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Chromatography Columns and Supplies

LC COLUMNS
Merck Chromolith

Catalogue 9

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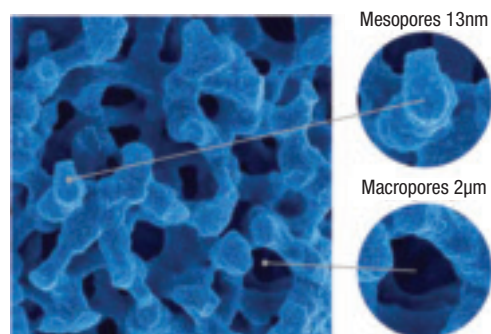
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Chromolith®

- Monolithic silica with bimodal pore structure
- Reduced back pressure compared with particulate silica
- Fast analysis, high throughput

Chromolith® HPLC columns consist of monolithic rods made of highly porous metal-free silica. The rods are mechanically stable and chemically resistant. After derivatization and endcapping the silica rods are clad in PEEK.



Specifications of Chromolith Columns

Chromolith Phase	Macropore Size (µm)	Mesopore Size (nm)	Surface Area (m ² /g)	Carbon Load (%)	Endcapped
RP-18e	1.5 ¹ 2 ²	13	300	18	Yes
High Resolution RP-18e	1.15	15	250	18	Yes
RP-8e	2	13	300	11	Yes
NH2	2	13	300	-	No
Si	2	13	300	-	No

¹ For 2mm i.d. columns

² For 3, 4.6 and 10mm i.d. columns

Features of Chromolith Columns

- **Bimodal pore structure.** Chromolith silica has a porosity exceeding 80% and a unique bimodal pore structure. A dense network of macropores, each 2µm in diameter (1.5µm for 2mm i.d. columns), dramatically reduces the column back-pressure and allows the use of faster flow rates, thereby considerably reducing the analysis time. Within the skeletal structure of the rod is a further network of mesopores, each 13nm in diameter, which provides the large active surface area for high efficiency separations.
- **Selectivity.** Chromolith columns show comparable selectivity to conventional reversed-phase columns, so existing methods can be easily transferred with only minimal method development. However, retention times are shorter on the Chromolith columns.
- **Speed of analysis.** Separations twice as fast and at half the column back pressure compared to conventional reversed-phase 5µm columns, can be achieved. Very fast analyses can be accomplished by the use of very high flow rates (up to 10ml/min). Since efficiency does not decrease with increased linear velocity as significantly as with traditional particulate columns, flow programming is feasible. Figure 1 shows the separation of a range of antihistamines on a Chromolith FastGradient RP-18e column. Ultra-high performance, combined with low operating pressures, is achieved with both UHPLC and conventional HPLC systems.
- **Column coupling.** Several Chromolith columns can be linked in series producing a column with a theoretical plate count significantly higher than particulate columns.
- **Flow programming.** Chromolith columns are very responsive to changes in flow rate, due to fast re-equilibration. Flow rates can be changed in mid flow to shorten separation time once the target compound has successfully eluted.
- **Chromolith CapRod®.** Chromolith CapRod® capillary columns combine the speed of monolithic silica technology with the sensitivity of nano LC. Columns provide excellent separations and are ideal for high throughput, high sensitivity proteomics applications. Chromolith CapRod columns are designed for use with various nano or capillary LC systems, providing high efficiency and performance when coupled to mass spectrometers, both on-line (ESI, nanospray) and off-line (MALDI). Chromolith CapRod capillary columns are supplied complete with sleeves and standard 1/16" PEEK fittings to enable direct coupling to a UV detector or mass spectrometer.

