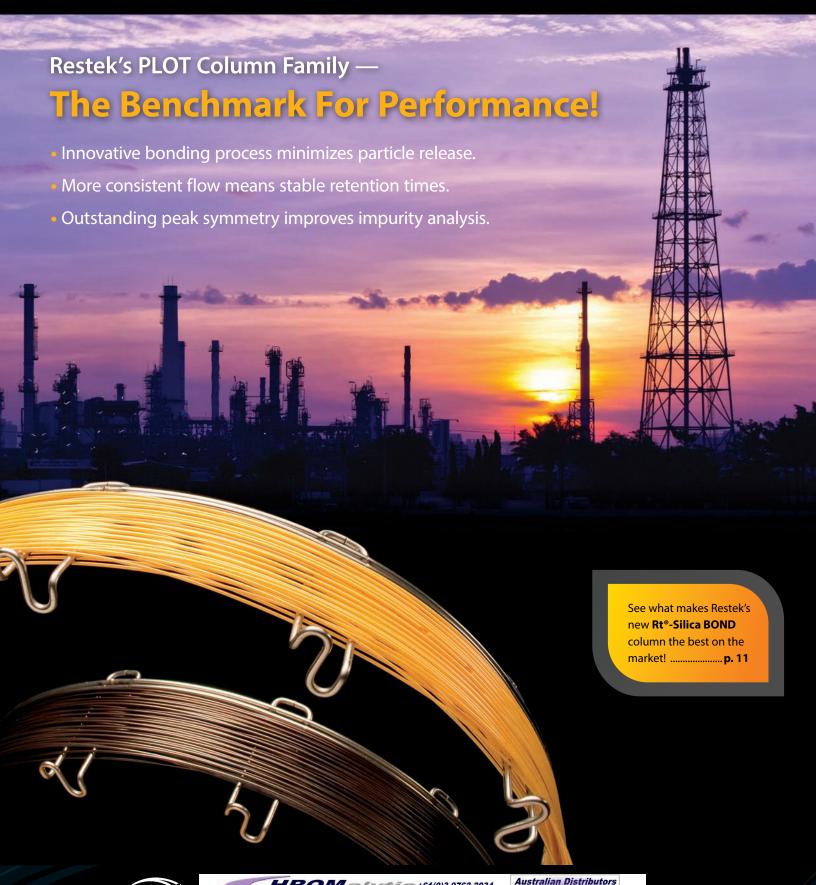


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PLOT Columns Available In:

Fused Silica Rt® Column Phases:

Rt*-Alumina BOND/MAPD
Rt*-Alumina BOND/Na₂SO₄
Rt*-Alumina BOND/KCl
Rt*-Alumina BOND/CFC
Rt*-MSieve 5A
Rt*-Silica BOND NEW!
Rt*-Q-BOND
Rt*-QS-BOND
Rt*-S-BOND
Rt*-U-BOND

Metal MXT® Column Phases:

MXT°-Alumina BOND/MAPD MXT°-Alumina BOND/Na₂SO₄ MXT°-MSieve 5A MXT°-Q-BOND MXT°-S-BOND

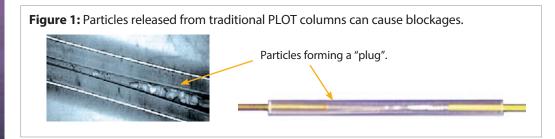
Next Generation of Porous Layer Open Tubular (PLOT) Columns

- · Stabilized particle layers improve robustness and reproducibility of retention and flow.
- Fully compatible with valve switching and Deans switching systems.
- Highly efficient, reproducible analyses; ideal for permanent gases, solvents, and hydrocarbons.
- Innovative manufacturing procedure reduces particle generation and improves performance of porous polymer and molecular sieve PLOT columns.
- Wound on a 7"-diameter, 11-pin cage unless otherwise noted.

Porous layer open tubular (PLOT) columns are very beneficial for solving application problems, especially for the analysis of volatile compounds. PLOT columns have a unique selectivity, allowing for the separation of gaseous compounds at room temperature. Due to the adsorption mechanism of the supports used in PLOT columns, permanent gases and light hydrocarbons can be resolved at room temperature; columns can then be programmed to higher temperatures to elute higher boiling compounds.

