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OPERATING CONDITIONS and SPECIFICATIONS

TSK-GEL® GMH_{XL} Products

Part Numbers:	16141	7.8 mm ID x 30.0 cm L	GMH _{XL}	9 µm
	16652	7.8 mm ID x 30.0 cm L	GMH _{XL} -L	6 µm

This sheet contains the recommended operating conditions and the specifications for TSK-GEL GMH_{XL} columns and guard columns. GMH_{XL} -type columns are mixed-bed columns. They are prepared by combining packings of various pore sizes to obtain a column that has a linear calibration curve that spans a very wide molecular weight range. As other H-type columns, GMH_{XL} -type columns are used exclusively for Gel Permeation Chromatography. Installation instructions and column care information are described in a separate Instruction Manual.

A. OPERATING CONDITIONS

- Shipping Solvent: Tetrahydrofuran (THF)
- Max.Flow Rate: 1.2 ml/min

NOTE: When a buffer with high viscosity is used, the maximum flow rate may have to be reduced so as not to exceed the maximum pressure drop. When changing solvents, use a flow rate equal to 25% of the maximum flow rate.

- Standard Flow Rate: 0.5 - 1.0 ml/min
- Max. Pressure: 15 kg/cm² = 215 psi

- Multiple Columns: Columns of the same or different pore size are often connected in series to improve resolution and/or to expand the linear portion of the calibration curve. Connect the columns in order of decreasing pore size to avoid overloading from the high MW components. Connect analytical columns using short pieces of 1/16" x 0.01" ID stainless steel tubing. Use larger ID tubing for (semi-) prep columns.

- Solvents: Turn this page over for a list of solvents that are compatible with this H-type column. Most H-type columns are supplied in THF because of its high dissolving power for polymers and oligomers. Preparative columns contain chloroform since it can easily be removed after fractionation. Besides in THF, H-type columns are also available packed in acetone, chloroform, dimethylformamide and o-dichlorobenzene (ODCB).

- Temperature: It is recommended that GMH_{XL} -type columns be used above room temperature and up to a maximum of 80°C.

- Sample Size: 0.001 - 0.5 mg

- Storage: The column can be left overnight in solvent in the LC system. When it will not be used for longer periods of time, remove the column from the equipment, seal the ends with the provided protective screws, and store it at laboratory temperature. At all times, prevent air from entering the column!

- Column Protection: The use of guard columns (P/N 13727 Guardcolumn H_{XL}-H or P/N 07113 Guardcolumn H_{XL}-L) is recommended to prolong the life of the analytical column. Guard columns are not for analysis, they do not improve resolution when connected to the main column. They are also not a substitute for filtering the mobile phase and the sample. A guard column does reduce pump pulsation, and further protects the main column by collecting highly adsorptive components and insoluble substances. Guard column life depends greatly on sample cleanliness. As a general rule, guard columns should be replaced when the peaks become excessively wide, or when the peaks show splitting.

B. SPECIFICATIONS

The performance of TSK-GEL GMH_{XL} columns is tested under the conditions described in the Data Sheet. All columns have passed the following quality control specifications

Number of Theoretical Plates (N):	≥ 16,000	7.8 mm ID x 30.0 cm L H _{XL} -L
	≥ 14,000	7.8 mm ID x 30.0 cm L H _{XL}
Asymmetry Factor (AF):	0.7 - 1.6	

C. SOLVENT COMPATIBILITY for H_{XL} COLUMNS

Standard H-type columns are packed (and shipped) in tetrahydrofuran, with the exception of GMH-HT columns which are only shipped in o-dichlorobenzene. H-type columns are also available *per special order* packed in acetone, chloroform, dimethylformamide, or o-dichlorobenzene. The table below lists the solvents that may be used to replace the original shipping solvent.

Note: Only one solvent substitution can be made.

SHIPPING SOLVENT: CAN BE REPLACED BY:

Tetrahydrofuran benzene, chloroform, toluene, xylene, dichloromethane, dichloroethane

Note: THF G1000H_{XL} columns cannot be substituted with dichloromethane or dichloroethane.

Acetone carbon tetrachloride, o-chlorophenol/chloroform, m-cresol/chloroform, o-dichlorobenzene, dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), dioxane, ethylacetate, FC-113, hexane, hexafluoroisopropanol/chloroform, methylethylketone, N-methylpyrrolidine, methanol/chloroform (up to 60% MeOH), pyridine, quinoline.

Chloroform m-cresol/chloroform, hexafluoroisopropanol/chloroform, 0 to 20% methanol in chloroform

Dimethylformamide dimethylsulfoxide, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, toluene

o-dichlorobenzene 1-chloronaphthalene, trichlorobenzene

Important:

1. Carbon tetrachloride can corrode stainless steel parts in an HPLC system and in the column.
2. Methanol cannot be used with H-Type columns; use PW columns with this solvent.

How to Change Solvents:

1. Use a linear gradient at a rate of change of 2% per minute.
2. Use a flow rate of ≤ 0.5 ml/min for 7.5 mm ID and 7.8 mm ID columns.
3. Use half the normal flow rate for (semi-) prep columns.