

Column Protection System

Innovative and universal guard column holder system



- Suitable for all analytical HPLC columns with 1/16" fittings
- Cartridges filled with special NUCLEODUR®, NUCLEOSIL® and NUCLEOSHELL® HPLC adsorbents
- Ideal protection for your analytical main column
→ significant increase in column lifetime
- Minimized dead volume → suitable also for ultra-fast HPLC
- Special ferrules → pressure stability up to 1300 bar (18,850 psi)
- Visual contamination check
→ in-time changing of the guard column
- Suitable guard columns with 4 mm length, 2 mm ID (for main columns with 2 mm ID); 3 mm ID (for main columns with 3, 4 and 4.6 mm), respectively
- UNIVERSAL RP guard columns suitable for all HPLC columns under RP conditions

Content of the Column Protection System

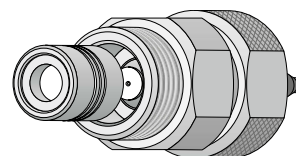
	Description	Pack of	REF
	Guard column holder	1	
	Capillaries (0.12 mm ID)	2	
	Ferrules	3	718966
	Wrenches	2	
	Manual	1	

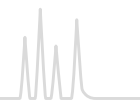
Description	Pack of	REF
Replacement parts for the Column Protection System		
Special ferrules made of PEEK	5	718967
Replacement connector including O-ring	1	718968
Stainless steel capillaries 0.12 mm ID, nuts and metal ferrules	3	718969
Stainless steel capillaries 0.18 mm ID (for higher flow rates), nuts and metal ferrules	3	718971
Wrench (size 12 and 14 mm)	1	718970
EC 4/2 UNIVERSAL RP guard column (for main columns with 2 mm ID)	3	728777.20
EC 4/2 UNIVERSAL RP guard column (for main columns with 2 mm ID), value pack	9	728778.20
EC 4/3 UNIVERSAL RP guard column (for main columns with 3, 4 and 4.6 mm ID)	3	728777.30
EC 4/3 UNIVERSAL RP guard column (for main columns with 3, 4 and 4.6 mm ID), value pack	9	728778.30

Visual contamination check

The cartridge is fitted with a special filter membrane:

- If this silver membrane is contaminated (bright or dark discoloration), it is advisable to replace the cartridge.
- If the contaminants are colorless, replace the cartridge if the pressure rises or the chromatographic performance decreases.





VarioPrep (VP) columns for preparative HPLC



- Column system for preparative HPLC, manufactured from stainless steel with two adjustable end fittings, suitable for frequent use of back-flushing techniques
- Allows compensation of a dead volume, which could occur at the column inlet after some time of operation, without need for opening the column
- Can be packed with all NUCLEODUR® and NUCLEOSIL® spherical silicas

Available standard dimensions of VarioPrep columns with axially adjustable end fittings

End fitting design	ID	Length → 10* mm	15* mm	Length → 50 mm	75 mm	100 mm	125 mm	150 mm	250 mm	500 mm
	8	+		+		+	+	+	+	
	10			+		+	+	+	+	
	16	+		+		+	+	+	+	
	21			+	+	+	+	+	+	
	32		+			+		+	+	
	40			+		+	+	+	+	+
	50		+			+		+	+	
	80								+	+

* 10 × 8, 10 × 16, 15 × 32 and 15 × 50 mm ID columns are used as guard columns and require the respective holders, see page 261.

The VarioPrep principle

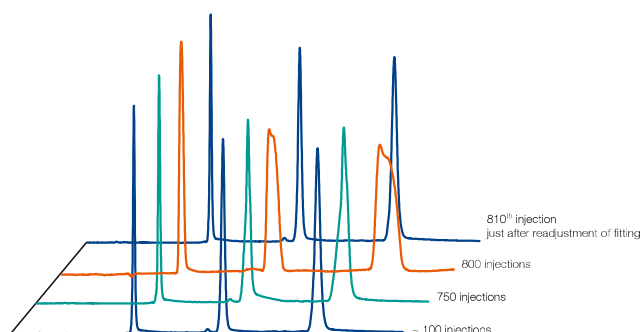


VarioPrep columns are produced with highest packing quality and bed density (1). Due to intensive chemical and/or mechanical exposure of the column adsorbent, shrinking of the column bed can occur (2; orange gap). In this even unlikely case readjustment of the VarioPrep

Readjustment of fitting

column fitting (3; turning the nut at the column inlet clockwise) will eliminate the emerged dead volume (4). The performance of the VarioPrep column is completely reconstituted and column lifetime is significantly extended.

Column reconstitution



Reconstitution of VarioPrep column performance

- Slight peak broadening and deformation after 800 injections under strongly demanding conditions (pH 11; 50 °C; sample in DMSO)
- Readjustment of the column fitting restores column performance and prolongs column lifetime noticeably.