Traditional PLOT Columns Offer Poor Stability

The traditional PLOT column is built with a $5{\text -}50~\mu m$ layer of particles adhered to the tubing walls. Because this layer of particles generally lacks stability, PLOT columns must be used very carefully, as particle release is common and can cause unpredictable changes in retention time and flow behavior. Traditional PLOT columns also must generally be used in conjunction with particle traps to prevent the contamination of valves, injectors, and GC detectors. Detectors contaminated with particles typically generate electronic noise, which shows up chromatographically as a spike in the baseline. In extreme cases, detector flow can be obstructed by particle buildup. Particles can also affect valves by becoming lodged in the valve and causing leaks or restricting flow. Figure 1 shows an example of blockage caused by particle accumulation inside a Press-Tight® connector.

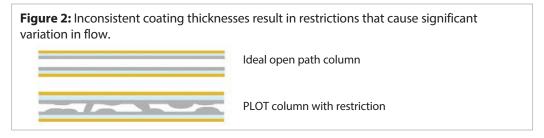


Restek® PLOT Columns Offer Improved Stability to Minimize Particle Release

Restek has developed technology and procedures to manufacture PLOT columns with concentric stabilized adsorption layers. These next generation PLOT columns show a constant flow behavior (permeability) and have significantly improved mechanical stability, resulting in easier operation, better chromatography, and reduced particle release. Greater particle stability means more reproducible retention times, virtually no spiking, and longer column lifetimes. This innovative Restek® stabilization chemistry is currently applied to all fused silica and metal PLOT columns featured in this brochure.

Consistent Flow Restriction Factor (F) Guarantees Reproducible Flow

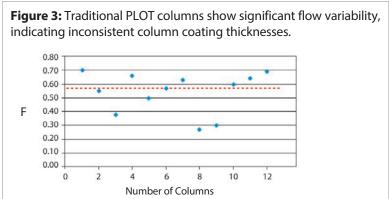
Thick layers of particles are difficult to deposit in a homogeneous layer, and in traditionally manufactured PLOT columns, this results in variable coating thicknesses. The positions where the layer is thicker act as restrictions and affect flow (Figure 2). Depending on the number and intensity of these restrictions, traditional PLOT columns often show greater variation in flow restriction than wall coated open tubular (WCOT) columns. In practice, conventional PLOT columns with the same dimensions can differ in flow by a factor of 4 to 6 when operated at the same nominal pressure. For applications where flow is important, such as with Deans switching, the nonreproducible flow behavior of most commercially available PLOT columns is a problem.

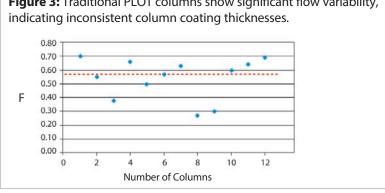


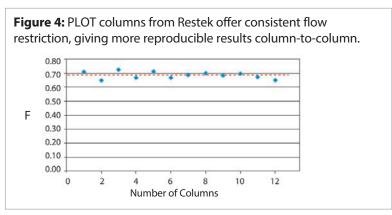


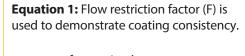
In order to measure flow restriction reproducibility, Restek introduced a new factor: the flow restriction factor (F). This factor is based on the retention time of an unretained marker compound, as measured on both coated and uncoated tubing using the same backpressure setting (Equation 1). For quality control purposes, methane is used as the marker when evaluating porous polymer columns, and helium is used for testing molecular sieve 5A columns.

Flow restriction factor determination can be used to assess both the degree of column restriction and the reproducibility of the column coating process. Flow restriction can also be calculated (Equation 2). Figure 3 shows typical results for PLOT columns manufactured using a conventional process. Because of the difference in flow restriction, individual columns have very different flow characteristics. In contrast, Figure 4 shows results for columns made using our Rt®-QS-BOND (bonded porous polymer) PLOT column process. Clearly, our manufacturing process results in greater consistency in both column coating thickness and flow restriction, which results in more stable retention times and better performance in Deans and related flow switching techniques. Flow restriction factors are specified on the certificate of analysis (CofA) included with every Restek® PLOT column, and the values are listed on the report.









t_{R1} of unretained component (uncoated tubing) t_{R2} of unretained component (coated column)

 t_R = retention time

Note: F values will always be <1 as the coated column always has more restriction than the uncoated column.

