

Microcap™ PPTFE

PTFE Pleated Membrane
Capsules



Microcap™ PPTFE capsules are manufactured for the critical needs of the pharmaceutical industry.

Made with highly hydrophobic polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) membrane, these capsules are used for the filtration of non-aqueous liquids, aggressive solvents, compressed gases and as vent filters. Each module is individually tested using the water intrusion method before it is released from manufacture.

The capsule media surface area, filter core design, pleat configuration and pleat packing density have been optimised to provide increased life resulting in lower filtration operating costs.

Typical Applications

- Solvent filtration
- Fermentation air
- Tank vent filters
- Process gas
- Compressed air filtration

Features and Benefits

- Optimised for maximum filter life.
- Guaranteed microbial ratings.
- Maximized bio-burden reduction.
- Integrity at low TOC levels.

Ordering Information

Product Code: 7018-3- xxx - x - xx - x - x

Micron Rating (µm)		Pre-sterilised	Length (in)	Inlet	Outlet
P10	0.1	N Non-sterile	02	A 1/4" Female NPT	A 1/4" Female NPT
P22	0.22		05	B 1/4" Male NPT	B 1/4" Male NPT
P45	0.45		10	C 3/8" Female NPT	C 3/8" Female NPT
001	1		20	D 1/2" Female NPT	D 1/2" Female NPT
003	3		30	E 1/2" Male NPT	E 1/2" Male NPT
005	5			F 1" - 1 1/2" Sanitary	F 1" - 1 1/2" Sanitary
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Specifications

Materials of Manufacture

Housing:	Polypropylene
Filtration media:	PTFE membrane (absolute rated)
Media support:	Polypropylene
End caps:	Polypropylene
Centre core:	Polypropylene
Outer support cage:	Polypropylene
Sealing method:	Thermal bonding

Sanitisation/Sterilisation

Autoclave:	120°C (250°F), 30 min, 5+ cycles.
Chemical sanitisation:	Industry standard concentrations of hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid, sodium hypochlorite and other selected chemicals.
Note:	Microcap™ PTFE capsules are not to be used in steam.

Flow Rate

The following tables represent typical water flow at a one psi (69bar) pressure differential across a single 2 inch capsule with 1.0 ft² (0.093 m²) of media with 1/2" FNPT ports. The liquid test fluid is water at ambient temperature. The gas test fluid is compressed air at ambient temperature. Higher pressure drops are acceptable, but as flows increase the pressure drop of the housing becomes more apparent.

Air/Gas flow rates

µm rating	0.10	0.22	0.45	1.0	3.0	5.0
SCFM	3.0	4.9	9	11	>11	>11

Liquid flow rates

µm rating	0.10	0.22	0.45	1.0	3.0	5.0
GPM	0.15	0.24	0.76	1.2	1.4	1.6
LPM	0.57	0.91	2.87	4.54	5.30	6.06

Maximum Operating Parameters

Liquid operational pressure:	5.5bar (80psi) at 20°C (68°F)
Gases operational pressure:	4.1bar (60psi) at 20°C (68°F)
Operating temperature:	43°C (110°F) at 2.1bar (30psi) in water
Forward differential pressure:	3.4bar (50psi) at 20°C (68°F)
Reverse differential pressure:	2.7bar (40psi) at 20°C (68°F)
Recommended changeout pressure:	2.4bar (35psi)

Filtration Area

Media	Capsule length				
	2"	5"	10"	20"	30"
PTFE membrane	1.0ft ² (0.09m ²)	3.0ft ² (0.28m ²)	8.2ft ² (0.76m ²)	16.4ft ² (1.53m ²)	24.6ft ² (2.29m ²)

Integrity Test Specifications

(per 1.0 ft² (930 cm²) 60/40 IPA/water wetted membrane)

Pore size (µm)	Bubble point
0.10	1.52bar (22psi)
0.22	1.2bar (18psi)
0.45	621bar (9psi)
1.0	414bar (6psi)
3.0	138bar (2psi)
5.0	69bar (1psi)

Validation

Our biopharmaceutical grade capsules are validated using test procedures based on ASTM Method F838-05 and HIMA protocols.

The challenge level is 10⁷ organisms per cm² of filter media: 0.22 µm challenged with *Brevundimonas diminuta*;