



# Gas Chromatograph System Examples



System GC refers to systems configured with a sample injection unit, valves, and other components for specific operating environments, such as for quality or process control applications in petrochemical or gas manufacturing plants, environmental gas analysis, or reaction gas research.

The following describes key features of GC systems and examples of past GC system configurations.

## 1 Robust and Stable

Major benefits of configuring such systems include the ability to analyze specific components using simple operations and the ability to perform long-term analysis with high precision, high sensitivity, and high separation. Systems can also be automated, from sampling to data output, by adding specific valves, solenoid valves and other components and by sequencing programs in the data processing unit. Consequently, systems can be configured to analyze samples continuously with no human intervention, thereby maximizing the benefits of the exceptionally stable performance. Using a combination of valve systems protects columns and detectors from concentrated primary components that can interfere with their performance, enabling analysis of even trace substances with excellent reproducibility.

## 2 High Separation and Shorter Cycle Times

System GC systems only target specific components. By using a special valve system or optimized column configuration, they are able to analyze, with good separation, components that are normally very difficult to detect.

At the same time, they can achieve much shorter cycle times by using multiple columns or a special valve system to shorten the lengthy analytical or stabilization processes that are often required when using conventional methods.

## 3 High Sensitivity Analysis

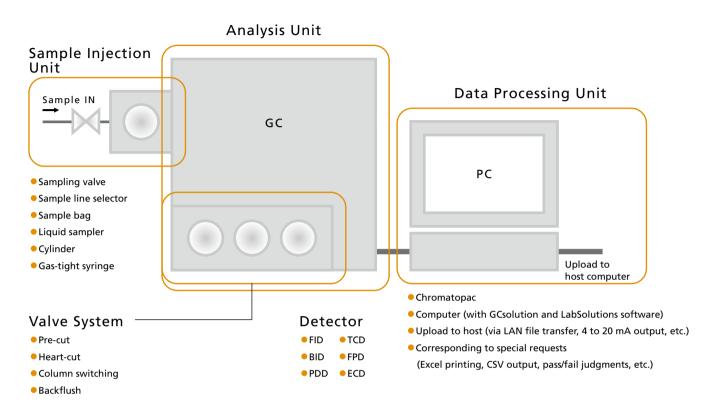
Analyzing trace quantities requires increasing the sample quantities injected into the GC by using a larger measuring tube. With general-purpose GC systems, that results in poor separation and target peaks being hidden behind peaks for interfering substances. However, a customized system can detect such trace components.

Even ultra-trace components can be detected by using a detector with higher selectivity, such as an FPD, SCD, or ECD, or a highly sensitive detector, such as a PDD or BID.



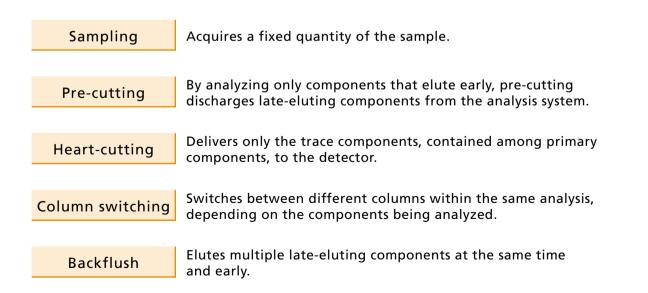
### System GC Configurations

System GC systems are configured with a sample injection unit, analysis unit (valve system), and data processing unit.



