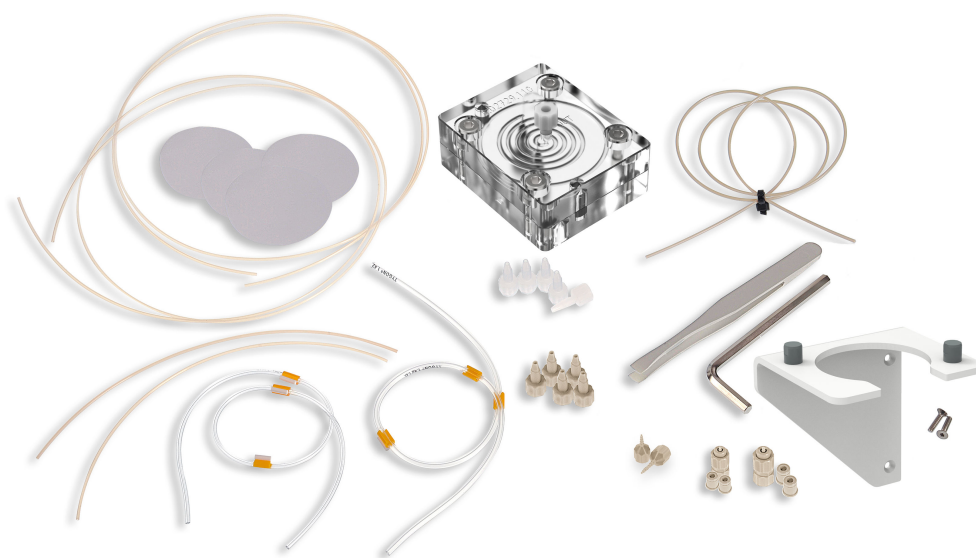


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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Description of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode

The IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode (6.05330.110) contains all accessories required for Inline Ultrafiltration directly before injection.

The main component of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode is the ultrafiltration cell. This cell is suitable for the filtration of samples with high requirements regarding filtration effectiveness and sample throughput.

2 peristaltic pumps are needed in addition to the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode for conveying the sample and the filtrate.

The IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode (6.05330.110) contains all accessory parts for installation in a 1-channel system. For installation in a 2-channel system (e.g. AnCat), an additional PTFE capillary 0.5 mm i.D. / 1 m (6.1803.040) and 2 pressure screws (6.2744.014) are required.

## 1.2 About the documentation

This manual describes the correct assembly and maintenance of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode, the installation of the capillary connections and the assembly of the holder to the sample changer.

The installation of the peristaltic pump is not described in this manual. The installation of the peristaltic pump is described in the respective manuals for the ion chromatograph or for the sample changer.










### CAUTION

Please read through this documentation carefully before putting the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode into operation. The documentation contains information and warnings which the user must follow in order to ensure safe operation of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode.

## 1.3 Symbols and conventions

The following symbols and formatting may appear in this documentation:

<i>(5-12)</i>	<b>Cross-reference to figure legend</b> The first number refers to the figure number, the second to the instrument part in the figure.
<b>1</b>	<b>Instruction step</b> Perform the steps one after the other.
<b>Method</b>	<b>Dialog text, parameter</b> in the software
<b>File ► New</b>	Menu or menu item
<b>[Continue]</b>	<b>Button</b> or <b>key</b>
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible life-threatening hazard or risk of injury.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to electrical current.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to heat or hot instrument parts.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible biological hazard.
	<b>WARNING</b> Warning of optical radiation
	<b>CAUTION</b> This symbol draws attention to possible damage to instruments or instrument parts.
	<b>NOTICE</b> This symbol highlights additional information and tips.

## 1.4 Accessories and additional information

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- Product family
- Product versions
- Accessories
- Documents about the product

### Downloading the accessories list



#### NOTICE

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The accessories list is a part of the product documentation. Download the accessories list and store it as a reference.

1. Use the search function to search for the product.
2. Open the desired product version.
3. Download the accessories list.



## 2.3 Sample volume

The sample volume depends on the following factors:

- Volume of the sample needle  
The lower the volume of the sample needle, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Length of the capillaries  
The shorter the length of the capillaries, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Inner diameter of the capillaries  
The smaller the inner diameter of the capillaries, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Volume of the peristaltic pump tubings  
The lower the volume of the peristaltic pump tubings, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Volume of the ultrafiltration cell  
The lower the volume of the ultrafiltration cell, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Volume of the sample loop  
The lower the volume of the sample loop, the smaller the required sample volume.
- Ratio of the flow rate on the sample side to the flow rate on the filtration side  
On the sample side, a high flow rate is required to pump a high sample volume through the sample chamber. On the filtration side, a lower flow rate is required as less filtrate needs to be pumped through the filtrate chamber than sample through the sample chamber.  
The smaller the ratio of the flow rate on the sample side is to the flow rate on the filtration side, the smaller the required sample volume.

