

# **Waters SQ Detector**

## **Quick Start Guide**

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## Safety considerations

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Some reagents and samples used with Waters instruments and devices can pose chemical, biological, and radiological hazards. You must know the potentially hazardous effects of all substances you work with. Always follow Good Laboratory Practice, and consult your organization's safety representative for guidance.

When you develop methods, follow the "Protocol for the Adoption of Analytical Methods in the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory," *American Journal of Medical Technology*, 44, 1, pages 30–37 (1978). This protocol addresses good operating procedures and the techniques necessary to validate system and method performance.

## Considerations specific to the SQ Detector

### Solvent leakage hazard

The source exhaust system is designed to be robust and leak-tight. Waters recommends you perform a hazard analysis, assuming a maximum leak into the laboratory atmosphere of 10% LC eluate.



#### **Warning:**

- To confirm the integrity of the source exhaust system, renew the source O-rings at intervals not exceeding one year.
- To avoid chemical degradation of the source O-rings, which can withstand exposure only to certain solvents (see [“Solvents used to prepare mobile phases” on page C-3](#)), determine whether any solvents you use that are not listed are chemically compatible with the composition of the O-rings.

### Flammable solvents hazard



**Warning:** To prevent the ignition of accumulated solvent vapors inside the source, maintain a continuous flow of nitrogen through the source whenever significant amounts of flammable solvents are used during the instrument's operation.

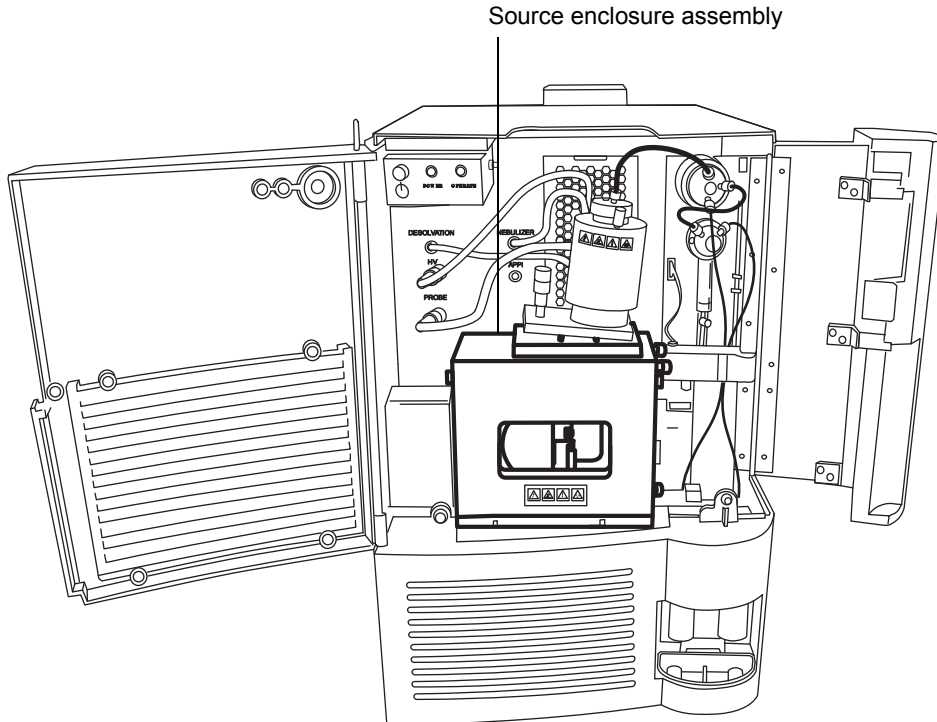
Never let the nitrogen supply pressure fall below 690 kPa (6.9 bar, 100 psi) during analyses that require flammable solvents. Connect to the LC output with a gas-fail connector to stop the LC solvent if the nitrogen supply fails.

## High temperature hazard



**Warning:** To avoid burn injuries, avoid touching the source enclosure with your hand when operating or servicing the instrument.

## SQ Detector high temperature hazard



## High voltage hazard



### Warning:

- To avoid electric shock, do not remove the SQ Detector's protective panels. The components they cover are not user-serviceable.
- To avoid non-lethal electric shock, any equipment connected to the ESI and IonSABRE™ APCI probes must be grounded.
- To avoid nonlethal electric shock when the instrument is in Operate mode, avoid touching the areas marked with the high voltage warning symbol. To touch those areas, first put the instrument in Standby mode.

## Safety advisories





Consult [Appendix A](#) for a comprehensive list of warning and caution advisories.

## Operating this instrument

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When operating this instrument, follow standard quality control procedures and the guidelines presented in this section.

### Applicable symbols

Symbol	Definition
	Authorized representative of the European Community
	Confirms that a manufactured product complies with all applicable European Community directives.
	For in vitro diagnostic use
 <b>ABN 49 065 444 751</b>	Australia C-Tick EMC Compliant

### Intended use

Waters designed the Single Quad (SQ) Detector for use as a research tool to deliver authenticated mass measurement in MS mode.

The Waters SQ Detector can be used for general in vitro diagnostic applications. However, only professionally trained and qualified laboratory personnel can use the instrument for those purposes.



The Waters SQ Detector is CE-marked according to the European Union In Vitro Diagnostic Device Directive 98/79/EC.

### Calibrating

To calibrate LC systems, follow acceptable calibration methods using at least five standards to generate a standard curve. The concentration range for standards must cover the entire range of quality-control samples, typical specimens, and atypical specimens.



When calibrating mass spectrometers, consult the calibration section of the operator's guide for the instrument you are calibrating. In cases where an overview and maintenance guide, not operator's guide, accompanies the instrument, consult the instrument's online Help system for calibration instructions.

## Quality control

Routinely run three quality-control samples that represent subnormal, normal, and above-normal levels of a compound. Ensure that quality-control sample results fall within an acceptable range, and evaluate precision from day to day and run to run. Data collected when quality control samples are out of range might not be valid. Do not report these data until you are certain that the instrument performs satisfactorily.

When analyzing samples from a complex matrix such as soil, tissue, serum/plasma, whole blood, and so on, note that the matrix components can adversely affect LC/MS results, enhancing or suppressing ionization. To minimize these matrix effects, Waters recommends you adopt the following measures:

- Prior to the instrumental analysis, use appropriate sample pretreatment such as protein precipitation, liquid/liquid extraction (LLE), or solid phase extraction (SPE) to remove matrix interferences.
- Whenever possible, verify method accuracy and precision using matrix-matched calibrators and QC samples.
- Use one or more internal standard compounds, preferably isotopically labeled analytes.

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# 1 Waters SQ Detector

This chapter describes the instrument, including its controls and gas and plumbing connections.

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# Overview

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## Waters SQ Detector

The Waters<sup>®</sup> SQ Detector is a single-quadrupole, atmospheric pressure ionization (API) mass spectrometer. Designed for routine ACQUITY UPLC<sup>®</sup>/MS analyses, it can scan at speeds up to 10,000 Da/s.

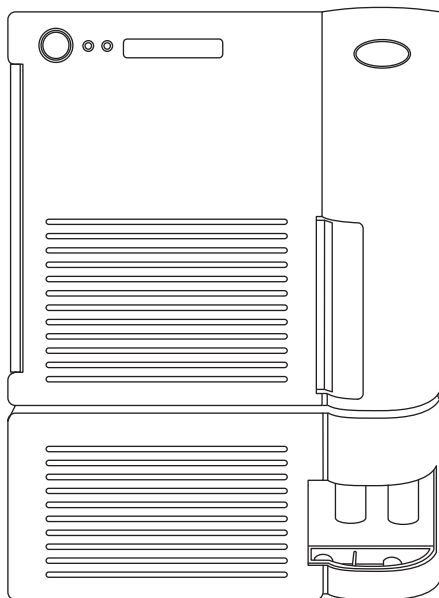
Waters provides these ion sources with the instrument as standard equipment:

- ZSpray<sup>™</sup> (dual orthogonal sampling) interface.
- Multi-mode ESCi<sup>®</sup> ionization switching for atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI) and electrospray ionization (ESI).

Optional ionization modes are IonSABRE<sup>™</sup> APCI and APPI (atmospheric pressure photoionization).

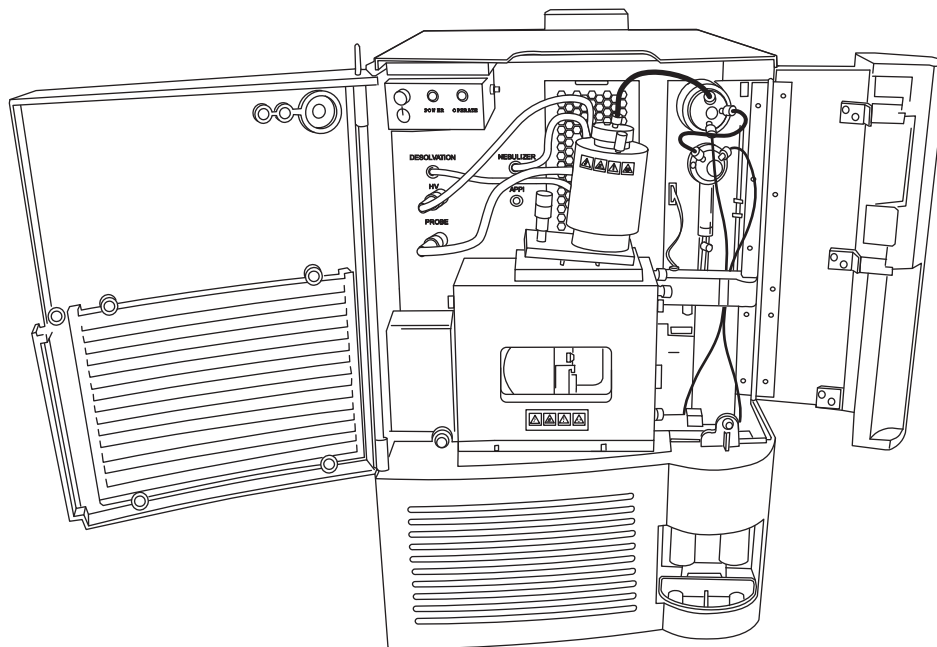
For instrument specifications, see the *Waters SQ Detector Site Preparation Guide*.

## Waters SQ Detector





## Waters SQ Detector, with doors open



### IntelliStart technology

IntelliStart™ technology monitors LC/MS performance and reports when the instrument is ready for use.

The software automatically tunes and mass calibrates the instrument and displays performance readbacks. Integrated with Empower™ chromatography software, MassLynx™ mass spectrometry software, and ACQUITY UPLC® Console software, it enables simplified setup of the system for use in routine analytical and open access applications. (See [“Software and data system”](#) on page 1-5).

The IntelliStart Fluidics system is built into the instrument. It delivers sample directly to the MS probe from the LC column or from two integral reservoirs. The integral reservoirs can also deliver sample through direct or combined infusion so that you can optimize instrument performance at analytical flow rates. See the instrument’s online Help for further details of IntelliStart.

## ACQUITY SQD UPLC/MS system

The ACQUITY SQD UPLC/MS system includes an ACQUITY UPLC system and the Waters SQ Detector.

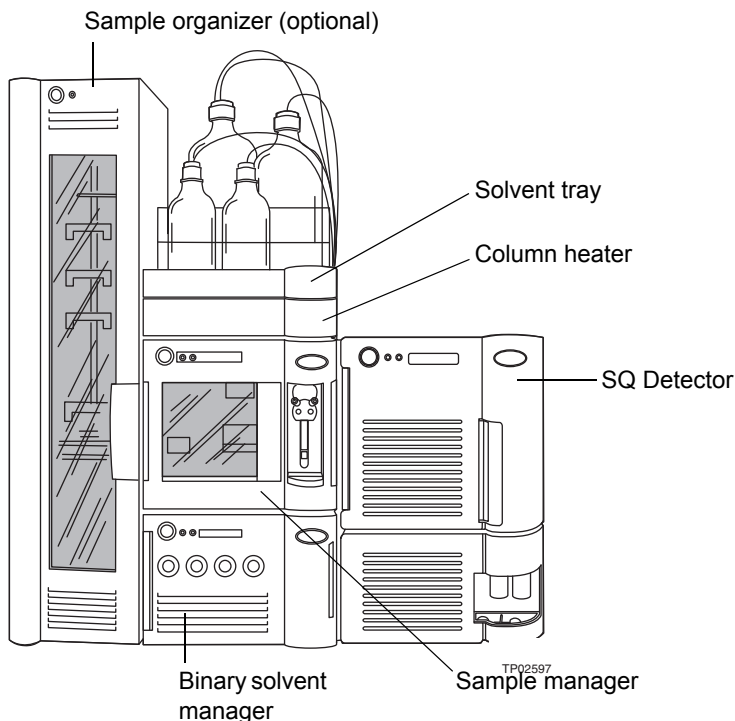
If you are not using your instrument as part of an ACQUITY UPLC system, refer to the documentation for your LC system.

