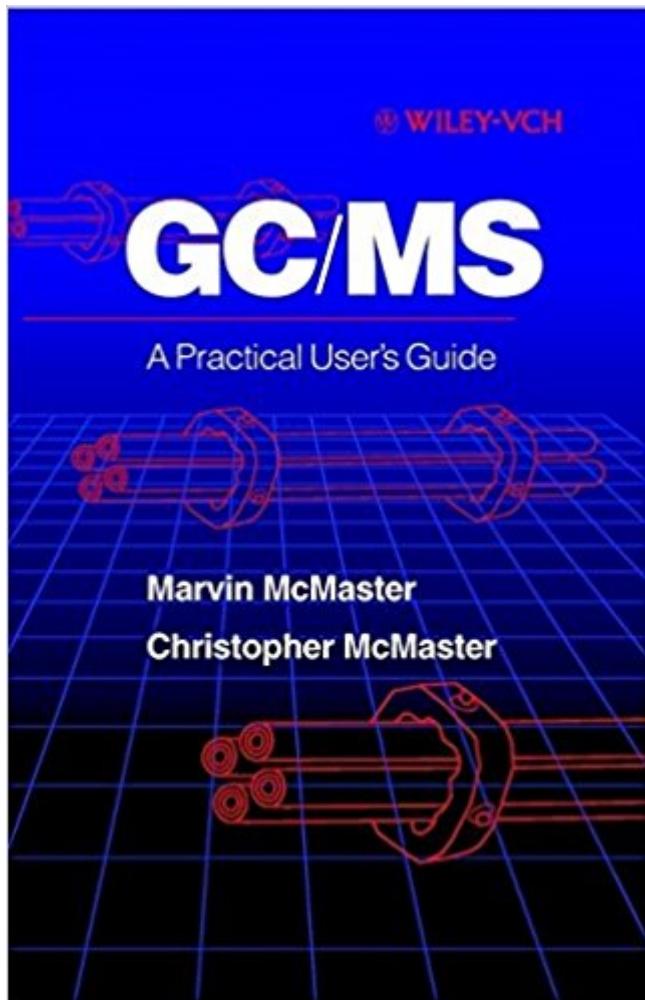


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- * Full coverage of vital equipment, including the function, costs, and advantages of both desktop and floor-standing systems
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Gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) is a highly popular analytical system used by organic chemists and analytical chemists in research and in professional analytical labs, including

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Excellent starting guide to GC-MS. Essential is any chemists library.

For a book that has been through a number of revisions over several years one would expect accuracy, credibility and efficacy. Sadly this book fails on every count. It starts by listing the masses of simple molecules incorrectly ($O_2 = 34$) and continues with poorly drawn diagrams and overly wordy explanation. I can find little up to date in this 'new' release, it really is just a poor rehash of dated material. As an experienced mass spectrometrist I hoped this book would serve as a nice introduction to the field of GC/MS for new staff. Sadly it was received by new colleagues as dated

and with little credibility. Save yourself \$60 and try Wikipedia instead.

GC/MS should be helpful to the novice or student who has never used GC-MS before and who has had minimal experience with GC. It is a little disappointing that about 20% of the text covers material about GC that any experienced GC user should already know. The book contains an easy to understand explanation about how a mass spectrometer works. Some additional details or diagrams could have clarified the description of how the DC/RF field separates the mass fragments in the quadrupole analyzer; but otherwise the text is crystal clear. Information about tuning and maintaining the mass spectrometer is well presented and the authors provide some helpful suggestions including a way to tell during the tuning process that the source needs cleaning. More information about spectral interpretation would have been appreciated but is probably outside the scope of the book. This book belongs on the library shelves of colleges with undergraduate chemistry programs and would be helpful in industrial and environmental laboratories as an introduction for chemists and technicians new to the field.

The book may be considered difficult for a starting user. I have been working with GC/MS for 10 years and the comments and all explanations inside are really and absolutely useful. Unfortunately I had not such a book when I was starting to deal with this technique.

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