The pull mode and the push mode differ with regards to the length of the capillaries and the volume of the peristaltic pump tubings. The volume of the peristaltic pump tubings in particular carries weight.

Due to the additional volume of the peristaltic pump tubings, the required volume is considerably higher in the push mode than in the pull mode.



### 3 Overview

#### 3.1 Parts of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode

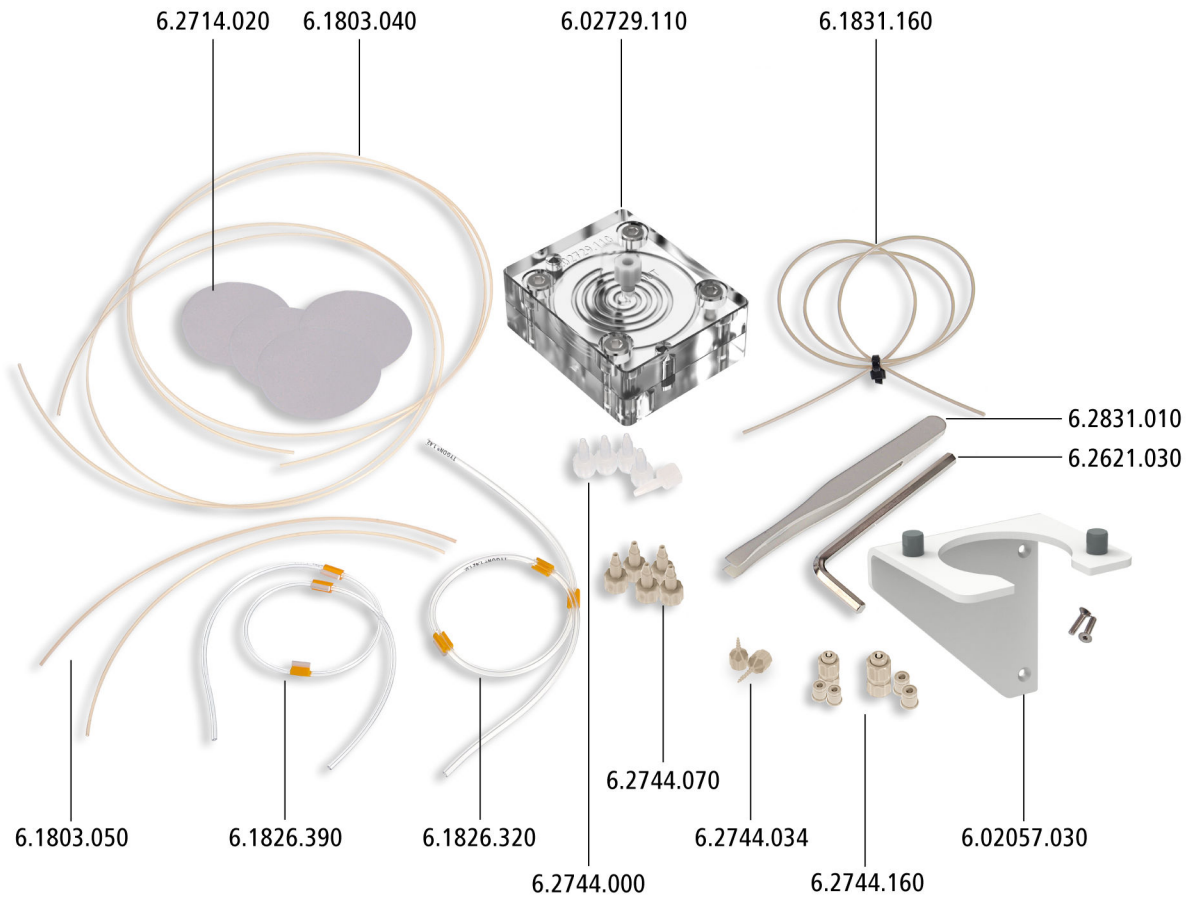


Figure 1 IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode – Parts

Table 1 Parts of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode

Article number	Article name	Number
6.2714.020	Filtration membrane 1	1
6.1803.040	PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 1 m	2
6.02729.110	Ultrafiltration cell 2	1
6.1831.160	PEEK capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 70 cm	1
6.2831.010	Plastic tweezers	1
6.2621.030	Hex key 4 mm	1

<b>Article number</b>	<b>Article name</b>	<b>Number</b>
6.02057.030	Filtration cell holder	1
6.2744.160	Pump tubing connection with locking nut	1
6.2744.034	Coupling olive/UNF 10/32, 2x	1
6.2744.070	Pressure screw, short, 5x	1
6.2744.000	Pressure screw PVDF, 5x	1
6.1826.320	Pump tubing LFL (orange/yellow), 3 stoppers	1
6.1826.390	Pump tubing LFL (yellow/yellow), 3 stoppers	1
6.1803.050	PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 20 cm	2