### ACQUITY UPLC system

The ACQUITY UPLC system includes a binary solvent manager, sample manager, column heater, optional sample organizer, optional detectors, and a specialized ACQUITY UPLC column. Waters Empower™ chromatography software or MassLynx mass spectrometry software controls the system.

For further instruction, see the *ACQUITY UPLC System Operator's Guide or Controlling Contamination in LC/MS Systems* (part number 715001307). You can find the latter document on <http://www.waters.com>; click Services and Support and then Support Center.

### Waters ACQUITY SQD



## Software and data system

The instrument is controlled by either Empower chromatography software or MassLynx mass spectrometry software. Each is a high-performance application that acquires, analyzes, manages, and distributes ultraviolet (UV), evaporative light scattering, analog, and mass spectrometry data.

Both Empower and MassLynx software enable these major operations:

- Configuring the instrument.
- Creating LC and MS methods that define operating parameters for a run.
- Using IntelliStart software to tune and mass calibrate the instrument.
- Running samples.
- Monitoring the run.
- Acquiring data.
- Processing data.
- Reviewing data.
- Printing data.

See Empower and MassLynx 4.1 user documentation and online Help for more information on installing and using Empower or MassLynx software.

## ACQUITY UPLC Console

The ACQUITY UPLC Console is a software application with which you configure settings, monitor performance, run diagnostic tests, and maintain the system and its modules. The ACQUITY UPLC Console functions independently of Empower and MassLynx software and does not recognize or control the data systems.

See the ACQUITY UPLC System console online Help for details.

# Ionization techniques and source probes

## Electrospray ionization (ESI)

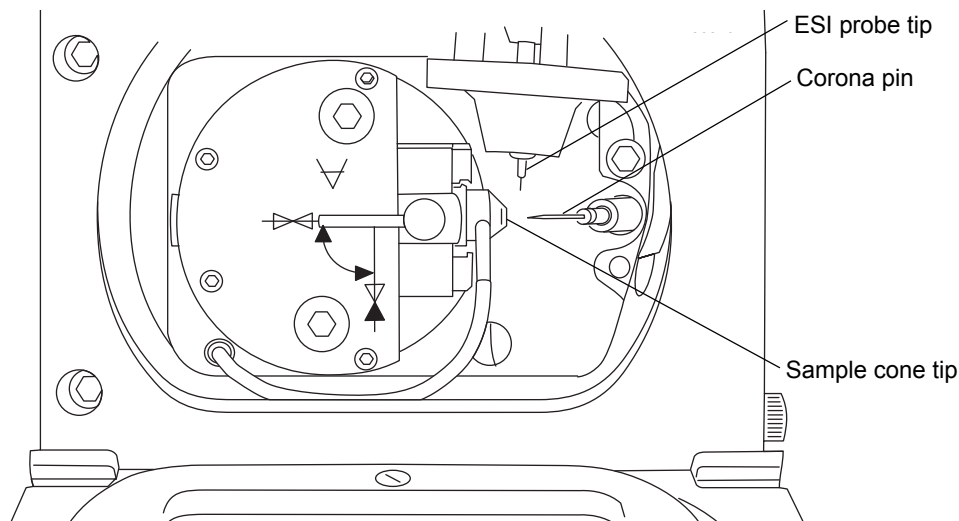
In electrospray ionization (ESI), a strong electrical charge is given the eluent as it emerges from a nebulizer. The droplets that compose the resultant aerosol undergo a reduction in size (solvent evaporation). As solvent continues to evaporate, the charge density increases until the droplet surfaces eject ions (ion evaporation). The ions can be singly or multiply charged. The multiply charged ions are of particular interest because the instrument separates them according to their mass-to-charge ratios ( $m/z$ ), permitting the detection of high-molecular-weight compounds.

The instrument can accommodate eluent flow rates of up to 1 mL/min.

## Combined ESI and APCI (ESCI)

Combined electrospray ionization and atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (ESCI) is supplied as standard equipment on the instrument. In ESCI, the standard ESI probe is used in conjunction with a corona pin to allow alternating acquisition of ESI and APCI ionization data, facilitating high throughput and wider compound coverage.

### ESCI mode



## **Atmospheric pressure chemical ionization**

A dedicated high-performance, atmospheric-pressure, chemical ionization (APCI) probe is offered as an option.

## **Atmospheric pressure photoionization**

Atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI) is offered as an option. It uses photons generated by a krypton-discharge ultraviolet (UV) lamp ( $\sim 10.2$  eV) to produce sample ions from vaporized LC eluent.

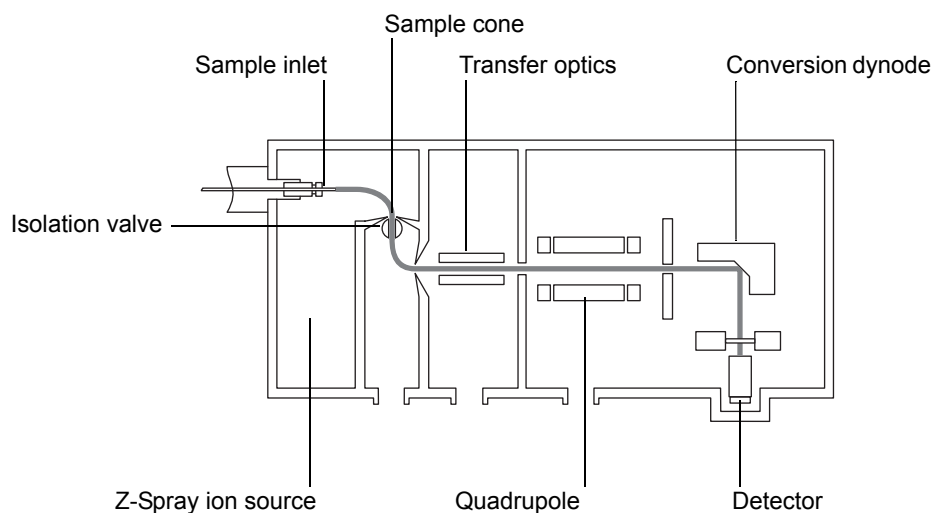
## Ion optics

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The instrument's ion optics operate as follows:

1. Samples from the LC or Intellistart fluidics system are introduced at atmospheric pressure into the ionization source.
2. The ions pass through the sample cone into the vacuum system.
3. Ions are filtered according to their mass-to-charge ratio ( $m/z$ ).
4. The transmitted ions are detected by the photomultiplier detection system.
5. The signal is amplified, digitized, and sent to the Empower chromatography or MassLynx mass spectrometry software.

### Ion optics overview



## MS operating modes

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The instrument runs in either of two operating modes:

- Scanning, where scanning occurs to separate the ions in the ion beam according to their mass-to-charge ( $m/z$ ) ratios, producing a mass spectrum.
- Selected Ion Recording (SIR), where the instrument is tuned to detect an ion, or ions, with specific  $m/z$  ratios.

## Sample inlet

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Either of two methods delivers solvent and sample to the installed probe:

- An LC system, which delivers the eluent from an LC analysis.
- IntelliStart Fluidics system, which uses onboard solutions to automate instrument optimization. You can deliver solutions by direct or combined infusion.

## Leak sensors

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Where fitted, leak sensors in the drip trays of the ACQUITY UPLC system and the SQ Detector continuously monitor system components for leaks. A leak sensor stops system flow when its optical sensor detects about 1.5 mL of accumulated, leaked liquid in its surrounding reservoir. At the same time, the ACQUITY UPLC Console displays an error message alerting you that a leak has developed.

**Tip:** If you are using MassLynx software, refer to the software release notes provided at installation to confirm whether the leak sensors are enabled.

See *Waters ACQUITY UPLC Leak Sensor maintenance instructions* for complete details.

## Vacuum system

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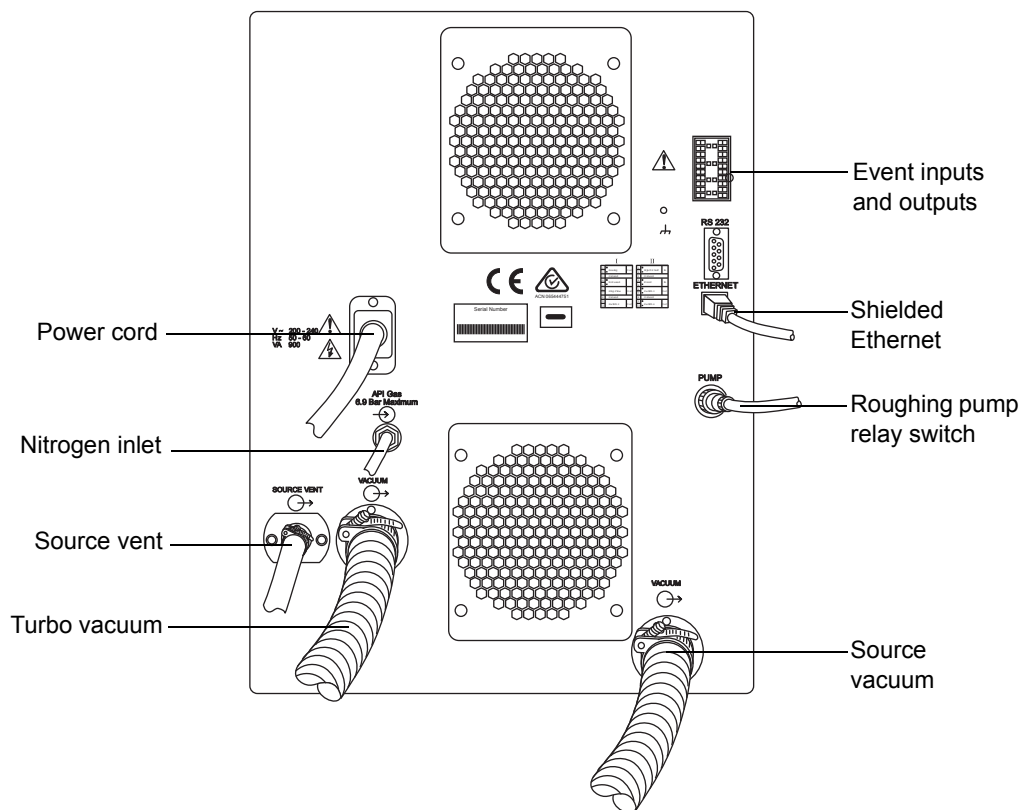
An external roughing (rotary vane) pump and an internal split-flow turbomolecular pump combine to create the source vacuum. The turbomolecular pump evacuates the analyzer and ion transfer region.

Vacuum leaks and electrical or vacuum pump failures cause vacuum loss, which protective interlocks guard against. The system monitors turbomolecular pump speed and continuously measures vacuum pressure with a built-in Pirani gauge. The gauge also serves as a switch, stopping operation when it senses vacuum loss.

A vacuum isolation valve isolates the source from the mass analyzer, allowing routine source maintenance without venting.

## Rear panel

The following figure shows the rear panel locations of the connectors used to operate the instrument with external devices.





