

3. The column defined in claim 1, wherein the plates are at least partly made of plastic or ceramic.

4. The column defined in claim 1, wherein the plates are made of plastic with carbon fibers for reinforcement.

5. The column defined in claim 1, wherein the plates are at least partly made of polytetrafluoroethylene.

6. The column defined in claim 1, further comprising: screw connectors interconnecting the plates.

7. The column defined in claim 1, further comprising: plug connectors interconnecting the plates.

8. The column defined in claim 1, wherein the plates are clad with metallic elements.

9. The column defined in claim 1, further comprising: at least one mass-transfer pack in one of the compartments.

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