



## *New Agilent J&W Ultra Inert Capillary GC Columns*

Raising the Bar for **CONSISTENT** Column Inertness Performance

# Trace Level Analysis Made Routine

# Outline

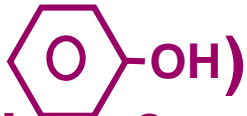
- What is inertness?
- Evolution of capillary column QC Testing
- Value of Consistent Column Inertness and Exceptionally Low Bleed
- Application examples
- Take away messages

# GC System Inertness

## What do we mean?

Problems with poor inertness usually limited to “active” solutes.

For example:

Alcohols & Diols (-OH), Phenols ()  
Amines (-NH<sub>3</sub>), Acids (COOH), Thiols &  
Sulfur in general like to tail.

Thermally labile and structurally “strained” solutes will breakdown or rearrange, e.g., DDT, Endrin, Carbamates, Nitroglycerines.

# What Does GC System Inertness Look Like?

**Easier question: What does poor inertness look like?**

Symptoms of poor GC system inertness:

- \* Tailing peaks
- \* Reduced peak response
- \* No peak response
- \* Extra peaks!
- \* Poor linearity of a peak – usually at low concentrations
- \* Unstable detector baseline

# GC System Inertness

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Problems with poor inertness usually limited to “active” solutes.

**Tailing or breakdown of “benign” solutes is symptomatic of a more generalized system problem, usually related to gross contamination.**

# Possible Inertness Problem Areas

## Inlet

- liner, liner packing, gold seal, stainless steel

## Consumables

- septa, syringe, vial, caps, inserts, solvents

## Column

## GC Detector

- source geometry, material, column interface, acquisition rates

## Temperatures

- inlet, transfer line, source, quads, oven

**Other method factors i.e. samples and standards preparation**

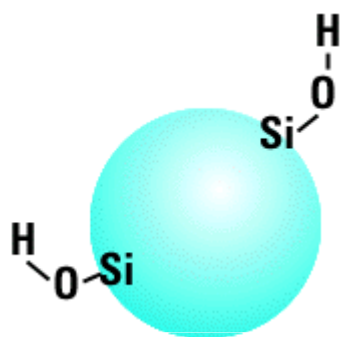
# How important is Column inertness to overall Flowpath Inertness?

## GC Flowpath Surface Areas

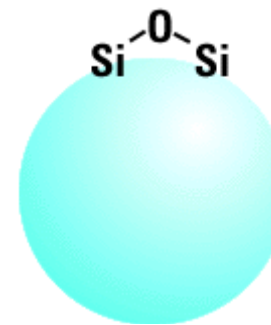
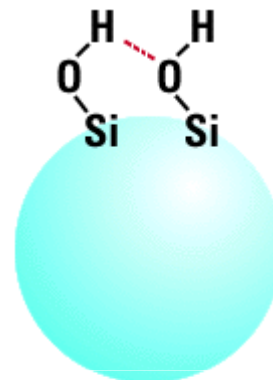
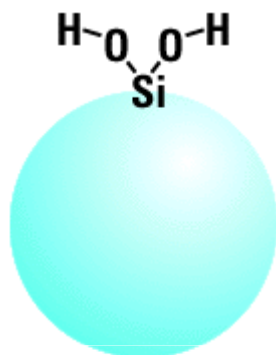
	l (cm)	d (cm)	pi	Surface Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )
Liner	7	0.2	3.142	4.4
Seal	0.4	0.8	3.142	1.0
Column	3000	0.025	3.142	235.6

# Where does column activity come from?

Isolated Geminal



Vicinal Siloxane



Sterically difficult to “cap” all of them—estimates 40-65% capped with traditional deactivation.

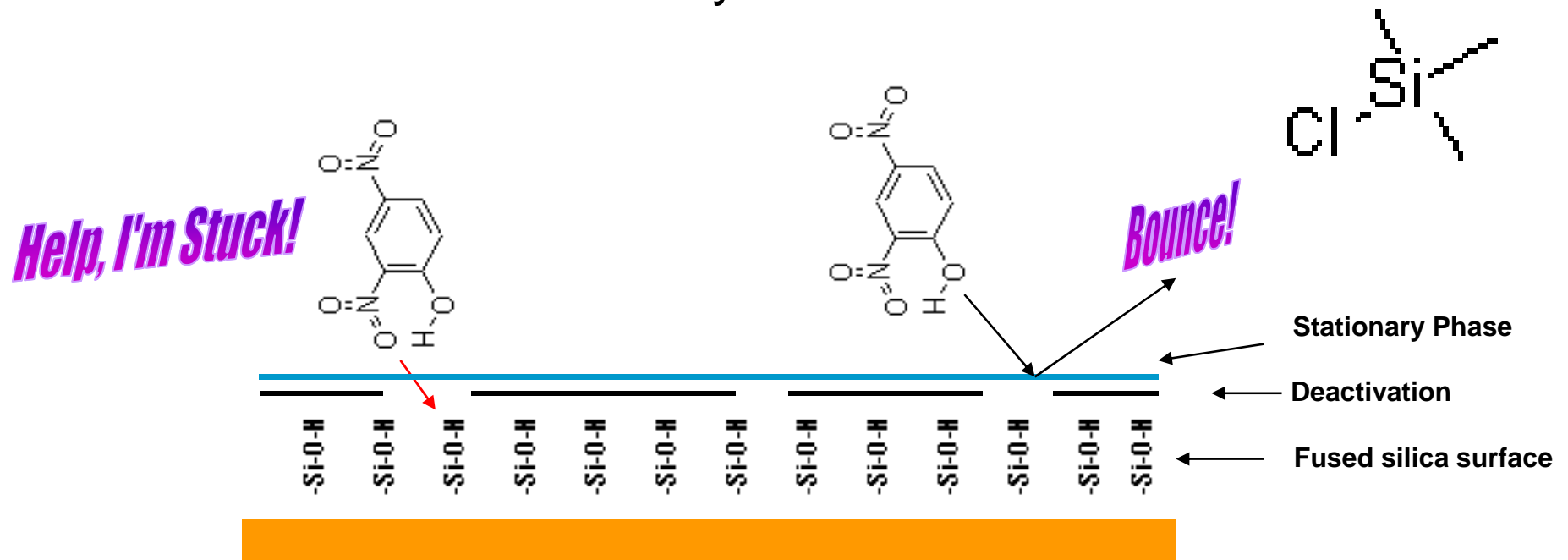
Non-traditional sources such as trace impurities in starting materials and manufacturing lines.



# Traditional Deactivations

Dichlorodimethylsilane, various silizanes, etc... “endcaps”

Traditional deactivation has gaps in surface coverage due to bulky TMS type moieties, and tight fused silica lattice, and is somewhat inert and chemically resistant.

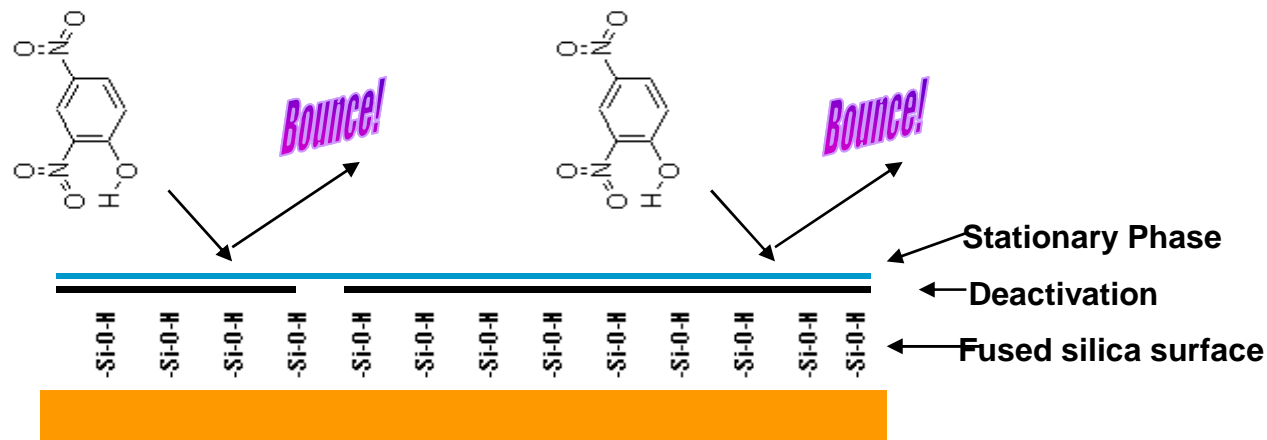


# DB-5ms and HP-5ms Engineered Deactivations

## Polymeric Deactivation Technology



“Binds” at multiple points with many silanols



“Blankets” sterically hindered active silanols, fewer silanols

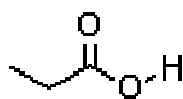
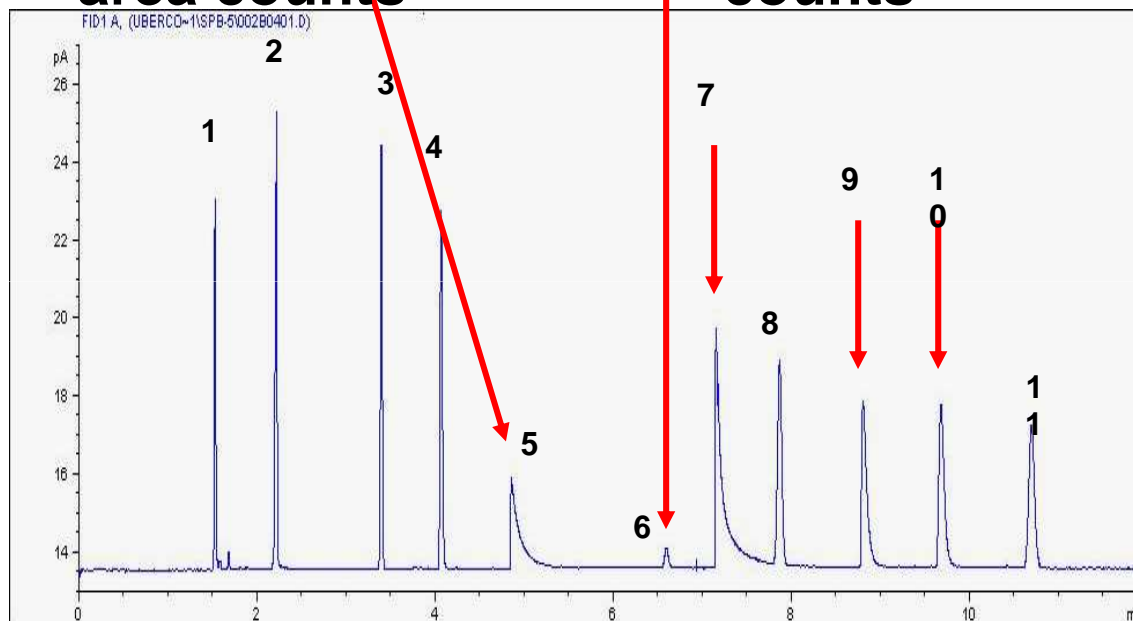
# What does Column Activity look like?

Tailing, and loss of response.

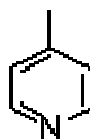
**Loss of peak height, but same area counts**

**Loss of peak height and area counts**

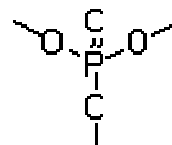
	Probe	0.5 ul inj, 1:50 split, (ng)
1	Methane	?
2	Propionic Acid	7.0
3	Octane	2.4
4	Nitrobutane	4.9
5	4-Picoline	2.7
6	Trimethyl Phosphate	12.7
7	1,2-Pentandiol	5.4
8	Propylbenzene	2.2
9	1-Hetpanol	3.3
10	3-Octanone	3.0
11	Decane	2.2



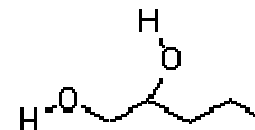
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# What are the specific benefits of High Inertness?

