FlexiPro[™] Chrom

VERDOT

- GMP system scalable from smallpilot to commercial scale
- One instrument, four Flow Kits covering 0.6 -560 LPH range
- Flow Kit installation in <15 minutes
- High precision gradient and diltuon
- User-friendly software
- 21 CFR Part 11 and USP VI Compliant
- Complete documentation for regulatory submission

Scalable single-use chromatography system for process development, clinical trials, and GMP manufacturing

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The FlexiPro[™] Chrom single-use system can easily be configured to perform a wide range of chromatography processes (Figure 1). The system supports multiple applications without the risk of contamination by materials from prior runs.

The FlexiPro Chrom works in combination with Adaptation Sets and four single-use Flow Kit sizes, providing a flow rate range from 0.6 – 560 LPH within a single bench system. Each Flow Kit is pre-assembled, including the pump heads, sensors and valves, for quick and easy installation in less than 15 minutes.

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Figure 1. FlexiPro[™] Chrom offers single-use flexibility with four Flow Kit options

	Flow Kit Recommended Ranges				
	Column Diameter (cm)	Monolith Volume (mL)	Flow Range (LPH)		
ULFK	2.5-10	8-80	0.6-6.6		
VLFK	5-25	8-800	1.0-30		
LFK	10-45	80-4000	5.0-150		
HFK	20-100	400-8000	20-560		

Flow Kits

Flow Kits are double-bagged and sealed in an ISO 7 clean room, with instructions and full traceability file. The Flow Kits are available in both nongamma irradiated and gamma irradiated (>25 kGy) versions.



Figure 2. Piping and Instrumentation Diagram (P&ID) of the system

Compact footprint

The FlexiPro Chrom is a compact system that integrates all hardware components commonly used in chromatography processes. A laptop PC with SCADA software, providing the interface to communicate with the PLC. Configuration for DCS integration can be proposed upon request.

The stainless-steel cabinet is IP65 rated, providing protection from liquid ingress. On the outside of the system, fluid paths and sensors are secured in the routing channels by a transparent door and flow-path pinch valves. If the benchtop system needs to be easily moved, VERDOT® offers a specially designed cart to securely hold the FlexiPro Chrom system, and drawers to hold extra Flow Kits and Adaptation Sets.

High precision gradient and inline dilution

Inline dilution or gradient of aqueous buffers can be performed with the FlexiPro Chrom system. Only the most precise and robust sensors are used in order to monitor the process and control the flow rate and dilution.

- Linear or step gradient up to 500 mS/cm at constatnt flow (see Figure 3)
- Narrow linear gradients (e.g., 6-20 mS) are easily achievable with precise conductivity control
- High precision inline dilution using a four-electrode conductivity probe

Figure 3. Linear and step gradient example illustrates system precision

Configurable to your process

The system offers process flexibility, with a flow rate range from 0.6 – 560 LPH within a single instrument (Figure 2). Additionally, the system can be configured to accommodate specific process needs, including:

- Flow monitoring based on pressure and flow set points, with the lower of the two values being the constraint
- Linear gradient based on pH
- Additional inlets and outlets; Flow Kit extension required
- High precision UV monitoring (down to 3 mAU) for low titer applications

An Adaptation Set matching the required Flow Kit may need to be installed, if transitioning to other flow ranges. It can easily be changed within 15 minutes and comprises of the pump head supports, the air trap support, and spacers for holding the Very Low and Ultra Low Flow Kits.



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User-friendly software



The system control software uses a simple, userfriendly interface for data input and programming commands (Figure 4). The software is password protected (with customizable access levels), and all events and actions are recorded in accordance with 21 CFR Part 11 compliance guidelines.

The FlexiPro Chrom system can be operated in manual or automated mode through the software. The automated mode includes:

- Multiple step programming;
- Configurable fluid path for each step;
- Valve control;
- Wide choice of end step conditions;
- Sensor alarm options;
- U.S. FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance.

Full trend review, printing and data export are standard options within the software.

Pre-programmed procedure for testing and calculating Asymmetry and HETP values is included.

Key data can be monitored remotely through OPC UA.

Configuration for DCS integration can be proposed upon request.

Specifications

FlowKit	ULFK	VLFK	LFK	HFK	
Tubing ID	1/16"	1/8"	1/4"	3/8"	
	1.6 mm	3.2 mm	6.4 mm	9.5 mm	
Operating Pressure	4 bar at column inlet				
Flowmeter Accuracy	± 2% of the full range				
Dilution Accuracy	± 4% of the measured value				
Viscosity	1-3 cP				
Temperature Range	2-30°C (up to 60°C during CIP)				
Pump Technology	ULFK/VLFK: peristaltic LFK/HFK: membrane pump				
Flowmeter	Levitronix® LEVIFLOW® LFS-SU				
UV	Pendotech single use, A280 nm, 0-2 AU Dual wavelength available, 0-3 AU				
Conductivity	1 uS/cm - 500 mS/cm				
pH Range	3-10 pH. Hamilton OneFerm VP120				
Bubble Trap	Included on LFK and HFK configurations: Two level capacitive sensors Drain and air injection value (≤ 0.4 bar)				
Valves	Pneumatic pinch valves (6 bar)				
Air Sensor	Non-invasive				
Tubing Material	Silicone or silicone-braided USP Class VI				
Material of Wetted Parts	Plastic parts: PP, PSU, PVDF, Silcone Elastomers: EPDM Blubble trap: glass or PMMA				
	Note: all wetted parts are BSE/TSE free and USP Class VI compliant				
Dimensions (HxWxD) without FlowKit	1100 x 1280 x 670 mm				
Weight	250 Kg				
Power	220V AC 50/60Hz, 1 phase 115V AC 50/60Hz, 1 phase				
Air Supply	6 bar				
Control	PLC: OMRON with OPC UA SCADA: iFix 5.8				
PC	Microsoft Windows [©] laptop (industrial touch panel upon request)				