

## Restek GCxGC Columns: Your One Source for 2D Gas Chromatography

### Why Use GCxGC?

GCxGC is a powerful multidimensional GC technique that combines two independent separations to accurately analyze highly complex samples. GCxGC involves two columns with differing stationary phase selectivity (orthogonal) that are press-fitted together in series and separated by a modulator. The first (primary) column performs an initial separation, and its effluent is continually focused and “injected” in defined cycles by the modulator onto the second (secondary) column, where another separation occurs. By choosing a secondary column that is orthogonal (has different selectivity) to the primary column, it is possible to separate and identify analytes that cannot be separated by the primary column. And, by keeping the secondary column very short, it is possible to maintain the separation produced by the primary column. Results generated through a series of high-speed chromatograms are plotted as a contour plot, sometimes known as a retention plane (Figure 1).

So, why use GCxGC? Because comprehensive two-dimensional gas chromatography allows you to perform separations that are simply not possible using standard one-dimensional chromatography!

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- Wide range of stationary phases offers orthogonal separations.
- High thermal stability increases system ruggedness.
- Unrivaled column inertness for accurate analysis of active compounds.
- 0.15, 0.18, and 0.25 mm ID formats accommodate varying sample capacities, speeds, and detectors.
- Secondary columns come in convenient 2 m lengths for economical methods development.

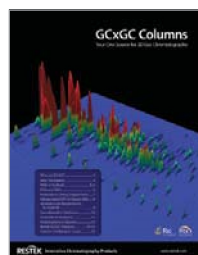
Restek has been performing comprehensive two-dimensional gas chromatography since its commercial inception. Our Innovations lab boasts multiple instruments dedicated to GCxGC applications, and we are continually exploring new application areas—including environmental, food safety, petroleum, forensics, fragrance, natural products, tobacco, metabolomics, and dietary supplements.

Restek's GCxGC secondary columns can be matched with any Restek® Rtx® or Rxi® primary column to create the perfect orthogonal separation for your application. See our combination guide below for help choosing your GCxGC columns. We also offer a range of complementary GC accessories—including Sky® inlet liners, the Restek® electronic leak detector, and Press-Tight® connectors—to boost your success with GCxGC.

### Restek GCxGC Column Combination Guide

To achieve ideal results in a GCxGC analysis, it is imperative that your primary and secondary columns feature orthogonal phases capable of producing differing separations. Use the chart below to find the perfect combination of Restek® columns to maximize the effectiveness of your GCxGC system.

Application Area	Primary Column		Secondary Column	
	Phase	Selectivity	Phase	Selectivity
Petrochemical	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar	Rxi®-17Sil MS	Midpolar, aromatic selective
Petrochemical	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar	Rxi®-17Sil MS	Midpolar, aromatic selective
PAHs, environmental	Rxi®-17Sil MS	Midpolar, aromatic selective	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar
PAHs, environmental	Rxi®-17Sil MS	Midpolar, aromatic selective	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar
PCBs, PBDEs, PAHs, environmental	Rxi®-XLB	Nonpolar	Rxi®-17Sil MS	Midpolar, aromatic selective
Mono-ortho, coplanar PCBs	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar	Rxi®-XLB	Planar selective
Mono-ortho, coplanar PCBs	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar	Rxi®-XLB	Planar selective
Pesticides, nitroaromatics, halogenated compounds	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar	Rtx®-200	Midpolar, electronegative selectivity
Pesticides, nitroaromatics, halogenated compounds	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar	Rtx®-200	Midpolar, electronegative selectivity
Pesticides, nitroaromatics, halogenated compounds	Rxi®-XLB	Nonpolar	Rtx®-200	Midpolar, electronegative selectivity
Flavors, fragrances	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar	Stabilwax®	Polar
Flavors, fragrances	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar	Stabilwax®	Polar
Flavors, fragrances	Stabilwax®	Polar	Rxi®-1ms	Nonpolar
Flavors, fragrances	Stabilwax®	Polar	Rxi®-5Sil MS	Nonpolar

