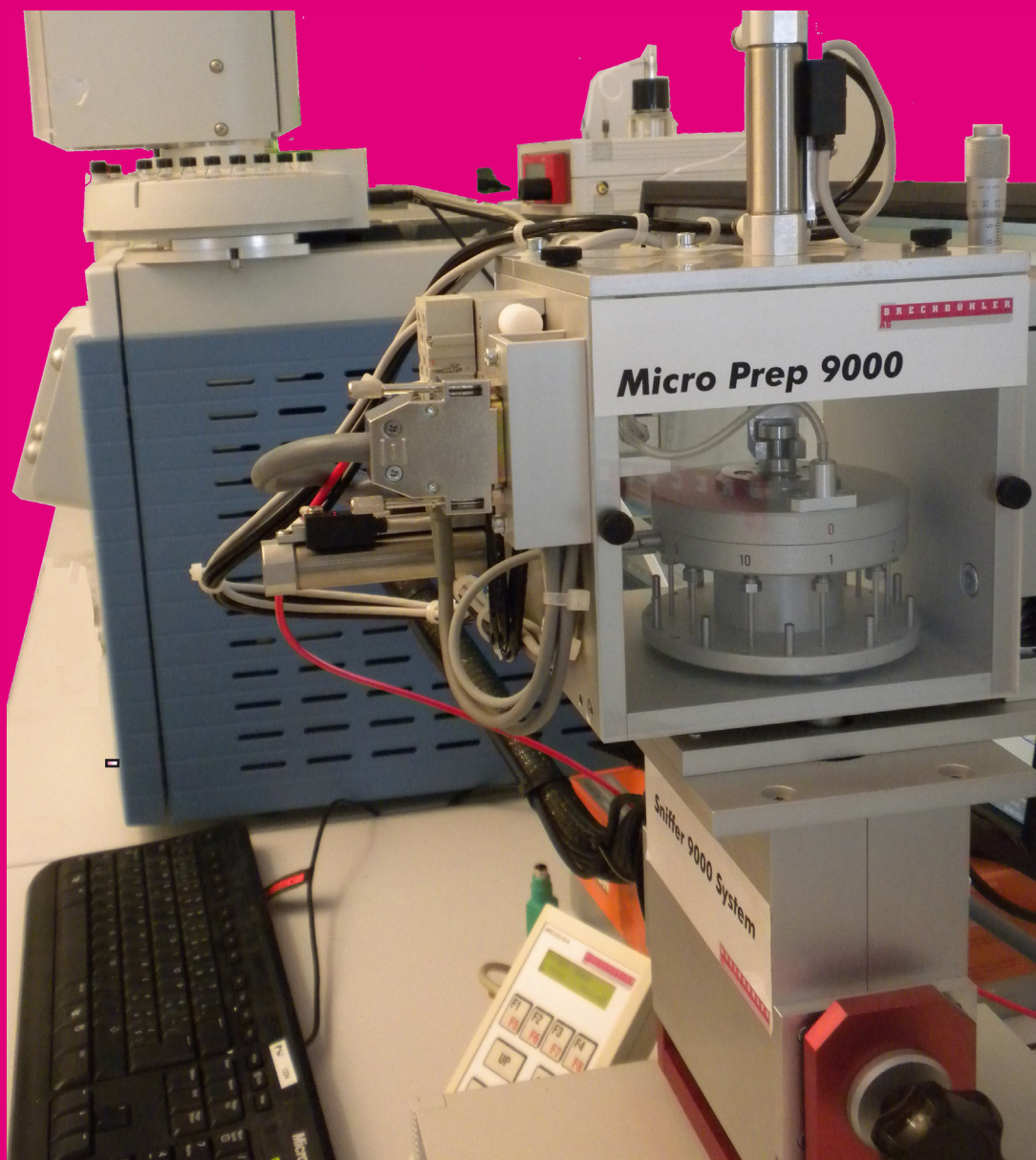


# Prep 9000



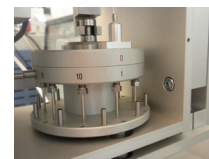
Fraction collector for GC

**B R E C H B Ü H L E R**  
scientific analytical solutions  
**AG**

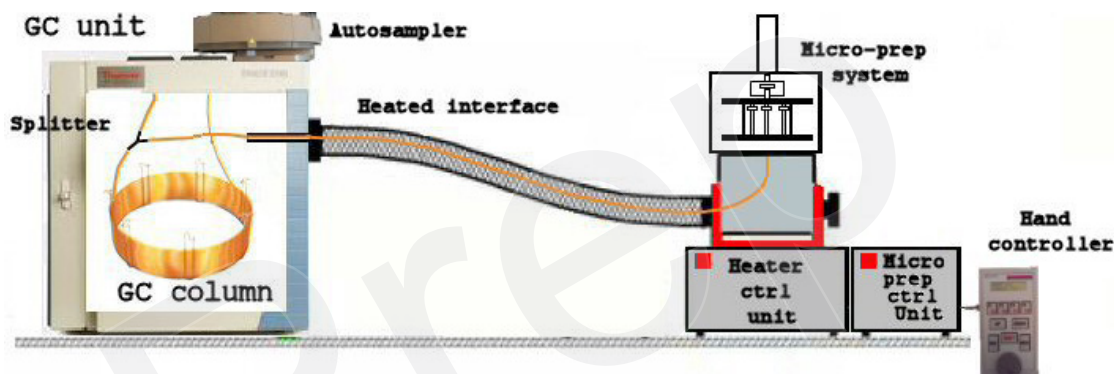
[www.brechbuehler.ch](http://www.brechbuehler.ch)

# Micro-Prep system

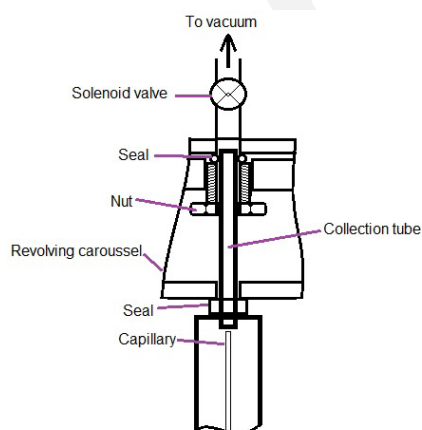
**Micro-preparative** technique refers to the collection of fractions after separation by Gas Chromatography to enhance the concentration.



The enrichment procedure is based on a repetitive adsorption of eluting compounds, after separation from a capillary column, by sucking them through an adsorption tube mounted on the outlet splitter. Optimization is easily performed during a supervised GC run in a semi automatic mode. Once optimized, repetitive injection/collections are performed using an autosampler. Full synchronization makes the system fully automated. The system directs the column effluent at any given time into the collecting system where the compounds of interest are adsorbed.



## Principle



Adsorption Tube Setup

The mixture to be separated is placed in standard autosampler vials which are placed onto the Autosampler tray. The sample is injected preferably in splitless mode.

Tubes filled with an adsorbent are used for sample enrichment.

