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Stationary Phase:

**ARC-18** 





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# The Raptor ARC-18 Column

With Raptor LC columns, Restek chemists became the first to combine the speed of 2.7 and  $5 \mu m$  superficially porous particles (also known as SPP or "core-shell" particles) with the resolution of highly selective USLC technology, improving separations and speeding up analysis times with standard HPLC instruments. Raptor then evolved to bring that same improved speed, efficiency, and selectivity to UHPLC analyses by offering  $1.8 \mu m$  particle columns. Learn more about Raptor LC columns at www.restek.com/raptor

The birth of Restek's Raptor SPP LC column line began with the innovative Biphenyl phase, but it quickly grew to include a new Restek phase: the ARC-18. Designed and intended specifically for use on LC-MS/MS systems, the Raptor ARC-18 column features a well-balanced retention profile without the drawbacks of using an ordinary C18 in the harsh, acidic mobile phases needed for mass spectrometry (MS). Even after extended use in these low-pH ( $\leq$  2.0) conditions, the sterically protected ARC-18 offers consistent retention, peak shape, and response for charged bases, neutral acids, small polar compounds, and more.

For the rapid analysis of large, multiclass assays by LC-MS/MS, the acid-resistant Raptor ARC-18 truly is ahead of the curve.

### **Column Description:**



### **Stationary Phase Category:**

C18, octadecylsilane (L1)

### **Ligand Type:**

Sterically protected C18

#### Particle:

1.8 μm, 2.7 μm, or 5 μm superficially porous particle (SPP or "core-shell" particle) silica

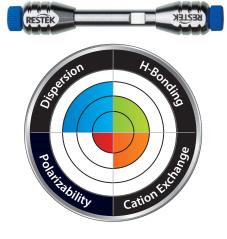
#### Pore Size:

90 Å

#### **Surface Area:**

125 m²/g (1.8  $\mu$ m), 130 m²/g (2.7  $\mu$ m), or 100 m²/g (5  $\mu$ m

### **Column Interaction Profile:**



#### **Defining Solute Interaction:**

Dispersion

### **Complementary Solute Interactions:**

- Hydrogen bonding
- Cation exchange

### **Recommended Usage:**

pH Range: 1.0-8.0

Maximum Temperature: 80 °C

Maximum Pressure: 1034 bar/15,000 psi\* (1.8 μm), 600 bar/8700 psi (2.7 μm); 400 bar/5800 psi (5 μm)

\* For maximum lifetime, recommended maximum pressure for 1.8 μm particles is 830 bar/12,000 psi.

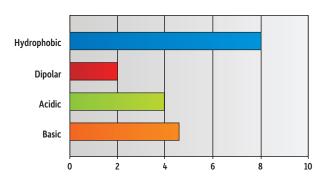
#### **Properties:**

- Well-balanced retention profile.
- Sterically protected to resist harsh, low-pH mobile phases.
- Ideal for use with sensitive detectors like mass spec.

### Switch to an ARC-18 when:

- You are analyzing large, multiclass lists by LC-MS/MS.
- You require strongly acidic (pH 1–3) mobile phases.

### **Solute Retention Profile:**



### **Target Analyte Structure:**

Hydrocarbons

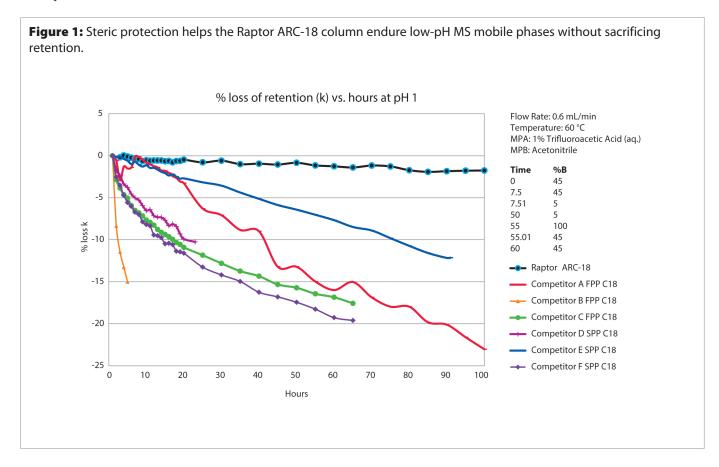
### **Target Analyte Functionalities:**

- · Hydrophobic compounds
- Protonated bases



### A Proprietary Bonded Phase Born for LC-MS/MS

The Raptor ARC-18 column was designed to stand up to even the harshest acidic MS conditions. It utilizes a proprietary bonding procedure that arranges our sterically protected ligand to resist acid hydrolysis, which reduces phase degradation and bleed. This cutting-edge column lets you increase ionization efficiency and boost sensitivity in your mass spec by using low-pH mobile phases—without the fear of retention drift over time. ARC-18 columns maintain a stable retention profile (Figure 1) in mobile phases well under pH 2.0.



