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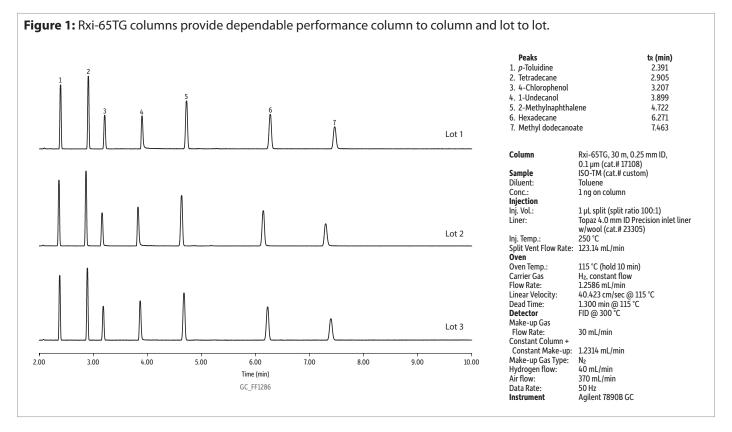
Edible oils, especially olive oil, are big business. It's why honest producers strive for a quality product, and it's why others cheat consumers by selling adulterated goods that have been blended with or completely replaced by cheaper, lower-quality oils. To protect the industry, food scientists require analytical solutions that dependably determine quality and authenticity.

For decades, GC columns with 65% phenyl-substituted polysiloxane stationary phases (65-type) have been used to analyze triglycerides (acylglycerols) in edible oils. But, quality and consistency vary significantly because evenly coating these phases inside column tubing is very difficult to do. As a result, 65-type columns can exhibit high bleed and low inertness. Bleed interferes with accurate identification and quantitation, and over time it leads to shifts in retention time, loss of resolution, and poor peak shape due to increasing column activity. The relatively high temperatures used in most triglyceride methods only exacerbate these problems.

To provide a better option for food scientists around the world, Restek developed a 65-type column that couples a new high phenyl column-coating technology with the proven manufacturing techniques used to make our premier Rxi column family. The result is the Rxi-65TG column, a thermally stable, reliably robust column designed specifically for the analysis of triglycerides in edible oils.

# Consistent Performance—Every Column, Every Time

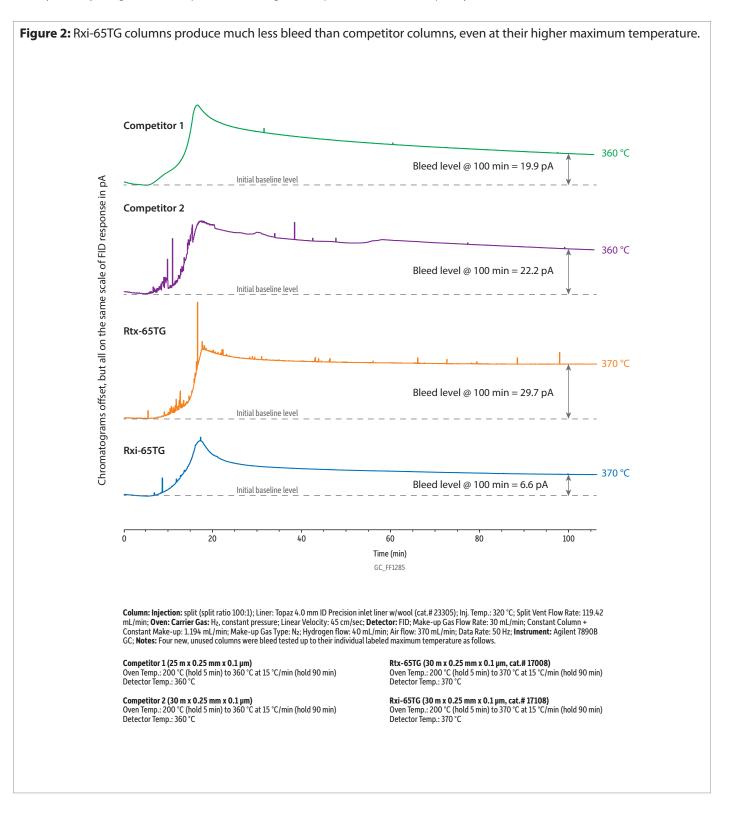
Figure 1 demonstrates the consistent performance of Rxi-65TG columns. Tightly controlled manufacturing and rigorous QC testing ensure that every new Rxi-65TG column will perform as well as the last. We even monitor the symmetry of undecanol, an active probe that is an excellent indicator of column inertness, to ensure that Rxi-65TG columns are inert enough to observe underivatized mono- and diglycerides (Figure 3).





