



Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler

User Manual



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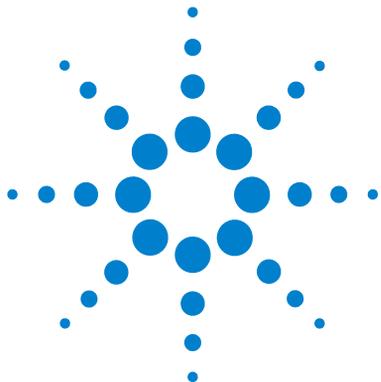
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This chapter gives an introduction to the detector, instrument overview and internal connectors.



Features

The 1290 Infinity Autosampler features an increased pressure range enabling the use of today's column technology (sub-two-micron narrow bore columns) with the Agilent 1290 Infinity LC System. Increased robustness is achieved by optimized new parts, high speed with lowest carry-over by flow through design, increased sample injection speed for high sample throughput, increased productivity by using overlapped injection mode and flexible and convenient sample handling with different types of sample containers, such as vials and well plates. Using 384-well plates allows you to process up to 768 samples unattended.

For specifications, see "[Specifications](#)" on page 40.

NOTE

This 1290 Infinity Autosampler has been introduced together with the Agilent 1290 Infinity Liquid Chromatograph.

Overview of the Module

The Autosampler transport mechanism uses an X-Z-theta robot to optimize the positioning of the sampling arm on the well plate. Once the sampling arm is positioned over the programmed sample position, the programmed sample volume is drawn by the metering device into the sampling needle. The sampling arm then moves to the injection position where the sample is flushed onto the column.

The autosampler employ a vial/plate pusher mechanism to hold down the vial or the plate while the needle is drawn back from the sample vessel (a must in the case a septum is used). This vial/plate pusher employs a sensor to detect the presence of a plate and to ensure accurate movement regardless of plate used. All axes of the transport mechanism (x-,z-,theta-robot) are driven by stepper-motors. Optical encoders ensure the correct operation of the movement.

The standard metering device provides injection volumes from 0.1–20 μL . A 0.1-40 μL injection volume metering device is installed in the G4226A, with a 20 μL , low restriction loop capillary restricting the injection volume. The entire flowpath including the metering device is always flushed by the mobile phase after injection for minimum internal carry-over.

An additional needle flush station with a peristaltic pump is installed to wash the outside of the needle. This reduces the already low carry-over for very sensitive analysis.

The bottle containing the mobile phase for the wash procedure will be located in the solvent bottle cabinet. Produced waste during this operation is channeled safely away through a waste drain.

The six-port (only 5 ports are used) injection valve unit is driven by a high-speed hybrid stepper motor. During the sampling sequence, the valve unit bypasses the autosampler, and connects flow from the pump to the column directly. During injection and analysis, the valve unit directs the flow through the autosampler which ensures that all of the sample is injected onto the column, and that the metering unit and needle are always free from sample residue before the next sampling sequence begins.

1 Introduction

Overview of the Module

Control of the vial/plate temperature in the thermostatted autosampler is achieved using an additional Agilent 1200 Series module; the Agilent 1200 Series thermostat for ALS/FC/Spotter. The thermostat contains Peltier-controlled heat-exchangers. A fan draws air from the area above the sample vial tray of the autosampler. It is then blown through the fins of the cooling/heating module. There it is cooled or heated according the temperature setting. The thermostatted air enters the autosampler through a recess underneath the special designed sample tray. The air is then distributed evenly through the sample tray ensuring effective temperature control, regardless of how many vials are in the tray. In cooling mode condensation is generated on the cooled side of the Peltier elements. This condensed water is safely guided into a waste bottle for condensed water.

Autosampler Principle

The movements of the autosampler components during the sampling sequence are monitored continuously by the autosampler processor. The processor defines specific time windows and mechanical ranges for each movement. If a specific step of the sampling sequence is not completed successfully, an error message is generated. Solvent is bypassed from the autosampler by the injection valve during the sampling sequence. The needle moves to the desired sample vial position and is lowered into the sample liquid in the vial to allow the metering device to draw up the desired volume by moving its plunger back a certain distance. The needle is then raised again and moved onto the seat to close the sample loop. Sample is applied to the column when the injection valve returns to the mainpass position at the end of the sampling sequence.

The standard sampling sequence occurs in the following order:

- 1 The injection valve switches to the bypass position.
- 2 The plunger of the metering device moves to the initialization position.
- 3 The needle lock moves up.
- 4 The needle moves to the desired sample vial position.
- 5 The needle lowers into the vial.
- 6 The metering device draws the preset sample volume.
- 7 The needle lifts out of the vial.
- 8 The needle is then moved onto the seat to close the sample loop.
- 9 The needle lock moves down.
- 10 The injection cycle is completed when the injection valve switches to the mainpass position.

If needle wash is required it will be done between step 7 and 8.

Injection Sequence

Before the start of the injection sequence, and during an analysis, the injection valve is in the mainpass position. In this position, the mobile phase flows through the autosampler metering device, sample loop, and needle, ensuring all parts in contact with sample are flushed during the run, thus minimizing carry-over.

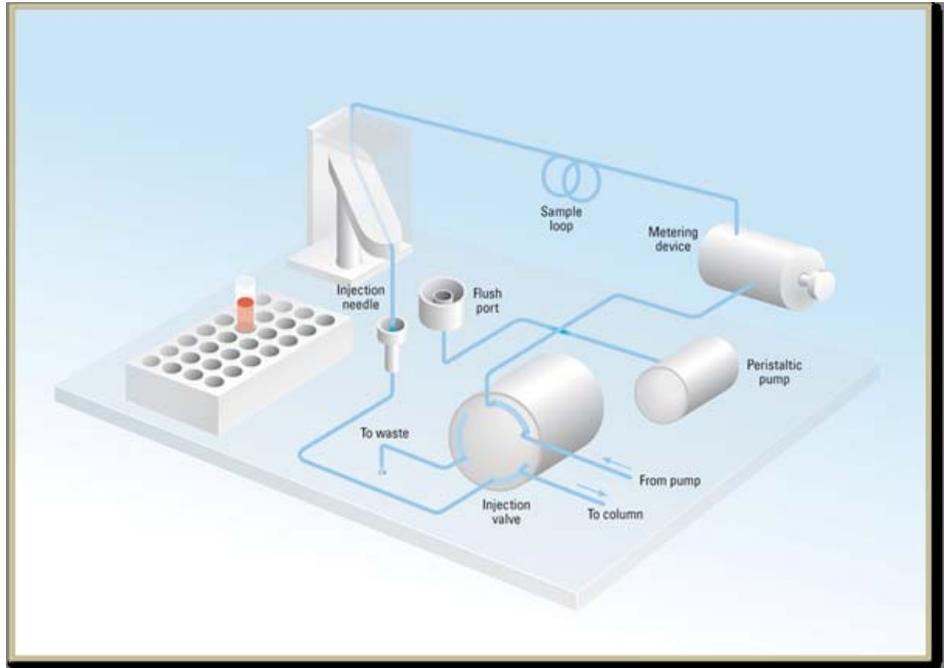


Figure 1 Mainpass Position

When the sample sequence begins, the valve unit switches to the bypass position. Solvent from the pump enters the valve unit at port 1, and flows directly to the column through port 6.

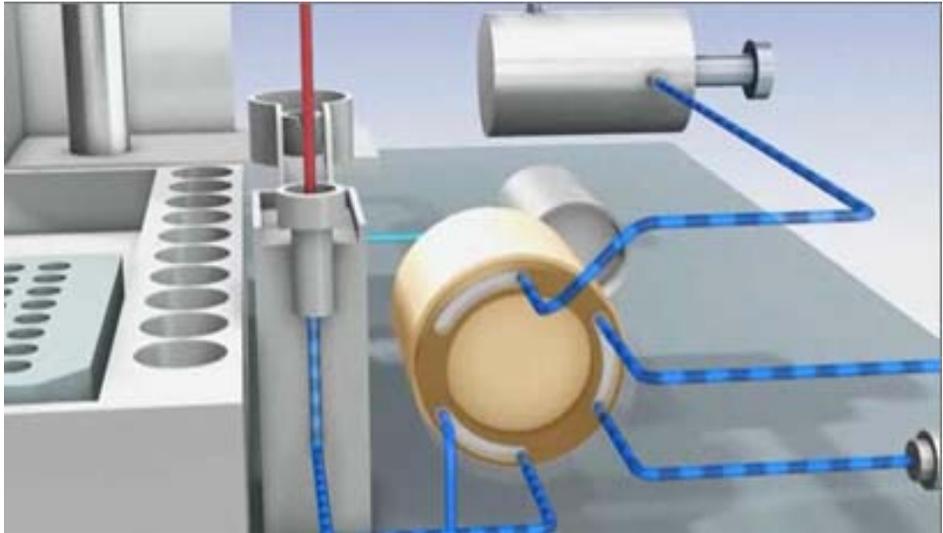


Figure 2 Bypass Position

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Autosampler Principle

The standard injection starts with *draw sample from vial*. In order to do this the needle moves to the desired sample vial position and is lowered into the sample liquid in the vial to allow the metering device to draw up the desired volume by moving its plunger back a certain distance. The needle is then raised again and moved onto the seat to close the sample loop. In case of an injector program several steps are interspersed at this point.

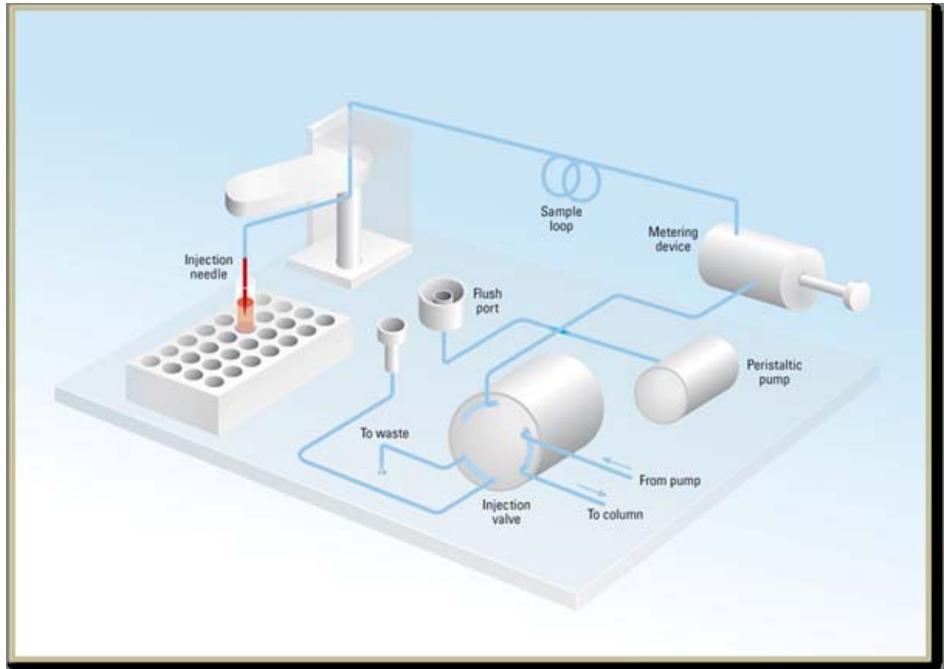


Figure 3 Drawing the Sample

Flush the Needle Before injection and to reduce the carry-over for very sensitive analysis, the outside of the needle can be washed in a flush port located behind the injector port on the sampling unit. As soon as the needle is on the flush port a peristaltic pump delivers some solvent during a defined time to clean the outside of the needle. At the end of this process the needle returns to the injection port.

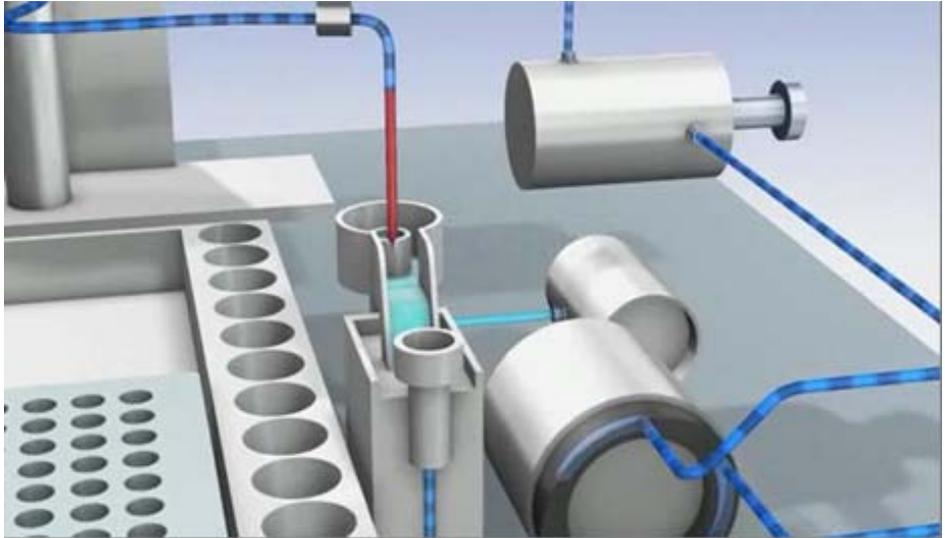


Figure 4 Flush the needle

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Autosampler Principle

Inject-and-Run The final step is the inject-and-run step. The six-port valve is switched to the main-pass position, and directs the flow back through the sample loop, which now contains a certain amount of sample. The solvent flow transports the sample onto the column, and separation begins. This is the beginning of a *run* within an analysis. In this stage, all major performance-influencing hardware is flushed internally by the solvent flow. For standard applications no additional flushing procedure is required.

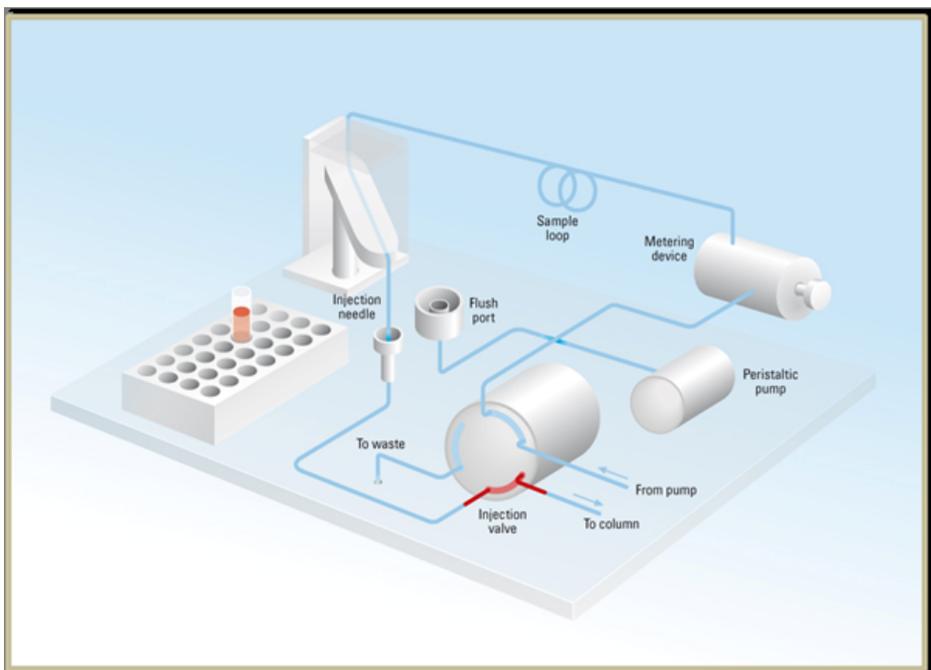


Figure 5 Inject and Run

Early Maintenance Feedback

Maintenance requires the exchange of components which are subject to wear or stress. Ideally, the frequency at which components are exchanged should be based on the intensity of usage of the module and the analytical conditions, and not on a predefined time interval. The early maintenance feedback (EMF) feature monitors the usage of specific components in the instrument, and provides feedback when the user-selectable limits have been exceeded. The visual feedback in the user interface provides an indication that maintenance procedures should be scheduled.

EMF Counters

EMF counters increment with use and can be assigned a maximum limit which provides visual feedback in the user interface when the limit is exceeded. Some counters can be reset to zero after the required maintenance procedure.

Using the EMF Counters

The user-settable EMF limits for the EMF counters enable the early maintenance feedback to be adapted to specific user requirements. The useful maintenance cycle is dependent on the requirements for use. Therefore, the definition of the maximum limits need to be determined based on the specific operating conditions of the instrument.

Setting the EMF Limits

The setting of the EMF limits must be optimized over one or two maintenance cycles. Initially the default EMF limits should be set. When instrument performance indicates maintenance is necessary, take note of the values displayed by the EMF counters. Enter these values (or values slightly less than the displayed values) as EMF limits, and then reset the EMF counters to zero. The next time the EMF counters exceed the new EMF limits, the EMF flag will be displayed, providing a reminder that maintenance needs to be scheduled.

Instrument Layout

The industrial design of the module incorporates several innovative features. It uses Agilent's E-PAC concept for the packaging of electronics and mechanical assemblies. This concept is based upon the use of expanded polypropylene (EPP) layers of foam plastic spacers in which the mechanical and electronic boards components of the module are placed. This pack is then housed in a metal inner cabinet which is enclosed by a plastic external cabinet. The advantages of this packaging technology are:

- virtual elimination of fixing screws, bolts or ties, reducing the number of components and increasing the speed of assembly/disassembly,
- the plastic layers have air channels molded into them so that cooling air can be guided exactly to the required locations,
- the plastic layers help cushion the electronic and mechanical parts from physical shock, and
- the metal inner cabinet shields the internal electronics from electromagnetic interference and also helps to reduce or eliminate radio frequency emissions from the instrument itself.

Electrical Connections

- The CAN bus is a serial bus with high speed data transfer. The two connectors for the CAN bus are used for internal module data transfer and synchronization.
- One analog output provides signals for integrators or data handling systems.
- The REMOTE connector may be used in combination with other analytical instruments from Agilent Technologies if you want to use features such as start, stop, common shut down, prepare, and so on.
- With the appropriate software, the RS-232C connector may be used to control the module from a computer through a RS-232C connection. This connector is activated and can be configured with the configuration switch.
- The power input socket accepts a line voltage of 100 – 240 volts AC \pm 10% with a line frequency of 50 or 60 Hz. Maximum power consumption varies by module. There is no voltage selector on your module because the power supply has wide-ranging capability. There are no externally accessible fuses, because automatic electronic fuses are implemented in the power supply. The security lever at the power input socket prevents the module cover from being taken off when line power is still connected.

NOTE

Never use cables other than the ones supplied by Agilent Technologies to ensure proper functionality and compliance with safety or EMC regulations.

Rear view of the module

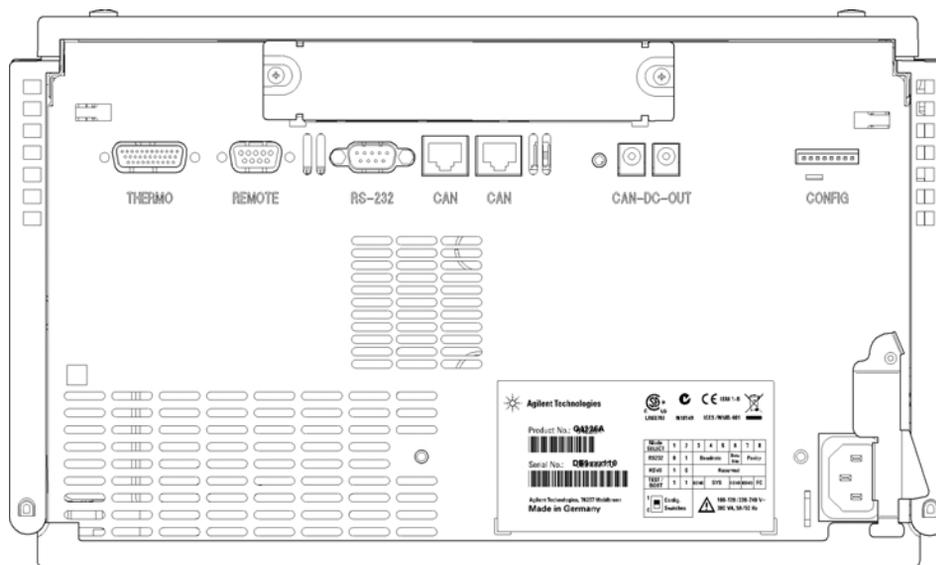


Figure 6 Rear view of the module

Interfaces

The Agilent 1290 Infinity modules provide the following interfaces:

Table 1 Agilent 1290 Infinity interfaces

| Module | CAN | LAN/BCD (optional) | LAN (on-board) | RS-232 | Analog | APG Remote | Comment |
|--------|-----|--------------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------|-------------------------------|
| G4220A | 2 | no | yes | yes | no | yes | |
| G4226A | 2 | yes | no | yes | no | yes | |
| G1316C | 2 | no | no | yes | no | yes | |
| G4227A | 2 | no | no | no | no | no | |
| G4212A | 2 | no | yes | yes | 1 | yes | Preferred host for LAN access |

NOTE

The detector with on-board LAN is the preferred access point for control via LAN of the detector and/or the 1290 Infinity system. The inter-module communication is done via CAN.

- CAN connectors as interface to other modules,
- LAN connector as interface to the Agilent ChemStation or other control software,
- RS-232C as interface to a computer,
- REMOTE connector as interface to other Agilent products,
- Analog Output connector(s) for signal output.

Overview Interfaces

CAN

The CAN is inter-module communication interface. It is a 2-wire serial bus system supporting high speed data communication and real-time requirement.

LAN

The modules have either an interface slot for an LAN card (e.g. Agilent G1369A LAN Interface) or they have an on-board LAN interface (e.g. detectors G1315C/D DAD and G1365C/D MWD). This interface allows the control of the module/system via a connected PC with the appropriate control software (e.g. Agilent ChemStation).

NOTE

If an Agilent detector (DAD/MWD/FLD/VWD/RID) is in the system, the LAN should be connected to the DAD/MWD/FLD/VWD/RID (due to higher data load). If no Agilent detector is part of the system, the LAN interface should be installed in the pump or autosampler.

GPIB

This interface is not available in all modules. The GPIB connector is used to connect the module with a computer. The address and control switches next to the GPIB connector determines the GPIB address of your module.

NOTE

GPIB was the primary communication at the introduction of the 1100 series of HPLC modules in 1995. It has been replaced by the LAN communication. For more information refer to 1100 series documentation.

RS-232C (Serial)

The RS-232C connector is used to control the module from a computer through RS-232C connection, using the appropriate software. This connector can be configured with the configuration switch module next to the GPIB connector. Refer to *Communication Settings for RS-232C*.

NOTE

There is no configuration possible on main boards with on-board LAN. These are pre-configured for

- 19200 baud,
- 8 data bit with no parity and
- one start bit and one stop bit are always used (not selectable).

The RS-232C is designed as DCE (data communication equipment) with a 9-pin male SUB-D type connector. The pins are defined as:

Table 2 RS-232C Connection Table

| Pin | Direction | Function |
|-----|-----------|----------|
| 1 | In | DCD |
| 2 | In | RxD |
| 3 | Out | TxD |
| 4 | Out | DTR |
| 5 | | Ground |
| 6 | In | DSR |
| 7 | Out | RTS |
| 8 | In | CTS |
| 9 | In | RI |

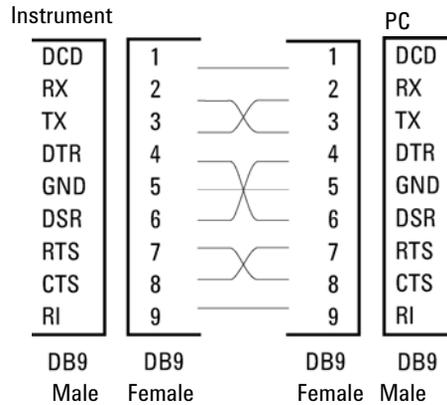


Figure 7 RS-232 Cable

Analog Signal Output

The analog signal output (e.g. detector signal or pump pressure signal) can be distributed to a recording device.

APG Remote

The APG Remote connector may be used in combination with other analytical instruments from Agilent Technologies if you want to use features as common shut down, prepare, and so on.

Remote control allows easy connection between single instruments or systems to ensure coordinated analysis with simple coupling requirements.

The subminiature D connector is used. The module provides one remote connector which is inputs/outputs (wired- or technique).

To provide maximum safety within a distributed analysis system, one line is dedicated to SHUT DOWN the system's critical parts in case any module detects a serious problem. To detect whether all participating modules are switched on or properly powered, one line is defined to summarize the POWER ON state of all connected modules. Control of analysis is maintained by signal readiness READY for next analysis, followed by START of run and optional STOP of run triggered on the respective lines. In addition PREPARE and START REQUEST may be issued. The signal levels are defined as:

- standard TTL levels (0 V is logic true, + 5.0 V is false),
- fan-out is 10,

- input load is 2.2 kOhm against + 5.0 V, and
- output are open collector type, inputs/outputs (wired- or technique).

NOTE

All common TTL circuits operate with a 5 V power supply. A TTL signal is defined as "low" or L when between 0 V and 0.8 V and "high" or H when between 2.0 V and 5.0 V (with respect to the ground terminal).

Table 3 Remote Signal Distribution

| Pin | Signal | Description |
|-----|---------------|--|
| 1 | DGND | Digital ground |
| 2 | PREPARE | (L) Request to prepare for analysis (for example, calibration, detector lamp on). Receiver is any module performing pre-analysis activities. |
| 3 | START | (L) Request to start run / timetable. Receiver is any module performing run-time controlled activities. |
| 4 | SHUT DOWN | (L) System has serious problem (for example, leak: stops pump). Receiver is any module capable to reduce safety risk. |
| 5 | | Not used |
| 6 | POWER ON | (H) All modules connected to system are switched on. Receiver is any module relying on operation of others. |
| 7 | READY | (H) System is ready for next analysis. Receiver is any sequence controller. |
| 8 | STOP | (L) Request to reach system ready state as soon as possible (for example, stop run, abort or finish and stop injection). Receiver is any module performing run-time controlled activities. |
| 9 | START REQUEST | (L) Request to start injection cycle (for example, by start key on any module). Receiver is the autosampler. |

Special Interfaces

Some modules have module specific interfaces/connectors. They are described in the module documentation.

Setting the 8-bit Configuration Switch

The 8-bit configuration switch is located at the rear of the module.

Modules that do not have their own LAN interface (e.g. the TCC) can be controlled through the LAN interface of another module and a CAN connection to that module.

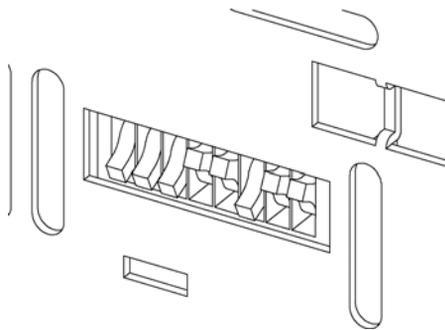


Figure 8 Configuration switch (settings depend on configured mode)

All modules without on-board LAN:

- default is ALL DIPS DOWN (best settings)
- for GPIB DIPS 4-8 must be set as required
- for boot/test modes DIPS 1+2 must be UP plus required mode

Switch settings provide configuration parameters for GPIB address, serial communication protocol and instrument specific initialization procedures.

Table 4 8-bit Configuration Switch

| Mode Select | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------|---|---|----------|--------------|---|-----------|--------|----|
| GPIB | 0 | 0 | | GPIB Address | | | | |
| RS-232C | 0 | 1 | Baudrate | | | Data Bits | Parity | |
| Reserved | 1 | 0 | Reserved | | | | | |
| TEST/BOOT | 1 | 1 | RSVD | SYS | | RSVD | RSVD | FC |

NOTE

The LAN settings are done on the LAN Interface Card G1369A. Refer to the documentation provided with the card.

Communication Settings for RS-232C

The communication protocol used in the column compartment supports only hardware handshake (CTS/RTR).

Switches 1 in down and 2 in up position define that the RS-232C parameters will be changed. Once the change has been completed, the column instrument must be powered up again in order to store the values in the non-volatile memory.

Table 5 Communication Settings for RS-232C Communication

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|----------|---|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Mode Select | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| RS-232C | 0 | 1 | Baudrate | | | Data Bits | Parity | |

Use the following tables for selecting the setting which you want to use for RS-232C communication. The number 0 means that the switch is down and 1 means that the switch is up.

Table 6 Baudrate Settings

| Switches | | | Baud Rate | Switches | | | Baud Rate |
|----------|---|---|-----------|----------|---|---|-----------|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 9600 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9600 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1200 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 14400 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 2400 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 19200 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 4800 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 38400 |

Table 7 Data Bit Settings

| Switch 6 | Data Word Size |
|----------|---------------------|
| 0 | 7 Bit Communication |
| 1 | 8 Bit Communication |

Table 8 Parity Settings

| Switches | | Parity |
|----------|---|-------------|
| 7 | 8 | |
| 0 | 0 | No Parity |
| 1 | 0 | Odd Parity |
| 1 | 1 | Even Parity |

One start bit and one stop bit are always used (not selectable).

Per default, the module will turn into 19200 baud, 8 data bit with no parity.

Special Settings

The special settings are required for specific actions (normally in a service case).

NOTE

The tables include both settings for modules – with on-board LAN and without on-board LAN. They are identified as “LAN” and “no LAN”.

Boot-Resident

Firmware update procedures may require this mode in case of firmware loading errors (main firmware part).

If you use the following switch settings and power the instrument up again, the instrument firmware stays in the resident mode. It is not operable as a module. It only uses basic functions of the operating system for example, for communication. In this mode the main firmware can be loaded (using update utilities).

Table 9 Boot Resident Settings

| | Mode Select | SW1 | SW2 | SW3 | SW4 | SW5 | SW6 | SW7 | SW8 |
|--------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| LAN | TEST/BOOT | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No LAN | TEST/BOOT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Forced Cold Start

A forced cold start can be used to bring the module into a defined mode with default parameter settings.

CAUTION

Loss of data

Forced cold start erases all methods and data stored in the non-volatile memory. Exceptions are diagnosis and repair log books which will not be erased.

→ Save your methods and data before executing a forced cold start.

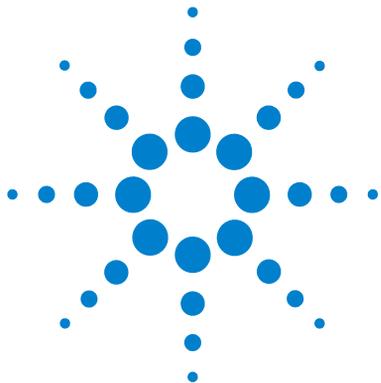
If you use the following switch settings and power the instrument up again, a forced cold start has been completed.

