



Technical data and operating instructions

Vivaspin[®] Turbo 15

For in vitro use only



Vivaspin® Turbo 15 – Introduction

Storage conditions | shelf life

Vivaspin® Turbo 15 ultrafiltration spin columns should be stored at room temperature. The devices should be used before the expiry date printed on the box.

Introduction

Vivaspin® Turbo 15 centrifugal concentrators offer the optimal solution to any concentration or buffer exchange application with their broad range of MWCOs.

Highest flow rates are achieved due to their double verticle membranes which minimize protein polarization and subsequent fouling of the membrane. Additionally, their sleek internal profile ensures maximum process speeds right down to the last 150 µl. The UV joining technology allows for a smooth joint transition between membrane and plastic housing, allowing complete sample recovery from the unique pipette friendly deadstop pocket. The dead stop pocket (patent pending) is an impermeable concentrate pocket integrally moulded below the membrane surface, thereby eliminating the risk of filtration to dryness.

The Vivaspin® Turbo 15 devices are the optimal solution for protein concentration from dilute samples e.g. after chromatography, cell culture supernatants or fermentation broths.

Operation

Vivaspin® Turbo 15 concentrators can be used in swing bucket or fixed angle rotors accepting standard conical bottom tubes. In a single spin, solutions can be concentrated up to 150 x. Samples are typically concentrated in 10 to 30 minutes with macromolecular recoveries in excess of 95%.

Equipment Required

For use with centrifuge

1. Centrifuge with swing bucket or fixed angle rotor (minimum 25°).
2. Pasteur or fixed volume pipettes for sample delivery and removal.

Device	Carrier Required
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Vivaspin® Turbo 15	50 ml/30 mm Ø
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Equipment Required

Equipment required	Vivaspin® Turbo 15	
Centrifuge		
Rotor type	Swing bucket	Fixed angle
Minimum rotor angle	–	25°
Rotor cavity	Conical bottom tubes	

Rotor compatibility

Please note: Vivaspin® Turbo 15 (30 mm × 118 mm) is designed to fit into rotors that can accommodate Falcon 50 ml conical bottom tubes, e.g. Beckman Allegra 25R with TS-5.1-500 swing-out rotor with BUC 5 buckets and 368327 adaptors; Beckman TA-10.250 25° fixed angle rotor with 356966 adaptors; Heraeus Multifuge 3 S-R with (Heraeus/Sorvall) 75006445 swing out rotor with 75006441 buckets and adaptors for Falcon 50 ml conical bottom tubes.

These devices are not designed to fit into rotors that only accept round bottom 29 mm × 105 mm tubes, e.g. Sorvall SS34 or Beckman JA 20. If your rotor accepts only 29 mm × 105 mm round bottom tubes, please use the Vivaspin® 15, which can be used in either round bottom or conical centrifuge tubes.

Operation

1. Select the most appropriate membrane cut-off for your sample. For maximum recovery select a MWCO at least 50% smaller than the molecular size of the species of interest.

2. Fill concentrator with up to maximum volumes shown in table 1. (Ensure screw closure is fully seated)

3. Insert assembled concentrator into centrifuge (when fixed angle rotors are used, angle concentrator so that the printed window faces upwards | outwards).

4. Centrifuge at speeds recommended in table 2, taking care not to exceed the maximum g force indicated by membrane type and MWCO

5. Once the desired concentration is achieved, (see table 3a and 3b for guide to concentration times), remove assembly and recover sample from the bottom of the concentrate pocket with a pipette.

Desalting | Buffer Exchange

1. Concentrate sample to desired level.

2. Empty filtrate container.

3. Refill concentrator with an appropriate solvent.

4. Concentrate the sample again and repeat the process until the concentration of contaminating microsolute is sufficiently reduced. Typically, 3 wash cycles will remove 99% of initial salt content.

Technical Specifications

Table 1: Technical Specifications

Vivaspin® Turbo 15	
Dimensions	
Total Length	77 mm 30 mm OD flange) 118 in tube
Width	27 mm
Active membrane area	7.2 cm ²
Hold up volume of membrane	< 10 µl
Dead stop volume* in swing out	100 µl
Dead stop volume in fixed angle (25°)	60 µl
Concentrator Capacity	
Swing bucket rotor	15 ml
Fixed angle rotor	11 ml
Materials of construction	
Concentrator insert	Styrene butadiene block co-polymer
Concentrator cap and tube	Polypropylene
Membrane	Polyethersulfone

Table 2: Recommended Spin Speed (xg)

Vivaspin® Turbo 15	Centrifuge	
Rotor	Swing Bucket	Fixed Angle
Membrane	max	max
3–50,000 MWCO PES	4,000	4,000
> 100–300,000 MWCO PES	4,000	4,000

* Dead stop volume as designed in moulding tool. This volume may vary depending on sample, sample concentration, operation temperature and centrifuge rotor.

Usage Tips

1. Flow Rate

Filtration rate is affected by several parameters, including MWCO, porosity, sample concentration, viscosity, centrifugal force and temperature. Expect significantly longer spin times for starting solutions with over 5% solids. When operating at 4°C, flow rates are approximately 1.5 times slower than at 25°C. Viscous solutions such as 50% glycerine will take up to 5 times longer to concentrate than samples in a predominantly buffer solution.

