

Maximize Your Efficiency with Precision Solvents

Agilent InfinityLab solvents for HPLC and LC/MS



Precision Solvents for Superior HPLC & UHPLC

Choosing the right solvent is pivotal in achieving optimal sample separation, as contamination can lead to ghost peaks or deposits, resulting in costly downtime and repairs. InfinityLab gradient grade HPLC solvents are specially formulated to achieve superior performance for analytical UHPLC applications with Agilent Infinity instrumentation and column chemistries.

Experience the benefits

- ✓ Optimized and tested for Agilent UHPLC instruments, allowing for seamless integration
- Improved column and capillary lifetime, promoting cost-effectiveness
- Excellent lot-to-lot reproducibility, ensuring consistent results
- ✓ Lowest impurity levels, reducing ghost peaks in gradient runs
- ✓ 0.2 µm pre-filtered, safeguarding your system from contaminants and clogging
- Shipped in high-quality amber borosilicate glass bottles, preserving solvent integrity
- Shipped in 4 L bottles, providing convenience and ample supply for your lab's needs



Agilent InfinityLab Methanol Gradient Grade for HPLC

Agilent's InfinityLab gradient grade Methanol offers outstanding performance and is commonly used in reversed-phase UHPLC applications. Its water-miscible, polar protic properties make it an ideal choice, and its excellent lot-to-lot reproducibility ensures consistent and reliable results for your analytical needs.

Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Hazard Statements



GHS02 Flammables



GHS06 Accute Toxicity



GHS08 Health Hazard

Properties	
Names	Methyl Alcohol
Formula	CH₃OH
Part Number	5191-5110
Volume	4 L
Pack size	4 bottles
CAS Number	67-56-1
Molecular Weight	32.04 g/mol
Beilstein	1098229
EC Index Number	200-659-6
Hazard Statements	H225, H301 + H311 + H33, H370
Precautionary Statements	P210, P233, P240, P241, P242, P243, P260, P264, P270, P271, P280, P301+P310+P330, P303+P361+P353, P304+P340+P311, P307+P311, P362, P370+P378, P403+P233, P403+P235, P405, P501
Flash Point	49.5 °F or 9.7 °C (closed cup)
Hazard Classifications	Acute Toxicity, Dermal, Category 3 Acute Toxicity, Inhalation, Category 3 Acute Toxicity, Oral, Category 3 Flammable Liquid, Category 2 STOT SE 1
Storage Class Codes	Class 3 - Flammable liquids
Water Hazard Classes (WGK)	WGK 2



Water/Methanol Gradient Overlay at 225 nm, 254 nm, and 280 nm (Range: 0-100 mAU)

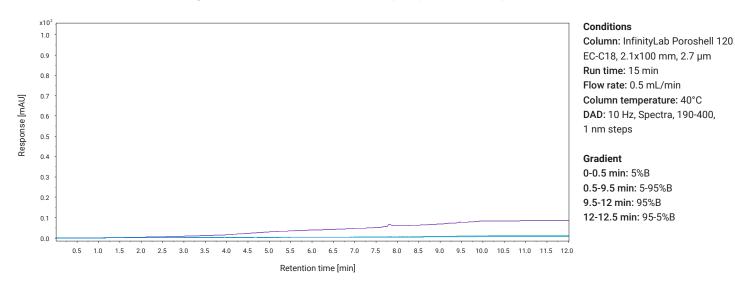


Figure 1. Gradient from 5-95% MeOH. Detection Wavelengths: 225nm (purple), 254 nm (turquoise), 280 nm (blue). Low base absorbance and minimum ghost peaks.

Agilent InfinityLab Methanol gradient grade for HPLC specification

Parameter	Specification
Identity (by Infrared Spectroscopy)	Identity confirmed
Purity (by Gas Chromatography)	≥ 99.9 %
Gradient suitability (at 235 nm)	≤ 2.0 mAU
Gradient suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 1.0 mAU
Absorbance (at 210 nm)	≤ 0.699 AU
Absorbance (at 225 nm)	≤ 0.170 AU
Absorbance (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.013 AU
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 1.0 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Residue on evaporation	≤ 2.5 ppm
Water	≤ 0.02 %
Color	Colorless
Acidity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g
Alkalinity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g

Filtered through 0.2 μm filter. Suitable for all Agilent UHPLC and HPLC Instruments.

