



Restek LC



Apply Force to Your LC Methods

- **Long-lasting and reproducible**—even with rapid cycling and elevated UHPLC pressures.
- **Fully scalable between HPLC and UHPLC**—easily transfer and optimize methods
- **Premium quality**—backed by our 100% Pure Satisfaction guarantee.



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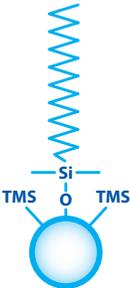
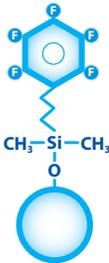
Force Performance LC Columns from Restek

Restek's new Force performance LC columns give you the power to maximize instrument uptime, increase productivity, and transfer methods across your entire lab, from your trusted-but-aged HPLC to the cutting-edge UHPLC you just plumbed last week. This incredibly rugged and supremely consistent column line represents the culmination of our twenty-plus years in LC dedicated to continually improving our phase chemistries, our lot and lifetime testing, and our bonding and packing procedures.

- Long-lasting and reproducible—maintain stable retention times and peak shapes, even under the stress of elevated UHPLC pressures and rapid cycling.
- Fully scalable between 3 or 5 μm HPLC and 1.8 μm UHPLC—easily transfer and optimize methods without extensive calculations.
- Premium quality ensured by strict manufacturing and QC procedures—backed by the strength of our 100% Pure Satisfaction guarantee.

Meet today's workflow needs—and prepare for tomorrow's—by applying Force LC columns to all of your instrument platforms. Order yours today at www.restek.com/force

Available with Restek's most-popular and highly selective Biphenyl and FluoroPhenyl phases, as well as a general-purpose C18.

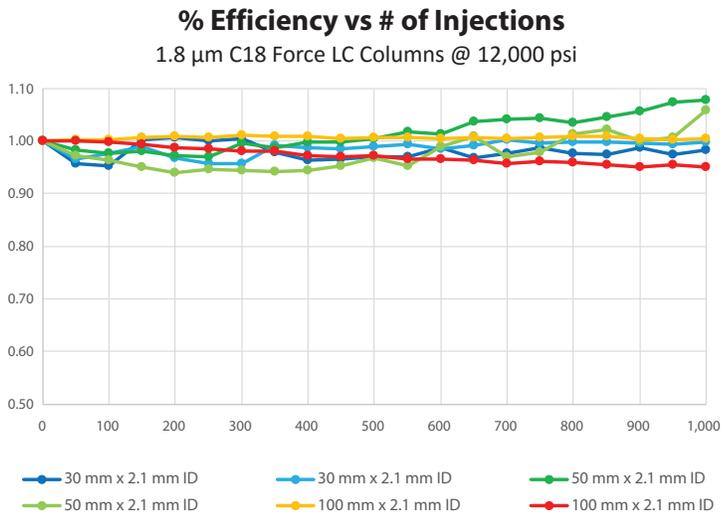
	Biphenyl	C18	FluoroPhenyl
			
USP Phase Code	L11	L1	L43
Stationary Phase Category	Phenyl	C18, octadecylsilane	Pentafluorophenyl propyl
Ligand Type	Biphenyl	End-capped C18	Fluorophenyl
Particle Size	1.8 μm , 3 μm , or 5 μm fully porous	1.8 μm , 3 μm , or 5 μm fully porous	1.8 μm , 3 μm , or 5 μm fully porous
Pore Size	100 Å	100 Å	100 Å
Surface Area	300 m ² /g	300 m ² /g	300 m ² /g
Carbon Load	15%	20%	10%
End-Cap	yes	yes	no
pH Range	2.0 to 8.0	2.0 to 8.0	2.0 to 8.0
Maximum Temperature	80 °C	80 °C	80 °C

Apply Force to Your LC Methods...

... for Longer Column Life

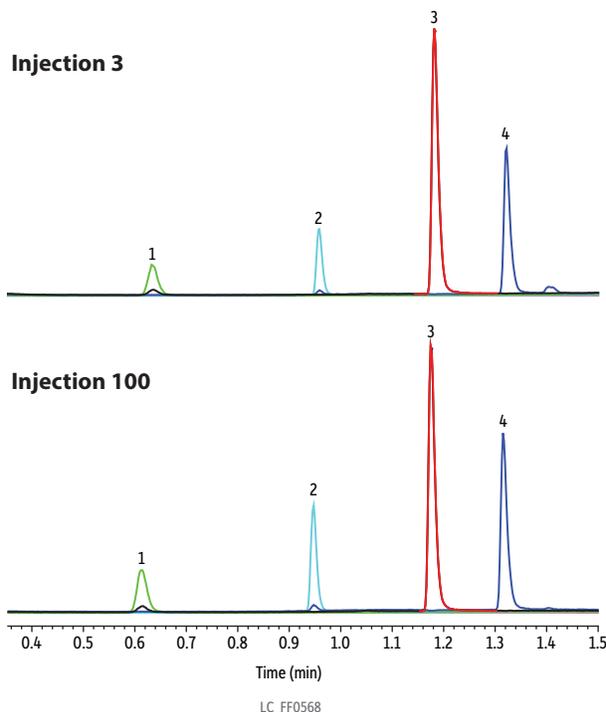
Elevated pressures and rapid pressure cycling put extreme stress on your LC column and shorten its life. And when the demand to increase lab productivity meets the growing pressure limits of modern LCs and the faster cycle times of new methods, many competitor columns simply can't survive. Force LC columns from Restek are designed and manufactured to handle high-pressure, high-stress conditions. Whether you're running a 3 or 5 μm column on an older HPLC or a 1.8 μm on the newest UHPLC in your lab (Figures 1 & 2), your method will give you the same separation from one injection to the next when you trust your workflow to the extended lifetime of a Force LC column.

