FNM Cartridge Filters

Nylon 6,6 Membrane





FNM Membrane Filter Cartridges are designed to comply with all FDA requirements for the food industry. Nylon is particularly well suited for water and syrup filtration. Nylon is not recommended for filtering fermented beverages or liquids with high protein content. Contact Critical Process Filtration to discuss using this cartridge as a low cost alternative in compressed gas filtration. These cartridges have been rinsed with high purity water to ensure that manufacturing debris will not contaminate your product. This washing also removes extractables that may affect the taste of the product.

Construction Materials

Filtration Media	Nylon 6,6 Membrane			
Media Support	Polypropylene			
End Caps	Polypropylene			
Center Core	Polypropylene			
Outer Support Cage	Polypropylene			
Sealing Method	Thermal Bonding			
O-rings	Buna, Viton® (or FKM), EP, Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Viton (or FKM)			

Total Performance

Critical Process Filtration, Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer of filtration products to industries in which filtration is considered a critical part of the manufacturing process. We supply a complete line of products and services to help you cost effectively satisfy all your filtration requirements from a single source.

Applications

♦ Syrup

- Soft Drinks
- ♦ Bottled Water
- ♦ Process Water

Integrity Test Specifications

Water-wetted membrane

Pore Size	Air Diffusion Rate		
0.10 μm	< 30 cc/min at 48 psig (3.3 barg)		
0.22 μm	< 30 cc/min at 35 psig (2.4 barg)		
0.45 μm	< 30 cc/min at 20 psig (1.4 barg)		
0.65 μm	< 30 cc/min at 15 psig (1.0 barg)		

Dimensions

Length	5 to 40 in. (12.7 to 101.6 cm) nominal
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Outside Diameter 2.75 in. (7.0 cm) nominal

Filtration Area 7.0 ft² (0.65 m²) per 10 in. length

Maximum Operating Parameters

Differential Pressure

Changeout Pressure

Forward (in water) 50 psid (3.4 bard) 20 °C (68 °F)
 Reverse 40 psid (2.7 bard) at 20 °C (68 °F)
 Operating Temperature 82 °C (180 °F) at 10 psid (0.69 bard) in water

Recommended 35 psid (2.4 bard)

Sanitization/Sterilization

90 °C (194 °F), 30 minutes, multiple cycles, max 3 psid forward flow	
121 °C (250 °F), 30 min, multiple cycles	
135 °C (275 °F), 30 min, multiple cycles	

For all elevated temperature procedures above, a stainless steel support ring is required.

Chemical Sanitization

Nylon does not tolerate aggressive chemical sanitization protocols. Nylon membrane cartridges are best sanitized with 1% hydrogen peroxide or 1% hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid. Various manufacturers use different concentrations of active ingredients. Refer and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for sanitizing nylon membrane.

FDA and EC Compliance

All Critical Process Filtration cartridge filters are designed to meet the FDA requirements for processing food and beverage products. The materials used to construct food & beverage grade filters are listed by the FDA as appropriate for use in articles intended for repeated food contact as specified in Title 21 CFR sections 174.5, 177.1500, 177.1520, 177.1630, 177.2440 and 177.2600 as appropriate. FNM filters comply with Title 21 CFR sections 210.3 (b)(6) and 211.72, for non-fiber releasing filters. All materials used to make the filters are listed in European Commission Regulation EU/10/2011, Annex 1.

Extractables

Food & beverage grade filters typically exhibit low levels of non-volatile residues.

Flow Rate

The Typical Flow Rates table represents typical water flow at ambient temperature and a 1 psid (69 mbard) pressure differential across a single 10 in. cartridge element. Extrapolation for housings with multiple elements and higher pressure drops is acceptable, but as flows increase the pressure drop of the housing becomes more apparent.

Typical Flow Rates

Pore Size	0.10 μm	0.22 μm	0.45 μm	0.65 μm
GPM	1.0	1.8	3.0	4.2
LPM	3.79	6.81	11.36	15.90

Quality Assurance and Standards

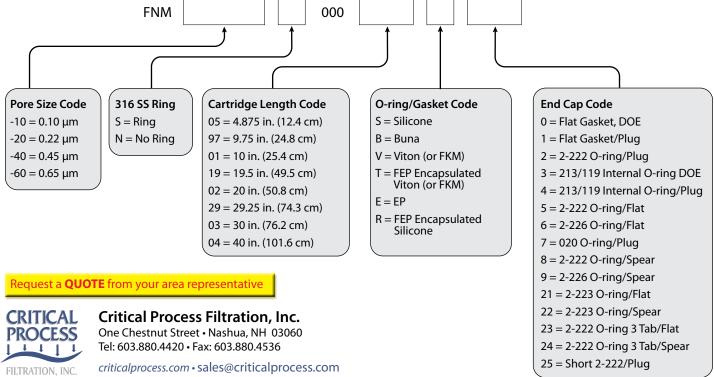
Our goal is to ensure our customers the greatest possible value for their filtration dollar. Our state of the art manufacturing facility and quality management system both meet ISO 9001:2008 standards. Each operation from assembly and test to cleaning, drying, and packaging is done in appropriately rated clean rooms. A sophisticated MRP system collects and processes real time data from manufacturing centers and inspection points. This allows variable and attribute data to be quickly and easily analyzed driving constant improvements in both quality and cost.

Validation

FNM cartridges are validated using test procedures that comply with the intent of both ASTM F 838-05 and HIMA protocols for the determination of bacterial retention in filters used for liquid filtration. The challenge level is 10^7 organisms per cm² of filter media: 0.10 µm challenged with *Acholeplasma laidlawii*; 0.22 µm challenged with *Brevundimonas diminuta*; 0.45 µm challenged with Serratia marcescens; 0.65 µm challenged with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Ordering Information

Cartridge order numbers have several variables from pore size to end cap type. For example, Food & Beverage Grade Nylon 6,6 Membrane, 0.22 Micron Rating, With SS Support Ring, 20" Length, Silicone O-Rings, 2-226/Spear End Cap Configuration = FNM-20S00002S9.



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