Table 10 Forced Cold Start Settings

| | Mode Select | SW1 | SW2 | SW3 | SW4 | SW5 | SW6 | SW7 | SW8 |
|--------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| LAN | TEST/BOOT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| No LAN | TEST/BOOT | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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Site Requirements

A suitable environment is important to ensure optimal performance of the module.

Power Consideration

The module power supply has wide ranging capabilities and accepts any line voltage in the range mentioned in [Table 11](#) on page 39. Consequently, there is no voltage selector in the rear of the module. There are also no externally accessible fuses, because automatic electronic fuses are implemented in the power supply.

WARNING

Module is partially energized when switched off, as long as the power cord is plugged in.

Repair work at the module can lead to personal injuries, e.g. shock hazard, when the cover is opened and the module is connected to power.

- Make sure that it is always possible to access the power plug.
- Remove the power cable from the instrument before opening the cover.
- Do not connect the power cable to the Instrument while the covers are removed.

WARNING

Incorrect line voltage at the module

Shock hazard or damage of your instrument can result if the devices are connected to line voltage higher than specified.

- Connect your module to the specified line voltage.

CAUTION

Unaccessible power plug.

In case of emergency it must be possible to disconnect the instrument from the power line at any time.

- Make sure the power connector of the instrument can be easily reached and unplugged.
 - Provide sufficient space behind the power socket of the instrument to unplug the cable.
-

Power Cords

Different power cords are offered as options with the module. The female end of all power cords is identical. It plugs into the power-input socket at the rear. The male end of each power cord is different and designed to match the wall socket of a particular country or region.

WARNING

Absence of ground connection or use of unspecified power cord

The absence of ground connection or the use of unspecified power cord can lead to electric shock or short circuit.

- Never operate your instrumentation from a power outlet that has no ground connection.
 - Never use a power cord other than the Agilent Technologies power cord designed for your region.
-

WARNING

Use of unsupplied cables

Using cables not supplied by Agilent Technologies can lead to damage of the electronic components or personal injury.

- Never use cables other than the ones supplied by Agilent Technologies to ensure proper functionality and compliance with safety or EMC regulations.
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Bench Space

The module dimensions and weight (see [Table 11](#) on page 39) allow you to place the module on almost any desk or laboratory bench. It needs an additional 2.5 cm (1.0 inches) of space on either side and approximately 8 cm (3.1 inches) in the rear for air circulation and electric connections.

If the bench should carry an Agilent system, make sure that the bench is designed to bear the weight of all modules.

The module should be operated in a horizontal position.

Condensation

CAUTION

Condensation within the module

Condensation will damage the system electronics.

- Do not store, ship or use your module under conditions where temperature fluctuations could cause condensation within the module.
 - If your module was shipped in cold weather, leave it in its box and allow it to warm slowly to room temperature to avoid condensation.
-

Physical Specifications

Table 11 Physical Specifications

| Type | Specification | Comments |
|--|---|---|
| Weight | 15.5 kg (34.2 lbs) | |
| Dimensions (width × depth × height) | 200 x 345 x 440 mm (8 x 13.5 x 17 inches) | |
| Line voltage | 100 – 240 VAC, ± 10% | Wide-ranging capability |
| Line frequency | 50 or 60 Hz, ± 5% | |
| Power consumption | 300 VA / 200 W / 683 BTU | Maximum |
| Ambient operating temperature | 4–55 °C (41–131 °F) | |
| Ambient non-operating temperature | -40–70 °C (-40–158 °F) | |
| Humidity | < 95 %, at 25–40 °C (77–104 °F) | Non-condensing |
| Operating Altitude | Up to 2000 m (6562 ft) | |
| Non-operating altitude | Up to 4600 m (15091 ft) | For storing the module |
| Safety standards: IEC, CSA, UL | Installation Category II, Pollution Degree 2 | For indoor use only. Research Use Only. Not for use in Diagnostic Procedures. |

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Table 12 Performance specifications G4226A

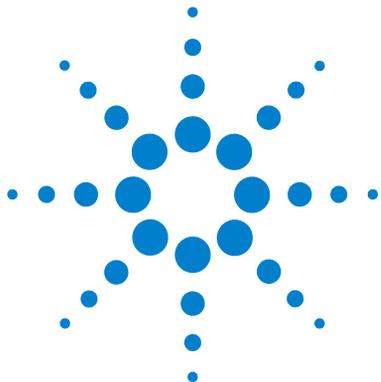
| Type | Specification | Comment |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Injection range | 0.1 – 20 µL in 0.1 µL increments | |
| Precision | Typically <0.25 % RSD from 5 – 20 µL, Typically <0.5 % RSD from 2 – 5 µL volume, Typically <0.7 % RSD from 1 — 2 µL volume. | Measured with injections of benzylalcohol. |
| Pressure range | Up to 1200 bar | |
| Sample viscosity range | 0.2 — 5 cp | |
| Sample capacity | Capacity 2 x well plates (MTP) + 10 x 2 mL vials, 108 x 2 mL vials in 2 x 54 vial plate plus 10 additional 2 mL vials, 30 x 6 mL vials in 2 x 15 vial plate, 100 Micro vial tray, plus 10 additional 2 mL vials, 54 Eppendorf tubes (0.5/1.5/2 mL) in 2 x 27 Eppendorf tube plate. | Also compatible with the Agilent 1200 Series sample capacity extension for further expansion of the sample capacity. |
| Injection cycle time | Typically <21 s using following standard conditions: Default draw speed: 100 µL/min Default eject speed: 100 µL/min Injection volume: 5 µL | |

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| Type | Specification | Comment |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Carry Over | Typically <0.004 % | Using the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Column: Agilent ZORBAX SB-C18, 2.1 x 50 mm 1.8 μm • Mobile Phase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: 0.1 % TFA in water • B: 0.1 % TFA in Acetonitrile • Isocratic : % B=35 % • Flow rate: 0.5 mL/min • Temperature: 25 °C • Wavelength: 257 nm • Sample: 1200 ng/μL Chlorhexidine for UV, 240 ng/μL Chlorhexidine for MS (dissolved with mobile phase A), 1 μL injected and measured both on Agilent 6410 QQQ and G4212A DAD • Wash solution: H₂O with 0.1 % TFA (5 s) |
| Control and data evaluation | Agilent ChemStation for LC EZChrom Elite Mass hunter Lab Advisor | B.04.02 or above 3.3.3 or above B.02.01 sp1 B.01.03 |
| Local Control | Agilent Instant Pilot (G4208A) | B.02.08 or above |
| Communications | Controller-area network (CAN), RS-232C, APG Remote: ready, start, stop and shut-down signals, optional four external contact closures and BCD vial number output. | |
| Safety and maintenance | Extensive diagnostics, error detection and display (through Instant Pilot and Diagnostic Software), leak detection, safe leak handling, leak output signal for shutdown of pumping system. Low voltages in major maintenance areas. | |
| GLP features | Early maintenance feedback (EMF) for continuous tracking of instrument usage with user-settable limits and feedback messages. Electronic records of maintenance and errors. | |
| Housing | All materials recyclable. | |

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This chapter provides information on unpacking, checking on completeness, stack considerations and installation of the autosampler.



Unpacking the Autosampler

Damaged Packaging

If the delivery packaging shows signs of external damage, please call your Agilent Technologies sales and service office immediately. Inform your service representative that the instrument may have been damaged during shipment.

CAUTION

"Defective on arrival" problems

If there are signs of damage, please do not attempt to install the module. Inspection by Agilent is required to evaluate if the instrument is in good condition or damaged.

- Notify your Agilent sales and service office about the damage.
 - An Agilent service representative will inspect the instrument at your site and initiate appropriate actions.
-

Delivery Checklist

Ensure all parts and materials have been delivered with the autosampler. For this compare the shipment content with the checklist included in each instrument box. Please report missing or damaged parts to your local Agilent Technologies sales and service office.

Table 13 Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler

| Description | Quantity |
|---------------|----------|
| Autosampler | 1 |
| Power Cable | 1 |
| User Manual | 1 |
| Accessory Kit | 1 |

Autosampler Accessory Kit Contents

| Item # | p/n | Description |
|--------|-------------|---|
| 1 | G4226-68705 | Accessory kit |
| 2 | 5067-4659 | SS Capillary 340x0.12 ps-ns |
| 3 | 5042-1386 | 96 Agilent 96 well plate 0.5 mL, PP (pack of 10) |
| 4 | 5063-6527 | Tubing Assembly, i.d. 6 mm, o.d. 9 mm, 1.2 m |
| 5 | 5181-1516 | CAN cable |
| 6 | 8710-0510 | Wrench open end 1/4 – 5/16 inch |

Optimizing the Stack Configuration

If your module is part of a complete Agilent 1290 Infinity Liquid Chromatograph, you can ensure optimum performance by installing the following configurations. These configurations optimize the system flow path, ensuring minimum delay volume.

For other possible configurations, please refer to the Agilent 1290 Infinity System Manual.

One Stack Configuration

Ensure optimum performance by installing the modules of the Agilent 1290 Infinity LC System in the following configuration (See [Figure 9](#) on page 47 and [Figure 10](#) on page 48). This configuration optimizes the flow path for minimum delay volume and minimizes the bench space required.

The Agilent 1290 Infinity Binary Pump should always be installed at the bottom of the stack.

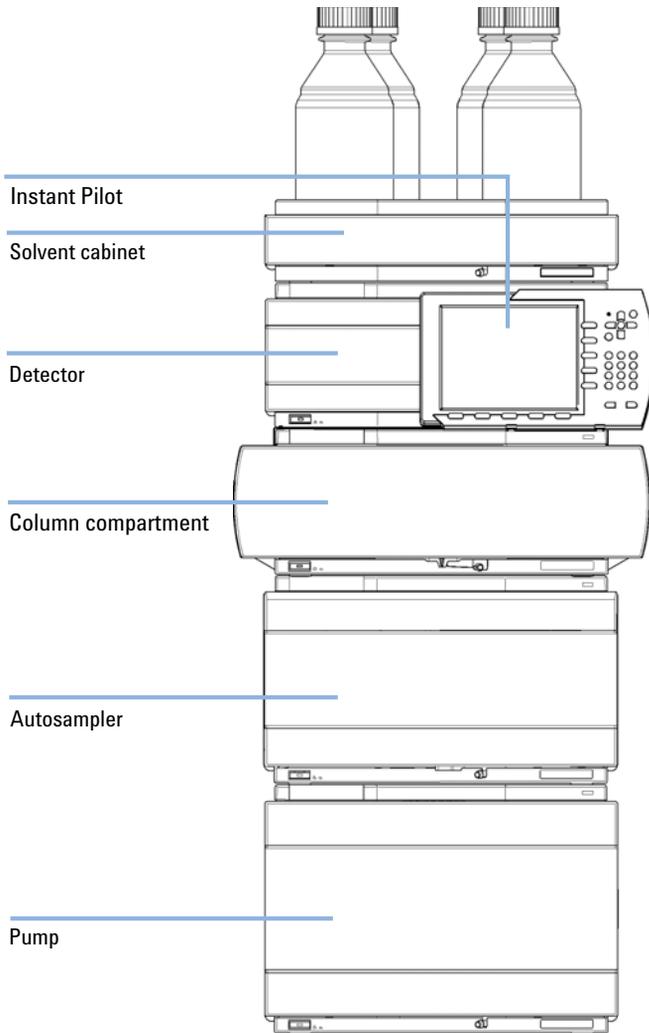


Figure 9 Recommended Stack Configuration (Front View)

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Optimizing the Stack Configuration

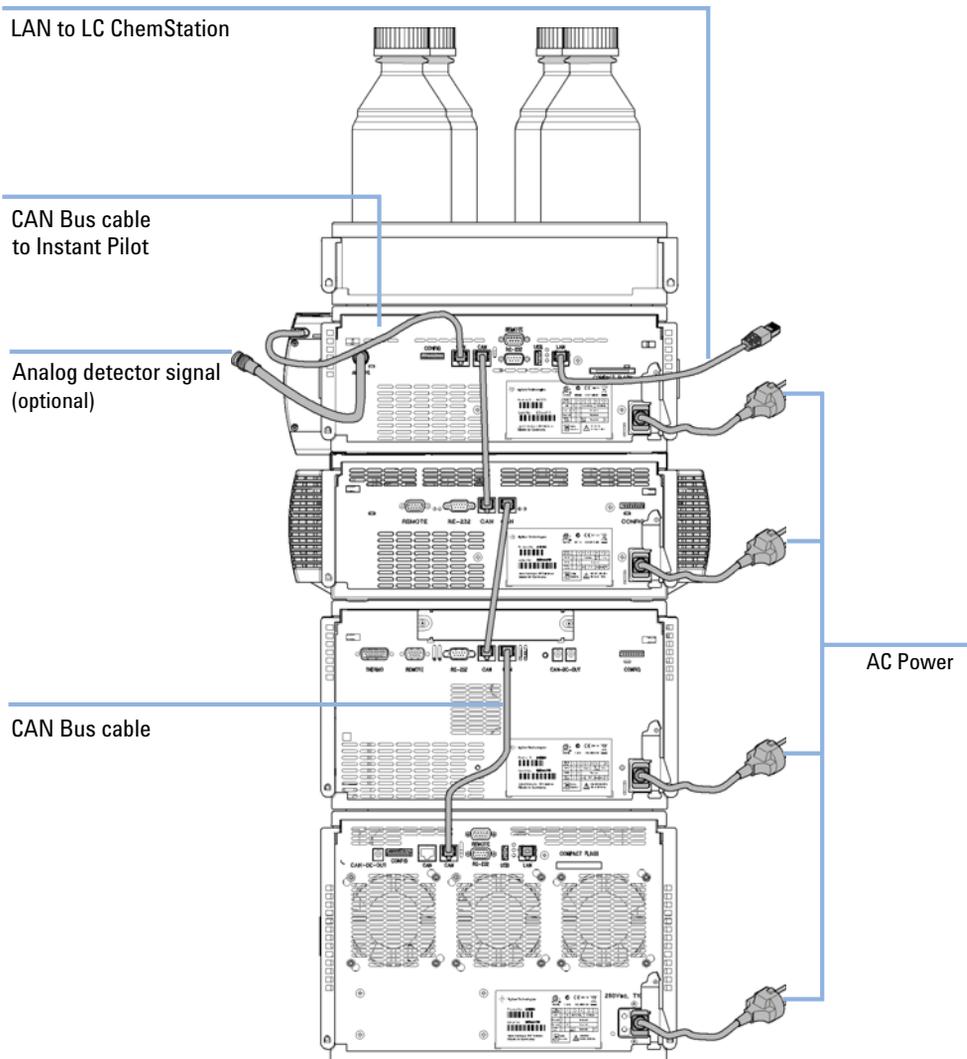


Figure 10 Recommended Stack Configuration (Rear View)

Two Stack Configuration

To avoid excessive height of the stack when the autosampler thermostat is added to the system it is recommended to form two stacks. Some users prefer the lower height of this arrangement even without the autosampler thermostat. A slightly longer capillary is required between the pump and autosampler. See [Figure 11](#) on page 49 and [Figure 12](#) on page 50).

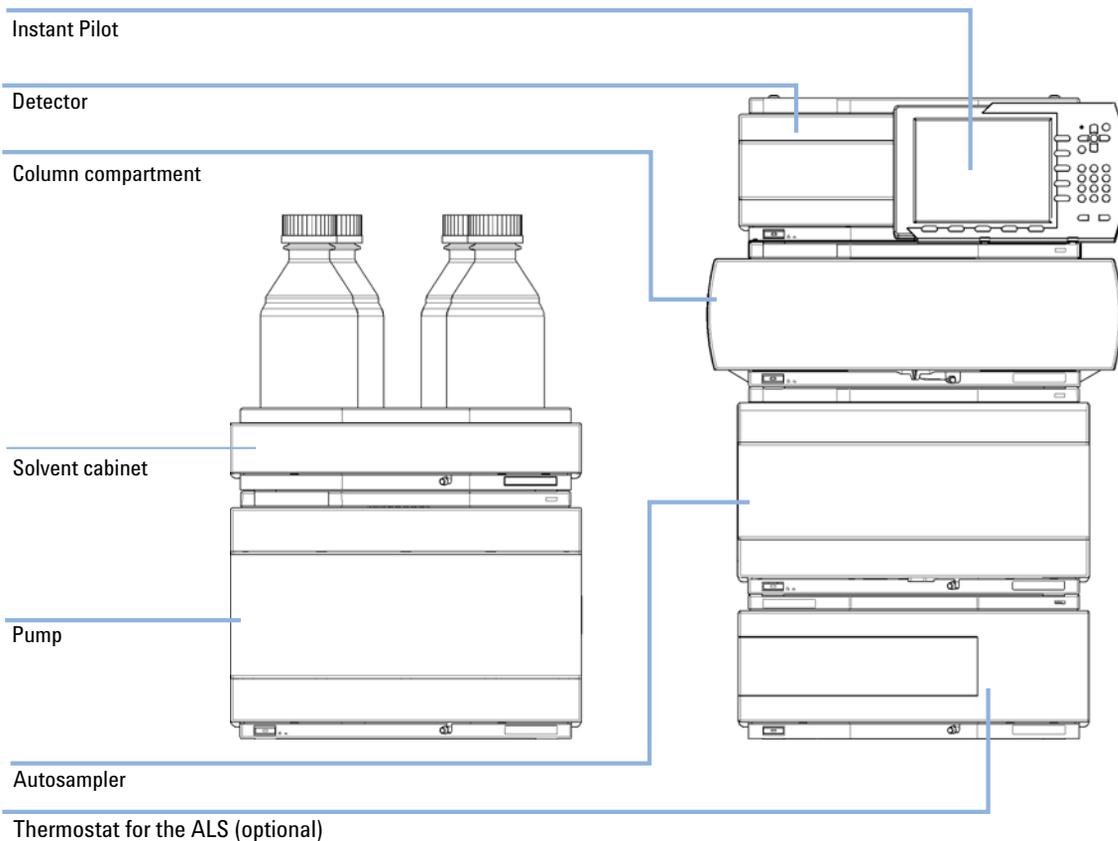


Figure 11 Recommended Two Stack Configuration (Front View)

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Optimizing the Stack Configuration

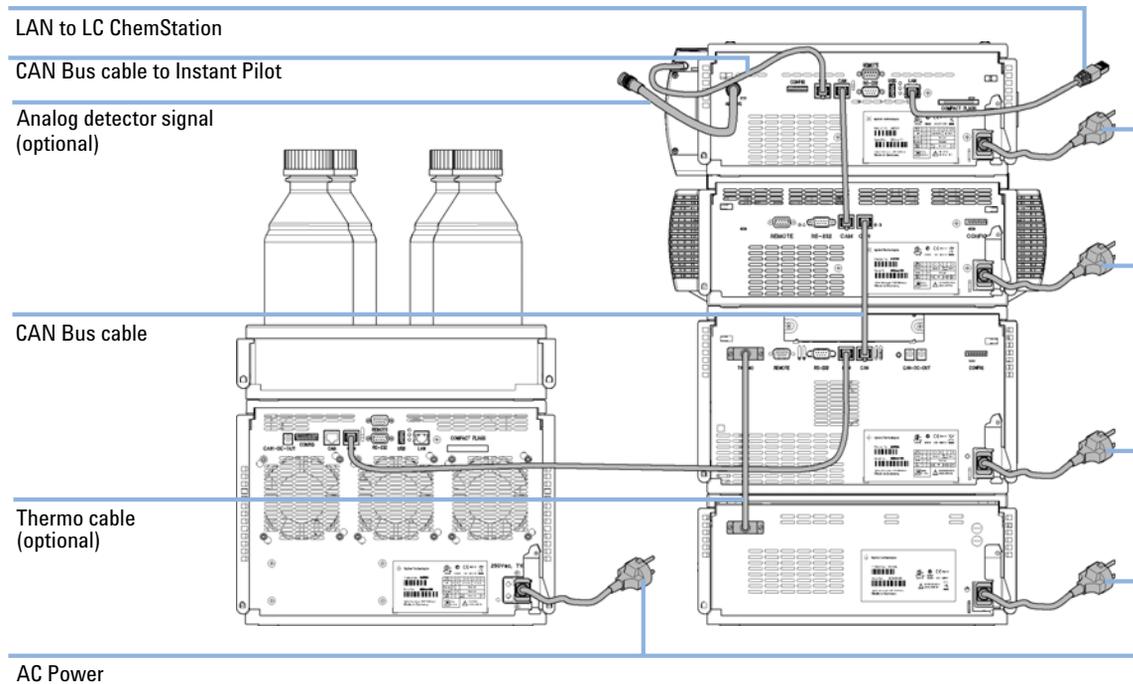


Figure 12 Recommended Two Stack Configuration (Rear View)

Installing the Autosampler

| Parts required | # | Description |
|----------------|---|--|
| | 1 | Autosampler Power cord |
| | 1 | Other cables see below and section “Cable Overview” on page 182. |
| | 1 | ChemStation and/or Instant Pilot G4208A with the appropriate revisions, see “Specifications” on page 40. |

- Preparations**
- Locate bench space
 - Provide power connections.
- Unpack the module.

WARNING

Module is partially energized when switched off, as long as the power cord is plugged in.

Repair work at the module can lead to personal injuries, e.g. shock hazard, when the cover is opened and the module is connected to power.

- Make sure that it is always possible to access the power plug.
- Remove the power cable from the instrument before opening the cover.
- Do not connect the power cable to the Instrument while the covers are removed.

CAUTION

"Defective on arrival" problems

If there are signs of damage, please do not attempt to install the module. Inspection by Agilent is required to evaluate if the instrument is in good condition or damaged.

- Notify your Agilent sales and service office about the damage.
- An Agilent service representative will inspect the instrument at your site and initiate appropriate actions.

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- 1 Place the Autosampler in the stack, see “[Optimizing the Stack Configuration](#)” on page 46.
- 2 Ensure the power switch on the front of the module is OFF (switch stands out).
- 3 Connect the power cable to the power connector at the rear of the module.

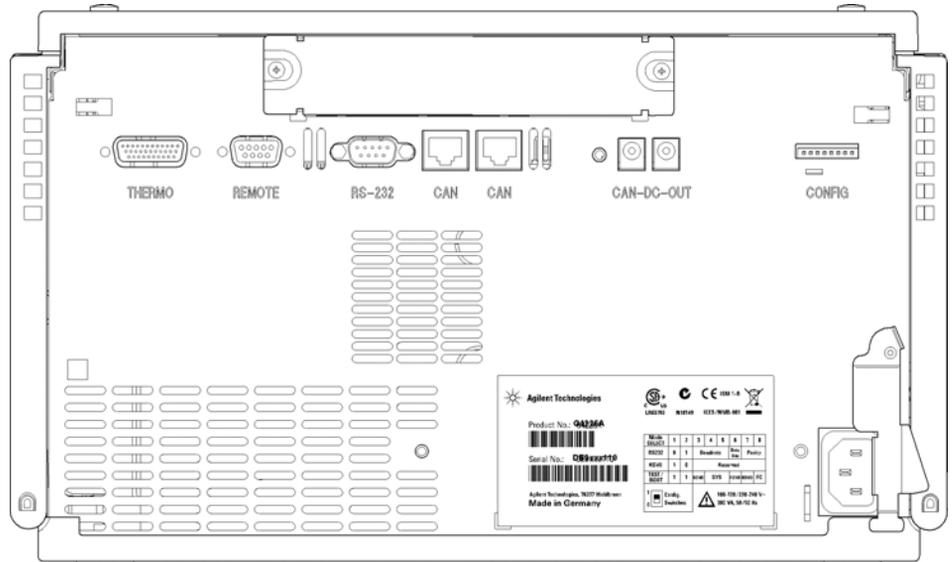


Figure 13 Rearview of Autosampler

- 4 Connect the CAN cable to other Agilent 1290 modules.
- 5 Connect the APG remote cable (optional) for non-Agilent instruments.
- 6 Turn on the power by pushing the button at the lower left hand side of the module.
The power button stays pressed in and the status LED should be green.

NOTE

When the line power button stands out and the green light is off, the module is turned off.

NOTE

The module was shipped with default configuration settings. For changing these settings, please refer to service manual "Setting the 8-bit configuration switch".

Flow Connections to the Autosampler

| Parts required | # | Description |
|----------------|---|--|
| | 1 | System, Capillaries and tubing from Accessory Kit. |
| | 1 | ChemStation and/or Instant Pilot G4208A with the appropriate revisions, see “Specifications” on page 40. |

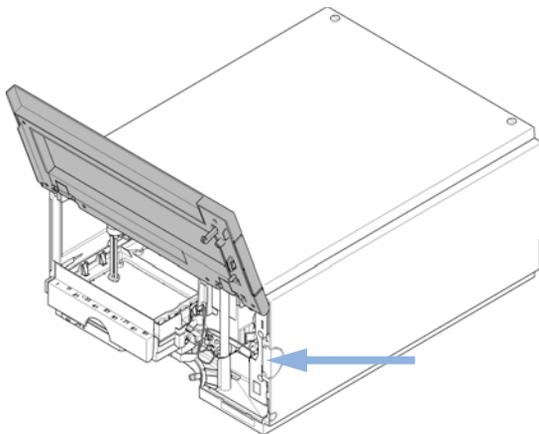
Preparations

- Autosampler is installed in system.

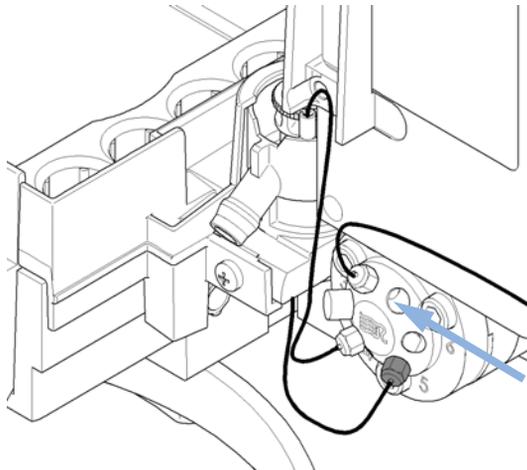
NOTE

This procedure shows the Autosampler outside of a system. In an Agilent 1290 Infinity LC System, the Autosampler is located between a G4220A Binary pump (below) and the G1316C TCC-SL+ (above), see “Optimizing the Stack Configuration” on page 46.

1 Open the front cover by pressing the button on the right side of the module.



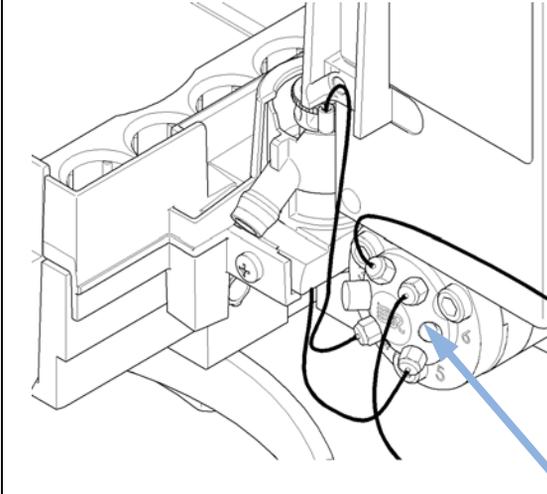
2 Install the capillary from the pump outlet into the port 1 of the injection valve.



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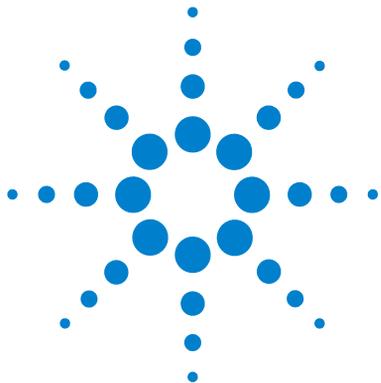
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- 3 Install the capillary from the port 6 of the injection valve to the TCC.



NOTE

The Autosampler can only be operated with the front and side covers closed.



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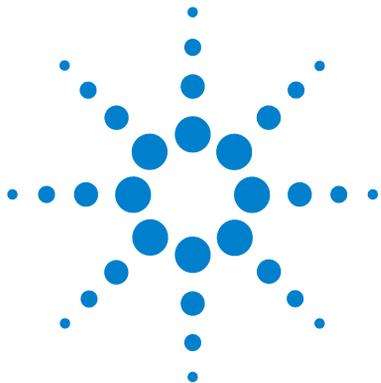
It is not recommended to connect an Agilent 1290 Infinity system via the G4226A Autosampler. The G4212A Diode Array Detector is producing the most data in the stack, followed by the G4220A Binary pump, and it is therefore highly recommended to use either of these modules for the LAN connection.

Connecting the module via LAN

If the G4226A Autosampler is being operated as a standalone module or if a connection via LAN is required regardless of above mentioned recommendation, a G1369A LAN card has to be used. For installation and configuration, see the G1369A documentation.

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Connecting the module via LAN



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This chapter provides information on how to set up the autosampler for an analysis and explains the basic settings.



Preparing the Autosampler

For best performance of the autosampler

- When using the Autosampler in a system with a vacuum degassing unit, shortly degas your samples before using them in the autosampler.
- Filter samples before use in 1290 system. Use the high pressure filter kit (High pressure filter kit) for inline filtering.
- When using buffer solutions, flush the system with water before switching it off.
- Check the autosampler plungers for scratches, grooves and dents when changing the piston seal. Damaged plungers cause micro leaks and will decrease the lifetime of the seal.
- Solvent Information - Observe recommendations on the use of solvents.
 - Always filter solvents through 0.4 µm filters. Small particles can permanently block the capillaries and valves. Avoid the use of the following steel-corrosive solvents:
 - Solutions of alkali halides and their respective acids (for example, lithium iodide, potassium chloride, and so on).
 - High concentrations of inorganic acids like sulfuric and nitric acid, especially at higher temperatures (replace, if your chromatography method allows, by phosphoric acid or phosphate buffer which are less corrosive to stainless steel).
 - Halogenated solvents or mixtures which form radicals and/or acids, for example:
$$2\text{CHCl}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{COCl}_2 + 2\text{HCl}$$

This reaction, in which stainless steel probably acts as a catalyst, occurs quickly with dried chloroform if the drying process removed the stabilizing alcohol.
 - Chromatographic grade ethers, which can contain peroxides (for example, THF, dioxane, di-isopropylether). Such ethers should be filtered through dry aluminium oxide which adsorbs the peroxides.
 - Solvents containing strong complexing agents (e.g. EDTA).
 - Mixtures of carbon tetrachloride with 2-propanol or THF dissolve stainless steel.