**Greater sensitivity for traditional trace active analytes**

**meet RRF requirements with greater ease**

**more runs before maintenance**

**Greater reliability for ultra-trace non-traditionally active analytes (<100 ppb PAHs, Chlorinated dioxins, etc...)**

# Who benefits from High Inertness Columns?

**Anyone** doing trace analysis of active analytes

Environmental semivolatile analysts

Pesticide residue analysts

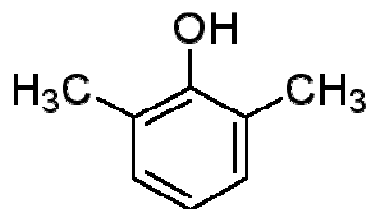
Forensic/Drug analysts

Anyone in Industry, Government, or Academia interested in  
**ultra-trace amounts of even modestly active analytes**

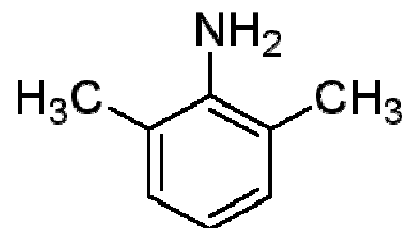
# Test Probes and Column Activity QC Testing

- Test probes are vital to ensure the quality and reproducibility of GC columns
  - Properly deactivated
  - Contain the correct amount of stationary phase
  - consistent batch-to-batch relative retention time
- Test probes can either highlight or mask the deficiencies of a column, normally include:
  - An organic acid (peak tailing or lost response of acid indicates the column is basic)
  - A base (peak tailing or lost response of base indicates the column is acidic)
  - An alcohol (gives indication of any oxygen damage or exposed silanols)
  - Non-active probes (e.g. alkanes)
- Good test probes allows the probative portion of the test module to penetrate and fully interact with the columns stationary phase and surface.
  - Low molecular weight
  - Low boiling points
  - No steric shielding of active group

# Weak Probes vs. Strong Probes



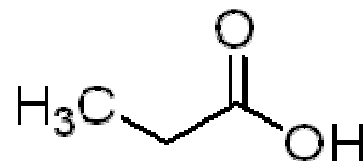
2,6-Dimethylphenol



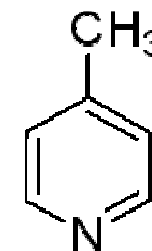
2,6-Dimethylaniline

## Weak Probes

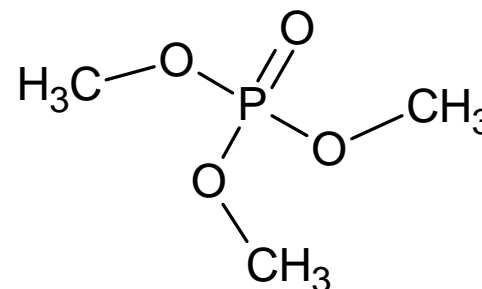
Acidic and basic portion of the molecules are shielded by the methyl groups of the 2,6-dimethyl substituted phenyl ring



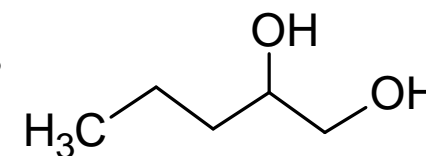
1-Propionic acid



4-Picoline



Trimethyl phosphate



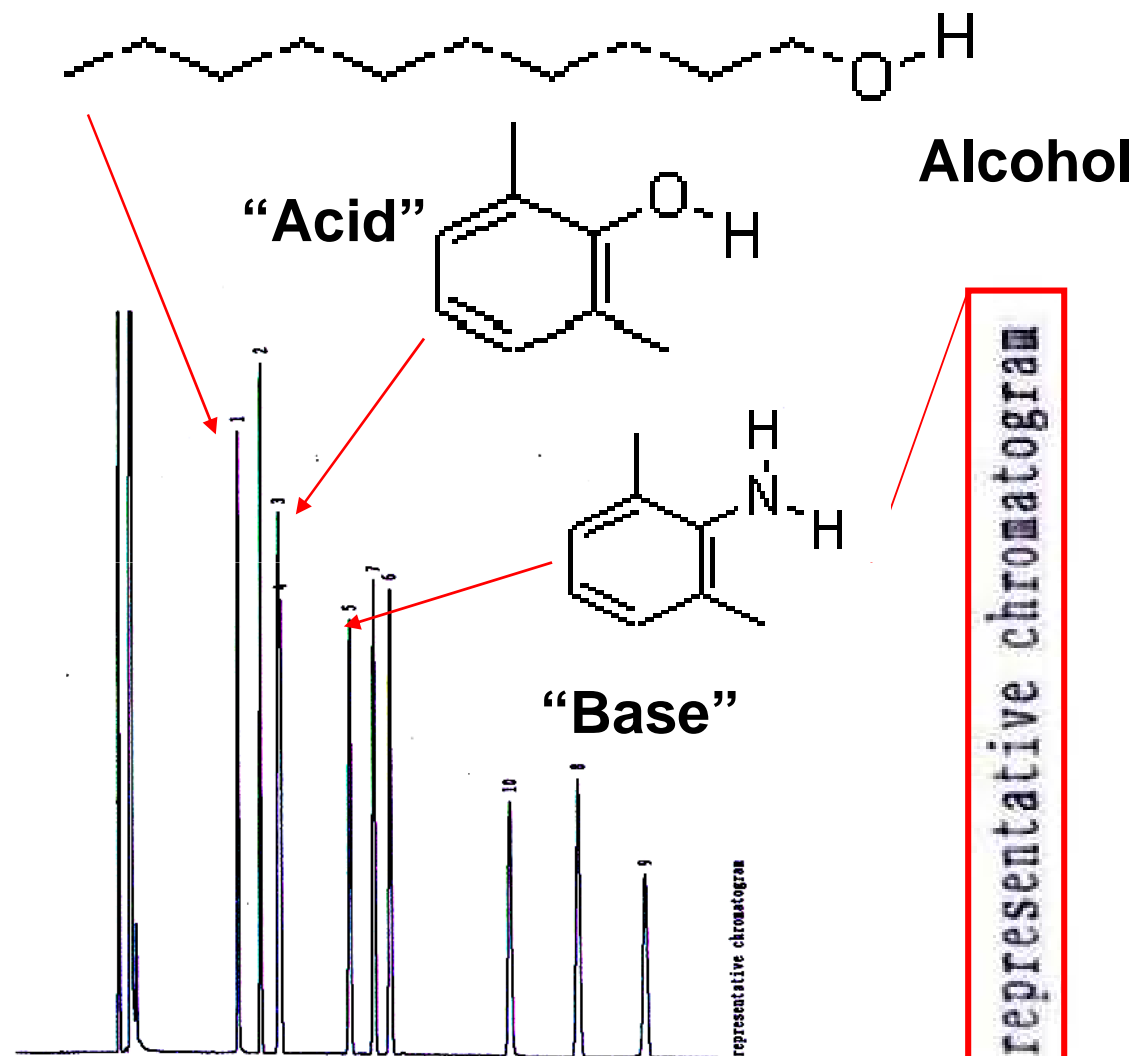
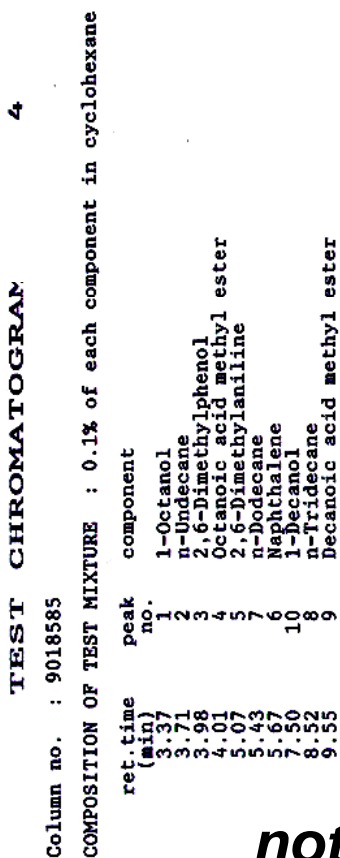
1,2-Pentandiol

## Stronger Probes

Active end of each compound is available to interact with any active sites on the columns

# How is High GC column Inertness Assured?

Not like this!

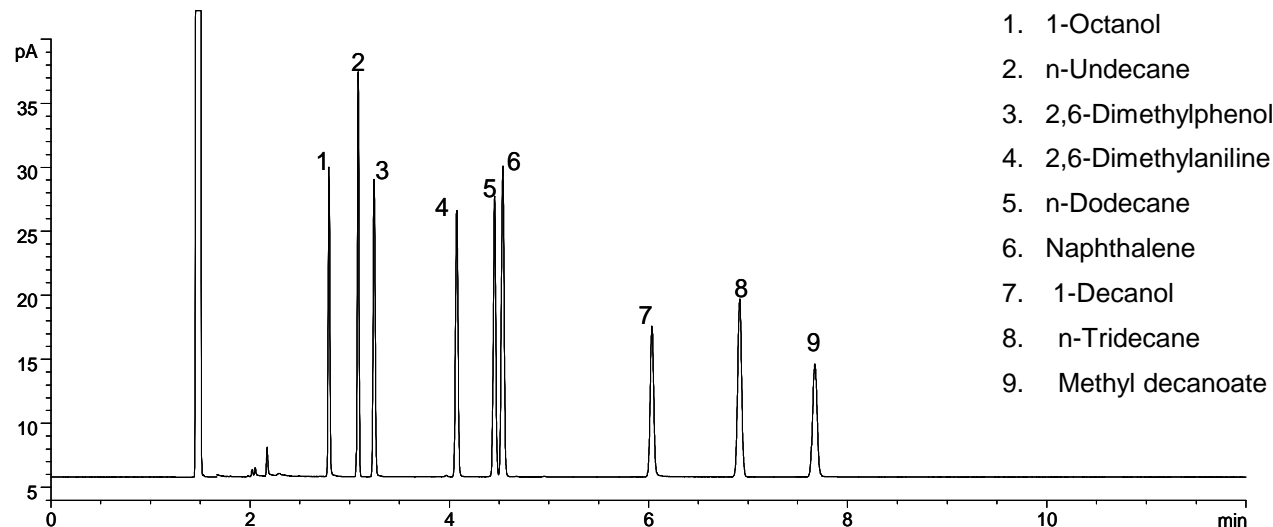


not an Agilent test!



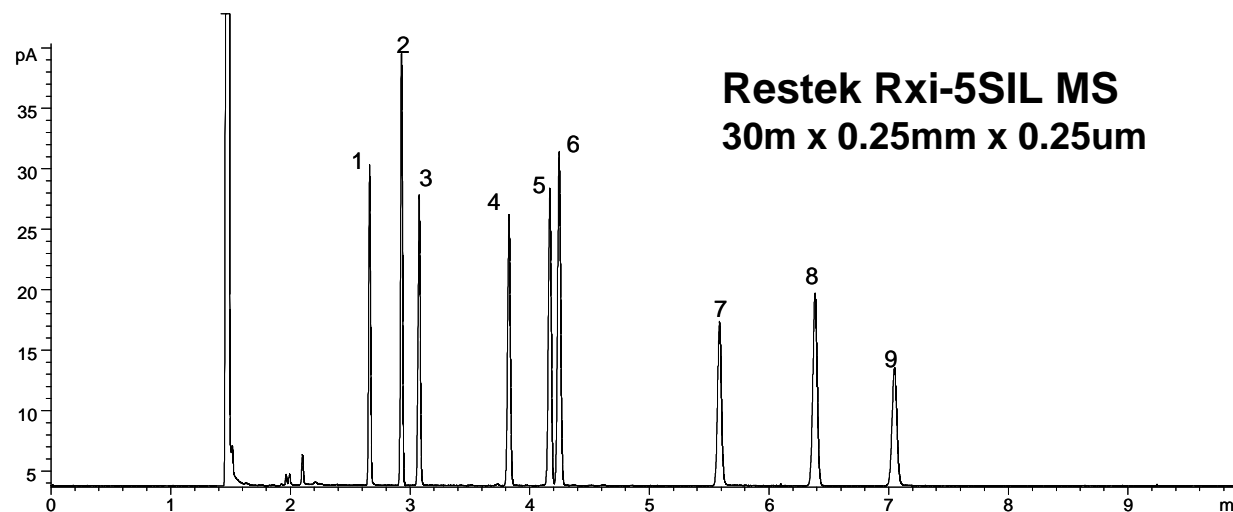
# Grob-Type Mix - QC Testing of the 80s

**Agilent J&W DB-5ms  
Ultra Inert  
30m x 0.25mm x 0.25um  
(P/N 122-5532UI)**



1. 1-Octanol
2. n-Undecane
3. 2,6-Dimethylphenol
4. 2,6-Dimethylaniline
5. n-Dodecane
6. Naphthalene
7. 1-Decanol
8. n-Tridecane
9. Methyl decanoate

- Less demanding test mix
- Less probative probes for column activity
- Elevated oven temperature at 120°C allows the molecules to sweep past active sites and mask solute/column interactions.



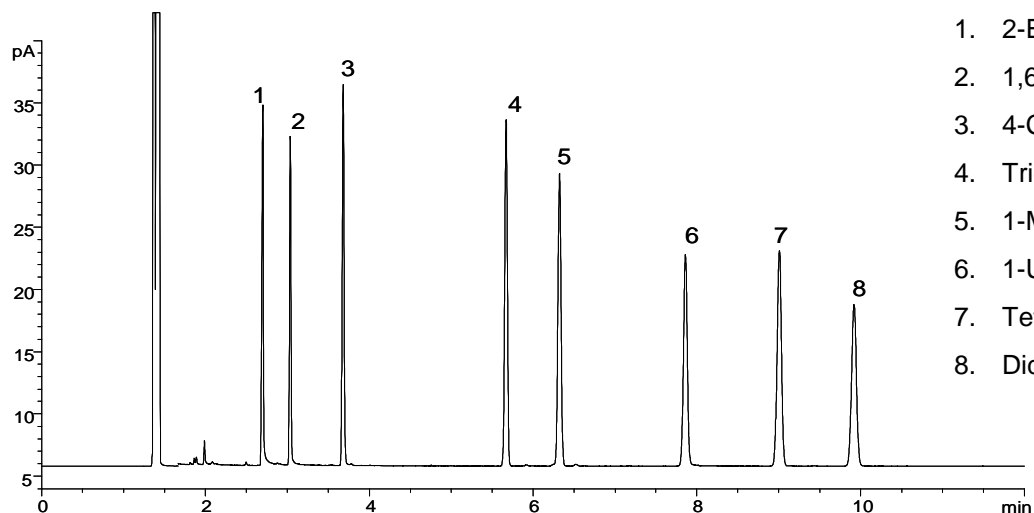
**Restek Rxi-5SIL MS  
30m x 0.25mm x 0.25um**

Sampler: Agilent 7683B, 5 µL syringe (Agilent part # 5181-1273), 1.5 µL split injection, 4 ng each component  
Carrier: Hydrogen constant pressure 37 cm/s  
Inlet: Split/splitless; 250 °C, 1.4 ml/min. column flow, split flow 100 ml/min.  
Liner: Deactivated single taper w glass wool (Agilent part # 5183-4647)  
Oven: 120 °C isothermal  
Detection: FID at 325 °C, 450 ml/min. air, 40 ml/min. hydrogen, 45 ml/min. nitrogen makeup