2. Pre-rinsing

Membranes fitted to Vivaspin® concentrators contain trace amounts of Glycerine and Sodium azide. Should these interfere with analysis they can be removed by rinsing fill volume of buffer solution or deionised water through the concentrator. Decant filtrate and concentrate before processing sample solution. If you do not want to use the pre-rinsed device immediately, store it in the refrigerator with buffer or water covering the membrane surface. Please do not allow the membrane to dry out.

3. Sterilisation of Polyethersulfone Membranes

Polyethersulfone membranes should not be autoclaved as high temperatures will substantially increase membrane MWCO. To sterilise, use a 70% ethanol solution or sterilising gas mixture.

4. Chemical Compatibility

Vivaspin® concentrators are designed for use with biological fluids and aqueous solutions. For chemical compatibility details, refer to table 4.

Performance Characteristics

Table 3: Performance Characteristics Vivaspin® Turbo™ 15

Mode	Time to concentrate up to 20x [min.] at 20°C and solute recovery %			
	Centrifuge		Centrifuge	
Rotor	Swing bucket		25° Fixed angle	
Start volume	15 ml		11 ml	
	Min.	Rec.	Min.	Rec.
Cytochrome c 0.25 mg/ml (12,400 MW)				
3,000 MWCO PES				
a-Chymotrypsin 1.0 mg/ml (25,000 MW)				
10,000 MWCO PES	10	97%	10	97%
BSA 1.0 mg/ml (66,000 MW)				
5,000 MWCO PES				
10,000 MWCO PES	10	95%	10	95%
30,000 MWCO PES				
IgG 0.25 mg/ml (160,000 MW)				
30,000 MWCO PES				
50,000 MWCO PES				
100,000 MWCO PES				
Latex beads 0.004% in DMEM +10% FCS (0.055 µm)				
300,000 MWCO PES				
Latex beads 0.004% in DMEM +10% FCS (0.24 µm)				
1,000,000 MWCO PES				
Yeast 1.0 mg/ml (<i>S. Cerevisiae</i>)				
0.2 µm PES				

Chemical Compatibility

Table 4: Chemical Compatibility (2hr contact time)

Solutions	PES	Solutions	PES
Compatible pH range	pH 1–14	Compatible pH range	pH 1–14
Acetic Acid (25.0%)	OK	Lactic Acid (5.0%)	OK
Acetone (10.0%)	OK	Mercaptoethanol (10 mM)	OK
Acetonitrile (10.0%)	OK	Methanol (60%)	OK
Ammonium Hydroxide (5.0%)	?	Nitric Acid (10.0%)	OK
Ammonium Sulphate (saturated)	OK	Phenol (1.0%)	?
Benzene (100%)	NO	Phosphate Buffer (1.0 M)	OK
n-Butanol (70%)	OK	Polyethylene Glycol (10%)	OK
Chloroform (1.0%)	NO	Pyridine (100%)	?
Dimethyl Formamide (10.0%)	?	Sodium Carbonate (20%)	?
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (5.0%)	OK	Sodium Deoxycholate (5.0%)	OK
Ethanol (70.0%)	OK	Sodium Dodecylsulfate (0.1 M)	OK
Ethyl Acetate (100%)	NO	Sodium Hydroxide (2M)	OK
Formaldehyde (30%)	OK	Sodium Hypochlorite (200 ppm)	?
Formic Acid (5.0%)	OK	Sodium Nitrate (1.0%)	OK
Glycerine (70%)	OK	Sulfamic Acid (5.0%)	OK
Guanidine HCl (6 M)	OK	Tetrahydrofuran (5.0%)	NO
Hydrocarbons, aromatic	NO	Toluene (1.0%)	NO
Hydrocarbons, chlorinated	NO	Trifluoroacetic Acid (10%)	OK
Hydrochloric Acid (1 M)	OK	Tween 20 (0.1%)	OK
Imidazole (500 mM)	OK	Triton X-100 (0.1%)	OK
Isopropanol (70%)	OK	Urea (8 M)	OK

OK = Acceptable ? = Questionable NO = Not recommended

Ordering Information

Cut off	Pack size	Prod. no.
3,000 MWCO	12	VS15T91
3,000 MWCO	48	VS15T92
5,000 MWCO	12	VS15T11
5,000 MWCO	48	VS15T12
10,000 MWCO	12	VS15T01
10,000 MWCO	48	VS15T02
30,000 MWCO	12	VS15T21
30,000 MWCO	48	VS15T22
50,000 MWCO	12	VS15T31
50,000 MWCO	48	VS15T32
100,000 MWCO	12	VS15T41
100,000 MWCO	48	VS15T42
300,000 MWCO	12	VS15T51
300,000 MWCO	48	VS15T52
1000,000 MWCO	12	VS15T61
1000,000 MWCO	48	VS15T62

Other Products

Product	Sample volume	Mode	Membranes available
Vivaspin® 500	100 µl–600 µl	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin® 2	0.4 ml–2 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone, Cellulose Triacetate, Hydrosart®
Centrisart	0.5 ml–2.5 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone, Cellulose Triacetate
Vivaspin® 4	1 ml–4 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin® 6	2 ml–6 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin® 15	2 ml–15 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin® 15R	2 ml–15 ml	Centrifugal	Hydrosart®
Vivaspin® 20	5 ml–20 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 70	10 ml–70 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 100	20 ml–100 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 250	50 ml–250 ml	Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivaflow 50	100 ml–>5 l	Tangential flow	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose
Vivaflow 200	500 ml–>5 l	Tangential flow	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose, Hydrosart®
Vivapore 5	1 ml–5 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone
Vivapore 10/20	2 ml–10 ml/20 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone

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