Easy to Use, Low-Cost, Fast Automated Sample Cleanup for Dioxin and PCB Analysis

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Agenda

- Overview of Manual and Automated Sample Cleanup
- Columns and Fat removal Capacities
- Low Cost, High Throughput Automation
- Demonstration
- Results

Why Manual Sample Prep is the preference for most labs?

Advantages of Manual Sample Prep

- Flexibility
- Low initial Capital equipment Cost
- Easier to implement
- No electronics or mechanical failure
  No down time due to system failure
- No service contract cost

Disadvantages of Manual Sample Prep

- Human Error
- Less Efficiency
- Increased workload
- Inconsistency
- Risk of Cross contamination
- Human Exposure to Chemicals
- Lack of Traceability
- Difficult to Scale up

Automated Sample Prep
Pros & Cons

Advantages Automated Sample Prep

- Efficiency & Speed
- Accuracy & Consistency
- Repeatability & Reproducibility
- Reduction of Manual Labor
- Documentation & Traceability
- Less exposure to Hazardous compounds
- Cleaner Background less Interference
- Simpler QA/QC & Accreditation

Disadvantages Automated Sample Prep

- High Initial Cost
- Maintenance & Service contract Cost
- Technical Knowledge required
- System Limited Flexibility
- Down time due to failure
- Sample size limitation

FMS Solution
Minimize Disadvantages of Automation and Enhance the Advantages of Manual Sample prep

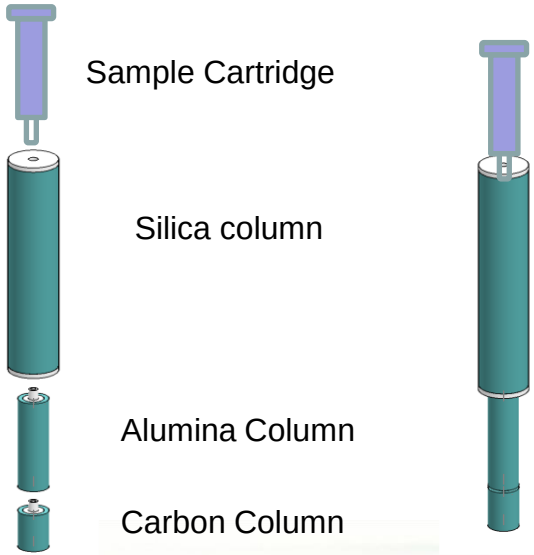
Disadvantages Automated Sample Prep	FMS Solutions " EZprep 6 sample parallel system"
➢ High Initial Cost mechanical	EzPrep uses minimal number of electronics and valves reduces the cost
➢ Maintenance & Service contract Cost	EzPrep /+ has one electronic module & 6 pumps which easily can be maintained
➢ Technical Knowledge required	Simple to operate. No more than few hours training needed
➢ Down time due to failure	Minimum down time due to modularity and minimal electronics & electromechanical valves
➢ System Limited Flexibility with basic	EzPrep can run Dioxins, PCBs, PBDEs, PAHs, EPH, OCPs System

FMS Certified Columns for Different Fat Capacities

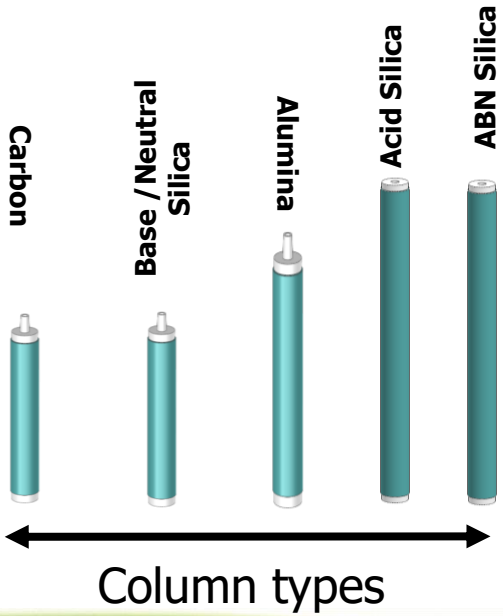
FMS Certified Snap-In columns:

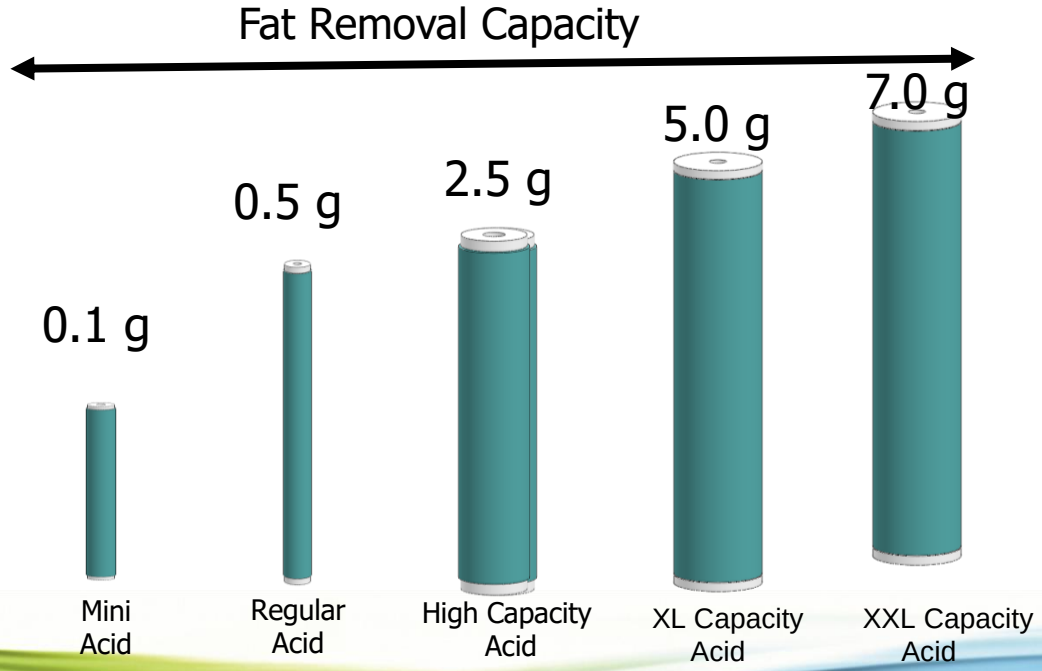
- Easy to connect
- NO fittings
- Designed for easier flow
- Different size for different fat capacity from 0.2 up to 7 gm of Fat

Disassembled **Assembled**



Columns/ Fat Removal Capacity





Sample Analysis Workflow

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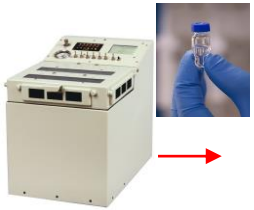


Triple Quad

PLE Extraction

45 Min

Concentration

30 Min

Sample Cleanup/ Concentration

120 MIN

Vial Concentration

45 Min

Total Sample Prep Time = 4 hours per batch of 6 samples

EzPrep Plus

Features:

- Programmable Flow rate and Volume
- Pressure indicator and over pressure alarm
- Real time read-out for dispensed volume and pressure
- Ability to select from 1 to six samples
- Can accommodate up to 4 solvents
- Economical & less expensive automation

Automated EzPrep Plus Sample Clean-up

Benefits:

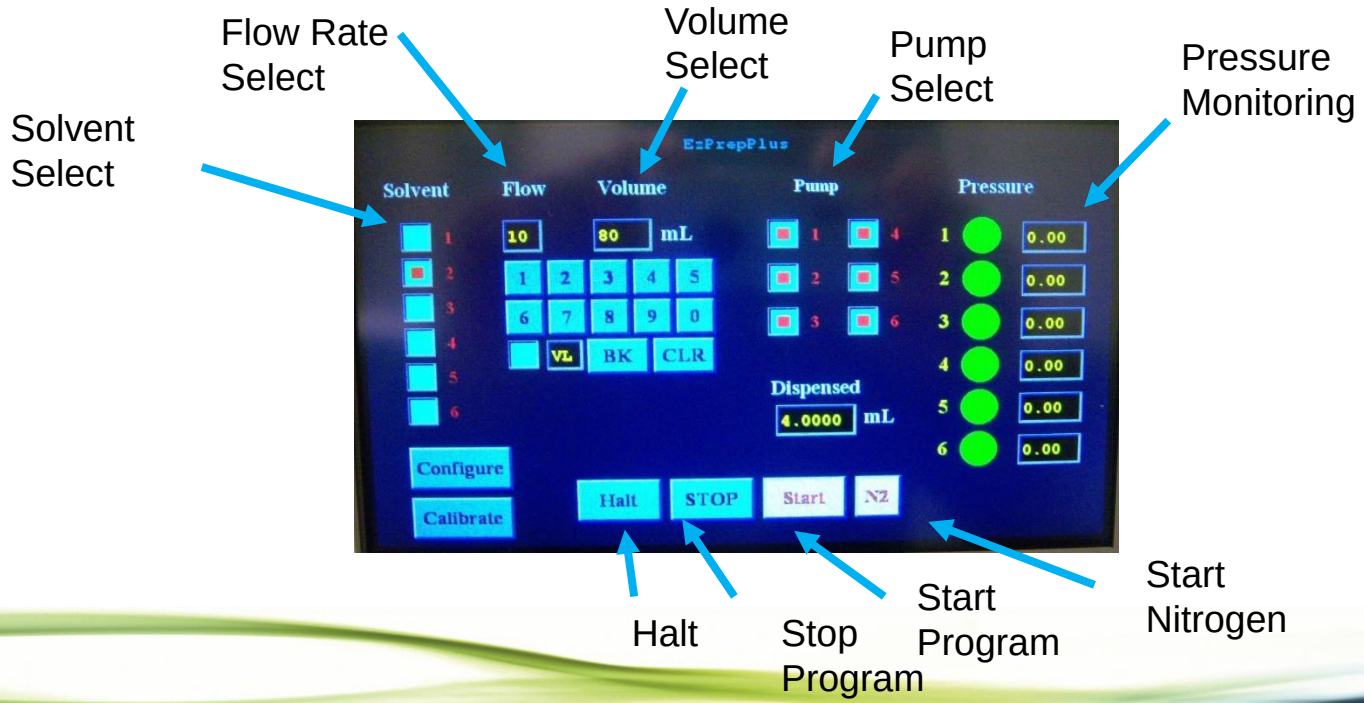
➢ Rapid Turn Around Time:	35 to 60 Minutes for 6 Samples
➢ Simple Programming	Select Solvent, Set Flow & Volume
➢ High Throughput:	Process up to 48 samples per day
➢ Cleaner Background Interferences:	Closed Loop System
➢ Quality Results:	Certified Pre-packaged Columns
➢ Green Technology:	Low solvent and power use
➢ QA/QC & Accreditation Requirements:	Easy to manage
➢ Reliable	Minimal Electronics & Electro-Mechanical

Attributes EZPrep Plus

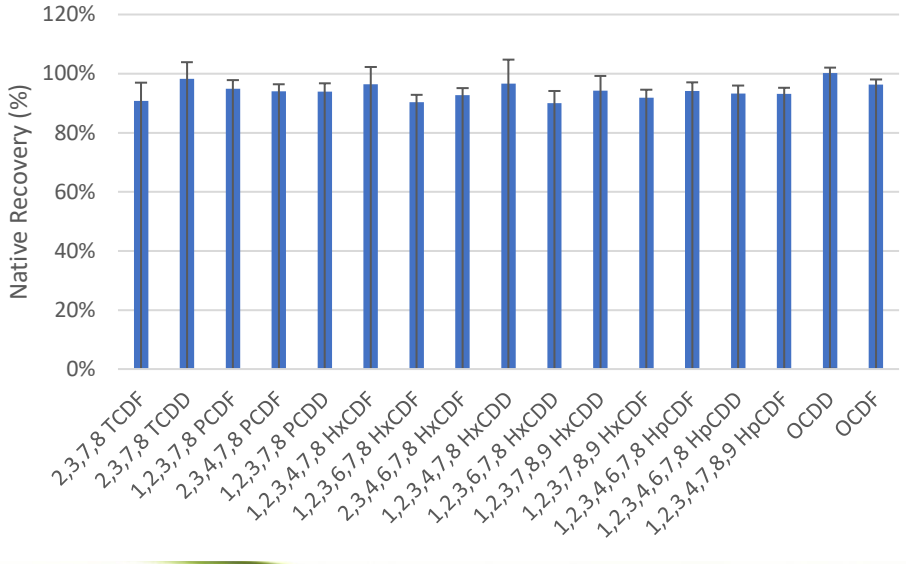
- **Optimized for solvent reduction while obtaining highest possible recoveries**
- **Certified disposable Columns with guaranteed Low native contaminants background and Excellent Recoveries**
- **Quick connect SNAP columns simplifies system set up**
- **Multi pump Solvent Delivery system brings convenient automated solvent selection & dispense with controllable flow & volume**
- **EzPrep/+ designed with Minimum number of electronics and Electromechanical valve to lower cost and simplify the maintenance**