- Priming and Purging the System - When the solvents have been exchanged or the system has been turned off for a certain time (for example, overnight) oxygen will re-diffuse into the solvent channel. Therefore priming and purging of the system is required before starting an application.

Table 14 Choice of Priming Solvents for Different Purposes

| Activity | Solvent | Comments |
|--|---------------------|---|
| After an installation | Isopropanol | Best solvent to flush air out of the system |
| When switching between reverse phase and normal phase (both times) | Isopropanol | Best solvent to flush air out of the system |
| After an installation | Ethanol or methanol | Alternative to isopropanol (second choice) if no isopropanol is available |
| To clean the system when using buffers | Bidistilled water | Best solvent to re-dissolve buffer crystals |
| After a solvent change | Bidistilled water | Best solvent to re-dissolve buffer crystals |

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Setting up the Autosampler with Agilent ChemStation

The setup of the Autosampler is shown with the Agilent ChemStation B.04.02. Depending on the controller (e.g. Agilent Instant Pilot, EZChrom Elite) the screens look different. For the Instant Pilot refer to [“Main Screens of the Autosampler with Agilent Instant Pilot \(G4208A\)”](#) on page 72.

NOTE

This section describes the autosampler settings only. For information on the Agilent ChemStation or other 1290 Infinity modules refer to the corresponding documentation or the 1290 Infinity System Manual.

After successful load of the ChemStation, you should see the module as an active item in the graphical user interface (GUI).

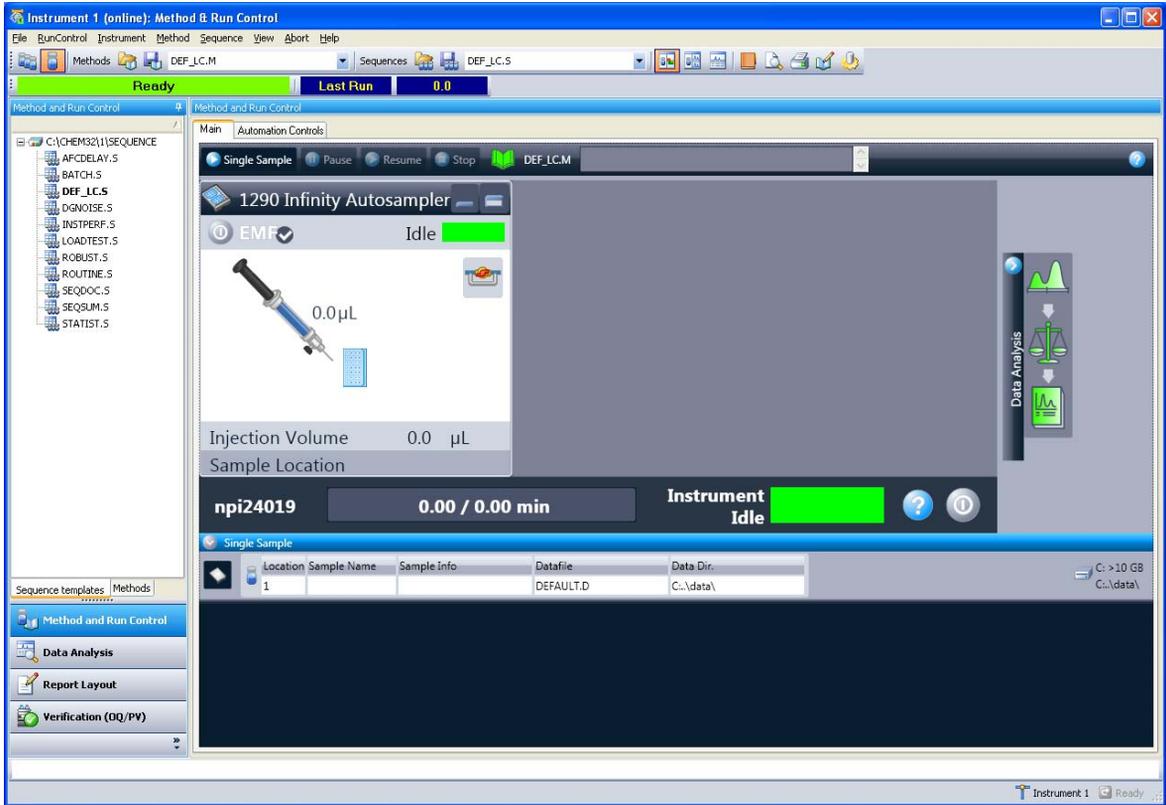
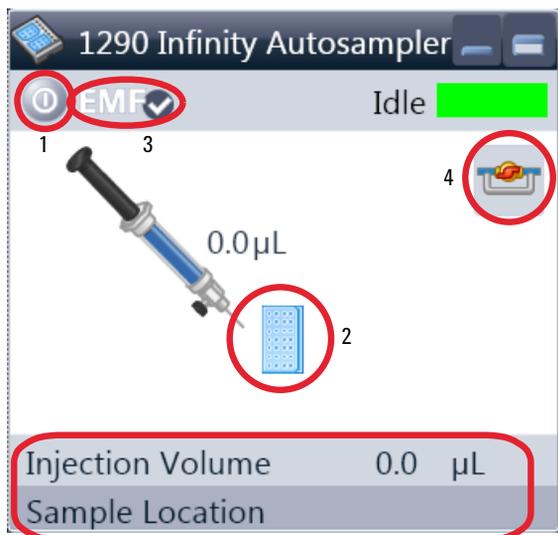


Figure 14 ChemStation Method & Run Control

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The Autosampler User Interface



Within the Autosampler user interface, there are active areas. If you move the mouse cursor across the icons (tray, EMF button), the cursor will change and you may click on the icon to

- Turn on/off the autosampler (1)
- Configure the sample tray (2)
- Get the status of the EMF (Early Maintenance Feature) (3)
- Switch injection valve to Mainpass / Bypass (4)

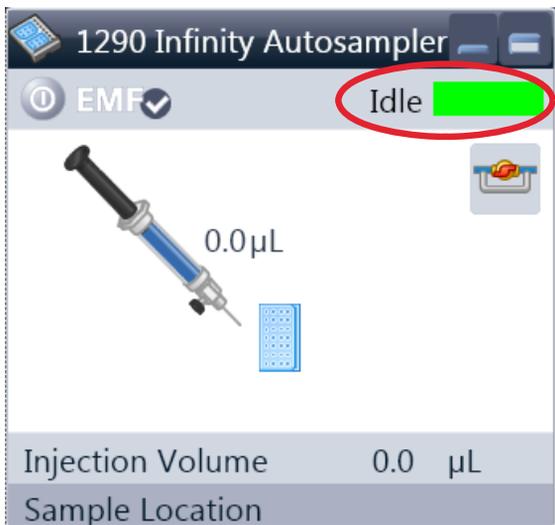
Instrument actuals Information

- Injection volume
- Sample location



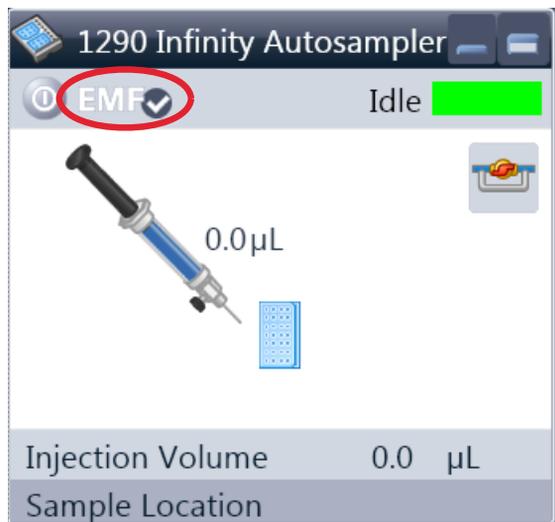
A right-click into the **Active Area** will open a menu to

- Show the **Control** User Interface (special module settings)
- Show the **Method** User interface (same as via menu Instrument – Setup G4226A)
- **Set Error Method**
- **Identify Device**
- **Home Arm**
- **Reset Sampler**
- **Wash Needle**
- **Needle Up**
- Valve Mainpass / Bypass (same as click on the valve icon)
- **Switch on Tray Illumination**
- **Edit Well Plate Types**
- Wellplate Configuration (same as click on the Tray icon)



Module Status shows Run / Ready / Error state and “Not Ready text” or “Error text”.

- Error (Red)
- Not ready (yellow)
- Ready (green)
- Pre run, Post run (purple)
- Run (blue)
- Idle (green)
- Offline (dark gray)
- Standby (light gray)



EMF Status shows Run / Ready / Error state and “Not Ready text” or “Error text”.

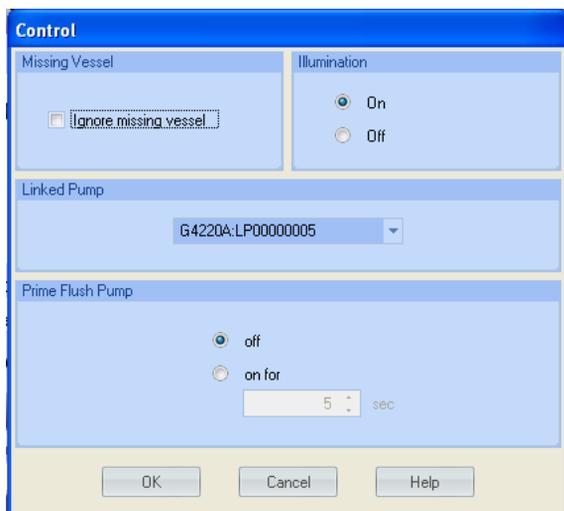
- Offline (gray)
- Ok. No Maintenance required (green)
- EMF warning. Maintenance might be required (yellow)
- EMF warning. Maintenance required (red)

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Control Settings

These settings are available via right click on the Active Area of the ALS GUI.



Missing Vessel: The handling of missing vessels can be configured.

Illumination: Can be turned on / off

Linked Pump: To configure which pump delivers flow to the Autosampler.

Prime Flush Pump: Priming the Needle wash flush pump.

Method Parameter Settings

These settings are available via **Menu > Instrument > Setup Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler** or via right click on the Active area.

NOTE

The signal window in the lower part is not shown when opening the parameter settings via right mouse on the Autosampler user interface.

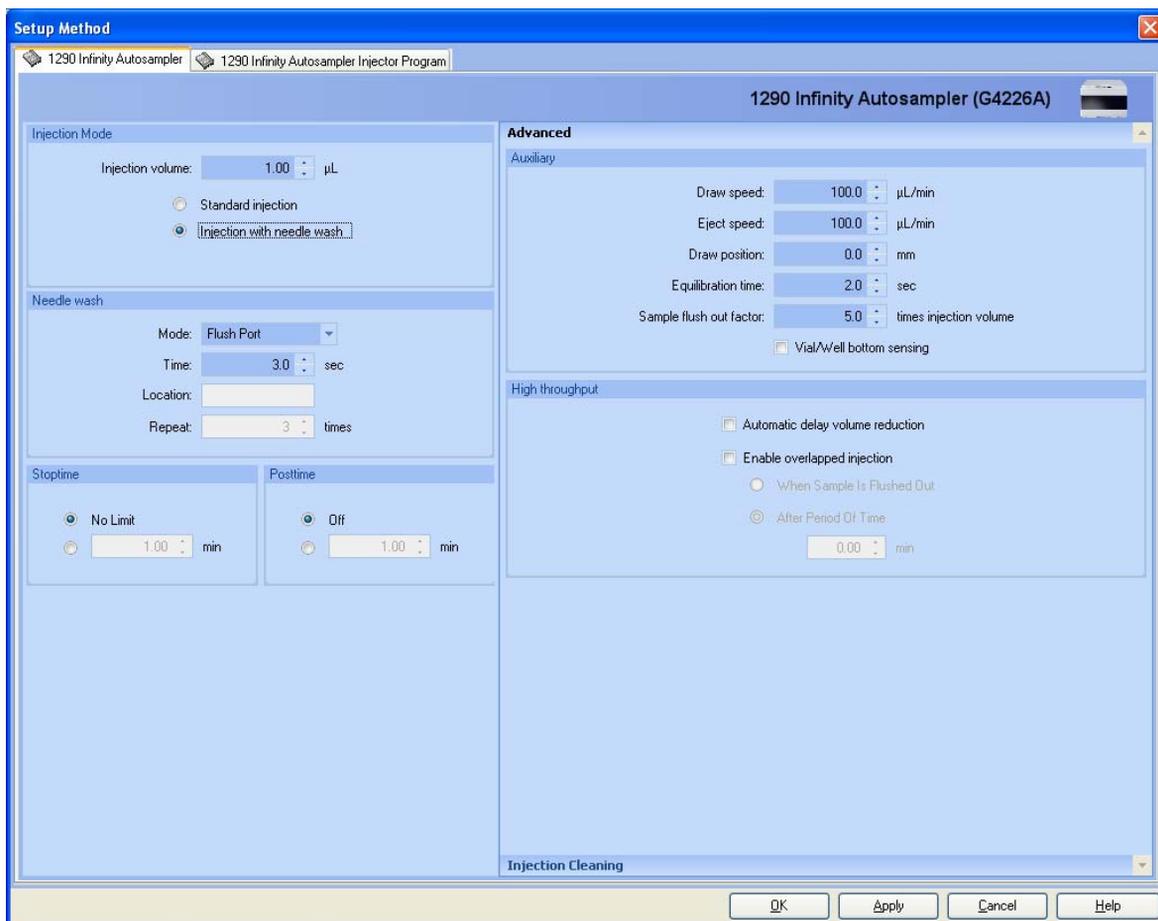


Figure 15 Method Parameter Settings

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Injection Mode

Injection Mode

Injection volume: 1.00 µL

Standard injection

Injection with needle wash

The settable Injection volume range is from 0.1 – 20.0 µL/min. Select to use **Standard injection** or **Injection with Needle wash**.

Needle wash

Needle wash

Mode: Flush Port

Time: 3.0 sec

Location:

Repeat: 3 times

It is possible to select between using the built in flush port of the Autosampler or using a non-capped vial. Using needle wash is required to obtain minimum carry-over.

Stop Time

Stoptime

No Limit

1.00 min

An autosampler **Stop Time** can be set.

Injection Cleaning

Advanced
Injection Cleaning

Injection Valve Cleaning

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| Time 1: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0.01 | min (Bypass) |
| Time 2: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0.01 | min (Mainpass/Bypass) |
| Time 3: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0.01 | min (Mainpass/Bypass) |
| Time 4: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0.01 | min (Mainpass/Bypass) |

Valve movements: 0

The **Injection Valve Cleaning** section allows you to specify the valve switching times at the end of overlap or sample flush.

Times 1 ... 4 are the times when the valve switches to bypass (for time 1) or to mainpass and bypass (for times 2, 3 and 4). The times must be specified in ascending order.

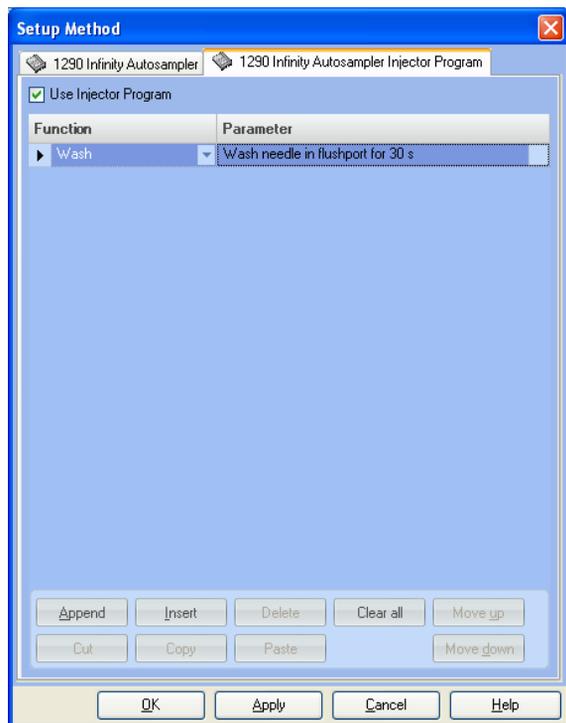
You can also switch the times to off. Between the first and second, and second and third valve switches, a rinse is executed using the rinse volumes specified in the Injector Cleaning section.

Valve movements specifies the number of times that the valve switches from mainpass to bypass at times 2, 3 and 4 in the field. The maximum value is 2; default is 1.

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Injection Program



The pretreatment/injector program comprises a series of numbered lines, each specifying an operation that the autosampler carries out sequentially. When you activate a pretreatment/injector program, it replaces the standard injection cycle.

Select **Append** to add the contents of the edit line to the end of the table.

Select **Insert** to insert the contents of the edit line above the currently-selected line.

Select **Delete** to delete the currently selected line.

Select **Clear All** to clear all pretreatment/injector program functions from the table.

Select **Move up** to move the currently selected line one position up in the order of execution.

Select **Move down** to move the currently selected line one position down in the order of execution.

Select **Cut** to delete the currently-selected line and place it on the clipboard.

Select **Copy** to copy the currently selected line to the clipboard.

Select **Paste** to paste the line on the clipboard at the current position.

Module Configuration

These settings are available via menu **Instrument > More Agilent 4220A > Autosampler Configuration**.

Device name: based on the module.

Type ID: based on the module (product number). Some modules may allow changing the type based on hardware/firmware. This results in a change of features and functions.

Serial number: based on the module.

Firmware revision: based on the module.

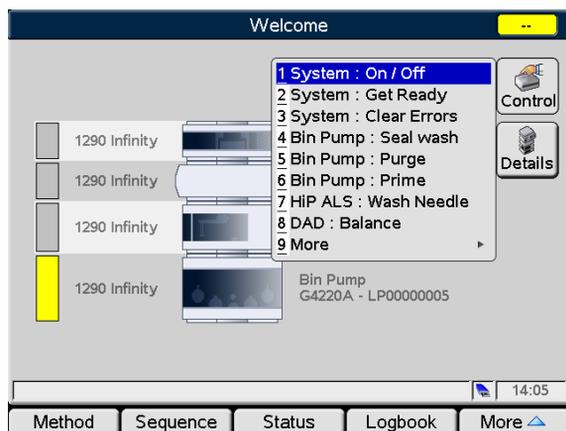
Options: lists installed options.

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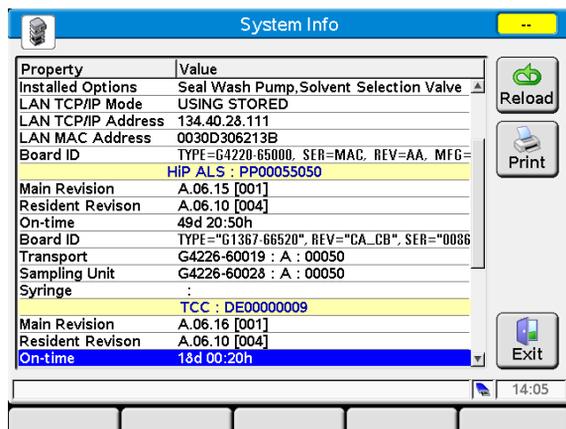
Main Screens of the Autosampler with Agilent Instant Pilot (G4208A)

Below the main screens for the use of the detector are shown.



The **Control** screen allows

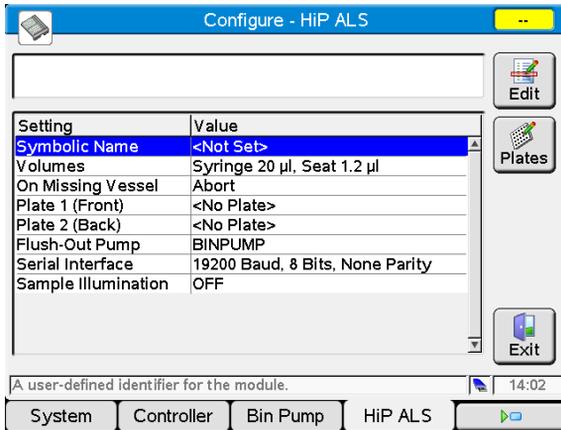
- System: On/Off
- System: Get Ready
- System: Clear Errors
- HIP ALS: Wash needle



The **System Info** screen lists details of the autosampler

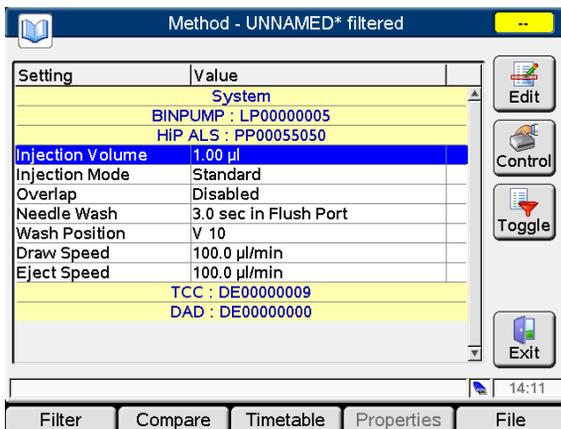
- Firmware revision
- On-time
- Main Board information
- Transport assembly information
- Sampling unit information
- Syringe information

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The **Configure** screen allows to configure

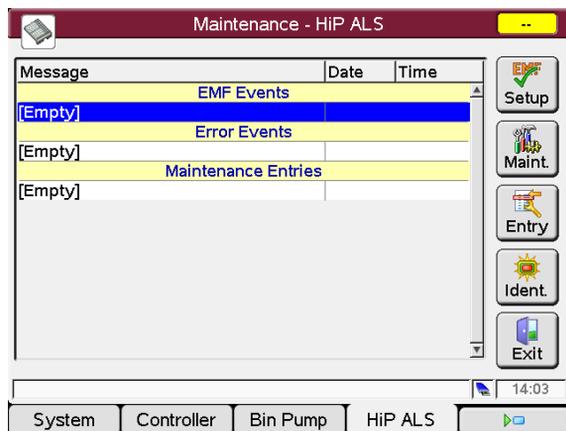
- Symbolic Name of module
- Volumes
- On Missing Vessel behaviour
- Plate configuration
- Flush-Out Pump
- Serial Interface configuration
- Sample Illumination



The **Method** screen lists all method parameters of the autosampler. These can be edited.

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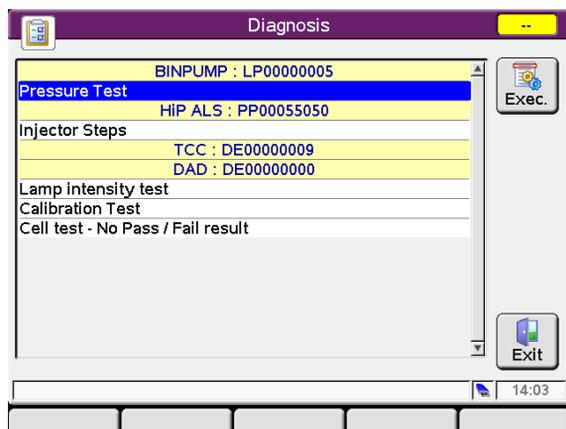
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The **Maintenance** screen allows

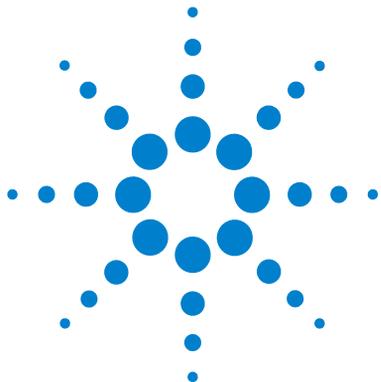
- EMF setup
- logging of maintenance activities
- module identification (blinking LED)

Firmware updates can be done via the System Maintenance screen.



The **Diagnosis** screen provides access to module specific tests.

- Injector steps



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This chapter gives hints on how to optimize the performance or use additional devices.



Delay Volume and Extra-Column Volume

The *delay volume* is defined as the system volume between the point of mixing in the pump and the top of the column.

The *extra-column volume* is defined as the volume between the injection point and the detection point, excluding the volume in the column.

Delay Volume

In gradient separations, this volume causes a delay between the mixture changing in the pump and that change reaching the column. The delay depends on the flow rate and the delay volume of the system. In effect, this means that in every HPLC system there is an additional isocratic segment in the gradient profile at the start of every run. Usually the gradient profile is reported in terms of the mixture settings at the pump and the delay volume is not quoted even though this will have an effect on the chromatography. This effect becomes more significant at low flow rates and small column volumes and can have a large impact on the transferability of gradient methods. It is important, therefore, for fast gradient separations to have small delay volumes, especially with narrow bore columns (e.g., 2.1 mm i.d.) as often used with mass spectrometric detection.

The delay volume in a system includes the volume in the pump from the point of mixing, connections between pump and autosampler, volume of the flow path through the autosampler and connections between autosampler and column.

How to Configure the Optimum Delay Volume

For very fast gradients over 0.5 min the delay volume of the system can be easily reduced without changing the physical configuration of the system. The change is achieved by changing the behavior of the autosampler.

The 80 μL delay volume of the Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler is due to the flow path from the injection valve through the metering device, needle, needle seat and connecting capillaries back to the injection valve (see [Figure 16](#) on page 78). To make an injection the valve switches from mainpass to bypass so that the metering device can draw the sample into the needle capillary. The injection is made when the valve switches back to mainpass and the sample is flushed onto the column. The valve remains in this position during analysis so that the autosampler is continually flushed and hence the gradient has to flow through this delay volume to reach the column. This can be eliminated by switching the injection valve from mainpass to bypass after the injection has been made and the injected sample has been flushed onto the column. In practice this can be done a few seconds after injection and is activated by selecting the “Automatic Delay Volume Reduction” (ADVR) function in the autosampler setup menu. The Flush-out Factor (typically 5 times injection volume) ensures that enough time is allowed to flush the sample out of the injector before switching to bypass. This effectively reduces the system delay volume from 125 μL to 50 μL .

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How to Configure the Optimum Delay Volume

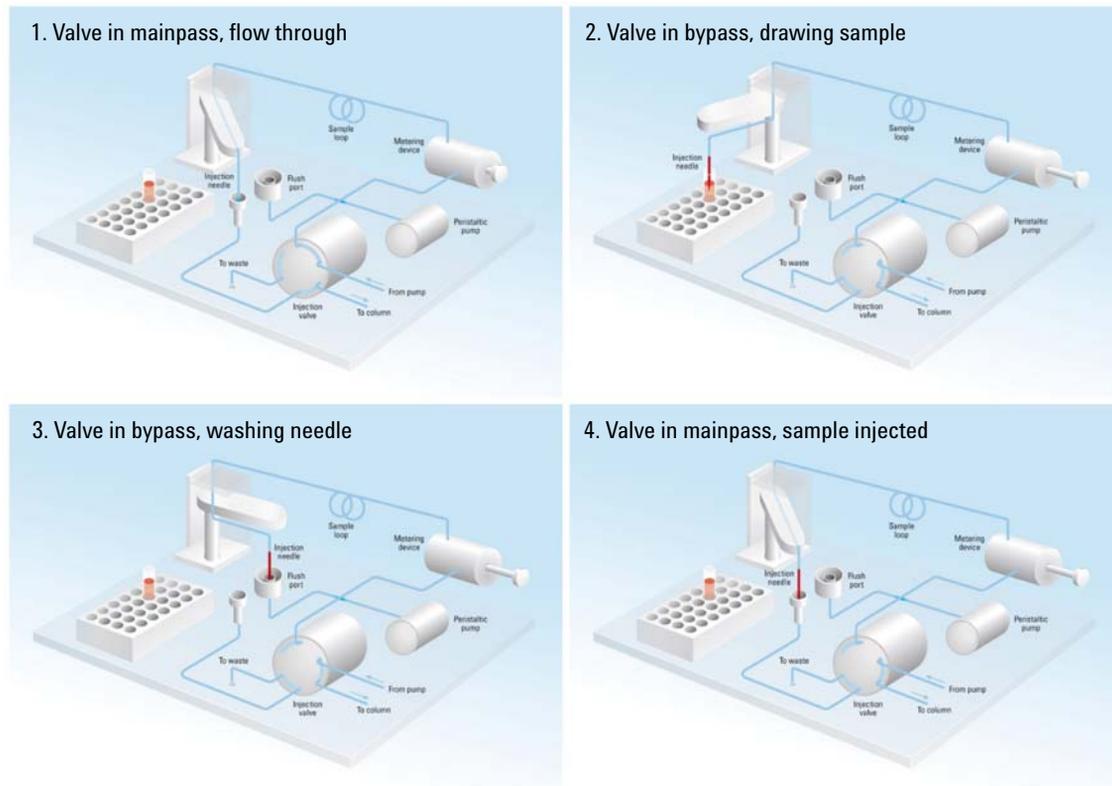


Figure 16 Schematic of injection steps in 1290 Infinity Autosampler

When using ADVR it should be noted that the gradient has already started at the pump at the instant of injection. The question should be asked whether the gradient has already reached the autosampler, in which case a small step in the gradient will result. This happens when the delay volume is less than the flush-out volume and is not necessarily a problem but may be a factor to be considered in a method transfer. With a flush-out factor of 5 and an injection volume of 10 μL , the autosampler will allow 50 μL to pass through before switching to bypass which, with a delay volume of 50 μL , means the gradient just reached the injection valve. Smaller injection volumes will have no effect but for larger injection volumes this will introduce a small step in the gradient. The flow rate in use will also have an impact on the decision to use ADVR or not. At 0.2 mL/min the delay time saved is 21 seconds while at 1.0 mL/min it is 4 seconds.

The ADVR function is unlikely to be suitable for applications involving compounds which are known to cause carry-over problems.

How to Achieve Higher Injection Volumes

The standard configuration of the Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler includes a variable volume sample loop for up to 20 μL injections. The metering device can inject a maximum volume of 40 μL and the sample loop cartridge can be exchanged to allow this. The system delay volume due to the autosampler will increase accordingly.

Whenever a method is scaled down from a larger column to a smaller column it is important that the method translation makes an allowance for reducing the injection volume in proportion to the volume of the column to maintain the performance of the method. This is to keep the volume of the injection at the same percentage volume with respect to the column. This is particularly important if the injection solvent is stronger (more eluotropic) than the starting mobile phase and any increase will affect the separation particularly for early running peaks (low retention factor). In some cases it is the cause of peak distortion and the general rule is to keep the injection solvent the same or weaker than the starting gradient composition. This has a bearing on whether, or by how much, the injection volume can be increased and the user should check for signs of increased dispersion (wider or more skewed peaks and reduced peak resolution) in trying to increase the injection size. If an injection is made in a weak solvent then the volume can probably be increased further because the effect will be to concentrate the analyte on the head of the column at the start of the gradient. Conversely if the injection is in a stronger solvent than the starting mobile phase then increased injection volume will spread the band of analyte down the column ahead of the gradient resulting in peak dispersion and loss of resolution.