Figure 1: At over 10,000 psi, you may be used to seeing a drop in efficiency, but Force LC columns will take the pressure.



1,000 injections and still going strong at high pressure.

Figure 2: Rapid changes in pressure place more stress on a column than even high pressures can, but Force LC columns will handle repeated analyses with no change in separation.



Stable retention times and peak shapes even with rapid cycling!

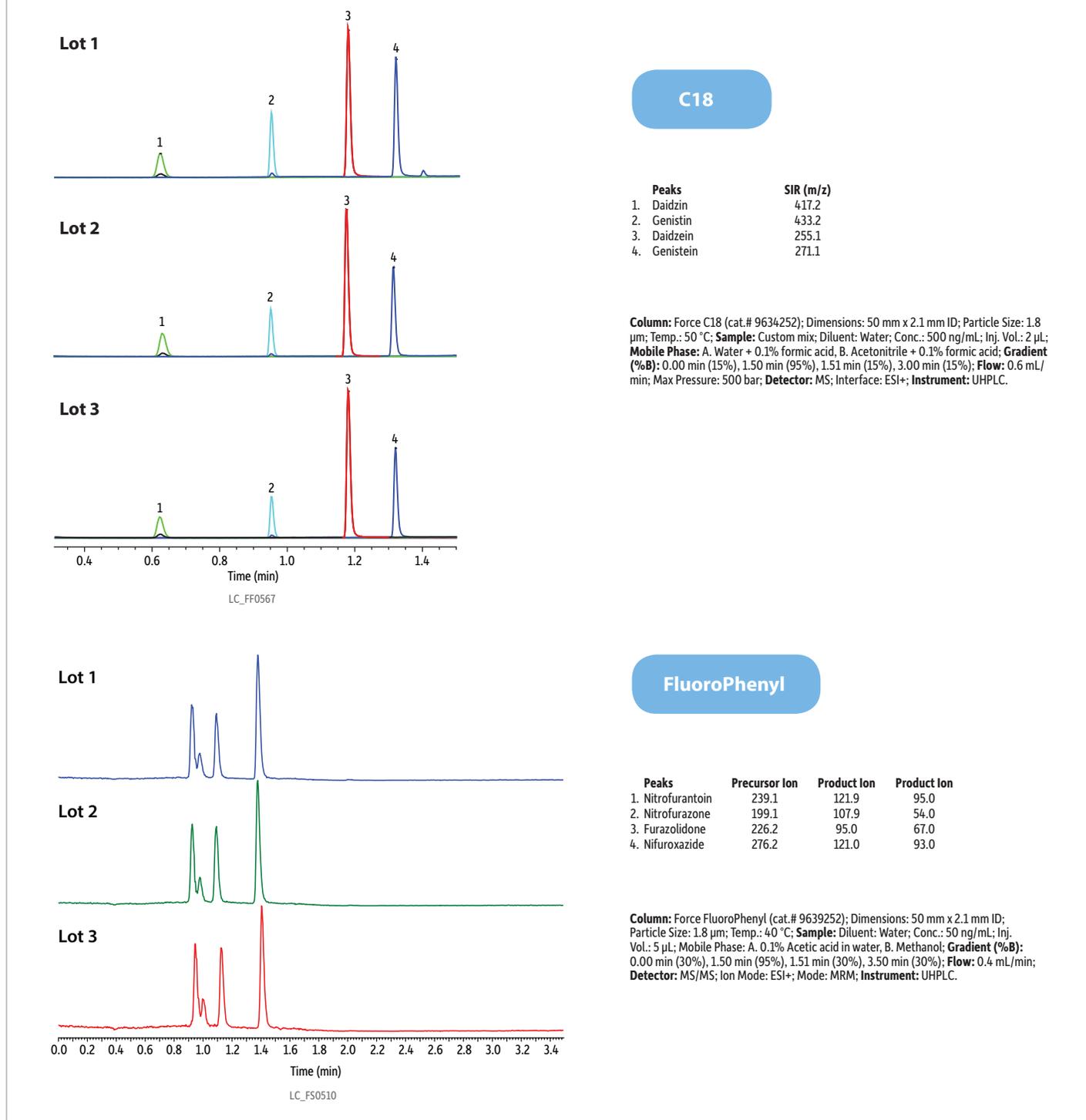
Peaks	SIR (m/z)
1. Daidzin	417.2
2. Genistin	433.2
3. Daidzein	255.1
4. Genistein	271.1

Column: Force C18 (cat.# 9634252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 μm ; Guard Column: UltraShield UHPLC precolumn filter 0.2 μm (cat.# 25810); Temp.: 50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; **Sample:** Custom mix; Diluent: Water; Conc.: 500 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 2 μL ; **Mobile Phase:** A. Water + 0.1% formic acid, B. Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (15%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (15%), 3.00 min (15%); **Flow:** 0.6 mL/min; Max Pressure: 500 bar; **Detector:** MS; Interface: ESI+; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

... for Improved Reproducibility

Once you set up and validate a workflow, you move on to developing the next new method. You don't have time to repeatedly revisit past methods because your chosen column is giving you different results with each lot. Peak shapes and retention times need to be maintained over the lifetime of your workflow to ensure consistent results, reduce unplanned downtime, and preserve your own productivity. Force LC columns have the lot-to-lot reproducibility you need to rely on (Figure 3)—backed by Restek's strict QC system and our 100% Pure Satisfaction guarantee—so that you are free to focus your energy on what's next.

Figure 3: Whether a standard C18 or our FluoroPhenyl with its innovative new bonding process, each subsequent Force column you order will give you the same outstanding performance as the first.