## IntelliStart Fluidics system overview

The IntelliStart Fluidics system is built into the instrument. The system delivers sample directly to the MS probe in one of two ways:

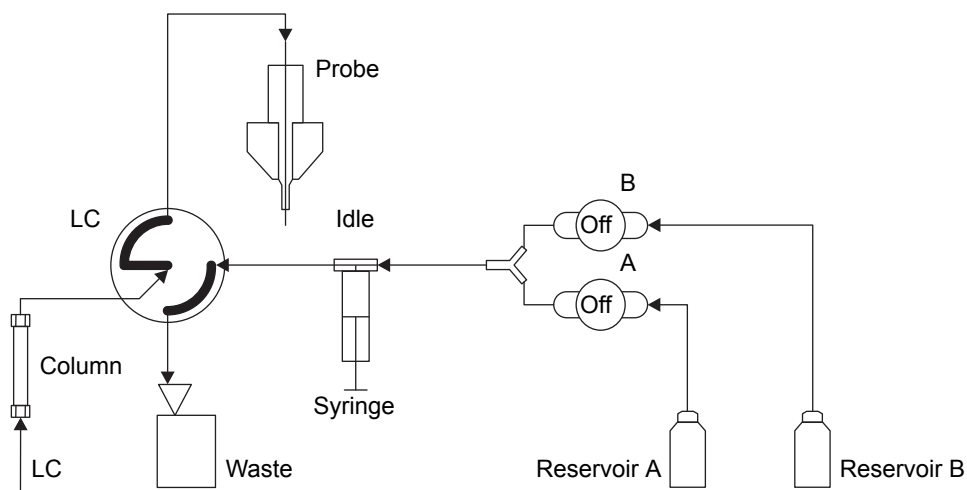
- From the LC column.
- From two integral reservoirs.

**Tip:** The integral reservoirs can also deliver sample through direct or combined infusion to enable optimization at analytical flow rates.

The system incorporates a multi-position valve with these attributes:

- An input connection from an external LC column.
- An input connection from the instrument's infusion syringe. (The infusion syringe is also connected to two reservoirs, A and B. In the software, you specify which reservoir to draw from.)
- An output connection to the probe.
- An output connection to a waste line.

### IntelliStart Fluidics system




# IntelliStart Fluidics system operation

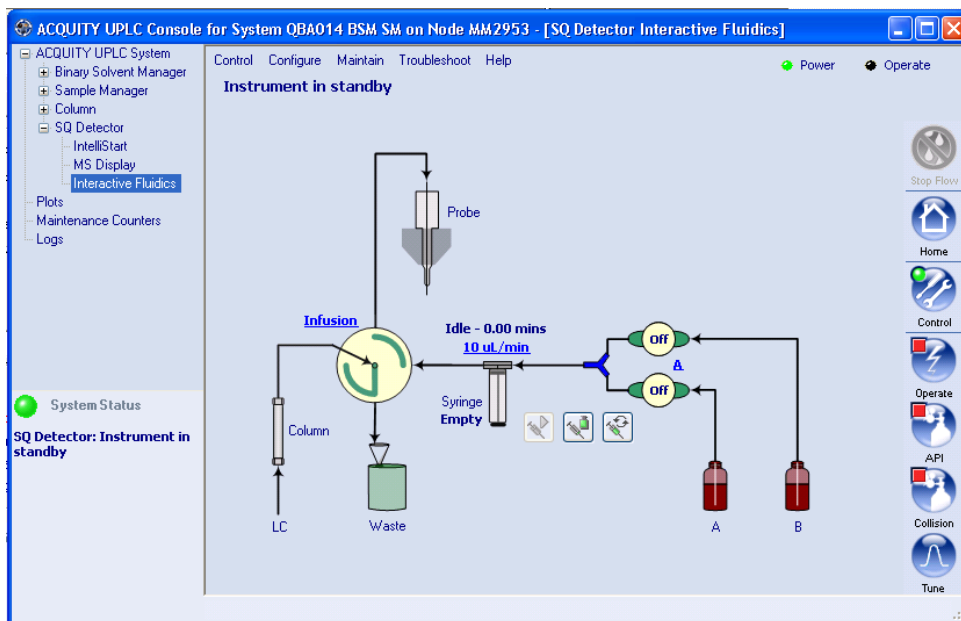
Control of solvent and sample delivery during auto-tuning, auto-calibration, and method development is automatically performed by the software.

IntelliStart Fluidics configuration requirements can be set in the system console. You can edit the parameters, frequency, and extent of the automation you want IntelliStart to perform. See the instrument's online Help for further details.

## Operating the IntelliStart Fluidics system

### To enable system controls (Empower only)

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
2. Click Interactive Fluidics.
3. Click Control .



### To set the infusion flow rate

1. In the console window, click the current flow rate.
2. In the Set Flow Rate dialog box, enter a new flow rate.
3. Click OK.

### To select the reservoir


1. In the console window, click the highlighted reservoir bottle designation—A or B.
2. In the Select Reservoir dialog box, click A or B.
3. Click OK.

**Tip:** If the selected reservoir is different from the current reservoir, the system purges as the reservoir changes.


### To select the flow state

1. In the console window, click the diverter valve position label.
2. In the Select Flow State dialog box, select the required flow state:
  - Infusion – The flow goes from the syringe to the probe, and the LC flow goes to waste.
  - Combined – The syringe and LC flows both go to the probe.
  - LC – The flow goes from the LC to the probe, and the syringe flow goes to waste.
  - Waste – All flow goes to the waste bottle.
3. Click OK.

### To start the infusion syringe flow

In the console window, click . A status bar indicates the amount of fluid in the syringe and the amount of time remaining before the fluid empties. When the syringe is empty, the system becomes idle.

### To refill the infusion syringe

In the console window, click .


### To purge the infusion syringe

In the console window, click . For further details, see “Purging the infusion syringe” on page 2-11.

### To stop the current action


In the console window, click .

### To disable the fluidics system controls (Empower only)

In the console window, click Control .

## Operating the IntelliStart Fluidics system from the Tune window

### To operate the system

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, click SQ Detector.
2. Click Tune .
3. In the SQ Detector Tune window, click the Fluidics tab.
4. Set the Flow Control parameters according to the instructions in the Empower or MassLynx online Help.

## Programming an MS method to operate the IntelliStart Fluidics system

In the MS instrument method, you can program the operation of the system’s multi-position valve to infuse sample during a run. The valve can also divert LC flow to waste as a timed event.

### To program the MS instrument method using MassLynx software

1. In the MassLynx window, click MS Method.
2. In the MS Methods window, click Options > Method Events.

3. In the Method events dialog box, select the desired flow state, as indicated by the following table.

#### Flow states and results

Flow state setting	LC flows to	Syringe flows to
LC	SQ probe	Waste
Combined	SQ probe	SQ probe
Infusion	Waste	SQ Probe
Waste	Waste	Waste
No change	No change	No change

**Tip:** At the time you power-on the instrument, the LC state is “waste”.

For further instruction, see the MassLynx online Help topic “Advanced Methods and Events”.

#### To program the MS instrument method using Empower software

1. In the Empower Pro interface click Run Samples, select your system, and then click OK.
2. In the Run Samples window, click Edit > Instrument Method.
3. In the instrument method editor, click the button representing your MS instrument.
4. Click Events.

5. On the Events tab, select the desired flow path, as indicated by the following table.

#### Flow paths and results

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Combined	SQ probe	SQ probe
Infusion	Waste	SQ Probe
Waste	Waste	Waste
No change	No change	No change

**Tip:** At the time you power-on the instrument, the LC state is “waste”. For further instruction, see the Empower online Help topic “Configuring events”.

# 2 Preparing for Operation

This chapter describes how to start and shut-down the instrument.

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## Starting the instrument

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The Waters SQ Detector is designed for compatibility with the ACQUITY UPLC system. If you are not using an ACQUITY UPLC system, refer to the documentation relevant to the system being used.



**Caution:** Using incompatible solvents can cause severe damage to the instrument. For more details, refer to the following sources:

- Appendix C of the *Waters SQ Detector Operator's Guide* for solvent information.
- Appendix C of the *ACQUITY UPLC System Operator's Guide* for on solvent compatibility with ACQUITY™.

Starting the instrument entails powering-on the ACQUITY workstation, logging into the workstation, powering-on the SQ Detector and all the other ACQUITY instruments and devices, and starting the Empower or MassLynx software.

**Requirement:** You must power-on and log in to the ACQUITY workstation first to ensure that it obtains the IP addresses of the system instruments.

### To start the instrument



**Warning:** During analyses that require flammable solvents, to avoid ignition of the solvents, never let the nitrogen supply pressure fall below 690 kPa (6.9 bar, 100 psi).

1. Ensure the nitrogen supply is connected to the instrument's API gas connection.

**Requirement:** The nitrogen must be dry and oil-free, with a purity of at least 95%. Regulate the supply at 600 to 690 kPa (6.0 to 6.9 bar, 90 to 100 psi).

For more information on connections, see the figure [“The following figure shows the rear panel locations of the connectors used to operate the instrument with external devices.”](#) on page 1-10.

2. Power-on the ACQUITY UPLC system workstation, and log in before powering-on the other instruments.
3. Press the power switch on the top, left-hand side of the instrument and ACQUITY instruments.



**Result:** Each system instrument “beeps” and runs a series of startup tests.

4. Allow 3 minutes for the embedded PC to initialize.

**Tip:** An audible alert sounds when the PC is ready.

The power and status LEDs change as follows:

- Each system instrument’s power LED shows green.
- During initialization, the binary solvent manager’s and sample manager’s status LED flashes green.
- After the instruments are successfully powered-on, all power LEDs show steady green. The binary solvent manager’s flow LED, the sample manager’s run LED, and the SQ Detector’s Operate LED remain off.

5. Start Empower or MassLynx software.

**Tip:** You can monitor the ACQUITY Console for messages and LED indications.



6. Launch IntelliStart using one of the following methods.


- MassLynx – In the MassLynx main window’s lower left-hand corner, click IntelliStart.
- Empower – In the Run Samples window, right-click the SQ Detector’s control panel, and then click Launch Intellistart.

**Result:** The SQ Detector’s console appears. The instrument is in Standby mode.

7. Click Control > Pump to start the roughing pump. The Operate LED remains off.

**Tip:** There is a 20-second delay, during which the turbopump is starting, before the roughing pump starts. IntelliStart displays “Instrument in standby”.

8. Click Resolve  or Operate  to put the instrument into Operate mode. When the instrument is in good operating condition, IntelliStart displays “Ready”.

**Tip:** Clicking Resolve  prepares the system for operation, putting the instrument into Operate mode. If clicking Resolve fails to put the instrument into Operate mode, IntelliStart displays corrective actions.

## Configuring IntelliStart

### To configure IntelliStart

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
2. Click IntelliStart.
3. Click Configure > IntelliStart Configuration.
4. In the IntelliStart Configuration dialog box, in the Checks list, select the check boxes for the items you want checked during SQ Detector startup. Clear the check boxes of items you do not want checked.

**Tip:** To display detailed information for an item, highlight it and then click Properties.

5. Click OK.

## Verifying the instrument's state of readiness

When the instrument is in good operating condition, the power and Operate LEDs show constant green. You can view any error messages in IntelliStart.

### To access IntelliStart

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
2. Click IntelliStart.

## Tuning and calibration information

The instrument must be tuned and calibrated prior to use, tasks normally performed from IntelliStart.

For further instruction, see the instrument's online Help topic "Instrument Setup" and [Chapter 4, "Operating the Instrument"](#).

## Running the instrument at high flow rates

ACQUITY UPLC is run at high flow rates. To optimize desolvation, and thus sensitivity, you must run the ACQUITY SQD system at appropriate gas flows and desolvation temperatures. IntelliStart automatically sets these parameters when you enter a flow rate, according to the following table.

### Flow rate versus temperature and gas flow

Flow rate (mL/min)	Source temp (°C)	Desolvation temp (°C)	Desolvation gas flow (L/h)
0.000 to 0.100	150	250	500
0.101 to 0.300	150	350	600
0.301 to 0.500	150	400	800
>0.500	150	450	900

**Note:** Under low ambient temperature, high moisture, and high flow rate conditions, condensation can occur in the instrument's source.

## Monitoring the instrument LEDs

Light-emitting diodes on the instrument indicate its operational status.