Perhaps the main consideration in determining injection volume is the diameter of the column as this will have a big impact on peak dispersion. Peak heights can be higher on a narrow column than with a larger injection on a wider column because there is less peak dispersion. With 2.1 mm i.d. columns typical injection volumes might range up to 5 to 10 μL but it is very dependent on the chemistry of the analyte and mobile phase as discussed above. In a gradient separation injection volumes of about 5 % of the column volume might be achieved whilst maintaining good resolution and peak dispersion.

One way to achieve larger injections is to use a trapping column selected by a switching valve to capture and concentrate the injection before switching it, i.e. injecting it, onto an analytical column, see Figure 17 on page 81. The valve can be conveniently located in the Thermostatted Column Compartment.

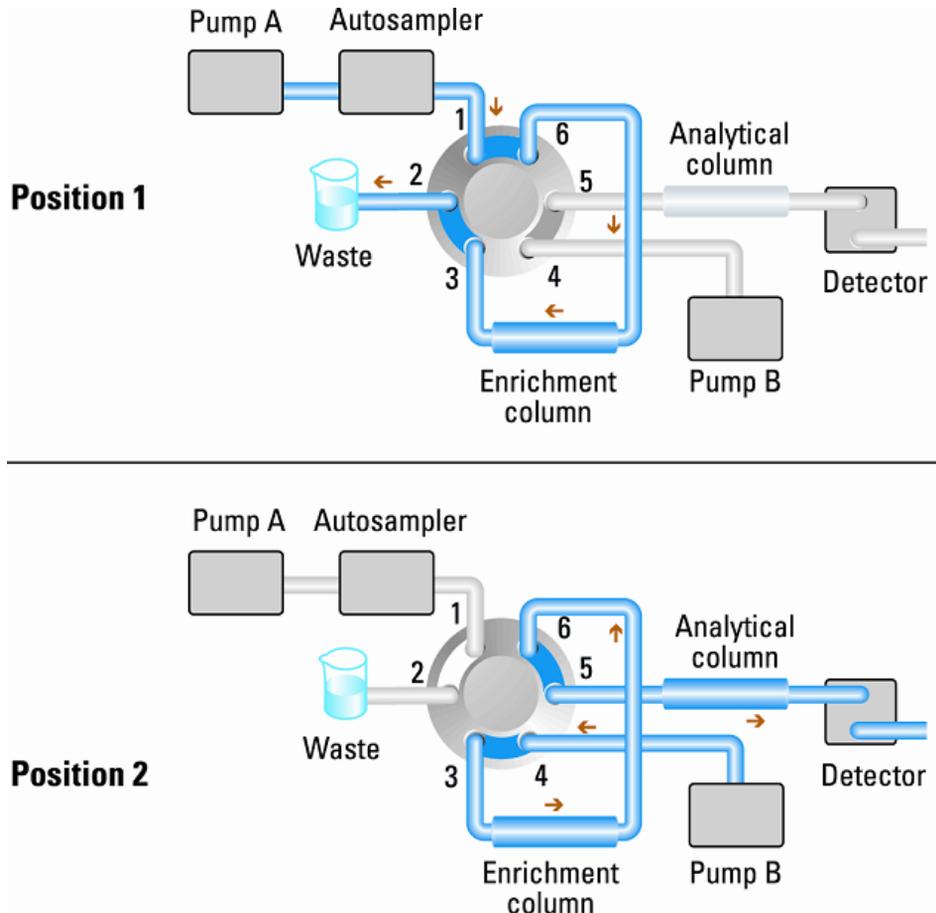


Figure 17 Sample enrichment

How to Achieve High Throughput

The injection can be optimized for speed remembering that drawing the sample too fast can reduce the reproducibility. Marginal gains are to be made here as the sample volumes used tend towards the smaller end of the range in any case. A significant portion of the injection time is the time taken with the needle movements to and from the vial and into the flush port. These manipulations can be performed while the previous separation is running. This is known as "overlapped injection" and it can be easily turned on from the autosampler setup screen in the ChemStation Control Software. The autosampler can be told to switch the flow through the autosampler to bypass after the injection has been made and then after, for example, 3 minutes into a 4 minutes run to start the process of aspirating the next sample and preparing for injection. This can typically save 0.5 to 1 minute per injection.

How to Achieve Higher Resolution

Increased resolution in a separation will improve the qualitative and quantitative data analysis, allow more peaks to be separated or offer further scope for speeding up the separation. This section considers how resolution can be increased by examining the following points:

- Optimize selectivity
- Smaller particle-size packing
- Longer Columns
- Shallower gradients, faster flow

Resolution between two peaks is described by the resolution equation:

$$R_s = \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{N} \frac{(\alpha - 1)}{\alpha} \frac{(k_2 + 1)}{k_2}$$

where

- R_s =resolution,
- N =plate count (measure of column efficiency),
- α =selectivity (between two peaks),
- k_2 =retention factor of second peak (formerly called capacity factor).

The term that has the most significant effect on resolution is the selectivity, α , and practically varying this term involves changing the type of stationary phase (C18, C8, phenyl, nitrile etc.), the mobile phase and temperature to maximize the selectivity differences between the solutes to be separated. This is a substantial piece of work which is best done with an automated method development system which allows a wide range of conditions on different columns and mobile phases to be assessed in an ordered scouting protocol. This section considers how to get higher resolution with any chosen stationary and mobile phases. If an automated method development system was used in the decision on phases it is likely that short columns were used for fast analysis in each step of the scouting.

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The resolution equation shows that the next most significant term is the plate count or efficiency, N , and this can be optimized in a number of ways. N is inversely proportional to the particle size and directly proportional to the length of a column and so smaller particle size and a longer column will give a higher plate number. The pressure rises with the inverse square of the particle size and proportionally with the length of the column. This is the reason that the 1290 Infinity LC system was designed to go to 1200 bar so that it can run sub-two-micron particles and column length can be increased to 100 mm or 150 mm. There are even examples of 100 mm and 150 mm columns linked to give 250 mm length. Resolution increases with the square root of N so doubling the length of the column will increase resolution by a factor of 1.4. What is achievable depends on the viscosity of the mobile phase as this relates directly to the pressure. Methanol mixtures will generate more back pressure than acetonitrile mixtures. Acetonitrile is often preferred because peak shapes are better and narrower in addition to the lower viscosity but methanol generally yields better selectivity (certainly for small molecules less than about 500 Da). The viscosity can be reduced by increasing the temperature but it should be remembered that this can change the selectivity of the separation. Experiment will show if this leads to increase or decrease in selectivity. As flow and pressure are increased it should be remembered that frictional heating inside the column will increase and that can lead to slightly increased dispersion and possibly a small selectivity change both of which could be seen as a reduction in resolution. The latter case might be offset by reducing the temperature of the thermostat by a few degrees and again experiment will reveal the answer.

The van Deemter curve shows that the optimum flow rate through an STM column is higher than for larger particles and is fairly flat as the flow rate increases. Typical, close to optimum, flow rates for STM columns are: 2 mL/min for 4.6 mm i.d.; and 0.4 mL/min for 2.1 mm i.d. columns.

In isocratic separations, increasing the retention factor, k , results in better resolution because the solute is retained longer. In gradient separations the retention is described by k^* in the following equation:

$$k^* = \frac{t_G}{\Delta\%B} \cdot \frac{F}{V_m} \cdot \frac{100}{S}$$

where:

- k^* = mean k value,
- t_G = time length of gradient (or segment of gradient) (min),
- F = flow (ml/min),
- V_m = column delay volume,
- $\Delta\%B$ = change in fraction of solvent B during the gradient,
- S = constant (ca. 4-5 for small molecules).

This shows that k and hence resolution can be increased by having a shallower gradient (2 to 5 %/min change is a guideline), higher flow rate and a smaller volume column. This equation also shows how to speed up an existing gradient – if the flow is doubled but the gradient time is halved, k^* remains constant and the separation looks the same but happens in half the time. Recently published research has shown how a shorter STM column (at temperatures above 40 °C) can generate higher peak capacity than a longer STM column by virtue of running it faster. (Refer to *Petersson et al., J.Sep.Sci, 31, 2346-2357, 2008, Maximizing peak capacity and separation speed in liquid chromatography*).

How to Achieve Higher Sensitivity

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The sensitivity of a separation method is linked to the choice of stationary and mobile phases as good separation with narrow peaks and a stable baseline with minimal noise are desirable. The choice of instrument configuration will have an effect and a major impact is the setup of the detector. This section considers how sensitivity is affected by:

- Pump mixer volume
- Narrower columns
- Detector flow cell
- Detector parameters

In addition, the discussion on detector parameters also mentions the related topics of selectivity and linearity.

Pump Mixer Volume

To achieve lowest baseline noise with UV detection, the standard delay volume configuration with the 35 μL Jet Weaver is recommended for the 1290 Infinity pump module. This is applicable for almost all applications but when using TFA in the mobile phase, or other situations requiring more mixing, the larger volume side of the Jet Weaver mixer should be used to minimize mixing noise.

Columns

Sensitivity is specified as a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) and hence the need to maximize peak height and minimize baseline noise. Any reduction in peak dispersion will help to maintain peak height and so extra-column volume should be minimized by use of short, narrow internal diameter, connection capillaries and correctly installed fittings. Using smaller inner diameter columns should result in higher peak height and is therefore ideal for applications with limited sample amounts. If the same sample amount can be injected on a smaller i.d. column, then the dilution due to column diameter will be less and the sensitivity will increase. For example, decreasing the column i.d. from 4.6 mm to 2.1 mm results in a theoretical gain in peak height of 4.7 times due to the decreased dilution in the column. For a mass spectrometer detector, the lower flow rates of narrow columns can result in higher ionization efficiencies and therefore higher sensitivity.

How to Achieve Higher Sensitivity for Detector

The detector has a number of parameters that are used to optimize performance. The following sections describe how the detector parameters affect performance characteristics:

- Flow cell affects sensitivity,
- Wavelength and bandwidth affect sensitivity, selectivity and linearity,
- Slit Width affects sensitivity, spectral resolution and linearity,
- Peak Width affects sensitivity and resolution.

Flow Cell

The Max-Light cartridge flow cell has a standard 10 mm path length and is optimized for minimal volume and dispersion (σ volume 1.0 μL). It has high light transmission minimizing noise to reduce noise due to the optofluidic waveguide. It is suitable for use with a wide range of analytical columns from short narrow-bore columns to long standard diameter (4.6 mm) columns. Generally the peak dispersion volume (calculated from peak width x flow rate) should be greater than about 2 μL for this cell (for example 0.02 min x 200 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ = 4 μL).

The Max-Light high sensitivity cell has a path length of 60 mm and this will give between three and five times increase in signal-to-noise values depending on the application conditions. The dispersion volume is fractionally increased compared to the standard cell.

Wavelength and Bandwidth

The detector measures absorbance simultaneously at wavelengths from 190 nm to 640 nm using diode-array detection. A UV-lamp provides good sensitivity over the whole wavelength range. The diode-array detector (DAD) can simultaneously compute and send to the data system up to eight chromatographic signals and the full-range spectra at every time point. A multi-wavelength detector (MWD) processes only the chromatographic signals. A UV chromatogram or signal is a plot of absorbance data versus time and is defined by its wavelength and bandwidth.

- The wavelength indicates the center of the detection band.
- The bandwidth defines the wavelength range over which the absorbance values are averaged to give the result at each time point.

For example, a signal at wavelength 250 nm with a bandwidth of 16 nm will be an average of the absorbance data from 242 nm to 258 nm. Additionally, a reference wavelength and reference bandwidth can be defined for each signal. The average absorbance from the reference bandwidth centered on the reference wavelength will be subtracted from its equivalent value at the signal wavelength to produce the output chromatogram.

The signal wavelength and bandwidth can be chosen so that they are optimized for:

- Broad band universal detection
- Narrow band selective detection
- Sensitivity for a specific analyte.

Broad band or universal detection works by having a wide bandwidth to detect any species with absorbance in that range. For example, to detect all absorbing molecules between 200 nm and 300 nm set a signal at 250 nm with a bandwidth of 100 nm. The disadvantage is that sensitivity will not be optimal for any one of those molecules. Narrow band or selective detection is used most often. The UV spectrum for a particular molecule is examined and an appropriate absorbance maximum is selected. If possible, the range where solvents absorb strongly should be avoided (below 220 nm for methanol, below 210 nm for acetonitrile). For example, in [Figure 18](#) on page 91, anisic acid has a suitable absorbance maximum at 252 nm. A narrow bandwidth of 4 nm to 12 nm generally gives good sensitivity and is specific for absorbance in a narrow range.

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The narrow band can be optimized for sensitivity for a specific molecule. As the bandwidth is increased the signal is reduced but so is the noise and there will be an optimum for best S/N. As an approximate guide, this optimum is often close to the natural bandwidth at half-height of the absorption band in the UV spectrum. In the anisic acid example this is 30 nm.

The analytical wavelength is usually set at a wavelength maximum to increase sensitivity to that molecule. The detector is linear up to 2 AU and beyond for many applications. This offers a wide linear range for concentration. For high concentration analysis the concentration linear range can be extended by setting the wavelength to one with a lower absorbance such as a wavelength minimum or by taking a wider bandwidth which usually includes lower absorbance values. The use of wavelength maxima and minima for quantitation dates back to conventional UV detectors which because of mechanical tolerances in moving gratings needed to avoid steeply sloping parts of the spectrum. Diode-array based detectors do not have this limitation but for reasons of convention maxima and minima are chosen in preference to other parts of the spectrum.

The reference bandwidth is normally set on a region of the UV spectrum in which the analyte has no absorbance. This is shown in the spectrum for anisic acid in [Figure 18](#) on page 91. This spectrum is typical of many small molecules containing a UV chromophore. For best results the reference has been set so that it is a wide band as close to the signal wavelength as possible but on a zero absorbance region. Reference bandwidths of 60 nm to 100 nm are commonly used. The default reference is 360 nm with a bandwidth of 100 nm. A wide bandwidth is used because this reduces the noise in the reference signal (from statistical theory, the error, i.e. noise in this case, is reduced by the square root of the number of determinations). It is important that the reference bandwidth does not extend to a part of the spectrum that has some absorbance as this would then reduce the resulting signal and sensitivity would be reduced. The use of a reference wavelength can help to reduce drift or wander in the chromatogram caused by refractive index changes due to room temperature fluctuation or gradient operation. The effect of a reference signal can be easily tested by setting two otherwise identical signals, one with and one without a reference signal. If there is no part of the spectrum with zero absorbance then it will be better to have the reference signal turned off.

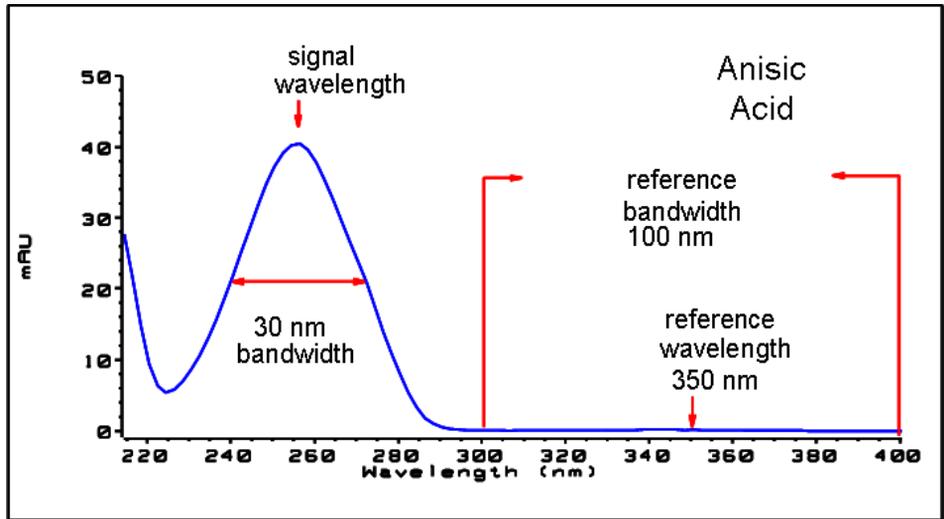


Figure 18 Spectrum of Anisic Acid

Slit Width

Light transmission into the spectrograph and the optical bandwidth are controlled by the variable aperture entrance slit. The default setting for the slit width is 4 nm which is appropriate for most applications as it gives good all-round performance. The performance characteristics affected are sensitivity, spectral resolution and linearity. Considering a particular wavelength entering the spectrograph, its light will effectively fall onto a small band of diodes, the width of which is proportional to the width of the entrance slit. The description of the slit as 4 nm describes this behavior – the light falls on the number of diodes that detect a bandwidth of 4 nm. It follows that the minimum optical resolution will be 4 nm and therefore the diode-array (or digital) bandwidth should be set to 4 nm or greater. For optimum sensitivity the 8 nm setting will allow most light in and will minimize noise but spectral resolution is at its lowest. This is not usually a problem with UV spectra as their natural bandwidths are usually greater than 25 nm without any fine structure. The optical bandwidth at 8 nm reduces the linearity range compared to 4 nm slit so it is important that a validated method always uses the slit width that was used for validation. For optimum spectral resolution the 1nm setting is best. This will enable fine structure such as in the benzene spectrum to be resolved (see [Figure 19](#) on page 93). Very few compounds display such fine detail in solution spectra. The light level will be lower so the signal will have more noise - the noise level depends on the wavelength and mobile phase solvents used.

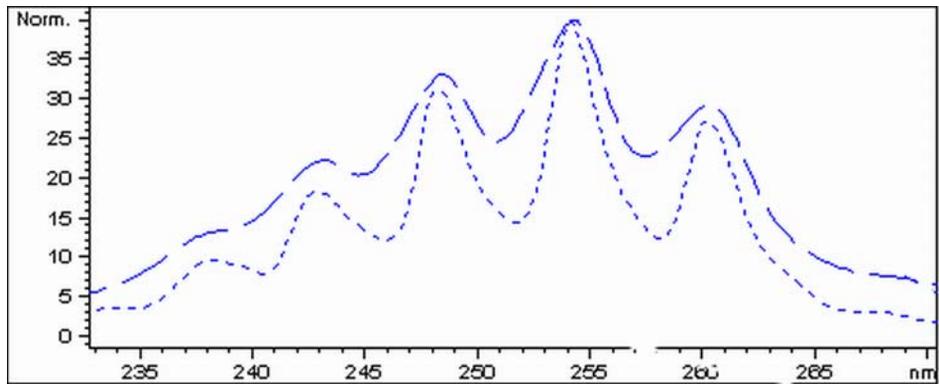


Figure 19 Benzene at 1 and 4 nm Slit Width (Principle)

The injection volume and the sample dissolution solvent are important in controlling dispersion. Care must be taken that the compounds are focused at the top of the column, to avoid peak dispersion due to the injection, which would cause a reduced peak height. To achieve this, the sample should be dissolved in a solvent composition of lower elution strength than the mobile phase. It may be possible to increase the injection volume to have a greater concentration of analyte on the column and hence increased peak height.

Peak Width, Response Time and Data Collection Rate

The peak width setting, response time and data rate in the detector are all linked. The available settings are shown in [Table 15](#) on page 95. It is important to set this correctly for optimum sensitivity and to preserve the resolution achieved in the separation.

The detector internally acquires data points faster than is needed for a chromatogram and processes them to produce the signal seen by the data system. Part of the processing reduces the data to an appropriate data rate which allows the chromatographic peaks to be accurately drawn. As with most analytical determinations groups of readings are effectively averaged to reduce error in the result. The detector bunches raw data points and produces the output signal data at the required data collection rate by an electronic filtering process. If the resulting data rate is too slow (over filtering) the peak heights will be reduced and the resolution between them reduced; too fast and the data is noisier than it need be to accurately profile narrow peaks.

The *peak width* setting in the detector allows the user to correctly set these parameters without needing any knowledge other than sight of the chromatogram integration results to see how wide the peaks are. The peak width setting should be set for the narrowest peak width observed in the chromatogram. If it is set too wide it will make the peaks appear lower in height and wider (and potentially less resolved) and if it is set too narrow it will increase the baseline noise unnecessarily. Essentially the software uses this value to set the *data collection rate* such that it collects enough data points over the narrowest peaks and it is aiming for 15 to 25 points across a peak. The 1290 Infinity DAD can collect at a maximum 160 Hz if required which would allow enough data points to be collected over a peak that is only 0.1 s wide. The *response time* setting is another way of indicating how this filtering is set. It is measured in seconds and is about one-third of the peak width value (which is measured in minutes). It effectively shows how quickly the plotted signal responds to a step change in the input signal.

NOTE

The full spectra is not available under all conditions.

Based on the data points, the scan data rate is reduced, see [Table 15](#) on page 95.

Table 15 Peak Width — Response Time — Data Rate

| Peak width at half height [min] ¹ | Response [s] | Signal data rate [Hz] | Scan data rate [HZ] ≤126 pts/scan | Scan data rate [HZ] ≤251 pts/scan | Scan data rate [HZ] ≤501 pts/scan | Scan data rate [HZ] >501 pts/scan |
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| < 0.0015625 | 0.015625 | 160 | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 |
| > 0.0015625 | 0.03125 | 160 | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 |
| > 0.003125 | 0.0625 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 40 |
| > 0.00625 | 0.125 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| > 0.0125 | 0.25 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| > 0.025 | 0.5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| > 0.05 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| > 0.1 | 2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| > 0.2 | 4 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 | 1.25 |
| > 0.4 | 8 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.625 | 0.625 |
| > 0.85 | 16 | 0.3125 | 0.3125 | 0.3125 | 0.3125 | 0.3125 |

¹ Values in the User Interface may be rounded.

How to Achieve Lowest Carry Over

Carryover is measured when residual peaks from a previous active-containing injection appear in a subsequent blank solvent injection. There will be carry over between active injections which may lead to erroneous results. The level of carryover is reported as the area of the peak in the blank solution expressed as a percentage of the area in the previous active injection. The Agilent 1290 Infinity autosampler is optimized for lowest carryover by careful design of the flow path and use of materials in which sample adsorption is minimized. A carryover figure of 0.002 % should be achievable even when a triple quadrupole mass spectrometer is the detector. Operating settings of the autosampler allow the user to set appropriate parameters to minimize carryover in any application involving compounds liable to stick in the system.

The following functions of the autosampler can be used to minimize carryover:

- Internal needle wash
- External needle wash
- Needle seat backflush
- Injection valve cleaning

The flow path, including the inside of the needle, is continuously flushed in normal operation, providing good elimination of carryover for most situations. Automated delay volume reduction (ADVR) will reduce the delay volume but will also reduce the flushing of the autosampler and should not be used with analytes where carryover might be a problem.

The outside of the needle can be washed using a wash vial in a specific location or the needle can be washed using the flush port. If a wash vial in a tray location specified by the user is chosen then this vial should have no septum and should contain a solvent suitable for washing the sample from the needle. The septum is not used to avoid wiping contamination off the needle on the downstream only to re-apply it on the upstroke. The needle can be dipped into the vial multiple times. This will be effective in removing a small degree of carryover but for more effective washing of the outside of the needle use the flushport.

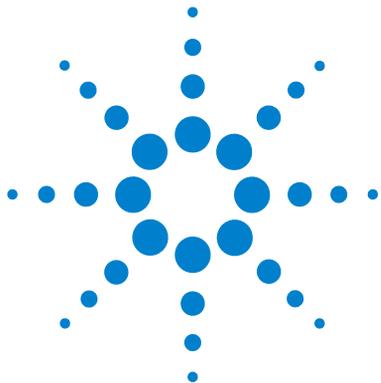
The flush port is located above and behind the needle seat and a peristaltic pump delivers the wash solvent. It has a volume of 0.68 mL and the peristaltic pump delivers 6 mL/min, which means the flush port volume is completely refilled with fresh solvent in 7 s. If the flush port is selected, the user can set how long the outside of the needle is to be washed with fresh solvent. This may be as low as two or three seconds in routine situations where carryover is less of a problem and 10 to 20 s for more complete washing. It is recommended that washing the outside of the needle in the flush port should be standard procedure to avoid contaminating the needle seat. If the needle seat becomes contaminated it will have to be back-flushed, by manually changing the flow connections, to clean it. This is one of the tasks that can be automated using the Flexible Cube module.

The flush port and its solvent delivery pump and tubing should be regularly flushed to ensure the lowest carryover. For example, before using the system each day, prime the flush pump for three minutes with appropriate solvent.

When other measures have failed to eliminate carryover it might be that analyte is sticking inside the injector valve. The injector valve can be set to make additional switching movements to clean out the flow path in the valve if problems occur here with carryover. If the problem compounds need a high percentage of organic phase for elution, it is recommended to switch the injection valve at the high percentage of organic phase after the last peak has eluted. It is also recommended to switch the injection valve again after the initial conditions for the mobile phase have stabilized. This ensures that the bypass groove in the rotor seal of the valve contains the gradient start conditions, which is especially important for flow rates below 0.5 mL/min.

For samples where the outside of the needle cannot be cleaned sufficiently with water or alcohol from the flush pump use wash vials with an appropriate solvent. With an injector program several wash vials can be used for cleaning.

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7 Troubleshooting and Diagnostics

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This chapter gives an overview about the troubleshooting and diagnostic features and the different user interfaces.



Overview of the Module's Indicators and Test Functions

Status Indicators

The module is provided with two status indicators which indicate the operational state (prerun, run, and error states) of the module. The status indicators provide a quick visual check of the operation of the module.

Error Messages

In the event of an electronic, mechanical or hydraulic failure, the module generates an error message in the user interface. For each message, a short description of the failure, a list of probable causes of the problem, and a list of suggested actions to fix the problem are provided (see chapter Error Information).

Test Functions

A series of test functions are available for troubleshooting and operational verification after exchanging internal components (see Tests and Calibrations).

Diagnostic Signals

The module has several signals (internal temperatures, voltages and currents of lamps) that can be used for diagnosing baseline problems; see Diagnostic Signals.

Status Indicators

Two status indicators are located on the front of the module. The lower left indicates the power supply status, the upper right indicates the module status.

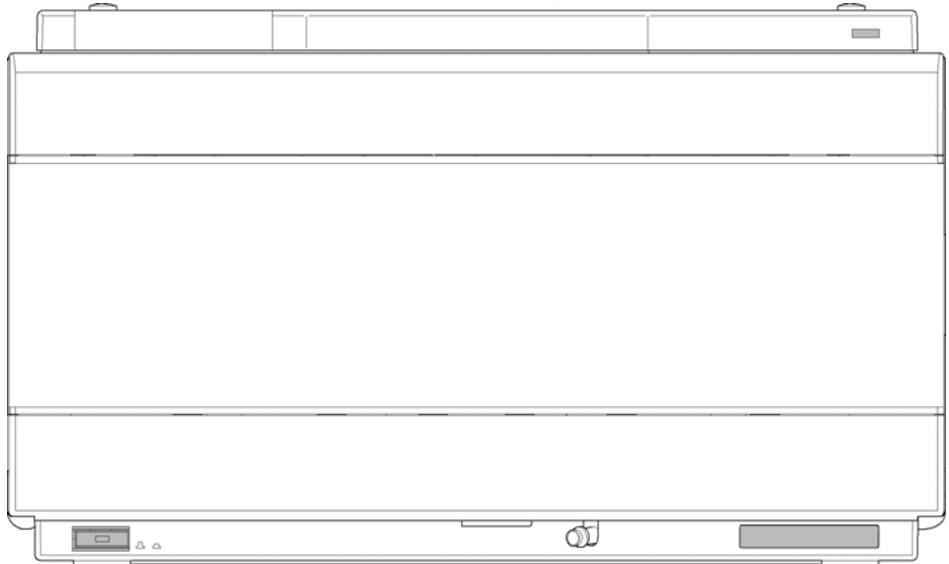


Figure 20 Location of Status Indicators

Power Supply Indicator

The power supply indicator is integrated into the main power switch. When the indicator is illuminated (*green*) the power is *ON*.

Module Status Indicator

The module status indicator indicates one of six possible module conditions:

- When the status indicator is *OFF* (and power switch light is on), the module is in a *prerun* condition, and is ready to begin an analysis.
- A *green* status indicator, indicates the module is performing an analysis (*run mode*).
- A *yellow* indicator indicates a *not-ready* condition. The module is in a not-ready state when it is waiting for a specific condition to be reached or completed (for example, immediately after changing a set point), or while a self-test procedure is running.
- An *error* condition is indicated when the status indicator is *red*. An error condition indicates the module has detected an internal problem which affects correct operation of the module. Usually, an error condition requires attention (e.g. leak, defective internal components). An error condition always interrupts the analysis.
- A *red-blinking* indicator indicates that the module is in resident mode (e.g. during update of main firmware).
- A *fast red-blinking* indicator indicates that the module is in boot loader mode (e.g. during update of main firmware). In such as case try to re-boot the module or try a cold-start.

User Interfaces

- Depending on the user interface, the available tests and the screens/reports may vary.
- Preferred tool should be the Agilent Diagnostic Software, see “Agilent Lab Advisor software.
- The Agilent ChemStation B.04.02 and above do not include any maintenance/test functions.
- Screenshots used within these procedures are based on the Agilent Lab Advisor Software.

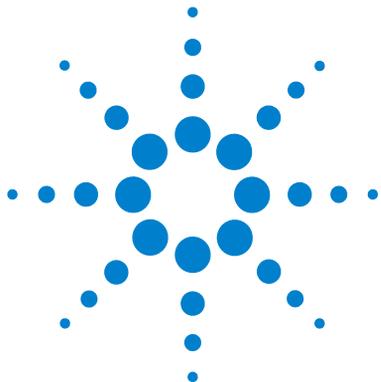
Agilent Diagnostic Software

The Agilent Lab Advisor software is a standalone product that can be used with or without data system. Agilent Lab Advisor software helps to manage the lab for high quality chromatographic results and can monitor in real time a single Agilent LC or all the Agilent GCs and LCs configured on the lab intranet.

Agilent Lab Advisor software provides diagnostic capabilities for all Agilent 1200 Series and 1290 Infinity modules. This includes diagnostic capabilities, calibration procedures and maintenance routines for all the maintenance routines.

The Agilent Lab Advisor software also allows users to monitor the status of their LC instruments. The Early Maintenance Feedback (EMF) feature helps to carry out preventive maintenance. In addition, users can generate a status report for each individual LC instrument. The tests and diagnostic features as provided by the Agilent Lab Advisor software may differ from the descriptions in this manual. For details refer to the Agilent Lab Advisor software help files.

This manual provides lists with the names of Error Messages, Not Ready messages, and other common issues.



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This chapter describes the meaning of error messages, and provides information on probable causes and suggested actions how to recover from error conditions.