Equation 2: Percent flow restriction of coated column.

% restriction = $(1-F) \times 100$

See what makes Restek's new Rt®-Silica BOND column the best on the market!p. 11

Restek's PLOT columns are exceptionally robust, featuring concentric stabilized coating layers. They allow for more consistent gas flows and are recommended for applications sensitive to variation in retention time or flow. These PLOT columns are a significant advance in technology and are ideal for efficient, reproducible analyses of permanent gases, solvents, and hydrocarbons.

PLOT Column Phase Cross-Reference: Similar Selectivity

Restek® Rt® and MXT® Columns	Porous Layer	Supelco	Alltech	Agilent (J&W, Varian, Chrompack)	Quadrex
Alumina BOND/Na ₂ SO ₄	Aluminum oxide	Alumina-Sulfate	AT-Alumina	GS-Alumina ,CP-Al ₂ O ₃ /NA ₂ SO ₄	
Alumina BOND/KCl	Aluminum oxide	Alumina-Chloride		GS-Alumina KCl, HP PLOT Al ₂ O ₃ , CP-Al ₂ O ₃ /KCl	
Alumina BOND/CFC	Aluminum oxide		uniq	ue product	
Alumina BOND/MAPD	Aluminum oxide			Select Al ₂ O ₃ MAPD	
Msieve 5A	Molecular sieve 5A	Molsieve 5A	AT-Molesieve	HP PLOT Molesieve, CP-Molesieve 5A	PLT-5A
Q-BOND	100% Divinylbenzene	Supel-Q-PLOT	AT-Q	HP PLOT Q ,CP-PoraPlot Q, PoraBond Q	
QS-BOND	Intermediate polarity porous polymer			GS-Q	
S-BOND	DVB vinylpyridine polymer			CP-PoraPlot S	
U-BOND	DVB ethylene glycol-			HP PLOT U, CP-PoraPlot U, CP-PoraBond U	
	dimethylacrylate polymer				
Silica BOND	Bonded silica			CP Silica PLOT, GS-GasPro	



Traces of water in the carrier gas and samples will affect the retention and selectivity of alumina. If exposed to water, the retention times will shorten. The column can be regenerated by conditioning for 15–30 minutes at 200 °C under normal carrier gas flow. Periodic conditioning ensures excellent run-to-run retention time reproducibility.

Unless noted, the maximum programmable temperature for an Rt*-Alumina BOND column is 200 °C. Temperatures higher than the stated maximum temperature can cause irreversible changes to the porous layer adsorption properties.

Rt®-Alumina BOND Columns

Restek® Rt®-Alumina BOND columns are highly selective for C1–C5 hydrocarbons and separate all saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbon isomers above ambient temperatures. The reactivity of the aluminum oxide stationary phase is minimized to improve column response for polar unsaturates, such as dienes, and the column's sensitivity (or response) ensures linear and quantitative chromatographic analysis for these compounds. Strong bonding prevents particle generation and release, which allows valve switching without harming the injection or detection systems. And because they are stable up to at least 200 °C, Rt®-Alumina BOND columns can be regenerated to restore full efficiency and selectivity by conditioning at their maximum temperature if water is adsorbed. High capacity and loadability give you exceptionally symmetrical peaks, making these columns ideal for volatile hydrocarbon separations at percent levels, as well as impurity analyses at ppm concentrations. Restek® Rt®-Alumina BOND PLOT columns are manufactured on fused silica tubing; select phases are also available on metal MXT® tubing.

Guaranteed Reproducibility

To ensure reproducible retention times and predictable flow behavior column-to-column, each Rt®-Alumina BOND column is extensively tested. A hydrocarbon test mix confirms proper phase retention and selectivity. To calculate k (retention or capacity factor), which is a measure of phase retention, 1,3-butadiene is used, while selectivity is measured using retention indices for propadiene and methyl acetylene. The resolution of *trans*-2-butene and 1-butene is also verified, and to measure efficiency, plates per meter are checked using 1,3-butadiene.