### 3.2 Flow diagram of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode

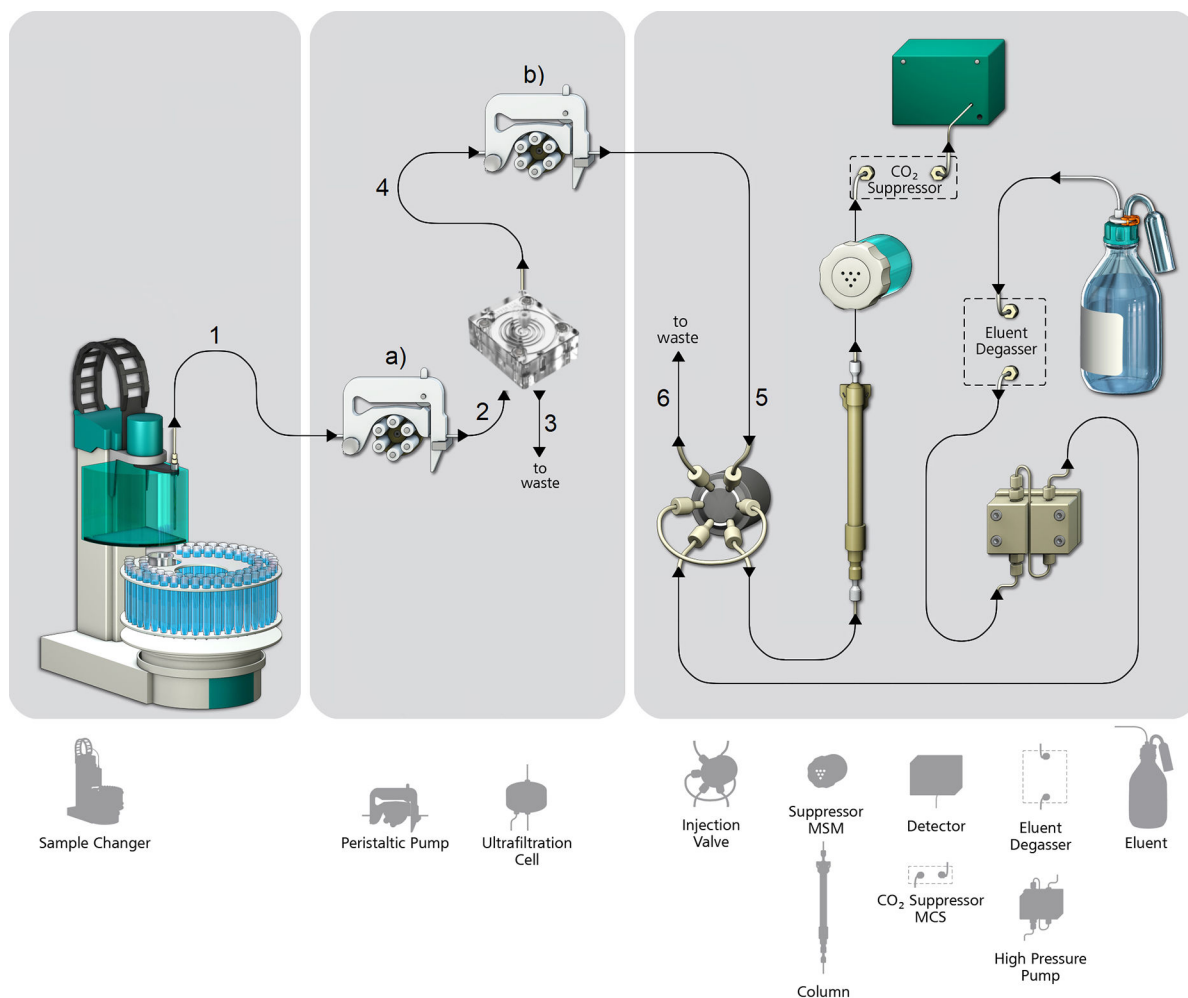


Figure 2 Flow diagram of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode (1-channel system)

<b>1</b>	<b>6.1831.160</b> PEEK capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 70 cm	<b>2</b>	<b>6.1803.050</b> PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 20 cm
<b>3</b>	<b>6.1803.040</b> PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 1 m	<b>4</b>	<b>6.1803.050</b> PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 20 cm
<b>5</b>	<b>6.1803.040</b> PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 1 m	<b>6</b>	<b>6.1803.040</b> PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 1 m The capillary is not part of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode.
<b>a)</b>	<b>6.1826.390</b> Pump tubing LFL (yellow/yellow), 3 stoppers	<b>b)</b>	<b>6.1826.320</b> Pump tubing LFL (orange/yellow), 3 stoppers