Agilent InfinityLab Acetonitrile Gradient Grade for HPLC

Agilent's InfinityLab gradient grade Acetonitrile is a water-miscible, polar aprotic solvent with high UV transmittance properties. It has low viscosity, providing less back pressure compared to other commonly used organic solvents, and offers high elution strength for reversed phase UHPLC applications with excellent lot-to-lot reproducibility.

Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Hazard Statements **GHS02** GHS07 Flammables Irritant Properties Cyanomethane Methyl cyanide Names ACN Ethyl nitrile Formula CH₃CN Part Number 5191-5100 Volume 4 L 4 bottles Pack size CAS Number 75-05-8 Molecular Weight 41.05 g/mol Beilstein 741857 200-835-2 FC Index Number Hazard Statements H225, H302 + H312 + H332, H319 P210, P233, P240, P241, P242, P243, P260, P264, P270, P271, P280, P301+P310+P330, P303+P361+P353, P304+P340+P311, Precautionary Statements P307+P311. P362. P370+P378. P403+P233, P403+P235, P405, P501 Flash Point 35.6 °F or 2.0 °C (closed cup) Acute Toxicity, Dermal, Category 4 Acute Toxicity, Inhalation, Category 4

Acute Toxicity, Oral, Category 4 Eye Irritant, Category 2 Flammable Liquid, Category 2

Class 3 - Flammable liquids

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Hazard Classifications

Storage Class Codes

Water Hazard Classes (WGK)



Water/Methanol Gradient Overlay at 225 nm, 254 nm, and 280 nm (Range: 0-100 mAU)

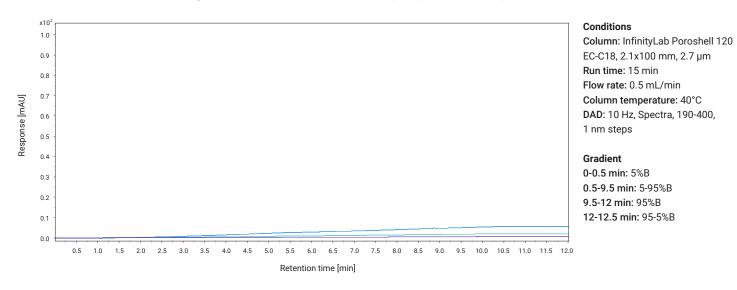


Figure 2. Gradient from 5-95% ACN. Detection wavelengths: 210nm (blue), 225 nm (turquoise), 254 nm (purple). Low base absorbance and minimum ghost peaks.

Agilent InfinityLab Acetonitrile gradient grade for HPLC specification

Parameter	Specification
Identity (by Infrared Spectroscopy)	Identity confirmed
Purity (by Gas Chromatography)	≥ 99.9 %
Gradient suitability (at 210 nm)	≤ 1.0 mAU
Gradient suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 mAU
Absorbance (at 195 nm)	≤ 0.097 AU
Absorbance (at 210 nm)	≤ 0.040 AU
Absorbance (at 225 nm)	≤ 0.010 AU
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 1.0 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Residue on evaporation	≤ 2.5 ppm
Water	≤ 0.02 %
Color	Colorless
Acidity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g
Alkalinity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g

Filtered through 0.2 µm filter. Suitable for all Agilent UHPLC and HPLC Instruments.

Agilent InfinityLab Water Gradient Grade for HPLC

Water is an essential composition of reversed-phase mobile phases. Organic impurities, inorganic ions, and particle contamination can negatively influence UHPLC results by generating ghost peaks and impacting column performance. Using pre-filtered InfinityLab gradient grade HPLC water with controlled ions and TOC (total organic carbon) content reduces unwanted instrument downtimes by column and capillary clogging.