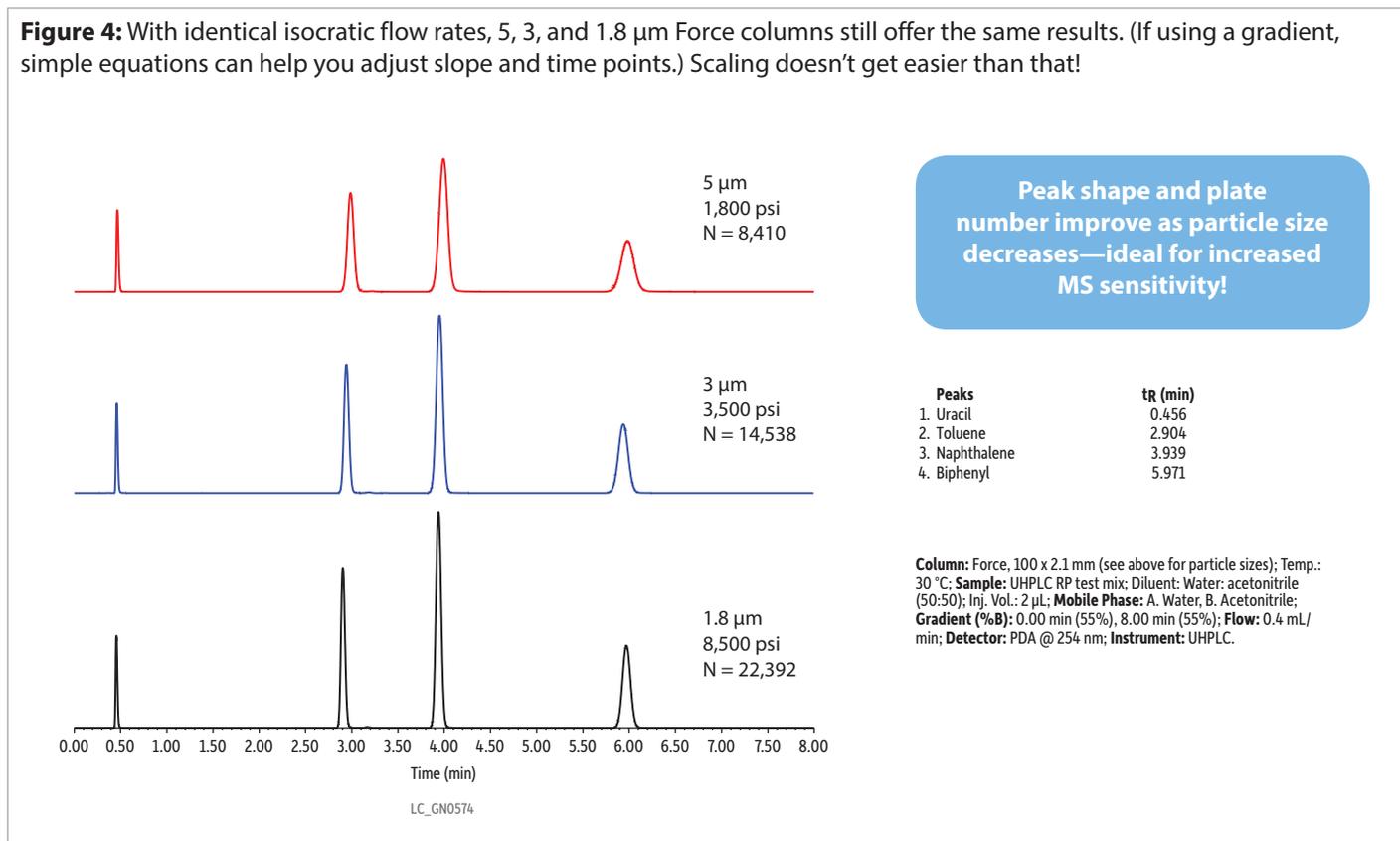


... for Complete Scalability

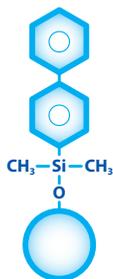
To accelerate time to market, analysts will often develop methods on fast UHPLC instruments using sub-2 μm particle columns. But, the methods must then be scaled to match the analysis time and pressure limitations of the traditional HPLCs and the 3 or 5 μm columns that will actually be doing the work. To make this transition easier and ensure consistent results, Force LC columns are available in three particle sizes that are manufactured on the same silica support with the same properties to reliably and easily provide the same separation on any instrument platform (Figure 4).

And, of course, it works both ways: fully scalable Force LC columns also make it easy to update conventional HPLC methods to UHPLC instruments to increase sample throughput and reduce solvent consumption and waste disposal costs.

Figure 4: With identical isocratic flow rates, 5, 3, and 1.8 μm Force columns still offer the same results. (If using a gradient, simple equations can help you adjust slope and time points.) Scaling doesn't get easier than that!



Force LC Columns at Work: Time-Tested Restek Biphenyl Phase



The established choice for pharmaceutical testing since 2005

- Separates compounds that other phenyl and C18 chemistries can't.
- Allows the use of simple, MS-friendly mobile phases.
- Restek's most popular LC phase.

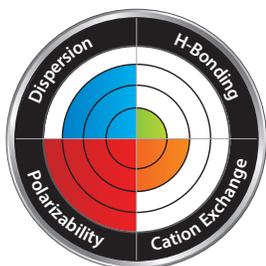
Properties:

- Increased retention for dipolar, unsaturated, or conjugated solutes.
- Enhanced selectivity when used with methanolic mobile phase.
- Ideal for increasing sensitivity and selectivity in LC-MS analyses.