### 3.3 Components of the ultrafiltration cell

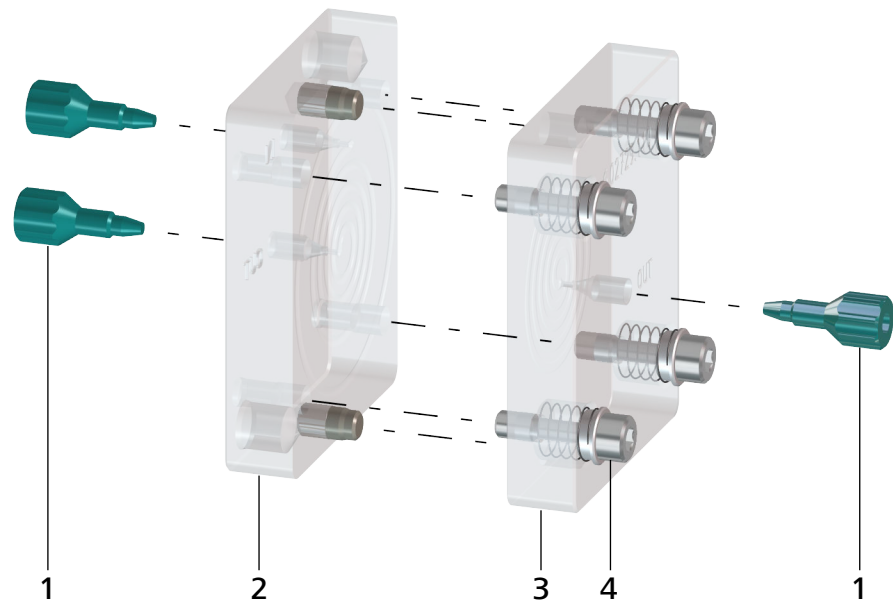


Figure 3 Ultrafiltration cell – Parts

<b>1</b>	<b>Stopper</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sample chamber</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Filtrate chamber</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Screws</b> for screwing together the sample chamber and the filtrate chamber



### 3.4 Connectors of the ultrafiltration cell

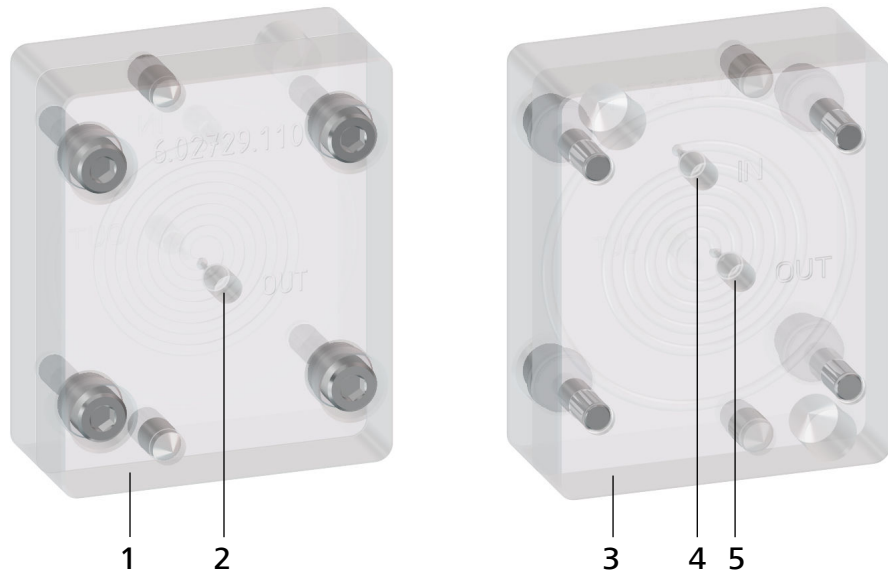


Figure 4 Ultrafiltration cell – Connectors

<b>1</b>	<b>Filtrate chamber</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Filtrate outlet</b> labeled <i>OUT</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sample chamber</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sample inlet</b> labeled <i>IN</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sample outlet</b> labeled <i>OUT</i>		

## 4 Installation

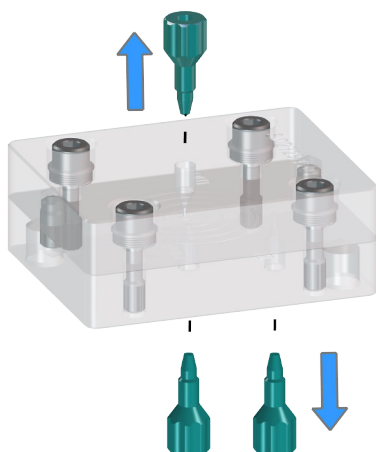
### 4.1 Preparing the ultrafiltration cell

#### Inserting the filtration membrane

##### Accessories

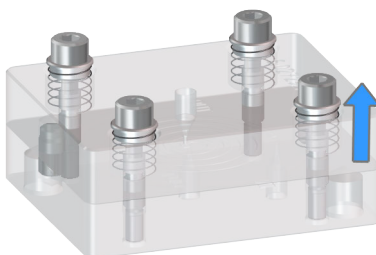
- Ultrafiltration cell 2 (6.02729.110)
- Filtration membrane 1 (6.2714.020)
- 4 mm hex key (6.2621.030)
- Plastic tweezers (6.2831.010)

