



Vivaspin 4 & 15 ml

Technical data and operating instructions.
For in vitro use only.

Vivascience Vivaspin 4

Storage conditions / shelf life

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Introduction

Vivaspin 4 ml concentrators are disposable ultrafiltration devices for the concentration of biological samples. Maximum initial sample volumes range from 1 ml to 4 ml. They can be effectively used in either swing bucket or fixed angle rotors accepting 15 ml conical bottom centrifuge tubes.

The patented vertical membrane design and thin channel filtration chamber (US 5,647,990, second patent pending) minimises membrane fouling and provides high speed concentrations, even with particle laden solutions. Vivaspin 4 is available with the high flux polyethersulfone membrane range which is recommended for most solutions.

Operation:

1. Select the most appropriate membrane for your sample.
For maximum recovery select a MWCO at least 50% smaller than the molecular size of the species of interest.
2. Fill concentrator with up to maximum volume shown in table 1. (Ensure lid is fully seated).
3. Insert assembled concentrator into centrifuge (when fixed angle rotors are used, angle concentrator so that the printed window faces upwards/outwards).
4. Centrifuge at speeds recommended in table 2 taking care not to exceed the maximum g force indicated by membrane type and MWCO.



Equipment required	Vivaspin 4
Centrifuge	
Rotor type	Swing bucket or Fixed angle
Minimum rotor angle	25°
Rotor cavity	To fit 15 ml (17 mm) conical bottom tubes
Concentrate recovery	
Pipette type	Fixed or variable volume
Recommended tip	Thin gel loader type

5. Once the desired concentration is achieved, (see tables 3a and 3b, for a guide to concentration times), remove assembly and recover sample from the bottom of the concentrate pocket with a pipette. The filtrate tube can be sealed for storage.

Desalting/Buffer exchange

1. Concentrate sample to desired level.
2. Empty filtrate container.
3. Refill concentrator with an appropriate solvent.
4. Concentrate the sample again and repeat the process until the concentration of contaminating microsolutes is sufficiently reduced. Typically 3 wash cycles will remove 99% of initial salt content.

Vivascience Vivaspin 15

Storage conditions / shelf life

Vivaspin ultrafiltration spin columns should be stored at room temperature.

The devices should be used before the expiry date printed on the box.

Introduction

The Vivaspin 15 concentrator is a disposable ultrafiltration device for use in swing bucket centrifuges accommodating 50 ml tubes. Vivaspin 15 is used for the concentration of biological samples in the 2 - 15 ml range. The innovative design (US Patent No. 5,647,990, second patent pending), simplicity, speed and exceptional concentrate recoveries are the main features of the concentrator.

Sample concentration

In a single spin, sample solutions can be concentrated up to 300 x. Samples can be typically concentrated in 10 - 30 minutes with macromolecular recoveries in excess of 95 %. The longitudinal membrane location and adjacent thin channel provide optimum cross flow conditions even for particle laden solutions, the centrifugal force pulling particles and solids away from the membrane to the bottom of the device. Macromolecules collect in an impermeable 50 µl concentrate pocket integrally moulded below the membrane surface, thereby eliminating the risk of filtration to dryness.

Operation:

1. Select the most appropriate membrane cut-off for your sample. For maximum recovery select a MWCO at least 50% smaller than the molecular size of the species of interest.
2. Fill concentrator with up to maximum volume shown in table 1, taking care not to touch the membrane surface, and then close hinged lid, ensuring it is fully seated.



Equipment required	Vivaspin 15
Centrifuge	
Rotor type	Swing bucket or Fixed angle
Minimum rotor angle	25°
Rotor cavity	30 x 114 mm conical bottom tubes or 29 x 104 mm round bottom tubes
Concentrate recovery	
Pipette type	Fixed or variable volume
Recommended tip	Thin gel loader type

3. Place concentrator in 50 ml centrifuge tube. (filtrate collection vessel)
4. Insert assembled concentrator into centrifuge and spin at up to 3000 x g (See table 2). When fixed angle rotors are used, angle concentrator so that the printed window faces upwards/outwards.
5. Once the desired concentration is achieved (See table 3a for guide on concentration times), remove assembly and recover sample from the bottom of the concentrate pocket with a pipette.