Automated EZprep/+

EzPrep /+ Control Panel

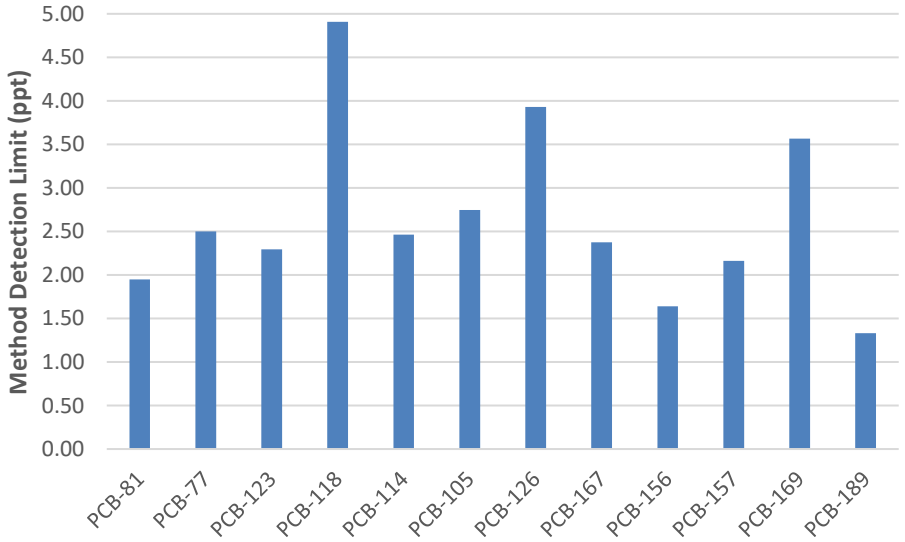


Native PCDD/F IDC



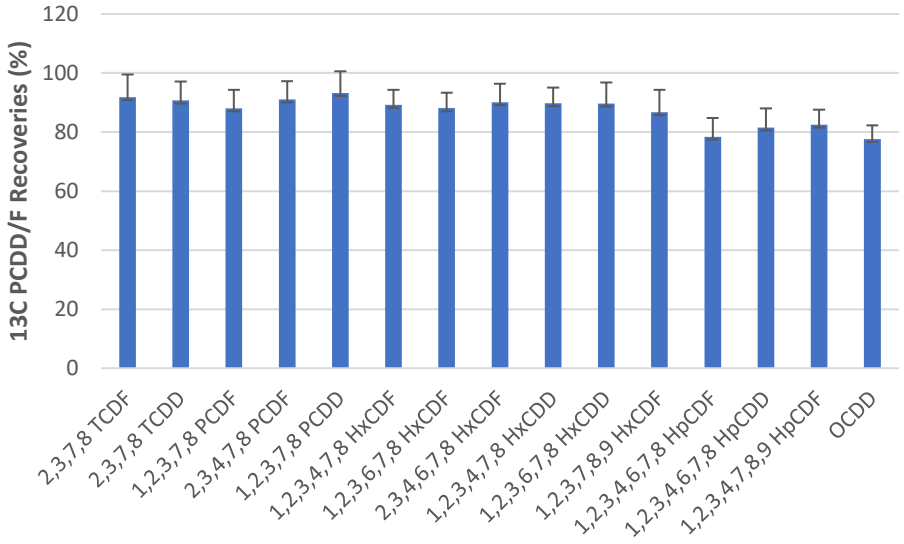
PLE-EZP-conc,
400-4000 pg,
n=6

Native PCB MDL



MDL, PLE-EZP-conc, 10 ppt spike, n=7

^{13}C PCDD/F recoveries no matrix



PLE-EZP-conc, Ottawa Sand matrix, n=6

Native PCBs in oil

	Cod oil		Pumpkin oil		Corn oil	
Natives in pg	Channel-1	Channel-2	Channel-3	Channel-4	Channel-5	Channel-6
PCB-81	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PCB-77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
PCB-123	787.8	854.0	182.4	195.5	26.1	19.0
PCB-118	5858.0	5451.8	150.5	178.9	17.9	13.9
PCB-114	161.4	102.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PCB-105	2027.4	1939.6	66.1	73.6	6.9	4.1
PCB-126	7.2	5.6	8.7	0.0	2.4	5.5
PCB-167	3579.5	3409.8	27.7	33.3	0.0	0.0
PCB-156	1261.0	1199.6	11.9	15.1	15.0	23.7
PCB-157	259.7	244.4	39.5	76.9	24.7	9.0