#### 1 Removing the stoppers



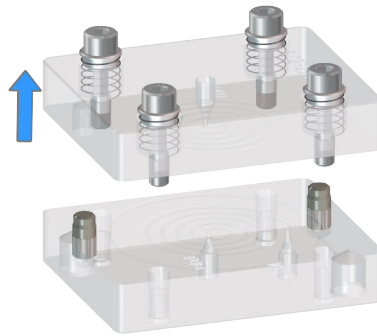
- Remove the 3 green stoppers by hand.
- Place the ultrafiltration cell on the table with the filtrate chamber facing upwards. The screws face upwards.

#### 2 Removing the screws



- Loosen the screws with the hex key. The screws cannot be removed from the filtrate chamber.

### 3 Disassembling the ultrafiltration cell



Remove the filtrate chamber of the ultrafiltration cell.

### 4 Cleaning the ultrafiltration cell

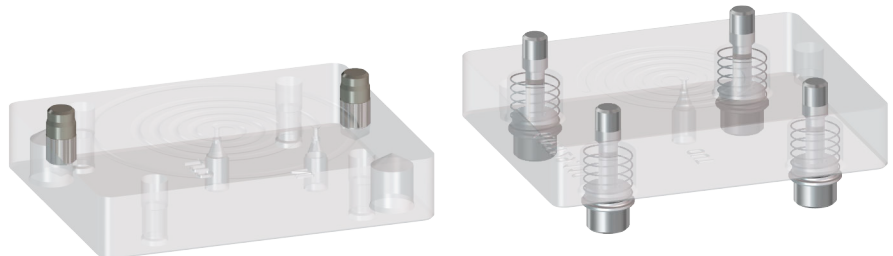


#### CAUTION

##### Damage to the ultrafiltration cell

Organic solvents (e.g. acetone) corrode and damage the ultrafiltration cell material (PMMA).

Use ultrapure water or a water-ethanol mixture (70:30) for cleaning the ultrafiltration cell.



- Rinse both chambers with ultrapure water.
- Dry both chambers with a lint-free cloth.

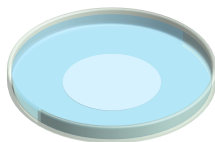
## 5 Wetting the filtration membrane



### NOTICE

The package of the filtration membranes contains sheets of different thicknesses and colors:

- The thin white sheets are the filtration membranes. Only insert filtration membranes into the ultrafiltration cell.
- The firm white cardboard is a cover. The cover protects the filtration membranes. Do not insert the cover into the ultrafiltration cell.
- The thin light-blue sheets are separation sheets. The separation sheets are placed between 2 filtration membranes. Do not insert the separation sheets into the ultrafiltration cell.



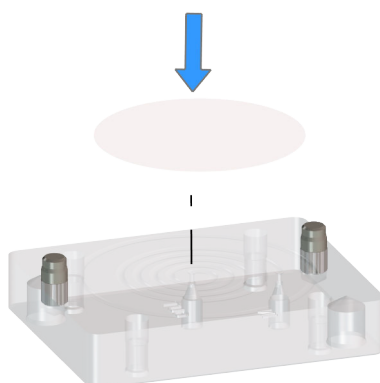
- Using the tweezers, take a filtration membrane out of the package.
- Place the filtration membrane in a petri dish filled with ultrapure water and allow to hydrate for approx. 2 minutes.

## 6 Inserting the filtration membrane



### NOTICE

The filtration membrane must not dry out before it is inserted!





## 4.2 Connecting the ultrafiltration cell

This chapter describes how to establish the capillary connections in the filtration system. This chapter does not describe how the peristaltic pumps are connected. Information on the installation of the peristaltic pumps can be found in the *chapter "Installing the peristaltic pump" in the manual for the ion chromatograph or in the manual for the sample changer.*

The following figure shows a schematic overview of all capillary connections in the filtration system:

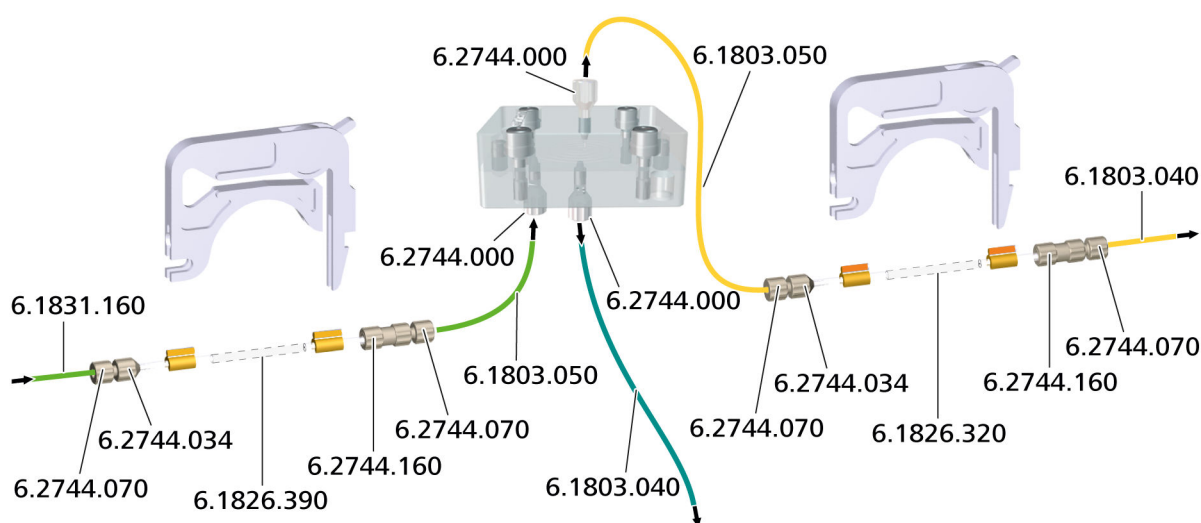


Figure 5 push mode – Connecting the ultrafiltration cell



### NOTICE

- In order to keep dead volume to a minimum, the capillaries of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode are as short as possible.
- To prevent the capillaries leading into the ion chromatograph from being pinched, always guide them through the capillary feed-throughs provided for this purpose (*see the manual for the ion chromatograph*).

### Connecting the ultrafiltration cell

#### Accessories

- Ultrafiltration cell 2 (6.02729.110)
- PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 20 cm (6.1803.050)
- PTFE capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 1 m (6.1803.040)
  - 1-channel system: 3 pieces
  - 2-channel system: 4 pieces



- Pump tubing LFL (orange/yellow), 3 stoppers (6.1826.320)
- Pump tubing LFL (yellow/yellow), 3 stoppers (6.1826.390)
- PEEK capillary, 0.5 mm ID / 70 cm (6.1831.160)
- 2 x pressure screw PVDF (6.2744.000)
- Coupling olive/UNF 10/32 (6.2744.034)
- Pressure screw, short (6.2744.070)
- Pump tubing connection with locking nut (6.2744.160)
- Pressure screw (2x) (6.2744.014)
  - 1-channel system: 2 pieces (corresponds to 4 pressure screws)
  - 2-channel system: 3 pieces (corresponds to 6 pressure screws)

The pressure screws (6.2744.014) are not part of the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode.

### 1 Preparing the pump tubing for the sample

Use the pump tubing with yellow stoppers (6.1826.390) for conveying the sample.

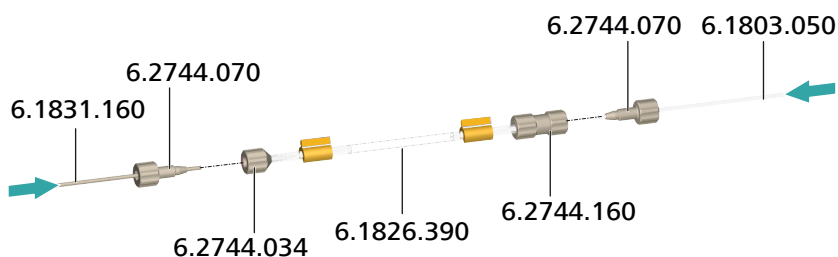
- Attach the coupling olive/UNF 10/32 (6.2744.034) to the inlet.
- Attach the pump tubing connection with locking nut (6.2744.160) to the outlet (*see chapter "Installing the peristaltic pump" in the manual for the ion chromatograph or in the manual for the sample changer*).

### 2 Preparing the pump tubing for the filtrate

Use the pump tubing with orange/yellow stoppers (6.1826.320) for conveying the filtrate.

- Attach the coupling olive/UNF 10/32 (6.2744.034) to the inlet.
- Attach the pump tubing connection with locking nut (6.2744.160) to the outlet (*see chapter "Installing the peristaltic pump" in the manual for the ion chromatograph or in the manual for the sample changer*).

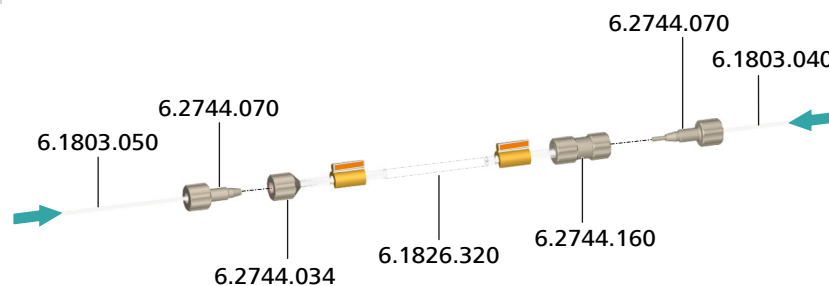
### 3 Connecting the capillaries to the pump tubing for the sample



- Tighten the PEEK capillary (6.1831.160) to the inlet of the pump tubing with yellow stoppers (6.1826.390) using a pressure screw (6.2744.070).

