

Backflushing is Not Recommended for Column Filters - Tech Information

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Overview

Cogent Column Filters are engineered to provide consistent particulate protection for HPLC columns through a fixed internal filter design.

Although the internal frit can technically tolerate reverse flow, backflushing is not recommended due to the mechanical stress it places on the filter assembly.

Why Backflushing Is Not Recommended

Backflushing a Cogent Column Filter may cause the stainless-steel frit inside the housing to shift, loosen, or become partially dislodged, even when no visible blockage is present. A misaligned or displaced filter element can lead to:

- Uneven or inconsistent flow
- Reduced particulate-trapping efficiency
- Compromised downstream column protection

Because the filter's protective effect depends on the frit remaining securely and accurately seated, any backpressure or flow reversal that jeopardizes its position is discouraged.

Maintenance Guidance

To maintain optimal performance:

- Do not backflush Cogent Column Filters as a cleaning method
- Replace the used filter with a new disposable unit when system backpressure rises or flow resistance increases
- Confirm proper installation and flow direction before returning the system to operation

This approach preserves filtration integrity and ensures consistent, reproducible chromatographic performance.

Ordering Information

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