

# Column Care and Use Instructions

## YMC-Triart Diol-HILIC, Accura Triart Diol-HILIC

HPLC: 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3  $\mu\text{m}$  / UHPLC: 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$

### 1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a YMC high-performance/ultra-high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC/UHPLC) column. Triart Diol-HILIC is a Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography (HILIC) column based on 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$ , 3  $\mu\text{m}$  and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  hybrid silica gel bonded with dihydroxypropyl group. Triart Diol-HILIC is able to retain and separate highly polar compounds that are not retained in reversed phase chromatography, with a mobile phase containing high concentration of organic solvent.

YMC-Triart Diol-HILIC and Accura Triart Diol-HILIC columns, which are manufactured under highly controlled conditions, must pass a series of strict tests before being accepted for shipment (Please refer to the column inspection report). To ensure optimal performance and durability of the column, please read these instructions carefully before using this column.

### 2. Column hardware specifications

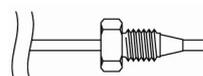
	YMC-Triart	Accura Triart	YMC-Triart metal-free PEEK-lined
Column tubing	stainless steel	bioinert coated stainless steel	PEEK-lined stainless steel
Column frit			PEEK

### 3. Recommendations for column connections

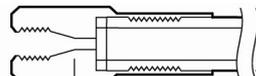
- The "PT", "PTH", "PTC", "PTP", or "WT" at the end of the product code indicates the style of column endfittings (see below for details).

#### Consideration of connector and endfittings

Tubing and connector



Column



Port depth

The end of the product code	Port depth	Style of endfittings
PT/PTH/PTC/PTP	ca. 2 mm / 0.09 inch	Parker style
WT	ca. 3 mm / 0.13 inch	Waters style

- Wetted part (Inner surface of column tube) of "PTP" type column is PEEK. Its external tube is made of stainless steel. A special care has to be taken to connect this "PTP" type column to your system. Refer to the "Instructions for column connection YMC-Triart metal-free PEEK-lined". [https://www.ymc.co.jp/data/download/metal\\_free\\_column\\_connection\\_e.pdf](https://www.ymc.co.jp/data/download/metal_free_column_connection_e.pdf)
- Tubing must have flat ends and must bottom out in the column endfitting. Tubing must be connected to the column correctly to avoid creating a void between the column frit and tubing, which can cause a leak and result in poor column performance (e.g. peak tailing, loss of theoretical plate number).
- The 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$  column for UHPLC gives high operating pressure compared to conventional 5  $\mu\text{m}$ /3  $\mu\text{m}$  columns. Particular attention should be devoted to the usable maximum pressure of tubing and LC system. Generally, a UHPLC system that has 60 MPa (8,700 psi) or higher pressure tolerance is recommended for use with a 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$  column. We have a connector with a re-adjustable ferrule, which provides flawless sealing at 137 MPa (20,000 psi). Please inquire for related details.

### 4. Shipping Solvent

Acetonitrile/water (90/10). Replace with this solvent for storage. When replacing a mobile phase containing buffer salts/additives, extra care must be taken to prevent salt precipita.

## 5. Precautions for use

- The correct direction of the solvent flow is indicated by an arrow on the column identification label.
- Do not disconnect a column from the LC system before the pressure drops to zero.
- The column pressure limit and recommended flow rate are the following.

Particle size	The end of the product code	Pressure limit <sup>*1</sup>	Column I.D. and recommended flow rate <sup>*2</sup> (Mobile phase condition : acetonitrile/aqueous solution)
1.9 μm	PT / PTP / PTC	100 MPa	2.0 mm I.D. : 0.2 – 0.8 mL/min 3.0 mm I.D. : 0.4 – 1.6 mL/min
5 μm, 3 μm	PTH / PTP / PTC	45 MPa <sup>*3</sup>	2.1 mm I.D. : 0.2 mL/min 3.0 mm I.D. : 0.4 mL/min 4.6 mm I.D. : 1.0 mL/min
	WT	Column length of 150 mm and less: 20 MPa Column length of 250 mm: 25 MPa Inner diameter of 10 mm and larger: 10 MPa	2.0 mm I.D. : 0.2 mL/min 3.0 mm I.D. : 0.4 mL/min 4.6 mm I.D. : 1.0 mL/min

\*1 Avoid using a column repeatedly near the pressure limit or abrupt change in pressure to prevent shortening of the column life.