### Power LED

The power LED, to the top, left-hand side of the instrument's front panel, indicates when the instrument is powered-on or powered-off.

### Operate LED

The Operate LED, on the right-hand side of the power LED, indicates the operating condition.

See the instrument's online Help topic "Monitoring the detector LEDs" for details of the Operate LED indications.

# Preparing the IntelliStart Fluidics system

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## Installing the solvent manifold drip tray

### Required material

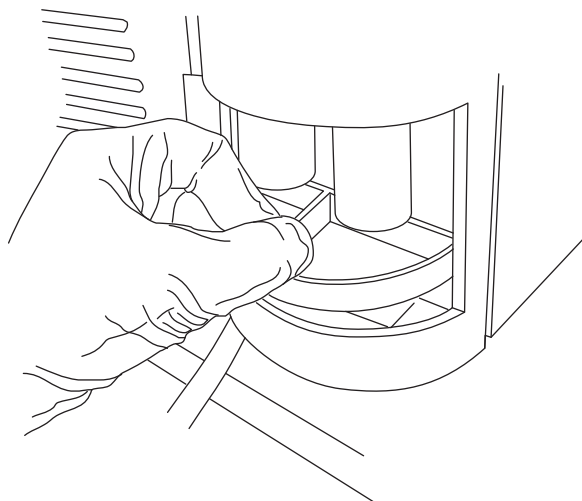
Chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves

### To install the solvent manifold drip tray



**Warning:** The solvent manifold drip tray can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.

Install the solvent manifold drip tray as shown below:



## Installing the reservoir bottles

An optional Low-volume Adaptor Kit is available for infusing smaller volumes. The low-volume vials have a volume of 1.5 mL.

### Required material

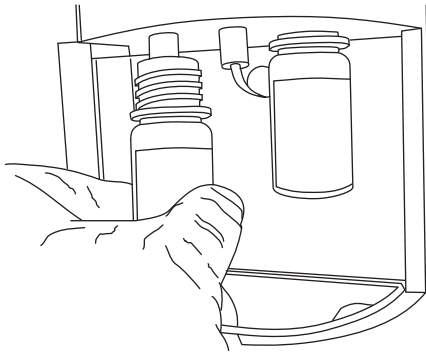
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### To install the reservoir bottles



**Warning:** The reservoir bottles can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.

1. Remove the reservoir bottle caps.
2. Screw the reservoir bottles onto the instrument, as shown below.



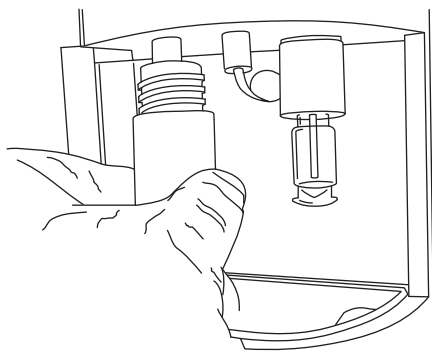
### To install low-volume vials



**Warning:** The reservoir bottles can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.

1. If a standard reservoir bottle is fitted, remove the reservoir bottle.
2. Screw the low-volume adaptor into the manifold and tighten it finger-tight.

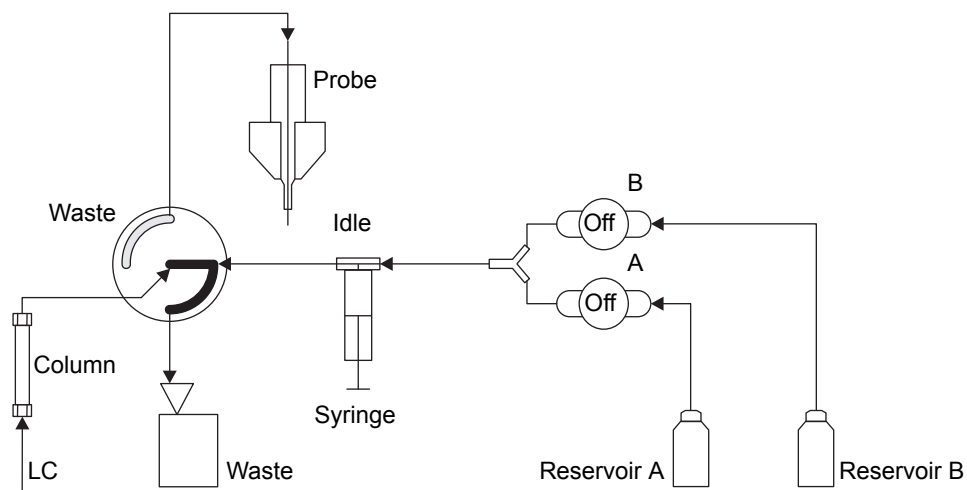
3. Screw the low-volume vial into the adaptor.



## Diverter valve positions

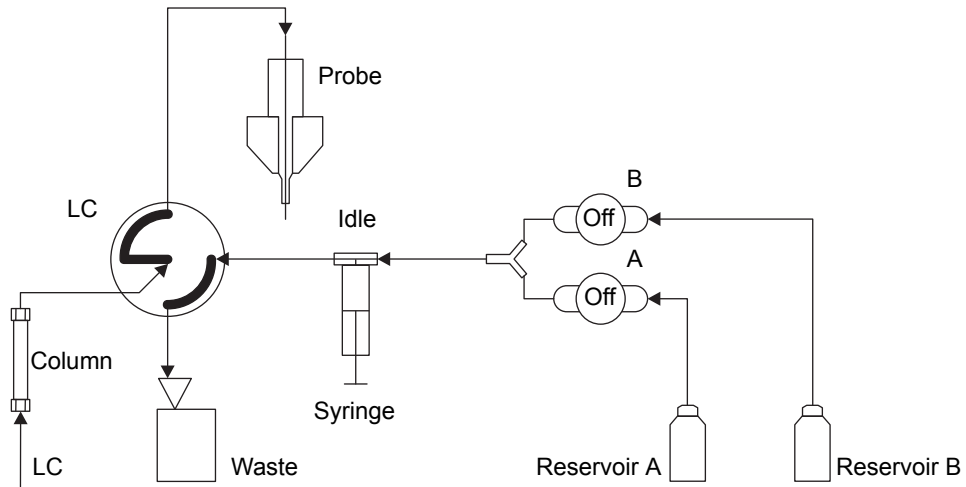
### Column and syringe in home position after power-up

After power-up, the flow path between the column and waste is open. The syringe is empty, and the flow path between it and waste is open.

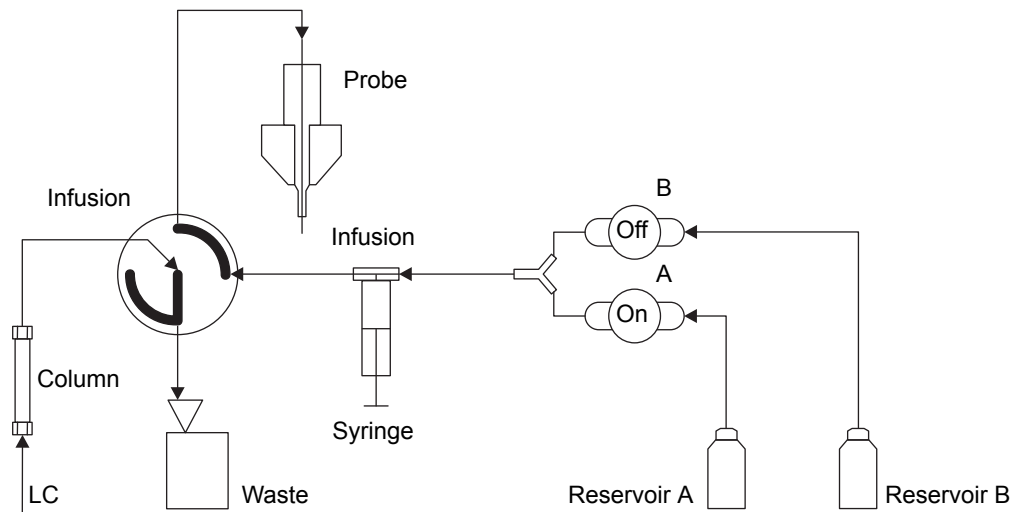


## LC position

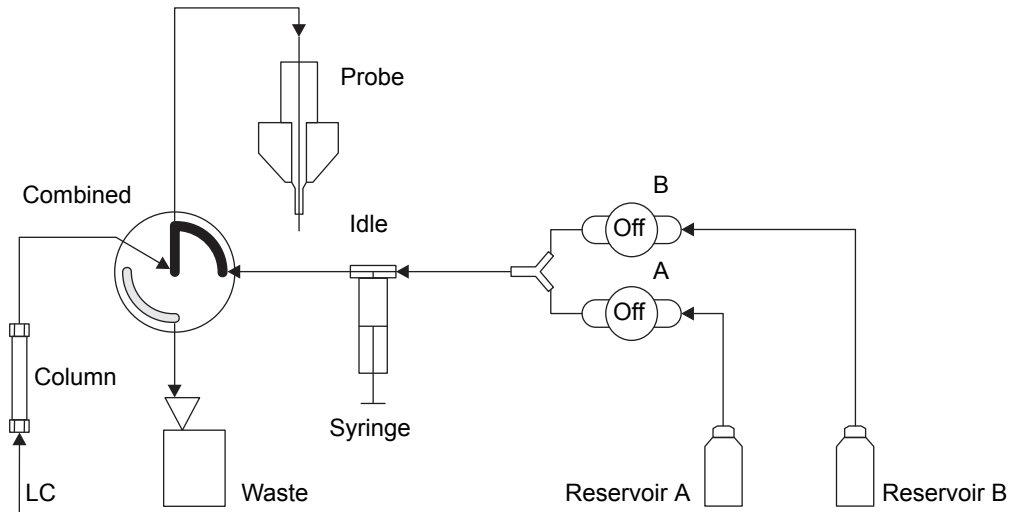
In the LC position, the flow path between the LC and probe is open, and the flow path between the syringe and waste is also open.



## Infusion position

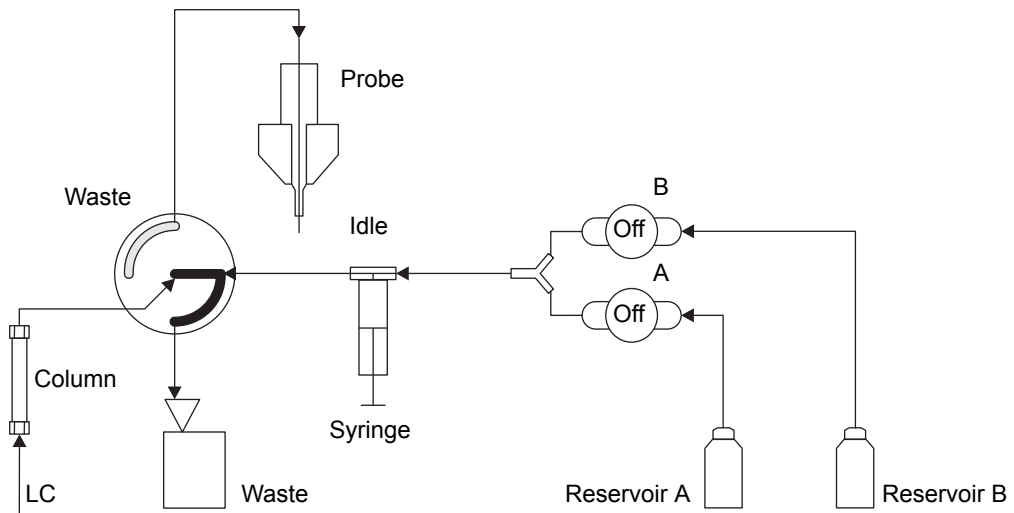


## Combined position with LC flow and syringe in idle mode



## Waste position

In the waste position, both the LC flow and the infusion syringe flow are directed to waste. The syringe mode can be only static or dispensing (that is, never drawing).







## Purging the infusion syringe

Whenever you replace a solution bottle, purge the infusion syringe with the solution that you are going to use next.