### Valve System

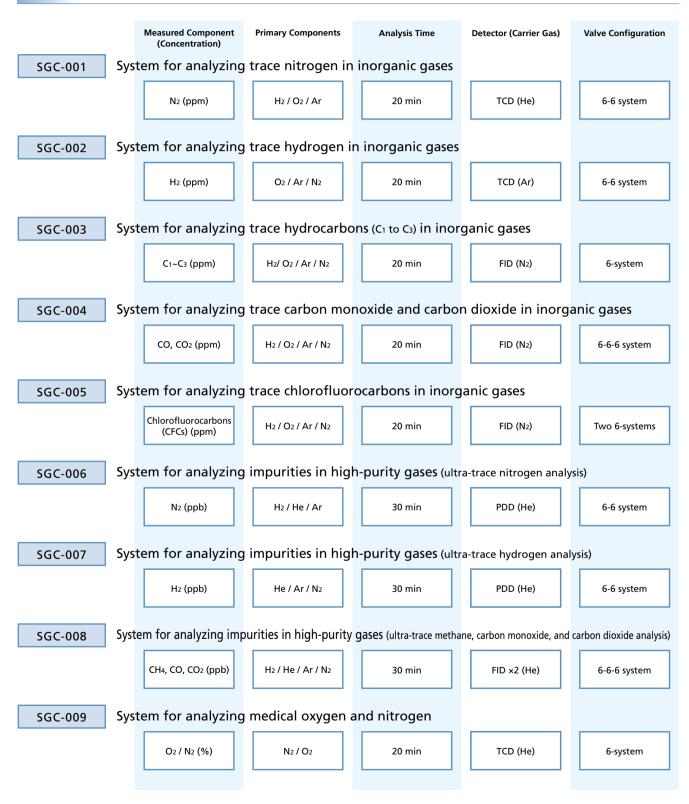
System GC can be optimized with 6-way, 8-way, or 10-way valves to automate and increase the efficiency of analysis.



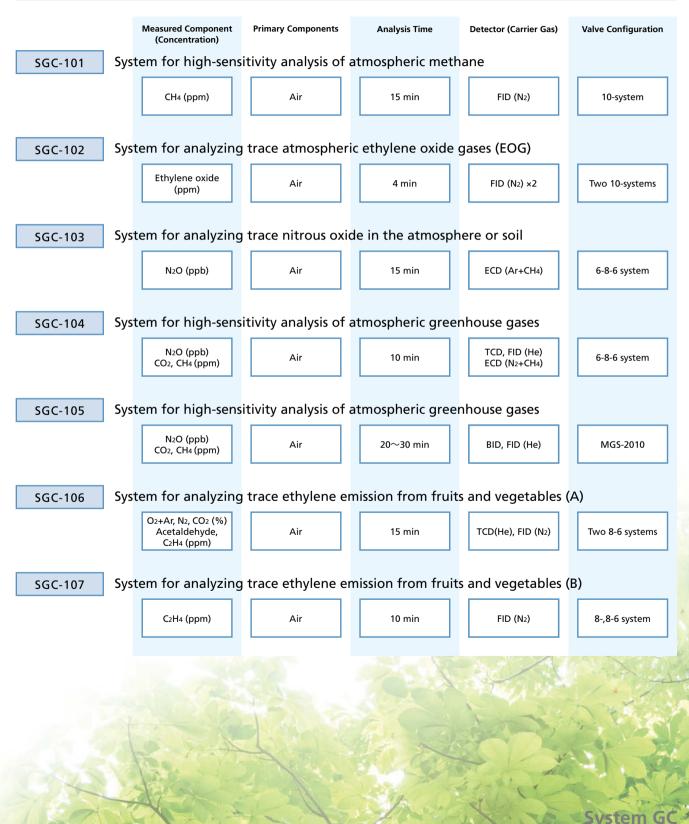
### List of System Examples

The following is a selected list of past system configurations. For more details or information about systems not included in the list, feel free to contact a Shimadzu sales representative.