Rt®-Alumina BOND/Na2SO4 Columns (fused silica PLOT)

(Na₂SO₄ deactivation)

- · Acetylene and propadiene elute after butanes.
- Best separation for butene isomers (impurities in butene streams).
- Methyl acetylene elutes after 1,3-butadiene.
- Cyclopropane (impurity in propylene) elutes well before propylene.
- Also available on metal MXT° tubing! (See page 12.)

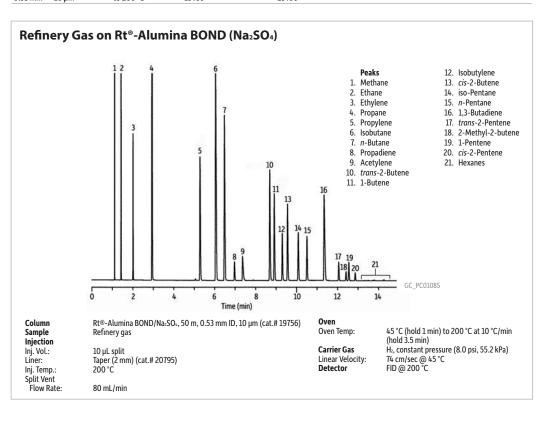
			30-Meter	50-Meter	
ID	ID	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#	
0.25 mm	4 μm	to 200 °C	19775	_	
0.32 mm	5 µm	to 200 °C	19757	19758	
0.53 mm	10 um	to 200 °C	19755	19756	

similar phases

GS-Alumina,CP-Al₂O₃/ Na₂SO₄, Alumina-Sulfate, AT-Alumina

did you know?

Restek draws our own fused silica tubing and applies our own proprietary stationary phases. By fully managing our production streams, we are able to ensure unparalleled reliability and stability.





Rt®-Alumina BOND/KCl Columns (fused silica PLOT)

(KCl deactivation)

- Restek's lowest polarity alumina column.
- Low moisture sensitivity reduces the need for frequent regeneration.
- Acetylene elutes before *n*-butane.
- Methyl acetylene (impurity in 1,3-butadiene) elutes before 1,3-butadiene.

			30-Meter	50-Meter
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#
0.25 mm	4 µm	to 200 °C	19776	_
0.32 mm	5 µm	to 200 °C	19761	19762
0.53 mm	10 µm	to 200 °C	19759	19760

Refinery Gas on Rt®-Alumina BOND/KCI **Peaks** 1. Methane Ethane Ethylene Propane Propylene Isobutane n-Butane 8. Propadiene 9. Acetylene 10. trans-2-Butene 11. 1-Butene 12. Isobutylene 13. cis-2-Butene 14. Isopentane 15. n-Pentane 16. 1,3-Butadiene 17. trans-2-Pentene 18. 2-Methyl-2-butene 19. 1-Pentene 20. cis-2-Pentene 21. Hexanes GC PC01088 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 Time (min) Rt®-Alumina BOND/KCl, 50 m, 0.53 mm ID, 10 µm (cat.# 19760) Column Refinery gas standard Sample $10\,\mu L\,split$ Inj. Vol.: Taper (2 mm) (cat.# 20795) 200 °C Liner: Inj. Temp.: Split Vent Flow Rate: 80 mL/min Oven Oven Temp: 45 °C (hold 1 min) to 200 °C at 10 °C/min (hold 3.5 min) **Carrier Gas** H₂, constant pressure (8.0 psi, 55.2 kPa) 74 cm/sec @ 45 °C FID @ 200 °C Linear Velocity: Detector Make-up Gas Type: Data Rate: N₂ 20 Hz Instrument HP5890 GC

similar phases

GC-Alumina KCI, HP-PLOT Al₂O₃/KCl, CP-Al₂O₃/KCl, Alumina-Chloride

did you know?

All Restek® PLOT columns come standard on a 7"-diameter, 11-pin cage. Metal MXT° columns are also available coiled to 3.5" diameter by adding the suffix -273 to the part number (See page 12). If you need more information, please call your local Restek® representative.



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Rt®-Alumina BOND/CFC Columns (fused silica PLOT)

- Improved inertness for chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) compounds.
- Highly selective alumina-based column separates most CFCs.
- High retention and capacity for CFCs.