What are Error Messages

Error messages are displayed in the user interface when an electronic, mechanical, or hydraulic (flow path) failure occurs which requires attention before the analysis can be continued (for example, repair, or exchange of consumables is necessary). In the event of such a failure, the red status indicator at the front of the module is switched on, and an entry is written into the module logbook.

General Error Messages

General error messages are generic to all Agilent series HPLC modules and may show up on other modules as well.

Timeout

The timeout threshold was exceeded.

Probable cause

- 1 The analysis was completed successfully, and the timeout function switched off the module as requested.
- 2 A not-ready condition was present during a sequence or multiple-injection run for a period longer than the timeout threshold.

Suggested actions

- Check the logbook for the occurrence and source of a not-ready condition. Restart the analysis where required.
- Check the logbook for the occurrence and source of a not-ready condition. Restart the analysis where required.

Shut-Down

An external instrument has generated a shut-down signal on the remote line.

The module continually monitors the remote input connectors for status signals. A LOW signal input on pin 4 of the remote connector generates the error message.

Probable cause

- 1 Leak detected in another module with a CAN connection to the system.
- 2 Leak detected in an external instrument with a remote connection to the system.
- 3 Shut-down in an external instrument with a remote connection to the system.

Suggested actions

- Fix the leak in the external instrument before restarting the module.
- Fix the leak in the external instrument before restarting the module.
- Check external instruments for a shut-down condition.

Remote Timeout

A not-ready condition is still present on the remote input. When an analysis is started, the system expects all not-ready conditions (for example, a not-ready condition during detector balance) to switch to run conditions within one minute of starting the analysis. If a not-ready condition is still present on the remote line after one minute the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Not-ready condition in one of the instruments connected to the remote line.
- 2 Defective remote cable.
- 3 Defective components in the instrument showing the not-ready condition.

Suggested actions

- Ensure the instrument showing the not-ready condition is installed correctly, and is set up correctly for analysis.
- Exchange the remote cable.
- Check the instrument for defects (refer to the instrument's documentation).

Synchronization Lost

During an analysis, the internal synchronization or communication between one or more of the modules in the system has failed.

The system processors continually monitor the system configuration. If one or more of the modules is no longer recognized as being connected to the system, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 CAN cable disconnected.
- 2 Defective CAN cable.
- 3 Defective main board in another module.

Suggested actions

- Ensure all the CAN cables are connected correctly.
 - Ensure all CAN cables are installed correctly.
- Exchange the CAN cable.
- Switch off the system. Restart the system, and determine which module or modules are not recognized by the system.

Leak Sensor Short

The leak sensor in the module has failed (short circuit).

The current through the leak sensor is dependent on temperature. A leak is detected when solvent cools the leak sensor, causing the leak-sensor current to change within defined limits. If the current increases above the upper limit, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Defective flow sensor.
- 2 Leak sensor incorrectly routed, being pinched by a metal component.

Suggested actions

- Please contact your Agilent service representative.
- Please contact your Agilent service representative.

Leak Sensor Open

The leak sensor in the module has failed (open circuit).

The current through the leak sensor is dependent on temperature. A leak is detected when solvent cools the leak sensor, causing the leak-sensor current to change within defined limits. If the current falls outside the lower limit, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Leak sensor not connected to the main board.
- 2 Defective leak sensor.

Suggested actions

- Please contact your Agilent service representative.
- Please contact your Agilent service representative.

Compensation Sensor Open

The ambient-compensation sensor (NTC) on the main board in the module has failed (open circuit).

The resistance across the temperature compensation sensor (NTC) on the main board is dependent on ambient temperature. The change in resistance is used by the leak circuit to compensate for ambient temperature changes. If the resistance across the sensor increases above the upper limit, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Defective main board.

Suggested actions

Please contact your Agilent service representative.

Compensation Sensor Short

The ambient-compensation sensor (NTC) on the main board in the module has failed (short circuit).

The resistance across the temperature compensation sensor (NTC) on the main board is dependent on ambient temperature. The change in resistance is used by the leak circuit to compensate for ambient temperature changes. If the resistance across the sensor falls below the lower limit, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Defective main board.

Suggested actions

Please contact your Agilent service representative.

Fan Failed

The cooling fan in the module has failed.

The hall sensor on the fan shaft is used by the main board to monitor the fan speed. If the fan speed falls below a certain limit for a certain length of time, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Fan cable disconnected.
- 2 Defective fan.
- 3 Defective main board.

Suggested actions

- Please contact your Agilent service representative.
- Please contact your Agilent service representative.
- Please contact your Agilent service representative.

Leak

A leak was detected in the module.

The signals from the two temperature sensors (leak sensor and board-mounted temperature-compensation sensor) are used by the leak algorithm to determine whether a leak is present. When a leak occurs, the leak sensor is cooled by the solvent. This changes the resistance of the leak sensor which is sensed by the leak-sensor circuit on the main board.

Probable cause

- 1 Loose fittings.
- 2 Broken capillary.

Suggested actions

- Ensure all fittings are tight.
- Exchange defective capillaries.

Module Error Messages

These errors are autosampler specific.

Exhaust Fan Failed

The exhaust fan in the module has failed.

The hall sensor on the fan shaft is used by the main board to monitor the fan speed. If the fan speed falls below a certain value the error message is generated and the module shuts down.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Fan cable disconnected. | Ensure the fan is connected correctly. |
| 2 Defective fan. | Exchange fan. |
| 3 Defective main board. | Exchange the main board. |

Front Door Error

The front door and/or the SLS board are damaged.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|---|
| 1 The sensor on the SLS board is defective. | Exchange the SLS board. |
| 2 The door is bent or the magnet is misplaced/broken. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange the door. • Exchange the MTP board. |

Side Door Error

The side door and/or the main board are damaged.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 The door is bent or the magnet is misplaced/broken. | Change the side door. |
| 2 The sensor on the main board is defective. | Exchange the main board. |

Arm Movement Failed or Arm Movement Timeout

The transport assembly was unable to complete a movement in one of the axes.

The processor defines a certain time window for the successful completion of a movement in any particular axis. The movement and position of the transport assembly is monitored by the encoders on the stepper motors. If the processor does not receive the correct position information from the encoders within the time window, the error message is generated.

See figure for axes identification.

- Arm Movement 0 Failed: X-axis.
- Arm Movement 1 Failed: Z-axis.
- Arm Movement 2 Failed: Theta (needle carrier rotation).

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|---|
| 1 Mechanical obstruction. | Ensure unobstructed movement of the transport assembly. |
| 2 High friction in the transport assembly. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 3 Defective motor assembly. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 4 Defective sample transport assembly flex board. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 5 Defective main board. | Exchange the main board. |

Valve to Bypass Failed

The injection valve failed to switch to the bypass position.

The switching of the injection valve is monitored by two microswitches on the valve assembly. The switches detect the successful completion of the valve movement. If the valve fails to reach the bypass position, or if the microswitch does not close, the error message is generated.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Valve in an intermediate position between the By-and the Main position. | Turn the WPS main power OFF and ON. |
| 2 Defective injection valve. | Exchange the injection valve. |
| 3 Defective main board. | Exchange the main board. |

Valve to Mainpass Failed

The injection valve failed to switch to the mainpass position.

The switching of the injection valve is monitored by two microswitches on the valve assembly. The switches detect the successful completion of the valve movement. If the valve fails to reach the mainpass position, or if the microswitch does not close, the error message is generated.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|---|---|
| 1 Valve in an intermediate position between the bypass and mainpass positions. | Turn the sampler main power OFF and ON. |
| 2 Defective injection valve. | Exchange the injection valve. |
| 3 Defective main board. | Exchange the main board. |

Needle Lock Failed

The lock assembly on the sampling unit failed to move successfully.

The upper and lower positions of the needle lock are monitored by position sensors on the sampling unit flex board. The sensors detect the successful completion of the needle lock movement. If the needle lock fails to reach the end point, or if the sensors fail to recognize the needle lock movement, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Defective or dirty position sensor.
- 2 Sticking spindle assembly.
- 3 Defective needle drive motor
- 4 Defective main board.

Suggested actions

- Clean the position sensor.
- Exchange the sampling unit assembly.
- Exchange the needle drive motor.
- Exchange main board.

Needle to Needle Seat Position

The needle failed to reach the end position in the needle seat.

The position of the needle is monitored by a position encoder on the needle carrier. If the needle fails to reach the end point, or if the encoder fails to recognize the needle carrier movement, the error message is generated.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|--|
| 1 Bad sample transport/sampling unit alignment | Do an auto-alignment |
| 2 Bent needle. | Check and exchange the needle assembly if necessary. |
| 3 Missing needle. | Clean or change the needle seat assembly if necessary. |
| 4 Blocked seat. | Exchange the needle carrier assembly. |
| 5 Defective position sensor in the needle carrier assembly. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 6 Defective 1290 Infinity board. | Exchange the 1290 Infinity board. |

Needle Carrier Failed

The needle carrier on the Sample Transport Assembly failed to move correctly.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|---|
| 1 Defective Z-motor. | Exchange the needle carrier assembly. |
| 2 Vial pusher blocked. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 3 Bad needle carrier positioning in X or Theta. | Exchange the needle carrier assembly. |
| 4 Defective vial pusher sensor. | Exchange the sample transport assembly. |
| 5 Defective 1290 Infinity main board. | Exchange the 1290 Infinity main board. |

Missing Vial or Missing Wash Vial

No vial was found in the position defined in the method or sequence.

When the needle carrier moves to a vial and the needle goes into the vial, the position of the needle is monitored by an encoder behind the vial pusher. If no vial is present, the encoder detects an error and the message “missing vial” is generated.

Probable cause

- 1** No vial in the position defined in the method or sequence.
- 2** Defective needle carrier assembly.
- 3** Defective transport assembly flex board.
- 4** Defective 1290 Infinity board.

Suggested actions

- Install the sample vial in the correct position, or edit the method or sequence accordingly.
- Exchange the needle carrier assembly.
- Exchange the sample transport assembly.
- Exchange the 1290 Infinity main board.

Initialization Failed

The autosampler failed to complete initialization correctly.

The autosampler initialization procedure moves the needle arm and transport assembly to their home positions in a predefined routine. During initialization, the processor monitors the position sensors and motor encoders to check for correct movement. If one or more of the movements is not successful, or is not detected, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1** Side door not installed correctly.
- 2** Sample transport/sampling unit not aligned correctly.
- 3** Mechanical obstruction.
- 4** Defective sampling unit flex board.
- 5** Defective transport assembly flex board.
- 6** Defective sampling unit motor.
- 7** Defective 1290 Infinity main board.

Suggested actions

- Check if the side door is installed correctly.
 - Check if the magnet is in place in the side door.
- Do an auto-alignment
- Ensure unobstructed movement of the transport assembly.
- Exchange the sample transport assembly.
- Exchange the sample transport assembly.
- Exchange the defective sampling unit motor.
- Exchange the 1290 Infinity board.

Metering Home Failed

The metering plunger has failed to move back to the home position.

The home position sensor on the sampling unit flex board monitors the home position of the plunger. If the plunger fails to move to the home position, or if the sensor fails to recognize the plunger position, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Dirty or defective sensor.
- 2 Broken plunger.
- 3 Defective metering-drive motor.
- 4 Defective 1290 Infinity board.

Suggested actions

- Exchange the sampling unit flex board.
- Exchange the metering plunger and seal.
- Exchange the metering-drive motor.
- Exchange the 1290 Infinity board.

Motor Temperature

One of the motors of the transport assembly has drawn excessive current, causing the motor to become too hot. The processor has switched off the motor to prevent damage to the motor.

See figure for motor identification.

- Motor 0 temperature: X-axis motor.
- Motor 2 temperature: Theta (gripper rotation) motor.
- Motor 1 temperature: Z-axis motor.

The processor monitors the current drawn by each motor and the time the motor is drawing current. The current drawn by the motors is dependent on the load on each motor (friction, mass of components etc.). If the current drawn is too high, or the time the motor draws current is too long, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1** Mechanical obstruction.
- 2** High friction in the transport assembly.
- 3** Motor belt tension too high.
- 4** Defective motor.
- 5** Defective transport assembly flex board.

Suggested actions

- Ensure unobstructed movement of the transport assembly.
- Exchange the sample transport assembly.
- Switch off the autosampler at the power switch. Wait at least 10 minutes before switching on again.
- Exchange the sample transport assembly.
- Exchange the 1290 Infinity main board.

Invalid Vial Position

The vial position defined in the method or sequence does not exist.

The reflection sensors on the transport assembly flex board are used to check automatically which sample trays are installed (coding on tray). If the vial position does not exist in the current sample tray configuration, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Incorrect tray installed.
- 2 Incorrect tray definition.
- 3 Incorrect vial positions defined in the method or sequence.
- 4 Tray recognition defective (dirty sample tray or defective transport assembly flex board).

Suggested actions

- Install the correct trays, or edit the method or sequence accordingly.
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- Install the correct trays, or edit the method or sequence accordingly.
- Ensure the coding surfaces of the sample tray are clean (located at the rear of the sample tray).
 - Exchange the transport assembly.

Peristaltic Pump Error

The peristaltic pump motor in the autosampler has failed.

The current on the motor is used by the MTP board to monitor the speed of the peristaltic pump motor. If the current falls below a certain value, the error message is generated.

Probable cause

- 1 Defective motor.
- 2 Defective SUD board.
- 3 Defective 1290 Infinity main board.

Suggested actions

- Exchange the peristaltic pump motor.
- Exchange the SUD board.
- Exchange the 1290 Infinity main board.

Vessel or Wash Vessel Error

The needle does not reach the target position in the vial or in the vessel of the well plate.

The sensor behind the vial pusher in the needle carrier assembly detects the successful completion of the needle movement to the vessel. If the needle fails to reach the end point, the sensor fails to recognize the needle movement and the error message is generated.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|--|
| 1 Bad vessel definition in the plate configuration. | Check the vessel definition in the plate configuration. |
| 2 Closing mat to rigid/thick. | Check that the closing mats is not too thick. |
| 3 Bad X or Theta positioning. | Exchange the needle carrier assembly. |
| 4 Defective encoder on the needle carrier assembly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the sample transport assembly. • Change the 1290 Infinity main board |

Vessel Stuck to Needle

The vessel sticks to the needle when the needle moves up.

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|--|---|
| 1 Closing mat to rigid/thick. | Check that the closing mat is not too thick. |
| 2 Bad X or Theta positioning and the needle sticks into the wall between two holes. | Exchange the needle carrier assembly. |
| 3 Defective encoder on the needle carrier assembly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the sample transport assembly. • Change the 1290 Infinity main board. |

Rear Blind Seat Missing

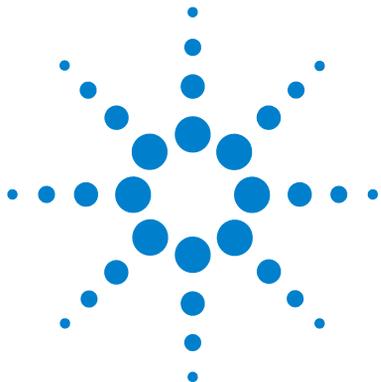
Rear blind seat is missing although claimed to exist by main board information
– occurs during initialization or if the blind seat location has to be used.

Probable cause

- 1 Blind seat is missing.

Suggested actions

Install blind seat.



9 Test Functions and Calibration

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This chapter describes the tests for the module.



Introduction

All tests are described based on the Agilent Lab Advisor Software B.01.03. Other user interfaces may not provide any test or just a few.

Table 16 Interfaces and available test functions

| Interface | Comment | Available Function |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Agilent Instrument Utilities | Maintenance tests available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Pressure test Sample transport Self Alignment |
| Agilent Lab Advisor | All tests are available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Pressure test Sampler leak test Sample transport Self Alignment |
| Agilent ChemStation | No tests available Adding of pressure to chromatographic signals possible | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure Pressure ripple Temperature mainboard |
| Agilent Instant Pilot | Some tests are available | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System Pressure test Sample transport Self Alignment |

For details on the use of the interface refer to the interface documentation.

System Pressure Test

The test determines the leak rate of the system between pump outlet valves and a blank nut. The blank nut can be positioned at different locations in the system before the flow cell, to determine and verify the leak rate of individual modules and components. The test allows for setting the pressure at which the test is performed. The leak rate of high pressure parts are not always a linear function and therefore it is recommended to perform the test at a pressure that correspond to the normal operating pressure of the system.

When In case of a suspected leak. To verify successful execution of maintenance tasks.

Parts required

| # | p/n | Description |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 01080-83202 | 1/16 inch blank nut |

Preparations Solvents must be present in both channels.

- 1 Run the **System pressure test** with the recommended user interface (for further information see Online-Help of user interface).

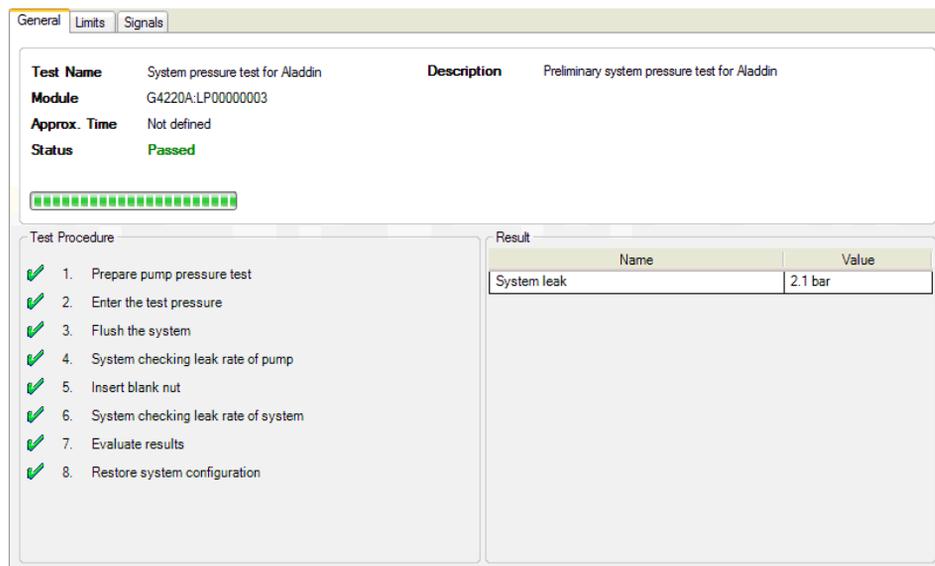


Figure 21 System Pressure Test – Result

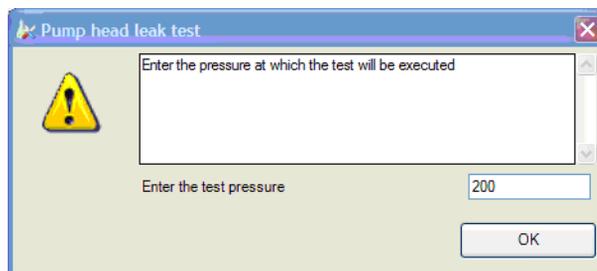


Figure 22 System Pressure Test – Dynamic pressure input

System Pressure Test Evaluation

System Pressure Test Failed

| Probable cause | Suggested actions |
|---|--|
| 1 Pump leakages | Perform the Pump Head Leak test. |
| 2 Loose or leaky fittings | Tighten the fittings or replace capillaries. |
| 3 Autosampler leakages | Perform the Autosampler Leak test. |
| 4 Thermostatted Column Compartment valve leakages | Replace the TCC valve rotor seal. |

NOTE

- Notice the difference between *error* in the test and a *failed* result! An *error* is caused by an abnormal termination during the operation of the test, whereas a *failed* result indicates that the test results were not within the specified limits.
- Often it is only a damaged blank nut (poorly shaped from over tightening) that causes the test to fail. Before investigating any other possible sources of failure make sure that the blank nut you are using is in a good condition and properly tightened.

Sampler Leak Test

The test determines the specific leak rates of rotor seal, metering device, needle/seat and system by performing a series of pressure tests. This is done with the injection valve in different positions and by using a blocked needle seat positioned at the rear of the module to block certain parts of the flow path. The test allows for setting the pressure at which the test is performed. The leak rate of high pressure parts are not always a linear function and therefore it is recommended to perform the test at a pressure that correspond to the normal operating pressure of the system.

When By suspected Autosampler performance problems.

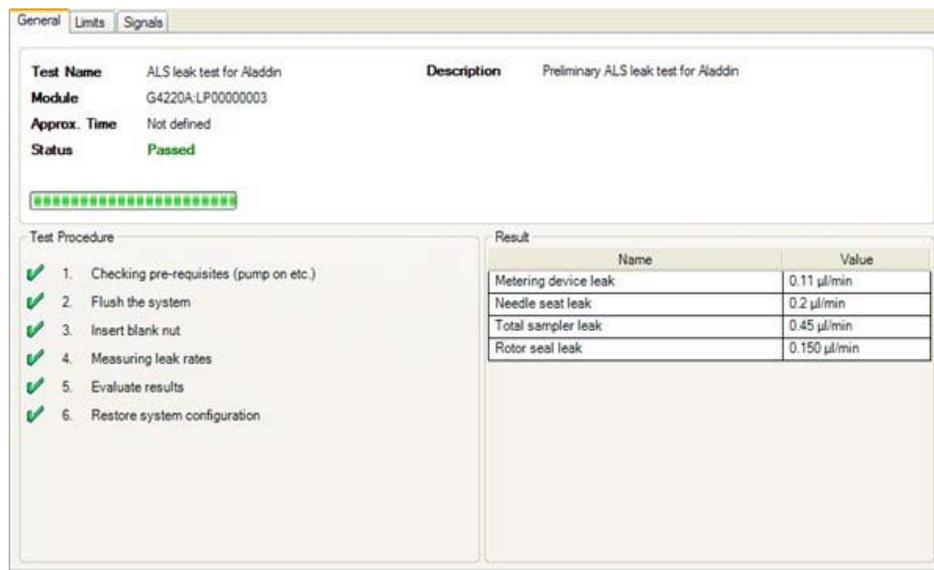
| Parts required | # | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | 1 | None |

Preparations Solvents must be present in both channels.

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Sampler Leak Test

- 1 Run the **Autosampler Leak Test** with the recommended user interface (for further information see Online-Help of user interface).



General Limits Signals

Test Name ALS leak test for Aladdin **Description** Preliminary ALS leak test for Aladdin
Module G4220A:LP00000003
Approx. Time Not defined
Status **Passed**

Progress bar: 12 green dots

Test Procedure

- ✓ 1. Checking pre-requisites (pump on etc.)
- ✓ 2. Flush the system
- ✓ 3. Insert blank nut
- ✓ 4. Measuring leak rates
- ✓ 5. Evaluate results
- ✓ 6. Restore system configuration

Result

| Name | Value |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Metering device leak | 0.11 µl/min |
| Needle seat leak | 0.2 µl/min |
| Total sampler leak | 0.45 µl/min |
| Rotor seal leak | 0.150 µl/min |

Figure 23 Sampler Leak Test – Results

Sampler Leak Test Evaluation

Sampler Leak Test Failed

Probable cause

- 1 Leaky metering device seal
- 2 Damaged needle and/or needle seat
- 3 Damaged rotor seal in the injection valve
- 4 Leaky fittings

Suggested actions

- Change metering device seal.
- Change needle and needle seat.
- Change Rotor seal.
- Tighten fittings or replace capillaries.

NOTE

Notice the difference between *error* in the test and a *failed* result! An *error* is caused by an abnormal termination during the operation of the test, whereas a *failed* result indicates that the test result were not within the specified limits.

Sample Transport Self Alignment

The sample transport self alignment uses predefined positions on the well plate tray to calibrate the positioning of the needle. The sample transport self alignment is required to compensate for larger deviations in positioning the needle carrier. The sample transport self alignment is required after disassembling the system or when you exchange the sample transport, the sampling unit, the tray or the MTP main board. This function is in the calibration screen of the Lab Advisor.

When After disassembling the module or by larger deviations in the positioning of the needle.

| Parts required | # | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | 1 | None |

Preparations Well plate tray needs to be installed and empty.

- 1 Run the **Transport Alignment** with the recommended user interface (for further information see Online-Help of user interface).

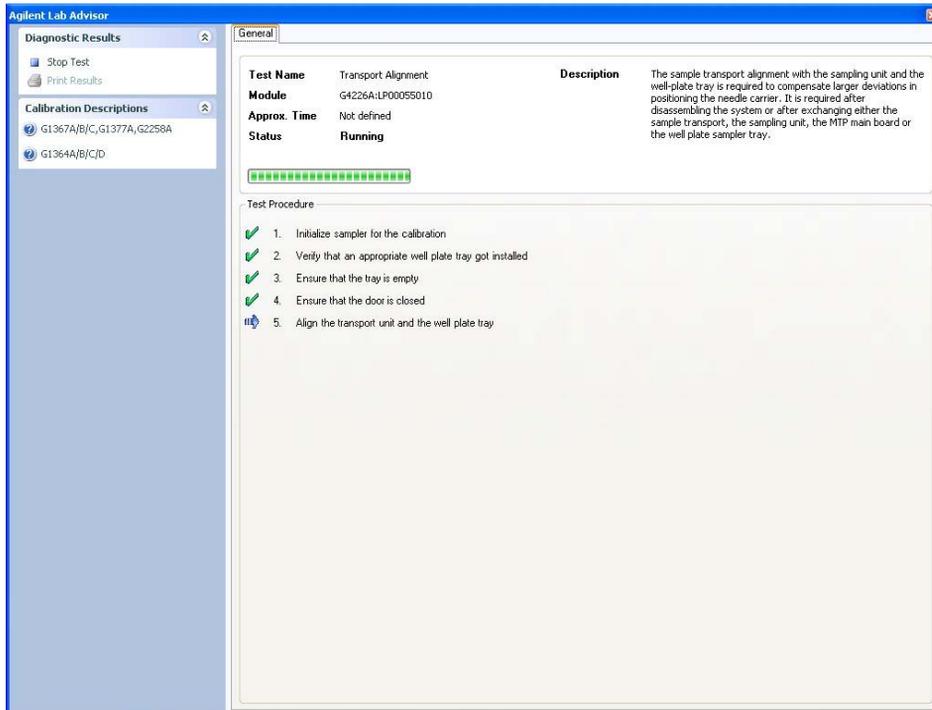


Figure 24 Sample Transport Self Alignment– Running

Maintenance Positions

Maintenance Positions

Some maintenance procedures require the needle arm, metering device, and needle carrier to be moved to specific positions to enable easy access to components. The maintenance functions move these assemblies into the appropriate maintenance position. In the Agilent Lab Advisor Software the maintenance positions can be selected from the **Tools** icon.

When When performing Maintenance on the module.

| Parts required | # | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | 1 | None |

Preparations None

- 1 Run the **Maintenance Positions** with the recommended user interface (for further information see Online-Help of user interface).

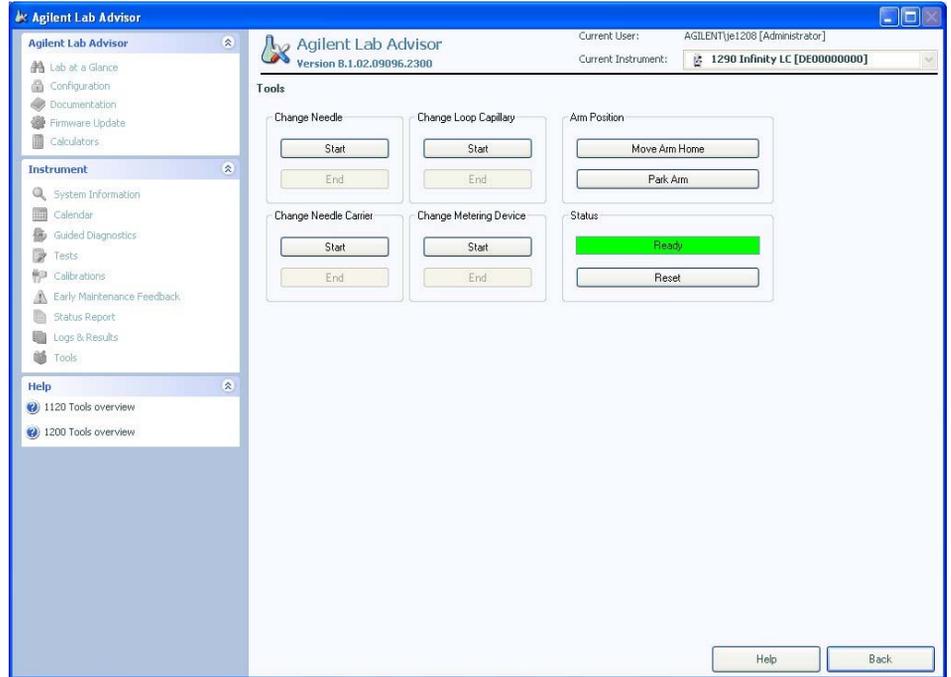


Figure 25 Maintenance Positions– Running

Change Needle

The position is positioning the needle carrier so that there is easy access for changing needle or needle seat. The position is to the far left, and the current to the motors are off, so that the arm can be turned while servicing the module.

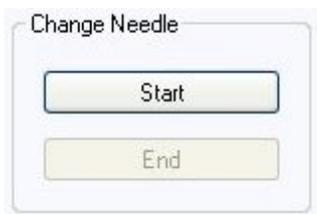


Figure 26 Maintenance Positions– Change Needle

Change Loop Capillary

The **Change Loop Capillary** command positions the arm in the middle of the tray at half height to enable easy exchange of the loop cartridge.

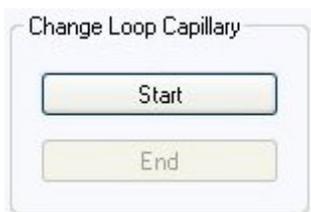


Figure 27 Maintenance Positions– Change Loop Capillary

Arm Position

The home position of the autosampler ensures a better access to the tray area and for exchanging trays. When transporting the module it is highly recommended to use the **Park Arm** command, in order to place the Arm in a position for safe transport.

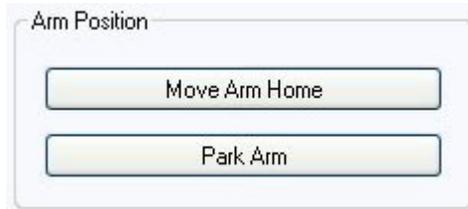


Figure 28 Maintenance Positions– Arm Position

Change Needle Carrier

The **Change Needle Carrier** function moves the needle to the front of the autosampler, enabling easy access to the needle carrier mechanism.



Figure 29 Maintenance Positions - Needle Carrier

- **Start** moves the needle to the front of the sample-tray area.
- **End** resets the autosampler after the needle carrier has been changed.

Change Metering Device

When removing the metering device is necessary (by exchanging the metering seal for instance), the metering drive needs to be moved to a position at the far back, in order to prevent seal and/or piston damage.