Properties	
Synonyms	Deionized water
Formula	H2O
Part Number	5191-5120
Volume	4 L
Pack size	4 bottles
CAS Number	75-05-8
Molecular Weight	18.02 g/mol
Beilstein	2050024

Agilent InfinityLab Water gradient grade for LC specification

Parameter	Specification
Gradient suitability (at 210 nm)	≤ 5 mAU
Gradient suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 mAU
Absorbance (at 210 nm)	≤ 0.020 AU
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 1.0 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Residue on evaporation	≤ 5 ppm
Total organic carbon (TOC)	≤ 30 ppb
Aluminum (Al)	≤ 10 ppb
Calcium (Ca)	≤ 100 ppb
Iron (Fe)	≤ 5 ppb
Potassium (K)	≤ 10 ppb
Magnesium (Mg)	≤ 20 ppb
Sodium (Na)	≤ 200 ppb
Other metals (ICP-MS)	Suitable for LC analysis (Internal Specification: any other metal: ≤ 5 ppm)
Chloride (Cl-)	≤ 10 ppb
Nitrate (NO ₃ -)	≤ 10 ppb
Sulfate (SO42-)	≤ 10 ppb
Phosphate (PO ₄ ³ -)	≤ 10 ppb



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Precision Solvents for Superior LC/MS

Modern LC/MS technology is making remarkable strides, setting unprecedented detection limits and raising the bar for solvent and additive purity requirements. Agilent InfinityLab solvents for LC/MS are specially formulated to safeguard against common contaminants such as salt, polymer compounds, surfactants, and plasticizers—helping you achieve unparalleled quality, purity, and lot-to-lot reproducibility.

Experience the benefits

- Optimized and tested for Agilent LC/MS instruments, allowing for seamless integration
- Improved UHPLC column and capillary lifetime, promoting cost-effectiveness
- Minimized background noise and ion suppression
- Excellent lot-to-lot reproducibility, ensuring consistent results
- Lowest impurity levels, reducing ghost peaks in gradient runs
- 0.2 µm pre-filtered, safeguarding your system from contaminants and clogging
- ✓ Shipped in clean, clear borosilicate 1 L glass bottles



Water/Acetonitrile Positive ESI Mode

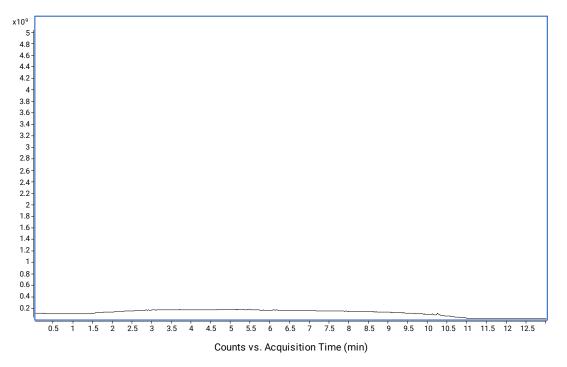


Figure 3. Gradient from 5-95% ACN. Low total ion count and minimum ghost peaks.

Water/Methanol Positive ESI Mode

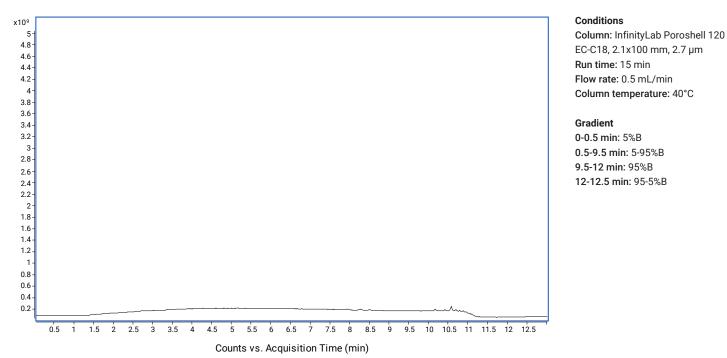


Figure 4. Gradient from 5-95% MeOH. Low total ion count and minimum ghost peaks.

