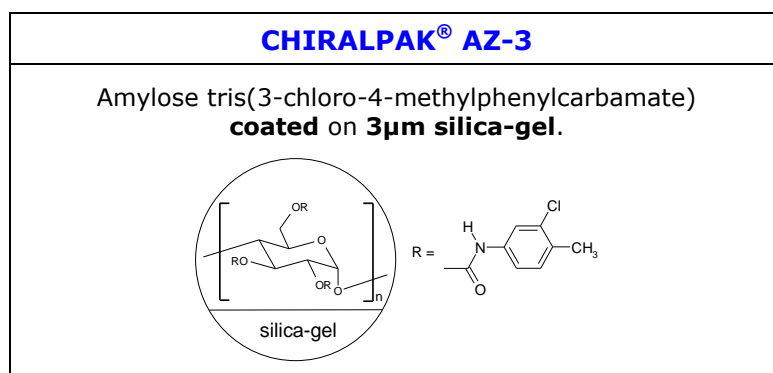


INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR CHIRALPAK® AZ-3

Please read this instruction sheet completely before using this column

Column Description



Shipping solvent: n-Hexane / 2-propanol solvent mixture (90:10 v/v)

All columns have been pre-tested before packaging. Test parameters and results, as well as the Column Lot Number, are included on a separate (enclosed) page.

CAUTION

The entire HPLC system including the injector and the injection loop must be flushed with a solvent compatible with the column and its storage solvent prior to connecting. Many of the solvents commonly used in HPLC eluents such as acetone, chloroform, DMF, dimethylsulfoxide, ethyl acetate, methylene chloride and THF may DESTROY the chiral stationary phase if they are present, even in residual quantities, in the system. If an auto-sampler is used, then the solvent employed to flush this unit between injections should also be changed and the relevant solvent lines flushed.

Operating Conditions

	50 x 4.6 mm i.d. Analytical columns	100 x 4.6 mm i.d. Analytical columns	150 x 2.1 mm i.d. Analytical columns	150 x 4.6 mm i.d. Analytical columns	250 x 4.6 mm i.d. ① Analytical columns
Flow rate direction	As indicated on the column label				
Typical flow rate ②	0.5 to 5 ml/min	0.5 to 5 ml/min	0.1 to 0.5 ml/min	0.5 to 5 ml/min	0.5 to 3 ml/min
Temperature	0 to 40°C				

👉 **NOTES:** The column packing is stable to HPLC pressures.
At a given temperature, the column back pressure is linearly proportional to the flow rate.

- ① The use of the longer column may be an efficient resort for difficult resolution of enantiomers.
- ② Flow rates in the range of 0.5-1.0ml/min are recommended for difficult resolution of enantiomers (search of the best resolution).
Flow rates superior to 1.0ml/min, preferably 3.0-5.0 ml/min, are advised for fast analyses.

Operating Procedure

CAUTION

Basic additives SHOULD BE AVOIDED, either in the sample solution or in the mobile phase.
☛ Please contact Chiral Technologies for further assistance before trying any solvents not mentioned below.

A - Mobile Phases

	Alkane ^① / 2-propanol ^②	Alkane ^① / Ethanol ^②	Alkane ^① / MeOH ^③	MeOH ^④ + ^⑤	CH ₃ CN ^⑤ <u>No Alkane at all</u>
CHIRALPAK[®]AZ-3	100/0 to 0/100	100/0 to 0/100	100/0 to 85/15	0 to 100% EtOH or IPA or CH ₃ CN in MeOH	0 to 100% EtOH or IPA or MeOH in CH ₃ CN

- ① Alkane: n-hexane or iso-hexane or n-heptane. Some small selectivity differences may sometimes be found.
- ②
 - ❑ The retention is generally shorter with Ethanol than with 2-propanol.
 - ❑ The retention is generally shorter with higher alcohol contents.
 - ❑ The use of other alcohols such as 1-propanol, 1-BuOH, 2-BuOH etc...is possible, but effectiveness cannot be guaranteed.
- ③ Due to limited miscibility of MeOH in Alkane, it is necessary to add an appropriate volume of EtOH together with MeOH in order to obtain homogenous solvent mixtures.
A maximum of 5% MeOH in n-hexane only may be used without adding EtOH.
- ④ Ideal starting conditions: MeOH/EtOH 50:50 (v/v) when alcohol mixtures are required
- ⑤
 - ❑ The use of polar solvents as 100% methanol or 100% acetonitrile is possible with CHIRALPAK[®] AZ-3 columns. Nevertheless once the column is transferred to a polar mode **we would recommend to dedicate it to this specific application.**
☞ *Equilibration in CH₃CN transfers may require longer time.*
 - ❑ To safely transfer the column from hexane to methanol or acetonitrile or between different polar solvents, use 100% EtOH as a transition mobile phase.
 - ❑ The use of other alcohols such as 1-propanol, 1-BuOH, 2-BuOH etc...is possible, but effectiveness cannot be guaranteed.

B – Additives

For acidic samples, it is necessary to add an additive into the mobile phase in order to achieve the chiral separation.

Acidic Samples Require Acidic modifiers
TFA CH ₃ COOH
< 0.5% Typically 0.1%

Column Care / Maintenance

- ❑ The use of a guard cartridge is highly recommended for maximum column life.
- ❑ Samples should be dissolved in the mobile phase and should be filtered through a membrane filter of approximately 0.5µm porosity.
- ❑ For alkane containing mobile phases, flush the column with Storage Solvent (Hexane / 2-propanol 9:1) when stored for more than one week.
- ❑ For columns dedicated to polar solvents, flush the column with the regular mobile phase **without the additive**.

☞ When washing is required, flush pure Ethanol for 3 hours.

Important Notice

⇒ STRONGLY BASIC solvent modifiers or sample solutions MUST BE AVOIDED, because they are likely to damage the silica gel used in this column.

Operating this column in accordance with the guidelines outlined here will result in a long column life.

⇒ If you have any questions about the use of these columns, or encounter a problem, contact:

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