

# Spe-ed SCF Product Line

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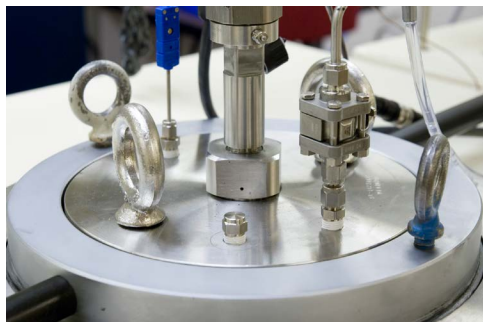
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# Spe-ed SFE-Prime

The *Spe-ed*<sup>TM</sup> SFE Prime is the newest SFE in our series of instruments for supercritical fluid processes. These systems meet the rigorous needs of day-to-day use in the classroom and are made for hands-on demonstrations. It is safe, simple to operate, fast and affordable, with features found in other, more expensive SFE systems.

The system features:

- temperatures to 150°C
- pressure up to 10,000 psi (690 BAR)
- pump flow rates up to 200mL/min
- control of flow rate to each vessel
- fully-adjustable, non-clogging micro-metering valve
- process vessels ranging in size from 5 to 100mL
- extract collected into SPE cartridges or standard glassware
- in-line trapping capabilities
- modifier addition capability
- liquid sample extraction capability
- multiple over-pressure safety devices

## Heating Compartment

- Flip-up cover for easy access
- Heater goes to 150 degrees

## Micro-metering valve

- Straightforward adjustable design
- Non-clogging
- Simplified cleaning / rinsing
- Maintenance free
- Flow control +/- 1.8%
- Heated to compensate for Joule Thompson cooling

## Vessels

- 5 mL to 150 mL hand tightened
- Simplified shutoff valves
- Static and dynamic extractions

## High Pressure CO<sub>2</sub> Pump

- Reliable air driven
- Pressure 690 BAR (10,000 psi)
- 200 mL/min flow rate
- Digital pressure setting maintains a desired set point throughout the system
- Integrated cooling requiring no external chiller

## Temperature

- A PID temperature controller maintains the precise fluid temperature inside the high pressure vessel.
- Independent temperature sensor monitors precise temperature of the vessel



## Safety

- Built-in automatic over pressure and over temperature safeguards
- Audible alarm
- Pressure relief valve
- Rupture disc



# Spe-ed SFE-2

## 2-Vessel Simultaneous Oven-based Extraction System

The *Spe-ed* SFE-2 is the original SFE in our series of instruments for supercritical fluid extraction. Built in conjunction with the USDA1, this system was designed to meet the rigorous needs of day-to-day use in the research lab. It is simple to operate, fast and affordable, with unique features not found in other SCF systems.

The system features:

- temperatures to 240°C
- pressure up to 10,000 psi (690 BAR)
- pump flow rates up to 400mL/min
- independent control of flow rates to each vessel
- fully-adjustable, non-clogging, variable restrictors
- parallel processing capabilities of 1 or 2 vessels from 5mL to 1.0L
- collection into SPE cartridges or standard glassware
- in-line trapping capabilities
- modifier addition capability
- multiple flow path capability
- extract directly from liquid samples



# Spe-ed SFE-4

## 4-Vessel Simultaneous Oven-based Extraction System

Designed for every day use in the research lab, the *Spe-ed* SFE-4 is easy to use, cost-effective, and durable. The *Spe-ed* SFE-4 has all the advantages of the *Spe-ed* SFE-2 while expanding parallel processing capabilities up to four extractor vessels. This system doubles the processing capability of the *Spe-ed* SFE-2.

The system features:

- temperatures to 240°C
- pressure up to 10,000 psi (690 BAR)
- pump flow rates up to 400mL/min
- independent control of flow rates to each vessel
- fully-adjustable, non-clogging, variable restrictors
- parallel processing capabilities of up to 4 vessels from 5mL to 1.0L
- collection into SPE cartridges or standard glassware
- in-line trapping capabilities
- modifier addition capability
- multiple flow path capability
- extract directly from liquid samples



# Spe-ed SFE-15,000

## Higher Pressure Oven-based Extraction System

The *Spe-ed* SFE-15000 is designed for higher pressure SCF extraction. Researchers investigating higher pressure extraction will find the *Spe-ed* SFE-15000 simple to operate, fast and affordable. The system has been designed with special high pressure components to reliably provide rugged service, and increased solubility of many compounds. For example, at 15,000 psi, triglycerides are completely miscible in SC-CO<sub>2</sub>.