Figure 30 Maintenance Positions– Change Metering device

Injector Steps

Injector Steps

Each movement of the sampling sequence can be done under manual control. This is useful during troubleshooting, where close observation of each of the sampling steps is required to confirm a specific failure mode or verify successful completion of a repair. Each injector step command actually consists of a series of individual commands that move the autosampler components to predefined positions, enabling the specific step to be done.

When When troubleshooting the module.

| Parts required | # | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | 1 | None |

Preparations None

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Injector Steps

- 1 Run the **Injector steps** with the recommended user interface (for further information see Online-Help of user interface).

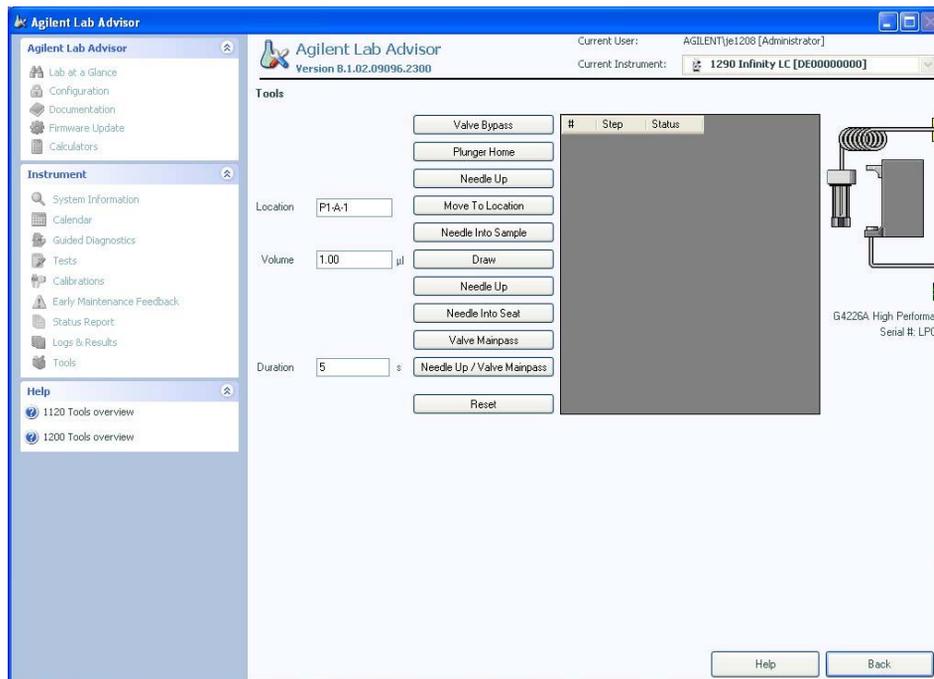


Figure 31 Injector Steps– Running

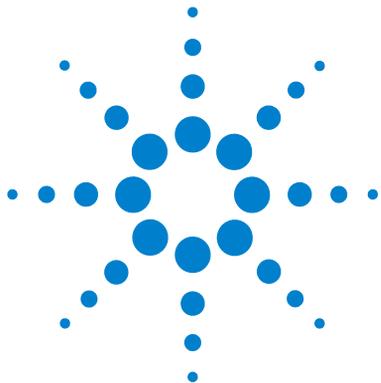
Step Commands

Table 17 Step Commands

| Step | Action | Comments |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Valve Bypass | Switches injection valve to the bypass position. | |
| Plunger Home | Moves the plunger to the home position. | |
| Needle Up | Lifts the needle arm to the upper position. | Command also switches the valve to bypass if it is not already in that position. |
| Move to Location | Move the needle arm to the vial location on the plate. | |
| Needle into Sample | Lowers the needle into the vial. | |
| Draw | Metering device draws the defined injection volume. | Command lifts the needle, and lowers the needle into the sample. Command can be done more than once (maximum draw volume of 40/100/4000 ul cannot be exceeded). Use Plunger Home to reset the metering device. |
| Needle Up | Lifts the needle out of the vial. | |
| Needle into Seat | Lowers the needle arm into the seat. | |
| Valve Mainpass | Switches the injection valve to the mainpass position. | |
| Needle Up/Mainpass | Moves needle arm to waste position and switches the injection valve to the mainpass position. | |

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Injector Steps



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This chapter describes the maintenance and repair of the Autosampler



Introduction to Maintenance

Figure 32 on page 144 shows the main user accessible assemblies of the Agilent 1290 Infinity Autosampler. These parts can be accessed from the front (simple repairs) and don't require to remove the autosampler from the system stack.

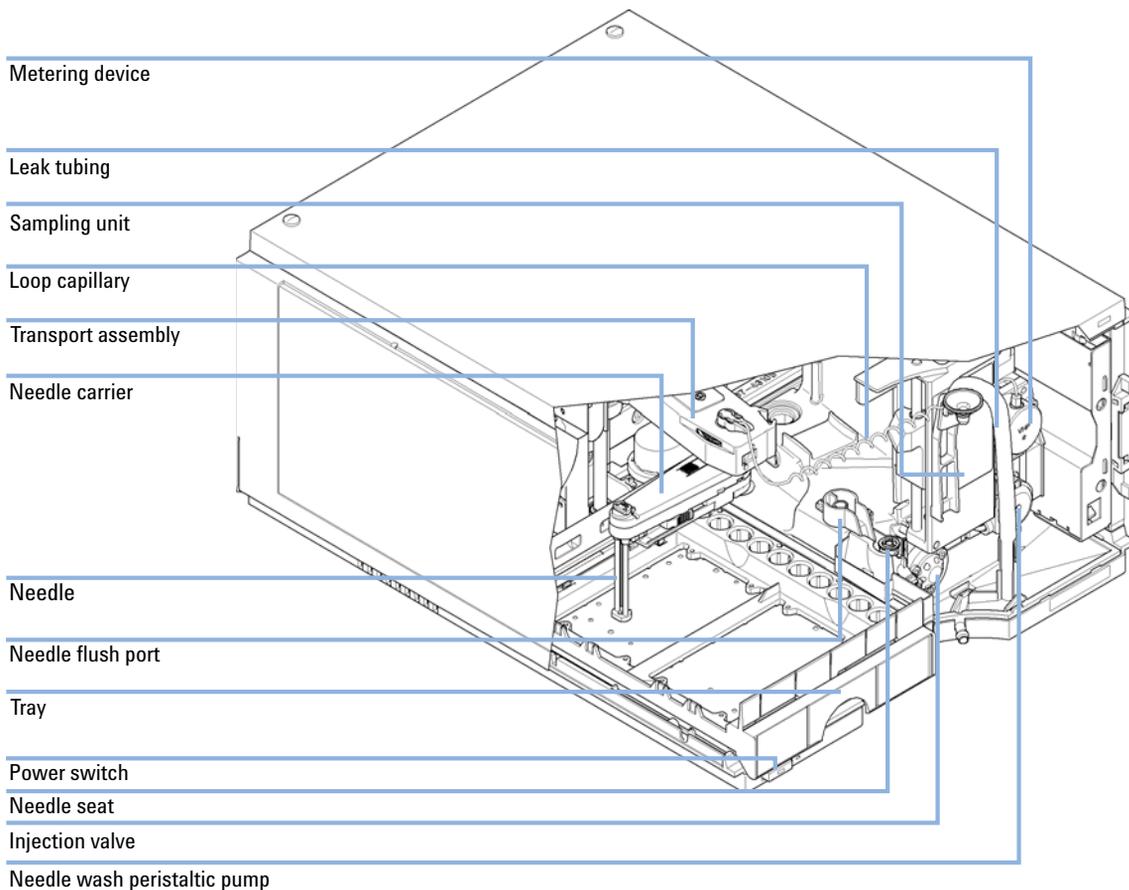


Figure 32 Main user accessible assemblies

Warnings and Cautions

WARNING

Toxic and hazardous solvents and flammable liquids

The handling of solvents and reagents can hold health risks.

- When working with solvents observe appropriate safety procedures (for example, goggles, safety gloves and protective clothing) as described in the material handling and safety data sheet supplied by the solvent vendor, especially when toxic or hazardous solvents and flammable liquids are used.
-

WARNING

Electrical shock and damage to the module

Repair work at the module can lead to personal injuries, e.g. shock hazard, when the cover is opened.

Electrostatic discharge can damage electronic components of the module.

- Do not remove the metal top cover of the module. No serviceable parts inside.
 - Only certified persons are authorized to carry out repairs inside the module.
-

WARNING

Module is partially energized when switched off, as long as the power cord is plugged in.

Repair work at the module can lead to personal injuries, e.g. shock hazard, when the cover is opened and the module is connected to power.

- Make sure that it is always possible to access the power plug.
 - Remove the power cable from the instrument before opening the cover.
 - Do not connect the power cable to the Instrument while the covers are removed.
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Warnings and Cautions

WARNING

Sharp metal edges

Sharp-edged parts of the equipment may cause injuries.

- To prevent personal injury, be careful when getting in contact with sharp metal areas.
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WARNING

Personal injury or damage to the product

Agilent is not responsible for any damages caused, in whole or in part, by improper use of the products, unauthorized alterations, adjustments or modifications to the products, failure to comply with procedures in Agilent product user guides, or use of the products in violation of applicable laws, rules or regulations.

- Use your Agilent products only in the manner described in the Agilent product user guides.
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CAUTION

Safety standards for external equipment

- If you connect external equipment to the instrument, make sure that you only use accessory units tested and approved according to the safety standards appropriate for the type of external equipment.
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Overview of Maintenance

The following pages describe maintenance (simple repairs) of the autosampler that can be carried out without opening the main cover.

Table 18 Overview of Maintenance

| Procedure | Typical Frequency | Notes |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Change needle/needle seat | 60.000 needle into seat | |
| Change metering seal | 30.000 injections | |
| Peristaltic pump cartridge | 3000 hours on-time | |
| Change rotor seal | 30.000 injections | |

Cleaning the module

The module case should be kept clean. Cleaning should be done with a soft cloth slightly dampened with water or a solution of water and mild detergent. Do not use an excessively damp cloth as liquid may drip into the module.

WARNING

Liquid dripping into the electronic compartment of your module.

Liquid in the module electronics can cause shock hazard and damage the module.

- Do not use an excessively damp cloth during cleaning.
 - Drain all solvent lines before opening any fittings.
-

Removing the needle assembly

When When the limit in the needle into seat counter in the EMF is exceeded or when needle shows indications of damage, blockage or leaks.

Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench

| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| | 1 | G4226-87201 | Needle assembly |

Preparations In order to avoid leaks, close the shutoff valves in the pump or remove tubings from solvent bottles.

WARNING

Risk of injury by uncovered needle

An uncovered needle is a risk of harm to the operator.

- Be careful when you remove the needle assembly.
- Use the silicon safety tube supplied with every new needle.

NOTE

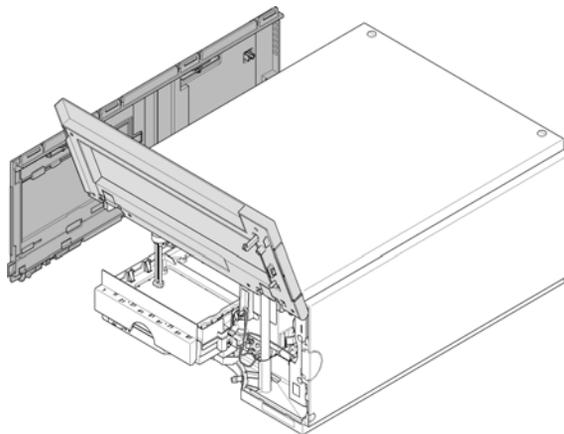
It is recommended to always exchange the needle assembly and the needle seat at the same time to prevent premature leakage.

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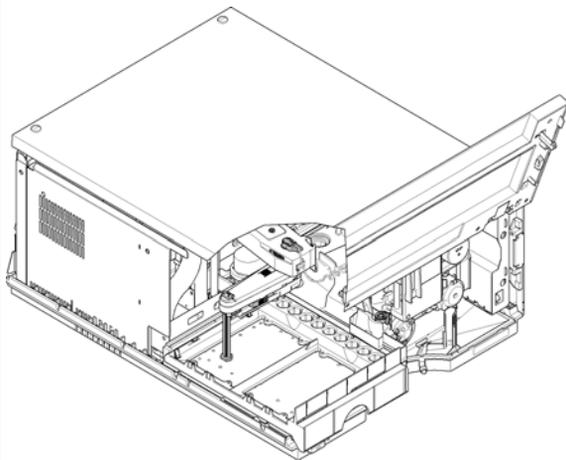
Removing the needle assembly

1 In the user interface start the maintenance mode and select **Change needle/seat** function. In the Agilent Lab Advisor software the **Change needle/seat** function can be found in the **Tools** section.

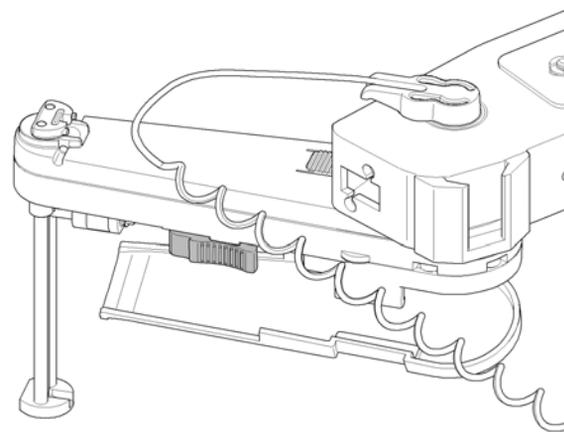
2 Open the front door and remove the side door.



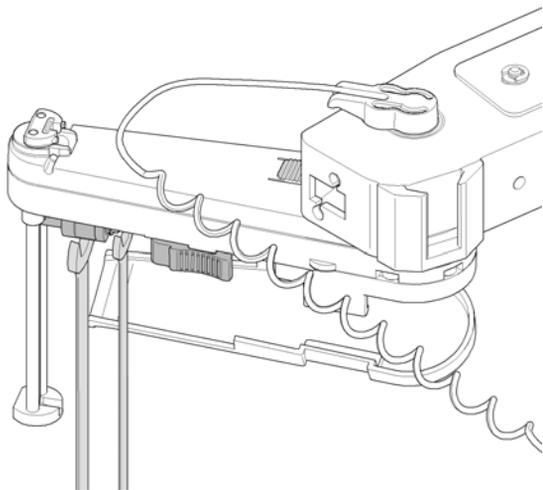
3 Turn the Needle carrier 90 ° clockwise.



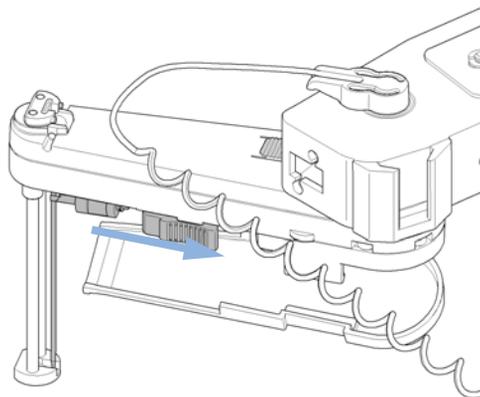
4 Flip the Leak guide open.



- 5 Attach a 5/16 inch wrench to hold the position at the needle assembly. Use a 1/4 inch wrench to loosen the fitting of the loop capillary.



- 6 Pinch the holder clamp, pull back and remove the loop capillary from the needle assembly.



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Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench

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|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
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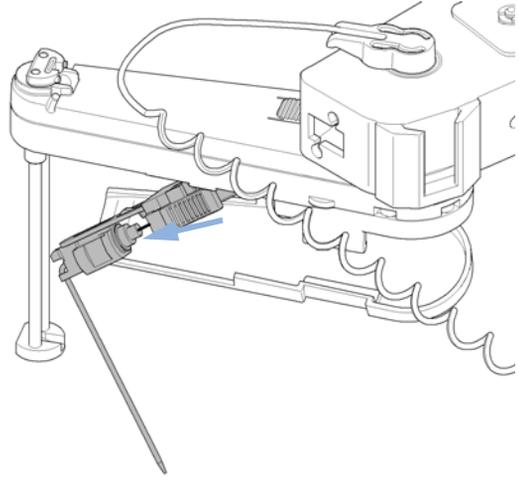
- Be careful when you remove the needle assembly.
- Use the silicon safety tube supplied with every new needle.

NOTE

It is recommended to always exchange the needle assembly and the needle seat at the same time to prevent premature leakage.

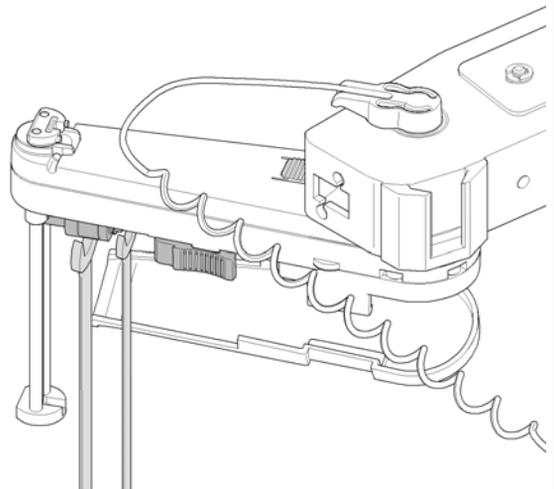
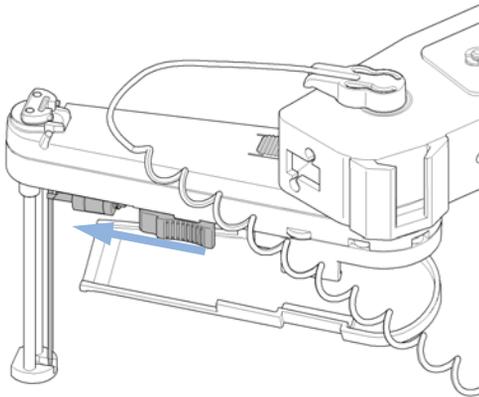
1 Push the silicon safety tube, supplied in the WPS leak kit (G1367-60006) and delivered with every needle, over the needle.

2 Insert the loop capillary into the needle assembly and tighten the fitting hand tight.



3 Pinch the holder clamp and reinsert the needle assembly into the needle carrier.

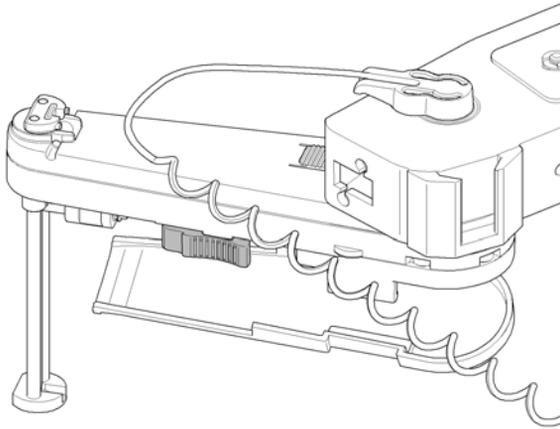
4 Attach a 5/16 inch wrench to hold the position at the needle assembly. Use a 1/4 inch wrench to tighten the fitting of the loop capillary.



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Installing the needle assembly

5 Close the leak guide



6 Check the alignment of the needle in the needle pusher of the needle carrier by viewing from several directions to see that it is aligned in the center of the needle pusher.

NOTE

The needle must be centered in the needle pusher as all alignment by the Autosampler is calculated from the needle pusher position.

7 **Next Steps:**

Remove the silicon safety tube from the needle.

8 In the user interface exit the **Change needle/seat** function and exit the maintenance mode. In the Lab Advisor software the **Change needle/seat** function can be found in the **Tools** section.

9 Re-install the side door and close the front door.

Exchanging the Needle Seat

When When seat is visibly damaged, blocked or leaks.

Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench
Flat head screwdriver

| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | 1 | G4226-87012 | Needle seat |

Preparations In order to avoid leaks, close the shutoff valves in the pump or remove tubings from solvent bottles.

WARNING

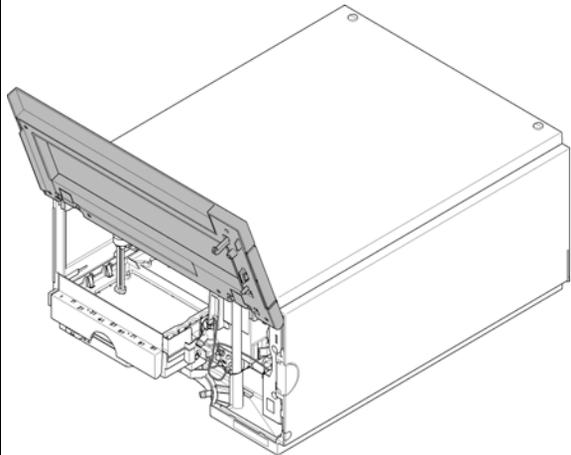
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- Be careful when you remove the needle assembly.
- Use the silicon safety tube supplied with every new needle.

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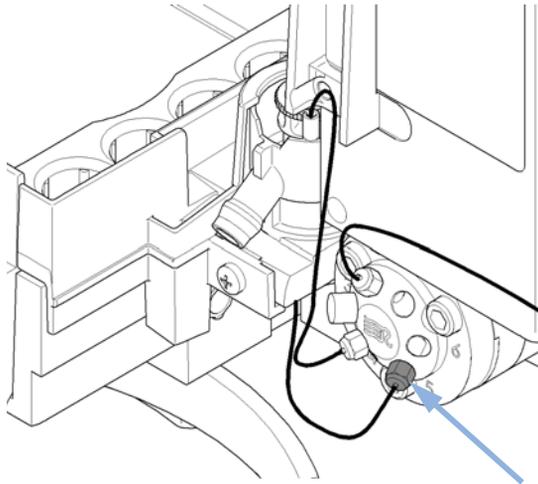
2 Open the front door.



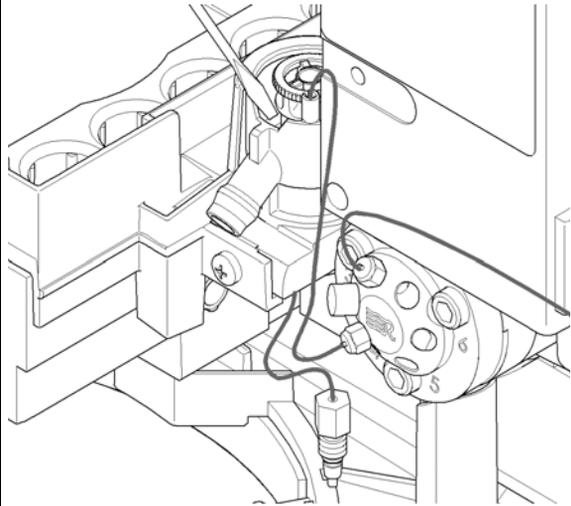
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Exchanging the Needle Seat

3 Disconnect the seat capillary from the Injection valve.



4 With a Flat head screw driver carefully lift out the needle seat from the holder.



5 Next Steps:

Insert the new Needle seat. Press it firmly in position.

6 In the user interface exit the **Change needle/seat** function and exit the maintenance mode. In the Lab Advisor software the **Change needle/seat** function can be found in the **Tools** section.

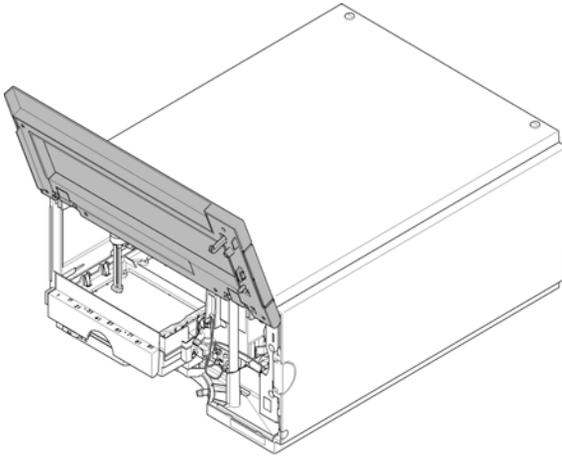
Replacing the Rotor seal

When When poor injection volume reproducibility or when injection valve is leaking.

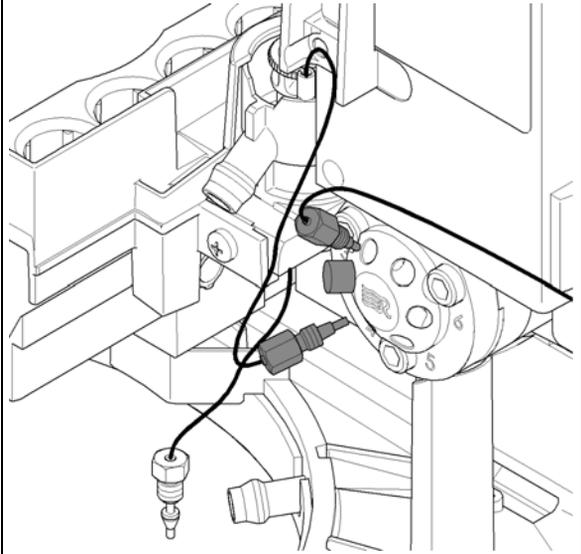
Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench
8710-2394 9/64 inch hex key

| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------|
| | 1 | 5068-0007 | Injection valve rotor seal |

1 Open the front door.



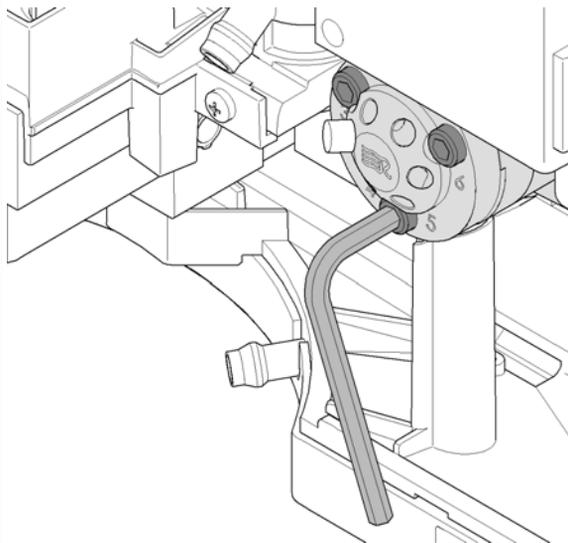
2 Remove all capillaries from the Injection valve with a 1/4 inch wrench.



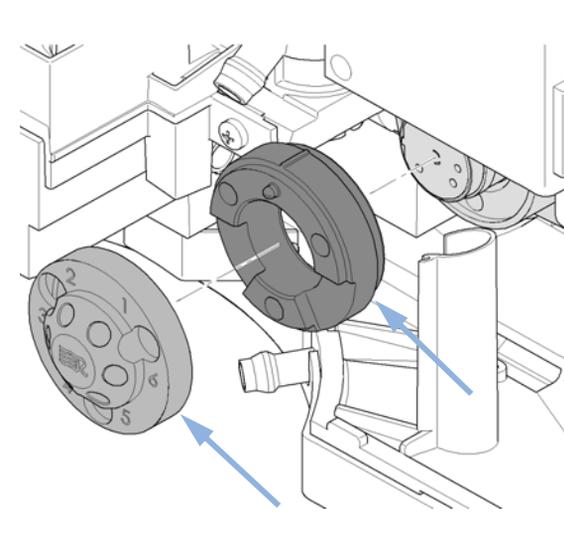
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Replacing the Rotor seal

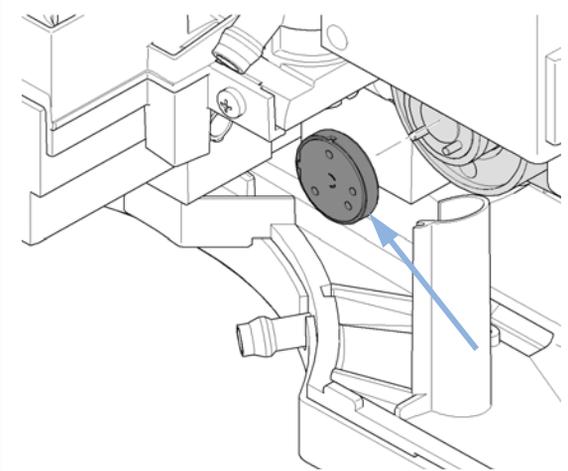
3 Unscrew and remove the three stator screws from the stator head with a 9/64 inch hex key.



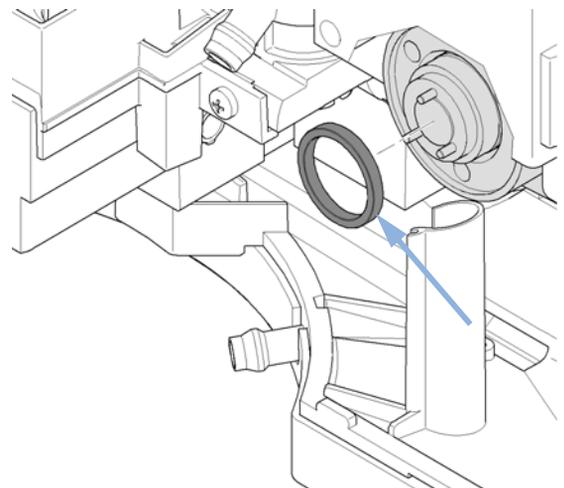
4 Remove the stator head and the stator ring.



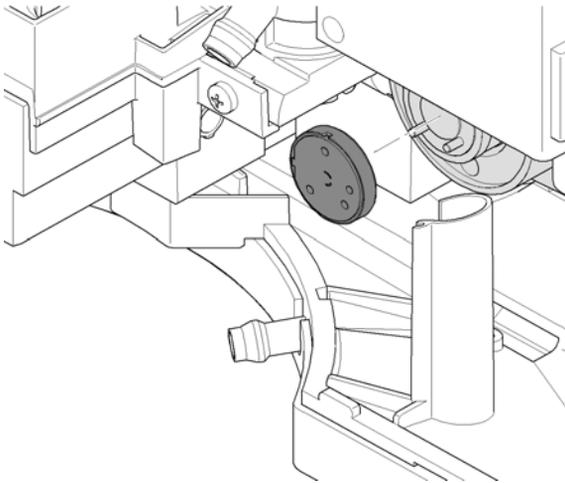
5 Remove the rotor seal.