Switch to a Biphenyl when:

- Limited selectivity is observed on a C18.
- You need to increase retention of hydrophilic aromatics.

Column Interaction Profile:



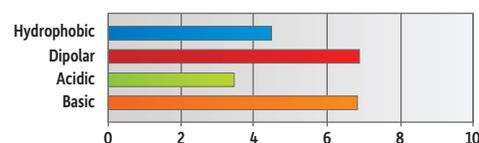
Defining Solute Interactions:

- Polarizability
- Dispersion

Complementary Solute Interaction:

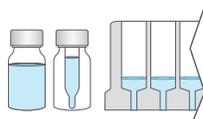
- Cation exchange

Solute Retention Profile:



Target Analyte Structures:

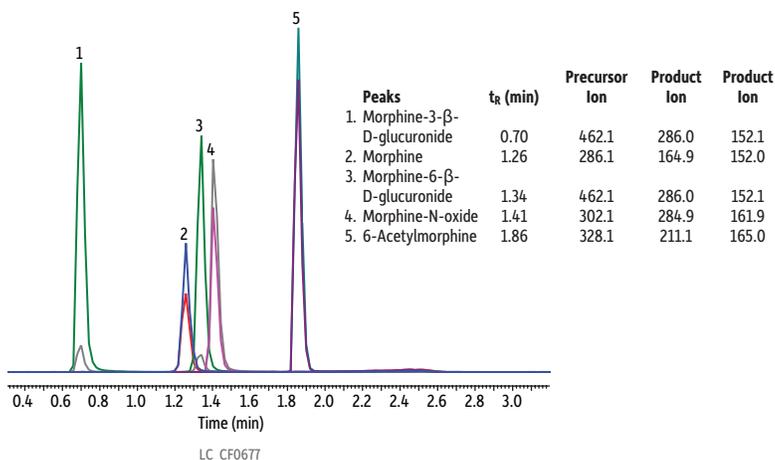
- Aromatic
- Dipolar



Target Analyte Functionalities:

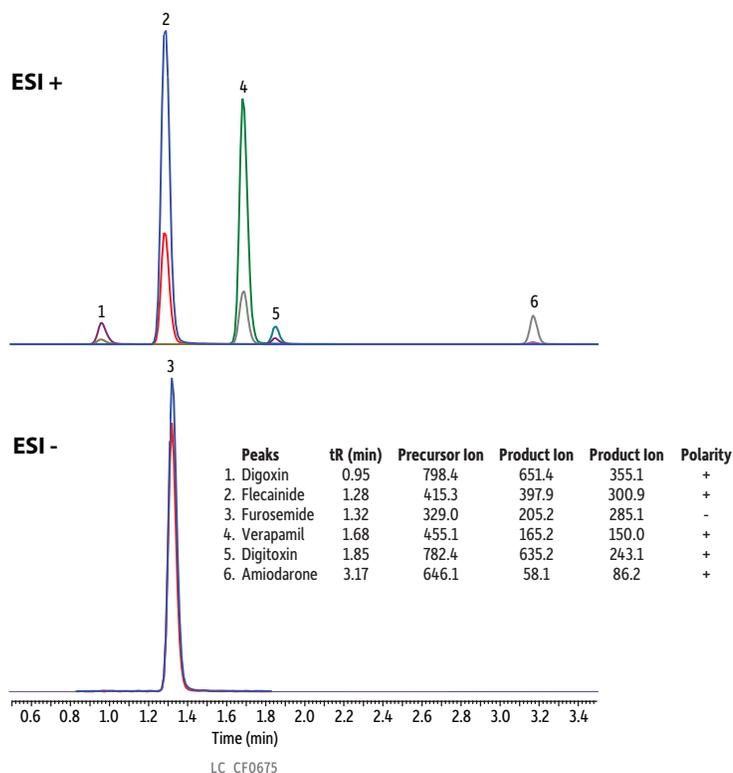
- Hydrophilic aromatics
- Strong dipoles
- Lewis acids
- Dipolar, unsaturated, or conjugated compounds
- Fused-ring compounds with electron withdrawing groups

Figure 5: Whether for therapeutic drug monitoring or toxicology, Force Biphenyl columns were made for applications where fast, reliable identification of drugs and metabolites could be a matter of life and death.



Column: Force Biphenyl (cat.# 9629252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 μm; Temp.: 35 °C; **Sample:** Diluent: 0.1% Formic acid in water; Conc.: 50 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 5 μL; **Mobile Phase:** A. 0.1% Formic acid in water, B. 0.1% Formic acid in methanol; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (15%), 0.50 min (15%), 2.00 min (70%), 2.01 min (15%), 4.00 min (15%); **Flow:** 0.5 mL/min; **Detector:** MS/MS; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRM; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

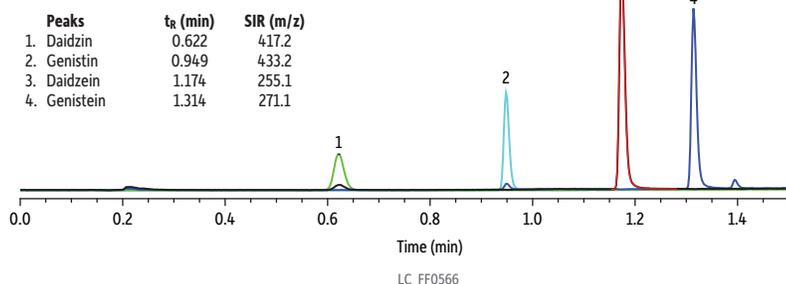
Figure 6: Accurate quantification is critical for cardiac drugs due to their narrow therapeutic range, and the Restek Biphenyl phase on a Force LC column is the ideal choice.