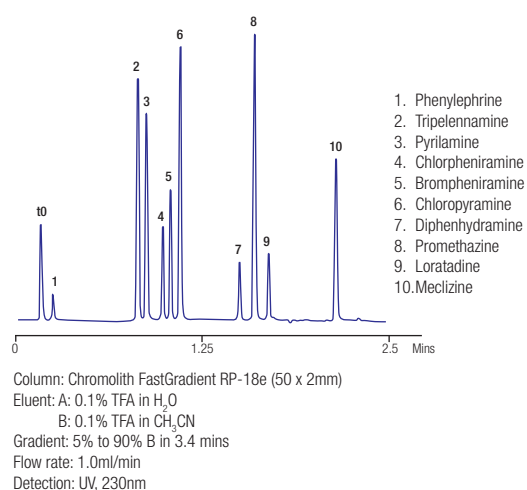


Figure 1. Ultra-fast separation of antihistamines



Chromolith® (continued)

Trapping Capillaries

Trapping capillary columns are also offered in order to protect the separation capillary column and to optimise the separation efficiency when using complex biological samples.

Chromolith SemiPrep and Prep

Chromolith® SemiPrep 10mm i.d. columns have the same bimodal porous silica rod structure as Chromolith analytical columns with 4.6mm i.d. and are ideal for direct scale-up. Columns exhibit faster sample throughput at lower operating pressure compared to semi-prep columns packed with traditional 5µm particles. For Chromolith Prep columns (100 x 25mm i.d.) the macropore size is 3µm and mesopore size 12nm.

Table 1 shows typical flow rates and loading capacities for transfer from an analytical to a preparative column.

Table 1.

	Analytical Column	Preparative Column
Dimensions (mm)	100 x 4.6	100 x 25
Typical Flow Rate (ml/min)	2	60
Loading Capacity (mg)	5	150-370
Loading Volume (µl)	5-50	100-1500



Ordering Information

Analytical Columns

Chromolith Phase	Column Dimensions ¹ (mm)	Catalogue No.	Price
FastGradient RP-18e	50 x 2	52007	
Performance RP-18e	100 x 3	52001	
Flash RP-18e	25 x 4.6	51463	
Flash NH2	25 x 4.6	52026	
SpeedROD RP-18e	50 x 4.6	51450	
SpeedROD NH2	50 x 4.6	52027	
Performance RP-18e	100 x 4.6	02129	
Performance NH2	100 x 4.6	52028	
Performance RP-8e	100 x 4.6	51468	
Performance Si	100 x 4.6	51465	

Chromolith Guard Columns and Kits	Dimensions (mm)	Catalogue No.	Price
RP-18e (3/pk)	5 x 4.6	51451	
RP-18e (3/pk)	10 x 4.6	51452	
RP-18e Guard Column Kit (1 holder + 3 guard cartridges)	5 x 4.6	51470	
RP-18e Guard Column Kit (1 holder + 3 guard cartridges)	10 x 4.6	51471	

¹ Other dimensions available

CapRod® Capillary Columns

Chromolith Phase	Column Dimensions (mm)	Cat. No.	Price
CapRod RP-18e	150 x 0.05	50403	
CapRod RP-8e	150 x 0.1	50400	
CapRod RP-8e Trap	50 x 0.1	52031	
CapRod RP-18e Trap	50 x 0.1	50426	
CapRod RP-18e	150 x 0.1	50402	

Chromolith Phase	Column Dimensions (mm)	Cat. No.	Price
CapRod RP-18e	300 x 0.1	50424	
CapRod RP-18e HR	150 x 0.1	50404	
CapRod RP-18e Trap	50 x 0.2	50409	
CapRod RP-18e	150 x 0.2	50405	
CapRod RP-18e HR	150 x 0.2	50407	

SemiPrep and Prep Columns

Chromolith Phase	Column Dimensions (mm)		Guard Cartridges	
	100 x 10	100 x 25	For 10mm i.d. Columns ¹	For 25mm i.d. Columns ²
RP-18e	52016	25252	52036	25261
Si	52015	25251	52035	25260

¹ Use with SemiPrep guard cartridge holder 52037

² For Prep guard cartridge holder please enquire