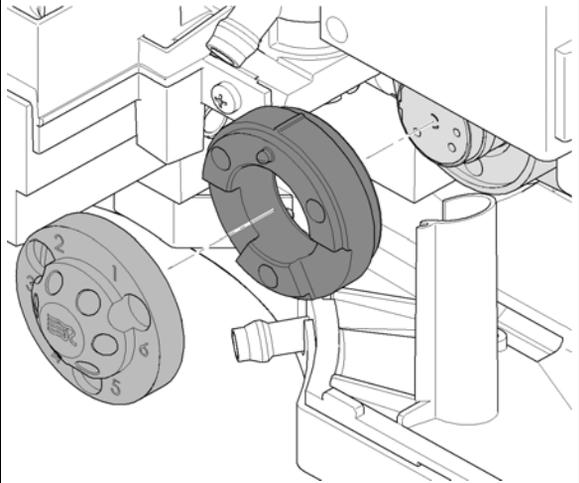
6 Remove the Isolation seal.



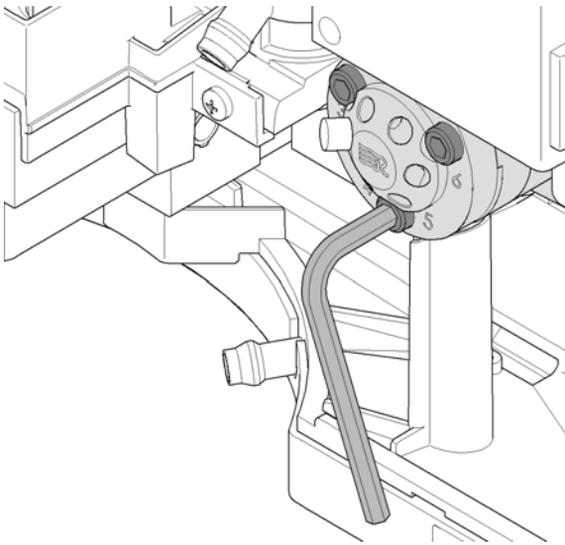
7 Install new rotor seal and isolation seal.



8 Reinstall the stator ring and stator head. The pins on stator ring and stator head must engage in the corresponding holes.



9 Insert and tighten the stator screws alternating with the 9/64 inch hex key, until the stator head is secure.



10 Next Steps:

Reconnect all capillaries to the injection valve ports with a 1/4 inch wrench. The positions of the individual fittings can be seen on the sticker on the sampling unit.

11 Close the front door.

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Removing the metering seal

Removing the metering seal

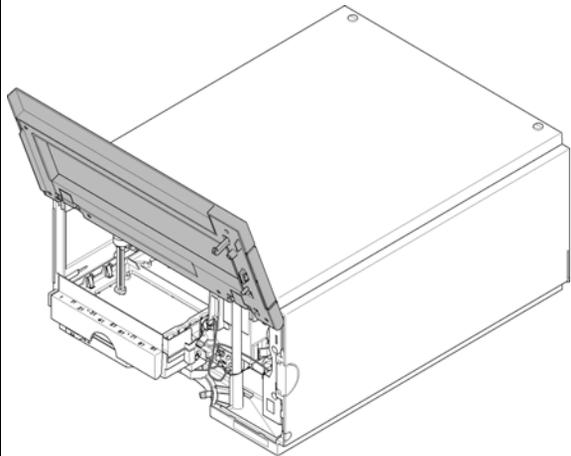
When When poor injection volume reproducibility or when metering device is leaking.

Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench
8710-2392 4 mm Hex key

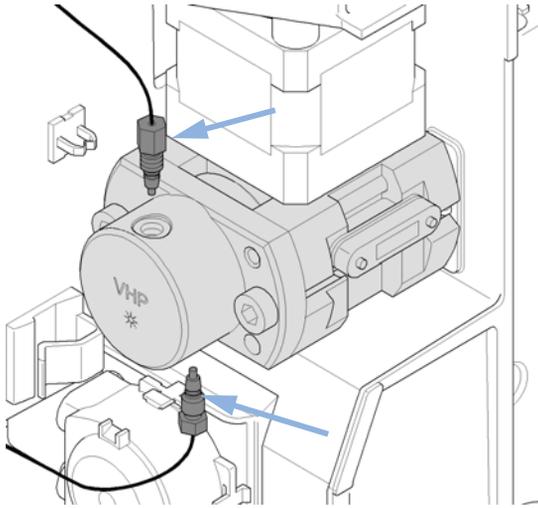
| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|--------------------|
| | 1 | 0905-1717 | Metering seal |

1 In the user interface start the maintenance mode and select **Change metering device** function. In the Agilent Lab Advisor software the **Change metering device** function can be found in the **Tools** section.

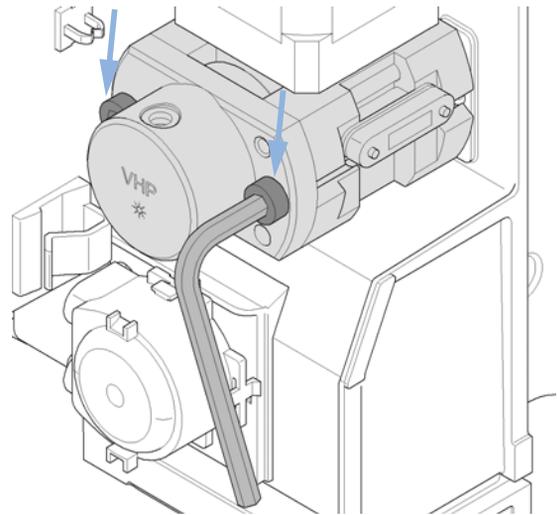
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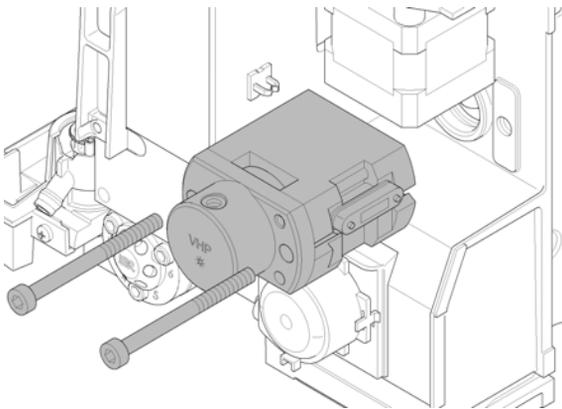
3 Remove the two attached capillaries with a ¼ inch wrench.



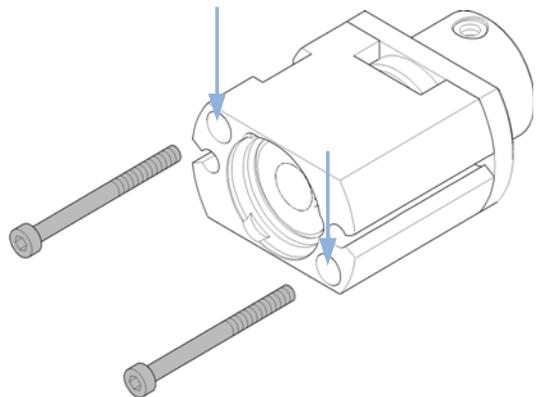
4 Unscrew alternately the two fixing screws with a 4 mm hex key.



5 Pull the metering device away from the sampling unit.



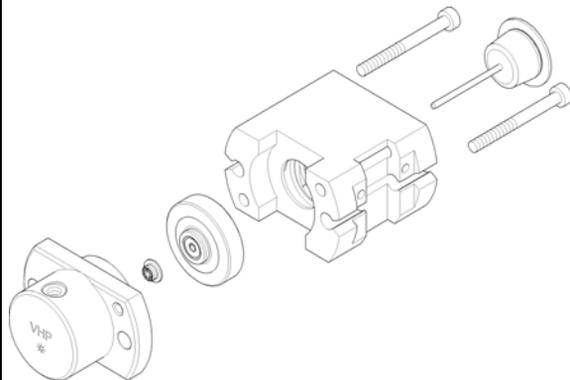
6 Remove the two fixing screws at the base of the metering device.



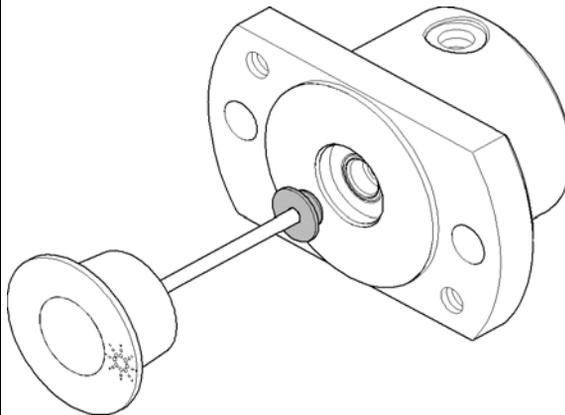
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Removing the metering seal

7 Remove the head body.



8 Using the piston carefully remove the metering seal. Clean the chamber and ensure all particular matter is removed.



Installing the metering seal

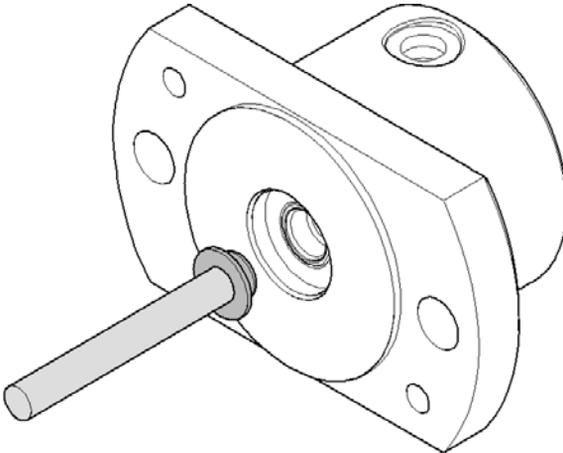
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Tools required 8710-0510 ¼ inch wrench
8710-2392 4 mm Hex key

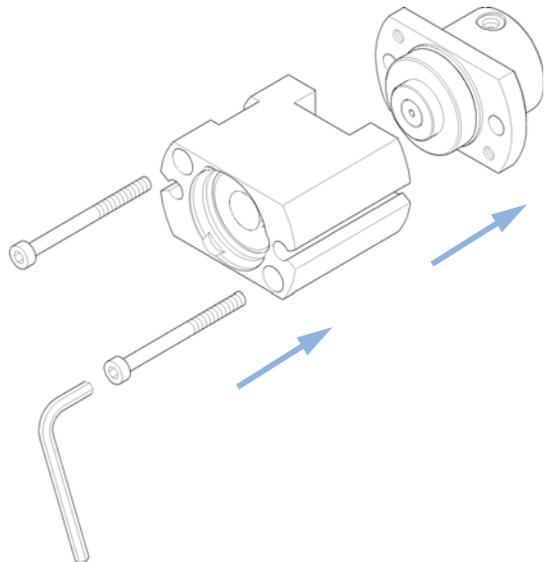
| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|----------------|---|-----------|---------------|
| | 1 | 0905-1717 | Metering seal |

Preparations Removing the metering seal, see “[Removing the metering seal](#)” on page 160.

1 Install the new metering seal. Press it firmly into position. Avoid any offset angle as it might deform the seal.



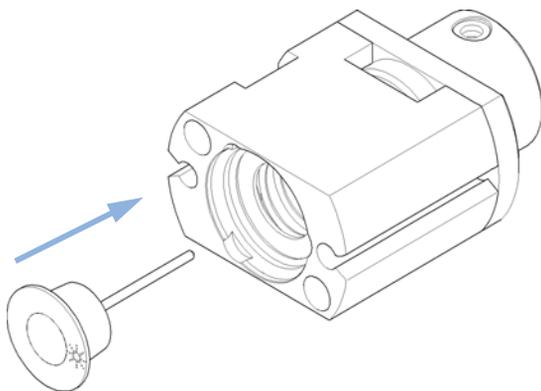
2 Reassemble the metering device. Make sure to tighten screws firmly and have the tag on the right side looking from the front.



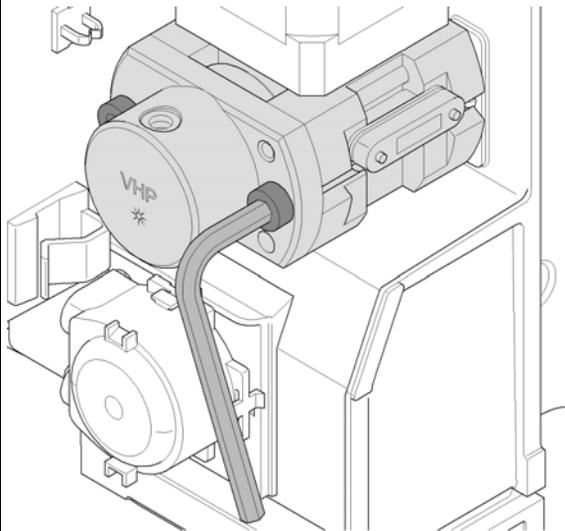
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Installing the metering seal

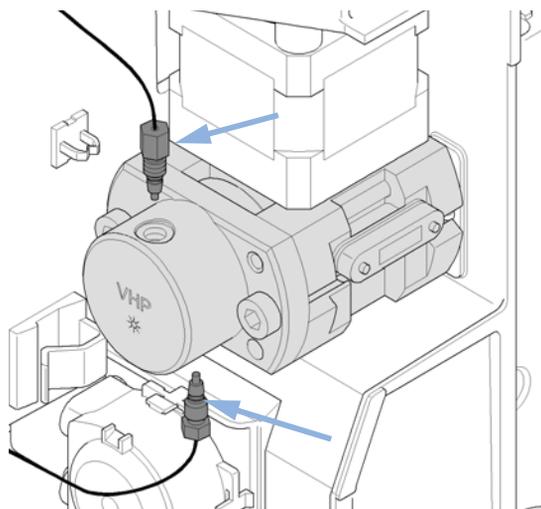
3 Press the piston into the seal.



4 Reinstall the metering device to the sampling unit by tightening the two fixing screws alternately with a 4 mm hex key.



5 Connect the two capillaries to the metering device using a 1/4 inch wrench.



6 **Next Steps:**

Close the front door.

7 In the user interface exit the **Change Metering device** function and exit the maintenance mode. In the Lab Advisor software the **Change Metering device** function can be found in the **Tools** section.

Replacing Peristaltic Pump Cartridge

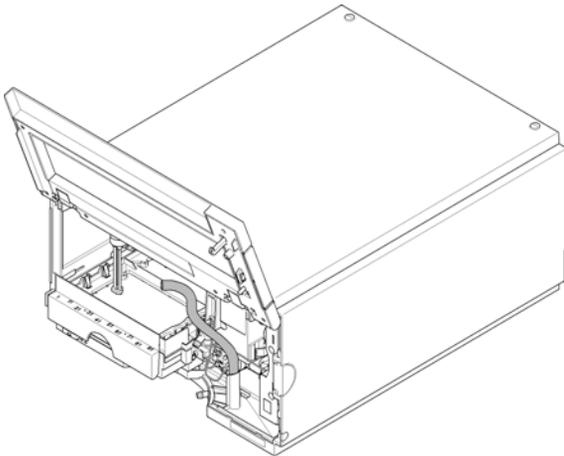
When Tubing blocked or broken

| Parts required | # | p/n | Description |
|----------------|---|-----------|----------------------------|
| | 1 | 5065-4445 | Peristaltic pump cartridge |

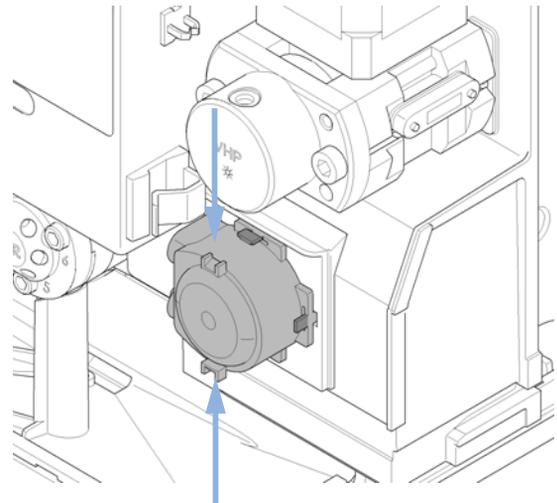
NOTE

The peristaltic pump cartridge is a replaceable unit. The tubing inside the pump is not replaceable.

1 Remove the corrugated leak tubing.



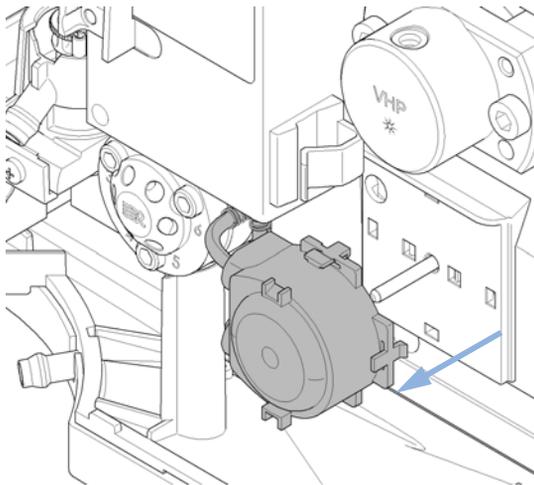
2 Press the two clips on the front of the peristaltic pump cartridge.



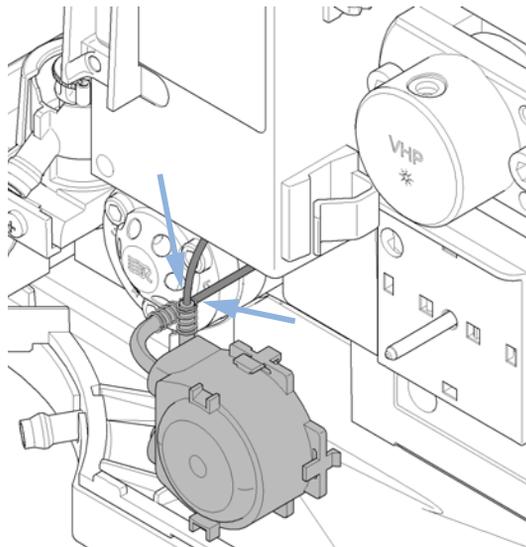
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Replacing Peristaltic Pump Cartridge

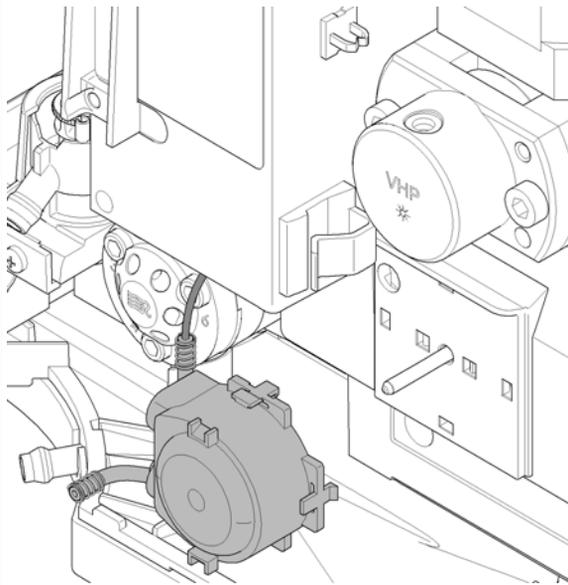
3 Pull the cartridge forward off the motor shaft.



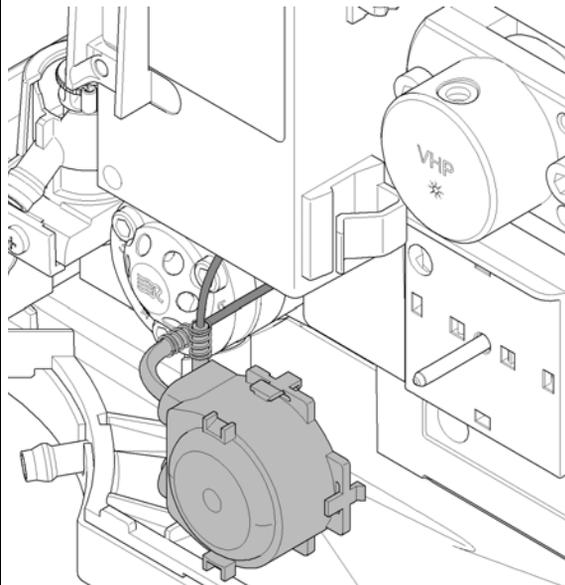
4 Disconnect the tubing leading to the wash port and the tubing coming from the solvent bottle.



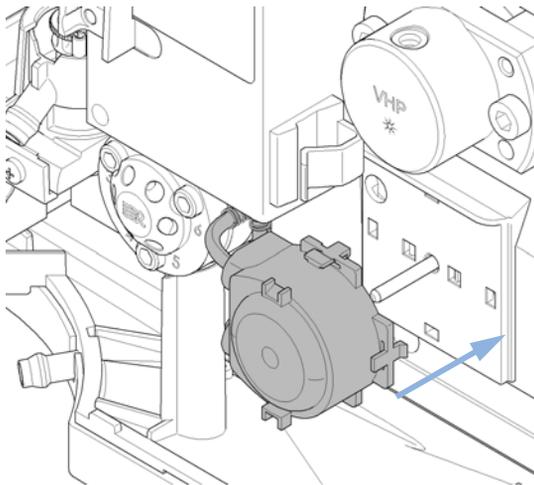
5 Connect the wash port tubing to the upper tubing of the new cartridge (use sand paper to get a good grip on the tubing).



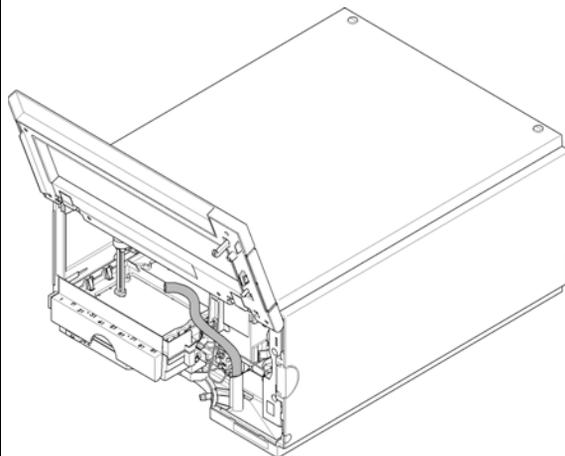
6 Connect the tubing coming from the solvent bottle to the lower tubing of the new cartridge.



7 Push the cartridge onto the motor shaft until the clips click into place.



8 Reinstall the corrugated leak tubing.



Installing the Interface Board

When At installation or when defective.

Tools required • Flat-head screwdriver.

Parts required

| # | Description |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Interface board |

CAUTION

Electronic boards are static sensitive and should be handled with care so as not to damage them. Touching electronic boards and components can cause electrostatic discharge (ESD).

ESD can damage electronic boards and components.

→ Be sure to hold the board by the edges and do not touch the electrical components. Always use an ESD protection (for example, an ESD wrist strap) when handling electronic boards and components.

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- 1 Switch OFF the autosampler at the main power switch.
 - 2 Disconnect cables from the interface board connectors.
 - 3 Loosen the screws. Slide out the interface board from the autosampler.
 - 4 Install the interface board. Secure the screws.

- 5 Reconnect the cables to the board connectors

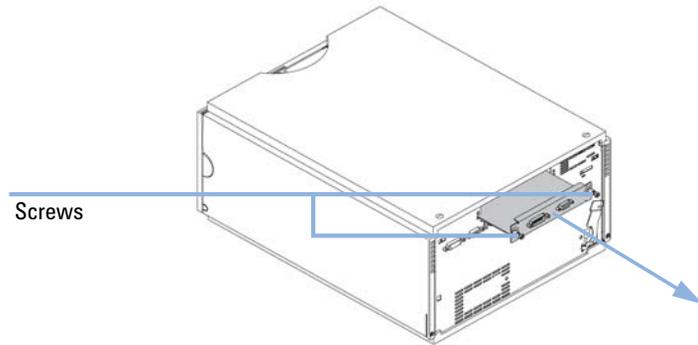


Figure 33 Exchanging the Interface Board

Replacing the Module Firmware

| | |
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| When | <p>The installation of newer firmware might be necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• if a newer version solves problems of older versions or• to keep all systems on the same (validated) revision. <p>The installation of older firmware might be necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to keep all systems on the same (validated) revision or• if a new module with newer firmware is added to a system or• if third part control software requires a special version. |
|-------------|--|

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Tools required | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAN/RS-232 Firmware Update Tool or• Agilent Lab Advisor software• Instant Pilot G4208A (only if supported by module) |
|-----------------------|--|

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Parts required | <p>Description</p> <p>Firmware, tools and documentation from Agilent web site</p> |
|-----------------------|--|

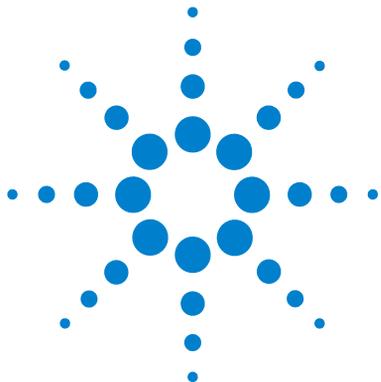
| | |
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| Preparations | Read update documentation provided with the Firmware Update Tool. |
|---------------------|---|

To upgrade/downgrade the module's firmware carry out the following steps:

- 1 Download the required module firmware, the latest LAN/RS-232 FW Update Tool and the documentation from the Agilent web.
 - http://www.chem.agilent.com/scripts/cag_firmware.asp.
- 2 To load the firmware into the module follow the instructions in the documentation.

Module Specific Information

There is no specific information for this module.



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This chapter provides information on parts material required for the module.



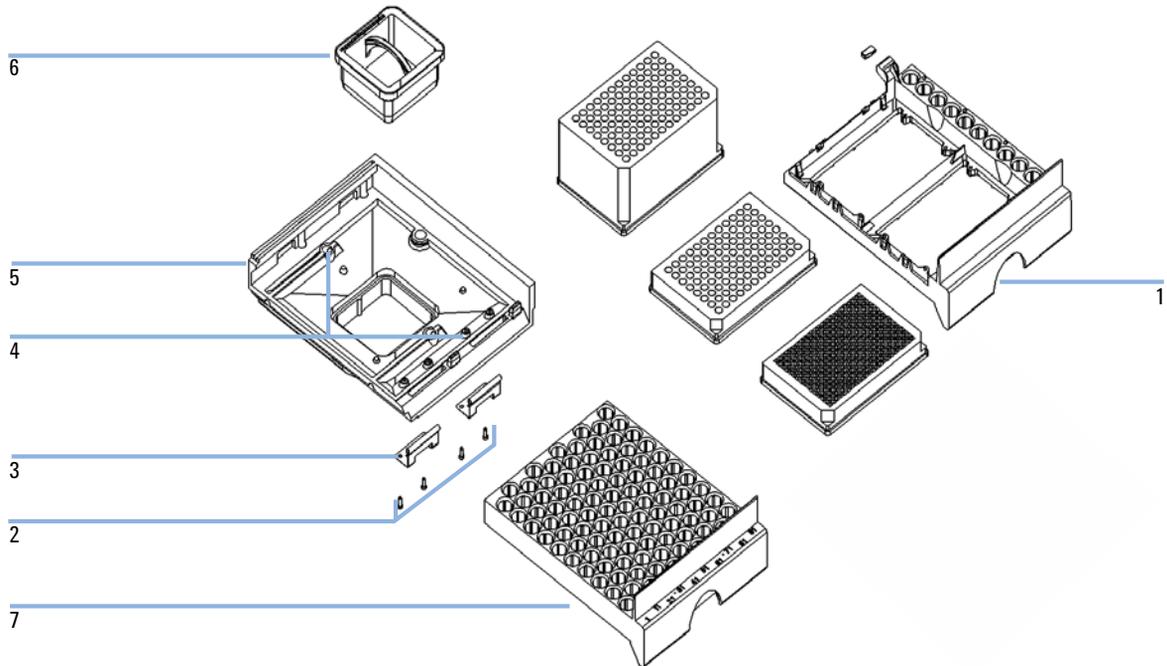
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Overview of Maintenance Parts

Overview of Maintenance Parts

| Item # | # | p/n | Description |
|---------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 0905-1717 | Metering seal |
| 2 | 1 | 5068-0007 | Injection valve rotor seal |
| 3 | 1 | G4226-87201 | Needle assembly |
| 4 | 1 | G4226-87012 | Needle seat |
| 5 | 1 | G4226-60310 | Loop cartridge 20 μ L |
| 6 | 1 | G4226-60013 | Analytical head |

Vial Trays



| Item # | # | p/n | Description |
|--------|---|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | G2258-60011 | Tray for 2 plates + 10 x 2 mL vials |
| 2 | 1 | 0515-0866 | Screws for springs |
| 3 | 1 | G1313-09101 | Spring |
| 4 | 1 | 0570-1574 | Spring stud |
| 5 | 1 | G1329-60000 | Tray base |
| 6 | 1 | G1329-43200 | Adapter air channel |
| | 1 | G1367-47200 | Plug channel |
| 7 | 1 | G4226-60021 | Tray for 100 micro vials |

11 Parts for Maintenance

Recommended Plates and Closing Mats

Recommended Plates and Closing Mats

Table 19 Recommended plates and closing mat

| Description (Part Number) | Rows | Columns | Plate height | Volume (μL) | Package |
|---|------|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| 384Agilent (p/n 5042-1388) | 16 | 24 | 14.4 | 80 | 30 |
| 384Corning (No Agilent PN) | 16 | 24 | 14.4 | 80 | |
| 384Nunc (No Agilent PN) | 16 | 24 | 14.4 | 80 | |
| 96Agilent (p/n 5042-1386) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 500 | 10 |
| 96Agilent (p/n 5042-1385) | | | | | 120 |
| 96Agilent conical (p/n 5042-8502) | 8 | 12 | 17.3 | 150 | 25 |
| 96CappedAgilent (p/n 5065-4402) | 8 | 12 | 47.1 | 300 | 1 |
| 96Corning (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 300 | |
| 96CorningV (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 300 | |
| 96DeepAgilent31mm (p/n 5042-6454) | 8 | 12 | 31.5 | 1000 | 50 |
| 96DeepNunc31mm (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 31.5 | 1000 | |
| 96DeepRitter41mm (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 41.2 | 800 | |
| 96Greiner (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 300 | |
| 96GreinerV (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 250 | |
| 96Nunc (No Agilent PN) | 8 | 12 | 14.3 | 400 | |
| Closing mat for all 96 Agilent plates (p/n 5042-1389) | 8 | 12 | | | 50 |