The system features:

- temperatures to 240°C
- pressure up to 15,000 psi (1000 BAR)
- pump flow rates up to 400mL/min
- independent control of flow rates to each vessel
- fully-adjustable, non-clogging, variable restrictors
- parallel processing capabilities of up to 2 vessels from 5mL to 1.0L
- collection into SPE cartridges or standard glassware
- in-line trapping capabilities
- modifier addition capability
- multiple flow path capability
- low cost





# Spe-ed SFE-Basic

## Get Started with Supercritical Fluids Technology

The *Spe-ed™* SFE Basic is the base SFE in our series of instruments for supercritical fluid processes. This no-frills machine satisfies the rigorous needs of research in the lab with a price tag that allows everyone to take advantage of the benefits of Supercritical fluids. It is safe, simple to operate, fast and affordable, with features found in other, more expensive SFE systems.

Supercritical Fluids excel in emerging industries like foods, natural products and nanotechnology where solvents can't be used.

The system features:

- temperatures to 150°C
- pressure up to 10,000 psi (680 BAR)
- pump flow rates up to 200mL/min
- control of flow rates to each vessel
- fully-adjustable, non-clogging micro-metering valve
- process vessels ranging in size from 5 to 150mL
- extract collected into SPE cartridges or standard glassware
- in-line trapping capabilities
- modifier addition capability
- liquid sample extraction capability
- multiple over-pressure safety devices

## Highlights of the Spe-ed SFE-Basic

### *Heating Compartment*

- Flip-up cover for easy access
- Heater goes to 150 degrees

### *Micro-metering valve*

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### *Safety*

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- Pressure relief valve
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# Helix



## Basic Requirements for All Extractions

All extractions require at least these Applied Separations, Inc. components:

### Base unit

CO<sub>2</sub> Pump  
Pressure vessel assembly  
Recirculating bath (chiller)

### and these utilities:

A source of air delivered at 7 BAR  
Electrical power: 240v or 120v  
Source of liquid CO<sub>2</sub>

The Helix is made up of several “base” components. The basic components are put together in a variety of standard or custom configurations to make a unit to perform a specific function.

With the base system you will be able to use the same components to do separations and extractions as well as make nanoparticles, but not at the same time. This means on one day you can do extractions and on another day you can make nanoparticles.

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### Base Unit

The compact Base Unit, measuring 10" w X 16" d X 34" h is the starting platform for operations. Pressure vessel assemblies up to 1 liter are placed on the base unit's shelf. Input, output and vent lines are controlled by shutoff valves located on the front of the unit. Digital temperature and pressure indicators also on the front of the unit show pressure and temperature.

Pressure vessels are heated by specially designed band heaters which are plugged into the front of the base unit making for easy access. An additional CO<sub>2</sub> preheater is employed to ensure that the CO<sub>2</sub> is at the designed temperature before entering the pressure vessel. A back pressure regulator controls the flow of gaseous CO<sub>2</sub> if exiting to ambient collection or regulating the pressure in a downstream pressure vessel (e.g. cyclone separator).

A base unit with its vessel assembly can be linked to other base units for additional processing capabilities: cyclone separators, precipitation vessel, expansion vessel, etc.

# Helix

## Helix Configuration Options

- Basic Configuration #7409
- Helix SCF Base Unit 240v #7305
- Touchpad Controller and  
Standard CO<sub>2</sub> Pump Module 240v #7401
- 1 Liter Vessel Assembly with basket #7322
- 500mL Vessel Assembly #7323
- 300mL Vessel Assembly #7324
- 100mL Vessel Assembly #7329
- 50mL Vessel Assembly #6414
- 32mL Vessel Assembly #6413
- 24mL Vessel Assembly #6412
- Standard Flow Meter #7927
- Standard Collector Vessel #7735

## Basic Configuration Options

- Modifier/Liquid Pump, Helix 240v #7172
- Recirculating Bath, Helix 240v #7027
- 800mL CO<sub>2</sub> Pump Module 240v #7316
- Stirring Assembly - stirrer, controller #7320