#### Analysis of Impurities in Pure Gas

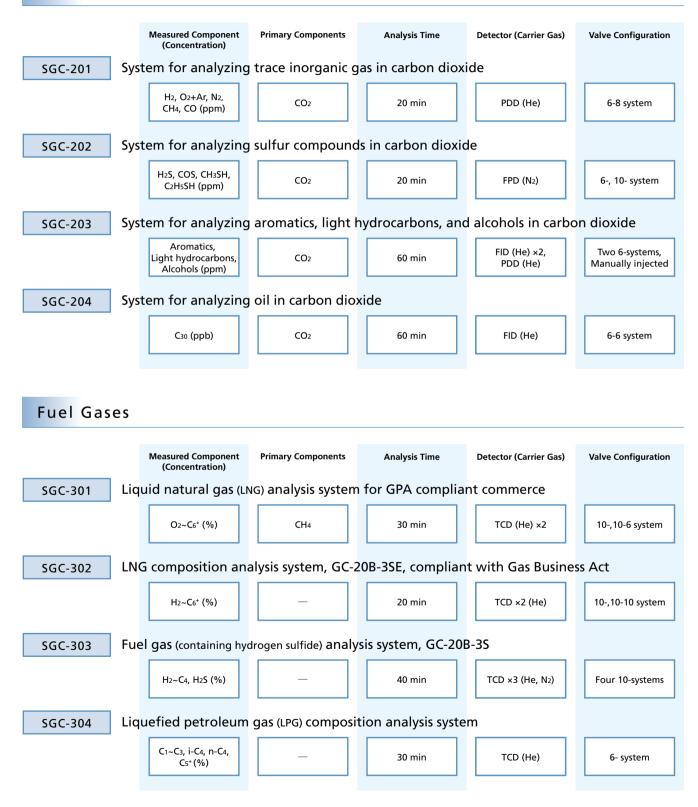


#### **Environmental Monitoring**



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#### Analysis of Impurities in Carbon Dioxide Gases

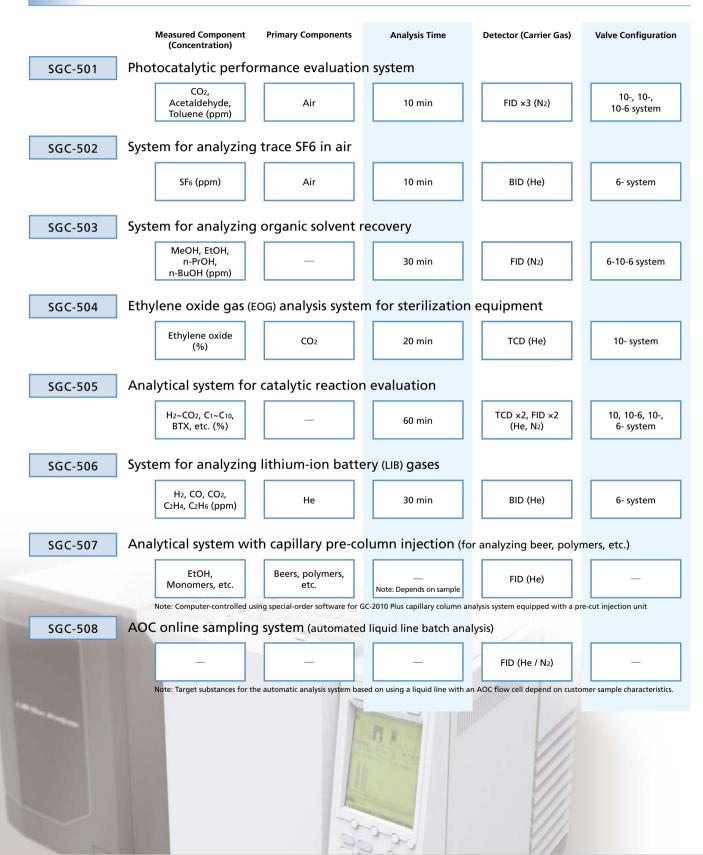


#### Plant Gas Analysis



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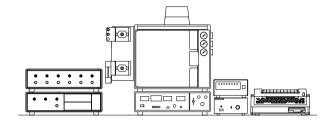
#### Other Analysis