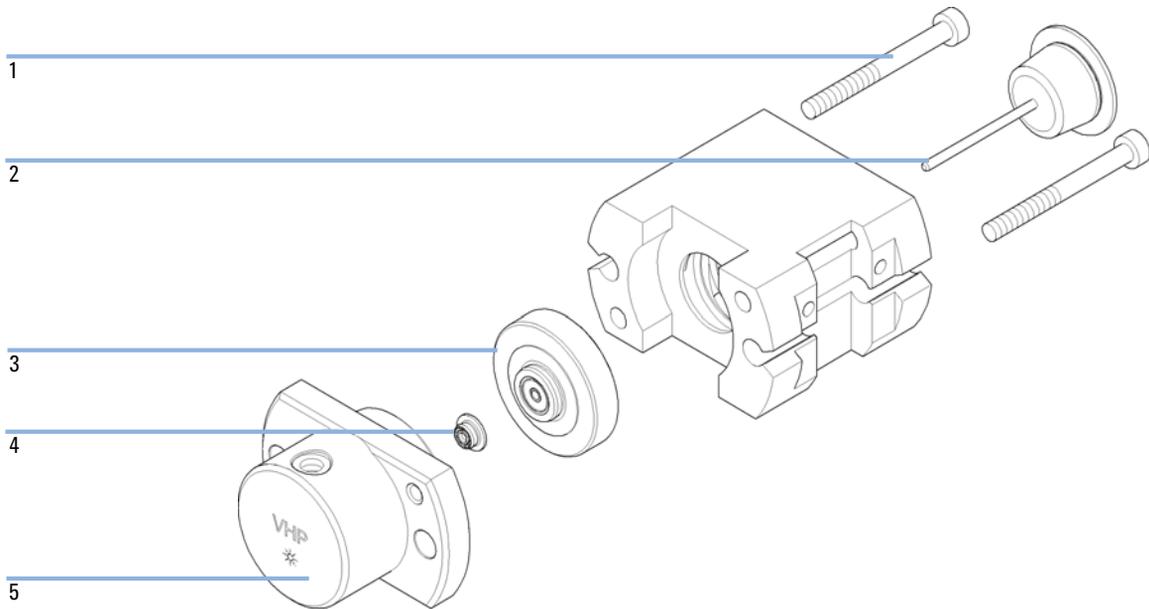
Recommended Vial Plates

| Item # | # | p/n | Description |
|--------|---|-------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | G2255-68700 | Vial plate for 54 x 2 mL vials (6/pk) |
| 2 | 1 | 5022-6539 | Vial plate for 15 x 6 mL vials (1/pk) |
| 3 | 1 | 5022-6538 | Vial plate for 27 Eppendorf tubes (1/pk) |

Accessory Kit

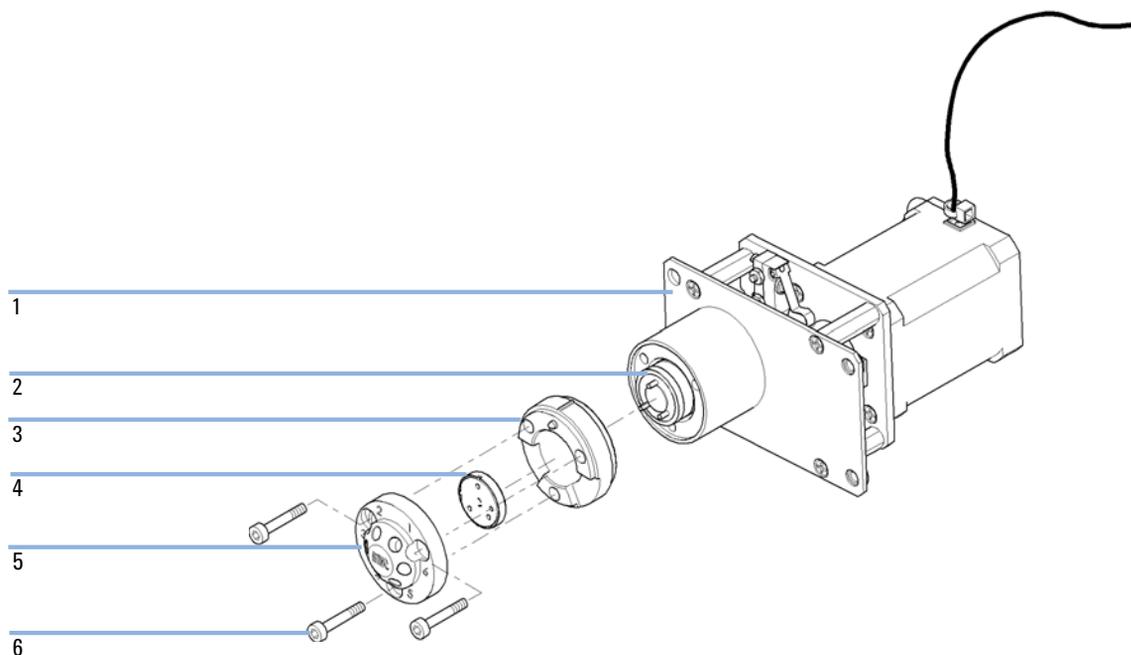
| Item # | # | p/n | Description |
|---------------|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | G4226-68705 | Accessory kit |
| 2 | 1 | 5181-1519 | CAN Cable, 1 m long |
| 3 | 1 | 5182-0716 | Vials, screw cap 100/pk |
| 4 | 1 | 5182-0717 | Blue screw caps 100/pk |
| 5 | 2 | 8710-0510 | Tool, wrench ¼ inch to 5/16 inch |
| 6 | 1 | 8710-2391 | Rheotool socket wrench ¼ inch |
| 7 | 1 | 8710-2392 | Hex key 4 mm15 cm long T-handle |
| 8 | 1 | 8710-2394 | Hex key 9/64 inch 15 cm long T-handle |
| 9 | 1 | 8710-2411 | Hex key 3 mm12 cm long |
| 10 | 1 | 0890-1764 | Tubing, wash option |
| 11 | 1 | 5067-4659 | SS Capillary 340x0.12 ps-ns |
| 12 | 1 | G1329-43200 | Adapter air channel |
| 13 | 1 | G4226-43800 | Seal insert tool |
| 14 | 2 | tbd | Tubing clips |

Analytical Head Assembly



| Item # | p/n | Description |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1 | G4226-60013 | Analytical head |
| 1 | 0515-0850 | Screws |
| 2 | 5064-8293 | Micro Plunger assembly |
| 3 | G1377-60012 | Micro seal support |
| 4 | 0905-1717 | Micro metering seal |
| 5 | G4226-27701 | Head body |

Injection Valve Assembly



| Item # | # | p/n | Description |
|--------|---|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 5067-4114 | Injection valve actuator |
| 2 | 1 | 1535-4045 | Isolation seal |
| 3 | 1 | | Stator ring |
| 4 | 1 | 5068-0007 | Injection valve rotor seal |
| 5 | 1 | 5068-0006 | Stator head |
| 6 | 1 | 1535-4857 | Stator screws |

Cover Parts

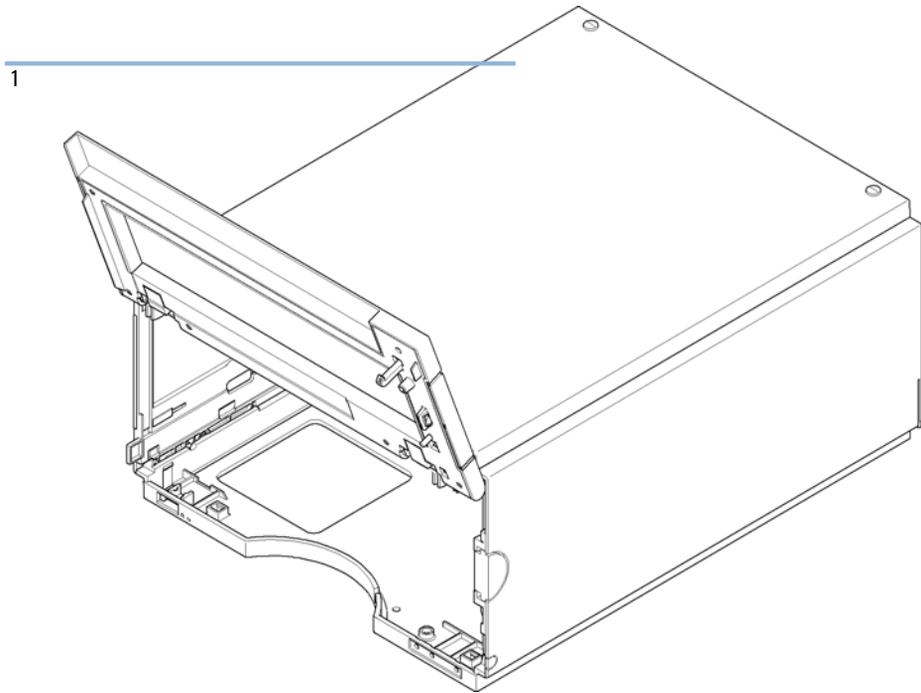


Figure 34 Cover parts

| Item | # | p/n | Description |
|------|---|-----------|--|
| 1 | 1 | 5067-4662 | Cabinet kit (includes door, base, sides and top) |
| | 1 | 5042-9964 | Name plate for Agilent 1290 series |

Leak System Parts

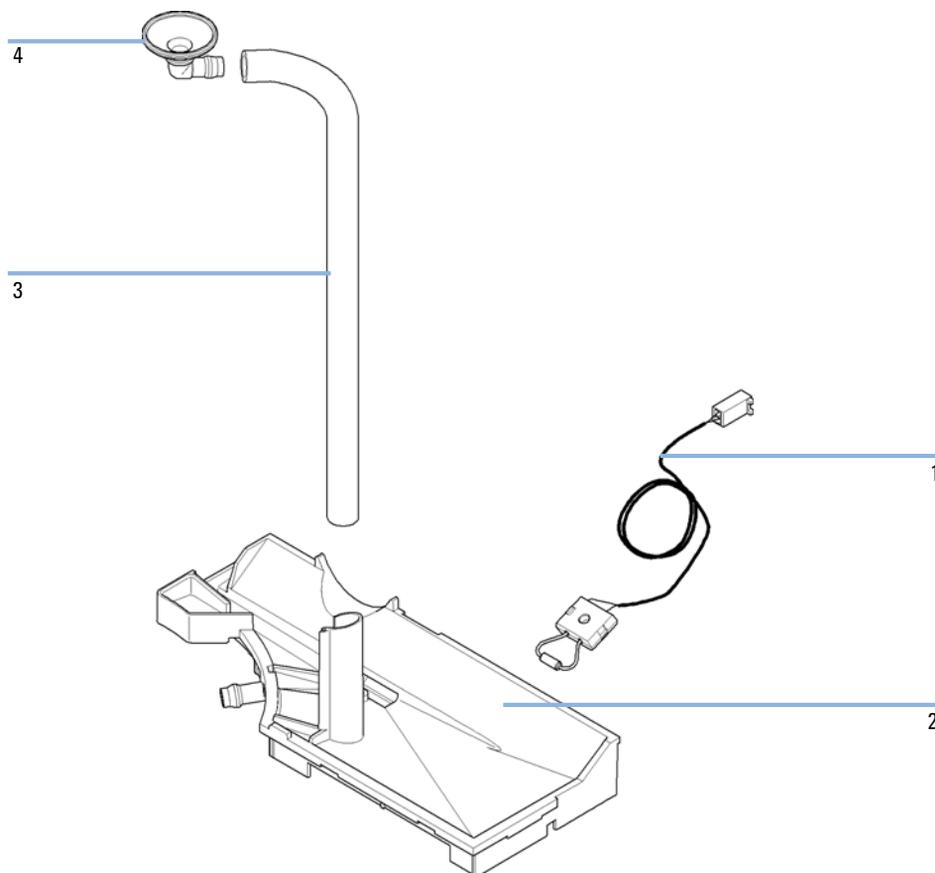
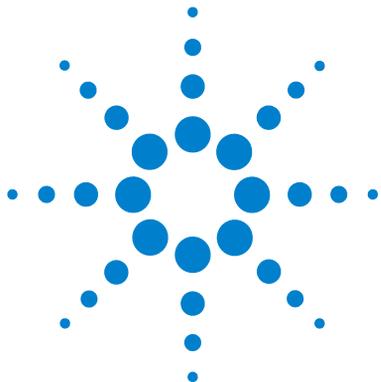


Figure 35 Leak system parts

| Item | # | p/n | Description |
|------|---|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 5061-3356 | Leak sensor |
| 2 | 1 | G4226-44511 | Leak plane |
| 3 | 1 | 0890-1711 | Leak tubing 185 mm |
| 4 | 1 | 5041-8388 | Leak funnel |



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This chapter provides information on cables used with the 1290 series of HPLC modules.



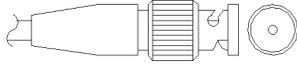
Cable Overview

NOTE

Never use cables other than the ones supplied by Agilent Technologies to ensure proper functionality and compliance with safety or EMC regulations.

| Type | Description | Part Number |
|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Analog cables | 3394/6 integrators | 35900-60750 |
| | Agilent 35900A A/D converter | 35900-60750 |
| | General purpose (spade lugs) | 01046-60105 |
| Remote cables | 3396A (Series I) integrator | 03394-60600 |
| | 3396 Series II / 3395A integrator, see details in section " Remote Cables " on page 185 | |
| | 3396 Series III / 3395B integrator | 03396-61010 |
| | Agilent 35900A A/D converter /1050/1046A | 5061-3378 |
| BCD cables | 3396 integrator | 03396-60560 |
| | General purpose (spade Lugs) | G1351-81600 |
| CAN cables | Agilent 1100/1200 module to module, 0.5 m lg | 5181-1516 |
| | Agilent 1100/1200 module to module, 1 m lg | 5181-1519 |
| External contacts | Agilent 1100/1200 Series interface board to general purpose | G1103-61611 |
| RS-232 cable | RS-232 cable (2 m), instrument to PC, 9-to-9 ppin (female) This cable has special pin-out, and is not compatible with connecting printers and plotters. It's also called "Null Modem Cable" with full handshaking where the wiring is made between pins 1-1, 2-3, 3-2, 4-6, 5-5, 6-4, 7-8, 8-7, 9-9. | 2.0 m - G1530-60600 |
| | | 2.5 m - RS232-61600 |
| LAN cable | Twisted pair cross over LAN cable, (shielded 3 m long) (for point to point connection) | 5023-0203 |
| | Twisted pair cross over LAN cable, (shielded 7 m long) (for point to point connection) | 5023-0202 |

Analog Cables



One end of these cables provides a BNC connector to be connected to Agilent modules. The other end depends on the instrument to which connection is being made.

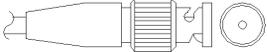
Agilent Module to 3394/6 Integrators

| Connector 35900-60750 | Pin 3394/6 | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 1 | | Not connected |
| | 2 | Shield | Analog - |
| | 3 | Center | Analog + |
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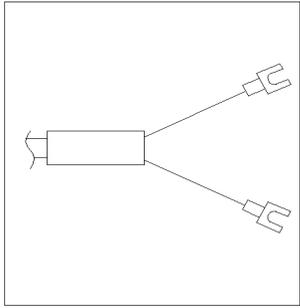
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Analog Cables

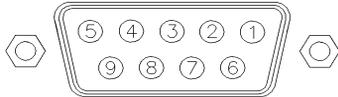
Agilent Module to BNC Connector

| Connector 8120-1840 | Pin BNC | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name |
|---|---------|--------------------|-------------|
|  | Shield | Shield | Analog - |
| | Center | Center | Analog + |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Agilent Module to General Purpose

| Connector 01046-60105 | Pin 3394/6 | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name |
|--|------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  | 1 | | Not connected |
| | 2 | Black | Analog - |
| | 3 | Red | Analog + |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

Remote Cables



One end of these cables provides a Agilent Technologies APG (Analytical Products Group) remote connector to be connected to Agilent modules. The other end depends on the instrument to be connected to.

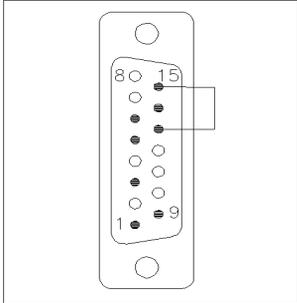
Agilent Module to 3396A Integrators

| Connector 03394-60600 | Pin 3394 | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name | Active (TTL) |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 9 | 1 - White | Digital ground | |
| | NC | 2 - Brown | Prepare run | Low |
| | 3 | 3 - Gray | Start | Low |
| | NC | 4 - Blue | Shut down | Low |
| | NC | 5 - Pink | Not connected | |
| | NC | 6 - Yellow | Power on | High |
| | 5,14 | 7 - Red | Ready | High |
| | 1 | 8 - Green | Stop | Low |
| | NC | 9 - Black | Start request | Low |
| | 13, 15 | | Not connected | |

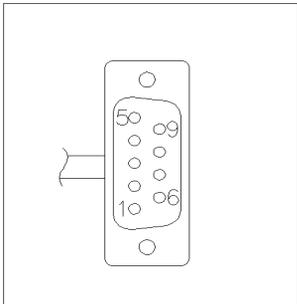
Agilent Module to 3396 Series II / 3395A Integrators

Use the cable p/n 03394-60600 and cut pin #5 on the integrator side. Otherwise the integrator prints START; not ready.

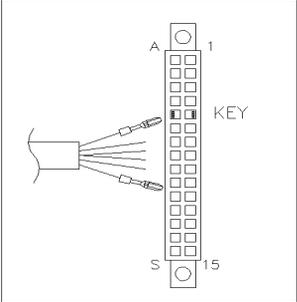
Agilent Module to 3396 Series III / 3395B Integrators

| Connector 03396-61010 | Pin 33XX | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name | Active (TTL) |
|---|----------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | 9 | 1 - White | Digital ground | |
| | NC | 2 - Brown | Prepare run | Low |
| | 3 | 3 - Gray | Start | Low |
| | NC | 4 - Blue | Shut down | Low |
| | NC | 5 - Pink | Not connected | |
| | NC | 6 - Yellow | Power on | High |
| | 14 | 7 - Red | Ready | High |
| | 4 | 8 - Green | Stop | Low |
| | NC | 9 - Black | Start request | Low |
| | 13, 15 | | Not connected | |

Agilent Module to Agilent 35900 A/D Converters (or HP 1050/1046A/1049A)

| Connector 5061-3378 | Pin HP 1050/.... | Pin Agilent modul | Signal Name | Active (TTL) |
|---|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | 1 - White | 1 - White | Digital ground | |
| | 2 - Brown | 2 - Brown | Prepare run | Low |
| | 3 - Gray | 3 - Gray | Start | Low |
| | 4 - Blue | 4 - Blue | Shut down | Low |
| | 5 - Pink | 5 - Pink | Not connected | |
| | 6 - Yellow | 6 - Yellow | Power on | High |
| | 7 - Red | 7 - Red | Ready | High |
| | 8 - Green | 8 - Green | Stop | Low |
| | 9 - Black | 9 - Black | Start request | Low |

Agilent Module to General Purpose

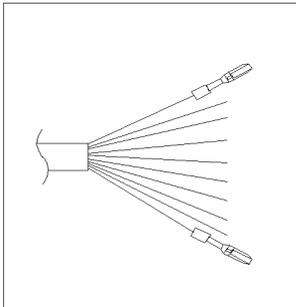
| Connector 01046-60201 | Pin Universal | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name | Active (TTL) |
|---|---------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | | 1 - White | Digital ground | |
| | | 2 - Brown | Prepare run | Low |
| | | 3 - Gray | Start | Low |
| | | 4 - Blue | Shut down | Low |
| | | 5 - Pink | Not connected | |
| | | 6 - Yellow | Power on | High |
| | | 7 - Red | Ready | High |
| | | 8 - Green | Stop | Low |
| | | 9 - Black | Start request | Low |

BCD Cables

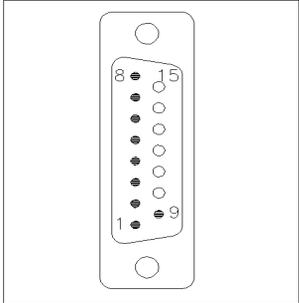


One end of these cables provides a 15-pin BCD connector to be connected to the Agilent modules. The other end depends on the instrument to be connected to

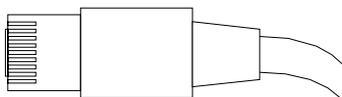
Agilent Module to General Purpose

| Connector G1351-81600 | Wire Color | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name | BCD Digit |
|--|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
|  | Green | 1 | BCD 5 | 20 |
| | Violet | 2 | BCD 7 | 80 |
| | Blue | 3 | BCD 6 | 40 |
| | Yellow | 4 | BCD 4 | 10 |
| | Black | 5 | BCD 0 | 1 |
| | Orange | 6 | BCD 3 | 8 |
| | Red | 7 | BCD 2 | 4 |
| | Brown | 8 | BCD 1 | 2 |
| | Gray | 9 | Digital ground | Gray |
| | Gray/pink | 10 | BCD 11 | 800 |
| | Red/blue | 11 | BCD 10 | 400 |
| | White/green | 12 | BCD 9 | 200 |
| | Brown/green | 13 | BCD 8 | 100 |
| | not connected | 14 | | |
| | not connected | 15 | + 5 V | Low |

Agilent Module to 3396 Integrators

| Connector 03396-60560 | Pin 3392/3 | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name | BCD Digit |
|---|------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
|  | 1 | 1 | BCD 5 | 20 |
| | 2 | 2 | BCD 7 | 80 |
| | 3 | 3 | BCD 6 | 40 |
| | 4 | 4 | BCD 4 | 10 |
| | 5 | 5 | BCD0 | 1 |
| | 6 | 6 | BCD 3 | 8 |
| | 7 | 7 | BCD 2 | 4 |
| | 8 | 8 | BCD 1 | 2 |
| | 9 | 9 | Digital ground | |
| | NC | 15 | + 5 V | Low |

CAN/LAN Cables



Both ends of this cable provide a modular plug to be connected to Agilent modules CAN or LAN connectors.

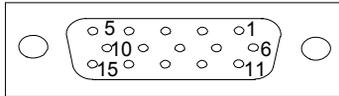
CAN Cables

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| Agilent module to module, 0.5 m | 5181-1516 |
| Agilent module to module, 1 m | 5181-1519 |

LAN Cables

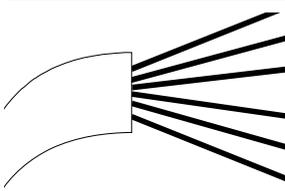
| Description | Part number |
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| Cross-over network cable (shielded, 3 m long), (for point to point connection) | 5023-0203 |
| Twisted pair network cable (shielded, 7 m long) (for hub connections) | 5023-0202 |

External Contact Cable



One end of this cable provides a 15-pin plug to be connected to Agilent modules interface board. The other end is for general purpose.

Agilent Module Interface Board to general purposes

| Connector G1103-61611 | Color | Pin Agilent module | Signal Name |
|---|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  | White | 1 | EXT 1 |
| | Brown | 2 | EXT 1 |
| | Green | 3 | EXT 2 |
| | Yellow | 4 | EXT 2 |
| | Grey | 5 | EXT 3 |
| | Pink | 6 | EXT 3 |
| | Blue | 7 | EXT 4 |
| | Red | 8 | EXT 4 |
| | Black | 9 | Not connected |
| | Violet | 10 | Not connected |
| | Grey/pink | 11 | Not connected |
| | Red/blue | 12 | Not connected |
| | White/green | 13 | Not connected |
| | Brown/green | 14 | Not connected |
| | White/yellow | 15 | Not connected |

Agilent Module to PC

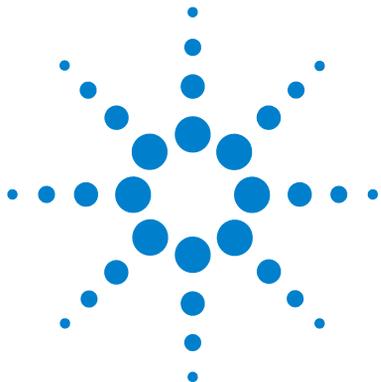
| Description | Part number |
|--|---|
| RS-232 cable instrument to PC, 9-to-9 pin (female) This cable has special pin-out, and is not compatible with connecting printers and plotters. It's a so called "Null Modem Cable" with full handshaking where the wiring is made between pins 1-1, 2-3, 3-2, 4-6, 5-5, 6-4, 7-8, 8-7, 9-9. | G1530-60600 (2 m) RS232-61600 (2.5 m) 5181-1561 (8 m) |

Agilent 1200 Module to Printer

| Description | Part number |
|--|-------------|
| Cable Printer Serial & Parallel, is a SUB-D 9 pin female vs. Centronics connector on the other end (NOT FOR FW UPDATE). For use with G1323 Control Module. | 5181-1529 |

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This chapter provides addition information on safety, legal and web.



General Safety Information

General Safety Information

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation, service, and repair of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the instrument. Agilent Technologies assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.

WARNING

Ensure the proper usage of the equipment.

The protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

→ The operator of this instrument is advised to use the equipment in a manner as specified in this manual.

Safety Standards

This is a Safety Class I instrument (provided with terminal for protective earthing) and has been manufactured and tested according to international safety standards.

Operation

Before applying power, comply with the installation section. Additionally the following must be observed.

Do not remove instrument covers when operating. Before the instrument is switched on, all protective earth terminals, extension cords, auto-transformers, and devices connected to it must be connected to a protective earth via a ground socket. Any interruption of the protective earth grounding will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in serious

personal injury. Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the instrument must be made inoperative and be secured against any intended operation.

Make sure that only fuses with the required rated current and of the specified type (normal blow, time delay, and so on) are used for replacement. The use of repaired fuses and the short-circuiting of fuse holders must be avoided.

Some adjustments described in the manual, are made with power supplied to the instrument, and protective covers removed. Energy available at many points may, if contacted, result in personal injury.

Any adjustment, maintenance, and repair of the opened instrument under voltage should be avoided whenever possible. When inevitable, this has to be carried out by a skilled person who is aware of the hazard involved. Do not attempt internal service or adjustment unless another person, capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation, is present. Do not replace components with power cable connected.

Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Operation of any electrical instrument in such an environment constitutes a definite safety hazard.

Do not install substitute parts or make any unauthorized modification to the instrument.

Capacitors inside the instrument may still be charged, even though the instrument has been disconnected from its source of supply. Dangerous voltages, capable of causing serious personal injury, are present in this instrument. Use extreme caution when handling, testing and adjusting.

When working with solvents please observe appropriate safety procedures (e.g. goggles, safety gloves and protective clothing) as described in the material handling and safety data sheet by the solvent vendor, especially when toxic or hazardous solvents are used.

Safety Symbols

Table 20 Safety Symbols

| Symbol | Description |
|---|---|
|  | The apparatus is marked with this symbol when the user should refer to the instruction manual in order to protect risk of harm to the operator and to protect the apparatus against damage. |
|  | Indicates dangerous voltages. |
|  | Indicates a protected ground terminal. |
|  | Indicates eye damage may result from directly viewing the light produced by the deuterium lamp used in this product. |
|  | The apparatus is marked with this symbol when hot surfaces are available and the user should not touch it when heated up. |

WARNING

A WARNING

alerts you to situations that could cause physical injury or death.

- Do not proceed beyond a warning until you have fully understood and met the indicated conditions.

CAUTION

A CAUTION

alerts you to situations that could cause loss of data, or damage of equipment.

- Do not proceed beyond a caution until you have fully understood and met the indicated conditions.

Lithium Batteries Information

WARNING

Lithium batteries may not be disposed-off into the domestic waste. Transportation of discharged Lithium batteries through carriers regulated by IATA/ICAO, ADR, RID, IMDG is not allowed.

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced.

- Discharged Lithium batteries shall be disposed off locally according to national waste disposal regulations for batteries.
 - Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the equipment manufacturer.
-



WARNING

Lithiumbatteri - Eksplosionsfare ved fejlagtig håndtering.

Udskiftning må kun ske med batteri af samme fabrikat og type.

- Lever det brugte batteri tilbage til leverandøren.
-

WARNING

Lithiumbatteri - Eksplosionsfare.

Ved udskiftning benyttes kun batteri som anbefalt av apparatfabrikanten.

- Brukt batteri returneres apparatleverandøren.
-

NOTE

Bij dit apparaat zijn batterijen geleverd. Wanneer deze leeg zijn, moet u ze niet weggooien maar inleveren als KCA.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC)

Abstract

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC), adopted by EU Commission on 13 February 2003, is introducing producer responsibility on all Electric and Electronic appliances from 13 August 2005.

NOTE



This product complies with the WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC) marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste.

Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex I, this product is classed as a "Monitoring and Control instrumentation" product.

Do not dispose off in domestic household waste

To return unwanted products, contact your local Agilent office, or see www.agilent.com for more information.

Radio Interference

Never use cables other than the ones supplied by Aligent Technologies to ensure proper functionality and compliance with safety or EMC regulations.

Test and Measurement

If test and measurement equipment is operated with equipment unshielded cables and/or used for measurements on open set-ups, the user has to assure that under operating conditions the radio interference limits are still met within the premises.

Sound Emission

Manufacturer's Declaration

This statement is provided to comply with the requirements of the German Sound Emission Directive of 18 January 1991.

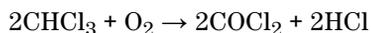
This product has a sound pressure emission (at the operator position) < 70 dB.

- Sound Pressure $L_p < 70$ dB (A)
- At Operator Position
- Normal Operation
- According to ISO 7779:1988/EN 27779/1991 (Type Test)

Use of Solvents

Observe the following recommendations on the use of solvents.

- Brown glass ware can avoid growth of algae.
- Small particles can permanently block capillaries and valves. Therefore always filter solvents through 0.4 µm filters.
- Avoid the use of the following steel-corrosive solvents:
 - Solutions of alkali halides and their respective acids (for example, lithium iodide, potassium chloride, and so on),
 - High concentrations of inorganic acids like sulfuric acid and nitric acid, especially at higher temperatures (if your chromatography method allows, replace by phosphoric acid or phosphate buffer which are less corrosive against stainless steel),
 - Halogenated solvents or mixtures which form radicals and/or acids, for example:



This reaction, in which stainless steel probably acts as a catalyst, occurs quickly with dried chloroform if the drying process removes the stabilizing alcohol,

- Chromatographic grade ethers, which can contain peroxides (for example, THF, dioxane, di-isopropylether) such ethers should be filtered through dry aluminium oxide which adsorbs the peroxides,
- Solvents containing strong complexing agents (e.g. EDTA),
- Mixtures of carbon tetrachloride with 2-propanol or THF.

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- introduction and specifications,
- installation,
- using and optimizing,
- troubleshooting and diagnose,
- maintenance and repair,
- parts identification,
- hardware information,
- safety and related information.

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