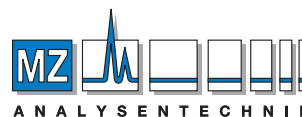




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Antibodix Ion-Exchange Phases

Column Information

Antibodix ion-exchange columns are specially designed for high resolution, high efficiency and high recovery separation of antibody proteins. The packing support is composed of a rigid, spherical, highly cross-linked non-porous poly (styrene divinylbenzene) (PS/DVB) bead. The non-porous particles have particle size selection of 1.7, 3, 5 and 10 µm. The PS/DVB particle surface is grafted with a highly hydrophilic, neutral polymer layer with thickness in the range of nanometer. The hydrophobic PS/DVB resin surface is totally covered by such a hydrophilic coating that eliminates non-specific bindings with antibody proteins, leading to high efficiency and high recovery separations. On the top of the hydrophilic layer, a weak cation exchanger with carboxylate functional groups is chemically bonded to the top of the hydrophilic coating. A proprietary chemistry was developed to synthesize a densely packed and uniform ion-exchange layer.

Column Stability and Performance

Antibodix ion-exchange columns are based on PS/DVB resin and all the surface coatings are chemically bonded onto PS/DVB support, which allows high stability.

Technical Specifications

Table with 2 columns: Phases and Weak cation exchanger. Rows include Packing, Particle size, Pore structure, pH stability, Operating temperature limit, Operating pressure limit, Mobile phase compatibility, and Flow rate.

Safety Precaution

Antibodix ion-exchange columns are normally operated under high pressure. Loose connections will cause leaking of buffers and injected samples, all of which should be considered as the hazards. In the case of leaking, proper gloves should be worn for handling the leaked columns. When open the columns, proper protections should be used to avoid inhalation of the small polymer particles.

Column Installation and Operation

When column is shipped or not in use, it is always capped at both ends. When install the column to the system, first remove the end caps. Make the flow direction as marked on the column. Unless a user has special purpose to reverse the flow direction, for example, removal of the inlet blockage, follow the flow direction as labeled. Column connections are an integral part of the chromatographic process. If ferrules are over tightened, not set properly, or are not specific for the fitting, leakage can occur. Set the ferrules for column installation to the HPLC system as follows:

- (a) Place the male nut and ferrule, in order, onto a 1/16" o.d. piece of tubing. Be certain that the wider end of the ferrule is against the nut.
(b) Press tubing firmly into the column end fitting. Slide the nut and ferrule forward, engage the threads, and finger-tighten the nut.
(c) While continuing to press the tube firmly into the end-fitting, use a 1/4" wrench to further tighten.
(d) Repeat this coupling procedure for the other end of the column.

Samples and Mobile Phases

To avoid clogging the column, all samples and solvents including buffers should be filtered through 0.45 µm or 0.2 µm filters before use. It is also strongly recommended to use a pre-column filter (0.5µm frit) or a guard column to protect the column. Antibodix columns are compatible with aqueous mobile phase or a mixture of organic and water, such as methanol or acetonitrile and water. Typical eluents contain sodium, potassium salts of phosphate, chloride, acetate, or Tris. Always use an inline degasser or degas the mobile phase prior to use. A simple way for degassing is to sonicate it for 5 minutes under water pumped vacuum.

Antibodix columns are compatible with nonionic and zwitterionic detergents. Antibodix columns are incompatible with cationic detergents.

## Column Care

**Shipping Solvent** New Antibodix columns are shipped in 20 mM phosphate buffer at pH 6.0.

**First-time use** During storage and shipping, the packing could be dried out. It is recommended that 10-20 column volume of the running buffer be purged to activate the column. Flush the column with your mobile phase with gradual increasing the flow rate from 0.1 mL/min to your operation condition, until the baseline is stable. If the column backpressure and baseline fluctuate, this might be due to the air bubbles trapped inside the column. Flush the column with higher flow rate for 2-5 minutes, for example 1.0 mL/min for a 10  $\mu$ m, 4.6x250 mm column. If the mobile phase or pH is quite different from the stock buffer in the column, it is recommended that the column be washed first with the new mobile phases for 10 column volume.

