Fast and Flexible Sample Preparation in Dioxin and PCB Analysis through Automation

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Sample Preparation Done by Specialists

The automated DEXTech Plus sample preparation system for dioxin and PCB analysis cleans quickly and flexibly all kinds of extracts:

- food and feed samples, such as fish, meat, fish oil, eggs, vegetable oils and feed mixtures
- environmental samples, such as soil, sludge, sediments
- biological matrices, for example blood

“Greener Technology”
- Low solvent consumption
- Little waste (only glass, PTFE and filling materials)
- Reusable carbon column

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Highest degree of automation
Sample preparation with the novel DEXTech Plus 3-column-design is faster than ever. For example, a sample can be processed in only 35 min from raw extract; manual preparation is not necessary. Hence, only one system is required (in one flow path) to process 3,500* samples per year. Solvent consumption per run is very low.

Moreover, DEXTech Plus sets new standards in regards of flexibility, low cost per sample and effortless handling.

For high-throughput laboratories particularly attractive: Parallel use of 4 systems achieves a throughput of 14,000* samples per year.

Set-up with four DEXTech Plus systems

* Sample throughput with a changeover time of 3 minutes between samples, and a running time of 9 hours per day over 250 days per year.
Patented Locking System: Just Click It

Low Cost 3-Column Set-up

1. Acidic silica gel column
   - samples containing < 1.5 g fat - SMART column
   - samples containing > 1.5 - 5 g fat - Universal column
   Easy change between Universal and SMART column
   by fitting an adapter.

2. Aluminium oxide column or Florisil column;
   depending on number and composition of target
   fractions.

3. Carbon column; reusable. This reduces the already
   low column cost even further.

Depending on the individual requirements, matrix or
desired method, the user can equip the DEXTech Plus
with different set-ups, simply insert the respective
columns – "just click it".
No screw connections, no tools, no other manual steps.
From sample to sample – fast, flexible, effortless.

Standard Method or Flexible Parameterisation

Evaluated standard methods, e.g. the default SMART
method for 35-min processing, are stored in the
DEXTech Plus. These methods can easily be accessed
via the password-protected touch screen. The user may
also freely parameterise a method and store it in the
system. The stored methods can be opened and modified
at any time and then be saved again under a different
name.

Screen for freely parametrizable method input

Easy, quick replacement and insertion of columns and adapter – "just click it".
Great Flexibility with Low Solvent Consumptions

Aluminium Oxide or Florisil: The Choice Is Yours

By using different types of columns and the freely parametrizable method input, you have the opportunity to configure the DEXTech Plus system according to your requirements. The most common applications are shown below. Using the Florisil column you have the choice between two or three fractions, simply by changing the tubes.

2 fractions

Fraction 1: Mono-ortho-PCB + ndl-PCB + PBDE

24 mL

Fraction 2: Non-ortho-PCB + PCDD/F

10 mL

2 or 3 fractions

Fraction 1: Mono-ortho-PCB

Fraction 2: Non-ortho PCB + ndl-PCB

Fraction 3: PCDD/F

Fraction volume using S MAR T column

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78 mL

84 mL

10 mL

8 mL

Dichloromethane / n-hexane

Toluene

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Fraction volume using SMART column

Short Run Times, Low Solvent Consumption

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Run time 34 min. 47 min.

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Run time 44 min. 56 min.
Automation with Safety

Highest Degree of Automation

- Click columns into the column tower – “just click it”. The tower will be automatically locked by a patented process.
- Place sample vial into the DEXTech Plus. The sample will be automatically loaded via the syringe pump; however, at no time the sample will come in contact with the syringe pump itself. For quantitative transfer the sample container will be rinsed and the remains added into the sample loop.
- Select method and start process.

Throughout the entire process, the touch screen displays the processing status. An acoustic signal as well as an LED display indicates the end of processing.

The clean-up performed by the DEXTech Plus is compliant with the EPA method and European regulations.

User Safety

- Leakage sensor below a removable drip tray
- Pressure sensor for pressure monitoring
- Overflow sensor for waste level control
- No mechanical movement when the door is open
- System operates in a low voltage range
- No fume hood necessary due to closed fraction flasks

Should one of the sensors send a signal, the system will stop processing. After elimination of the error, processing of the current sample will be continued.

Report for Quality Control

As standard, DEXTech Plus is equipped with an USB interface to transfer the in the software generated processing protocols to a PC. All sample related data are consequently stored for documentation.

USB interface for documentation

Automated sample loading

Rinsing of sample vial for quantitative transfer

Easy to remove and clean drip tray above the leakage sensor
Reliable and Reproducible Results

No Cross-Contamination
Cross-contamination is reliably prevented.
- Continuous rinsing of all parts that have come in contact with the sample
- Exchangeable columns
- No contact between sample and syringe pump

Results Dioxin
Sources: Chemical and Veterinary Investigation Office Münsterland-Emser-Lippe (governmental laboratory); LCTech Laboratory

Results PCB
Sources: Chemical and Veterinary Investigation Office Münsterland-Emser-Lippe (governmental laboratory); LCTech Laboratory

Clear signals, sharp separation, low background noise and excellent recoveries
Sources: Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority (LGL-Oberschleißheim, governmental laboratory); LCTech Laboratory
We are proud to compare:

- Lowest Cost
- Fastest Processing Time
- No Cross-Contamination
- Highest Degree of Automation
- Greatest Flexibility
- Ultimate User Safety

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