**Tip:** Depending on the solutions used, the IntelliStart Fluidics system can require more than one purge cycle to minimize carryover.

### To purge the infusion syringe

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
2. If you use MassLynx software, click Interactive Display; otherwise click Interactive Fluidics.
3. If you use Empower software, click Control .
4. Select the required solution reservoir.
5. Click  to purge the system.

**Tip:** System purge takes approximately 2 minutes and uses a total volume of 800  $\mu\text{L}$ .

## Rebooting the instrument

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Reboot the instrument when any of these conditions applies

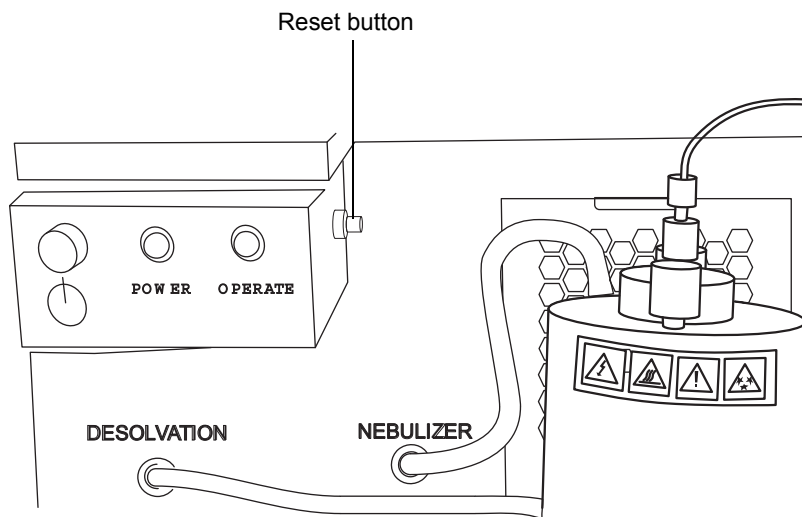
- The Tune window fails to respond.
- Empower or MassLynx software fails to initialize.
- Immediately following a software upgrade.

### Rebooting the instrument by pressing the reset button

The reset button shuts down the electronics momentarily and causes the instrument to reboot.

#### To reboot the instrument by pressing the reset button

1. Open the instrument's front, left-hand door.
2. Press the red, reset button at the top, left-hand side of the instrument.



## Shutting down the instrument

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**Recommendation:** Leave the instrument in Operate mode except when performing routine maintenance.

If you must shut down the instrument, refer to the instructions in this section.






**Caution:** Buffers left in the system can precipitate and damage instrument components.

**Tip:** Set system shutdown parameters in the shutdown editor. Consult the MassLynx online Help for more information.

## Putting the instrument in Standby mode for overnight shutdown

### To put the instrument in Standby mode overnight

1. Ensure that there is sufficient capacity in the waste container for the LC flow that is to be diverted to waste (see Appendix B of the *Waters SQ Detector Operator's Guide*).
2. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console, click  to stop the LC flow or, if column flow is required, divert the LC flow to waste as follows:
  - a. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
  - b. If you use MassLynx software, click Interactive Display; otherwise click Interactive Fluidics.
  - c. If you use Empower software, click Control .
  - d. Click the current diverter valve position label.
  - e. In the Select a Flow State dialog box, select Waste.
  - f. Click OK.
3. Click Standby  to shut off heaters and voltages.

**Tip:** You can create a method to stop the gas flow or lower the temperature. See the Empower or MassLynx online Help for more information on creating methods.

## Complete instrument shutdown

### To completely shut down the instrument

1. Put the instrument in Standby mode (see [“Putting the instrument in Standby mode for overnight shutdown”](#) on page 2-13).

2. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console, click API .

3. Click Control > Vent.

**Result:** The turbomolecular pump is switched off. When the turbomolecular pump runs down to half its normal operating speed, the vent valve opens and the instrument is automatically vented. The Operate LED changes from green to red and then turns off.

4. Exit MassLynx or Empower software.
5. After the roughing pump shuts off, operate the power button (on the front of the instrument) to power-off the instrument.



**Warning:** The SQ Detector’s power switch does not isolate the instrument from the main power supply. To isolate the instrument, you must disconnect the power cable from the back of the instrument.

6. Disconnect the power cable from the back of the instrument.
7. Power-off all other instruments and the workstation.

**Note:** The fans inside some instruments run continuously, even after you power-off the instruments.

## Emergency instrument shutdown

### To shut down the instrument in an emergency



**Warning:** The SQ Detector's power switch does not isolate the instrument from the main power supply. To isolate the instrument, you must disconnect the power cable from the back of the instrument.



**Caution:** Data can be lost during an emergency shutdown.

1. Operate the power button on the front of the instrument.
2. Disconnect the power cable from the back of the instrument.



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## ESI and ESCi Modes of Operation

This chapter describes how to prepare the instrument for the following modes of operation:

- ESI (electrospray ionization).
- ESCi (combined electrospray and atmospheric pressure chemical ionization).

If your system uses APCI mode, see [Chapter 6, “Optional APCI Mode of Operation”](#).

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## Introduction

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The ESI and ESCi ionization mode options use the standard ESI probe that is fitted to the instrument when it is shipped from the factory. For ESCi operation, the corona pin is used in conjunction with the ESI probe. The following sections explain how to install and remove the ESI probe and corona pin.

For further instruction, see [“Electrospray ionization \(ESI\)” on page 1-6](#) and [“Combined ESI and APCI \(ESCi\)” on page 1-6](#).

## Installing the ESI probe

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**Required material:** Chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves

### To install the ESI probe



**Warning:** The ACQUITY UPLC system connections, ESI probe, and source can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.



**Warning:** To avoid electric shock, ensure that the instrument is suitably prepared before commencing this procedure.

1. Prepare the instrument for working on the source (see *The Waters SQ Detector Operator's Guide*).



**Warning:** The source can be hot. To avoid burn injuries, take great care while working with the instrument's access door open.

2. Open the instrument's access door.

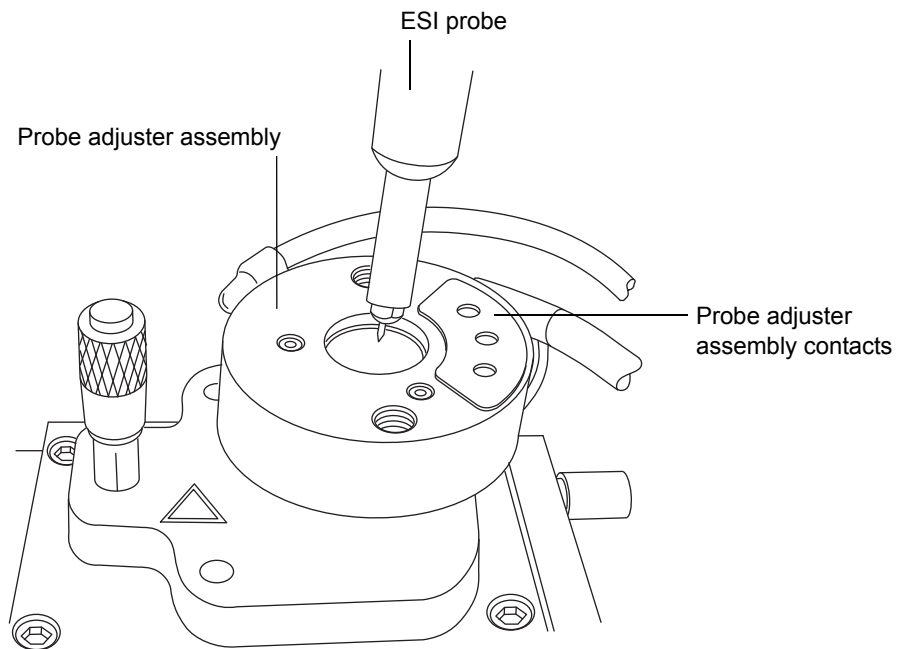


**Warning:** The ESI probe tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, handle the ESI probe with care.

3. Remove the protective sleeve, if fitted, from the ESI probe tip.

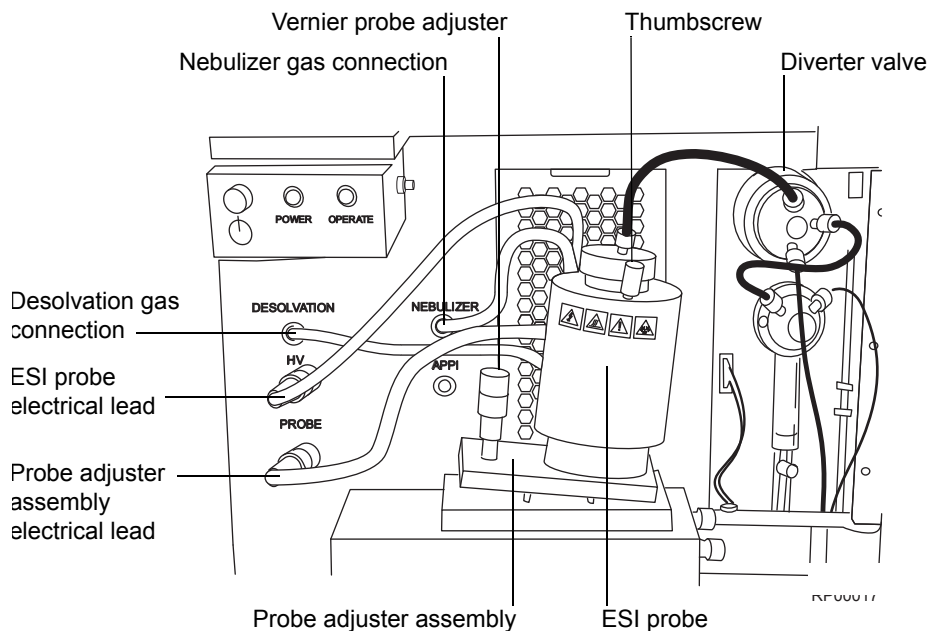


4. Ensure that the contacts on the ESI probe align with the probe adjuster assembly contacts, and carefully slide the ESI probe into the hole in the probe adjuster assembly.




5. Secure the ESI probe by tightening the 2 thumbscrews.

## ESI probe mounted on the source enclosure, showing the connections



6. Connect the ESI probe's PTFE tube to the nebulizer gas connection.
7. Ensure that the probe adjuster assembly's electrical lead is connected to the instrument's probe connection.
8. Connect the ESI probe's electrical lead to the instrument's HV connection.

 **Warning:** To avoid electric shock, do not use stainless steel tubing to connect the diverter valve to the ESI probe; use the PEEK™ tubing supplied with the instrument.

9. Using tubing greater than or equal to 0.004-inch (ID), connect the diverter valve to the ESI probe.

**Tip:** Two tubes of different ID are supplied with the instrument.

**Requirement:** If you are replacing the tubing supplied with the instrument, you must minimize the length of the tube connecting the diverter valve to the ESI probe. Doing so minimizes delays and dispersion.

10. Close the instrument's access door.

# Installing the corona pin

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## Required materials:

- Chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves
- Needle-nose pliers


## To install the corona pin



**Warning:** The ACQUITY UPLC system connections, ESI probe, and source can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.



**Warning:** To avoid electric shock, ensure that the instrument is in Standby mode when commencing this procedure.

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console, click Standby , and confirm that the Operate indicator is not illuminated.



**Warning:** The source can be hot. To avoid burn injuries, take great care while working with the instrument's access door open.