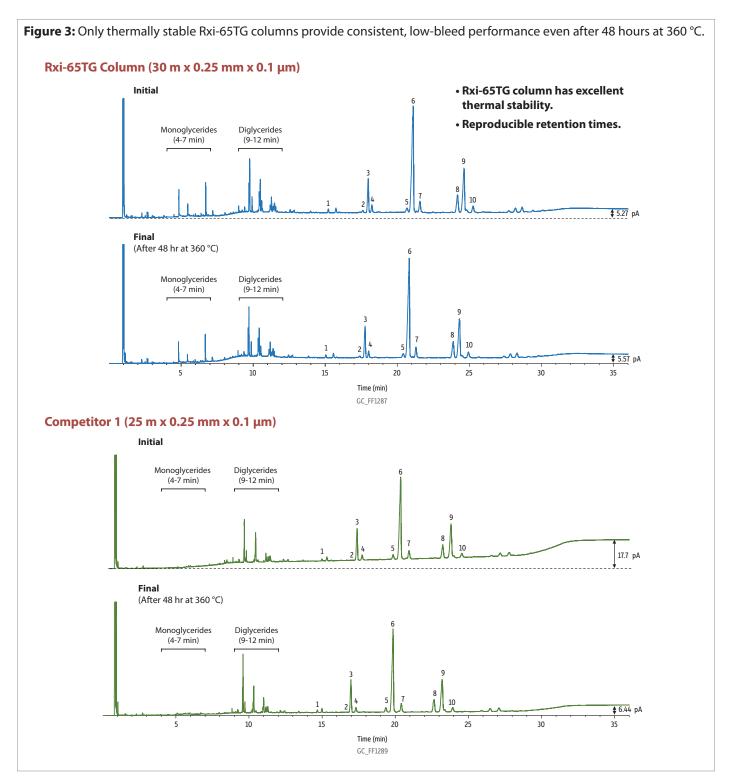
### **Rxi-65TG Columns: More Rugged Than the Rest**

Designed to withstand high-temperature conditions, Rxi-65TG columns represent the next level of thermal stability for high-phenyl content GC columns. Novel chemistry and cutting-edge manufacturing allow Rxi-65TG columns to outperform leading competitor columns for triglyceride analysis, even beating our own original 65-type column. Figure 2 demonstrates that Rxi-65TG columns produce less bleed at their higher maximum temperature (370 °C) than competitor columns produce at their lower maximum temperature (360 °C). Less bleed means more accurate and sensitive detection of edible oil triglycerides—and more certainty in the results you report. In addition, higher temperature stability means you'll get consistent performance longer and replace columns less frequently.

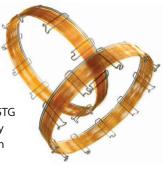


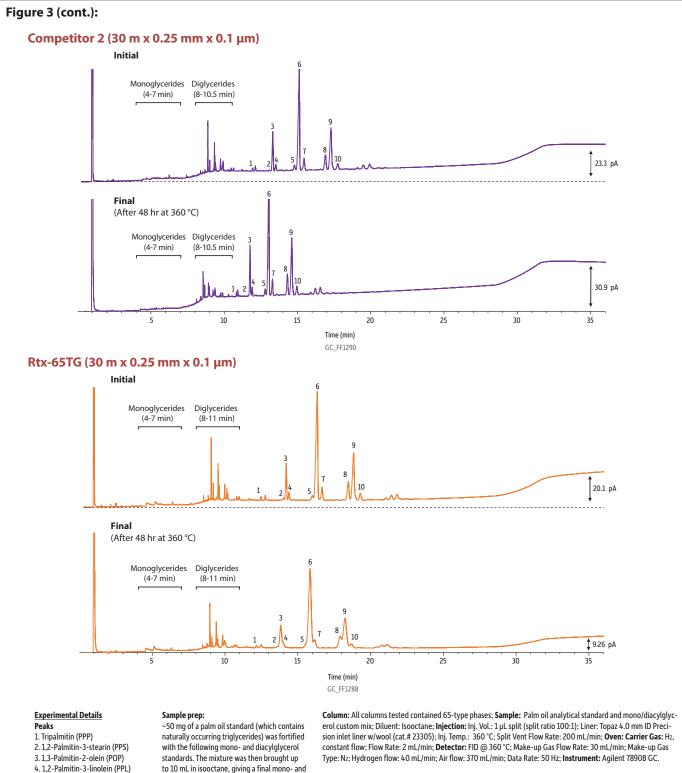
# **Dependable Results Even Under Extreme Conditions**

