

# Fluorofil™

ePTFE Membrane Cartridge Filters



Fluorofil™ cartridges are manufactured using a highly hydrophobic ePTFE membrane offering exceptionally high gas flow rates at low pressure differentials.

Fluorofil<sup>TM</sup> cartridges are recommended for sterile gas filtration and venting applications. The hydrophobic characteristics of the ePTFE membrane makes the Fluorofil<sup>TM</sup> filter cartridge particularly suitable for wet gas sterilising applications, such as fermenter air feed. For solvent and aggressive chemical filtration applications, these cartridges offer a wide range of chemical compatibility with high thermal stability.

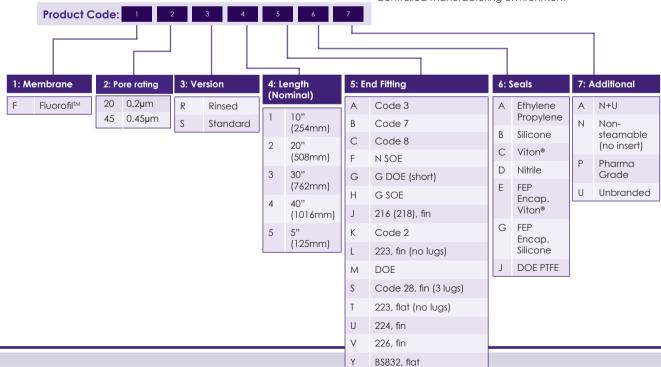
# Ordering Information

## **Typical Applications**

- Sterile process gases
- Sterile vents
- Fine chemicals and solvents
- Photoresists and developers
- Pure water supply systems

#### **Features and Benefits**

- Guaranteed microbial ratings
- Bacterial spores and viruses
- Steam sterilisation
- Cartridge integrity and low TOC levels
- Solvents and aggressive chemicals
- Full traceability
- Controlled manufacturing environment



### **Specifications**

#### **Materials of Manufacture**

Filter membrane: ePTFE

Membrane support: Polypropylene Irrigation mesh (support): Polypropylene Drainage layer: Polypropylene Inner core: Polypropylene Outer support: Polypropylene End fittings: Polypropylene Sealing: Fusion bonding

#### Cartridge Dimensions (Nominal)

Effective Filtration Area:

Up to 0.73m<sup>2</sup> (7.8ft<sup>2</sup>) per 10" module

Diameter: 70mm (2.8")

Length: 1 module: Fluorofil™ Junior

1 module: 254mm (10") 2 modules: 508mm (20") 3 modules: 762mm (30") 4 modules: 1016mm (40")

#### **Cartridge Treatment**

Standard: Cleaned and flushed, without further

treatment

Rinsed: Ultra-clean, pulse flushed to give a system

resistivity of 18MΩ.cm

#### **Gaskets and O-Rings**

Ethylene Propylene, FEP encapsulated, Silicone, Viton® or Nitrile

#### **Maximum Differential Pressure**

Normal flow direction at:

 20°C (68°F):
 6.0bar (87psi)

 80°C (176°F):
 4.0bar (58psi)

 100°C (212°F):
 3.0bar (44psi)

 120°C (248°F):
 2.0bar (29psi)

 125°C (257°F):
 1.5bar (22psi)

Reverse flow direction at:

 20°C (68°F):
 2.1bar (30psi)

 80°C (176°F):
 1.0bar (15psi)

 100°C (212°F):
 0.5bar (7psi)

#### **Operating Temperature**

Maximum continuous: 80°C (176°F)

#### Sterilisation

In situ steam 100 x 20 minute cycles at 135°C (275°F) to  $150 \times 20$  minute cycles at 125°C (257°F).

#### **Extractables**

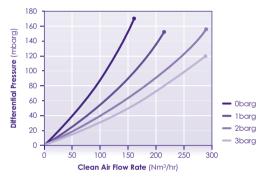
Minimum total extractables. Please refer to the Fluorofil $^{\text{IM}}$  Validation Guide.

#### **Integrity Testing**

Each Fluorofil™ module of every cartridge is individually integrity tested using the Diffusive Flow Test, which correlates to the HIMA and ASTM F838-05 bacterial challenge tests. Non-destructive integrity tests, such as Diffusive Flow, Water Intrusion, Pressure Hold and Bubble Point, can be performed by customers. Please contact us for procedural details.

#### **Gas Flow Rates**

Typical clean air flow rate:
 A 254mm (10") Fluorofil<sup>TM</sup>, 0.2μm single cartridge
 exhibits the flow-ΔP characteristics indicated below.

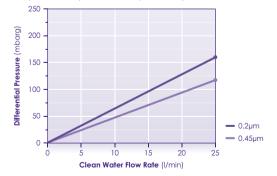


#### **Clean Water Flow Rates**

(after Solvent Pre-wet and Water Flush)

- Typical clean water flow rate:
   A 254mm (10") Fluorofil™ single cartridge with 0.2µm microbial rating exhibits the flow-∆P characteristics indicated below, for solutions with a viscosity of 1 centipoise.
- Other solutions:
   For solutions with a viscosity other than
   1 centipoise, multiply the indicated differential

pressure by the viscosity in centipoise.



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