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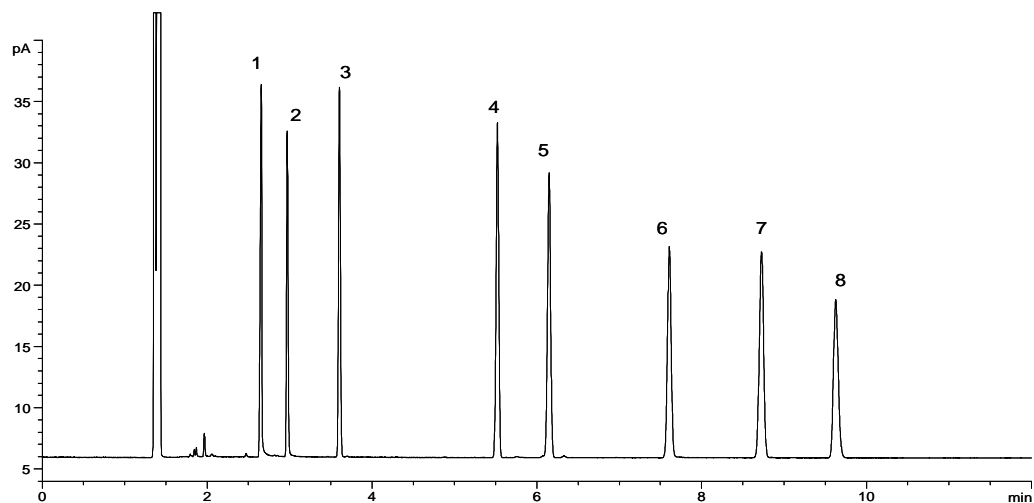
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Ultra Inert  
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(P/N 122-5532UI)**



1. 2-Ethylhexanic acid
2. 1,6-Hexanediol
3. 4-Chlorophenol
4. Tridecane
5. 1-Methylnaphthalene
6. 1-Undecanol
7. Tetradecane
8. Dichlorohexylamine

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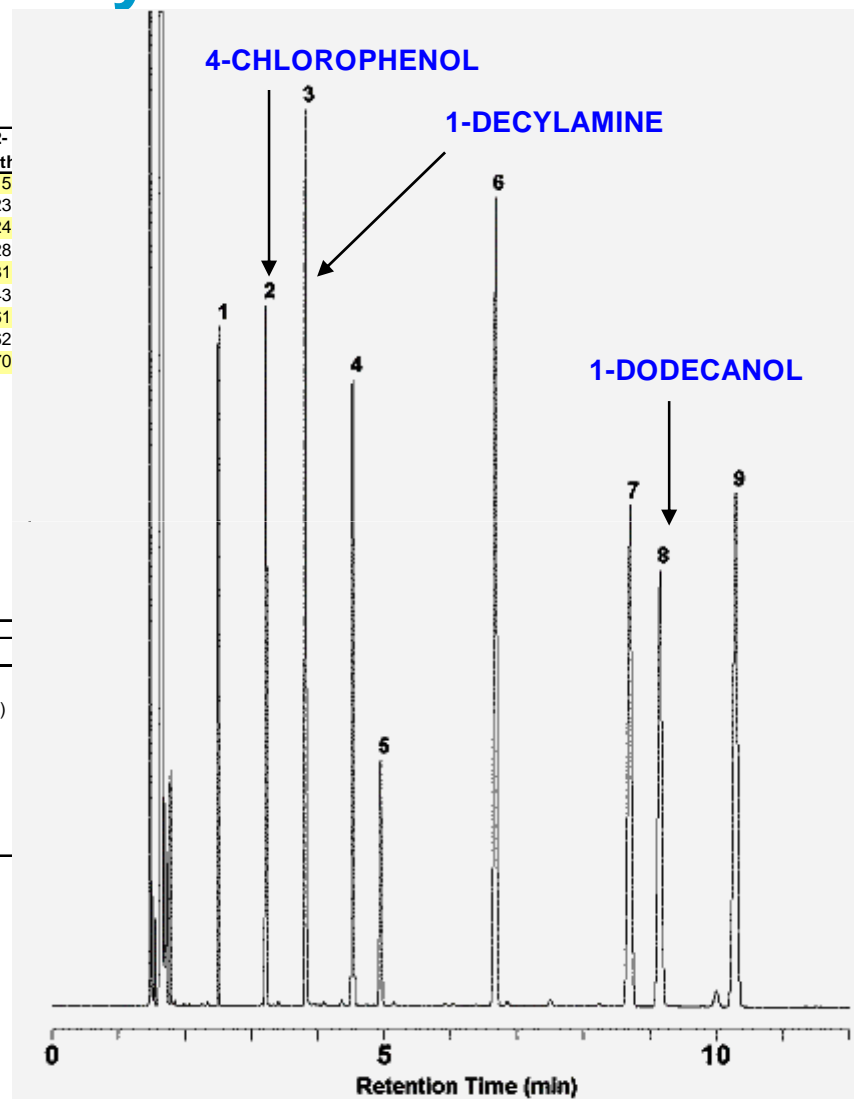
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**Carrier:** Hydrogen constant pressure 38 cm/s  
**Inlet:** Split/splitless; 250 °C, 1.4 ml/min. column flow, split flow 75 ml/min.  
**Liner:** Deactivated single taper w glass wool (Agilent part # 5183-4647)  
**Oven:** 125 °C isothermal  
**Detection:** FID at 320 °C, 450 ml/min. air, 40 ml/min. hydrogen, 45 ml/min. nitrogen makeup

# How Agilent Assures High Inertness on the HP-5ms columns, with Every Test

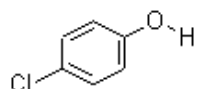
Performance Results	
<b>Theoretical Plates/Meter:</b>	
PENTADECANE	3945
<b>Retention Index:</b>	
METHYL CAPRATE	1324.1
ACENAPHTHYLENE	1462.2
1-DODECANOL	1473.8
<b>Peak Height Ratio:</b>	
1-DODECANOL, TETRADECANE	0.54
1-DECYLAMINE, TRIDECANE	1.43
4-CHLOROPHENOL, TRIDECANE	1.12

Compound Identification	Retent. Time	Part. Ratio	1/2-Width
1. UNDECANE	2.506	.70	.015
2. 4-CHLOROPHENOL	3.222	1.18	.023
3. 1-DECYLAMINE	3.813	1.58	.024
4. TRIDECANE	4.528	2.07	.028
5. METHYL CAPRATE	4.946	2.35	.031
6. TETRADECANE	6.677	3.52	.043
7. ACENAPHTHYLENE	8.700	4.89	.061
8. 1-DODECANOL	9.155	5.20	.062
9. PENTADECANE	10.293	5.97	.070

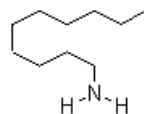
Test Conditions	
Inlet: Split (275°C)	Detector: FID (325°C)
Carrier Gas: Hydrogen	Flow: 33.9 cm/sec (1.0 ml/min)
Holdup Compound: Pentane	(1.477-min)
Temperature Program: Isothermal at 135°C	



Acid



Base

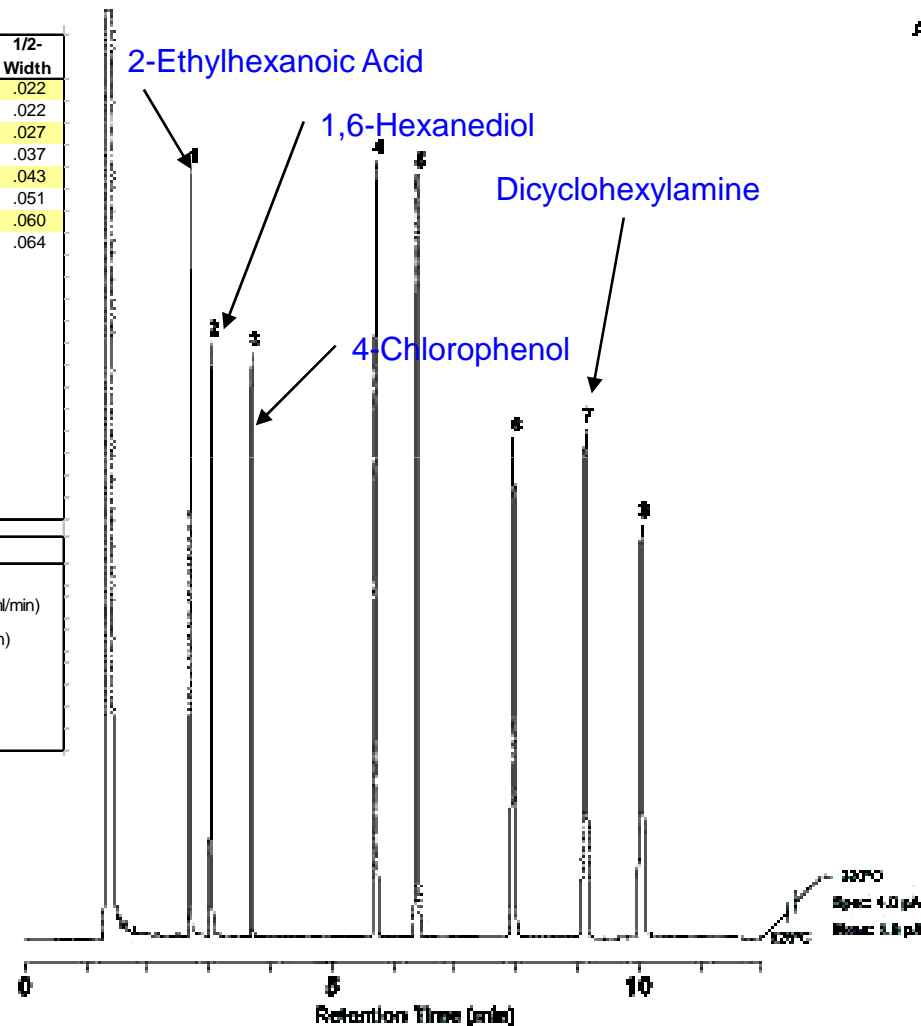


Alcohol



# How Agilent Assures High Inertness on the DB-5ms columns, with Every Test

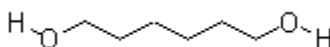
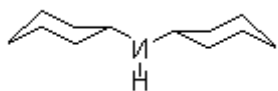
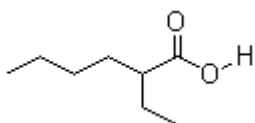
Performance Results		Compound Identification			
Theoretical Plates/Meter:		Retent. Time	Part. Ratio	1/2-Width	
TETRADECANE	4165	1. 2-ETHYLHEXANOIC ACID	2.655	1.05	.022
UTE%:		2. 1,6-HEXANEDIOL	2.990	1.31	.022
TETRADECANE	89.9%	3. 4-CHLOROPHENOL	3.635	1.80	.027
Retention Index:		4. TRIDECA NE	5.627	3.34	.037
1-METHYLNAPHTHALENE	1323.7	5. 1-METHYLNAPHTHALENE	6.283	3.84	.043
1-UNDECANOL	1370.7	6. 1-UNDECANOL	7.820	5.03	.051
		7. TETRADECANE	8.963	5.91	.060
		8. DICYCLOHEXYLAMINE	9.877	6.62	.064
Test Conditions					
Inlet: Split (250°C)		Detector: FID (320°C)			
Carrier Gas: Hydrogen		Flow: 38.6 cm/sec (1.2 ml/min)			
Holdup Compound: Methane		(1.297-min)			
Temperature Program: Isothermal at 125°C					



Acid

Base

Diol



# Ultra Inert Test Mix – QC Testing for Today's Demanding Applications

Probe	(ng on column)	Column functional test
1. 1-Propionic acid	1.0	Basicity
2. 1-Octene	0.5	Polarity
3. n-Octane	0.5	Hydrocarbon marker
4. 4-Picoline	1.0	Acidity
5. n-Nonane	1.0	Hydrocarbon marker
6. Trimethyl phosphate	1.0	Acidity
7. 1,2-Pentanediol	1.0	Silanol
8. n-Propylbenzene	1.0	Hydrocarbon marker
9. 1-Heptanol	1.0	Silanol
10. 3-Octanone	1.0	Polarity
11. n-Decane	1.0	Hydrocarbon marker

- Carefully selected very demanding test probes for in-depth evaluation of column inertness
- Test temperature 65°C (isothermal), well below that normally used in conventional tests