2. Open the instrument's access door.



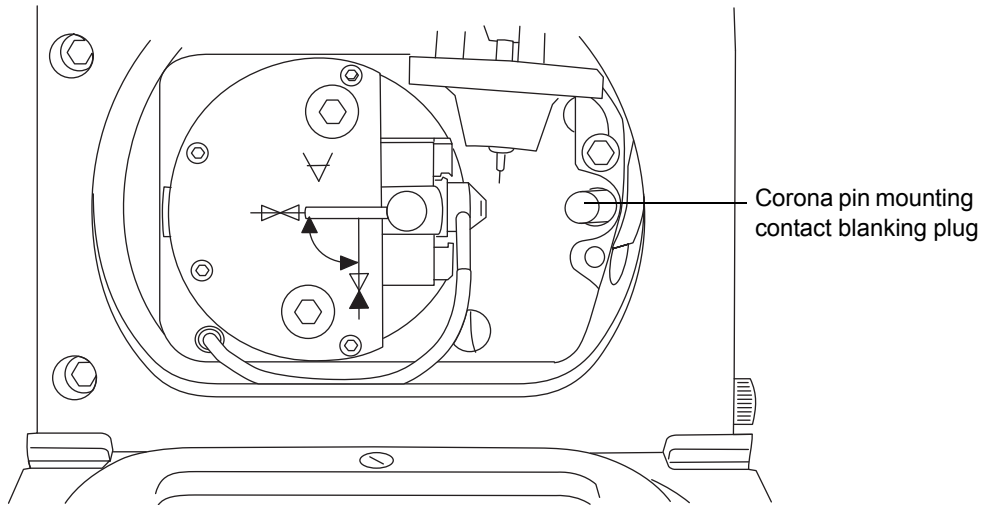
**Warning:** The probe tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, take great care while working with the source enclosure door open if an ESI probe is fitted.





**Caution:** Do not apply any downward force to the source enclosure door while the door is open.

3. Open the source enclosure door by releasing both spring-clips and lowering the door towards you.
4. Use the needle-nose pliers to remove the blanking plug from the corona pin mounting contact. Store the blanking plug in a safe location.

## Corona pin mounting contact



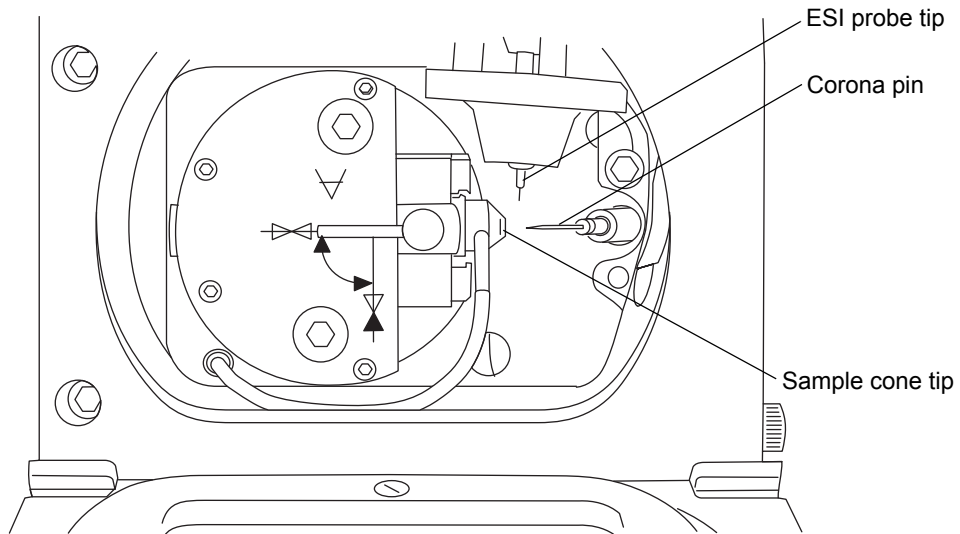
 **Warning:** The corona pin tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, handle the corona pin with care.

 **Caution:** To avoid damaging to the corona pin's tip and bending the pin, use the needle-nose pliers to grip the corona pin at the end that fits into the mounting contact.

5. Use the needle-nose pliers to fit the corona pin to the mounting contact.

**Requirement:** Ensure that the corona pin is securely mounted and that its tip aligns with the sample cone aperture.

## Source, showing the corona pin, ESI probe tip, and sample cone




6. Use the vernier probe adjuster to position the ESI probe tip so that it is pointing approximately midway between the tips of the sample cone and corona pin. (See the figure [page 3-4.](#))
7. Close the source enclosure door, and secure it with both spring-clips.
8. Close the instrument's access door.

## Optimizing the ESI probe for ESCi operation

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**Required material:** 80:20 acetonitrile/water

### To optimize the ESI probe for ESCi operation

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console, click SQ Detector, and then click Tune .
2. In the Tune window, click Setup > Inter-scan Setup.
3. In the Inter-scan Setup dialog box, click Reset to Defaults.
4. Click OK.
5. In the Tune window, click Ion Mode > ESCi+.
6. Select box numbers 1 and 2, clear box numbers 3 and 4 (above the peak display).
7. In row 1, set Ion Mode to ES.
8. In row 2, set Ion Mode to APCI.
9. In each row, set Mass to 42 and Span to 5.
10. Start an infusion of 80:20 acetonitrile/water.
11. Use the vernier probe adjuster to ensure that the ESI probe tip is pointing approximately midway between the tips of the sample cone and corona pin.
12. In the Tune window, observe the 42 Da peak in the ES+ and APCI+ peak displays, and increase the values of Capillary (kV) and Corona [ $\mu\text{A}$  in the current mode or kV in the voltage mode] to produce the most intense ESI+ and APCI+ signal.
13. Use the vernier probe adjuster to gradually move the probe bi-directionally to determine the best position for both the ESI+ and APCI+ signals.
14. To determine whether you have discrete ionization in the ESI or APCI mode, set the Capillary parameter to 0 kV and observe that little or no

signal remains in ESI mode. Then set the Corona parameter to 0  $\mu\text{A}$  or 0 kV, and observe that little or no signal remains in APCI mode.

**Result:** The ESI probe is now optimized for ESCi mode.

**Tip:** If necessary, repeat the above procedure using the analyte of interest, because ionization potentials can vary with different samples.

## Removing the corona pin

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### Required materials:

- Chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves
- Needle-nose pliers


### To remove the corona pin



**Warning:** The ACQUITY UPLC system connections, corona pin, ESI probe, and source can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.



**Warning:** To avoid electric shock, ensure that the instrument is in Standby mode when commencing this procedure.

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console, click Standby , and confirm that the Operate indicator is not illuminated.



**Warning:** The source can be hot. To avoid burn injuries, take great care while working with the instrument's access door open.

2. Open the instrument's access door.



**Warning:** The probe tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, take great care while working with the source enclosure door open if an ESI probe is fitted.



**Caution:** Do not apply any downward force to the source enclosure door while the door is open.

3. Open the source enclosure door by releasing both spring-clips and lowering the door towards you.



**Warning:** The corona pin tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, handle the corona pin with care.



**Caution:** To avoid damaging to the corona pin's tip and bending the pin, use the needle-nose pliers to grip the corona pin at the end that fits into the mounting contact.

4. Use the needle-nose pliers to remove the corona pin from its mounting contact. Store the corona pin in a safe location. (See the figure “[Source, showing the corona pin, ESI probe tip, and sample cone](#)” on page 3-7.)
5. Use the needle-nose pliers to fit the blanking plug to the corona pin mounting contact. (See the figure “[Corona pin mounting contact](#)” on page 3-6.)
6. Close the source enclosure door, and secure it with both spring-clips.
7. Close the instrument's access door.

## Removing the ESI probe

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**Required material:** Chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves

### To remove the ESI probe



**Warning:** The ACQUITY UPLC system connections, ESI probe, and source can be contaminated with biohazardous and/or toxic materials. Always wear chemical-resistant, powder-free gloves while performing this procedure.



**Warning:** To avoid electric shock, ensure that the instrument is suitably prepared before commencing this procedure.

1. Prepare the instrument for working on the source (see the *Waters SQ Detector Operator's Guide*).



**Warning:** The ESI probe and source can be hot. To avoid burn injuries, take great care while working with the instrument's access door open.

2. Open the instrument's access door.



3. Disconnect the diverter valve tubing from the ESI probe.
4. Disconnect the ESI probe's electrical lead from the high voltage connection.
5. Ensure that the API gas is turned off.
6. Disconnect the ESI probe's PTFE tube from the nebulizer gas connection.
7. Undo the 2 thumbscrews securing the ESI probe to the probe adjuster assembly.



**Warning:** The ESI probe tip is sharp. To avoid puncture wounds, handle the probe with care.

8. Carefully remove the ESI probe from the probe adjuster assembly.
9. If available, fit the protective sleeve to the ESI probe tip.
10. Close the instrument's access door.



# 4 Operating the Instrument

This chapter is an introduction to operating your instrument; it explains these tasks:

- Setting-up your instrument.
- Performing a sample tune.
- Developing instrument methods.
- Verifying the system.

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## Setting-up the instrument

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The IntelliStart instrument setup calibrates the instrument and then, by default, performs a sample tune. If calibration is unnecessary, you can perform only a sample tune (see [“Performing a sample tune” on page 4-6](#)).

In the following example, sodium cesium iodide is used as the calibrant solution and sulfadimethoxine is used as the tune sample.

### Tips:

- You can substitute solutions suitable for your requirements.
- Instrument setup need only be performed every 3 to 6 months, depending on your usage requirements.

See the instrument’s online Help for further details of IntelliStart.

**Requirement:** If you use Empower software, your project must contain the instrument methods supplied during installation of the SQ Detector software. See the Empower online Help for further details on restoring projects.

### Required materials:


- Sodium cesium iodide solution (2 ng/μL)
- Sulfadimethoxine solution (100 pg/μL)

### To prepare the IntelliStart Fluidics system

**Requirement:** Ensure that there is enough solution in each reservoir for approximately 5 minutes of operation after purging the reservoirs.

**Recommendation:** In general, place calibrant solution in reservoir A and sample solution in reservoir B.

1. Ensure that IntelliStart Fluidics system’s reservoir A is filled with sodium cesium iodide solution.
2. Ensure that reservoir B is filled with sulfadimethoxine solution.
3. Launch the ACQUITY UPLC Console using one of the following methods.
  - MassLynx – In the MassLynx main window, click MS Console.
  - Empower – In the Run Samples window, right-click the SQ Detector’s control panel, and then click Launch Instrument Console.

4. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, expand SQ Detector.
5. If you use MassLynx software, click Interactive Display; otherwise click Interactive Fluidics.
6. If the calibration reservoir is selected, click  to purge the system.
7. If the sample reservoir is selected, click on the reservoir display and in the Select Reservoir dialog box, select the calibration reservoir.
8. Click OK.

**Tip:** System purge takes approximately 2 minutes.

**Result:** The calibration reservoir is selected, and the system is purged.

### To specify the instrument set-up parameters

1. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, click SQ Detector.
2. Ensure that Ion Mode is ES+.
3. Click IntelliStart.
4. Ensure that Instrument Setup is selected.
5. If you require system pre-checking, select Pre-checks.

**Rationale:** If Pre-checks is selected, when IntelliStart starts the instrument setup, it determines whether the existing calibration is still valid. If so, it does not perform a full calibration but proceeds to sample tuning the instrument.

For further details, see the instrument's online Help topic "IntelliStart flow diagram".

6. Click Start  to open the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box.
7. In the Instrument Setup tab's Reference list, click Naics.

**Rationale:** Naics is the calibration reference for sodium cesium iodide when working in ES+ ion mode.

8. If you use MassLynx software, click “Fill from reference file”; otherwise, click “Get Reference Masses”.

**Result:** The default mass values appear in the Instrument Tune Masses text boxes.

**Rule:** You must click “Fill from reference file” or “Get Reference Masses” to obtain the masses from the reference each time you select a new calibration reference.

**Tip:** You can use alternative reference solutions to calibrate at different masses.

9. The tune and calibration results are saved with the names specified. You can use the default names or enter your own.

### To specify the sample tune parameters using MassLynx software

This procedure applies only if you are using MassLynx software. If you are using Empower software, see [“To specify the sample tune parameters using Empower software” on page 4-4](#).

1. In the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box, click the Sample Tune tab.
2. For the first sample tune mass, select the check box and enter a value of 311.
3. Clear all the check boxes for other sample tune masses.
4. In the Tune text box, enter sulfadimethoxine.ipr.

**Rationale:** The sample tune results are written to this file.

### To specify the sample tune parameters using Empower software

This procedure applies only if you are using Empower software. If you are using MassLynx software, see [“To specify the sample tune parameters using MassLynx software” on page 4-4](#).