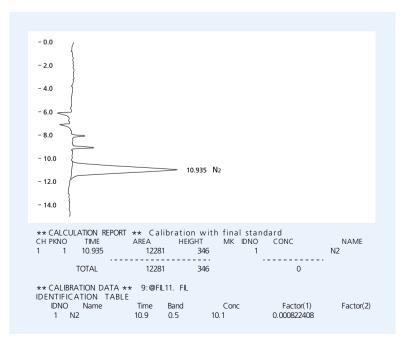
#### SGC-001 Automatic Inorganic Gas Analysis System (Trace Nitrogen Analysis)

#### Overview

This system is intended for measuring trace quantities of nitrogen in hydrogen, oxygen, and argon gases. The output signal from the GC-8APT gas chromatograph equipped with a high-sensitivity TCD detector is amplified by a preamplifier and detected nitrogen is quantitated using a data processor. Each action during analysis is automated using a PGR-102A programmer, 10-way valve, 6-way valve, and sample line selector.



Sample gases targeted for analysis	Hydrogen, oxygen, and argon
Sample gas conditions	Pressure: 10 to 30 kPa Temperature: Room temperature Conditions: Gas contains no dust or mist
Measured components	Nitrogen (2 ppm) Lower limit of detection of nitrogen in hydrogen, oxygen, and argon indicated in parentheses.
Analysis time	20 minutes
Calibration method	Absolute calibration curve method using standard gas
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (special GC-8APT model) Programmer (PRG-102A) Pre-amplifier (AMP-7B) Data processor (GCsolution or Chromatopac)
Valve configuration	6-6 heart-cut system
Standard gas	Nitrogen 10 ppm with helium balance
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.9995% purity) Pressure 600 kPa
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure
Installation space	W1250 mm × D900 mm



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### sgc-006 System for Analyzing Impurities in High-purity Gases

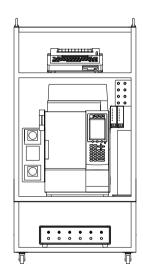
#### Overview

This system is intended for analyzing trace quantities of nitrogen in high-purity gases (helium, argon, and hydrogen).

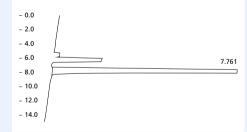
It uses a GC-2014A gas chromatograph equipped with a high-sensitivity PDD detector in combination with a C-R8A Chromatopac data processor.

Each action during analysis is automated using a PRG-2010+PRG-BOX programmer, 6-way valve, and sample line selector.

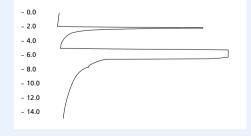
Sample gases targeted for analysis	Helium, argon, and hydrogen
Sample gas conditions	Pressure: 10~30 kpa Temperature: Room temperature Conditions: Gas contains no dust or mist
Measured components	Nitrogen (50 ppb)
Analysis time	30 minutes
Calibration method	Absolute calibration curve method using standard gas
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (special GC-2014 + PDD detector) Programmer (PRG-2010+PRG-BOX) Data processor (C-R8A) Sample line selector
Valve configuration	6-6 heart-cut system
Standard gas	Nitrogen 1 ppm/He balance
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.9999% purity) Pressure 600 kPa
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure
Installation space	W750 mm × D840 mm × H1460 mm (using a system rack)



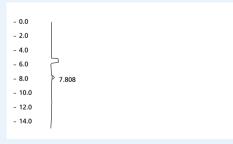
#### Standard Gas Analysis Example



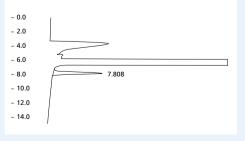
#### High-Purity Hydrogen Analysis Example