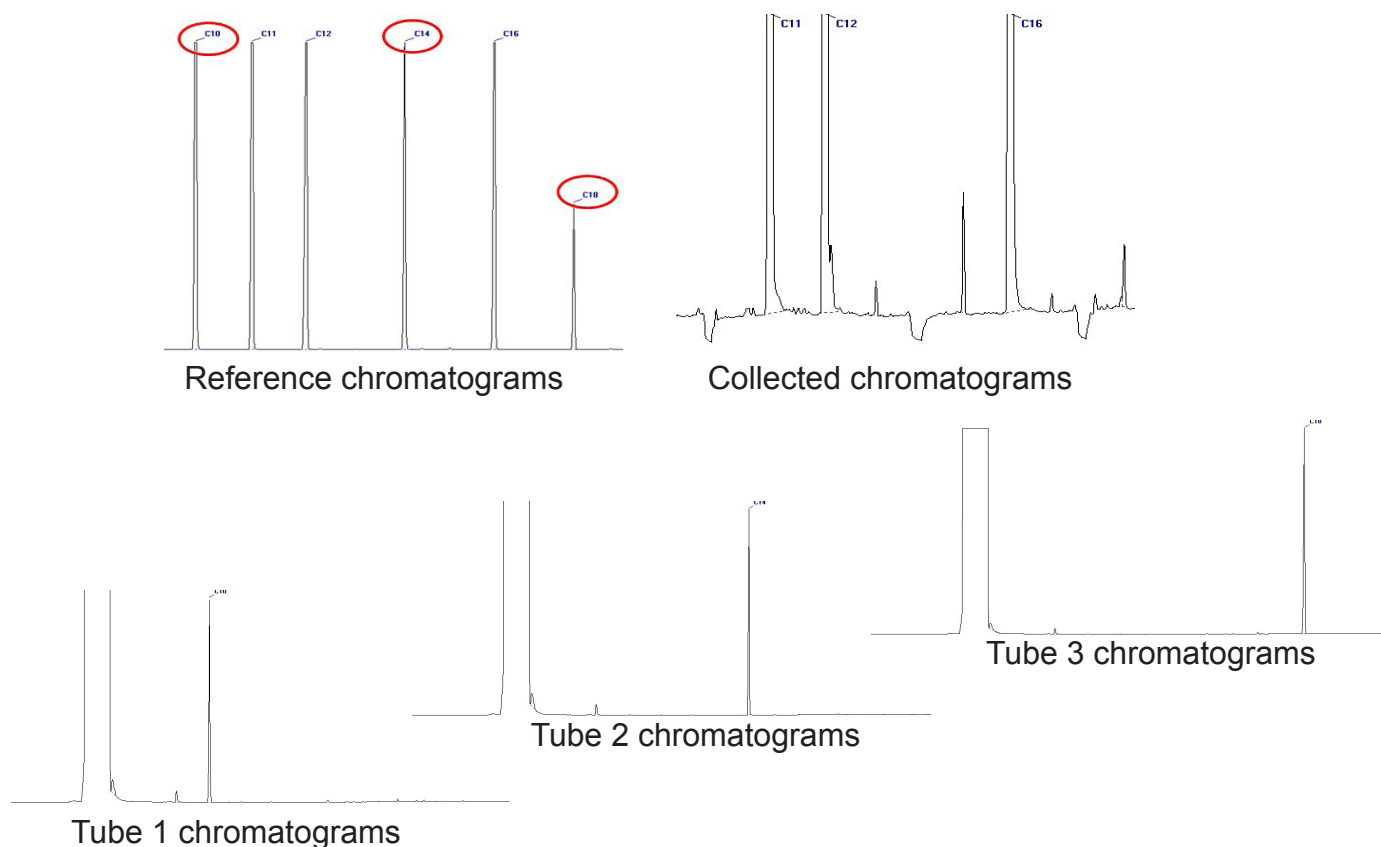
They are placed on a specially designed revolving carousel which is mounted at the end of the heated transfer line. A splitter (press-fit Y) is installed at the end of the column.

During normal operation the solenoid valve is closed. Thus a standing gas volume serves as a gas barrier in the branch leading the adsorption tube. The column effluent is forced to flow through the splitter branch leading to the FID and does not contaminate the adsorption tube. During the collection solenoid valve is open drawing the effluent through the adsorption tube. Changing to the next tube is done by pneumatic. Two cylinders move to the next tube in less than 1 second.