1. In the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box, click the Sample Tune tab.
2. For the first sample tune mass, select the check box and enter a value of 311.

3. Clear all the check boxes for other sample tune masses.
4. In the Save Sample Tune Parameters As box, enter sulfadimethoxine.

### To start instrument setup

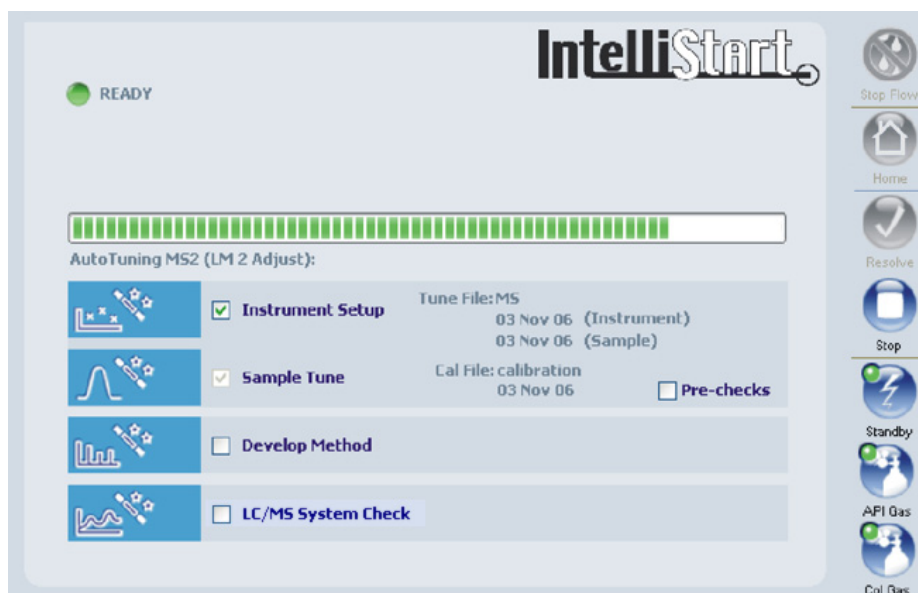
1. Click Start.

**Result:** A message appears reminding you to ensure that the calibrant solutions, calibration parameters, and LC flow are set correctly.

2. Click OK.

**Result:** An autotune on the calibrant is followed by automatic calibration. The ACQUITY UPLC Console displays the progress of the setup.

### Display during calibration



IntelliStart creates tune and calibration settings, which are saved as specified on the Instrument Setup Parameters dialog box's Instrument Setup tab. Once calibration is complete, the sample tune starts on the mass defined in the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box. When the sample tune is complete, the sample tune results are saved with the name sulfadimethoxine.

## Performing a sample tune

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In the following example, sulfadimethoxine is used as the tuning sample.

**Required material:** Sulfadimethoxine solution (100 pg/ $\mu$ L)

### To perform a sample tune

1. Prepare the IntelliStart Fluidics system with sulfadimethoxine solution in reservoir B (see [“To prepare the IntelliStart Fluidics system” on page 4-2](#)).
2. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, click SQ Detector.
3. Ensure that the Ion Mode is ES+.
4. Click IntelliStart.
5. Clear the Instrument Setup check box.
6. If you require system pre-checking, select Pre-checks.

**Rationale:** If Pre-checks is selected, when IntelliStart starts the sample tune, it determines whether the existing tune is still valid. If so, no sample tune is performed.

See the instrument’s online Help topic “IntelliStart flow diagram”.

7. Click Start.
8. In the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box’s Sample Tune tab, specify the sample tune parameters as described for your data system in [“To specify the sample tune parameters using MassLynx software” on page 4-4](#) or [“To specify the sample tune parameters using Empower software” on page 4-4](#).
9. Click Start.

**Result:** A message appears reminding you to ensure that the tune solutions, tune parameters, and LC flow are set correctly.

10. Click OK.

**Result:** The ACQUITY UPLC Console displays the progress of the setup. When the sample tune is complete, the sample tune results are saved with the name sulfadimethoxine.



## Developing experiment methods

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IntelliStart software enables you to automatically develop quantitative SIR methods for compounds of interest. Up to four compounds can be handled in a single process. The following procedure creates a method using sulfadimethoxine as an example.

**Required material:** Sulfadimethoxine solution (100 pg/ $\mu$ L)

### To create a method

1. Prepare the IntelliStart Fluidics system with sulfadimethoxine solution in reservoir B (see [“To prepare the IntelliStart Fluidics system” on page 4-2](#)).
2. In the ACQUITY UPLC Console system tree, click SQ Detector.
3. Ensure that the Ion Mode is ES+.
4. Click IntelliStart.
5. Clear the Instrument Setup check box.
6. Click Develop Method.
7. If you require system pre-checking, select Pre-checks. See the instrument’s online Help topic “IntelliStart flow diagram”.
8. Click Start.
9. In the IntelliStart Setup Parameters dialog box, click the Method Developer tab if you use MassLynx software, or the Develop Method tab if you use Empower software.  
**Rule:** The masses, tune parameters, and IntelliStart Fluidics system parameters already set in IntelliStart are used.
10. Select the parameters shown in the following figures.

## Method Developer tab (MassLynx)

IntelliStart Setup Parameters

# IntelliStart

Instrument Setup | Sample Tune | **Method Developer**

Method developer will use masses, tune file and fluidics settings as specified in the [sample tune tab](#)

Sample Tune File

Develop SIR Experiment

Experiment filenames

File

SIR file name:

Runtime:

Validation

Save acquired optimization data for validation

Cone voltage optimize stage data file:

Produce AutoTune report

Report filename:

Optimization Ramps

	Start	End	Step
Cone Voltage	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="100.00"/>	<input type="text" value="5.00"/>

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## Develop Method tab (Empower)

The screenshot shows the 'IntelliStart Setup Parameters' dialog box with the 'Develop Method' tab selected. The dialog is titled 'IntelliStart' and has a navigation bar with 'Instrument Setup', 'Sample Tune', 'Develop Method', and 'LC/MS System Check'. The 'Develop Method' section is divided into two main areas: 'New Method' and 'Optimization Range'. In the 'New Method' section, there is a note: 'The sample tune's masses, tune parameters and fluidics settings will apply.' Below this, the 'Base On Method Set:' dropdown is set to 'Sulfadimethoxine'. The 'SIR' section has a checked box for 'Develop SIR Method' and a 'Stop Time:' of '2.00 min'. The 'Save As Method Set:' dropdown is also set to 'Sulfadimethoxine'. The 'Optimization Range' section has a 'Cone Voltage' sub-section with three input fields: 'Start:' (0.00 V), 'End:' (100.00 V), and 'Step:' (5.00 V). At the bottom right, there is a checked box for 'Print AutoTune Report' and two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.

The dialog box above shows a method called sulfadimethoxine being created.

In MassLynx software, the validation pane selections save optimization data for validation purposes and create an autotune report file (Sulfadimethoxine.xml). In Empower software, an autotune report file is printed.

For further information on the parameters available in the Develop Method tab, see the instrument's online Help.

11. Click Start.

**Result.** A message appears reminding you to ensure that the sample solutions, sample tune parameters, and LC flow are set correctly.

12. Click OK.

**Result:** The ACQUITY UPLC Console displays the progress of the method development. When the method development is complete, the method settings are saved with the name Sulfadimethoxine.

A green check mark indicates a successful run; a red cross indicates a failure.

## Verifying the system

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Using IntelliStart, you can verify that your system is performing to an acceptable standard. You can run the system verification in one of the following three ways:

- Manually from the ACQUITY UPLC Console.
- Manually as part of an autotune sequence.
- If you use MassLynx, automatically on a scheduled time and date.

For instructions on preparing a sulfadimethoxine standard for use with the supplied LC/MS System Check projects, see [“Preparing Samples for LC/MS System Check with Empower software”](#) on page B-1.

For detailed information on setting up system verification, see the instrument’s online Help.

# A Safety Advisories

Waters instruments display hazard symbols designed to alert you to the hidden dangers of operating and maintaining the instruments. Their corresponding user guides also include the hazard symbols, with accompanying text statements describing the hazards and telling you how to avoid them. This appendix presents all the safety symbols and statements that apply to the entire line of Waters products.

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## Warning symbols

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Warning symbols alert you to the risk of death, injury, or seriously adverse physiological reactions associated with an instrument's use or misuse. Heed all warnings when you install, repair, and operate Waters instruments. Waters assumes no liability for the failure of those who install, repair, or operate its instruments to comply with any safety precaution.

### Task-specific hazard warnings

The following warning symbols alert you to risks that can arise when you operate or maintain an instrument or instrument component. Such risks include burn injuries, electric shocks, ultraviolet radiation exposures, and others.

When the following symbols appear in a manual's narratives or procedures, their accompanying text identifies the specific risk and explains how to avoid it.



**Warning:** (General risk of danger. When this symbol appears on an instrument, consult the instrument's user documentation for important safety-related information before you use the instrument.)



**Warning:** (Risk of burn injury from contacting hot surfaces.)



**Warning:** (Risk of electric shock.)



**Warning:** (Risk of fire.)



**Warning:** (Risk of needle puncture.)



**Warning:** (Risk of injury caused by moving machinery.)



**Warning:** (Risk of exposure to ultraviolet radiation.)



**Warning:** (Risk of contacting corrosive substances.)



**Warning:** (Risk of exposure to a toxic substance.)



**Warning:** (Risk of personal exposure to laser radiation.)



**Warning:** (Risk of exposure to biological agents that can pose a serious health threat.)

## Warnings that apply to particular instruments, instrument components, and sample types

The following warnings can appear in the user manuals of particular instruments and on labels affixed to them or their component parts.

### Burst warning

This warning applies to Waters instruments fitted with nonmetallic tubing.



**Warning:** Pressurized nonmetallic, or polymer, tubing can burst. Observe these precautions when working around such tubing:

- Wear eye protection.
- Extinguish all nearby flames.
- Do not use tubing that is, or has been, stressed or kinked.
- Do not expose nonmetallic tubing to incompatible compounds like tetrahydrofuran (THF) and nitric or sulfuric acids.
- Be aware that some compounds, like methylene chloride and dimethyl sulfoxide, can cause nonmetallic tubing to swell, which significantly reduces the pressure at which the tubing can rupture.

### Mass spectrometer flammable solvents warning

This warning applies to instruments operated with flammable solvents.



**Warning:** Where significant quantities of flammable solvents are involved, a continuous flow of nitrogen into the ion source is required to prevent possible ignition in that enclosed space.

Ensure that the nitrogen supply pressure never falls below 690 kPa (6.9 bar, 100 psi) during an analysis in which flammable solvents are used. Also ensure a gas-fail connection is connected to the LC system so that the LC solvent flow stops if the nitrogen supply fails.

## Mass spectrometer shock hazard

This warning applies to all Waters mass spectrometers.



**Warning:** To avoid electric shock, do not remove the mass spectrometer's protective panels. The components they cover are not user-serviceable.

This warning applies to certain instruments when they are in Operate mode.



**Warning:** High voltages can be present at certain external surfaces of the mass spectrometer when the instrument is in Operate mode. To avoid non-lethal electric shock, make sure the instrument is in Standby mode before touching areas marked with this high voltage warning symbol.

## Biohazard warning

This warning applies to Waters instruments that can be used to process material that might contain biohazards: substances that contain biological agents capable of producing harmful effects in humans.



**Warning:** Waters's instruments and software can be used to analyze or process potentially infectious human-sourced products, inactivated microorganisms, and other biological materials. To avoid infection with these agents, assume that all biological fluids are infectious, observe Good Laboratory Practices and, consult your organization's biohazard safety representative regarding their proper use and handling. Specific precautions appear in the latest edition of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) publication, *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* (BMBL).



## Chemical hazard warning

This warning applies to Waters instruments that can process corrosive, toxic, flammable, or other types of hazardous material.



**Warning:** Waters instruments can be used to analyze or process potentially hazardous substances. To avoid injury with any of these materials, familiarize yourself with the materials and their hazards, observe Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), and consult your organization's safety representative regarding proper use and handling. Guidelines are provided in the latest edition of the National Research Council's publication, *Prudent Practices in the Laboratory: Handling and Disposal of Chemicals*.