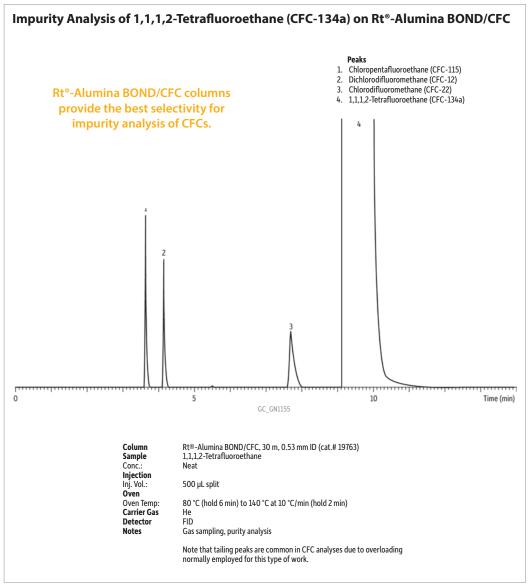




Especially when valve switching or backflushing is used, Restek recommends using particle traps to help prevent detector spikes and valve rotor scratches.

Visit www.restek.com/plot for specialized PLOT column particle traps. The Alumina BOND/CFC adsorbent is ideal for retaining halogenated compounds, especially CFCs (chlorinated fluorocarbons) like Freon® products. It offers high selectivity, allowing a wide range of CFC isomers to be resolved at above ambient temperatures. The Rt®-Alumina BOND/CFC column is thoroughly deactivated to reduce the reactivity of alumina. Even though there is still some residual reactivity for some mono- or di-substituted CFCs, the majority of these compounds can be accurately quantified from main stream processes or in impurity analyses.

		3	30-Meter	
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	
0.53 mm	10 µm	to 200 °C	19763	





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Rt®-Alumina BOND/MAPD Columns (fused silica PLOT)

- Optimized deactivation produces maximum response when analyzing trace levels of acetylene, methyl acetylene, and propadiene.
- Stable response factors make this column ideal for process-type applications where recalibration must be minimized.
- High loadability reduces peak tailing and improves separations.
- Extended temperature range up to 250 °C for fast elution of high molecular weight (HMW) hydrocarbons and accelerated column regeneration following exposure to water.
- Also available on metal MXT° tubing! (See page 12.)

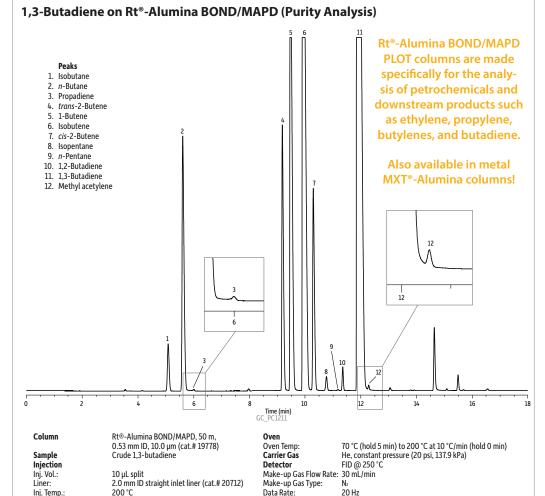
Split Vent Flow Rate:

Restek's R&D chemists have optimized the deactivation technology applied to our Rt®-Alumina BOND/MAPD column for improved analysis of trace concentrations of polar hydrocarbons like acetylene, methyl acetylene, and propadiene in hydrocarbon streams containing higher levels of C1–C5 hydrocarbons. Our Alumina PLOT deactivation produces an incredibly inert column that offers superior reproducibility and stable response factors to maximize the number of analyses before recalibration is required. Its high sample capacity reduces peak tailing, thereby improving the separation of target compounds. In addition, a 250 °C maximum operating temperature lets you more quickly elute hydrocarbons up to dodecane and reduces regeneration time when the column is exposed to water from samples or carrier gases.

			30-Meter	50-Meter
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#
0.25 mm	4 μm	to 250 °C	19781	_
0.32 mm	5 μm	to 250 °C	19779	19780
0.53 mm	10 um	to 250 °C	19777	19778

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also available! Metal MXT® PLOT Columns

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did you know?

