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Waters  
UPLC and HPLC columns**

The versatile and powerful VDSpher® phases allow for numerous applications in normal and reversed phase as well as HILIC chromatography. Our wide range of phases offers excellent alternatives to Acquity, Atlantis, Delta-Pak, Nova-Pak, Resolve, Spherisorb, Symmetry, SunFire, XBridge, XSelect, XTerra, µBondapak and µPorasil. Our recommendations are listed in the following tables. If you don't find the required phase on this list, please contact us to find a similar or alternative product from the wide range of VDSpher® phases.

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## 1. Alternatives to Acquity

Waters	VDSpher®	
Acquity	replacement recommendation	comments
Acquity BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 130Å, 1.7µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 1.8µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Acquity BEH C <sub>8</sub> , 1.7µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-E, 1.8µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5 higher surface area → longer retention expected
Acquity BEH Phenyl, 1.7µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 Phenyl-E, 1.8µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5 higher surface area → longer retention expected
Acquity BEH HILIC, 1.7µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 1.8µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 8 higher surface area → longer retention expected
Acquity HSS T3, 1.8µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 1.8µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Acquity HSS C <sub>18</sub> , 1.8µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 1.8µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
Acquity HSS CN, 1.8µm	U-VDSpher® PUR 100 CN, 1.8µm	endcapped higher surface area → longer retention expected

## 2. Alternatives to Nova-Pak

Waters	VDSpher®	
Nova-Pak	replacement recommendation	comments
Nova-Pak C <sub>18</sub> , 4µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 4µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak C <sub>8</sub> , 4µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-E, 4µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak Phenyl, 4µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 Phenyl-E, 4µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak CN, 4µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 CN, 4µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak Silica, 4µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 4µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak Prep HR C <sub>18</sub> , 6µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 5µm or 7µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Nova-Pak Prep HR Silica, 6µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 5µm or 7µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected

### 3. Alternatives to Atlantis

Waters	VDSpher®	
Atlantis	replacement recommendation	comments
Atlantis T3, 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis T3, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis T3, 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 10µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis dC <sub>18</sub> , 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-E, 3µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis dC <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-E, 5µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis dC <sub>18</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-E, 10µm	higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Atlantis HILIC Silica, 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 3µm	
Atlantis HILIC Silica, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 HILIC, 5µm	
Atlantis HILIC Silica, 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 10µm	

### 4. Alternatives to Delta-Pak

Waters	VDSpher®	
Delta-Pak	replacement recommendation	comments
Delta-Pak C <sub>18</sub> , 100Å, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 5µm	
Delta-Pak C <sub>18</sub> , 300Å, 5µm	VDSpher® OptiBio PUR 300 C18-E, 5µm	
Delta-Pak C <sub>4</sub> , 100Å, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C4-E, 5µm	
Delta-Pak C <sub>4</sub> , 300Å, 5µm	VDSpher® OptiBio PUR 300 C4-E, 5µm	

## 5. Alternatives to Resolve

Waters	VDSpher®	
Resolve	replacement recommendation	comments
Resolve Silica, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 SIL, 5µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
Resolve Silica, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 SIL, 10µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
Resolve C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-NE, 5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Resolve C <sub>18</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-NE, 10µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Resolve C <sub>8</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C8-E, 10µm	endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Resolve CN, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 CN, 10µm	endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected

## 6. Alternatives to Spherisorb

Waters	VDSpher®	
Spherisorb	replacement recommendation	comments
Spherisorb ODS2, 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 3µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODS2, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-E, 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODS2, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-E, 10µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODS1, 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-NE, 3µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODS1, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-NE, 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODS1, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-NE, 10µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb ODSB, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-E, 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb C <sub>8</sub> , 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-E, 3µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected

## 6. Alternatives to Spherisorb (continued)

<b>Waters</b>	<b>VDSpher®</b>	
<b>Spherisorb</b>	<b>replacement recommendation</b>	<b>comments</b>
Spherisorb C <sub>8</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C8-E, 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb C <sub>8</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C8-E, 10µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb NH <sub>2</sub> , 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 NH <sub>2</sub> , 3µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb NH <sub>2</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® 100 NH <sub>2</sub> , 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb NH <sub>2</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 NH <sub>2</sub> , 10µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb Phenyl, 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 Phenyl-E, 3µm	higher purity, endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb Phenyl, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 Phenyl-E, 5µm	higher purity, endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb Phenyl, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 Phenyl-E, 10µm	higher purity, endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb CN, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 CN, 5µm	higher purity, endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb CN, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 CN, 10µm	higher purity, endcapped higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb OD/CN, 5µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-H, 5µm	higher purity higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
Spherisorb W (Silica), 3µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 3µm	higher purity higher surface area → longer retention expected
Spherisorb W (Silica), 5µm	VDSpher® 150 SIL, 5µm	higher purity
Spherisorb W (Silica), 10µm	VDSpher® 100 SIL, 10µm	higher purity higher surface area → longer retention expected