**Sampler:** Agilent 7683B, 0.5 µL syringe (Agilent part # 5188-5246), 0.02 µL split injection

**Carrier:** Hydrogen constant pressure, 38 cm/s

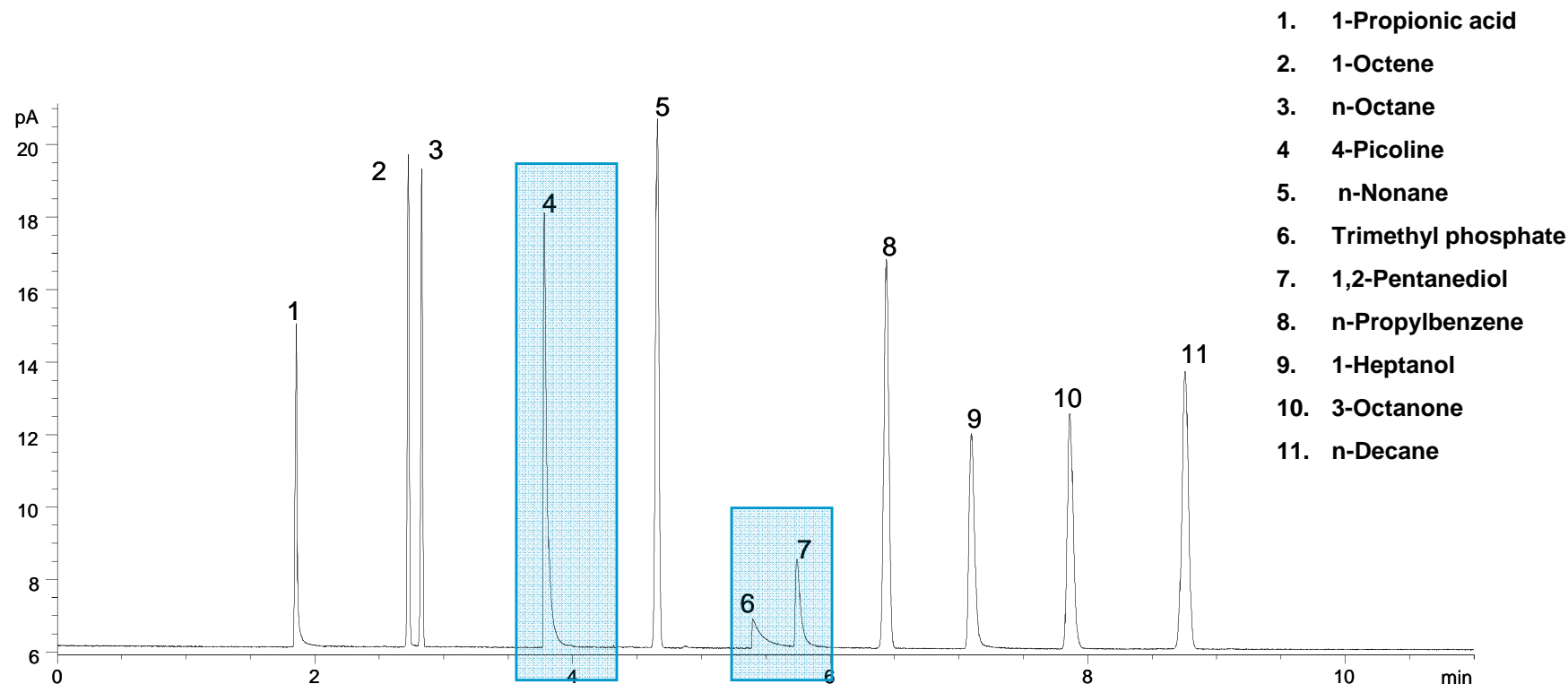
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**Liner:** Deactivated single taper w glass wool (Agilent part # 5183-4647)

**Oven:** 65 °C isothermal

**Detection:** FID at 325 °C, 450 ml/min. air, 40 ml/min. hydrogen, 45 ml/min., nitrogen makeup

# Ultra Inert Test Mix on Restek Rxi-5Sil MS



**All highlighted peaks have poor peak shape – poor column deactivation**

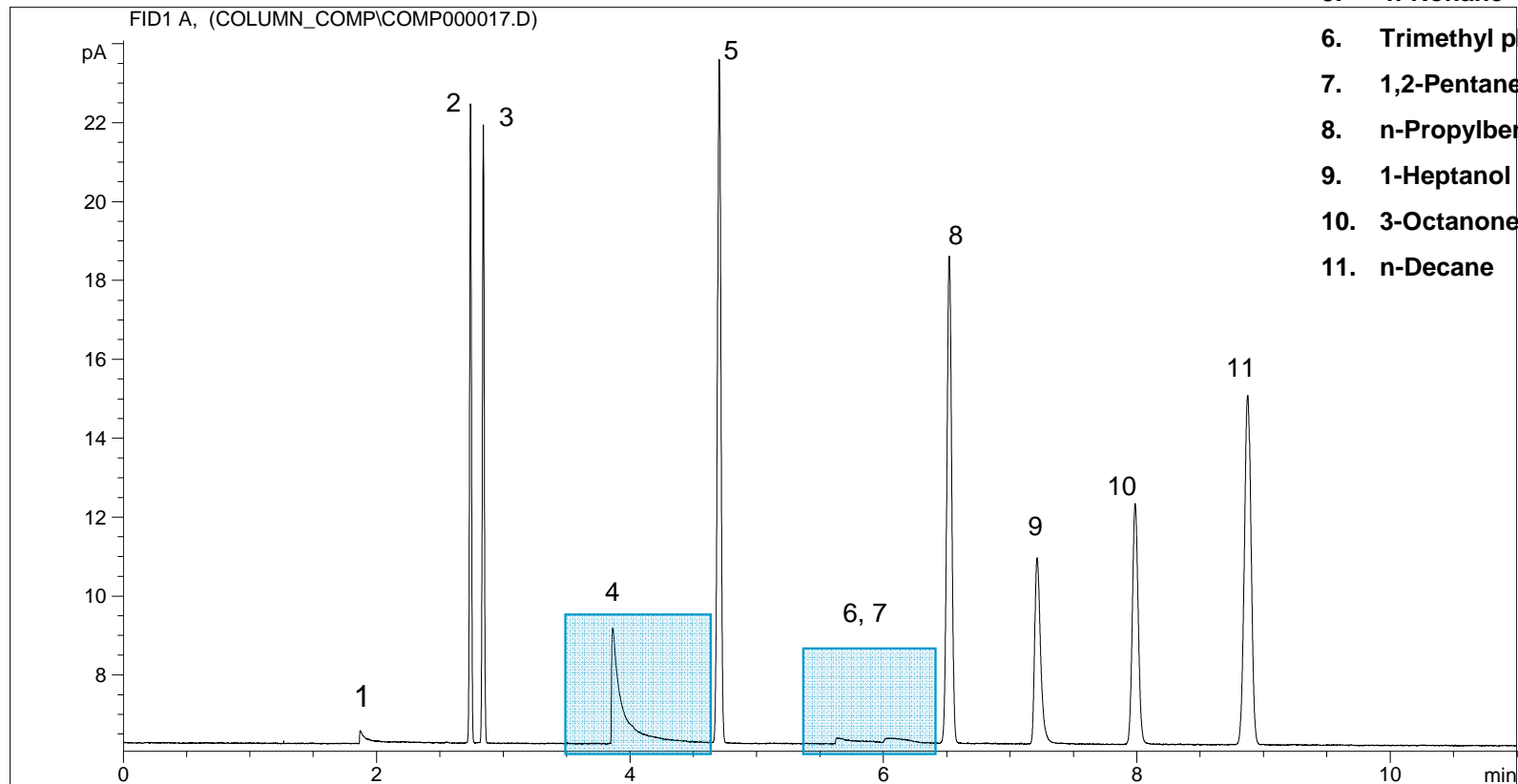
- The Restek column showed very poor performance when tested against the Über One test mix.
- Less demanding test probes masked the column activity for this Restek columns
  - The same column performed well with Grob-type test mix and DB-5ms test mix

# Ultra Inert Test Mix on a Phenomenex Column

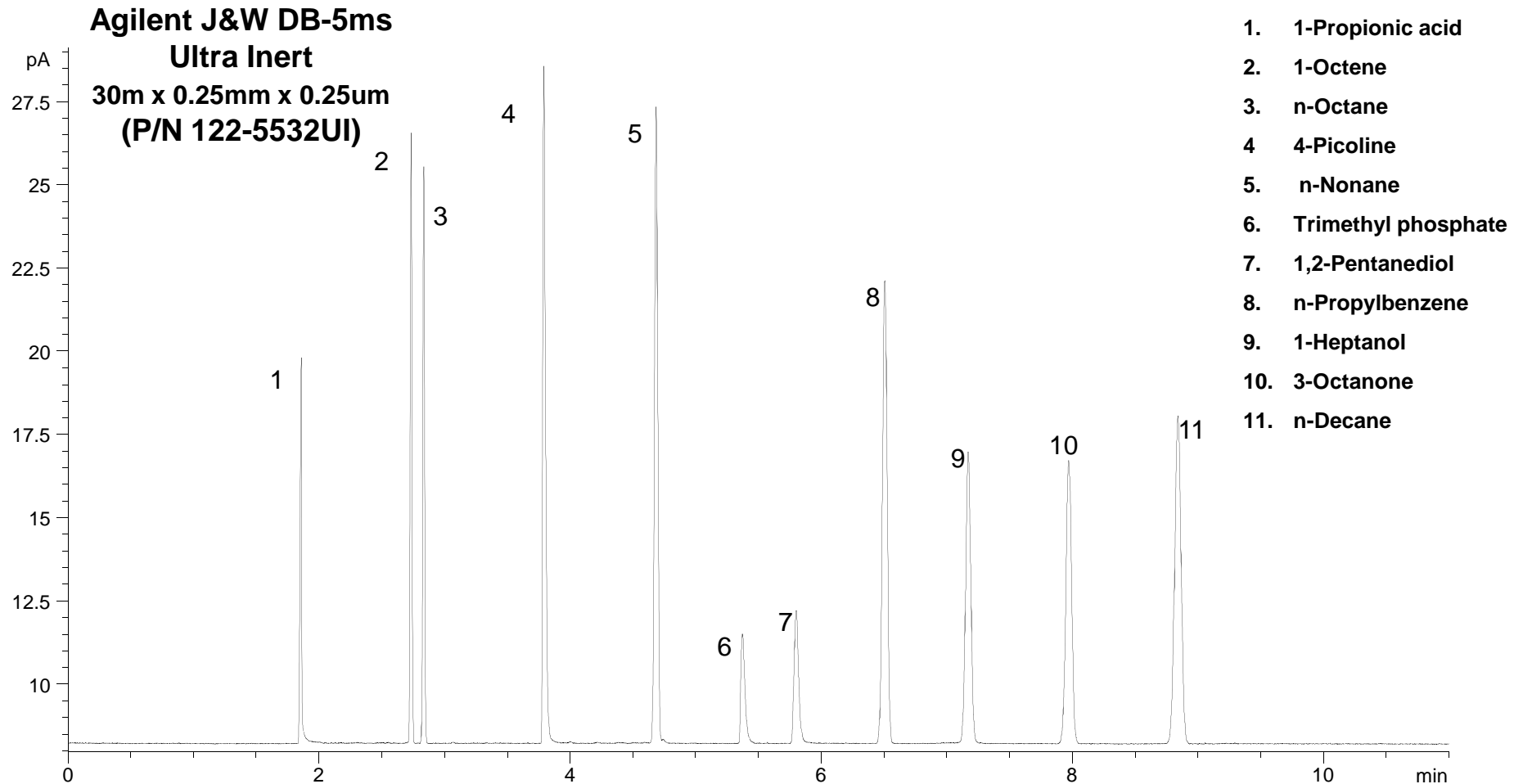
Phenomenex ZB-5ms  
30m x 0.25mm x 0.25um

All highlighted peaks have  
poor peak shape with  
obvious loss of responses.

1. 1-Propionic acid
2. 1-Octene
3. n-Octane
4. 4-Picoline
5. n-Nonane
6. Trimethyl phosphate
7. 1,2-Pentanediol
8. n-Propylbenzene
9. 1-Heptanol
10. 3-Octanone
11. n-Decane



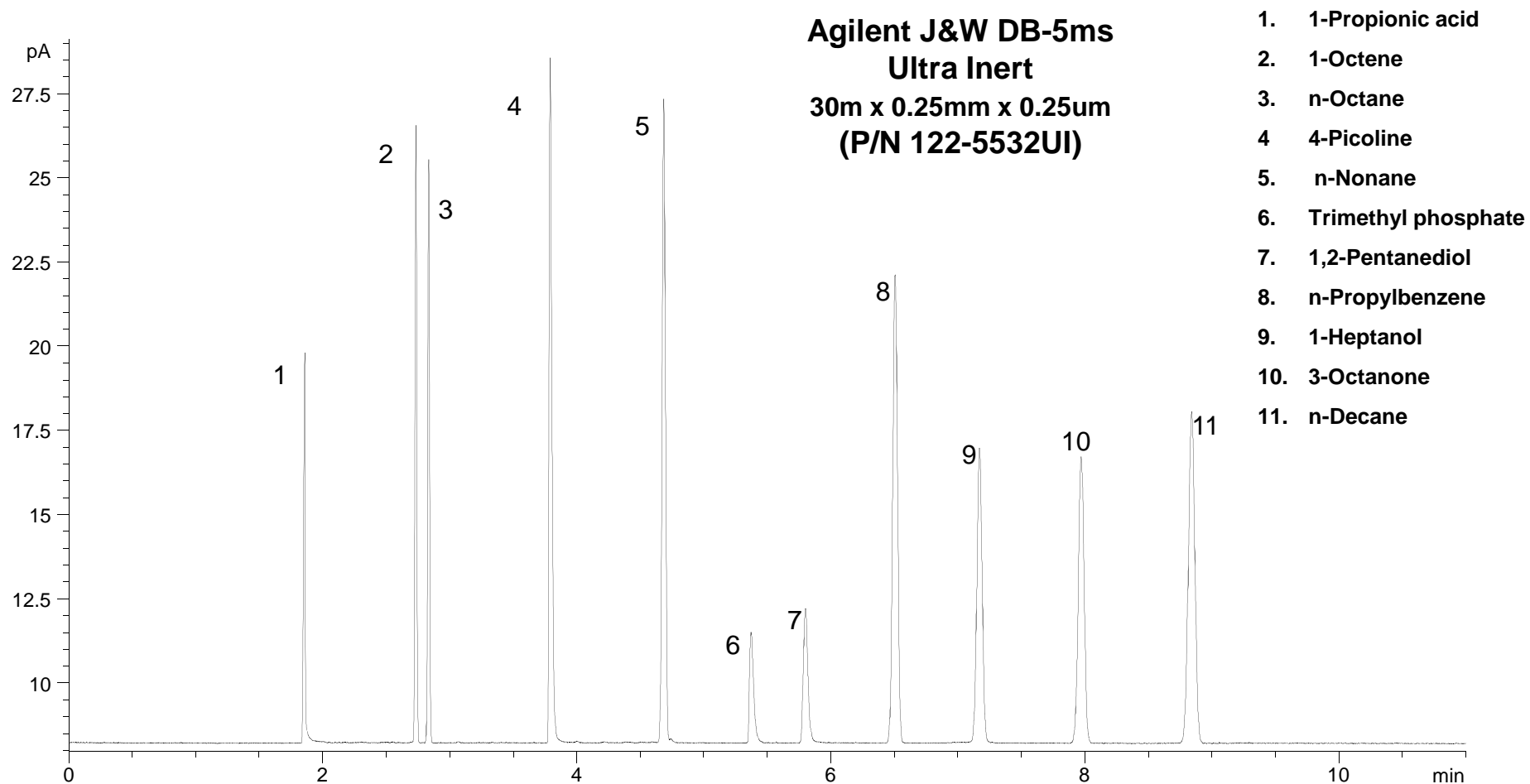
# Ultra Inert Test Mix on Agilent J&W DB-5ms Ultra Inert



