User Guide

Micro 20 Filters

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Installation

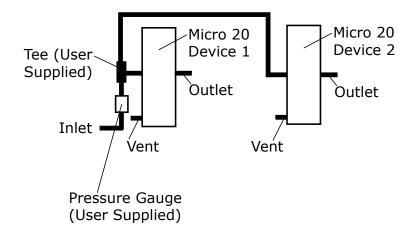
Single Device Set-up

- 1. Connect the inlet port of the device to the feed line.
- 2. Connect the outlet port of the device to the collection line.
- 3. Install a tee and pressure gauge on the inlet port of the device.
- 4. Install the Luer plug fitting supplied with the device onto the vent port.

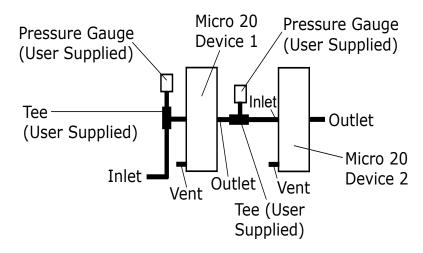
Pressure Gauge (User Supplied) Tee (User Supplied) Outlet Vent

Multiple Devices in Parallel Set-up

- 1. Connect the inlet port of the first device to the feed line.
- 2. Connect a tee to the inlet port of the first device to split the feed line.
- 3. Connect the feed line to the inlet ports of the remaining devices.
- 4. Connect the outlet ports of the devices to the collection line.
- 5. Install a pressure gauge before the tee on the inlet port of the first device.
- 6. Install the Luer plug fittings supplied with the devices onto the vent ports of the remaining devices.



Multiple Devices in Series Set-up



- 1. Install a pressure gauge on the inlet port of the first device.
- 2. Connect the inlet port of the first device to the feed line.
- 3. Connect the outlet port of the first device to the inlet port of the next device.
- 4. Install a pressure gauge on the inlet port of the second device or on a tee installed on the outlet line of the first device.
- 5. Connect the outlet port of the final device to the collection line.
- 6. Install the Luer plug fittings supplied with the devices onto the vent ports of the remaining devices.

Flushing

Flush devices with buffer or purified water prior to use. To fully wet the media, flush the device as listed here:

Media	Flux (LMH)	Flow Rate (mL/min)	Flush Volume (L/m²)
Millistak+® HC: C0HC, D0HC, X0HC	600	20	100
Millistak+® HC Pro: COSP, DOSP, XOSP	300	10	50

- 1. Start flushing the filter at the flow rate listed above.
- 2. To purge any air from the device, open the vent and clamp the outlet tubing.
- 3. Close the vent and open the outlet line to allow flow through the filter.
- 4. Flush until the desired target volume is reached.

For optimal performance with a Micro 20 filter, run the filtration process at a flux of 100 to 300 LMH and a maximum differential pressure of 2 bar (30 psi).

Process Optimization

For process optimization, the following data will help to verify the filter performance and aid in calculating filter size estimates.

For constant flow experiments, measure and record:

- Device inlet pressure and device interstage pressures (if running multiple devices in series) throughout the duration of the filtration test.
- Filtrate volume and filtrate turbidity throughout the test to account for pump slippage or turbidity breakthrough.
- Final filtrate volume and filtrate pool turbidity at the filtration endpoint.

Product Recovery

To recover product held up in the device, connect the vent port to an air supply and apply pressure according to the table below. The inlet line should be clamped or closed (if using a valve) during blowdown.

Media	Pressure	
Millistak+® HC: COHC, DOHC	0.35 bar (5 psi) for	
Millistak+® HC Pro: COSP, DOSP	up to 10 minutes	
Millistak+® HC: X0HC	0.35 bar (5 psi), increase pressure	
Millistak+® HC Pro: X0SP	at a rate of 0.14 bar/min (2 psi/min) until 1 bar (15 psi) is achieved and applied for up to 5 minutes.	

Materials of Construction

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Housing		Polypropylene
Millistak+® Media	НС	Cellulose fiber and inorganic filter aid.
Millistak+® HC Pro Media	SP	Polyacrylic fiber combined with a silica gel filter aid and a nonwoven filter layer where indicated.

Media	Filter Grade	Total Filter Hold Up Volume (mL)
Millistak+® HC	C0HC	21
	D0HC	23
	X0HC	27
Millistak+® HC Pro	C0SP	40
	D0SP	45
	X0SP	29

Hold Up Volume Operating Parameters

Parameter	Media	Specification	
Effective Filtration Area	All	20 cm ² of filter media	
Typical Process Flux	All	100 - 300 LMH	
Maximum Forward Pressure Differential	All	30 psid (2.1 bar) at 25°C	
Maximum Operating Pressure	All	30 psig (2.1 bar) at 25°C	
Maximum Reverse Pressure Differential	All	30 psid (2.1 bar) at 25°C	
Autoclavable	Millistak+® HC Pro Media (for post-use decontamination only) Millistak+® HC Media	2 cycles of 60 minutes at 123°C	
Inlet, Vent and Outlet Connections	All	Female Luer lock	

Pressure must be monitored at inlet or vent connections.

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