

**Thermo Scientific Dionex**  
AutoTrace 280 SPE Instrument



# Automate Large-Volume Solid-Phase Extractions

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## System features and performance

### Automate Large Volume Solid-Phase Extractions

The Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument is an automated solid-phase extraction (SPE) system for use with large samples (20 mL–4 L) for the isolation of trace organics in water or aqueous matrices. The compounds of interest are trapped on SPE adsorbents (cartridge or disk format) then eluted with strong solvents to generate an extract ready for analysis.

The Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument saves time, solvent, and labor ensuring high reproducibility and productivity for analytical laboratories. The instrument can process up to 6 samples in 2–3 hours with only 15 minutes of operator involvement. With Dionex AutoTrace and Thermo Scientific™ Dionex™ ASE™ 150 / 350 Accelerated Solvent Extractor systems laboratories can effectively automate the solvent-extraction process for liquid and solid matrices.

### The AutoTrace 280 Instrument Provides Reliability and Precision

With the Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument you can:

- Automate SPE steps
- Provide superior analytical precision by automation of the SPE process
- Use positive pressure constant flow for improved analytical precision

### Dionex AutoTrace Offers Value

Features	Benefits/Values
Automated sample loading of liquids onto SPE cartridges	Allows unattended operation
Automated eluting of SPE cartridges with organic solvent	Allows unattended operation
Closed systems with fan to vent solvent vapors	Conserves valuable hood space since a fume hood is not required
SPE technology for liquid-liquid extraction	Reduces solvent usage and elimination of glassware for reduced operational cost
Positive pressure loading and elution of samples and solvents	Provides constant flow of liquids through SPE cartridges for improved analytical precision

Dionex AutoTrace instruments offer many advantages for sample preparation over traditional techniques including:

- Solid-phase extraction technology to save time, solvent, and labor
- Decrease in analytical costs through savings of labor and solvents
- Increase in productivity or sample throughput from unattended operation
- Flexibility in operation: 1 mL, 3 mL, or 6 mL cartridges or 47 mm disks

Current analytical methods that may require SPE preparation include GC, GC-MS, LC, and LC-MS, and cover the following sample matrices:

- Pesticides (OCPs, OPPs, diquats, and urea ionic pesticides)
- Pollutants (phenols, PCBs, nitrosamines, and dioxins)
- Personal care products (pharmaceuticals, steroids, and endocrine disruptors)
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (DRO)
- Explosive residues
- Beverages and flavor components

### Applications and Systems Performance

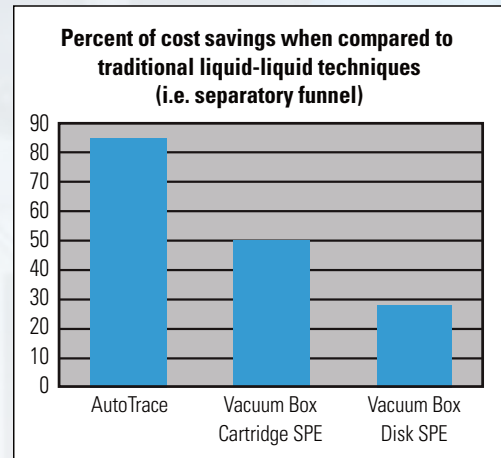
Performance				
Pesticide Recovery Study N=6	Thermo Scientific Dionex AutoTrace SPE		Vacuum Manifold SPE	
	Recovery %	%RSD	Recovery %	%RSD
Compound				
Atrazine	88	1.8	54	12.2
Propazine	91	1.5	80	7.3
Alachlor	99	3.4	96	4.1
Metachlor	99	4.3	96	2.9

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The Dionex AutoTrace instrument is suitable for a wide variety of matrices such as:

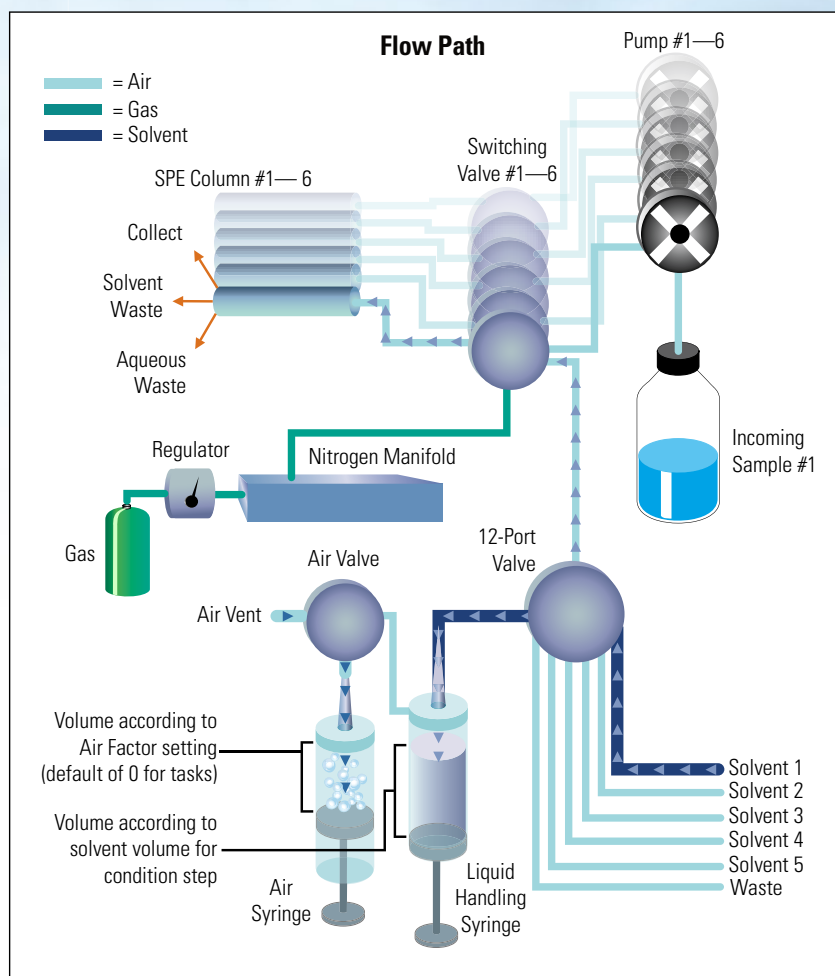
- Drinking water
- Ground or surface water
- Wastewater
- Beverages

Automation provides lower cost of analysis by reducing the amount of time required for extraction. More than half of the sample preparation cost for a typical vacuum manifold extraction is from operator labor. The Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument provides unattended operation, significantly reducing the cost of analysis.



## Instrument Operation

The Dionex AutoTrace 280 instrument automates the SPE process. First, the sample cartridges or disks are conditioned with solvent or buffer. Next, the liquid or water samples are pumped from the sample container through the SPE cartridges or disks. As the sample passes through the SPE material, analytes of interest are adsorbed and the liquid goes to aqueous waste. Then, the SPE material is rinsed to remove possible interferences. Finally, the analytes of interest are eluted from the SPE material with a strong solvent and collected.



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## Key Specifications

Gas Regulator and Gas Gauge Range:

Output: 0–30 psi (0–1.4 bar)

Input: 100 psi (6.9 bar) maximum

Net Weight

95 lbs. (43.09 kg)

Dimensions (h × w × d)

23 × 25 × 27 in (57 × 63.5 × 69 cm)

Sample Rack: 8 × 16.5 × 13 in

Operating System Software

24 methods stored in the AutoTrace software

Unlimited number of methods stored in PC

Electrical

Voltage: 100, 120, 220, or 240 V ± 10%

Frequency: 47–63 Hz

Power: 150 Volt AC

Liquid Management

Air Syringe: One 10 mL air syringe

LH Syringe: One 10 mL liquid

handling syringe

12-port Valve: Rotary, sliding Rulon® seal

Valves: 3-way, Teflon®

Nozzles: Stainless steel

Sample Inlet: TFE tubing, 1/16" ID,

6 total provided

Sample Pumps

Displacement: Positive

Accuracy: ± 2.5%

Tube Fitting: Kynar®

Piston and Liner: Ceramic

Non Use: Acetic acid, acetone

SPE Configurations

1 mL Syringe: Compatible cartridges

3 mL Syringe: Compatible cartridges

6 mL Syringe: Compatible cartridges

Disk Version: 47 mm SPE disk

SPE Parameters	
Flow Rate	Range
Cond Flow	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Load Flow	1.0–30.0 mL/min (Cartridge version) 2.0–60.0 mL/min (Disk version)
Rinse Flow	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Elute Flow	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Cond Air Push	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Rinse Air Push	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Elute Air Push	0.6–40.0 mL/min
Push Delay	0–999 seconds



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Description	P/N
Dionex AutoTrace 280 Automated Large Volume SPE for for 47 MM Disks	071386
Dionex AutoTrace 280 Automated Large Volume SPE for 6 mL Cartridges	071385
Dionex AutoTrace 280 Automated Large Volume SPE for 3 mL Cartridges	072605
Dionex AutoTrace 280 Automated Large Volume SPE for 1 mL Cartridges	072604
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