Rt*-Msieve 5A PLOT columns are designed for efficient separation of Ar/O₂ and other permanent gases, including CO.



Because molecular sieve materials are very hydrophilic, they will adsorb water from the sample or carrier gas. Water contamination can have a detrimental effect on peak symmetry and can reduce the resolution of all compounds. If water contamination occurs, simply regenerate your Rt*-Msieve 5A PLOT column by conditioning at 300 °C with dry carrier gas flow for 3 hours.

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also available! Metal MXT®

Metal MXT® PLOT Columns

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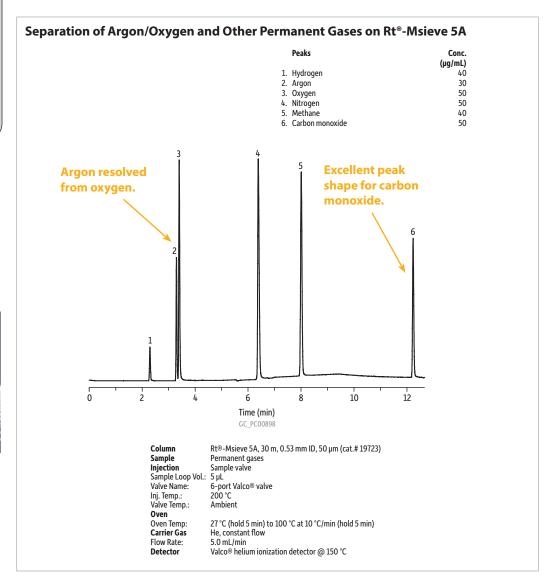
Molecular Sieve 5A PLOT Columns

Restek's molecular sieve 5A PLOT columns are designed for efficient separation of Ar/O_2 and other permanent gases, including CO. Special coating and deactivation procedures ensure chromatographic efficiency and the integrity of the porous layer coating. Molecular sieves have very high retention, allowing separations of permanent gases at temperatures above ambient. Our deactivation technology also allows CO to elute as a sharp peak. Additionally, our unique immobilization process guarantees that the uniform particles remain adhered to the tubing—even after continuous valve-cycling.

Our revolutionary molecular sieve 5A PLOT columns separate Ar/O₂ and H₂/He at ambient temperature or above (see chromatogram). These columns also are an excellent choice for rapid separation of permanent gases in refinery or natural gas. Available on fused silica and metal MXT* tubing. (See page 12.)

Rt®-Msieve 5A Columns (fused silica PLOT)

		15-Meter	30-Meter	
df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#	
20 µm	to 300 °C	19773	_	
30 µm	to 300 °C	19720	19722	
50 μm	to 300 °C	19721	19723	
	20 μm 30 μm	20 μm to 300 °C 30 μm to 300 °C	df temp. limits cat.# 20 μm to 300 °C 19773 30 μm to 300 °C 19720	df temp. limits cat.# cat.# 20 μm to 300 °C 19773 — 30 μm to 300 °C 19720 19722





Porous Polymer Columns

Porous polymers are unique, highly retentive stationary phases with a wide application range that are able to elute both polar and nonpolar compounds. They are very hydrophobic, so water has no impact on retention times and even elutes as a good chromatographic peak. The Q-BOND is our most nonpolar and widely used porous polymer column; functional groups can be added to increase polarity (i.e., QS-, S-, and U-BOND). The process used to manufacture porous polymer PLOT columns causes the particles to adhere strongly to the walls of the tubing, so there is virtually no particle generation. You get reproducible performance from column to column, including selectivity and flow.

Our porous polymer **PLOT** columns are not moisture sensitive, making them ideal for applications where moisture is of maior concern.

similar phases

HP PLOT Q, CP-PoraPLOT Q,

CP-PoraBond Q, Supel-Q-

PLOT, AT-Q

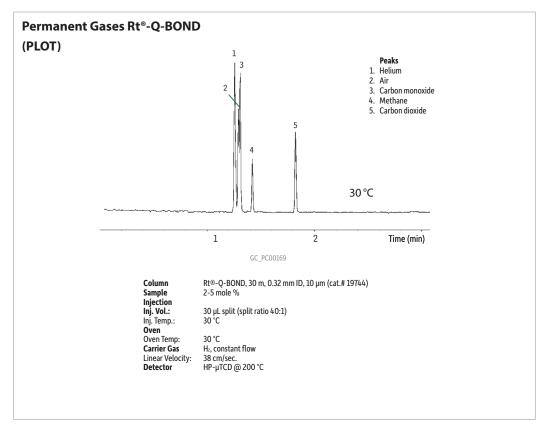
Rt®-Q-BOND Columns (fused silica PLOT)

