



HPLC Column Selection Guide for Small Molecule Separation

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Fused-Core® (Superficially porous silica particles, SPP)

- Analytical scale Micro / UHPLC / HPLC
- Highest efficiency (Resolution)

Ascentis® Express

BEST Fused-Core UHPLC column! Fast on any System! The Lab Work-horse column!

1.2 µm, 2.0 µm, 2.7 µm, 3.3 µm, 5.0 µm

Rapid, Robust and Cost-efficient results with high matrix-tolerance

Monolithic silica

- Scalable from Micro-LC to Semi-Preparative
- Outstanding matrix tolerance, extended lifetime
- Rapid separations at high flow rates and very low column backpressure

Type B Silica

Chromolith®

Average pore size	Macropores	Micropores
Chromolith® Performance (130 Å)	13 nm	2 µm
Chromolith® 2 mm ID (130 Å)	13 nm	1.5 µm
Chromolith® HR (150 Å)	15 nm	1.15 µm

Outstanding reliability and performance in HPLC or UHPLC

Fully porous silica particles (FPP)

- Scalable from Micro-LC to Preparative LC
- High loadability

Type A Silica

Purosphere® STAR Discovery®/Ascentis® Titan®

1.9 µm, 2 µm, 3 µm, 3.5 µm, 4 µm, 5 µm, 10 µm

High pH stability

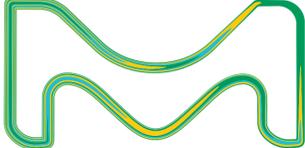
Fully porous polymeric particles

- Analytical HPLC
- pH stability from 0-14

Coming Soon: New Supel™ Carbon LC Column

3 µm, 3.3 µm, 4 µm

Retention/Selectivity	Sample Type	Column	Particle Size	MS	Other			
HYDROPHOBIC	Fat soluble vitamins (A, D, E, K) Lipids Carotenoid isomers	C30 USP L62	2.7 µm	MS				
	Diverse analytes ranging from medium polar to non-polar	C18 USP L1	2.7, 5 µm	MS	Chromolith® RP-18 endcapped (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	Purosphere® STAR RP-18 endcapped, 2, 3, 5 µm Discovery® HS C18, 3, 5 µm Ascentis® C18, 3, 5, 10 µm Titan® C18, 1.9 µm		
		Chromolith® HR RP-18 endcapped (Efficiency is comparable to 3 µm particle separation)	LiChrospher® RP-18/18e, 5, 10 µm Superspher® RP-18/18e, 4 µm Supelcosil® LC-18, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-18-T, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-18-DB, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-PAH, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-18-S, 5 µm					
	If too much retention on C18	Amino Acids Esters	C8 USP L7	2, 2.7, 5 µm	MS	Chromolith® RP-8 endcapped (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation) Chromolith® HR RP-8 endcapped (Efficiency is comparable to 3 µm particle separation)	Purosphere® STAR RP-8 endcapped, 2, 3, 5 µm Discovery® C8, 5 µm Ascentis® C8, 3, 5, 10 µm	
		LiChrospher® RP-8/8e, 5, 10 µm LiChrospher® RP select B, 5, 10 µm Superspher® RP-8/8e, 4 µm Supelcosil® LC-8-DB, 3, 5 µm						
	If poor Peak Shape (Basic Compounds)	Closely related compounds	Alcohols, Acids, Phenols and Catechins	RP-Amide USP L60	MS	Discovery® RP-AmideC16, 5 µm Ascentis® RP-Amide, 3, 5, 10 µm	Supelcosil® ABZ 5 µm Supelcosil® ABZ-Plus 3, 5 µm	
			Electron-rich compounds, aromatics, unsaturated compounds with double and/or triple bonds	F5 (PFP) USP L43	MS	Discovery® HS F5, 3, 5 µm		
	For aromatic compounds	Pi-Pi Interactions	Electron-poor molecules, and compounds containing halogen atoms aromatic or unsaturated compounds (ketones, nitriles, alkenes)	Phenyl USP L11	MS	Chromolith® Phenyl (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	Purosphere® STAR Phenyl, 2, 3, 5 µm Ascentis® Phenyl, 3, 5 µm	Supelcosil® LC-DP, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-3DP, 5 µm
			Compounds with polar groups	C1 (Methyl) USP L13			Supelcosil® LC-1, 5 µm	
	HYDROPHILIC	When retention too short or inadequate Separation on C18	For polar compounds when elution starts with high water content	Acids, bases, polar analytes	AQ C18 USP L1	MS	Purosphere® STAR RP-18 endcapped, 2, 3, 5 µm	
Amide USP L68					Supelcosil® Suplex pKb-100, 5 µm			
Polar analytes with Log P values near or less than 0			OHS (Penta) USP L95	MS				
Polar and very polar bases, acids and neutrals			Diol USP L20	MS	Chromolith® Diol (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	GreenSep® Diol, 1.8 µm Astec® Diol, 5 µm	LiChrospher® Diol, 5, 10 µm Supelcosil® LC-Diol, 5 µm	
Cyano USP L10			MS	Chromolith® CN (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	Discovery® CN, 5 µm Ascentis® ES-Cyano, 3, 5 µm	LiChrospher® CN, 5, 10 µm Supelcosil® LC-CN, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-PCN, 5 µm		
HILIC		Polar analytes and sugars	Amino USP L8	MS	Chromolith® NH2 (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	Purosphere® STAR NH2, 5 µm	LiChrospher® NH2, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC-NH2, 3, 5 µm	
		Polar and very polar bases, acids and neutrals, especially with Log P < 0.5	Si USP L3	MS	Chromolith® Si (Efficiency is comparable to 5 µm particle separation)	Purosphere® STAR Si, 5 µm Ascentis® Si, 3, 5 µm	LiChrospher® Si 60, 5, 10 µm Superspher® Si 60, 4 µm Supelcosil® LC-Si, 3, 5 µm Supelcosil® LC3-Si, 5, 10 µm	
		Polar and very polar bases, acids and neutrals, Log P < 1	ZIC-HILIC USP L114 USP L122	MS	USP 114 (Sulfobetain) SeQuant® ZIC-HILIC, 3.5, 5 µm	USP 122 SeQuant® ZIC-pHILIC 3, 5 µm		
For polar, hydrophilic, ionic compounds		Ion Exchange	Cations	SCX USP L9/ L52		Supelcosil® LC-SCX, 5 µm		
			Anions	SAX USP L14		Supelcosil® SAX1, 5 µm		
	Ion Exclusion	Carbohydrates, organic acids and alcohols	Ca USP L19 H USP L17 Pb USP L34		SupelCOGEL™ Ca, 9 µm SupelCOGEL™ 8Ca, 9 µm SupelCOGEL™ H, 9 µm SupelCOGEL™ 8H, 9 µm SupelCOGEL™ Pb, 9 µm SupelCOGEL™ 8Pb, 9 µm			



MS Preferred column for LC-MS use

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