**PH** The optimum performance and operation for longest lifetime are at pH 2 - 12.

**Pressure** Even though the non-porous Antibodix ion-exchange columns can operate at pressure up to 10,000, 8,000, 6,000, 4,000 for 1.7, 3, 5 and 10  $\mu$ m particles, respectively, the normal operation is usually under 5,000 psi (8,000 psi for 1.7  $\mu$ m particles). Continuous use at high pressure may eventually damage the column. Since the pressure is generated by the flow rate. The maximum flow rate is limited by the backpressure. It is expected that the backpressure might gradually increase with its service. A sudden increase in backpressure suggests that the column inlet frit might be plugged. In this case it is recommended that the column be flushed with reverse flow in an appropriate solvent. It is recommended to wait until the pressure drops to zero to safely disconnect the column from testing apparatus at the end of the test.

**Temperature** The maximum operating temperature is 80°C. The optimum temperature operation for longest lifetime is 10 - 50°C. Continuous use of the column at higher temperature (>80°C) can damage the column, especially under extremely pH (>12 or <2.0).

**Flow rate Range** Normal operation is 0.1-1.0 mL/min for 4.6 mm I.D. columns.

**Storage** When not in use for extended time, store the Antibodix columns in 20 mM phosphate buffer at pH 6.0. Flush the column with the storage buffer for at least 15 column volumes. And then seal both ends with the removable end plugs provided with the column, to prevent the drying of the column bed.

**Column clean-up** (1) If a pre-column filter or a guard column is used before the separation column, clean the pre-column filter or the guard column first by flushing the filter or the guard column in reverse flow direction using washing solutions for 15-30 min, or replace the filter or the guard column if washing does not improve the column performance. The

washing solutions are 50 mM phosphate buffer in 1.0 M NaCl at pH 10.

(2) From time to time, some samples could get adsorbed onto the inlet frit or the packing material. When the adsorption accumulates to a certain level, it is usually indicated by that the backpressure is increased and the peak becomes broader. When this occurs, it is time to clean your column. The general guidelines for column cleaning are the followings.

1. Disconnect the column from the detector.
2. Clean your column in the reverse flow direction.
3. Run the column at less than 50% of the maximum recommended flow rate. Monitor the backpressure. If you see the pressure is much higher than the normal operating conditions, you need to lower the flow rate or change the washing buffer as the cleaning solutions may be of different viscosities.
4. Typically, 10-15 column volumes of cleaning solution are sufficient. Some general guidelines are recommended for choosing cleaning solutions here. A low pH salt solution will help to remove basic proteins. A high pH salt solution will help to remove acidic proteins. Organics will help to remove hydrophobic proteins. For general cleaning, 50 mM phosphate buffer in 1.0 M NaCl at pH 10 is recommended.

## Column Protection

In addition to filtering the sample and the mobile phase, the best way to protect the separation column is to install a guard column or a pre-column filter in front of it. In most cases, a pre-column filter helps to remove the residual particulates in the sample or the mobile phase, or leached from HPLC system, such as pump and injector seals. However, a guard column is highly recommended because it will more effectively trap highly adsorptive sample components and residual particulates in the sample, the mobile phase or from the HPLC system.

## Antibodix Products

ID x Length (mm x mm)	Particle size	Pore size	P/N
7.8x50	1.7 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP2-7805
4.6x50	1.7 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP2-4605
7.8x50	3 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP3-7805
4.6x100	3 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP3-4610
4.6x50	3 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP3-4605
2.1x50	3 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP3-2105
7.8x100	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-7810
7.8x50	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-7805
4.6x250	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-4625
4.6x150	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-4615
4.6x50	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-4605
2.1x50	5 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP5-2105
7.8x100	10 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP10-7810
7.8x50	10 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP10-7805
4.6x250	10 $\mu$ m	NP	602NP10-4625
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