Conditions

Column: InfinityLab Poroshell 120 EC-C18, 2.1x100 mm, 2.7 μm Run time: 15 min Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min Column temperature: 40°C

Gradient

0-0.5 min: 5%B 0.5-9.5 min: 5-95%B 9.5-12 min: 95%B 12-12.5 min: 95-5%B

Agilent InfinityLab Methanol for LC/MS

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Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Hazard Statements







GHS02 Flammables

GHS06 Accute Toxicity

GHS08 Health Hazard

NamesMethyl AlcoholFormulaCHaOHPart Number5191-5111Volume1 LPack Size6 bottlesCAS Number67-56-1Molecular Weight32.04 g/molBeilstein1098229EC Index Number200-659-6Hazard StatementsH225, H301 + H311 + H33, H370Precautionary StatementsP210, P233, P240, P241, P242, P243, P260, P264, P270, P271, P280, P301+P310+P330, P303+P361+P353, P304+P340+P311, P307+P311, P362, P370+P378, P403+P233, P403+P235, P405, P501Flash Point49.5 °F or 9.7 °C (closed cup)Hazard ClassificationsAcute Toxicity, Dermal, Category 3 Acute Toxicity, Oral, Category 3 Flammable Liquid, Category 2 STOT SE 1Storage Class CodesClass 3 - Flammable liquids	Properties	
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Water Hazard Classes (WGK) WGK 2	Storage Class Codes	Class 3 - Flammable liquids
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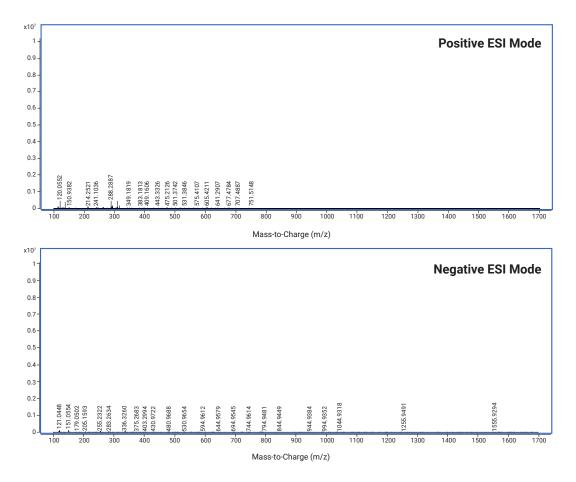


Figure 5. MS spectrum of 100% MeOH (no column) at m/z 100-1700 showing very low impurity levels at positive (top) and negative (bottom) ionization mode.

Agilent InfinityLab Methanol for LC/MS specification

	Specification
Identity (by Infrared Spectroscopy)	Identity confirmed
Purity (by Gas Chromatography)	≥ 99.9%
LC/MS Positive Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
LC/MS Negative Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
Gradient Suitability (at 230 nm)	≤ 2.0 mAU
Gradient Suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 mAU
Residue on Evaporation	≤ 1 ppm
Water	≤ 0.01%
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Aluminum (Al)	≤ 5 ppb
Calcium (Ca)	≤ 5 ppb
Iron (Fe)	≤ 5 ppb
Magnesium (Mg)	≤ 5 ppb
Potassium (K)	≤ 5 ppb
Sodium (Na)	≤ 25 ppb
Acidity	≤ 1 µeq/g
Alkalinity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g

Filtered through 0.2 μm filter. Suitable for all Agilent LC/MS instruments.

Agilent InfinityLab Acetonitrile for LC/MS

InfinityLab Acetonitrile for LC/MS is tested and specified for UHPLC/MS applications. It is packed in borosilicate glass bottles to achieve excellent detection limits and ensure the lowest levels of trace metal impurities and contaminants.



Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Hazard Statements



GHS02 Flammables GHS07 Irritant

Properties

Tioperties	
Names	Cyanomethane Methyl cyanide ACN Ethyl nitrile
Formula	CH₃CN
Part Number	5191-5101
Volume	1 L
Pack Size	6 bottles
CAS Number	75-05-8
Molecular Weight	41.05 g/mol
Beilstein	741857
EC Index Number	200-835-2
Hazard Statements	H225, H302 + H312 + H332, H319
Precautionary Statements	P210, P233, P240, P241, P242, P243, P260, P264, P270, P271, P280, P301+P310+P330, P303+P361+P353, P304+P340+P311, P307+P311, P362, P370+P378, P403+P233, P403+P235, P405, P501
Flash Point	35.6 °F or 2.0 °C (closed cup)
Hazard Classifications	Acute Toxicity, Dermal, Category 4 Acute Toxicity, Inhalation, Category 4 Acute Toxicity, Oral, Category 4 Eye Irritant, Category 2 Flammable Liquid, Category 2
Storage Class Codes	Class 3 - Flammable liquids
Water Hazard Classes (WGK)	WGK 2

