torque Wrench. The Torque Wrench is available in two sizes, small which will fit our 2.1mm & 4.6mm ID columns, and large which will fit our 7.8mm & 10mm ID columns.

Catalog No.	Description
SHTW2146	Small Torque Wrench
SHTW7810	Large Torque Wrench

## Column Connectors

Jordi Column Connectors allow you to run multiple columns in a series. Our column connectors come in three convenient lengths, 5cm, 10cm and 20cm, and two ID's 0.01" and 0.02". These connectors come assembled and are ready to use; just remove the protective end caps and connect them to your columns.

Catalog #	Length	ID
BCC0105	5.0cm	0.01"
BCC0110	10cm	0.01"
BCC0120	20cm	0.01"
GCC0205	5.0cm	0.02"
GCC0210	10cm	0.02"
GCC0220	20cm	0.02"

## Column End Plugs

Have you lost one of your column end plugs? Not to worry, we have replacements available! Our PEEK end plugs are sold in pairs.

Catalog No.	Description
PCEP2	2 PEEK Column End Plugs