PCB-169	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
PCB-189	0.0	0.0	7.9	9.6	0.0	0.0

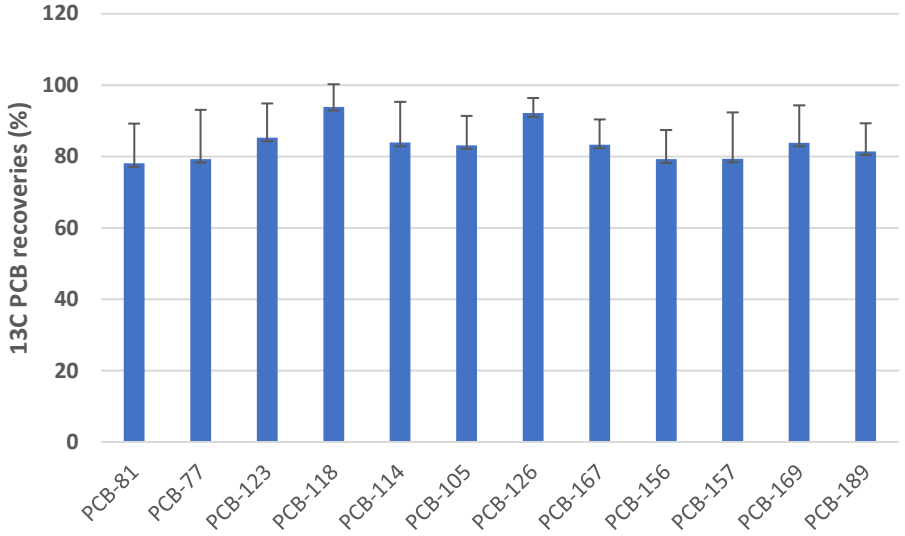
EZP - conc, 2.5 g oils

Native PCDD/Fs in feed and soil

Natives (pg)	Feed-1	Feed-2	Soil-1	Soil-2	MB
2,3,7,8 TCDF	0.0	0.0	3.1	3.0	0.1
2,3,7,8 TCDD	0.0	0.0	3.0	5.8	0.1
1,2,3,7,8 PCDF	0.0	0.0	4.7	6.0	0.1
2,3,4,7,8 PCDF	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.7	0.1
1,2,3,7,8 PCDD	0.0	0.0	3.9	7.3	0.0
1,2,3,4,7,8 HxCDF	0.0	0.0	19.1	11.7	0.0
1,2,3,6,7,8 HxCDF	0.1	0.1	7.5	37.9	0.0
2,3,4,6,7,8 HxCDF	0.1	0.0	0.0	7.2	0.7
1,2,3,4,7,8 HxCDD	0.1	0.0	18.8	0.0	0.6
1,2,3,6,7,8 HxCDD	0.0	0.0	19.7	14.5	0.2
1,2,3,7,8,9 HxCDD	0.2	0.1	5.4	15.2	0.5
1,2,3,7,8,9 HxCDF	0.2	0.0	4.4	0.6	0.0
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 HpCDF	0.2	0.1	69.9	76.1	0.0
1,2,3,4,6,7,8 HpCDD	0.1	0.0	400.7	465.4	0.0
1,2,3,4,7,8,9 HpCDF	0.2	0.0	145.0	164.3	0.2
OCDD	1.4	1.4	6738.4	6522.4	0.5
OCDF	0.0	0.0	239.4	276.4	0.9