Column: Force Biphenyl (cat.# 9629252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 μm; Temp.: 40 °C; **Sample:** Diluent: Water:acetonitrile (90:10); Conc.: 100 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 2 μL; **Mobile Phase:** A. Water + 5 mM ammonium formate + 0.1% formic acid, B. Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (40%), 3.50 min (95%), 3.51 min (40%), 5.5 min (40%); **Flow:** 0.3 mL/min; **Detector:** MS/MS; Ion Mode: ESI+/ESI-; Mode: Scheduled MRM; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

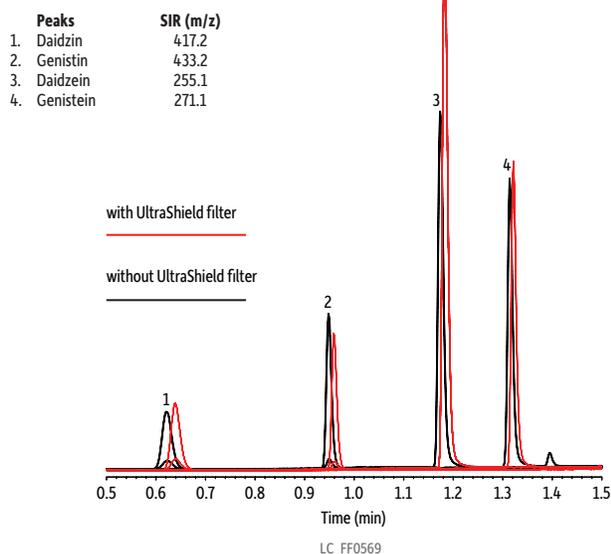
Force LC Columns at Work: General-Purpose Restek C18 Phase

Figure 7: A C18 is a common first choice for method developers, and as shown here for these isoflavones commonly found in nutraceuticals, a Force C18 column is the C18 to choose.



Column: Force C18 (cat.# 9634252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 μ m; Temp.: 50 °C; **Sample:** Custom mix; Diluent: Water; Inj. Vol.: 2 μ L; **Mobile Phase:** A. Water + 0.1% formic acid, B. Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (15%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (15%), 3.00 min (15%); **Flow:** 0.6 mL/min; Max Pressure: 500 bar; **Detector:** MS; Interface: ESI+; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

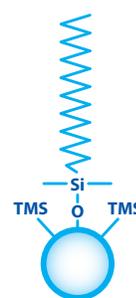
Figure 8: You can pair a 1.8 μ m Force column with an UltraShield pre-column filter to prolong column lifetime—without significantly altering retention times.



Column: Force C18 (cat.# 9634252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 μ m; Guard Column: UltraShield UHPLC precolumn filter 0.2 μ m (cat.# 25810); Temp.: 50 °C; **Sample:** Custom mix; Diluent: Water; Conc.: 500 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 2 μ L; **Mobile Phase:** A. Water + 0.1% formic acid, B. Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (15%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (15%), 3.00 min (15%); **Flow:** 0.6 mL/min; Max Pressure: 500 bar; **Detector:** MS; Interface: ESI+; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

Small-Particle Column Protection

Protecting your column is always recommended. Restek offers EXP guard column cartridges for our 3 and 5 μ m Force LC columns, but for 1.8 μ m columns, where the additional volume of a guard is an issue, reach for the UltraShield UHPLC PreColumn filter with 0.2 μ m frit. Its minimal dead volume (1 μ L) makes it recommended for UHPLC up to 15,000 psi.



Force column dependability, scalability, and quality in a C18

- Wide pH range provides excellent data quality for many applications.
- Offers high hydrophobic retention.

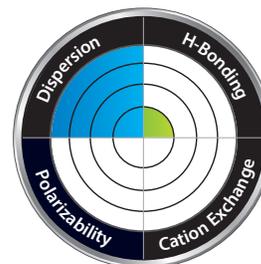
Properties:

- Compatible with moderately acidic to neutral mobile phases (pH 2–8).
- Excellent data quality in food, environmental, bioanalytical, and other applications.

Switch to a C18 when:

- You need a general-purpose column for reversed-phase chromatography.
- You need to increase retention of hydrophobic compounds.

Column Interaction Profile:



Defining Solute Interaction:

- Dispersion

Solute Retention Profile:

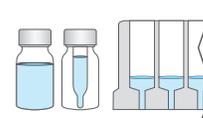


Target Analyte Structure:

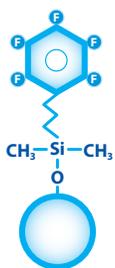
- Hydrocarbons

Target Analyte Functionality:

- Hydrophobic compounds



Force LC Columns at Work: *Reliably Versatile Restek FluoroPhenyl Phase*



Get the power of HILIC and RP modes in one LC column

- Capable of both reversed-phase and HILIC separations.
- Ideal for increasing sensitivity and selectivity in LC-MS analyses.
- Offers increased retention for charged bases.

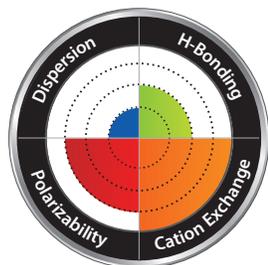
Properties:

- Capable of both reversed-phase and HILIC separations.
- Ideal for increasing sensitivity and selectivity in LC-MS analyses.
- Offers increased retention for charged bases.

Switch to FluoroPhenyl when:

- Limited retention and selectivity are observed on a C18 for basic compounds.
- You need increased retention of hydrophilic compounds.