#### High-Purity Helium Analysis Example



#### High-Purity Argon Analysis Example



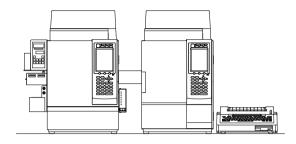
#### SGC-204 System for Analyzing Oil Content in Carbon Dioxide

#### Overview

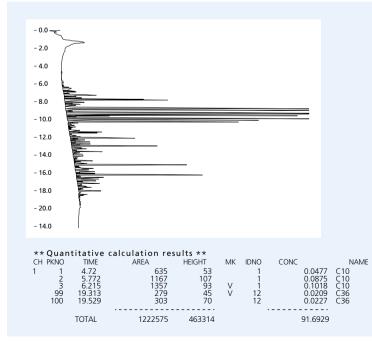
This system is intended to automate the analysis of trace quantities of oil in carbon dioxide gas. After vaporizing liquid samples, samples are concentrated and injected through a column to calculate the oil concentration using an integrating flowmeter.

Two GC-2014 gas chromatographs are used in combination with a C-R8A Chromatopac data processor.

Each action during analysis is controlled using a PRG-2010+PRG-BOX programmer and automated using a 6-6 valve system.



Sample gases targeted for analysis	Carbon dioxide gas
Sample gas conditions	Temperature: Room temperature Condition: Samples are in liquefied carbon dioxide form
Measured components	C₃₀ (10~100 ppb)
Analysis time	40 minutes
Calibration method	Absolute calibration curve method using standard gas
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (special GC-2014A + GC-2014AFsc system) Programmer (PRG-2010 + PRG-BOX) Data processor (Chromatopac)
Valve configuration	6-6 system
Standard gas	C <sub>30</sub> 0.2 ppm / n-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> balance
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.9995% purity) Pressure  600 kpa
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure
Installation space	W1900 mm × D800 mm × H690 mm



	Oil concentration in CO <sub>2</sub>		
Cumulative	quantity of concentrated CO2	5.005	L
	of concentrated CO2	500	ml/min
C10	Converted concentration	1.449	ppb (g/L)
C12	Converted concentration	13.169	ppb (g/L)
C14	Converted concentration	0.466	ppb (g/L)
C16	Converted concentration	0.306	ppb (g/L)
C18	Converted concentration	0.426	ppb (g/L)
C20	Converted concentration	0.452	ppb (g/L)
C22	Converted concentration	0.184	ppb (g/L)
C24	Converted concentration	0.541	ppb (g/L)
C28	Converted concentration	0.913	ppb (g/L)
C30	Converted concentration	0.111	ppb (g/L)
C32	Converted concentration	0.237	ppb (g/L)
C36	Converted concentration	0.067	ppb (g/L)
Total conve	erted concentration	18.32	ppb (g/L)

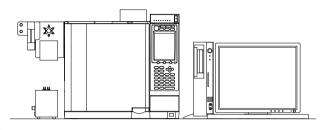
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#### SGC-502 System for Analyzing Trace SF6 in Air

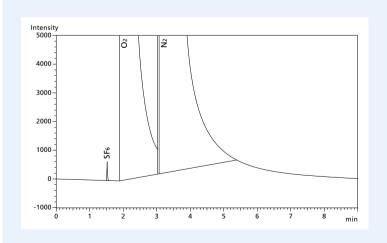
#### Overview

Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) is a tasteless odorless gas that, due to its chemically stable insulative properties, is commonly used in electrical equipment, such as gas-insulated transformers and circuit breakers. However, because of its high global warming effects, trace analysis is required to check for leakage from equipment or check for residual quantities during recovery, so that its release into the atmosphere can be avoided.

This system uses a helium carrier gas and capillary column to separate the SF6 from air for analysis using a BID detector.



