

Gas chromatography

Environmental

Foods/Beverages/
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Polymers

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Static Headspace, Liquid Injection and SPME (Solid Phase Micro Extraction) combined in one instrument

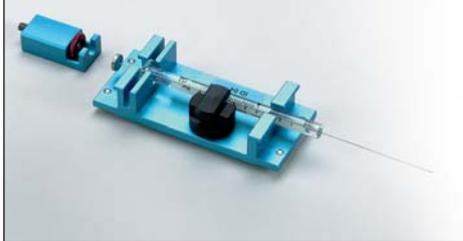
Upgrade in 2 steps from a CombiPAL basic version to Headspace and / or SPME operation

Top mounted on GC's, saves valuable bench space

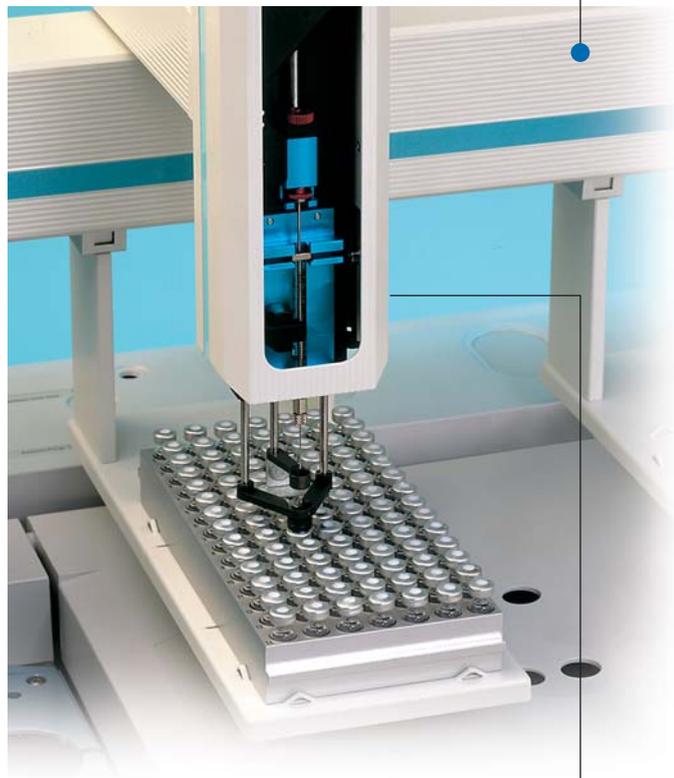
Syringe only concept for transparent sample operation, no sample loops, transfer lines, or switching valves

Interfaces with any major GC/GC-MS system

Remote control software for customized prep and load cycles



1. start with liquid mode



CTC Analytics aim is to supply instruments to customers which makes chromatography sample processing simple and transparent. In line with today's laboratory equipment requirements for speed, flexibility and precision, we have enhanced the already proven reliability and productivity of our GC Headspace and Liquid Injection Systems. It is the only GC sample injection system that combines liquid, large volume, headspace, SPME and ITEX injection in one single instrument. This unique capability allows quick switching from one application to another on the same GC workstation. Regardless if your samples may be processed in headspace, liquid or SPME mode, or if your method requires split/splitless or on-column injection, your new instrument setup is ready in a few minutes. The CombiPAL provides powerful working capabilities, an investment you can grow with.

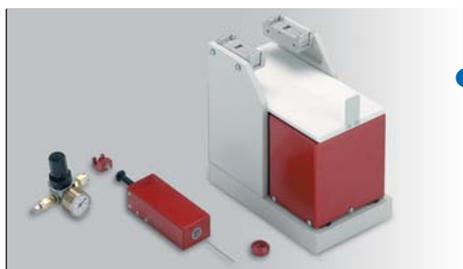
In liquid injection mode, every single injection step, e.g. fill/inject speed, pre- and post injection delay times, pre- and post syringe cleaning, variable needle penetration depths, or standard addition is individually controlled through the CombiPAL's advanced software package. LVI (Large Volume Injection) allows to inject samples up to 500µl in a single stroke without the usual degradation in chromatographic performance. The capability to inject larger volumes, eliminates the need to concentrate a sample through evaporation. This can translate into substantial time savings. For low volume samples the fast injection speed minimizes needle discrimination and reduces background interferences which means better results with less rework. The fast injection cycle time together with the nanoliter injection mode fits perfectly into the field of fast GC applications.