Column Interaction Profile:



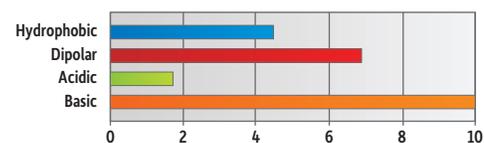
Defining Solute Interactions:

- Cation exchange

Complementary Solute Interaction:

- Polarizability
- Dispersion

Solute Retention Profile:



Target Analyte Structures:

- Nitrogen

Target Analyte Functionalities:

- Protonated amines
- Quaternary ammonium compounds
- Positively charged moieties
- Lewis bases

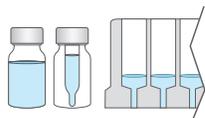
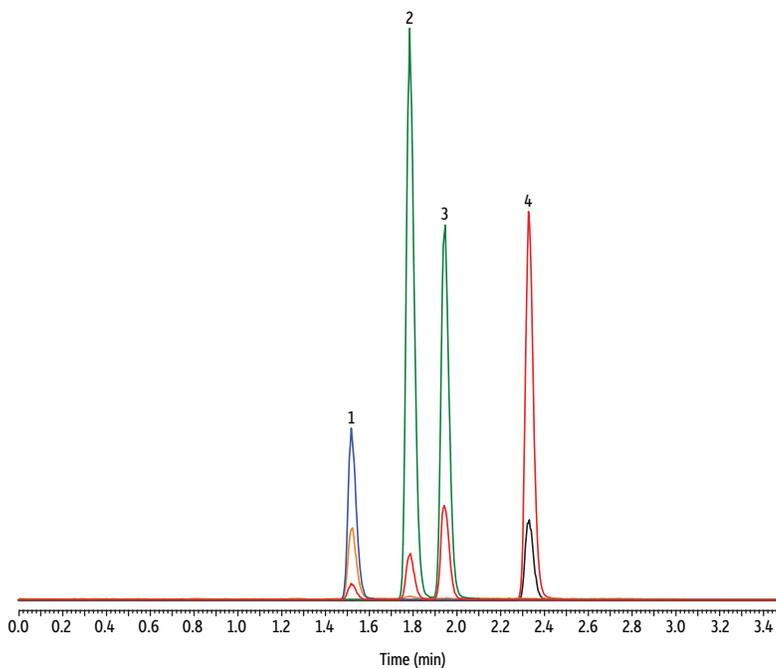


Figure 9: Xanthine analysis can be performed in clinical settings, in sports to target misuse, or even in food analyses. A Force FluoroPhenyl column offers fast, simultaneous analysis of multiple compounds including isobars paraxanthine and theophylline.

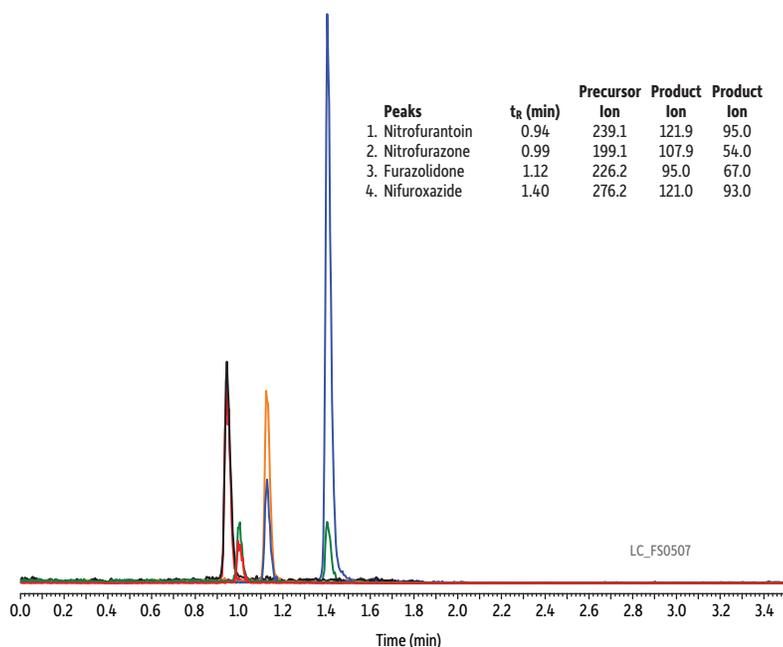
Peaks	t _R (min)	Conc. (µg/mL)	Precursor Ion	Product Ion	Product Ion
1. Theobromine	1.53	50	181.13	137.95	163.01
2. Theophylline	1.79	50	181.13	124.02	96.03
3. Paraxanthine	1.95	50	181.13	124.02	96.03
4. Caffeine	2.33	50	195.09	138.01	110.03



