

# Volatile Organics Analysis

## Rtx®-VMS (proprietary Crossbond® phase)

- Application-specific columns for volatile organic pollutants by GC/MS.
- Complete separation of US EPA Method 8260 compounds in less than 18 minutes.
- Stable to 260°C.
- No known equivalent phases.

Rtx®-VMS columns offer lower bleed, better selectivity, and overall faster analysis for separating volatile organic compounds, such as those listed in US EPA Method 8260. The Rtx®-VMS stationary phase is a highly stable polymer that provides outstanding analysis of volatile compounds, in combination with sensitive ion traps and Agilent 5973 mass spectrometers. 0.18 and 0.25mm ID columns allow sample splitting at the injection port, eliminating the added expense and maintenance of a jet separator. A 0.45mm or 0.53mm ID column can be directly connected to the purge & trap transfer line in a system equipped with a jet separator.

## Rtx®-VMS Columns (fused silica)

| ID     | df (μm) | temp. limits     | 30-Meter | 60-Meter | 75-Meter |
|--------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0.25mm | 1.40    | -40 to 240/260°C | 19915    | 19916    |          |
| 0.32mm | 1.80    | -40 to 240/260°C | 19919    | 19920    |          |
| 0.45mm | 2.55    | -40 to 240/260°C | 19908    | 19909    |          |
| 0.53mm | 3.00    | -40 to 240/260°C | 19985    | 19988    | 19974    |

| ID     | df (μm) | temp. limits     | 20-Meter | 40-Meter |
|--------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|
| 0.18mm | 1.00    | -40 to 240/260°C | 49914    | 49915    |

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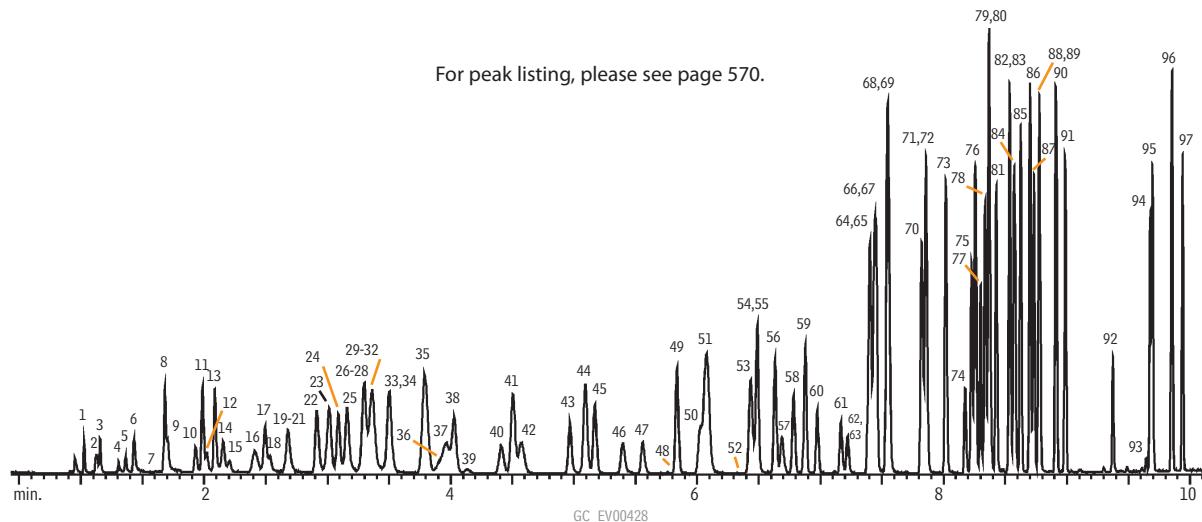
- First choice for use with dual purge & traps<sup>1</sup>
- EPA recommended surrogate used.

<sup>1</sup>A.L. Hilling and G. Smith, Environmental Testing & Analysis, 10(3), 15-19, 2001.

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## Rapid analysis of volatile organics in US EPA Method 8260B, on an Rtx®-VMS column.



Column: Rtx®-VMS, 20m, 0.18mm ID, 1.00μm (cat.# 49914)  
Conc.: 10ppb in 5mL of RO water  
unless otherwise noted; ketones at 2.5X  
Concentrator: Tekmar LSC-3100 Purge and Trap  
Trap: Vocabr 3000 (type K)  
Purge: 11 min. @ 40mL/min. (ambient temperature)  
Dry purge: 1 min. @ 40mL/min.  
Desorb preheat: 245°C  
Desorb: 250°C for 2 min., flow 40mL/min.  
Bake: 260°C for 8 min.  
Interface: 0.53mm ID Silcosteel® tubing transfer line  
1:40 split at injection port. 1mm ID liner.  
Oven temp.: 50°C (hold 4 min.) to 100°C @ 18°C/min. (hold 0 min.)  
to 230°C @ 40°C/min. (hold 3 min.)  
Carrier gas: helium @ ~1.0mL/min. constant flow  
Adjust dichlorodifluoromethane to a retention time of 1.03 min. @ 50°C.  
Detector: Agilent 5973 MSD  
Scan range: 35-300amu