## Variety of Flow Meters

- CO<sub>2</sub> Recycle Module #7399
- Chiller, Level Indicator, etc. #7027



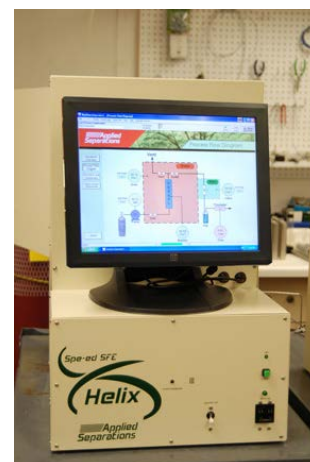
Vessel with Stirrer Assembly



Collection



Pressure Relief Device



Touchpad System Control



RESS collector

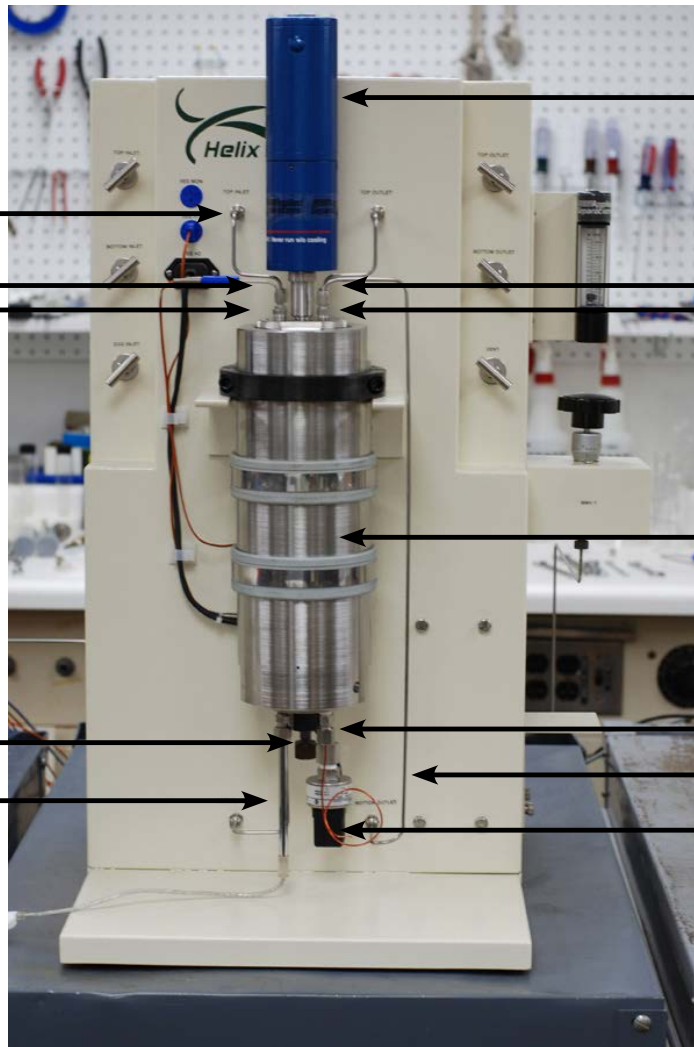


Basic Helix system with the separator module.



# Laboratory System

# Helix



CO<sub>2</sub> In

Light Port

Liquid Reactant In

Emergency Pressure Relief Device\*

Endoscope  
UV/IR  
Particle Sizing  
Turbidity

Stirrer

Pressure Probe

Gas Reactant In

- H<sub>2</sub>
- O<sub>2</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- NH<sub>3</sub>, etc.

Reactor Vessel with Agitator

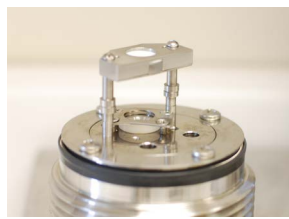
Electric In/Out  
e.g. Ultrasound

Out

Temperature Probe



Endoscope



UV/IR



Monitor  
Meters

- Spectrophotometer



Stirrer Shaft/Impeller

- Variable length
- Interchangeable impellers



Close-up of the top and bottom vessel ports.

\*Patent Pending

# Helix

## Cryo Cooler

Low pressure/ambient aluminum containers are available to collect a variety of extracts. Should the extract be highly viscous heat can be applied, or if volatile, chilling can be applied.



## Pump Module

There are two standard CO<sub>2</sub> pumps (#7321 and #7316). These are air-driven, liquid pumps capable of delivering CO<sub>2</sub> from a cylinder (nominally 60 BAR at room temperature) to a pressure of 690 BAR. Because they are pneumatic, they are inherently more compact, safer, cleaner, quieter and requiring less maintenance than either electric or hydraulic pumps. In both pumps, the pressure is set and shown by a digital readout. There is another gauge to show the air pressure.

## Recirculating Bath



The *Spe-ed* RCB for Helix (#7029) (820 BTU/hr, 15LPM, -10 C to +40C) is a specifically designed recirculating cooling bath that chills the CO<sub>2</sub> to liquidity. It is microprocessor controlled, with a small footprint and nearly noise free.