PLE-EZP-conc,
5-10 g matrix

^{13}C PCBs in soil



PLE-EZP-conc,
10 g soil, n=6

Combine Best Features (EZPrep Family)

Features	EzPrep	EzPrep/+
System run time for 6 samples	45 ~60 min	35-45 min
Fat Removal Capacity	.1 ~ 5g	.1 ~7g
Programmability	Minimal	Fully programmable
Pumping method	Vacuum	Pressurized
Use of certified pre-pack column	yes	yes
Use of electronics, electromechanical valve	No	Minimal
Technician presence time to run 6 samples Cross contamination	30 min No Tubing	20 min No Tubing

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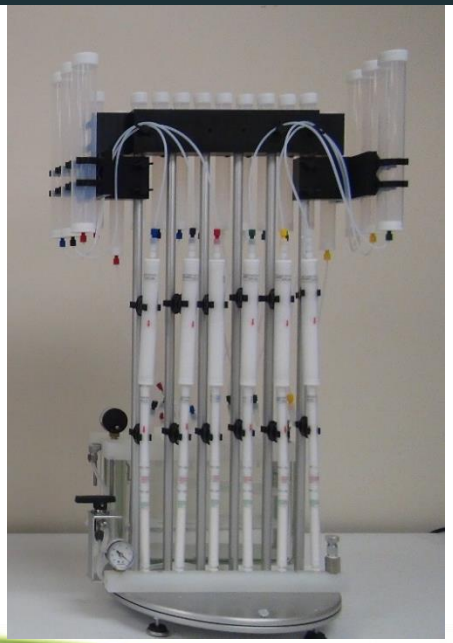
Comparison of Manual, Automated vs EzPrep Family

Task	Manual Sample Prep	Automated Sample Prep	EzPrep Semi-Automated	EzPrep/+ Automated
Labor Time	Hours (on multiple days)	1 Hour	1 Hour (up to 2.5g fat) 2 Hour (2.5 to 5.0 g fat)	Less than 1 Hour
Accreditation	Slow	Fast	Fast	Fast
Accuracy & Precision	Varies	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Matrix	Dependent	Many	Many	Many
Instrument Maintenance	None	Required	Minimal	Minimal
Instrument Down Time	None	Sometimes	none	Minimal
Fat Removal Capacity gram	Minimal	0.1 ~ 7.0 Gram	0.1 to 5.0 gram	0.1 to 7.0 g
Human Exposure	High	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal
Cost	5 x	50 x	10 x	25x

EzPrep Expandable to EzPrep/+
Add EzPrep/+ Control Module



Conclusions

- **EzPrep family of products designed to combine the advantages and eliminate the disadvantages of Manual & Automated Sample prep**
- **EzPrep/+ designed for ease of use and lowering cost by using a minimum number of electronics and Electromechanical valves**
- **EzPrep family of products uses certified proprietary consumables design to speed up the sample prep workflow**
- **EzPrep family of products processes 6 sample Clean-up per hour & 48 samples per day**
- **Combining EzPrep family of products with PLE (Pressurized Liquid Extraction) allows laboratories to perform up to 48 samples from sample to vial**

Conclusions …

- **Closed loop system, eliminates native background contaminants & exposure to chemicals**
- **Optimized for solvent reduction while obtaining highest possible recoveries**
- **Certified disposable Columns with guaranteed Low contaminants background and Excellent Recoveries**
- **Multi pump Solvent Delivery system brings convenient automated solvent selection & dispenses with controllable flow & volume**
- **Little washing needed**
- **No cross-contamination**