

AGILENT 7673

Clarity Control Module

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To facilitate the orientation in the **Agilent 7673** manual and **Clarity** chromatography station, different fonts are used throughout the manual. Meanings of these fonts are:

Instrument (blue text) marks the name of the window to which the text refers.

Open File (italics) describes the commands and names of fields in **Clarity**, parameters that can be entered into them or a window or dialog name (when you already are in the topic describing the window).

WORK1 (capitals) indicates the name of the file and/or directory.

ACTIVE (capital italics) marks the state of the station or its part.

The bold text is sometimes also used for important parts of the text and the name of the **Clarity** station. Moreover, some sections are written in format other than normal text. These sections are formatted as follows:

 Note:
 Notifies the reader of relevant information.

 Caution:
 Warns the user of possibly dangerous or very important information.

Marks the problem statement or trouble question.

Description: Presents more detailed information on the problem, describes its causes, etc.

Solution: Marks the response to the question, presents a procedure how to remove it.

1 Agilent 7673 AS Control Module

The **Agilent 7673** AS driver can control Agilent (formerly HP) **7673A**, **B** and **7673 Series II** autosamplers.



Fig 1: Agilent (HP) 7673 with a 5890GC

2 Requirements

- Clarity Installation CD ROM with AS Control module (p/n A26).
- Free serial port in the PC (fast 16550 UART).
- Note: Modern computers usually have only 1 (if any) serial (COM) port installed. To use more devices requiring the port, the **MultiCOM** adapter (p/n MC01) is available.
 - For the Agilent 7673 Series II sampler the serial cross DB9F-DB9F cable (p/n SK01) is necessary, the 7673 A nad B models use the cross DB9F-DB25F cable (p/n SK04) instead.
- *Note:* Cables are not part of **Clarity** Control Module. It is strongly recommended to order required cables together with the Control Module.
 - For the **Agilent 7673 A** and **B** controllers (HP18594 A, B), Agilent standard controller card (Agilent p/n 18594-60060) is necessary, along with the RS232 interface card (Agilent p/n 18594-60080). **DataApex Ltd.** does not supply the standard controller card.
- *Note:* **Agilent 7673 Series II** controller (G1512A) already has the RS232 interface circuits.
 - Remote control cable for connection between the controller and the chromatograph. The type of the cable depends on the controller installed and on the use of the chromatograph control module. For the particular cable supply number, see table below:

		Type of the controller	
		HP18594	G1512A
Chromatograph control	YES	SK13A	SK13B
	NO	SK13A + SK13E	SK13B + SK13E

3 Installation Procedure

3.1 Autosampler Setup

The setup procedure depends on the controller type:

3.1.1 Installing in 18594 A/B Controller board

Note: Not necessary if RS232 board is already installed

- Unscrew and remove the top covering panel of the autosampler
- Remove the original INET card

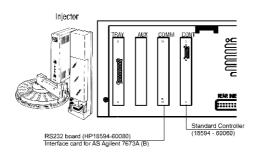


Fig 2: Location of the RS232 and Standard Controller cards

• Set up the **Baud Rate** using the jumpers on the card. Recommended setting is 9600.

Note: The original RS232 board from Agilent (HP18594-60080) can be used.

- The type of the Standard Controller card must be 18594 60060.
- Insert the interface card.
- Connect the controller with PC using the serial cross DB9F-DB9F cable (p/n SK01).

3.1.2 Installing in G1512A Controller

The **G1512A** controller already provides RS232 communication circuits.

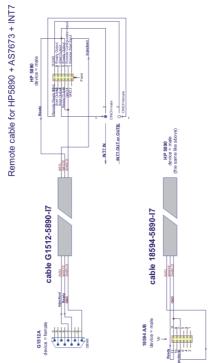
- On the backside of the controller set up the DIP Switches to meet your configuration settings (the recommended setting for 9600 baud rate can be seen on the image).
- Connect the controller with PC using the serial cross DB9F-DB9F cable (p/n SK01).



3.2 Installing the AS module in the PC

- Select and if necessary install a fast serial port in the PC.
- Connect the AS to the PC by serial cable, turn the power AS on.