## Pressure Vessel Assemblies

316 Stainless steel pressure vessels for the Helix are hand-tightened and range in size from 24ml to 1,000ml. The assembly is comprised of the pressure vessel, heating elements, electrical input cable, and insulation. Standard sizes are

7972	5mL Vessel	1" O.D. x 5.125" O.L. .390" I.D. x 2.24" I.L.
7972	10mL Vessel	1" O.D. x 5.125" O.L. .560" I.D. x 2.24" I.L.
7973	24mL Vessel	1" O.D. x 8.875" O.L. .560" I.D. x 5.9" I.L.
7974	32mL Vessel	1" O.D. x 10.5" O.L. .560" I.D. x 8" I.L.
7975	50mL Vessel	1" O.D. x 15.25" O.L. .560" I.D. x 12.72" I.L.
7329	100mL Vessel	2.25" O.D. x 9.57" O.L. 1.25" I.D. x 4.97" I.L.
7324	300mL Vessel	3.5" O.D. x 11.42" O.L. 2" I.D. x 5.87" I.L.
7323	500mL Vessel	4.75" O.D. x 9.49" O.L. 3" I.D. x 4.49" I.L.
7322	1000mL Vessel	4.75" O.D. x 13.63" O.L. 3" I.D. x 8.62" I.L.

## Stirrer

Applied Separations now offers new stirrers to go into their extraction/ reaction vessels via the 5-Port cap that allows access to the inside of the vessel during your process.



The stirrers are rated to 10,000 PSI, 650°F, and go up to 3,000 rpm. The instrument control panel includes a digital display to monitor rpm. Stirrers are available with different shaft lengths, with a wide variety of impellers available to attach to the bottom of the stirrer.

## Modifier/Liquid Pump

Liquid pumps may be necessary in several operations when using the Helix: adding polar modifiers, introducing solvents during PCA and for the operation of the countercurrent column.

## Spe-ed MAX (#7298)

is a microprocessor controlled pump delivering 690 BAR at adjustable flow rates up to 24 ml/min.





# Pilot Systems

## Multipurpose, Expandable SFE Pilot System

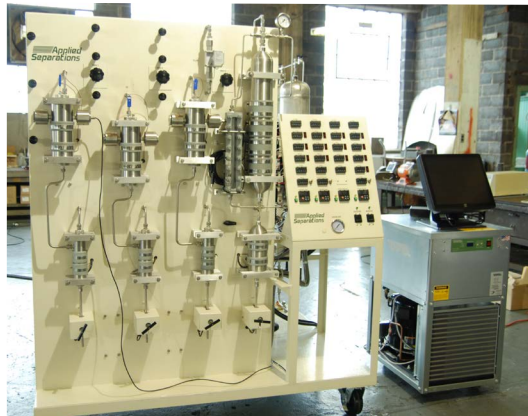
Applied Separations, Inc. offers SCF systems in any size and configuration. Although the size of a pilot system versus a production system is arbitrary, customarily, Applied Separations designates pilot systems as having extraction/reaction vessels from 5 liters to 80 liters. Greater than 80 liters, we consider production scale.

Applied Separations, Inc. will work with you one-on-one to design your custom, multipurpose, movable pilot plant/small production system. The system may be as straight forward as a manual system having one extractor vessel and venting to atmosphere to an automated system having multiple extraction/reaction vessels with multiple separators, recycling the CO<sub>2</sub>.



Manufacturing  
Supercritical Systems  
for 30 years

Numerous System Options  
...too many to list, but here are a few...



- Temperatures ambient to 650° C
- Pressures from low to very high, more than 2000 BAR
- Single or multiple separators
- Particle formation... organic/inorganic
- Counter-current Columns
- Automated control, Automated closures
- View cells, video interface
- Manual or sophisticated automated software
- Crossover networks
- Supercritical water
- Supercritical propane and other gases and liquids
- Beaming Microwave through SCF pressure vessels
- Ultrasonic interfaces
- In-vessel UV/Vis measurements
- Cleanroom environments... medical or IC
- Specialty basket designs

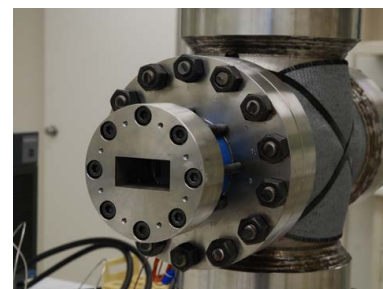


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## Some Uses for SCF Technologies

- Aerogel Drying
- Medical Implant Cleaning
- Metal Injection Molding/Powder Injection Molding
- Extractions of Natural Products
- Critical Cleaning
- Textile Dyeing
- Essential Oils - Flavors and Fragrances
- Nanoparticles
- Coatings
- Electronic Cleaning
- Enzymatic Reactions
- Reactions
- Foods
- Hydrogenation
- Impregnations
- Pharmaceuticals
- Subcritical Water
- Polyolefin Fractionation
- Critical Point Drying
- Archeological Artifact Drying





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## Computer control/Automation

Applied Separations offers you a completely computer controlled/automated system for use in your laboratory. Ask us how our automated technology can help you.





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