## 7. Alternatives to SunFire

Waters	VDSpher®	
SunFire	replacement recommendation	comments
SunFire C <sub>8</sub> , 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C8-B-DE, 2.5µm	
SunFire C <sub>8</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-SE, 3.5µm	
SunFire C <sub>8</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-SE, 5µm	
SunFire C <sub>8</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-SE, 10µm	
SunFire C <sub>18</sub> , 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C18-DE, 2.5µm	
SunFire C <sub>18</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-SE, 3.5µm	
SunFire C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-SE, 5µm	
SunFire C <sub>18</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-SE, 10µm	
SunFire Silica, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 5µm	
SunFire Silica, 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 SIL, 10µm	

## 8. Alternatives to µPorasil

Waters	VDSpher®	
µPorasil	replacement recommendation	comments
µPorasil, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 SIL, 10µm	spherical instead of irregular particles

## 9. Alternatives to Symmetry

Waters	VDSpher®	
Symmetry	replacement recommendation	comments
Symmetry C <sub>18</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-SE, 3.5µm	
Symmetry C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-SE, 5µm	
Symmetry C <sub>8</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-SE, 3.5µm	
Symmetry C <sub>8</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-SE, 5µm	
SymmetryPrep C <sub>18</sub> , 7µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-E, 7µm	
SymmetryPrep C <sub>8</sub> , 7µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-E, 7µm	
Symmetry 300 C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® OptiBio PUR 300 C18-SE, 5µm	
Symmetry 300 C <sub>4</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® OptiBio PUR 300 C4-SE, 5µm	

## 10. Alternatives to µBondapak

Waters	VDSpher®	
µBondapak	replacement recommendation	comments
µBondapak C <sub>18</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 C18-E, 10µm	spherical instead of irregular particles higher carbon load → longer retention expected
µBondapak Phenyl, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 Phenyl-E, 10µm	spherical instead of irregular particles higher carbon load → longer retention expected
µBondapak CN, 10µm	VDSpher® 100 CN, 10µm	spherical instead of irregular particles
µBondapak NH <sub>2</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® 100 NH <sub>2</sub> , 10µm	spherical instead of irregular particles

## 11. Alternatives to XBridge

Waters	VDSpher <sup>®</sup>	
XBridge	replacement recommendation	comments
XBridge C <sub>18</sub> , 2.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> MS 100 C18-B-DE, 2.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge C <sub>18</sub> , 3.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge C <sub>18</sub> , 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge C <sub>18</sub> , 10μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 10μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge C <sub>8</sub> , 2.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> MS 100 C8-B-DE, 2.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge C <sub>8</sub> , 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C8-M-SE, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Phenyl, 2.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> MS 100 Phenyl-B, 2.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5
XBridge Phenyl, 3.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 Phenyl-B, 3.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5
XBridge Phenyl, 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 Phenyl-B, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5
XBridge HILIC, 3.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 SIL, 3.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 8
XBridge HILIC, 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 HILIC, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 8
XBridge Peptide BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 130Å, 3.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Peptide BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 130Å, 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Peptide BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 130Å, 10μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 10μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Peptide BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 300Å, 5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> OptiBio PUR 300 C18-TSE, 5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Peptide BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 300Å, 10μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> OptiBio PUR 300 C18-TSE, 10μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10
XBridge Oligo BEH C <sub>18</sub> , 2.5μm	VDSpher <sup>®</sup> MS 100 C18-B-DE, 2.5μm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10



## 12. Alternatives to XSelect

Waters	VDSpher®	
XSelect	replacement recommendation	comments
XSelect HSS T3, 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C18-B-DE, 2.5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS T3, 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3.5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS T3, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> , 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C18-B-DE, 2.5µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3.5µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5µm	higher surface area → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> SB, 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C18-B, 2.5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> SB, 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M, 3.5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS C <sub>18</sub> SB, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M, 5µm	higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS CN, 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 CN-DE, 2.5µm	endcapped higher surface area → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS CN, 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 CN, 3.5µm	endcapped higher surface area → longer retention expected
XSelect HSS CN, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 CN, 5µm	endcapped higher surface area → longer retention expected

## 13. Alternatives to XTerra

Waters	VDSpher®	
XTerra	replacement recommendation	comments
XTerra MS C <sub>18</sub> , 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C18-B-DE, 2.5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XTerra MS C <sub>18</sub> , 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 3.5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XTerra MS C <sub>18</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XTerra MS C <sub>18</sub> , 10µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C18-M-SE, 10µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area and higher carbon load → longer retention expected
XTerra MS C <sub>8</sub> , 2.5µm	VDSpher® MS 100 C8-B-DE, 2.5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area → longer retention expected
XTerra MS C <sub>8</sub> , 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 C8-M-SE, 5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 10 higher surface area → longer retention expected
XTerra Phenyl, 3.5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 Phenyl-E, 3.5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 7.5 higher surface area → longer retention expected
XTerra Phenyl, 5µm	VDSpher® PUR 100 Phenyl-SE, 5µm	use only in range of pH = 2 to 9 higher surface area → longer retention expected

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