**Prep 9000** Collect your peak

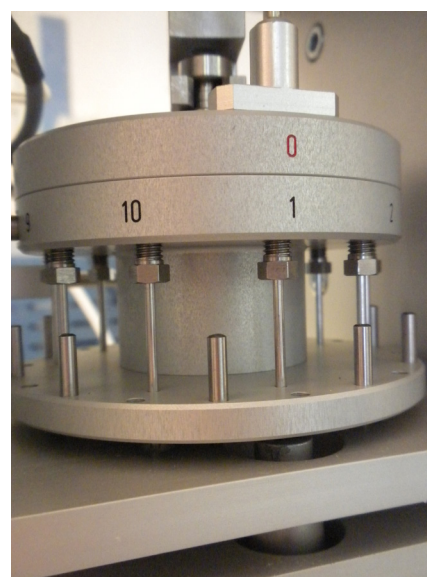
# Fraction collection system

Up to 10 collection tubes can be placed on the carousel. Collection times are set either using the Prep9000 time table available from the hand controller or through the data system using time events.



After a reference chromatogram is obtained, the collections windows are defined. Multiple run are required to obtain the desired amount of collected compound. Collection chromatogram can be checked for proper collection time. Once collected the tubes are either solvent extracted or thermally desorbed.

Chromatograms above show the collection of 3 peaks n-decane, n-tetradecane and n-octadecane on three different tube. Each tube has been extracted with hexane and analyzed.



Prep carousel

# Configurations

The Prep 9000 is available in many configurations:

Standalone system for existing GC (compatible with most of the existing GCs)

Prep station with Trace 1300 & AI1310

2D GC (MCSS) with single oven (one Trace1310)

2D GC (MCSS) with multiple oven (Two Trace 1300/1310)

All configurations are compatible with MS

The Prep9000 can be upgraded to a **Sniffer9000** for GC-O experiment



The Prep9000 on Thermo Trace 1310

# Specifications

## Prep 9000:

Available in 2 length: 80cm & 140cm

Connection on the left, right or top depending on GC configuration

Transfer line heated up to 325°C

Up to 10 collection tubes

Tube changing time: less than 2 seconds

Adsorbent available: Tenax, Porapack Q, Charcoal

Custom adsorption /empty tubes available upon request

Tube capacity: 1 to 4mg

Optional heated cone for collection of heavier compounds

Synchronization with GC and Autosampler via TTL, Contact closure, current sink.

Manual collection possible with a hand held controller

Manual advance of carousel possible



Can be upgraded to the **Sniffer9000** for GC-Olfactometry

# Ordering information

Part No. Description

## Base Unit

- 9 1005002 **PREP 9000**  
Micro-Preparative Collecting system  
Includes:  
Dedicated flexible heated interface  
Heater control unit  
Hand held control unit  
Preparative fraction collector for up to 10 adsorption tubes  
Standard outfit, Manual

## Accessories / Spare parts

- 9 1000055 Flexible heated interface  
9 1005110 Empty glass adsorption tubes (set of 10)  
9 1005111 Empty glass adsorption tubes (set of 50)  
9 1005120 Filled adsorption tubes Porapack Q (set of 10)  
9 1005121 Filled adsorption tubes Porapack Q (set of 50)  
9 1005130 Filled adsorption tubes Charcoal (set of 10)  
9 1005131 Filled adsorption tubes Charcoal (set of 50)  
9 1005140 Filled adsorption tubes TENAX (set of 10)  
9 1005141 Filled adsorption tubes TENAX (set of 50)



**Prep9000** micro-preparative technique

# Prep9000

Brechbühler AG  
Steinwiesenstrasse 3  
CH-8952 Schlieren, Switzerland  
Tel +41 44 732 31 31  
Tax +41 44 730 61 41  
E-mail: [info@brechbuehler.ch](mailto:info@brechbuehler.ch)

**B R E C H B Ü H L E R**  
scientific analytical solutions  
**AG**

[www.brechbuehler.ch](http://www.brechbuehler.ch)