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# Test Mix Summary

- Grob-type mix not probative for inertness
- DB-5ms text mix is a good test for the 90s
- Über One mix probes inertness and differentiates an excellent column from a mediocre one
- Well designed test mix uncovers potential adsorption of acid and base analytes and raises the bar in inertness QC

# Challenges and Needs of Today's Laboratories

- **Challenges**

- Qualification/quantification of trace samples
- Keep instrument up and running

- **Needs**

- Lower detection limits
- Improved stability in GC or GC/MS system

Lower Detection Limit	
Reduce noise	Increase signal
Injection system (septa, liners, connections)	Sample concentration
Carrier gas and detector gases	Sample size
Leaks	Inert injection and detection port sleeves/liner
Temperature setting	Gas velocity or temp program rate
<b>Stationary phase and column bleed</b>	<b>Column inertness</b>

- Only when a column exhibits **both low bleed** and **low activity** are results reliable.
  - Low bleed increases the signal-to-noise ratio, but if any of the analyte is adsorbed by active sites in the column, the results are flawed.
  - If the column is well deactivated but the bleed is high, some of the signal generated by the analytes is smothered by the bleed signal. Again, the results are flawed.

# Agilent J&W Ultra Inert Columns – Innovation

- Only GC columns proven to deliver on the promise of column inertness and column bleed.
- Built on top of the existing Agilent J&W GC/MS columns with added column inertness.
- New QC testing for modern applications
  - A unique, very demanding test probe mixture to test columns individually
  - Worse case scenario testing to ensure column inertness performance
  - Raising the bar for GC column QC testing
- Critical for analysis of active compounds, trace level samples, and screening of unknown samples

Features	Advantages	Benefits
Unique QC testing procedure with demanding Ultra Inert test probe mixture	Consistent column inertness performance	More predictable and reliable results
Highest column inertness	Better peak shape	More accurate peak identification, more accurate quantification
	Greater S/N ratio	
	Minimum compound loss or degradation	Reduced costs and instrument downtime
Exceptionally low column bleed	More analysis without maintenance	Lower detection limit, reduced detector contamination, and reliable compound identification
	Greater S/N ratio and increased sensitivity for all detectors	Minimized conditioning time and increased sample throughput
Support of 0.18mm ID configuration	Faster baseline stabilization	Higher sample throughput
	Higher sample throughput	More sample analysis in less time

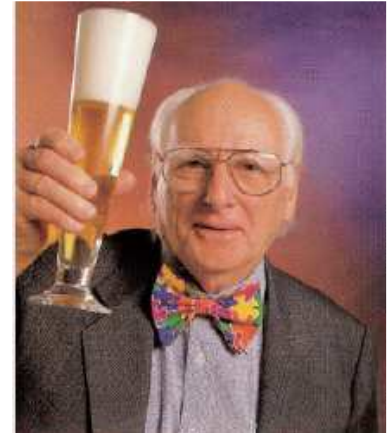
## *The Quality of the Ultra Inert Column Series Exceeds my Wildest Dream*

*“[Agilent’s] **breakthroughs** in **surface pretreatments** and **improvements** in **surface deactivation** came much more rapidly than I had anticipated. The quality of the new **Ultra Inert series** of columns exceed my wildest dreams.”*

*“I am satisfied that customers with the most demanding analyses of active analytes can have confidence that the **DB-5ms** and **HP-5ms Ultra Inert Columns** will provide the highest level of performance.”*



**Walt Jennings**

**Professor Emeritus, University of California**



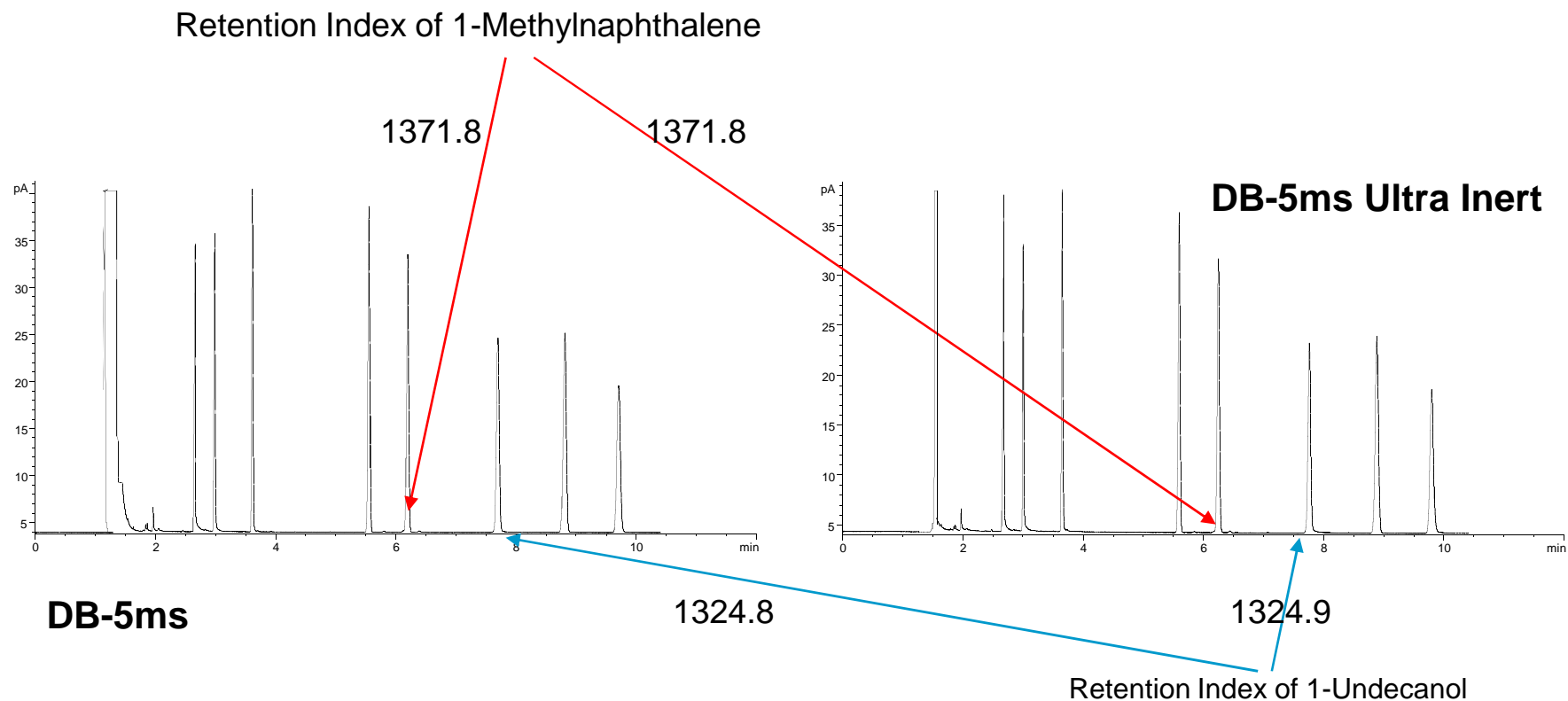
# Every Column Individually Test – Ensured Quality

- Performance summary sheet shipped with each column with QC testing results against the Ultra Inert test probe mixture.

J&W GC Column Performance Summary					
Catalog: <b>19091S-433UI</b>		Stationary Phase: <b>HP-5MS UI</b>			
Serial No: <b>US8977425H</b>		Description: <b>30m x 0.250mm x 0.25µm</b>			
 		Temperature Limits: <b>-60°C to 325°C (350°C Pgm)</b>			
Performance Results		Compound Identification	Retention Time (t <sub>r</sub> )	Partition Ratio (k)	Peak Width (w <sub>1,2</sub> )
<b>Theoretical Plates/Meter:</b>		1. PROPIONIC ACID	1.557	0.31	0.029
n-DECANE	3472	2. 1-OCTENE	2.224	0.87	0.014
<b>Retention Index:</b>		3. n-OCTANE	2.304	0.94	0.015
n-PROPYLBENZENE	953.1	4. 1,3-PROPANEDIOL	2.591	1.18	0.022
1-HEPTANOL	968.0	5. 4-METHYLPYRIDINE	3.108	1.62	0.021
<b>Resolution:</b>		6. n-NONANE	3.795	2.19	0.026
1-OCTENE, n-OCTANE	3.25	7. TRIMETHYLPHOSPHATE	4.577	2.85	0.033
		8. n-PROPYLBENZENE	5.283	3.45	0.037
		9. 1-HEPTANOL	5.799	3.88	0.039
		10. 3-OCTANONE	6.498	4.47	0.045
		11. n-DECANE	7.077	4.96	0.052

# Same Selectivity – No Method Re-Development

- DB-5ms Ultra Inert columns have the same selectivity as their DB-5ms counterparts
- HP-5ms Ultra Inert columns have the same selectivity as their HP-5ms counterparts



# Application Examples

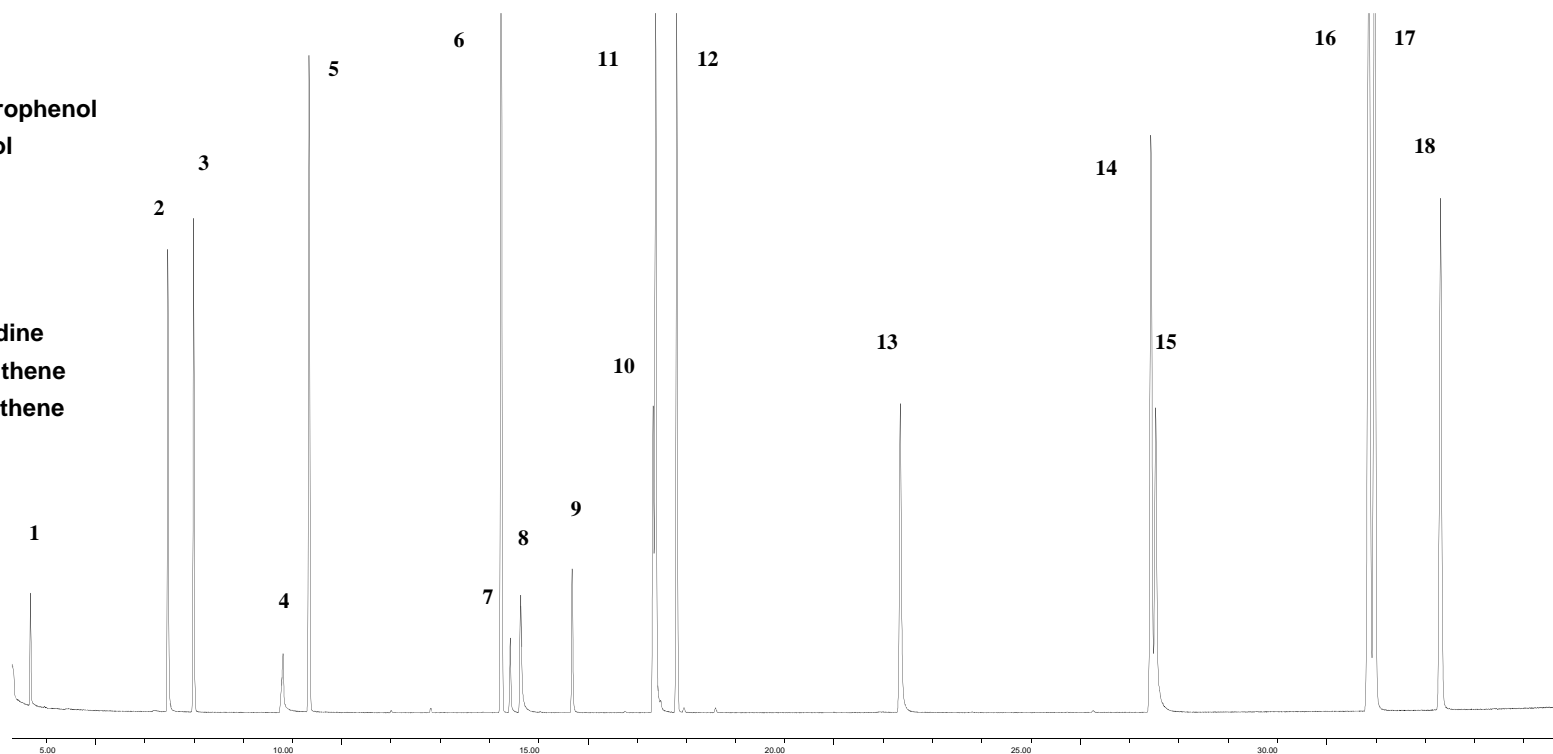
- Semi Volatile Analysis
- Brominated Fire Retardants
- Pesticides in Orange Oil
- PAHs
- PBDEs