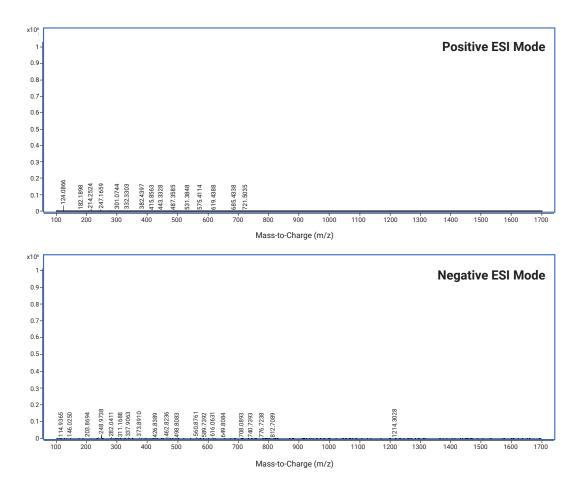


Figure 6. MS spectrum of 100% Acetonitrile (no column) at m/z 100-1700 showing very low impurity levels at positive (top) and negative (bottom) ionization mode.

Agilent InfinityLab Acetonitrile for LC/MS specification

Parameter	Specification
Identity (by Infrared Spectroscopy)	Identity confirmed
Purity (by Gas Chromatography)	≥ 99.9%
LC/MS Positive Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
LC/MS Negative Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
Gradient Suitability (at 210 nm)	≤ 1.0 mAU
Gradient Suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.2 mAU
Residue on Evaporation	≤ 1 ppm
Water	≤ 0.01%
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 0.3 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.3 ppb
Aluminum (Al)	≤ 5 ppb
Calcium (Ca)	≤ 5 ppb
Iron (Fe)	≤ 5 ppb
Potassium (K)	≤ 5 ppb
Magnesium (Mg)	≤ 5 ppb
Sodium (Na)	≤ 25 ppb
Acidity	≤ 1 µeq/g
Alkalinity	≤ 0.2 µeq/g

Filtered through 0.2 μm filter. Suitable for all Agilent LC/MS instruments.

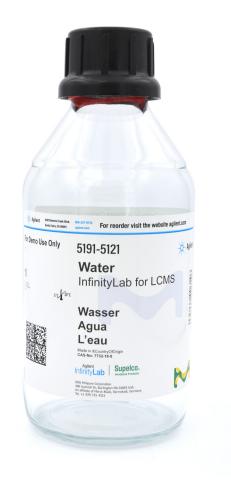
Agilent InfinityLab Water for LC/MS

The utmost water quality is crucial for LC/MS. Inorganic ion contaminants and variations in local water quality can adversely affect LC/MS outcomes. Experience the pinnacle of purity and consistent lot-to-lot performance for RP-LC/MS applications with InfinityLab Water for LC/MS.

Properties	
Names	Deionized water
Formula	H₂O
Part Number	5191-5121
Volume	1 L
Pack Size	6 bottles
CAS Number	75-05-8
Molecular Weight	18.02 g/mol
Beilstein	2050024

Specifications	
LC/MS Positive Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
LC/MS Negative Mode (tested with Reserpine)	Suitable for LC/MS analysis
Gradient Suitability (at 210 nm)	≤ 2 mAU
Gradient Suitability (at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 mAU
Residue on Evaporation	≤ 1 ppm
Fluorescence (as quinine at 254 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Fluorescence (as quinine at 365 nm)	≤ 0.5 ppb
Aluminum (Al)	≤ 5 ppb
Calcium (Ca)	≤ 5 ppb
Iron (Fe)	≤ 5 ppb
Potassium (K)	≤ 10 ppb
Magnesium (Mg)	≤ 5 ppb
Sodium (Na)	≤ 50 ppb

Filtered through 0.2 µm filter. Suitable for all Agilent UHPLC and HPLC Instruments.