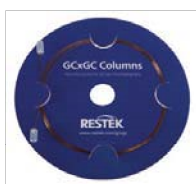


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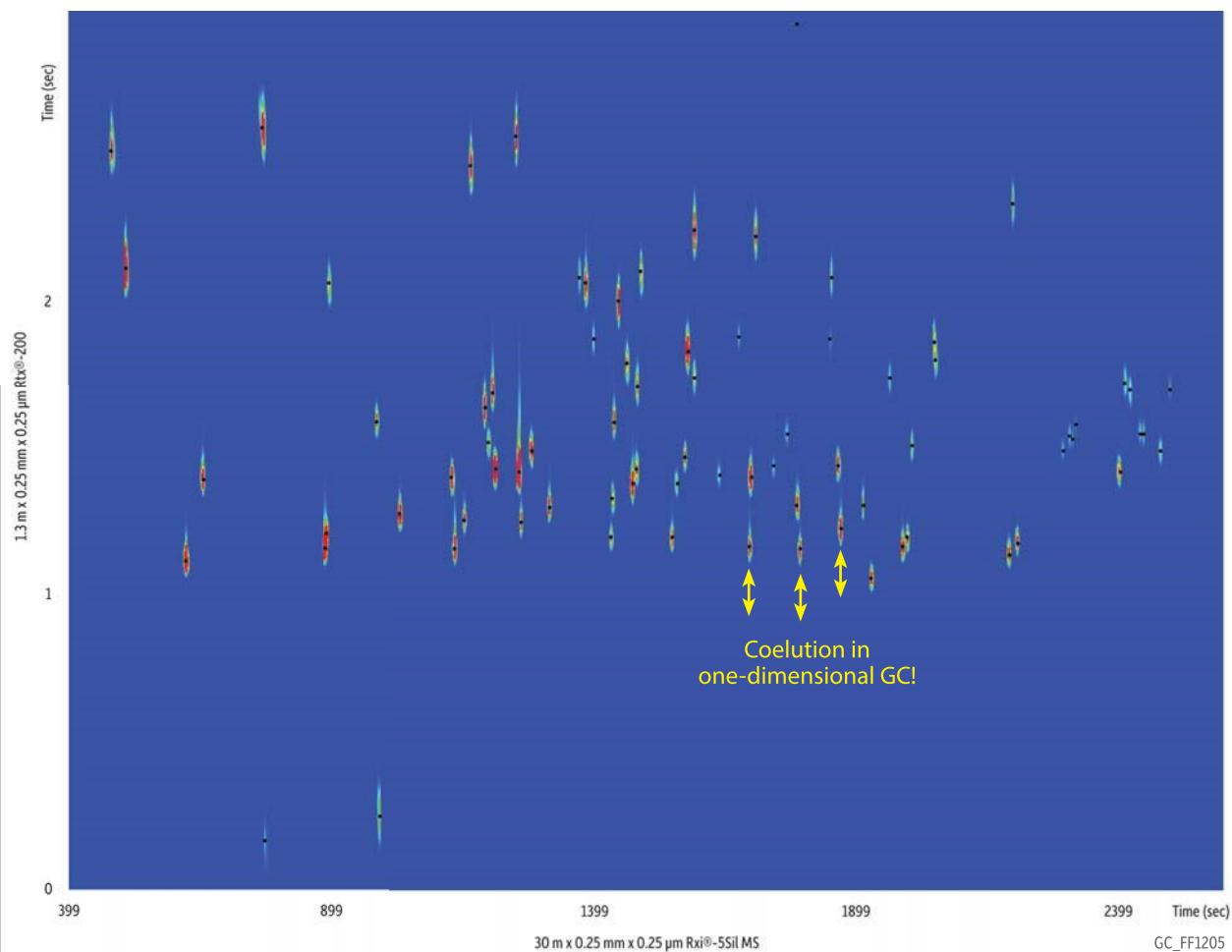
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To order Restek GCxGC columns and accessories, see [page 62](#).

To get additional assistance in choosing a column pair, visit [www.restek.com/gcxgc](http://www.restek.com/gcxgc)

**Figure 1:** In a contour plot like this one showing clear determination of over 80 pesticides in marijuana, the x-axis represents the primary column retention time and the y-axis represents the secondary column retention time. Peaks aligned along the y-axis would coelute in one-dimensional GC, which is especially problematic if they cannot then be separated by MS.