# Semi Volatile Analysis

1. N-nitrosodimethylamine
2. Aniline
3. 1,4 dichlorobenzene-D4
4. Benzoic acid
5. Naphthalene- D8
6. Acenaphthene-D10
7. 2,4-dinitrophenol
8. 4-nitrophenol
9. 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol
10. pentachlorophenol
11. 4-aminobiphenyl
12. Penanthrene-D10
13. Benzidine
14. Chrysene-D12
15. 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine
16. Benzo [b] fluoroanthene
17. Benzo [k] fluoroanthene
18. Perylene-D12

GC : Agilent 6890N/5975B MSD  
Sampler : Agilent 7683B, 5.0 µL syringe (Agilent part # 5188-5246), 1.0 µL splitless injection, 5 ng on column  
Carrier: Helium constant flow 30 cm/s  
Inlet: Split/splitless; 260% C, 53.7 ml/min. total flow, purge flow 50 ml/min. on at 0.5 min., gas saver off  
Inlet Liner: Deactivated single taper w glass wool (Agilent part # 5183-4647)  
Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25µm (Agilent part # 122-5532UI)  
Oven: 40% C (1 min) to 100% C (15% C/min), 10% C to 210% C (1 min), 5% C/min. to 310% C (8 min)  
Detection: MSD source at 300% C, quadrupole at 180% C, transfer line at 290% C, scan range 50-550 AMU

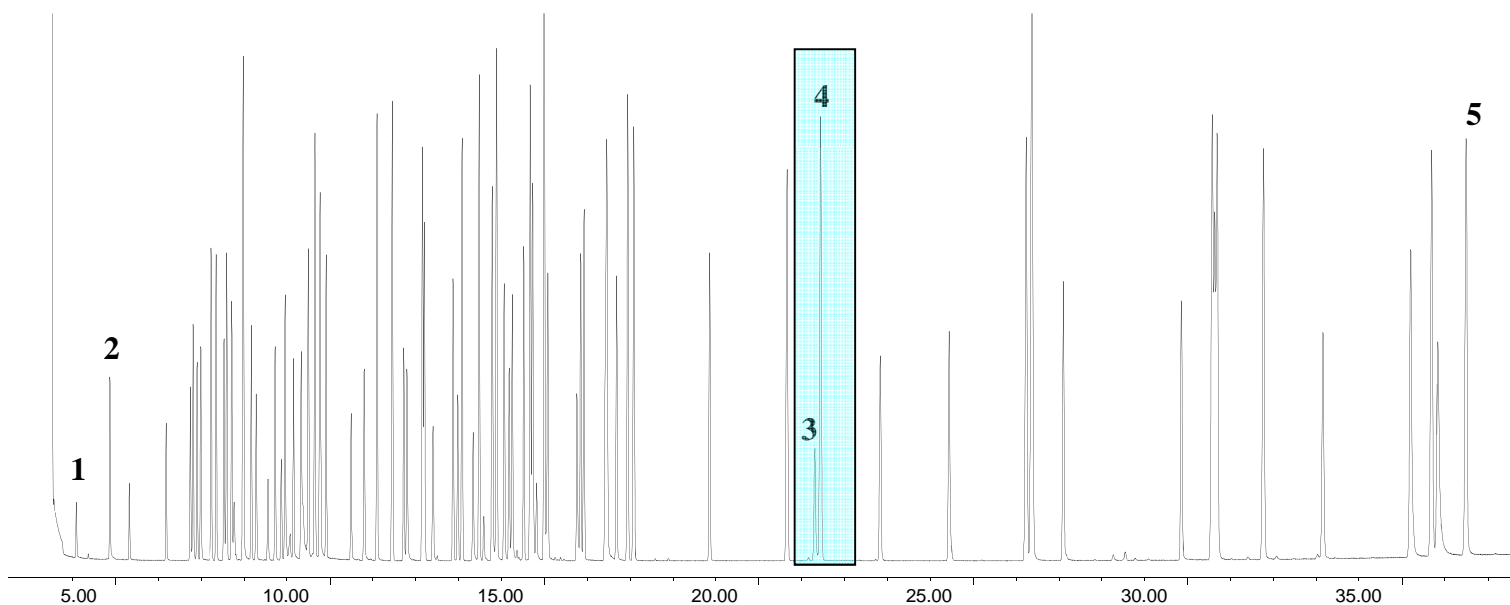


# “Large Mix” 5 ng on Column AccuStandard 8270 Mixes 1,2,3,4a,4b,5 &6 (93 Compounds) Select compound highlighted

1. n-Nitrosodimethylamine
2. 2-methyl pyridine
3. Benzidine
4. Flouranthene
5. Benzo (g,h,i) perylene

## GC/MSD Conditions

Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu$ m part # 122-5532UI  
Carrier: He 30 cm/sec constant flow  
Oven: 40% C (1min) to 100 % C (15 % C/min), 10 % C /min to 210% C (1min), 5 % C/min to 310% C (8 min)  
Inlet: splitless 260 % C purge flow 50 % ml/min at 0.5 min, gas saver 80 ml/min on at 1 minute  
MSD: transfer line 290 % C, source 300 % C, quad 180 % C

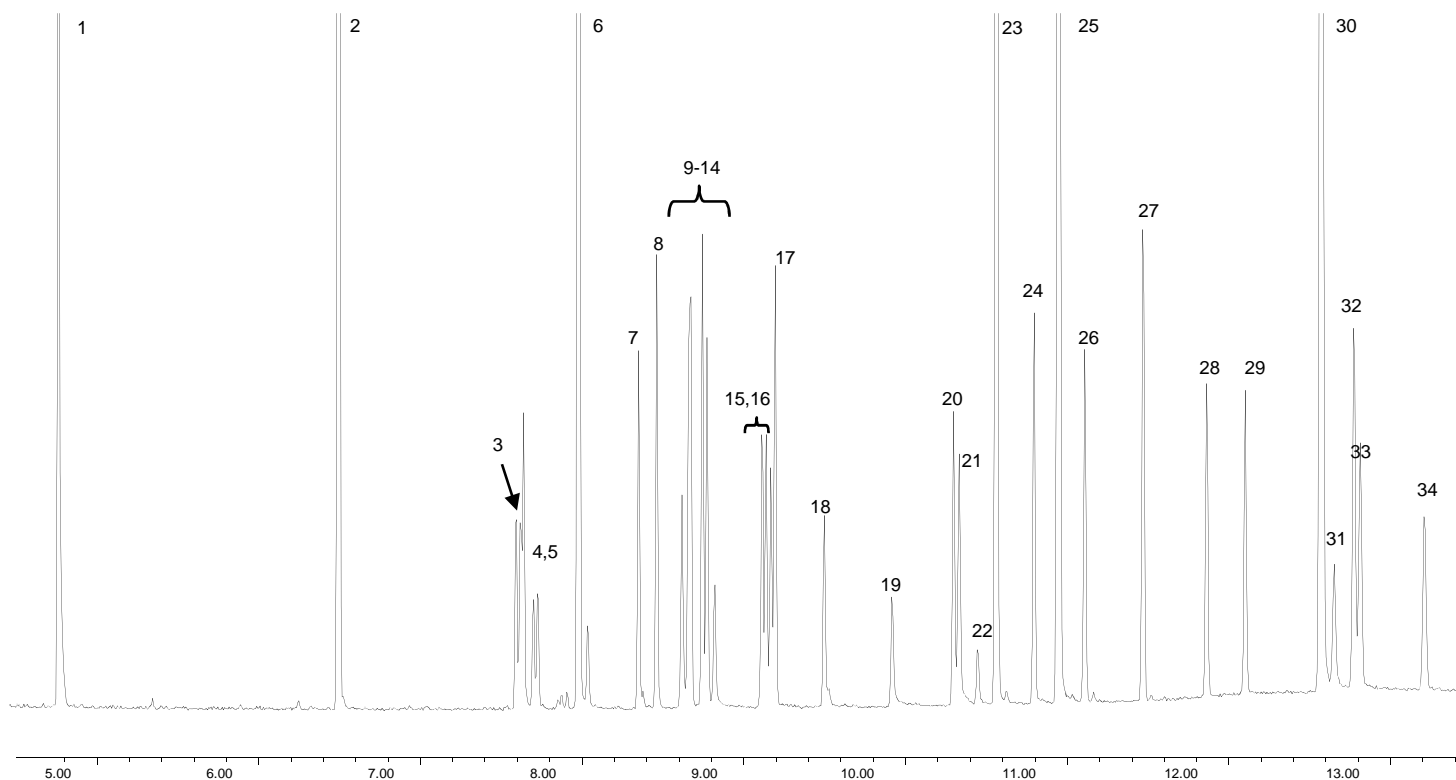


# Pesticides and Fire Retardants (US EPA 527)

1. 1,2-Dimethyl-2-nitrobenzene
2. Acenaphthalene-D10
3. Dimethoate
4. Atrazine
5. Propazine
6. Anthracene-D10
7. Vinclozoline
8. Prometryne
9. Bromacil
10. Malathion
11. Thiazopyr
12. Dursban
13. Benthiocarb
14. Parathion
15. Terbus sulfone
16. Bioallethrin
17. Oxychlorane
18. Fenamiphos
19. Nitrophen
20. Norflurazone
21. Kepone
22. Hexazinone
23. Triphenyl phosphate
24. Bifenthrin
25. Chrysene-D12
26. BDE-47
27. Mirex
28. BDE-100
29. BDE-99
30. Perylene-D12
31. Fenvalerate
32. Esfenvalerate
33. Hexabromobiphenyl
34. BDE-153

## GC/MSD Conditions

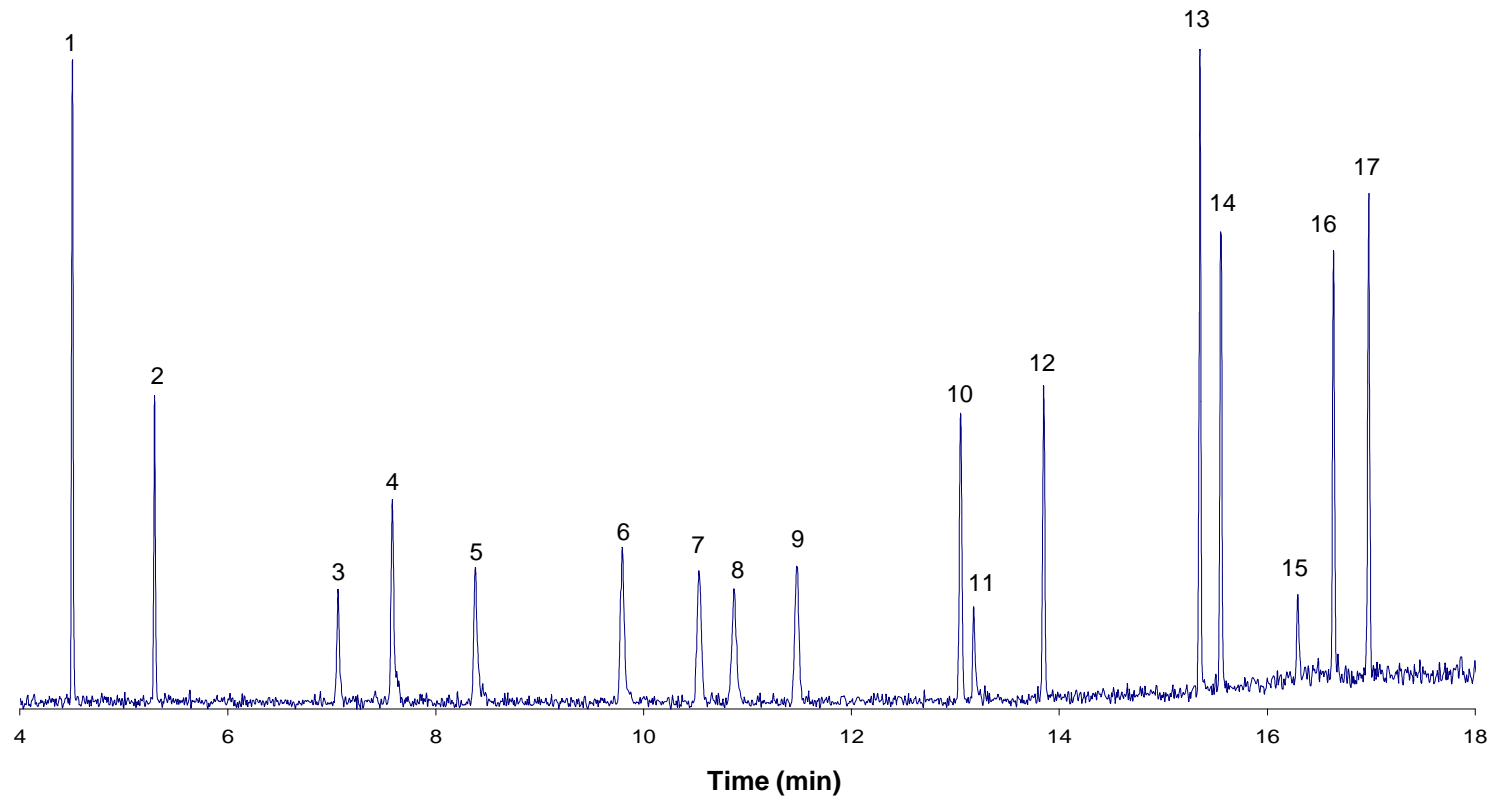
Sample: Pesticide/PBDE standards 1 ng with 5ng IS/SS on column  
Column: DB-5MS Ultra Inert 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25um (Agilent part # 122-5532UI)  
Carrier: Helium 52cm/sec, constant flow  
Oven: 60°C (1min) to 210°C (25°/min), 20°C/min to 310°C (3 min)  
Injection: Splitless, 250°C, purge flow 50ml/min at 1min, gas saver 80ml/min on at 3 min  
MSD: Transfer Line 290°C, Source 300°C, Quad 180°C