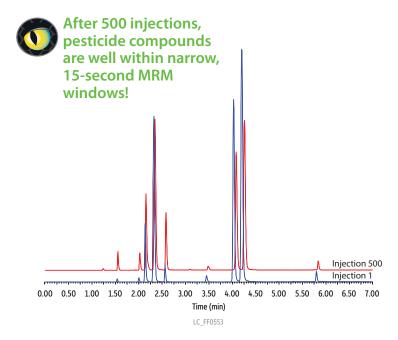


### The Standard for Reproducibility for SPP Core-Shell Columns

To keep your productivity high and your lab expenses low, Raptor ARC-18 columns must produce exceptional selectivity and fast analysis times not just once, but every time. Ruggedness and repeatability are essential, which is why from the silica and the bonding technique, to the packing process and upgraded hardware, every decision that went into creating this column was made to ensure superlative reproducibility, from injection to injection (Figure 2) and from lot to lot (Figure 3). We also adopted new quality control (QC) specifications to guarantee the retention time stability you need for worry-free analyses.

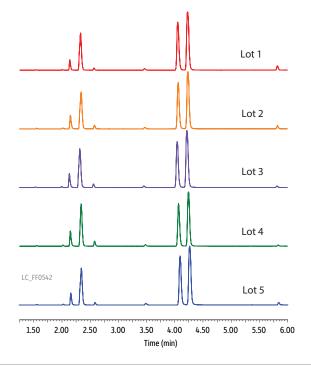
One of the greatest advantages of an SPP column is the ability to operate at higher linear velocities without losing efficiency as you would with a conventional fully porous particle column. But, these higher velocities can also generate higher backpressures that rob you of performance. Like all Raptor columns, our ARC-18 can handle increased pressures and handle them longer than other manufacturers' SPP columns, to help you achieve Selectivity Accelerated while offering outstanding reproducibility and maintaining efficiency—even in aggressive MS conditions.

**Figure 2:** Even after hundreds of injections with a highly acidic mobile phase like 0.2% formic acid, a Raptor ARC-18 column will provide consistent, reliable data.



Column: Raptor ARC-18 (cat.# 9314A12); Dimensions: 100 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 2.7 μm; Temp.: 50 °C; Sample: LC multiresidue pesticide standard #1 (cat.# 31972); Diluent: Water; Conc.: 20 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 5 μL; Mobile Phase: A: Water + 2 mM ammonium formate + 0.2% formic acid, B: Methanol + 2 mM ammonium formate + 0.2% formic acid; Gradient (%B): 0.00 min (5%), 2.00 min (60%), 4.00 min (75%), 6.00 min (100%), 7.00 (100%), 7.01 min (5%), 9.50 (5%); Flow: 0.4 mL/min; Detector: Waters Xevo TQ-S; Ion Source: Waters Zspray ES; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRM; Instrument: Waters ACQUITY UPLC I-Class.

Figure 3: From one lot to the next, every Raptor ARC-18 column you purchase will perform the same.





Excellent lot-to-lot reproducibility helps ensure longevity for critical workflows.

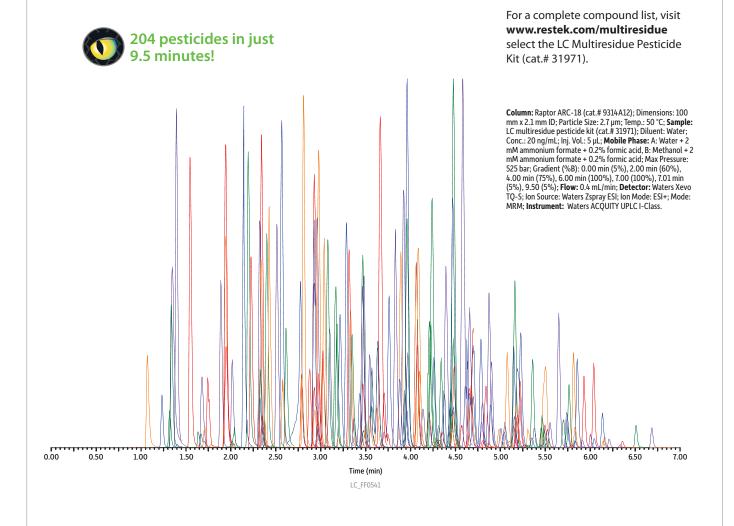
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### Well-Balanced Retention to Quickly Separate Large, Multiclass Analyte Lists