## Caution symbol

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The caution symbol signifies that an instrument's use or misuse can damage the instrument or compromise a sample's integrity. The following symbol and its associated statement are typical of the kind that alert you to the risk of damaging the instrument or sample.



**Caution:** To avoid damage, do not use abrasives or solvents to clean the instrument's case.

## Warnings that apply to all Waters instruments

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When operating this device, follow standard quality control procedures and the equipment guidelines in this section.



**Attention:** Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

**Important:** Toute modification sur cette unité n'ayant pas été expressément approuvée par l'autorité responsable de la conformité à la réglementation peut annuler le droit de l'utilisateur à exploiter l'équipement.

**Achtung:** Jedwede Änderungen oder Modifikationen an dem Gerät ohne die ausdrückliche Genehmigung der für die ordnungsgemäße Funktionstüchtigkeit verantwortlichen Personen kann zum Entzug der Bedienungsbefugnis des Systems führen.

**Avvertenza:** qualsiasi modifica o alterazione apportata a questa unità e non espressamente autorizzata dai responsabili per la conformità fa decadere il diritto all'utilizzo dell'apparecchiatura da parte dell'utente.

**Atencion:** cualquier cambio o modificación efectuado en esta unidad que no haya sido expresamente aprobado por la parte responsable del cumplimiento puede anular la autorización del usuario para utilizar el equipo.

**注意：**未經有關法規認證部門允許對本設備進行的改變或修改，可能會使使用者喪失操作該設備的權利。

**注意：**未經有關法規認證部門明確允許對本設備進行的改變或改裝，可能會使使用者喪失操作該設備的合法性。

**주의:** 규정 준수를 책임지는 당사자의 명백한 승인 없이 이 장치를 개조 또는 변경할 경우, 이 장치를 운용할 수 있는 사용자 권한의 효력을 상실할 수 있습니다.

**注意：**規制機関から明確な承認を受けずに本装置の変更や改造を行うと、本装置のユーザーとしての承認が無効になる可能性があります。



**Warning:** Use caution when working with any polymer tubing under pressure:

- Always wear eye protection when near pressurized polymer tubing.
- Extinguish all nearby flames.
- Do not use tubing that has been severely stressed or kinked.
- Do not use nonmetallic tubing with tetrahydrofuran (THF) or concentrated nitric or sulfuric acids.
- Be aware that methylene chloride and dimethyl sulfoxide cause nonmetallic tubing to swell, which greatly reduces the rupture pressure of the tubing.

**Attention:** Manipulez les tubes en polymère sous pression avec précaution:

- Portez systématiquement des lunettes de protection lorsque vous vous trouvez à proximité de tubes en polymère pressurisés.
- Eteignez toute flamme se trouvant à proximité de l'instrument.
- Evitez d'utiliser des tubes sévèrement déformés ou endommagés.
- Evitez d'utiliser des tubes non métalliques avec du tétrahydrofurane (THF) ou de l'acide sulfurique ou nitrique concentré.
- Sachez que le chlorure de méthylène et le diméthylesulfoxyde entraînent le gonflement des tuyaux non métalliques, ce qui réduit considérablement leur pression de rupture.

**Vorsicht:** Bei der Arbeit mit Polymerschläuchen unter Druck ist besondere Vorsicht angebracht:

- In der Nähe von unter Druck stehenden Polymerschläuchen stets Schutzbrille tragen.
- Alle offenen Flammen in der Nähe löschen.
- Keine Schläuche verwenden, die stark geknickt oder überbeansprucht sind.
- Nichtmetallische Schläuche nicht für Tetrahydrofuran (THF) oder konzentrierte Salpeter- oder Schwefelsäure verwenden.
- Durch Methylenchlorid und Dimethylsulfoxid können nichtmetallische Schläuche quellen; dadurch wird der Berstdruck des Schlauches erheblich reduziert.



**Attenzione:** fare attenzione quando si utilizzano tubi in materiale polimerico sotto pressione:

- Indossare sempre occhiali da lavoro protettivi nei pressi di tubi di polimero pressurizzati.
- Spegnere tutte le fiamme vive nell'ambiente circostante.
- Non utilizzare tubi eccessivamente logorati o piegati.
- Non utilizzare tubi non metallici con tetraidrofurano (THF) o acido solforico o nitrico concentrati.
- Tenere presente che il cloruro di metilene e il dimetilsolfossido provocano rigonfiamenti nei tubi non metallici, riducendo notevolmente la pressione di rottura dei tubi stessi.

**Advertencia:** se recomienda precaución cuando se trabaje con tubos de polímero sometidos a presión:

- El usuario deberá protegerse siempre los ojos cuando trabaje cerca de tubos de polímero sometidos a presión.
- Si hubiera alguna llama las proximidades.
- No se debe trabajar con tubos que se hayan doblado o sometido a altas presiones.
- Es necesario utilizar tubos de metal cuando se trabaje con tetrahidrofurano (THF) o ácidos nítrico o sulfúrico concentrados.
- Hay que tener en cuenta que el cloruro de metileno y el sulfóxido de dimetilo dilatan los tubos no metálicos, lo que reduce la presión de ruptura de los tubos.

**警告：**當在有壓力的情況下使用聚合物管線時，小心注意以下幾點。

- 當接近有壓力的聚合物管線時一定要戴防護眼鏡。
- 熄滅附近所有的火焰。
- 不要使用已經被壓癟或嚴重彎曲管線。
- 不要在非金屬管線中使用四氫呋喃或濃硝酸或濃硫酸。
- 要了解使用二氯甲烷及二甲基亞楓會導致非金屬管線膨脹，大大降低管線的耐壓能力。



**警告：**当有压力的情况下使用管线时，小心注意以下几点：

- 当接近有压力的聚合物管线时一定要戴防护眼镜。
- 熄灭附近所有的火焰。
- 不要使用已经被压瘪或严重弯曲的管线。
- 不要在非金属管线中使用四氢呋喃或浓硝酸或浓硫酸。
- 要了解使用二氯甲烷及二甲基亚砜会导致非金属管线膨胀，大大降低管线的耐压能力。

**경고:** 가압 폴리머 튜브로 작업할 경우에는 주의하십시오.

- 가압 폴리머 튜브 근처에서는 항상 보호 안경을 착용하십시오.
- 근처의 화기를 모두 끄십시오.
- 심하게 변형되거나 꼬인 튜브는 사용하지 마십시오.
- 비금속(Nonmetallic) 튜브를 테트라히드로푸란(Tetrahydrofuran: THF) 또는 농축 질산 또는 황산과 함께 사용하지 마십시오.
- 염화 메틸렌(Methylene chloride) 및 디메틸설폭시드(Dimethyl sulfoxide)는 비금속 튜브를 부풀려 튜브의 파열 압력을 크게 감소시킬 수 있으므로 유의하십시오.

**警告：**圧力のかかったポリマーチューブを扱うときは、注意してください。

- 加圧されたポリマーチューブの付近では、必ず保護メガネを着用してください。
- 近くにある火を消してください。
- 著しく変形した、または折れ曲がったチューブは使用しないでください。
- 非金属チューブには、テトラヒドロフラン(THF)や高濃度の硝酸または硫酸などを流さないでください。
- 塩化メチレンやジメチルスルホキシドは、非金属チューブの膨張を引き起こす場合があります、その場合、チューブは極めて低い圧力で破裂します。



**Warning:** The user shall be made aware that if the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

**Attention:** L'utilisateur doit être informé que si le matériel est utilisé d'une façon non spécifiée par le fabricant, la protection assurée par le matériel risque d'être défectueuses.

**Vorsicht:** Der Benutzer wird darauf aufmerksam gemacht, dass bei unsachgemäßer Verwendung des Gerätes die eingebauten Sicherheitseinrichtungen unter Umständen nicht ordnungsgemäß funktionieren.

**Attenzione:** si rende noto all'utente che l'eventuale utilizzo dell'apparecchiatura secondo modalità non previste dal produttore può compromettere la protezione offerta dall'apparecchiatura.

**Advertencia:** el usuario deberá saber que si el equipo se utiliza de forma distinta a la especificada por el fabricante, las medidas de protección del equipo podrían ser insuficientes.

**警告：**使用者必須非常清楚如果設備不是按照製造廠商指定的方式使用，那麼該設備所提供的保護將被削弱。

**警告：**使用者必須非常清楚如果設備不是按照製造廠商指定的方式使用，那麼該設備所提供的保護將被削弱。

**경고:** 제조업체가 명시하지 않은 방식으로 장비를 사용할 경우 장비가 제공하는 보호 수단이 제대로 작동하지 않을 수 있다는 점을 사용자에게 반드시 인식시켜야 합니다.







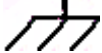
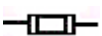

**警告：**ユーザーは、製造元により指定されていない方法で機器を使用すると、機器が提供している保証が無効になる可能性があることに注意して下さい。

# Electrical and handling symbols

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## Electrical symbols

These can appear in instrument user manuals and on the instrument's front or rear panels.

	Electrical power on
	Electrical power off
	Standby
	Direct current
	Alternating current
	Protective conductor terminal
	Frame, or chassis, terminal
	Fuse
	Recycle symbol: Do not dispose in municipal waste.

## Handling symbols

These handling symbols and their associated text can appear on labels affixed to the outer packaging of Waters instrument and component shipments.

	Keep upright!
	Keep dry!
	Fragile!
	Use no hooks!



# B Preparing Samples for LC/MS System Check with Empower software

This appendix describes the procedure for preparing a sulfadimethoxine standard for use with the LC/MS System Check projects supplied for Empower software.

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## Assembling required materials

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You must assemble the following materials before starting to prepare your sample:

- Solution kit containing 1 mg/mL sulfadimethoxine stock in methanol. This solution kit is provided with your instrument.
- 1 L of solvent made up of 90:10 water/acetonitrile plus 0.1% formic acid (v/v).
- Clean class A volumetric flasks: 100-mL (2), 10-mL.
- Clean class A pipettes (TD), 1-mL (3).
- PTFE-sealed screw-top amber sample bottles (glass or Nalgene™): 125-mL (2), 15-mL (2).
- Sample vial, 2-mL.

## Preparing the sulfadimethoxine standard

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The target mass of sulfadimethoxine on the ACQUITY UPLC column is 100 pg. Because the supplied LC/MS System Check methods specify an injection volume of 5  $\mu$ L, you must prepare a 20 pg/ $\mu$ L sulfadimethoxine solution.

### To dilute the stock solutions to the final standard concentration:

1. Pour 1 mL of the stock solution into one of the 100-mL volumetric flasks.
2. Dilute to the 100 mL mark with solvent.  
**Result:** The flask contains a 10 ng/ $\mu$ L sulfadimethoxine solution.
3. Into a second 100-mL volumetric flask, pour 1 mL of the solution created in [step 2](#).
4. Dilute to the 100 mL mark with solvent.  
**Result:** The flask contains a 100 pg/ $\mu$ L sulfadimethoxine solution.

5. Into the 10-mL volumetric flask, pour 2 mL of the solution created in [step 4](#).
6. Dilute to the 10 mL mark with solvent.

**Result:** The flask contains the 20 pg/ $\mu$ L sulfadimethoxine standard solution.

## Storing the solutions

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Store each of the solutions in an appropriate container. Waters recommends using the following sample bottles:

- For the stock solution, a 15-mL sample bottle.
- For the 10 ng/ $\mu$ L solution, a 125-mL sample bottle.
- For the 100 pg/ $\mu$ L solution, a 125-mL sample bottle.
- For the final sulfadimethoxine standard solution, a 15-mL sample bottle.

## Using the solution in an LC/MS System Check run

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The final sulfadimethoxine standard solution is ready for use in an LC/MS System Check run with the Empower software.

### To use the solution in an LC/MS System Check run:

1. Pour 1 mL of the sulfadimethoxine standard solution into the 2-mL sample vial.
2. Place the vial in position 2:A,7 in the ACQUITY Sample Manager.
3. Run LC/MS System Check, as described in the instrument's online Help.