The truest test of thermal stability is how a column performs after long-term exposure to stressful conditions. Columns used for triglycerides analysis are routinely cycled above 360 °C for short periods, so we created a more rigorous test that compared the columns after a total high temperature exposure time of 48 hours. In the experiment detailed below, the final oven temperature was held to 360 °C for all columns because it was the maximum temperature of the competitor columns (Rxi-65TG columns are rated up to 370 °C). As shown in Figure 3, the Rxi-65TG column has the lowest bleed throughout the experiment, which means you can reliably separate and quantify triglycerides—even after days of cumulative high-temperature exposure—without interference from bleed. In addition, only the Rxi-65TG column was inert enough that both mono- and diglycerides could be observed.









**Testing Conditions:** 

Six injections of fortified palm oil were made under the following conditions. Extended final hold times were used to challenge column stability. After each 24-hour challenge period, column performance was assessed using an injection with a final hold time that is typical for triglyceride analysis.

Injection 1: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 12 hr) Injection 2: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 12 hr) Injection 3: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 5 min) Injection 4: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 12 hr) Injection 5: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 12 hr) Injection 6: 100 °C (hold 1 min) to 325 °C at 30 °C/min to 345 °C at 1 °C/min to 360 °C at 5 °C/min (hold 5 min)

- 4. 1,2-Palmitin-3-linolein (PPL)
- 5. 1-Palmitin-2-olein-3-stearin (POS)
- 6. 1,2-Olein-3-palmitin (POO)
- 7. 1-Palmitin-2-linolein-3-olein (PLO)
- 8. 1,2-Stearin-3-olein (SSO) 9. Triolein (000)
- 10. 1,2-Olein-3-linolein (OOL)
- 3.1,2-Distearin 4.1,3-Distearin 5.1-Monopalmitin

1. 1,2-Dipalmitin

2.1,3-Dipalmitin

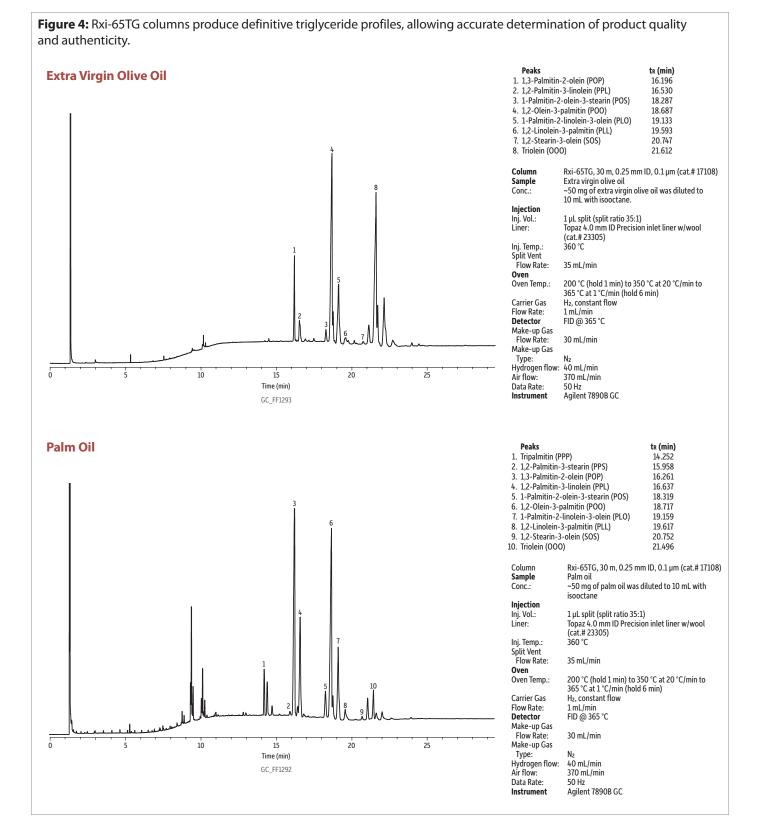
diglycerides concentration of ~100 µg/mL.