# Drugs of Abuse

Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu$ m (Agilent part # 122-5532UI)  
Carrier: Helium 43.8 cm/sec constant flow  
Oven: 120% C (2min) 20 % C/min to 180 % C (6 min hold), 18 % C /min to 270% C (2min),  
25 % C/min to 325% C (2 min)  
Inlet: split 30:1, ~ 1 ng on column 250 %C, single taper liner (Agilent # 5181-3316)  
MSD: transfer line 300 % C, source 280 % C, quad 200 % C, full scan m/z 50-450

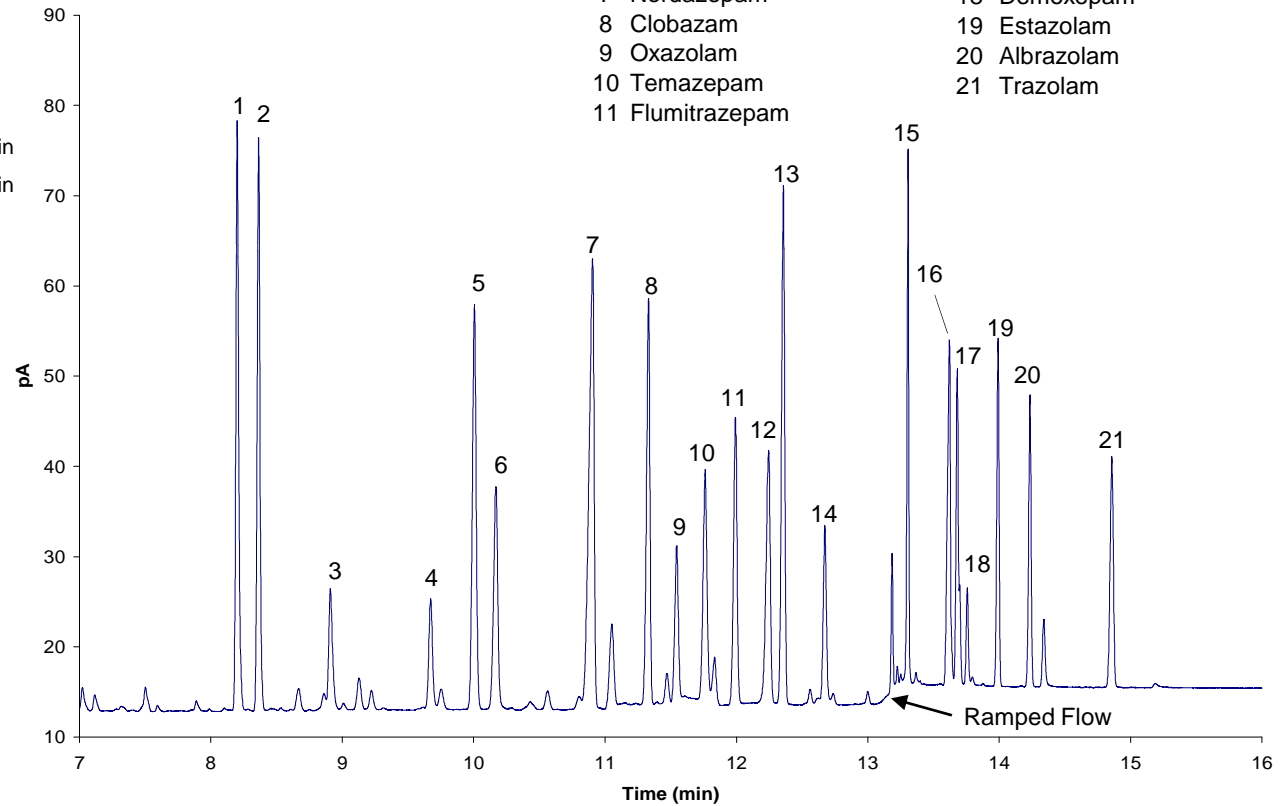
1. Nicotine
2. Phenmetrazine
3. Ibuprofen
4. Butabarbital
5. Amobarbital
6. Secobarbital
7. Caffeine
8. Benzphetamine
9. Hexobarbital
10. Tropacocaine
11. Phenbarbital
12. Procaine
13. L-cocaine
14. Chlorcytizone
15. Codine
16. Diazepam
17. Oxymorphone



# Bezodiazepines

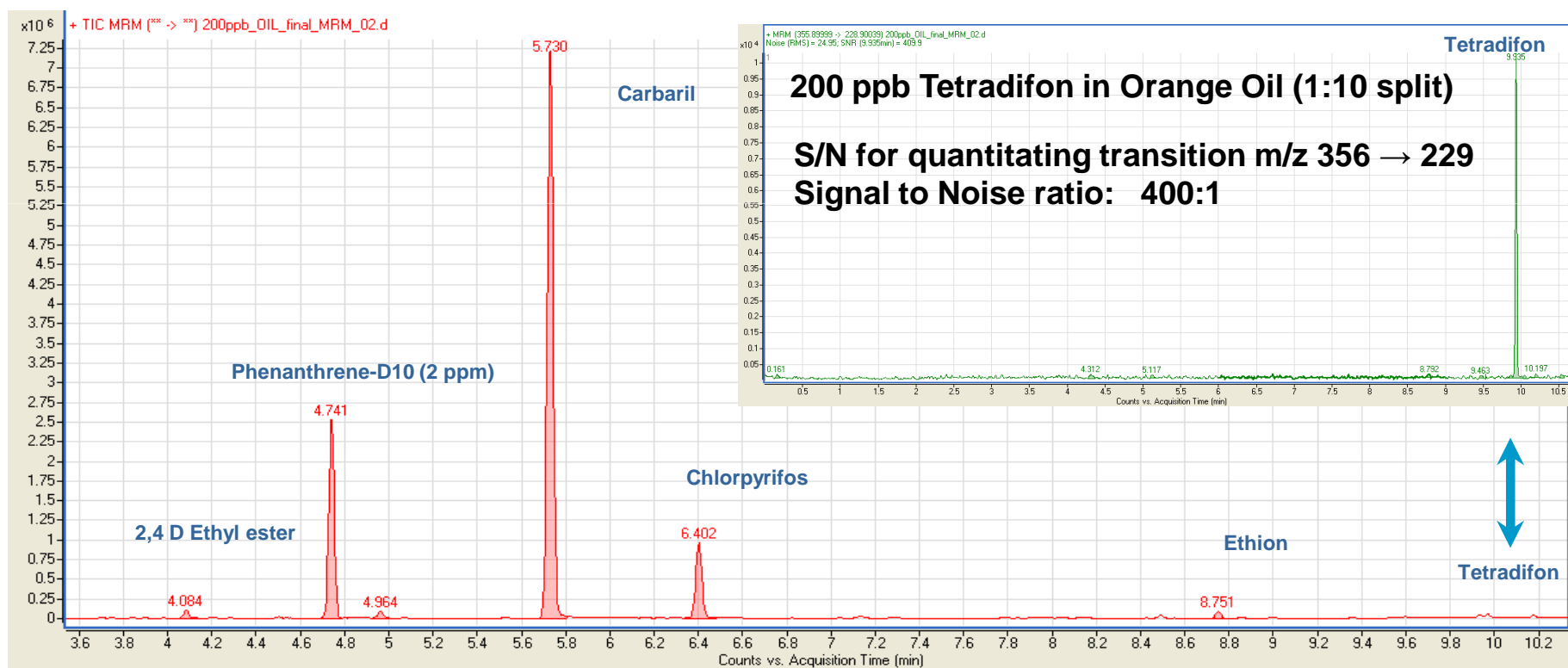
**Column:** DB-5ms Ultra Inert  
 122-5532UI  
 30m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm  
**Carrier:** Hydrogen, 53 cm/sec, constant flow  
**Flow Program (mL/min):**  
 1.6 for 11 min  
 1.6 to 2.4 at 60 mL/min<sup>2</sup> hold 2 min  
 2.4 to 5.0 at 50 mL/min<sup>2</sup> hold 9 min  
**Oven:**  
 170-250 °C at 24.7 °C/min, hold 5.3 min  
 250-280 °C at 18.6 °C/min, hold 4.0 min  
**Injection:**  
 280-325 °C at 50.0 °C/min, hold 4 min  
 Pulsed Splitless, 280 °C  
 20 psi pulse pressure for 0.38 min  
 50 mL/min purge at 0.40 min  
**Detector:**  
 Direct Connect liner G1544-80730  
 FID, 350 °C  
**Sample:** 5-10 ng on column

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Medazepam          | 12 Bromozepam       |
| 2 Halazepam          | 13 Prazam           |
| 3 Oxazepam           | 14 Lormetazepam     |
| 4 Lorazepam          | 15 Nitrazepam       |
| 5 Diazepam           | 16 Chlordiazepoxide |
| 6 Desalkyl Aurazepam | 17 Clonazepam       |
| 7 Nordazepam         | 18 Demoxepam        |
| 8 Clobazam           | 19 Estazolam        |
| 9 Oxazolam           | 20 Albrazepam       |
| 10 Temazepam         | 21 Trazolam         |
| 11 Flumitrazepam     |                     |



# Pesticides in Orange Oil

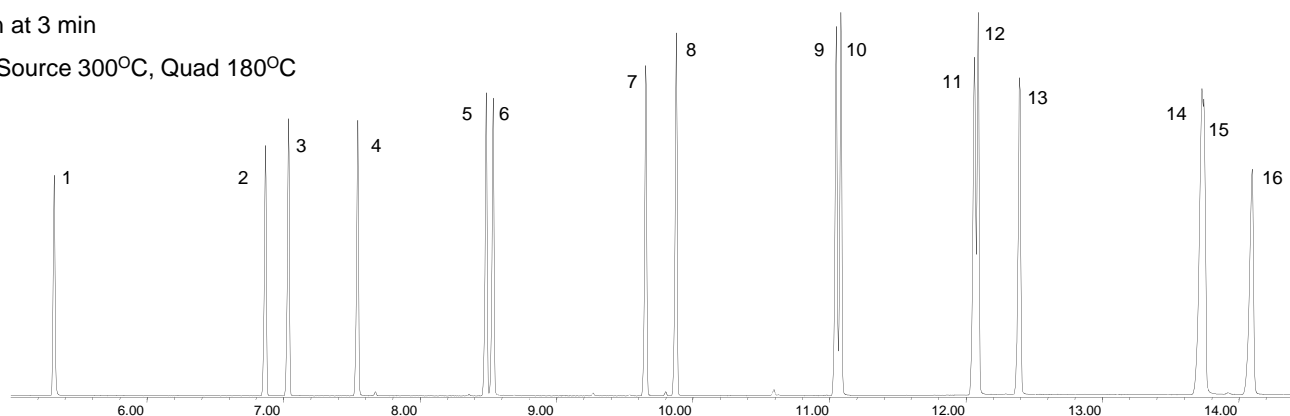
Analysis was carried out on the Agilent 7890A/5975 GC/MS or 7890A/7000 GC/MS/MS equipped with either a 7683 or 7683B Series ALS, split/splitless injection port and triple-axis detector. An Agilent J&W DB-5ms Ultra Inert 15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 um column (Agilent part # 122-5512UI) was used. The initial GC oven temperature was 70° C, which was held for 0.67 minutes. The oven was then ramped by 75° C/minute to 150° C, held for 0 minutes and ramped by 9° C/minute to 200° C and held for 0 minutes before ramping by 24° C/minute to 280° C and holding for 3 minutes. A six-minute post-run at 320° C was used. Pressure was held constant at 10 psi throughout the run and a split ratio of 10:1 for a 1uL injection. An open ended 4 mm helical liner was used (Agilent #5188-5396). The inlet temperature was 250° C and transfer line was set to 280° C. In the case of both detectors the source temperature was set to 300° C and the analyzer to 180° C.