- Tighten the PTFE capillary (6.1803.050) to the outlet of the pump tubing with yellow stoppers (6.1826.390) using a pressure screw (6.2744.070).

#### 4 Connecting the capillaries to the pump tubing for the filtrate



- Tighten the PTFE capillary (6.1803.050) to the inlet of the pump tubing with orange/yellow stoppers (6.1826.320) using a pressure screw (6.2744.070).
- Tighten a PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to the outlet of the pump tubing with orange/yellow stoppers (6.1826.320) using a pressure screw (6.2744.070).

#### 5 Connecting capillaries to the ultrafiltration cell

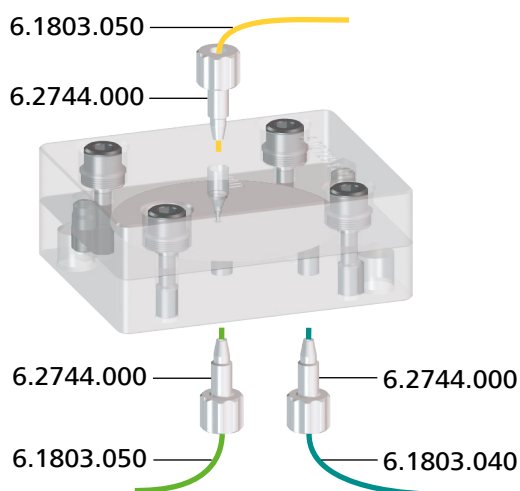


##### CAUTION

##### Damage to the ultrafiltration cell caused by using the wrong pressure screws

PEEK pressure screws are too hard. PEEK pressure screws can damage the ultrafiltration cell material.

- Use only transparent PVDF pressure screws (6.2744.000) to tighten capillaries to the ultrafiltration cell.



- Tighten the PTFE capillary (6.1803.050) to the inlet *IN* of the sample chamber using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).
- Tighten the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to the outlet *OUT* of the sample chamber using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).
- Tighten the PTFE capillary (6.1803.050) to the outlet *OUT* of the filtrate chamber using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).

## 6 Connecting the injectors



### NOTICE

The manual for the ion chromatograph contains additional information regarding the injector ports.

- 1-channel system
  - Tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) on the peristaltic pump to port 1 of the injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Tighten a PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to port 2 of the injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Either tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to the waste collector or guide it directly to the waste container and tighten it there using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).

- 2-channel system
  - Tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) on the peristaltic pump to port 1 of the first injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Tighten a PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to port 2 of the first injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to port 1 of the second injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Tighten a PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to port 2 of the second injector using a pressure screw (6.2744.014).
  - Either tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) to the waste collector or guide it directly to the waste container and tighten it there using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).

#### **7 Connecting the remaining capillaries**

- Tighten the free end of the PEEK capillary (6.1831.160) to the sample needle using a pressure screw (6.2744.014) (*see the manual for the sample changer*).
- Either tighten the free end of the PTFE capillary (6.1803.040) at ultrafiltration cell 2 to the waste collector or guide it directly to the waste container and tighten it there using a PVDF pressure screw (6.2744.000).

## **4.3 Inserting the ultrafiltration cell**

### **Fastening the ultrafiltration cell to the sample changer**

#### *Accessories*

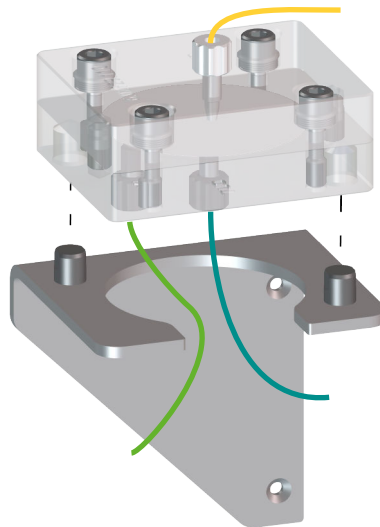
- Filtration cell holder (6.02057.030)
- Ultrafiltration cell 2 (6.02729.110)

#### **1 Attaching the holder**

Tighten the filtration cell holder (6.02057.030) to the sample changer (*see manual for the sample changer*).



## 2 Inserting the ultrafiltration cell



Insert the ultrafiltration cell in such a way that the positioning pins of the filtration cell holder are located in the openings of the ultrafiltration cell provided for this purpose.

## 4.4 Purging the ultrafiltration cell

Purge the ultrafiltration cell each time a new filtration membrane is inserted. To accomplish this, rinse all capillaries, with e.g. ultrapure water. The entire filtration system must be completely connected prior to this procedure.