\*2 We recommended using PTH / PTP / PTC type columns at a pressure of 30 MPa or less for regular use. Continuous use of the column near the pressure limit may result in short column lifetime.

\*3 Adjust the flow rate appropriately because the pressure changes depending on the column length, temperature, types of organic solvent etc.

- Recommendations of pH and temperature for column use are the following.

Usable pH range	Usable Temperature range	
	Regular use (recommended)	Upper limit
pH 2 – 10	20 – 40 °C	50 °C

\* Column lifetime varies depending on conditions of use such as pH, temperature and mobile phase composition. In general, usage at higher temperatures, higher concentrations of buffer salts/additives and lower concentrations of organic solvents can shorten the column lifetime.

\* When using the column under alkaline conditions for a long time, a column should be used with a low concentration (about 1 – 10 mM) of organic buffer, such as triethylamine or glycine, at a lower temperature (less than 30 °C).

- The most suitable mobile phase is acetonitrile/water or buffer (approx. 90/10 – 60/40). In addition, general water-miscible organic solvents such as described below can be used. Contrary to reversed phase separation, in HILIC separation, the lower polarity of mobile phase and the higher concentration of organic solvents will increase the retention. It is recommended to use a mobile phase containing at least 3% of aqueous solution to enhance the separation reproducibility by forming a stable hydrated layer on the surface of packing material.

*Usable solvents and solvent strength (from weakest to strongest):*

*tetrahydrofuran (THF) < acetonitrile < 2-propanol < ethanol < methanol < water*

\* When using THF as a mobile phase, be mindful of the solvent resistance of your system or tubing (PEEK parts are especially unsuitable for use with THF).

- Ammonium acetate or ammonium formate is most recommended as a buffer salt. Usually, 10 – 20 mM final salt concentration in a mobile phase is sufficient. Depending on separation or solubility, adjustment in the range of 5 – 200 mM can be made. In case of gradient elution, each mobile phase composition should be adjusted to maintain a constant salt concentration during an analysis. Before using or replacing a mobile phase, please confirm precipitation of salts is not observed. Avoid phosphate salt and other low solubility buffers to organic solvents.
- When possible, the sample should be dissolved in a solvent that is of the same composition as the initial mobile phase. Using a stronger solvent than the initial mobile phase for sample dissolution might result in distorted peak symmetry and degraded resolution. Sample should be injected after carefully checking the miscibility with the mobile phase to avoid precipitation of solutes or salts contained in the sample solvents.
- To prevent exposure of the column to excessive pressure, the mobile phase and sample solution should be filtered through a 0.2 μm membrane or smaller to remove particulates.
- The extra column volume has a great impact on band spreading. To minimize the influence of band spreading on chromatographic performance, especially when using columns in 2.0 mm I.D. and smaller, the LC system should be optimized as described below.
  - The shortest possible length of tubing with narrow inner diameters (tubing less than 0.15 mm, 0.006 inch I.D. is recommended) should be used for the connection from the injector to the column and from the column to the detector. Make sure not to have a void in the connection.
  - Use a detector equipped with low-volume flow cell designed for the narrow bore column.
  - Use an injector for the narrow bore column and a low-volume sample loop.

- A sampling rate and a detector response (time constant) should be optimized to acquire more than 10 data points across a peak. For UHPLC analysis using 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$  columns, we recommend a sampling rate of about 10 points per second or higher and a detector response of 0.1 s or faster to detect the earliest eluting sharp peak properly.

## 6. Column cleaning (general method)

- Use the mixture of organic solvent and water with a higher solvent strength than the mobile phase, such as acetonitrile/water (50/50), to remove strongly retained substances. Usually, a solvent consisting of 50% water is sufficient to remove polar contaminants. If further cleaning is required, flush the column with acetonitrile/water (5/95).
- Once macromolecules such as proteins or polysaccharides are adsorbed onto the gel, they are hardly removed, even if solvents with high eluting capability are used. To avoid contamination of the column by them, conduct sample pretreatment carefully before introduction into the column. Alternatively use a guard column.