In order to analyze large lists of compounds, especially across multiple classes, your column must be capable of spreading analytes out over the gradient to ensure accurate detector response and quantitation. In designing the Raptor ARC-18 column, we adjusted our bonding procedures to form an ideal ligand density that offers balanced retention for the rapid analysis of large, multiclass assays. As shown in Figure 4, even a 204-compound pesticide screen can be reliably completed in just 9.5 minutes. The Raptor ARC-18 column exhibits the balanced retention, selectivity, and performance needed for critical multiclass workflows in any industry or lab.

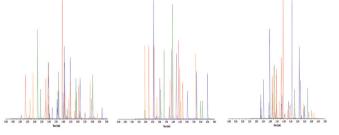
**Figure 4:** With its balanced retention profile, the Raptor ARC-18 column is ideally suited to analyze large, cross-class compound lists.



#### Note:

When combining a large number of compounds with different chemical functionalities, mix stability can be an issue. In formulating our LC multiresidue pesticide standard kit (cat.# 31971), we extensively studied the 204 compounds involved, then grouped them into as few mixes as possible while still ensuring maximum long-term stability and reliability. For quantitative analysis, we recommend analyzing each mix separately to ensure accurate results for every compound.

To view separate chromatograms of each mix, visit www.restek.com/multiresidue





### Speed Up Challenging Analyses with Simple Mobile Phases and Methods

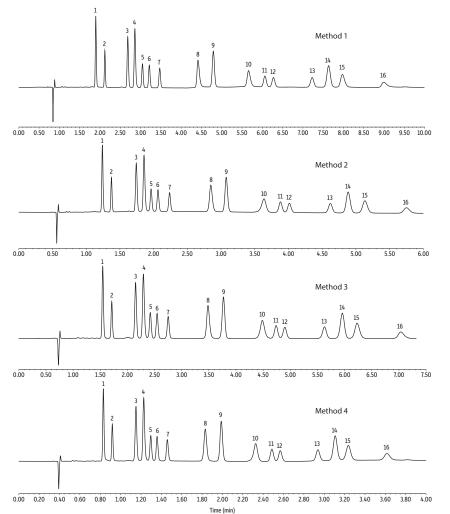
From food safety to bioanalytical work, whether you use traditional HPLC or UHPLC instruments, we're all looking to simplify setup while still getting reliable, reproducible data. Instead of wasting time and resources—and making your job harder in the process—you can greatly improve your productivity by selecting a better column for your existing instrumentation. By switching to a Raptor ARC-18 column for your LC-MS/MS analyses, you can increase your sample throughput and make your job easier by maintaining, or even improving, your data quality using simple mobile phases and method conditions on your existing instrumentation. Put the ARC-18 to work in your lab today to experience *Selectivity Accelerated!* 

### Cannabinoids Analysis Across Methods and Instruments

Whether your lab is performing cost-effective, low-solvent analyses or fast UHPLC for high-throughput, use Raptor ARC-18 columns to fully resolve 16 common cannabinoids across cannabis methods (Figure 5). Because of its compatibility with MS-friendly mobile phases, these UV methods can also be easily transferred to your mass spectrometer. And, since ARC-18 is a Raptor column, it will hold up to extended use without losing selectivity or performance.

Figure 5: All four potency methods produce excellent results—demonstrating ARC-18's versatility.

	Method 1	Method 2	Method 3	Method 4
Column dimensions	150 x 4.6 mm, 2.7 μm	150 x 3 mm, 2.7 μm	150 x 2.1 mm, 2.7 μm	100 x 3 mm, 1.8 μm
Flow	1.5 mL/min	1 mL/min	0.4 mL/min	1 mL/min
Injection volume	5 μL	2 μL	2 μL	1μL
Run time*	9 min	6 min	10 min	4 min
Use/benefits	Standard HPLC	Fast HPLC	Solvent saver	Fast UHPLC



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		Conc.	
	Peaks	t, (min)	(µg/mL)
1.	Cannabidivarinic acid (CBDVA)	1.897	50
2.	Cannabidivarin (CBDV)	2.121	50
3.	Cannabidiolic acid (CBDA)	2.685	50
4.	Cannabigerolic acid (CBGA)	2.860	50
5.	Cannabigerol (CBG)	3.047	50
6.	Cannabidiol (CBD)	3.217	50
7.	Tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV)	3.472	50
8.	Tetrahydrocannabivarinic acid (THCVA)	4.416	50
9.	Cannabinol (CBN)	4.794	50
10.	Cannabinolic acid (CBNA)	5.661	50
11.	Δ9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ9-THC)	6.064	50
12.	Δ8-Tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ8-THC)	6.275	50
13.	Cannabicyclol (CBL)	7.228	50
14.	Cannabichromene (CBC)	7.634	50
15.	Tetrahydrocannabinolic acid A (THCA-A)	7.973	50
16.	Cannabichromenic acid (CBCA)	8.992	50

Retention times are for top chromatogram (Method 1).