100% divinylbenzene

- Nonpolar PLOT column incorporating 100% divinylbenzene.
- Excellent for analysis of C1 to C3 isomers and alkanes up to C12.
- High retention for CO2 simplifies gas analysis; CO2 and methane separated from O2/N2/CO (Note: O2/ N₂/CO not separated at room temperature).
- Use for analysis of oxygenated compounds and solvents.
- Maximum temperature of 300 °C.
- Also available on metal MXT° tubing! (See page 12.)

			15-Meter	30-Meter
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#
0.25 mm	8 µm	to 280/300 °C	19764	19765
0.32 mm	10 μm	to 280/300 °C	19743	19744
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 280/300 °C	19741	19742





Restek® porous polymer PLOT columns cover a wide range of polarities



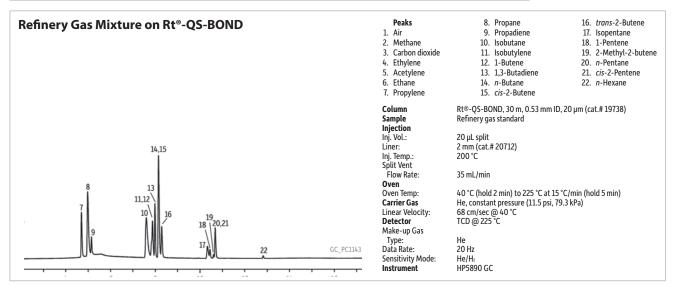


Rt®-QS-BOND Columns (fused silica PLOT)

porous divinylbenzene homopolymer

- Intermediate polarity PLOT column incorporating low 4-vinylpyridine.
- Separates ethane, ethylene, and acetylene to baseline.
- Designed for the best possible separation between all C2 isomers.

ID	df	temp. limits	15-Meter cat.#	30-Meter cat.#
0.25 mm	8 µm	to 250 °C	19767	19768
0.32 mm	10 µm	to 250 °C	19739	19740
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 250 °C	19737	19738



Rt®-S-BOND Columns (fused silica PLOT)

porous divinylbenzene homopolymer

- Midpolarity PLOT column, incorporating high 4-vinylpyridine.
- Use for the analysis of nonpolar and polar compounds.
- Also available on metal MXT° tubing! (See page 12.)

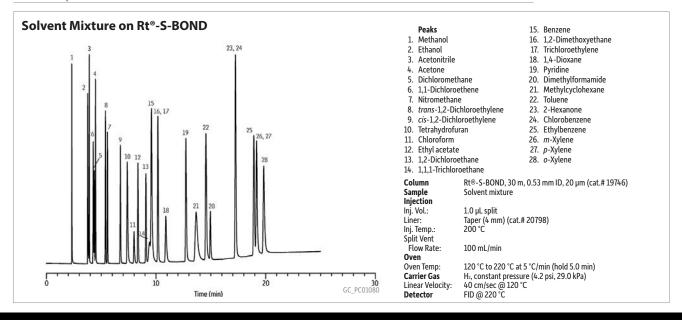
			15-Meter	30-Meter
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#
0.25 mm	8 µm	to 250 °C	19769	19770
0.32 mm	10 µm	to 250 °C	19747	19748
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 250 °C	19745	19746

similar phases

similar phases

GS-Q

CP-PoraPlot S



Rt®-U-BOND Columns (fused silica PLOT)

divinylbenzene ethylene glycol/dimethylacrylate

- Restek's highest polarity porous polymer column.
- Polar PLOT column, incorporating divinylbenzene ethylene glycol/dimethylacrylate.
- Highly inert for the analysis of polar and nonpolar compounds.