Barcode reading ensuring positive sample identification



Be prepared for the next generation of sample format



Add the PAL Headspace option to your CombiPAL basic

Specifications in liquid mode

Syringe sizes:

1.2µl	(0.1µl-1.2µl)
5µl	(0.5µl-5.0µl)
10µl	(1µl - 10µl)
25µl	(2.5µl - 25µl)
100µl	(10µl - 100µl)
250µl	(25µl - 250µl)
500µl	(50µl - 500µl)

Injection speed:

Selectable from 0.01µl/sec. up to 250µl/sec.

Sample capacity:

up to	600	1ml micro vials
	294	2ml standard vials
	96	10ml or 20ml vials
	4	deepwell microplates
	6	standard microplates

Syringe cleaning:

Wash Station for 2 different solvents and 1 standard liquid

Upgrade Path:

PAL Headspace option
PAL SPME option (requires PAL Headspace option)





2. add the headspace mode



With the syringe only concept of the CombiPAL a headspace technology has been introduced to eliminate the headaches commonly associated with conventional autosamplers. The robotic vial processing operation allows sample analysis in a straightforward and simple way. Sample vials are transported into the heated six position incubator for preconditioning. After reaching the equilibration, a heated gas-tight syringe is moved over the incubator and the headspace sample is withdrawn. After sample injection the hot syringe is automatically cleaned by purging with inert gas. No complicated error prone operations e.g. vial pressurization, valve switching, loop filling or heated transfer lines are involved. For maximum throughput, the intelligently controlled vial transfer into the incubator oven ensures that a sample is always ready to be injected when the previous run is completed.

Beside the simple and transparent sample operation the CombiPAL offers even more advantages over conventional headspace sampling

- eliminates dead volume and adsorption effect in sample loops and transfer lines
- permits adjustable sample volumes without sample loop changes
- no sample dilution due to vial pressurization

Specifications in headspace mode

Syringe sizes:

1.0ml	(0.1-1.0ml)
2.5ml	(0.25ml-2.5ml)
5.0ml	(0.5ml-5.0ml)

Injection speed:

Selectable from 0.01 μ l/sec. up to 5ml/sec.

Sample capacity:

up to	294 2ml standard vials
	96 10ml or 20ml vials

Syringe cleaning:

Inert gas purging of heated syringe

Heated syringe:

+5°C above ambient - 150°C selectable in 1°C increments

Incubator oven:

6 heated vial positions for 2ml/10ml/20ml vials

Incubation temperature:

+5°C above ambient -200°C in 1°C increments

Agitation:

Interval shaking 250rpm-750rpm
Selectable in 1rpm increments

Incubation time:

Up to 999 minutes selectable in 1 second increments



Thermostatted Trayholder for thermo labile samples



100ml Solvent Reservoirs for Dilutions / Derivatisations



Add the PAL SPME Option to your Liquid/HS CombiPAL

Upgrade Path:
PAL SPME option

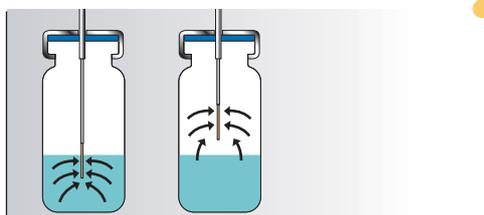




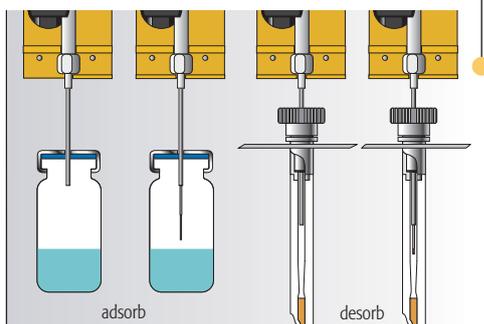
3. upgrade to SPME mode

In the few years since its introduction, solid phase microextraction (SPME*) has become a practical alternative for sample preparation for gas chromatography. SPME reduces the time required for sample preparation and eliminates the use of large volumes of extraction solvents. In SPME, analytes establish an equilibrium among the sample matrix, the headspace above the sample and a stationary phase coated on a fused silica fiber. The adsorbed compounds are thermally desorbed from the fiber to a capillary GC column. Because no solvent is injected and the analytes are rapidly desorbed onto the column, minimum detection limits are improved and resolution is maintained. SPME is useful in many different analysis, including characterization of environmental, forensic, food/food and pharmaceutical compounds.