**Column:** Rxi®-5Sil MS 30 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 µm (cat.# 13623); Rtx®-200 1.3 m, 0.25 mm ID, 0.25 µm (cat.# 15020); **Sample:** Diluent: Toluene; **Injection:** Inj. Vol.: 1 µL splitless (hold 1 min); Liner: Sky™ 4 mm single taper w/wool (cat.# 23303.1); **Inj. Temp.:** 250 °C; **Purge Flow:** 40 mL/min; **Oven:** Oven Temp.: Rxi®-5Sil MS: 80 °C (hold 1 min) to 310 °C at 5 °C/min; Rtx®-200: 85 °C (hold 1 min) to 315 °C at 5 °C/min; **Carrier Gas:** He, corrected constant flow (2 mL/min); **Modulation:** Modulator Temp. Offset: 20 °C; Second Dimension Separation Time: 3 sec; Hot Pulse Time: 0.9 sec; Cool Time between Stages: 0.6 sec; **Detector:** TOFMS; **Transfer Line Temp.:** 290 °C; **Analyzer Type:** TOF; **Source Temp.:** 225 °C; **Electron Energy:** 70 eV; **Mass Defect:** -20 mu/100 u; **Solvent Delay Time:** 5 min; **Tune Type:** PFTBA; **Ionization Mode:** EI; **Acquisition Range:** 45-550 amu; **Spectral Acquisition Rate:** 100 spectra/sec; **Instrument:** LECO Pegasus 4D GCxGC-TOFMS; **Notes:** Rtx®-200 (cat.# 15020) is a 15 m column. A 1.3 m section was used as the second dimension column.

For a peak list, visit [www.restek.com](http://www.restek.com) and enter chromatogram GC\_FF1205 in the search function.

## ChromaBLOGraphy

Check out the Restek blog for the most current topics in GCxGC.

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- Each kit includes one Rxi®-1ms, Rxi®-5Sil MS, Rxi®-17Sil MS, Rtx®-200, Rxi®-XLB, and Stabilwax® column.
- Comprehensive kit simplifies column selection for method developers and frequent GCxGC users alike.
- Included Press-Tight® connectors offer a reliable, hassle-free installation.

### Primary GCxGC Columns (In order of increasing polarity)

Phase	Length	ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#
Rxi-1ms	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	13323
Rxi-5Sil MS	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-60 to 320/350 °C	13623
Rxi-XLB	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	30 to 340/360 °C	13723
Rxi-17Sil MS	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	40 to 340/360 °C	14123
Rtx-200	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-20 to 320/340 °C	15023
Stabilwax	30 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	40 to 250/260 °C	10623

### Secondary GCxGC Columns (In order of increasing polarity)

Phase	Length	ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#
Rxi-1ms	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15114
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15120
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15127
Rxi-5Sil MS	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15113
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15119
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-60 to 330/350 °C	15126
Rxi-XLB	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	30 to 340/360 °C	15115
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	30 to 340/360 °C	15121
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	30 to 340/360 °C	15128
Rxi-17Sil MS	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	40 to 340/360 °C	15110
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	40 to 340/360 °C	15116
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	40 to 340/360 °C	15123
Rtx-200	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	-20 to 320/340 °C	15111
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	-20 to 320/340 °C	15117
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	-20 to 320/340 °C	15124
Stabilwax	2 m	0.15 mm	0.15 µm	40 to 250/260 °C	15112
	2 m	0.18 mm	0.18 µm	40 to 250/260 °C	15118
	2 m	0.25 mm	0.25 µm	40 to 250/260 °C	15125

### GCxGC Secondary Column Selectivity Kits

Description	qty.	cat.#
GCxGC (0.15 mm) Selectivity Kit	kit	15129

#### Includes (each product also available separately)

Rxi-1ms	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15114
Rxi-5Sil MS	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15113
Rxi-XLB	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15115
Rxi-17Sil MS	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15110
Rtx-200	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15111
Stabilwax	2 m x 0.15 mm x 0.15 µm	ea.	15112
Universal Press-Tight Connectors	Deactivated	5-pk.	20429

Description	qty.	cat.#
GCxGC (0.18 mm) Selectivity Kit	kit	15130

#### Includes (each product also available separately)

Rxi-1ms	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15120
Rxi-5Sil MS	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15119
Rxi-XLB	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15121
Rxi-17Sil MS	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15116
Rtx-200	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15117
Stabilwax	2 m x 0.18 mm x 0.18 µm	ea.	15118
Universal Press-Tight Connectors	Deactivated	5-pk.	20429

Description	qty.	cat.#
GCxGC (0.25 mm) Selectivity Kit	kit	15131

#### Includes (each product also available separately)

Rxi-1ms	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15127
Rxi-5Sil MS	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15126
Rxi-XLB	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15128
Rxi-17Sil MS	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15123
Rtx-200	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15124
Stabilwax	2 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm	ea.	15125
Universal Press-Tight Connectors	Deactivated	5-pk.	20429