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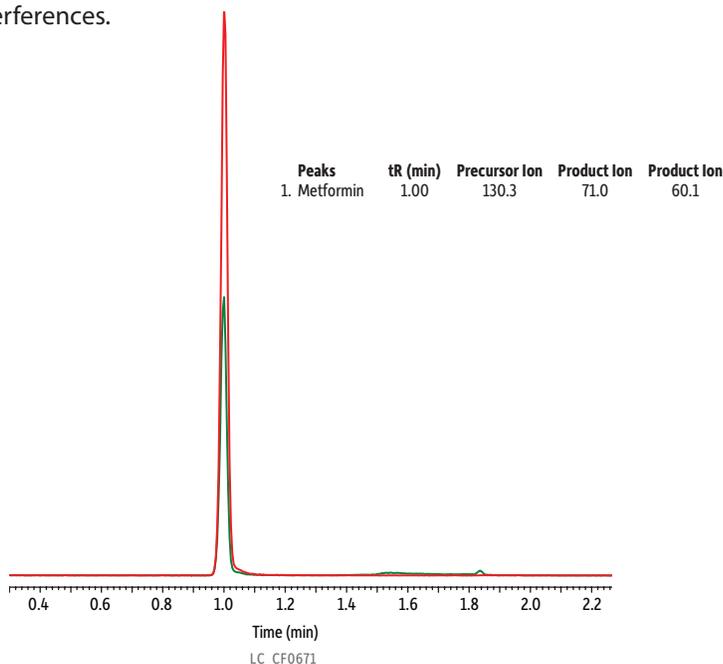
Column: Force FluoroPhenyl (cat.# 9639212); Dimensions: 100 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 µm; Temp.: 40 °C
Sample: Diluent: 70:30 Water:methanol; Conc.: 50 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 5 µL; **Mobile Phase:** A. 0.1% Formic acid in water, B. Methanol; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (30%), 2.5 min (70%), 3.0 min (100%), 3.01 min (30%), 5.0 min (30%); **Flow:** 0.3 mL/min; **Detector:** MS/MS; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRM; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

Figure 10: Restek's Force FluoroPhenyl column makes quick and effective work of nitrofurans, which are often used in animal feed as antibiotics/antimicrobials but are also banned in many regions.



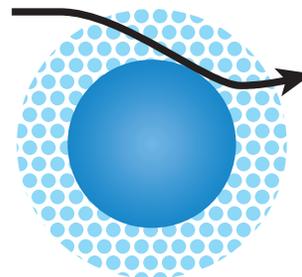
Column: Force FluoroPhenyl (cat.# 9639252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 µm; Temp.: 40 °C; **Sample:** Diluent: Water; Conc.: 50 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 5 µL; **Mobile Phase:** A. 0.1% Acetic acid in water, B. Methanol; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (30%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (30%), 3.50 min (30%); **Flow:** 0.4 mL/min; **Detector:** MS/MS; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRM; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

Figure 11: A common antidiabetic, metformin is difficult to retain using typical reversed-phase conditions, but with its HILIC capability, a Force FluoroPhenyl column provides suitable results in less than 3 minutes and reduces potential ion suppression caused by early-eluting matrix interferences.

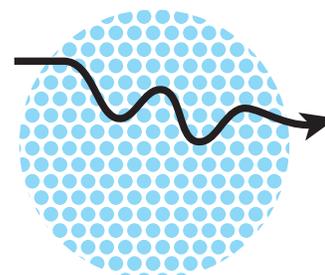


Column: Force FluoroPhenyl (cat.# 9639252); Dimensions: 50 mm x 2.1 mm ID; Particle Size: 1.8 µm; Temp.: 40 °C; **Sample:** Diluent: Acetonitrile; Conc.: 100 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 2 µL; **Mobile Phase:** A. 0.1% Formic acid in water, B. 0.1% Formic acid in acetonitrile; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (70%), 1.5 min (10%), 1.51 min (70%), 2.5 min (70%); **Flow:** 0.6 mL/min; **Detector:** MS/MS; Ion Mode: ESI+; Mode: MRM; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

SPP or FPP?



Superficially porous particles (SPP) are becoming increasingly popular for providing faster, more efficient analyses without UHPLC pressures. And when speed is your goal, Restek recommends the Raptor line of LC columns (www.restek.com/raptor).



However, retention is often just as important to sharpen peaks and increase sensitivity for mass spec, and when that is the case, fully porous particle (FPP) Force LC columns are ready to be put to work.

Either way, Restek has a high-performing, reliable LC column for you.

Force C18 1.8 µm

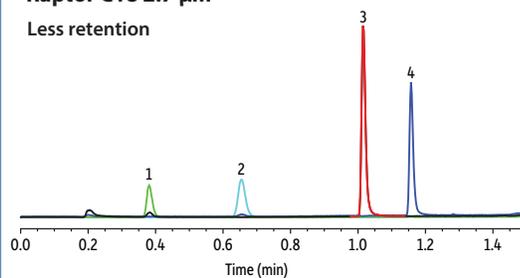
Sharper peaks

Peaks	SIR (m/z)
1. Daidzin	417.2
2. Genistin	433.2
3. Daidzein	255.1
4. Genistein	271.1



Raptor C18 2.7 µm

Less retention



Columns: Force C18 1.8 µm, 50 x 2.1 mm (cat# 9634252), max pressure = 500 bar and Raptor C18 2.7 µm, 50 x 2.1 mm (cat# 9304A52), max pressure = 225 bar; Temp.: 50 °C; **Sample:** Custom mix; Diluent: Water; Conc.: 500 ng/mL; Inj. Vol.: 2 µL; **Mobile Phase:** A. Water + 0.1% formic acid, B. Acetonitrile + 0.1% formic acid; **Gradient (%B):** 0.00 min (15%), 1.50 min (95%), 1.51 min (15%), 3.00 min (15%); **Flow:** 0.6 mL/min; **Detector:** MS; Interface: ESI+; **Instrument:** UHPLC.

