Shorten Analysis Time and Boost Productivity With Restek Fast GC Columns

The math is simple: the less time it takes to perform each analysis, the more samples your laboratory can process. The easiest way to reduce analysis time while still maintaining resolution of critical compounds is to use hydrogen as your carrier gas. If hydrogen is not an option, or if you already use it and want to go even faster, turn to the higher resolving power of smaller-bore capillary columns from Restek.

As column ID decreases, column efficiency (i.e., plates/meter) increases, allowing you to achieve the same, or even better, resolution using a shorter length—and significantly less time. Whether you are currently using 0.25 or 0.53 mm ID columns, you can shorten analysis times as much as twofold by switching to Restek® 0.15 mm ID fast GC columns. These high-efficiency columns speed up separations on your existing GC or GC-MS instrumentation—while maintaining resolution and meeting method criteria—so you can make more runs per shift with the same exceptional accuracy you've come to expect from Restek.

Fast GC 0.15 mm ID Columns

- Increase productivity up to 2x without sacrificing resolution.
- Compatible with your existing GC setup.
- Low bleed for maximum sensitivity and accurate GC-MS analyses.
- Thick films (up to 2 µm) eliminate loadability issues.
- OD similar to 0.25 mm columns for easy installation.
- Excellent as secondary columns for GCxGC.
- Available in a variety of stationary phases.

Rxi®-1ms Columns for Fast GC (fused silica)

(nonpolar phase; Crossbond® dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df	temp. limits	10-Meter cat.#	20-Meter cat.#
0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	43800	43801

Rxi®-5Sil MS Columns for Fast GC (fused silica)

(low-polarity phase; Crossbond® 1,4-bis(dimethylsiloxy)phenylene dimethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df	temp. limits	10-Meter cat.#	20-Meter cat.#
0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-60 to 320/350 °C	43815	43816
	2.0 µm	-60 to 320/350 °C		43817

Rxi®-17Sil MS Columns for Fast GC (fused silica)

(midpolarity Crossbond® phase)

ID	df	temp. limits	10-Meter cat.#	20-Meter cat.#
0.15 mm	0.15 µm	40 to 340/360 °C	43820	43821

Rtx®-200 Columns for Fast GC (fused silica)

(midpolarity phase; Crossbond® trifluoropropylmethyl polysiloxane)

ID	df	temp. limits	10-Meter cat.#	20-Meter cat.#
0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-20 to 320/340 °C	43835	43836

Stabilwax® Columns for Fast GC (fused silica)

(polar phase; Crossbond® polyethylene glycol)

ID	df	temp. limits	10-Meter cat.#	20-Meter cat.#
0.15 mm	0.15 µm	40 to 250/260 °C	43830	43831

tech tip

Use a 20 m fast GC column in place of a standard 30 m column; a 10 m in place of a 15 m; and a 40 m in place of a 60 m.

How to Get the Same Chromatogram With a Fast GC Column

For over 20 years, 0.15 mm ID columns have been proven to work in virtually any application field. When switching to a smaller-ID and shorter-length column, there are several things you must do in order for your new, faster method to give you the same chromatogram (i.e., separations) as your old method:

1) Choose a column with the same phase ratio.
2) Adapt the temperature program so that the analyte elution temperatures are the same.
3) Adjust the linear velocity. (For a good starting point, see your column's certificate of analysis.)

Following these guidelines will help ensure that you achieve similar chromatography (i.e., identical elution order and resolution)— in a fraction of the time.