**Column** Temp.: 30 °C

Sample
Diluent: 25:75 Water:acetonitrile

Mobile Phase Water, 5 mM ammonium formate, 0.1% formic acid:Acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid (25:75)

\*Run times shown are for optimized conditions. When extra-column volume is increased, as in the experiments described here, run times may be extended to elute all compounds.



### Fat-Soluble Vitamins with Accelerated Run Times

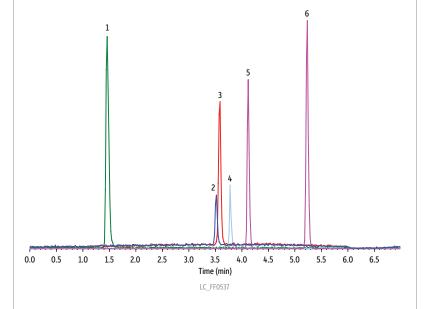
Separating fat-soluble vitamins by LC can be time-consuming. The Raptor ARC-18 column, however, can analyze these difficult compounds using reversed-phased chromatography (RPC) in less time than traditional columns to increase productivity. The ARC-18 also stands up to the low-pH, MS-friendly mobile phases that promote ionization and fast separation while providing the balanced retention profile necessary for this important food safety workflow (Figure 6).

### Toxic Substances in Agricultural Matrices Using LC

When it comes to analyzing toxic substances in agricultural matrices (e.g., aflatoxins in wheat), speed is of paramount importance. A Raptor ARC-18 column retains *and* separates these compounds with simple mobile phases—in a rapid time frame that maximizes your productivity (Figure 7).

**Figure 6:** The ARC-18 makes quick work of fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K by LC-MS/MS.

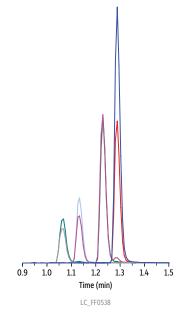
	Peaks	t, (min)	Precursor Ion	Product Ion
1.	Retinol	1.46	269.4	93.3
2.	Vitamin D2	3.52	397.5	379.6
3.	Vitamin D3	3.58	385.5	367.5
4.	γ-Tocopherol	3.78	417.6	151.4
5.	$\alpha$ -Tocopherol	4.12	431.7	165.4
6.	Vitamin K1	5.23	451.4	187.3



Column: Raptor ARC-18 (cat.# 9314A12); Dimensions:  $100 \text{ mm} \times 2.1 \text{ mm}$  ID; Particle Size:  $2.7 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ; Temp.: 40 °C; Sample: Diluent: Methanol; Conc.: 100 ng/ml; Inj.  $\text{Vol.: 5} \mu\text{L}$ ; Mobile Phase: A: 0.1% Formic acid + 5 mM ammonium formate in water, B: 0.1% Formic acid + 5 mM ammonium formate in methanol; Max Pressure: 190 bar; Gradient (%B): 0.00 min (90%), 4.0 min (100%), 5.0 min (100%), 5.0 min (90%), 7.0 (90%); Flow: 0.5 ml./min; Detector: AB SCIEX API 4000; Ion Source: TurbolonSpray; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRN; Instrument: Shimadzu UFLCxR.

**Figure 7:** The ARC-18 elutes four common aflatoxins in under 1.5 minutes with an overall cycle time of 2.5 minutes!

Peaks	t, (min)	Q1	Q3 Quantifier	Q3 Qualifier
<ol> <li>Aflatoxin G2</li> </ol>	1.07	331.1	245.1	189.1
<ol><li>Aflatoxin G1</li></ol>	1.13	329.0	243.1	200.1
<ol><li>Aflatoxin B2</li></ol>	1.23	315.0	259.1	287.1
4. Aflatoxin B1	1.29	313.0	285.1	241.1



Column: Raptor ARC-18 (cat.# 9314A5E); Dimensions: 50 mm x 3.0 mm lD; Particle Size: 2.7 µm; Temp.: 45 °C; Sample: Diluent: Acetonitrile:water (50:50); Conc.: 100 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 10 µL; Mobile Phase: A: 5 mM Ammonium formate + 0.1% formic acid in water; B: 0.1% Formic acid in methanol; Gradient (%B): 0.00 min (35%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (35%), 2.50 (35%); Flow: 0.700 mL/min; Detector: Applied Biosystems/MDS Sciex LC-MS/MS; Ion Source: TurbolonSpray; Ion Mode: ESI+; Instrument: Shimadzu UFLCxx.