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Usage Tips:

1. Flow Rate

Filtration rate is affected by several parameters, including MWCO, porosity, sample concentration, viscosity, centrifugal force and temperature. Expect significantly longer spin times for starting solutions with over 5% solids. When operating at 4°C flow rates are approximately 1.5 times slower than at 25°C. Viscous solutions such as 50% glycerine will take up to 5 times longer to concentrate than samples in a predominantly buffer solution

2. Pre-rinsing

Membranes fitted to Vivaspin concentrators contain trace amounts of Glycerine and Sodium azide. Should these interfere with analysis they can be removed by rinsing fill volume of buffer solution or deionised water through the concentrator. Decant filtrate and concentrate before processing sample solution.

3. Sterilisation

Polyethersulfone membranes should not be autoclaved as high temperatures will substantially increase membrane MWCO. To sterilise, use a 70% ethanol solution or sterilising gas mixture.

4. Chemical Compatibility

Vivaspin concentrators are designed for use with biological fluids and aqueous solutions. Refer to the chemical compatibility table on this datasheet.

Table 1: Technical specifications	Vivaspin 4	Vivaspin 15
Concentrator capacity		
Swing bucket rotor	4 ml	15 ml
Fixed angle rotor	4 ml	8 ml
Dimensions		
Total length	122 mm	76 mm
Width	17 mm	25.5 mm
Active membrane area	2.0 cm ²	4 cm ²
Hold up volume of membrane	<10 µl	<20 µl
Dead stop volume	20 µl	50 µl
Materials of construction		
Body	Polycarbonate	Polycarbonate
Filtrate vessel	Polypropylene	Polypropylene
Concentrator cap	Polycarbonate	Polycarbonate
Membrane	Polyethersulfone	Polyethersulfone

Table 2: Recommended spin speed (xg)	Vivaspin 4		Vivaspin 15	
Membrane	Fixed angle	Swing bucket	Fixed angle	Swing bucket
5 - 50K PES	10,000	4,000	3,000	3,000
>100K PES	7,000	4,000	3,000	2,000

Table 3a: Typical performance Vivaspin 4	Time to concentrate 30x min. at 20°C	Concentrate recovery %
Start volume	4 ml	4 ml
BSA 1.0 mg/ml (66,000 MW)		
5,000 MWCO PES	15	96%
10,000 MWCO PES	10	96%
30,000 MWCO PES	10	95%
IgG 0.25 mg/ml (160,000 MW)		
30,000 MWCO PES	10	95%
50,000 MWCO PES	10	95%
100,000 MWCO PES	10	95%

Table 3b: Typical performance Vivaspin 15	Time to concentrate 50x min. at 20°C	Concentrate recovery %
Start volume	15 ml	15 ml
BSA 1 mg/ml (66,000 MW)		
5,000 MWCO	40	97%
10,000 MWCO	25	97%
30,000 MWCO	25	96%
50,000 MWCO	25	96%
100,000 MWCO	15	70%
Cytochrome c 0.25 mg/ml (12,400 MW)		
5,000 MWCO	55	97%
10,000 MWCO	45	95%
30,000 MWCO	45	59%
50,000 MWCO	45	40%
100,000 MWCO	20	16%
IgG 0.25 mg/ml (160,000 MW)		
30,000 MWCO	30	94%
50,000 MWCO	30	94%
100,000 MWCO	30	90%
Yeast 1.0 mg/ml (<i>S. Cerevisiae</i>)		
100,000 MWCO	15	98%
0.2 µm PES	7	95%