3.3 Connections



3.4 Clarity Configuration

System Configuration	- D X
Setup Control Modules	Number of Instruments: 1 Ø Instrument 1 Instrument 2 Ø Instrument 4
As Bridge HP 7673 Sampler 1 Instrument 1 Instrument 1 C Detector	Name Instrument 1 Instrument Type GC
Colbrick A. Colbrick - Instrument 1 A. Colbrick - Instrument 1 A. Colbrick - Instrument 1 Balance Balance Colbrick - A C	Name From 6 AS Sampler 1 HP 7673 Colorida Colorida
Valve Fraction Collector Capillary Electropioresis Auxiliary	V. Colibrick - 2 Colibrick Thermostat Valve Auxiliary
	Data Inputs & Outputs Device Number Ext. Start Dig. Input: Colibrick 1 × Ready Dig. Output: Colibrick 1 × Miscellaneous Settings Miscellaneous Settings
Add Remove About Setup	Units Setup Method Options OK Cancel Help
Available Control Modules	- 🗆 X
Installed Only Filter: All	7673
Name Status Ver	ndor Comment Modul
	plent HP 7673, HP 7673 II, HP 7683 in e
Add Cancel	Help

- Invoke the System Configuration dialog accessible from the Clarity window using the System Configuration command and press the Add button (1)
- Type "7673" into the searching field on the top of the dialog ② for quick filtering out the desired instrument.

Agilent HP7	573 Setup	>	×
СОМ	COM1	~	
	Baud Rate	9600 ~	
	Syringe Volume	10	
ОК	Cancel	Apply Help	

- Select the Agilent 7673 Sampler and press the Add button (3).
- The HP7673 Setup dialog will appear.
- In the HP7673 setup dialog set COM port, Baud Rate: 9600.

Note:

The recommended baudrate is 9600 and it must be set also on the DIP Switches on the controller or on the card ("Autosampler Setup" on page 3)

- Fill in the *Syringe Volume*. This value will be used exclusively, regardless of real volume of the syringe installed in autosampler.
- Switch to the desired instrument tab in the right part of the System Configuration dialog.

Fig 3: System Configuration

- Press *OK*. The **Agilent 7673** item ④ will appear in the *Setup Control Modules* list of the System Configuration dialog.
- Drag the AS icon from the Setup Control Modules list on the left side to the desired Instrument tab (5) on the right side (6), or use the -> button (7) to do so.

4 Using the control module

4.1 Method Setup - AS

A new Method Setup AS tab will appear in the Method Setup dialog, enabling the setting of AS control method.

- Use the *From AS* button to download current method parameters from autosampler (and save it under suitable name in **Clarity**).
- Use the *To AS* button to upload the **Clarity** method AS parameters to **Agilent 7673.**
- Use the AS Status button to see the current AS configuration (syringe volume, etc.)

Note: In DEMO mode the dialog enables selecting them

Aethod Setup C:\Clarity_Demo\DataFiles\DEMO1\Demo1	>
New Open Save Save as Report setup Audit trail Send method by email Image: Property setup	
elect Sampler 1	
Agilent HP7673 Sampler Method Front Injection Rear Injection	
Solvent A Washes Solvent B Washes From AS 0 0 0 0	
Sample Washes Pumps Viscosity [s] Injection 0 0 0 Image: Construction of the second se	
On-Column Injection Vial No. Shift - only for Common Tray O Rear 1 1	
AS Status	
Demo Mode: Ready	
Event Table AS Measurement Integration Calculation Advanced	
	-
R OK Cancel	Send Method

Fig 4: Method Setup - AS - Front Injection

Note: The Front Injection and Back Injection tabs have the same layout (only Front Injection tab will be described).

Solvent A Washes

Number of washes with solvent A.

Solvent B Washes

Number of washes with solvent B.

Sample Washes

Number of washes with the sample.

Pumps

Number of pumps with the sample.

Viscosity

Sets the viscosity.

On-Column Injection

Sets the On-Column Injection mode.

Note: Autoinjector turret without external tray does not support identification of missing vials. In case there will be requested to inject from position where vial is not placed the injection will take place as usual. This injection will result in chromatogram with unexpected signal pattern (for example).

4.2 Hardware Configuration

The Hardware Configuration dialog reviews the current configuration of the autosampler.

Hardware Configurati	on	×
Type of Sampler:	HP 7673A	
Connect:	Demo	
Front Injector:	Yes	~
Rear Injector:	Yes	~
Sample Tray:	Yes	\sim
Auxiliary Comm.:	Yes	\sim
ОК		

Fig 5: Hardware Configuration

In the full operation regime, it is a place where the communication settings and automatic detection of optional components can be reviewed. In the demo mode this dialog presents listboxes illustrating the available options.

5 Troubleshooting

Card does not fit in the controller slot.

Various versions of the **18594A/B Controller** can have slightly different dimensions. It is necessary to ensure that all cards will be properly inserted in its respective slots on the controller mainboard.

Adjust the card (mechanically) to fit in the slot if necessary.