The CombiPAL provides a fully automated SPME sample preparation process. All movements of the SPME fiber from precondition, adsorption and desorption are precisely controlled for optimum performance. Prior and during extraction the samples can be shaken and heated, which dramatically reduces analysis time for semivolatiles compounds. Variable vial penetration depth allows to extract the compounds in liquid samples itself or in the headspace area above liquid/solid samples. After the compounds are thermally desorbed in the hot GC injector, the fiber may be fully cleaned again in a special heated and purged Fiber Conditioning Station.



Variable vial penetration for different types of sample extractions



Fiber adsorption /desorption process



SPME Fiber cleaning and conditioning station

Specifications in SPME mode

SPME fiber holder for standard SPME fibers. Variable vial penetration depth for headspace or liquid extraction. Samples can be agitated and / or heated during extraction

Sample capacity:

up to 294 2ml standard vials
96 10ml or 20ml vials

Fiber cleaning:

Optional fiber cleaning station
+5°C above ambient - 350°C, inert gas purging

Incubator oven:

6 heated vial positions for 2ml/10ml/20ml vials

Incubation temperature:

+5°C above ambient -200°C selectable in 1°C increments

Agitation:

Interval shaking 250rpm-750rpm
Selectable in 1rpm increments prior extraction

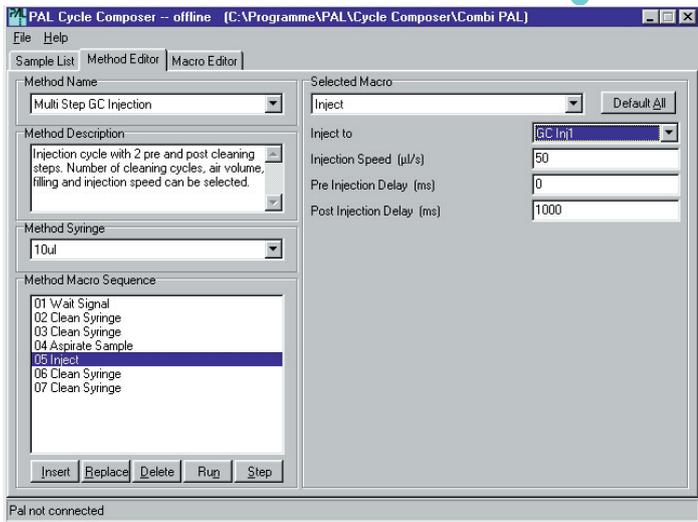
Extraction time:

Up to 999 minutes selectable in 1 second increments

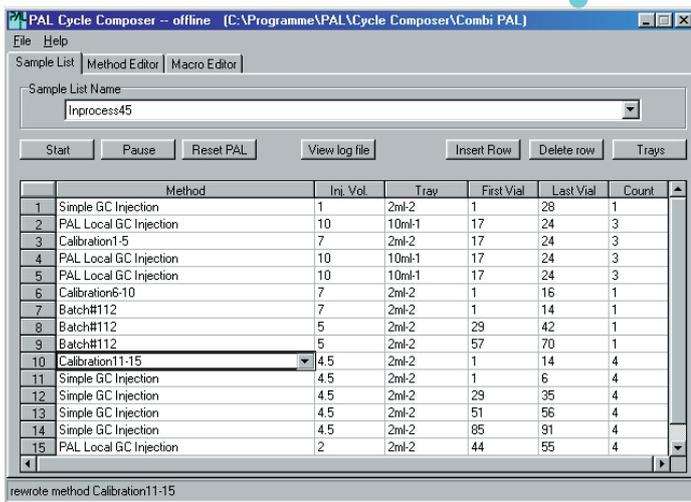
*Solid Phase Microextraction (SPME) Technology licensed exclusively to Supelco Inc. US patent #5,691,206 European patent #0523092