- 6.2-Monopalmitin
- 7.1-Monostearin

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## **Definitive Answers for Food Quality and Authenticity**

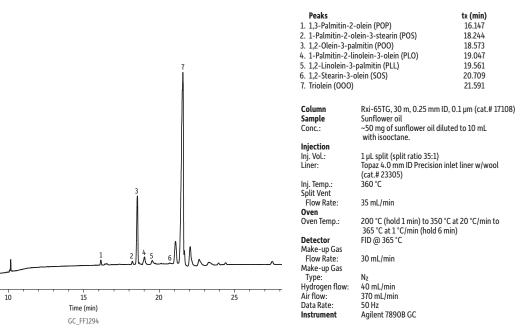
Novel chemistry, exacting manufacturing procedures, and application-specific quality control yield the industry's most rugged and reliable column for accurate, precise analysis of triglycerides in edible oils. Figure 4 illustrates the triglyceride profiles of four different commonly tested commodities: olive oil, palm oil, sunflower oil, and cocoa butter. Each product has a distinct triglyceride profile that is easily discerned using an Rxi-65TG column.

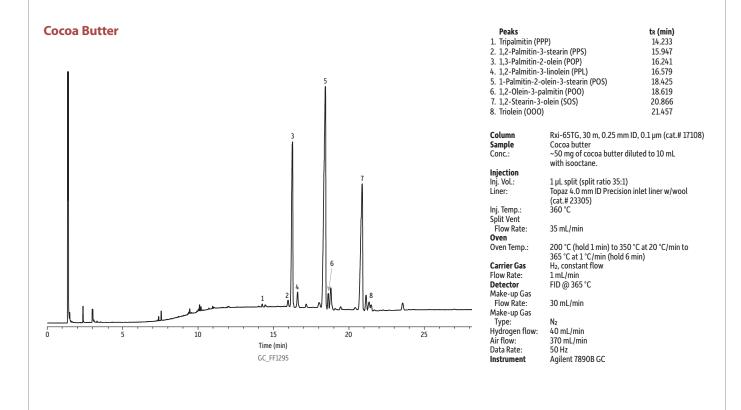




# Figure 4 (cont.): **Sunflower Oil** Peaks Column Sample Conc.: Injection Inj. Vol.: Liner: Inj. Temp.: Split Vent Flow Rate:

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### Fight Food Fraud with Rxi-65TG Columns

Labs on the forefront of food quality and authenticity require analytical columns that reliably generate accurate, precise data. With best-in-class thermal stability up to 370 °C, Rxi-65TG columns are the top performing column for the analysis of triglycerides in edible oils.

#### Rxi-65TG Columns (fused silica)

High-polarity Crossbond phase

- Ideal for the analysis of triglycerides in edible oils.
- Excellent thermal stability up to 370 °C ensures consistent results and longer column lifetimes.
- Separate and quantify critical triglycerides (acylglycerols) without interference from column bleed.
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			15-Meter	25-Meter	30-Meter
ID	df	temp. limits	cat.#	cat.#	cat.#
0.25 mm	0.10 µm	40 to 370 °C	17105	17107	17108
0.32 mm	0.10 µm	40 to 370 °C	17106	17110	17109

### SGE SilTite $\mu$ -Union Connectors

- Reliably create permanent connections between fused silica analytical columns, guard columns, and retention gaps.
- Robust connection is stable through extreme temperature and pressure cycling, making it ideal for use with mass spectrometers.

Description	Fits Column ID	Vendor cat.#	qty.	cat.#
	0.32 mm to 0.32 mm	073563RE	kit	23882
SilTite µ-Union	0.32 mm to 0.53 mm	073564RE	kit	23883
Connector Kit containing	0.53 mm to 0.53 mm	073565RE	kit	23884
μ-Union connectors (2); double taper ferrules (5);	0.18/0.25 mm to 0.18/0.25 mm	073560RE	kit	23885
and installation tools	0.18/0.25 mm to 0.32 mm	073561RE	kit	23886
	0.18/0.25 mm to 0.53 mm	073562RE	kit	23887





#### Rxi Guard/Retention Gap Columns (fused silica)

- Extend column lifetime.
- Excellent inertness—obtain lower detection limits for active compounds.
- Sharper chromatographic peaks by utilizing retention gap technology.
- Maximum temperature: 360 °C.

ID	Nominal OD	5-Meter cat.#	5-Meter/6-pk. cat.#	10-Meter cat.#	10-Meter/6-pk. cat.#
0.25 mm	0.37 ± 0.04 mm	10029	10029-600	10059	10059-600
0.32 mm	0.45 ± 0.04 mm	10039	10039-600	10064	10064-600
0.53 mm	0.69 ± 0.05 mm	10054	10054-600	10073	10073-600



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