Sample gases targeted for analysis	Air		
Sample gas conditions	Pressure: 10~30 kPa Temperature: Room temperature Conditions: Gas contains no dust or mist		
Measured components	Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) 0.1 ppm		
Analysis time	10 minutes (per sample)		
Calibration method	Absolute calibration curve method using standard gas		
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (special GC-2010 Plus + BID detector) Programmer (PRG–BOX) Data processor (GCsolution)		
Valve configuration	6- system		
Standard gas	SF6 10 ppm/He balance		
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.9999% purity) Pressure 600 kPa		
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure		
Installation space	W1300 mm × D800 mm		

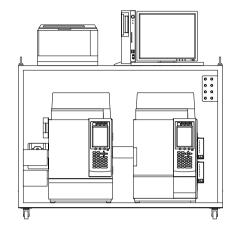




#### sgc-505 Analytical System for Catalytic Reaction Evaluation

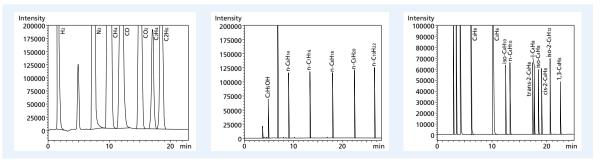
#### Overview

Catalysts are commonly researched and developed for a wide variety of fields and applications, such as to modify or desulfurize fuel cell materials, to clean combustion gas emissions, and for organic synthesis. This system is used to analyze and evaluate the sample gases emitted from a catalytic reactor. TCD1 measures H<sub>2</sub> using a N<sub>2</sub> carrier gas and TCD2 separates and analyzes Ar to C<sub>2</sub> using a helium carrier gas. In addition, the system uses two capillary columns to split samples and analyze C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> with detector FID1 and C<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>10</sub>, BTX, and EtOH with detector FID2.



Sample gases targeted for analysis	Gases that exit the catalytic reactor are kept warmed before injection
Sample gas conditions	Pressure: 10~30 kPa Temperature: 110~150 °C Conditions: Gas contains no dust or mist
Measured components	$H_2 \sim C_3$ (* <sup>3</sup> 0.1~20%) C <sub>4</sub> ~C <sub>10</sub> , BTX (* <sup>3</sup> 0.1~1%) EtOH (* <sup>3</sup> 0.1~50%) Measurement range indicated in parentheses and lower limit of detection by asterisk
Analysis time	60 minutes
Calibration method	Calibration is by the absolute calibration curve method using standard gases, where liquid components are calibrated based on their correlation to the gases.
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (special GC-2014ATT model) Gas chromatograph (special GC-2014AFF model) Programmer (PRG–BOX)*2 PC (GCsolution)
Valve configuration	H2 analyzer unit 10-system N2 to C2 analyzer unit 10-6 system C3 to C5 analyzer unit 10-system C5 to C10 + BTX analyzer unit 6-system
Example of standard gas and standard solution	Gas mixture with composition similar to sample
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.999% purity) Pressure 600 kPa Nitrogen (min. 99.999% purity) Pressure 600 kPa
Hydrogen gas	Nitrogen (min. 99.999% purity, Pressure: 300 kPa)
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure
Installation space	W1370 mm × H1285 mm × D800 mm (including computer)

#### Standard gas analysis example

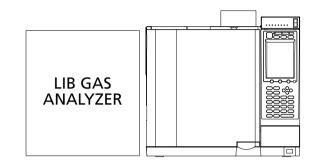


#### SGC-506 System for Analyzing Lithium-ion Battery (LIB) Gases\*

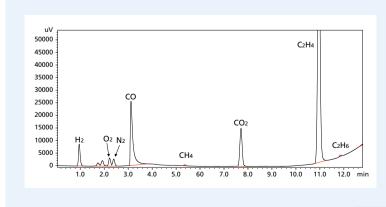
#### Overview

This system evaluates the performance of precision battery materials (such as electrolyte solution, electrodes, and separators) by continuously analyzing the gases generated inside batteries. Until now, the generated gases were manually sampled from a sealed cell for analysis. The system is able to measure the amount generated by automatically acquiring samples at fixed intervals while continuously purging the gases generated during charging and discharging. Furthermore, it is able to prevent ambient air from leaking in during sampling.