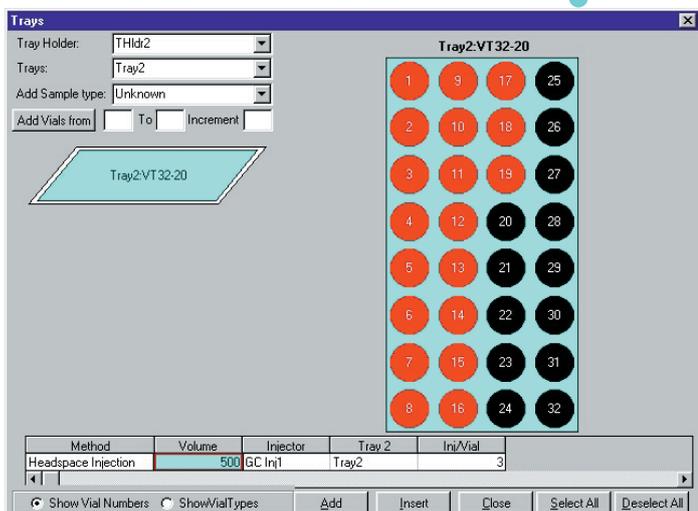
Cycle Composer software control



Method editor: Setup and edit customized CombiPAL cycles



Sample list: Setup and run injection sequences



Trays: Graphical sample list generator

Intelligent Automation

The Windows 2000/XP software Cycle Composer provides remote control for the CombiPAL Front End liquid handling system. It allows the operator to easily setup, edit and run CombiPAL methods for even very complex Prep and Load applications.

Easy to use

The Cycle Composer affords complete control over a sequence of liquid handling steps, thereby increasing throughput and productivity of the CombiPAL System. The point and click operation quickly directs the user through programming steps that configure instrument setup, methods and sample lists. For routine daily use, no special programming skills are needed. The Cycle Composer contains a ready to go library of common liquid handling procedures including sample transfer, reagent/standard addition, mixing and dilution steps.

Customize your CombiPAL

As with the PAL hardware concept the Cycle Composer is already prepared for individual application requirements. Additional flexibility can be assigned to sample prep procedures by using the powerful Cycle Composer macro language, which expands the application range of every CombiPAL System.

Single keyboard operation

The Cycle Composer can be used as an independent standalone software platform or if required fully integrated in leading GC-MS data acquisition systems. Currently the following control drivers are available either through CTC Analytics or the instrument vendor. For an updated list visit www.ctc.ch.

Third party CombiPAL software driver

Agilent ChemStation	Thermo Scientific XCalibur
Agilent EZ Chrom Elite	Varian Star
DataApex Clarity	Varian Galaxie
Dionex Chromeleon	Waters Masslynx
Justice Software Chromperfect	Waters Empower
Leco ChromaTOF	
Shimadzu GCMSsolution	

Cycle Composer Specifications:

Minimum PC requirements:

Pentium 4 processor 1.6GHz
 512 MB RAM
 9-pin serial interface RS232C (or USB to RS232C converter)
 DVD / CD-ROM drive
 installed Windows 2000 SP4 / XP SP2
 10 MB free hard drive space

Compatible CombiPAL Modes:

Liquid-, Headspace- ITEX and SPME cycles

COMBI PAL

CombiPAL General Specifications

System Type

XYZ robot with syringe only concept, no tubing in sample path

Local User Interface

Control panel with 4 function keys, graphical LCD display, unique scroll knob for teach functions

Remote Control

Cycle Composer control software Windows 2000 / XP
Third party instrument drivers for all major GC/GC-MS Systems

Maintenance

Accessibility to all maintenance parts from front
Preventative maintenance kits available

Electrical Control

2x RS232 2x Opto Coupler Input
3x TTL Input 2x Relay Output

Power Requirements

100-240V, 120W, 50/60Hz

Environment

4°C - 40°C constant temperature, < 80% humidity (non condensing)

Weight

~ 10kg (without accessories)

Dimension

Length 828mm Depth 385mm Height 575mm

Electrical Safety Standards

CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1 / ANSI/UL 61010-1 / EN 61010-1

GC mounting kits:

Agilent 5890 / 6850 / 6890
Thermo Scientific Trace 2000 / GC 8000 top
Varian GC 3400 / 3600 / 3800 / 3900
Shimadzu GC 14 / 17 / 2010 / 2014
Perkin Elmer Autosystem XL / Clarus

Options :

PAL Headspace option (requires CombiPAL basic)
PAL SPME option (requires CombiPAL basic including HS option)
PAL ITEX Option (requires CombiPAL basic including HS option)
PAL Dilutor
Thermostatted Trayholders for 1ml/2ml/10ml/20ml vials
Barcode Reader (for common industry standard bar code symbols)
SPME Fiber Cleaning Station
Sample stacks for 96/384 well Micro- or Deepwell plates
Solvent/Reagent Reservoir
Large Volume Wash Station

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The CombiPAL fits on every GC workstation

Static Headspace - Liquid Injection - SPME - ITEX Extraction
combined in one single instrument



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