Product Listing



Force Biphenyl LC Columns (USP L11)

Length	2.1 mm	3.0 mm	4.6 mm
1.8 µm Columns			
30 mm	9629232	—	—
50 mm	9629252	962925E	—
100 mm	9629212	962921E	—
3 µm Columns			
30 mm	9629332	—	—
50 mm	9629352	962935E	—
100 mm	9629312	962931E	9629315
150 mm	9629362	962936E	9629365
5 µm Columns			
50 mm	9629552	962955E	—
100 mm	9629512	962951E	9629515
150 mm	9629562	962956E	9629565
250 mm	—	—	9629575

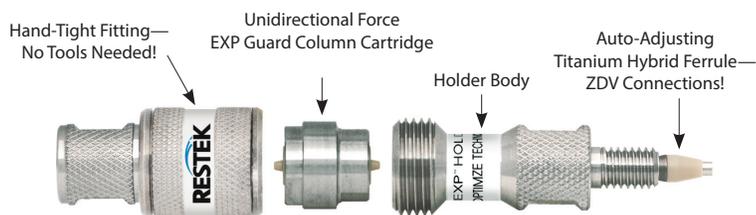
Force C18 LC Columns (USP L1)

Length	2.1 mm	3.0 mm	4.6 mm
1.8 µm Columns			
30 mm	9634232	—	—
50 mm	9634252	963425E	—
100 mm	9634212	963421E	—
3 µm Columns			
30 mm	9634332	—	—
50 mm	9634352	963435E	—
100 mm	9634312	963431E	9634315
150 mm	9634362	963436E	9634365
5 µm Columns			
50 mm	9634552	963455E	—
100 mm	9634512	963451E	9634515
150 mm	9634562	963456E	9634565
250 mm	—	—	9634575

Force FluoroPhenyl LC Columns (USP L43)

Length	2.1 mm	3.0 mm	4.6 mm
1.8 µm Columns			
30 mm	9639232	—	—
50 mm	9639252	963925E	—
100 mm	9639212	963921E	—
3 µm Columns			
30 mm	9639332	—	—
50 mm	9639352	963935E	—
100 mm	9639312	963931E	9639315
150 mm	9639362	963936E	9639365
5 µm Columns			
50 mm	9639552	963955E	—
100 mm	9639512	963951E	9639515
150 mm	9639562	963956E	9639565
250 mm	—	—	9639575

Force EXP Guard Cartridges — for 3 and 5 µm Force Columns



Protect your investment and extend the life of our already-rugged LC columns and change guard column cartridges by hand without breaking fluid connections—no tools needed!

- Free-Turn architecture lets you change cartridges by hand without breaking inlet/outlet fluid connections—no tools needed.
- Patented titanium hybrid ferrules can be installed repeatedly without compromising high-pressure seal.
- Auto-adjusting design provides ZDV (zero dead volume) connection to any 10-32 female port.
- Guard column cartridges require EXP direct connect holder (cat.# 25808).
- Pair with EXP hand-tight fitting (cat.# 25937–25939) for tool-free installation.
- For use with 3 or 5 µm Force LC columns. For 1.8 µm Force columns, use a 0.2 µm UltraShield Filter.

Force EXP Guard Column Cartridges

Description	qty.	5 x 2.1 mm	5 x 3.0 mm	5 x 4.6 mm
		cat.#	cat.#	cat.#
Force Biphenyl EXP Guard Column Cartridge	3-pk.	962950252	962950253	962950250
Force C18 EXP Guard Column Cartridge	3-pk.	963450252	963450253	963450250
Force FluoroPhenyl EXP Guard Column Cartridge	3-pk.	963950252	963950253	963950250

Maximum cartridge pressure: 600 bar/8,700 psi.

Apply Force LC columns to all of your HPLC and UHPLC instrument platforms at www.restek.com/force

EXP Direct Connect Holder

Description	qty.	cat.#
EXP Direct Connect Holder for EXP Guard Cartridges (includes hex-head fitting & 2 ferrules)	ea.	25808

Maximum holder pressure: 20,000 psi (1,400 bar)

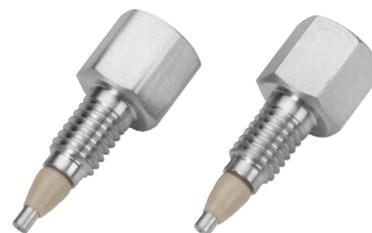
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UltraShield UHPLC PreColumn Filter — for 1.8 µm Force Columns

- Cost-effective protection for UHPLC systems.
- Reliable way to extend column lifetime.
- Universal fit—connects easily to any brand column.
- Leak-tight to 15,000 psi (1,034 bar).
- 0.2 µm titanium frit in a stainless steel body with PEEK ferrule.

Specifications:

Inlet/Outlet: Female/Male 10-32
 Port Geometry: Parker (1/16" CPI)
 Material: Titanium, stainless steel, PEEK ferrule
 Filter: 0.2 µm stainless steel
 Pressure Rating: 15,000 psig (1,034 bar)
 Wrench Flat: 5/16"



Description	Filter Porosity	qty.	cat.#
UltraShield UHPLC PreColumn Filter	0.2 µm frit	ea.	25809
		5-pk.	25810
		10-pk.	25811

EXP Reusable Fittings for HPLC & UHPLC for 10-32 fittings and 1/16" tubing

EXP Hand-Tight Fittings

- Hand-tight fitting style achieves effortless HPLC seals—no tools needed for a 8,700+ psi seal.
- Both hand-tight and hex-head styles wrench-tighten for reliable UHPLC use up to 20,000+ psi!
- Patented ferrule can be installed repeatedly without compromising high-pressure seal.
- Hybrid design combines the durability of titanium with the sealing ability of PEEK.
- Cutting-edge system provides ZDV (zero dead volume) connection to any 10-32 female port.
- Compatible with 1/16" PEEK and stainless steel tubing.



WARNING: Do not use EXP ferrules with standard nuts. Failure to use EXP fittings according to the included instructions may result in unsafe UHPLC connections and/or non-ZDV connections.

Description	qty.	cat.#
EXP Hand-Tight Fitting (Nut w/Ferrule)	ea.	25937
EXP Hand-Tight Fitting (Nut w/Ferrule)	10-pk.	25938
EXP Hand-Tight Nut (w/o Ferrule)	ea.	25939

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