Table 4: Chemical Compatibility	VS 4	VS 15		VS 4	VS 15
Solutions - Compatible pH range pH 1-9	PES	PES	Solutions - Compatible pH range pH 1-9	PES	PES
Acetic Acid (25.0%)	OK	OK	Mercaptoethanol (10 mM)	OK	OK
Acetone (10.0%)	NO	NO	Methanol (60%)	OK	OK
Acetonitrile (10.0%)	NO	NO	Nitric Acid (10.0%)	OK	OK
Ammonium Hydroxide (5.0%)	?	?	Phenol (1.0%)	NO	NO
Ammonium Sulphate (saturated)	OK	OK	Phosphate Buffer (1.0M)	OK	OK
Benzene (100%)	NO	NO	Polyethylene Glycol (10%)	OK	OK
n - Butanol (70%)	?	?	Pyridine (100%)	NO	NO
Chloroform (1.0%)	NO	NO	Propanol (70%)	OK	OK
Dimethyl Formamide (10.0%)	?	?	Sodium Carbonate (20%)	NO	NO
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (5.0%)	NO	NO	Sodium Deoxycholate (5.0%)	OK	OK
Ethanol (70.0%)	OK	OK	Sodium Dodecylsulfate (0.1 M)	OK	OK
Ethyl Acetate (100%)	NO	NO	Sodium Hydroxide (2.5M)	NO	NO
Formaldehyde (30%)	OK	OK	Sodium Hypochlorite (200 ppm)	NO	NO
Formic Acid (5.0%)	OK	OK	Sodium Nitrate (1.0%)	OK	OK
Glycerine (70%)	OK	OK	Sulfamic Acid (5.0%)	OK	OK
Guanidine HCl (6M)	OK	OK	Tetrahydrofuran (5.0%)	NO	NO
Hydrocarbons, aromatic	NO	NO	Toluene (1.0%)	NO	NO
Hydrocarbons, chlorinated	NO	NO	Trifluoroacetic Acid (10%)	OK	OK
Hydrochloric Acid (1 M)	OK	OK	Tween 20 (0.1%)	OK	OK
Imidazole (300 mM, max 2 hrs)	OK	OK	Triton X-100 (0.1%)	OK	OK
Isopropanol (70%)	OK	OK	Urea (8 M)	OK	OK
Lactic Acid (5.0%)	OK	OK			
			OK = acceptable ? = Questionable NO = Not recommended		

Ordering information

Vivaspin 4 Polyethersulfone	Pack size	Prod. no.
5,000 MWCO	25	VS0413
5,000 MWCO	100	VS0414
10,000 MWCO	25	VS0403
10,000 MWCO	100	VS0404
30,000 MWCO	25	VS0423
30,000 MWCO	100	VS0424
50,000 MWCO	25	VS0433
50,000 MWCO	100	VS0434
100,000 MWCO	25	VS0443
100,000 MWCO	100	VS0444
0.2 µm	25	VS0473
0.2 µm	100	VS0474
Starter pack (5 of each 5 k, 10 k, 30 k, 50 k, 100 k)	25	VS04S3

Ordering information - Requires 50 ml centrifuge tubes

Vivaspin 15 Polyethersulfone	Pack size	Prod. no.
5,000 MWCO	10	VS1511
5,000 MWCO	40	VS1512
10,000 MWCO	10	VS1501
10,000 MWCO	40	VS1502
30,000 MWCO	10	VS1521
30,000 MWCO	40	VS1522
50,000 MWCO	10	VS1531
50,000 MWCO	40	VS1532
100,000 MWCO	10	VS1541
100,000 MWCO	40	VS1542
0.2 µm	10	VS1571
0.2 µm	40	VS1572
Starter pack (2 of each 5 k, 10 k, 30 k, 50 k, 100 k)	10	VS15S1
Accessories		
Conical bottom 50 ml tubes and lids	100	VSA001

Vivascience ultrafiltration product range at a glance

Product	Sample volume	Mode	Membranes available
Vivaspin 500	100 µl - 600 µl	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin 2	0.4 ml - 2 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone, Cellulose Triacetate Regenerated Cellulose, Hydrosart®
Centrisart	0.5 ml - 2.5 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone, Cellulose Triacetate
Vivaspin 4	1 ml - 4 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin 6	2 ml - 6 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin 15	2 ml - 15 ml	Centrifugal	Polyethersulfone
Vivaspin 15R	2 ml - 15 ml	Centrifugal	Hydrosart®
Vivaspin 20	5 ml - 20 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 70	10 ml - 70 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 100	20 ml - 100 ml	Centrifugal Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivacell 250	50 ml - 250 ml	Gas pressure	Polyethersulfone
Vivaflow 50	100 ml - > 5 l	Tangential flow	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose
Vivaflow 200	500 ml - > 5 l	Tangential flow	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose, Hydrosart®
Vivapore 2	0.5 ml - 2.5 ml/15 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose
Vivapore 5	1 ml - 5 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose
Vivapore 10/20	2 ml - 10 ml/20 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone, Regenerated Cellulose
Vivapore Q5	0.5 ml - 5 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone
Vivapore Q10	1 ml - 10 ml	Solvent absorption	Polyethersulfone



New Vivasure kits and devices now available

The development of the innovative Vivasure range continues with the launch of new protein purification kits and devices. Vivasure spin columns are currently available with metal chelate, protein A, epoxy and ion exchange membrane chemistries.

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