The barrier discharge ionization detector (BID) installed in the Tracera high-sensitivity gas chromatograph allows analyzing a wide range of measurement components, which makes the system ideal for evaluating battery materials.



Sample gases targeted for analysis	Air			
Sample gas conditions	Pressure: 10 to 30 kPa Temperature: Battery cell (30 to 80 °C) Conditions: Gases generated from battery contain no dust or mist			
Measured components	H <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>2</sub> , CO, CH <sub>4</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (0.2 ppm each)			
Analysis time	30 minutes			
Calibration method	Absolute calibration curve method using standard gas	********	BID-2010 2km	
Equipment used	Gas chromatograph (Tracera + LIB GAS ANALYZER) Programmer (PRG-2010 + PRG-BOX) Data processor (LabSolutions)			
Valve configuration	6- system			
Standard gas	H2~CO2, C2, C3 (5 ppm each)/He balance			
Carrier gas	Helium (min. 99.9999% purity) Pressure 600 kPa			
Valve actuation air supply	Dehumidified air with no oil content at 350 to 500 kPa pressure			
Installation space	W850 mm × D800 mm × H570 mm (excluding computer)			



\*This system may not be for sale, depending on the region. Check with your sales representative.

## Sample Injection Methods

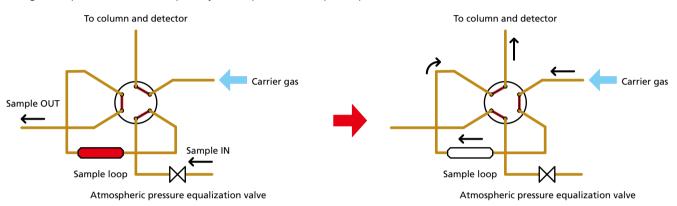
Sampling injection methods are configured according to customer preferences.

For sample introduction, either an automatic or manual gas sampler, sample line selector, sample bags, or a gas-tight syringe, can be selected based on the analytical techniques involved.

More stable analysis can be achieved by configuring the system with an appropriate sampling method.

#### Automatic Gas Sampler

The gas sampler collects a fixed quantity of sample in the sample loop and then delivers it to the column.



- Sample gas flows into the sample loop for a fixed period of time. Then the atmospheric pressure equalization valve is closed to equalize the pressure. Equalizing the atmospheric pressure ensures that a fixed quantity of sample is measured.
- ② The sample in the sample loop is delivered to the column by switching the sampling valve.

#### Manual Gas Sampler (MGS)

A knob is turned by hand to switch between two lines, such as standard gas and sample lines. This eliminates the trouble of having to reconnect lines each time.

#### Sample Bag

This plastic bag is made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and other materials. After collecting a sample in the bag, the bag is connected to the intake port and the sample is pumped into the measuring tube.

#### Sample Line Selector (SLS)

Switches between lines when using multiple sample lines for analysis (up to 14 lines, including standard gas lines). It is designed to prevent contamination between lines, and lines can be switched automatically or skipped to improve system efficiency.

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### **Report Output Examples**

Report output formats can be tailored to specific customer requirements.

#### Output Example Using Chromatopac



Output Example of Chromatogram from Fuel Gas Analysis

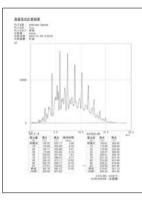


Output Example of Heat Measurement Table (Compliant with Gas Business Act)

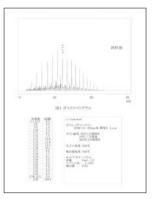


Output Example of **Combustion Characteristics Calculation Results** 

#### **Output Example Using a Computer**



Output Example of **Distillation GC Report** 



Output Example of Hydrocarbon Analysis Results



Output Example of Gasoline Analysis Results



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