## For Consistent Retention, Peak Shape, and Response with Mass Spec, Grab the Column that Thrives in Low pH Conditions

### **Raptor ARC-18 LC Columns**

ID	Length	qty.	cat.#
1.8 µm Particles			
	30 mm	ea.	9314232
2.1 mm	50 mm	ea.	9314252
2.1	100 mm	ea.	9314212
	150 mm	ea.	9314262
3.0 mm	50 mm	ea.	931425E
J.0 IIIII	100 mm	ea.	931421E
2.7 µm Particles			
	30 mm	ea.	9314A32
2.1 mm	50 mm	ea.	9314A52
Z.1 IIIIII	100 mm	ea.	9314A12
	150 mm	ea.	9314A62
	30 mm	ea.	9314A3E
2.0	50 mm	ea.	9314A5E
3.0 mm	100 mm	ea.	9314A1E
	150 mm	ea.	9314A6E
	30 mm	ea.	9314A35
	50 mm	ea.	9314A55
4.6 mm	100 mm	ea.	9314A15
	150 mm	ea.	9314A65
5 μm Particles			
	50 mm	ea.	9314552
2.1 mm	100 mm	ea.	9314512
	150 mm	ea.	9314562
	30 mm	ea.	931453E
2.0	50 mm	ea.	931455E
3.0 mm	100 mm	ea.	931451E
	150 mm	ea.	931456E
	50 mm	ea.	9314555
	100 mm	ea.	9314515
4.6 mm	150 mm	ea.	9314565
	250 mm	ea.	9314575

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Description	qty.	cat.#
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EXP Hand-Tight Fitting (nut w/ferrule)	10 nk	25020

Intellectual Property: optimizetech.com/patents

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### Raptor EXP Guard Cartridges—for All Raptor Columns



Protect your investment, extend the life of our already-rugged LC columns, and change guard column cartridges by hand without breaking fluid connections—no tools needed! Great with any Raptor column to get ultimate protection from particulates and matrix contamination, especially when using dilute-and-shoot or other minimal sample preparation techniques.

#### **EXP Direct Connect Holder**

Description	qty.	cat.#
EXP Direct Connect Holder for EXP Guard Cartridges (includes hex-head fitting & 2 ferrules)	ea.	25808
Maximum holder pressure: 20 000 psi (1400 bar)		

#### **EXP In-Line Holder**

Description	qty.	cat.#
EXP In-Line Holder for EXP Guard Cartridges (includes hex-head fittings & 2 ferrules)	ea.	25751
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### **Raptor ARC-18 EXP Guard Column Cartridges**

Particle Size	Size	qty.	cat.#
UHPLC	5 x 2.1 mm	3-pk.	9314U0252
UHPLC	5 x 3.0 mm	3-pk.	9314U0253
2.7 µm	5 x 2.1 mm	3-pk.	9314A0252
2.7 µm	5 x 3.0 mm	3-pk.	9314A0253
2.7 µm	5 x 4.6 mm	3-pk.	9314A0250
5 μm	5 x 2.1 mm	3-pk.	931450252
5 μm	5 x 3.0 mm	3-pk.	931450253
5 μm	5 x 4.6 mm	3-pk.	931450250

Maximum cartridge pressure:  $1034 \text{ bar}/15,000 \text{ psi}^*$  (UHPLC), 600 bar/8700 psi (2.7  $\mu$ m); 400 bar/5800 psi (5  $\mu$ m) \* For maximum lifetime, recommended maximum pressure for UHPLC particles is 830 bar/12,000 psi.

### UltraShield UHPLC PreColumn Filter—for 1.8 μm Raptor Columns

Pair 1.8 µm Raptor columns with an UltraShield filter instead of a guard cartridge to protect against particulates, minimize extra column volume, and maximize UHPLC sample throughput when using SPE, SLE, or other extensive sample preparations.

Porosity	qty.	cat.#
0.5 µm frit	ea.	24995
0.5 µm frit	5-pk.	24996
0.5 μm frit	10-pk.	24997
0.2 μm frit	ea.	25809
0.2 μm frit	5-pk.	25810
0.2 um frit	10-nk	25811





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