			15-Meter	30-Meter	
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#	
0.25 mm	8 µm	to 190 °C	19771	19772	
0.25 mm	12 μm	to 190 °C	19782	_	
0.32 mm	10 μm	to 190 °C	19751	19752	
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 190 °C	19749	19750	

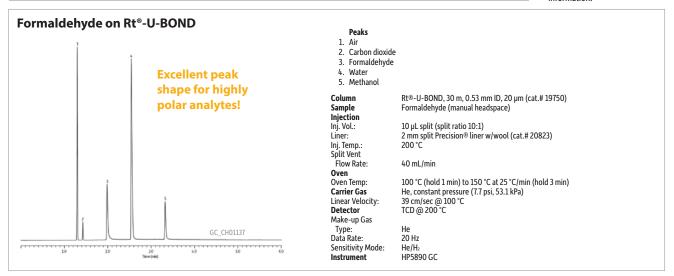
similar phases

HP-PLOT U, CP-PoraPLOT U, CP-PoraBond U

also available!

Metal MXT® PLOT Columns

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Rt®-Silica BOND Columns (fused silica PLOT)

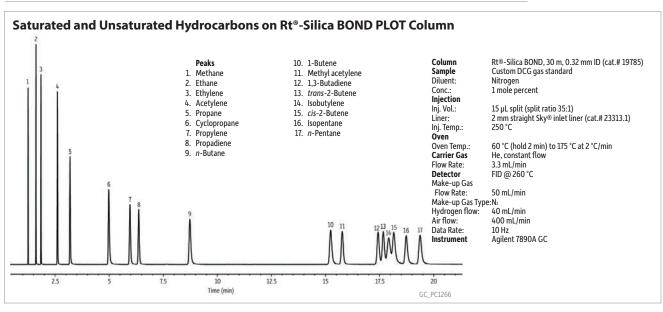
- Versatile column ideal for analysis of light hydrocarbons, sulfur gases, halocarbons, and carbon dioxide.
- Individually QC tested with sensitive C4 probes to ensure consistent selectivity.
- Proprietary manufacturing process practically eliminates particle release, reducing downtime due to obstructed FID jets.
- Bonded silica stationary phase minimizes impact of water, resulting in reproducible retention times for water-containing samples.

ID	temp. limits	15-Meter cat.#	30-Meter cat.#	60-Meter cat.#
0.32 mm	-80 to 260 °C	19784	19785	19786

similar phases

GS-GasPro, CP-SilicaPLOT







Metal MXT® PLOT Columns

Restek chemists have developed technology that allows many of our popular PLOT columns to be made on Siltek®-treated stainless steel. These columns have the same characteristics and performance as fused silica PLOT columns (pages 4–11), but offer several additional benefits for process GCs and field applications.

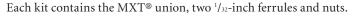
Advantages of metal MXT® PLOT columns include:

- Can be made in small coil diameters—perfect for tight spaces.
- Rugged material withstands rough handling and shock.
- Designed for robust performance in process GCs and field instruments.
- Available in 3.5"-coil diameter or 7"-diameter, 11-pin cage.

				7" diameter		7" diameter
			3.5" coil	11-pin cage	3.5" coil	11-pin cage
ID	df	temp. limits	15-Meter cat.#	15-Meter cat.#	30-Meter cat.#	30-Meter cat.#
MXT-Msieve 5A						
0.25 mm	20 µm	to 300 °C	79717-273	79717	_	_
0.53 mm	50 µm	to 300 °C	_	_	79723-273	79723
MXT-Alumina BOND/Na₂SO₄						
0.53 mm	10 µm	to 200 °C	_	_	79714-273	79714
MXT-Alumina BOND/MAPD						
0.53 mm	10 µm	to 250 °C	_	_	79728-273	79728
MXT-Q-BOND						
0.25 mm	8 µm	to 300 °C	79718-273	79718	_	_
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 280/300 °C	_	_	79716-273	79716
MXT-S-BOND						
0.53 mm	20 µm	to 250 °C	_	_	79712-273	79712

MXT® Low Dead Volume Connector Kits for Metal Columns

- Connect a guard column/transfer line to an MXT® stainless steel column.
- Low thermal mass tracks rapid oven temperature programming.
- Stainless steel ferrules and nuts.
- Available in "Y" and union configurations.
- Siltek® treatment ensures ultimate inertness.





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