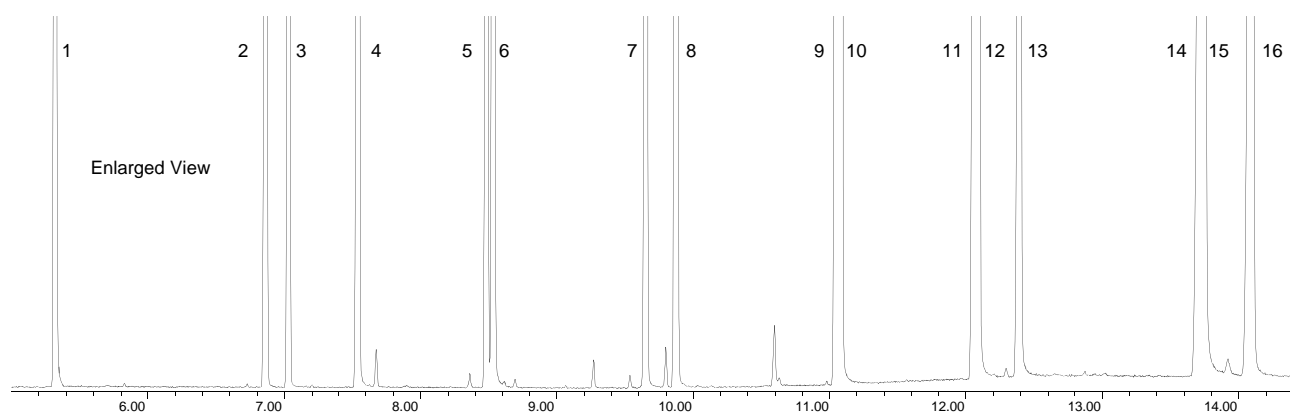
# PAH Analysis

## GC/MSD Conditions

Sample: 10ug/ml PAH Standard  
Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25um (Agilent part # 122-5532UI)  
Carrier: Helium 45cm/sec, constant flow  
Oven: 55°C (1min) to 320°C (25°/min), hold 3 min  
Injection: Pulsed splitless, 300°C, 40psi until 0.2 min, purge flow 30ml/min at 0.75 min  
Gas saver 80ml/min on at 3 min  
MSD: Transfer Line 280°C, Source 300°C, Quad 180°C



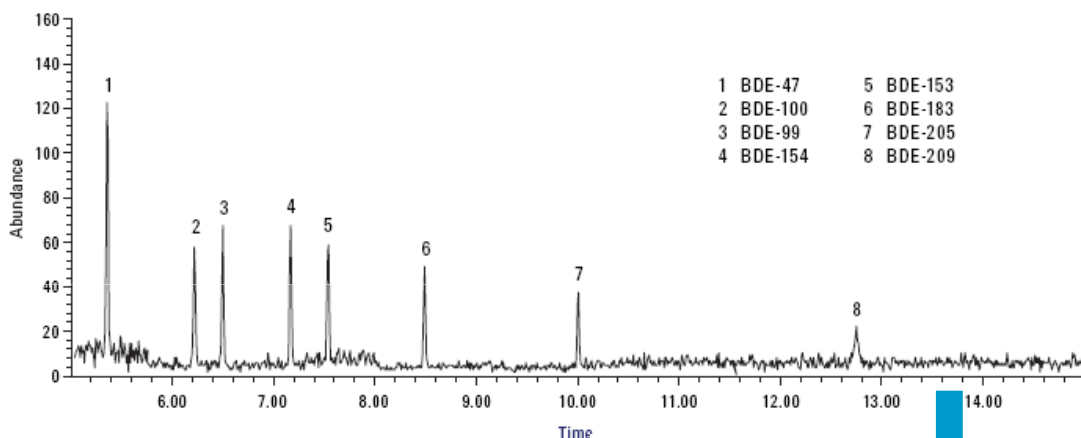
1. Naphthalene
2. Acenaphthylene
3. Acenaphthene
4. Fluorene
5. Phenanthrene
6. Anthracene
7. Fluoranthene
8. Pyrene
9. Benz[a]anthracene
10. Chrysene
11. Benz[b]fluoranthene
12. Benz[k]fluoranthene
13. Benz[a]pyrene
14. Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene
15. Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene
16. Benzo[g,h,i]perylene



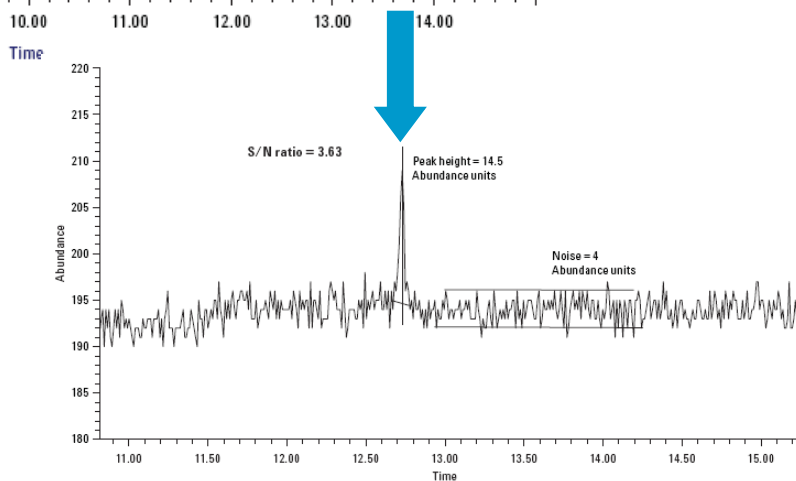
# PBDE Analysis

## GC/MS conditions

Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm (Agilent part # 122-5512UI)  
Carrier: Carrier Helium 72 cm/s, constant flow  
Oven: 150 to 325 °C (17 °C/min), hold 5 min  
Injection: Pulsed splitless; 325 °C, 20 psi until 1.5 min, purge flow 50 mL/min at 2.0 min  
MSD: Source at 300 °C, Quadrupole at 150 °C, transfer line at 300 °C, scan range 200–1000 amu



Total ion chromatogram (SIM mode) of a **0.005-ng** (BDEs -47, -100, -99, -154, -153, -183, and -205) and **0.025-ng** (BDE-209) on-column loading



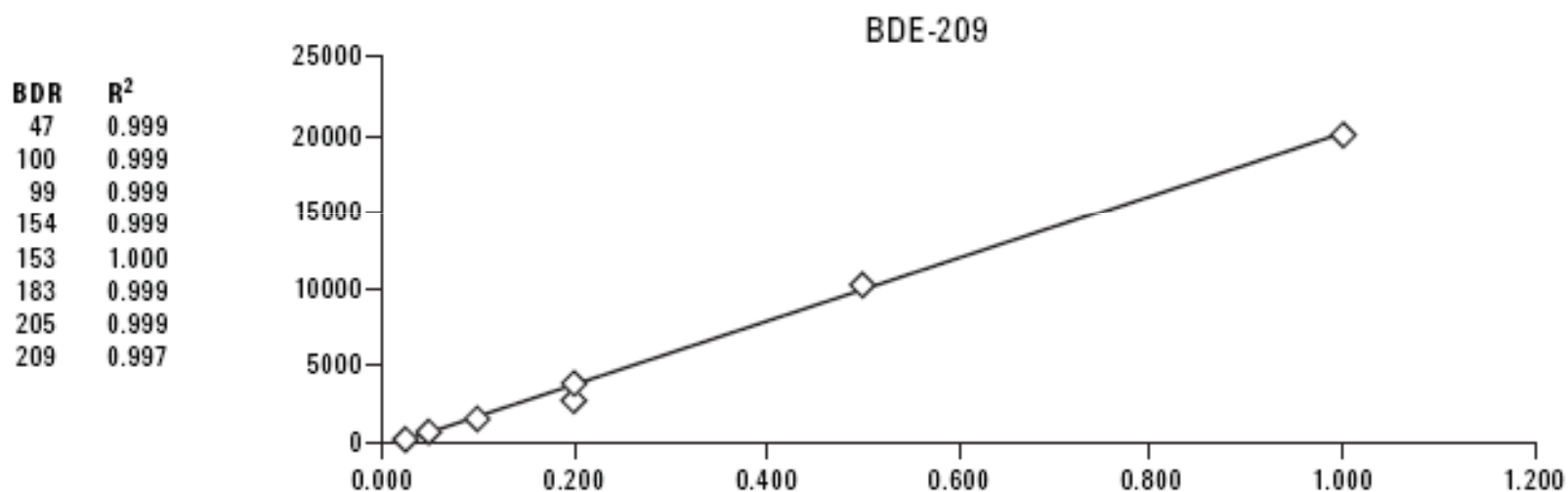
Enlarged section of BDE-209 with excellent sensitivity for trace level analysis



# PBDE Analysis

## GC/MS conditions

Column: DB-5ms Ultra Inert 15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu$ m (Agilent part # 122-5512UI)  
Carrier: Carrier Helium 72 cm/s, constant flow  
Oven: 150 to 325  $^{\circ}$ C (17  $^{\circ}$ C/min), hold 5 min  
Injection: Pulsed splitless; 325  $^{\circ}$ C, 20 psi until 1.5 min, purge flow 50 mL/min at 2.0 min  
MSD: Source at 300  $^{\circ}$ C, Quadrupole at 150  $^{\circ}$ C, transfer line at 300  $^{\circ}$ C, scan range 200–1000 amu



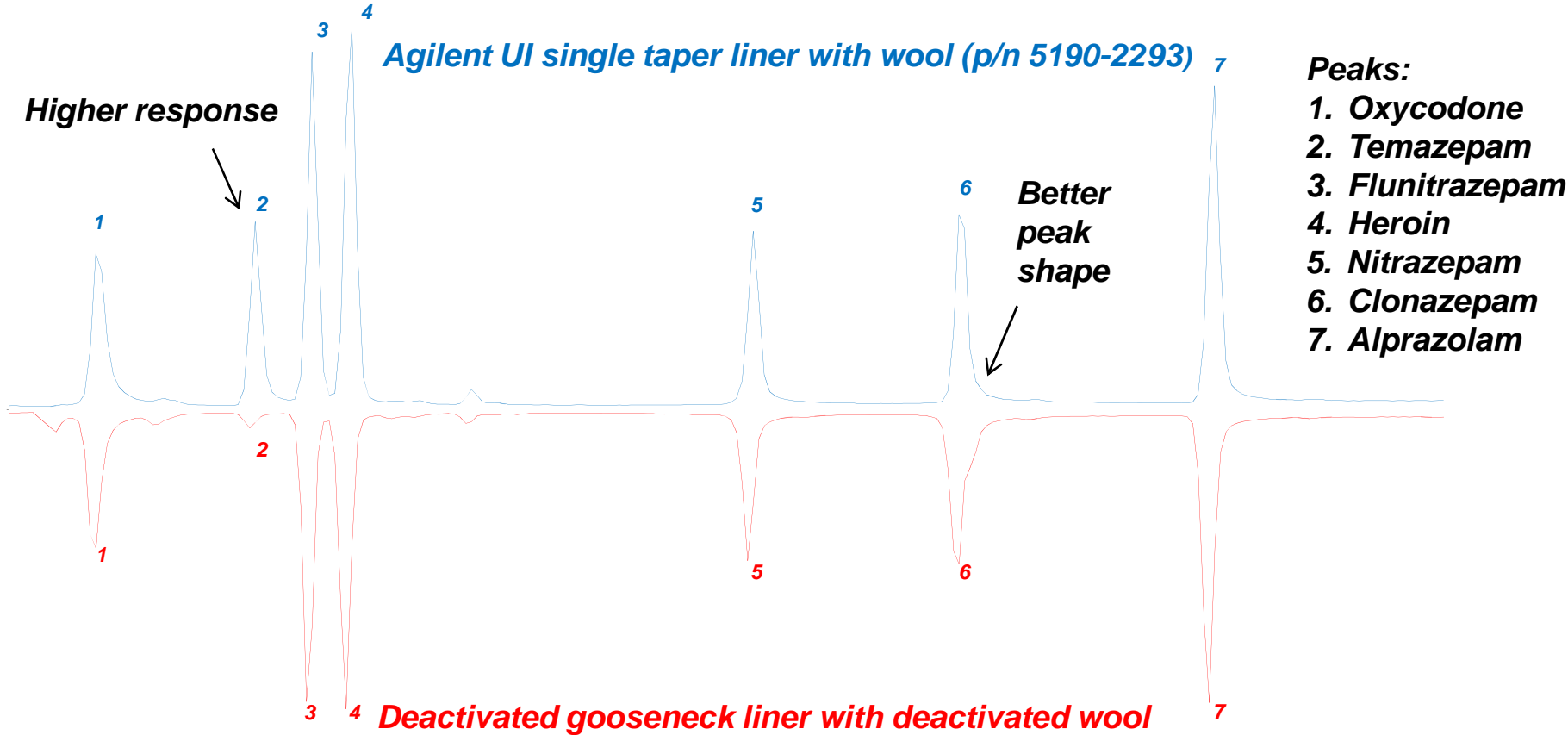
Linearity is excellent across the range studied (0.5 ng/mL to 1,000 ng/mL, except for BDE-209 at 2.5 to 1,000 ng/mL range), giving R<sup>2</sup> values of 0.997 or greater in all cases and demonstrating highly inert surface of the column.

# We Have the Most Inert Column, What about the Rest of the Flow Path??

## *Ultra Inert Liners*



# Basic Drug Suitability



Drug of abuse are shown on GC/MS SIM chromatograms 5 ng of checkout standards on column

# Ultra Inert GC Inlet Liners Objective:

Equivalent or Better performance for :

Response Levels: Highly inert surface for recovery at trace levels

Robustness: Stability of deactivation over time

Reliability: Reproducibility and linearity



*Even when containing glass wool, Agilent **Ultra Inert GC liners** provide a robust, reproducible and reliable inert flow path for the analysis of difficult, active compounds at trace levels.*

# Reliability / Quality Assurance : Ultra Inert Liner Certificate of Performance

*Lot to Lot Liner Reproducibility assured:*

*Each deactivation lot is Certified to ensure consistent and efficient coverage using both acidic and basic probes at trace (2 ng) levels on column*

*Certificate with every liner is printed on a label ready to peel and stick into analysts' laboratory notebooks for easier compliance.*


*Traceability:*

*Deactivation Lot number is on Certificate  
Liner lot number (and part number) is  
permanently etched on glass*



# Take Home Message

- Raising the bar and setting a new industry standard for column inertness QC testing
- Best columns available for reactive analytes and trace analysis
  - Carefully selected Ultra Inert test mix for consistent column inertness
  - Excellent performance over a wide range of applications
  - Quality innovation to ensure the right answer the 1<sup>st</sup> time
  - Selectivity remains the same for consistent predictable separation
  - Low bleed profiles minimize interferences
- New Inert Liners to keep the entire flowpath **INERT**
- **The bottom line**
  - Highest and most consistent inertness performance



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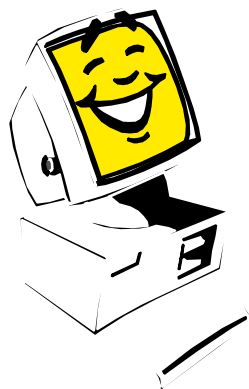
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