### Rinsing the ultrafiltration cell

#### 1 Settings in the software

- Immerse the sample needle in the rinsing solution.
- Switch on the peristaltic pump.
- Rinse the filtration system with ultrapure water for approx. 5 min.

#### 2 Monitoring the rinsing process

- Check whether equal amounts of solution are emerging from both feed lines to the waste container.
- Check whether all capillary connections are tight.  
If liquid is escaping somewhere, then tighten the corresponding connection or redo the connection.

### 3 Removing air bubbles

- Check whether any air bubbles remain trapped in the ultrafiltration cell.
- If air bubbles are trapped in the cell, then unscrew the PTFE capillaries from the filtrate outlet and from the sample outlet and wait until the air bubbles have escaped. Afterwards, tighten the capillaries to the ultrafiltration cell again.

## 5 Operation

### 5.1 Ultrafiltration duration and sample volume

The ultrafiltration cell was tested with the IC equipment: Inline-Ultrafiltration 2 - push mode. For **1-channel systems**, the following data for ultrafiltration time and sample volume have been determined:

- Ultrafiltration time: 180 s
- Sample volume: 6.0 mL

These values are guidelines. The ultrafiltration duration and the sample volume of your installation may deviate from these values. This is why the actual values for the ultrafiltration duration and the sample volume must be determined for each installation.

### 5.2 Selecting the filtration membrane

Existing sample preparation procedures can be applied to ultrafiltration cell 2 (6.02729.110). If filtration membrane 1 (6.2714.020) is not used, a membrane with suitable pore size does not automatically yield the desired results even if the particle size is known.

Our investigations have shown that the retention capacity of conventional filtration membranes does not always correspond to their specified pore size. The table *Selection of the filtration membrane* shows the qualitative filtration action of filtration membranes with different nominal pore sizes. Aqueous solutions containing silica particles with particle sizes of 1.5 µm and 5 µm were used in the test.

Table 2 *Selection of the filtration membrane*

Test solutions: Silica particles in water	Pore size of the filtration membrane <sup>1</sup>	Effect
0.5%, 5 µm	0.15 µm	no permeation
0.5%, 5 µm	3 µm	no permeation
0.5%, 5 µm	8 µm	no permeation
0.5%, 5 µm	10 µm	permeation <sup>2</sup>
0.5%, 5 µm	12 µm	no permeation
0.5%, 1.5 µm	0.15 µm	no permeation
0.5%, 1.5 µm	3 µm	permeation

<sup>1</sup> Nominal pore size according to manufacturer's statement.





The concentration of the following 7 anions was determined for each sample type:  $F^-$ ,  $Cl^-$ ,  $NO_2^-$ ,  $Br^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $HPO_4^{2-}$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ .

Table 3 Service life of the filtration membrane

Sample designation	Number of samples per filter
Orange juice with fruit pulp	40
Surface water	500
Drinking water	1,000
Ground water	500
Waste water 1	1,000
+Waste water 2	130
+Waste water 3	40
+Waste water 4	80
NaCl solution (1%)	5,000
Schöniger absorption solution	100
Acidic earth extracts	1,000
Aqueous earth extracts	200

## 6.2 Replacing the filtration membrane

The filtration membrane used must be in perfect condition to ensure consistent quality of the analysis results. Replace the filtration membrane in regular intervals for that reason (see chapter 6.1, page 24).

### Replacing the filtration membrane

#### Accessories

- Filtration membrane 1 (6.2714.020)
- 4 mm hex key (6.2621.030)
- Plastic tweezers (6.2831.010)

#### 1 Taking the ultrafiltration cell out of the system

- In the software, stop the system and wait until the pressure has been released.
- Remove all capillaries from the ultrafiltration cell.
- Take the ultrafiltration cell out of the holder.

#### 2 Cleaning the ultrafiltration cell

Carry out the instruction steps 2 to 8 of the procedure *Inserting the filtration membrane on page 11*.



**3 Connecting capillaries to the ultrafiltration cell**

Carry out instruction step 5 of the procedure *Connecting the ultrafiltration cell on page 15*.

**4 Inserting the ultrafiltration cell into the holder**

Place the ultrafiltration cell back in the holder (*see chapter 4.3, page 19*).

**5 Purging the ultrafiltration cell**

Purge the ultrafiltration cell (*see chapter 4.4, page 20*).

## 7 Technical specifications

### 7.1 Ultrafiltration cell 2 (6.02729.110)

<i>Material</i>	PMMA (poly(methyl methacrylate))
<i>Solvent compatibility</i>	Water or water-ethanol mixture (70:30) ( <b>no</b> other organic solvents)
<i>Cell volume</i>	Sample chamber: 240 $\mu$ L Filtrate chamber: 120 $\mu$ L

### 7.2 Filtration membrane 1 (6.2714.020)

<i>Pore diameter</i>	0.2 $\mu$ m
<i>Membrane diameter</i>	47 mm
<i>Material</i>	Regenerated cellulose



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