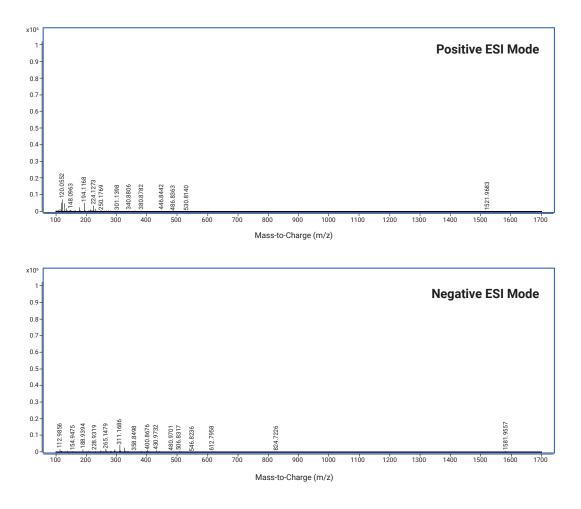


Figure 7. MS spectrum of MeOH at m/z 100-1700 showing very low impurity levels at positive (top) and negative (bottom) ionization mode.

Technical Considerations

Selecting mobile phases

In HPLC and UHPLC reversed-phase chromatography, mobile phases typically consist of water and an organic modifier, such as acetonitrile or methanol. Work with HPLC gradient grade or LC/MS solvents and modifiers for optimal results. The choice of mobile phase significantly affects selectivity differences, sample retention, and solubility. Maintaining control over the pH and ionic strength of the aqueous portion is crucial for developing rugged methods that are insensitive to minor variations.

With ionic compounds, retention of typical species experiences significant changes with pH. For stable retention and selectivity, it is essential to control the pH within the range of 2 to 4, making this pH range ideal for starting method development with most samples, including basic compounds and weak acids. To ensure reproducibility, the pH used should be within ± one pH unit above or below the pKa or pKb of the solutes being separated.

If the pKas of your analytes are unknown, testing multiple mobile phase pH values may yield the best results. Most reversed-phase columns can tolerate pH ranges of 2-8 or more, allowing ample flexibility to find the optimum mobile phase pH for your separation. When determining the mobile phase pH, measure and adjust it on the aqueous component before mixing it with organic modifiers for accurate and reproducible outcomes.

Working with mobile phases

When starting with a new column, use solvents compatible with the shipping solvent. To prevent buffer precipitation within the column, avoid pumping the buffer through a column shipped or stored in 100% organic for reversed-phase operation. Instead, follow our recommended two-step equilibration process: start by equilibrating the column without the buffer, then proceed to equilibrate with the buffered mobile phase. For CN and NH2 columns, ensure your solvents are miscible with the shipping solvents before equilibration. To convert a normal-phase column to a reversed-phase column, consider flushing it with a mutually miscible solvent like isopropanol, followed by equilibration using your desired mobile phase.

Mixing mobile phases

Mobile phase composition can vary due to something as straightforward as the mixing process in your lab. For example, when creating a 50/50 mixture of methanol and water offline, measuring each volume separately using clean glassware before combining them is critical. This extra measure ensures that the MeOH:H20 mixture equals the sum of its components. Mixing them in the same container may result in a mobile phase with a different total volume, thus leading to variations in composition between the two differently prepared mobile phases.

Degassing mobile phases

Degassing your mobile phase is critical. Dissolved gas in the solvents can come out of solution, forming an air bubble in the flow path that can interfere with the pump or detector's performance. Fortunately, most modern LC systems have built-in degassers; if the degasser is bypassed, absent, or not working correctly, be sure to sparge with helium or use some other means to degas.

Scale from analytical to preparative with ease

Agilent InfinityLab Poroshell 120 LC columns

Agilent InfinityLab Poroshell 120 columns are packed with superficially porous particles (SPP), making them ideal for reversed-phase LC separations. They offer exceptional efficiency and reliability, and come in a broad range of chemistries, including various C18 columns and other unique phases. They are available in three particle sizes: 1.9 μ m, 2.7 μ m, and 4 μ m, providing comprehensive selectivity for scalable LC method development. From traditional HPLC and UHPLC to ultralow dispersion UHPLC/MS, Agilent InfinityLab Poroshell 120 columns can help you meet your purification goals.

For more information visit: www.agilent.com/chem/poroshell-lc

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