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1 Introduction

1.1 Instrument description

The instrument **850 Professional IC – AnCat – MCS** (2.850.3030) is one of the model versions of the Professional IC line of instruments manufactured by the Metrohm Company. The Professional IC line of instruments is distinguished by

- the intelligence of its components, which are able to monitor and optimize all functions and to provide documentation according to FDA requirements.
- its compactness.
- its **flexibility**. A suitable model version exists for every application. Individual instruments can be converted, expanded or modified to create a different instrument as needed.
- its **transparency**. All components are easily accessible and arranged in a clear manner.
- its **safety**. Chemicals and electronics are separated and a leak sensor is integrated in the wet end.
- its environmental compatibility.
- low noise emission.

The instrument is operated with **MagIC Net** software. It is connected via a USB connection to a PC on which MagIC Net is installed. The software automatically recognizes the instrument and checks its functional readiness. MagIC Net controls and monitors the instrument, evaluates the measured data and administers it in a database. The operation of MagIC Net is described in the online help or in the tutorial for MagIC Net.



Figure 1 Front view of the instrument

- **1** Eluent bottle See Chapter 2.8.1.
- **3** MCS See Chapter 2.18.

- 2 Conductivity detectors See Chapter 2.19.
- 4 Peristaltic pump See Chapter 2.17.

5	MSM See Chapter 2.16.	6	Injection valve See Chapter 2.14.
7	Eluent degasser See Chapter 2.9.	8	High pressure pump <i>See Chapter 2.10.</i>
9	Purge valve See Chapter 2.10.1.	10	Injection valve See Chapter 2.14.
11	Eluent degasser See Chapter 2.9.	12	High pressure pump <i>See Chapter 2.10.</i>
13	Purge valve See Chapter 2.10.1.	14	Pulsation damper See Chapter 2.12.
15	Sample degasser See Chapter 2.13. Use optional.	16	Separation columns See Chapter 2.22.
17	Column thermostat		

The instrument contains the following components:

See Chapter 2.15.

Eluent degasser

The eluent degasser removes gas bubbles and dissolved gases from the eluent. For degassing, the eluent flows into a vacuum chamber through a special fluoropolymer capillary.

High pressure pump

The intelligent and low pulsation high pressure pump pumps the eluent through the system. It is equipped with a chip on which its technical specifications and "life history" (operating hours, service data, ...) are saved.

Inline filter

Inline filters protect the separation column securely against possible contamination from the eluent. Inline filters can however also just as well be used for the purpose of protecting other sensitive components against contaminations in the solutions used. The fine 2 μ m material of the readily and easily replaceable filter platelets removes particles such as bacteria and algae from the solutions.

Pulsation damper

The pulsation damper protects the separation column from damage caused by pressure fluctuations when switching the injection valve, and reduces interfering pulsations during highly sensitive measurements.

Sample degasser

The sample degasser removes gas bubbles and disolved gases from the sample. For degassing, the sample flows into a vacuum chamber through a special fluoropolymer capillary.

Injection valve

The injection valve connects the eluent and sample path through rapid and precise valve switchover. A precisely measured amount of sample solution is injected and rinsed with eluent onto the separation column.

Column thermostat

The column thermostat controls the temperature of the column and eluent channel and thus ensures stable measuring conditions. It provides space for 2 separation columns.

Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

The MSM is used for chemical suppression during anion analysis. It is pressure-stable, robust and resistant to solvents.

Peristaltic pump

The Peristaltic pump is used for pumping sample and auxiliary solutions. It can rotate in both directions.

Metrohm CO₂ suppressor (MCS)

The MCS removes the CO_2 from the eluent flow. This reduces the background conductivity, improves the detection sensitivity and minimizes the injection and carbonate peaks.

Conductivity detector

The conductivity detector continuously measures the conductivity of the liquid passing through and indicates these signals in digital form (DSP – Digital Signal Processing). The conductivity detector exhibits outstanding thermal stability and thus guarantees reproducible measuring conditions.

Separation column

The intelligent separation column is the heart of the ion chromatographic analysis. It separates the different components corresponding to their interactions with the column. The Metrohm analytical columns are equipped with a chip on which their technical specifications and their history (first use / setting up, operating hours, injections, ...) are saved.

1.2 Intended use

The **850 Professional IC – AnCat – MCS** is used for the ion chromatographic determination of cations and anions. The two channels can be operated in parallel or completely independently of one another. **Sequential suppression** can be used in the anion channel:

- Chemical suppression with the Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM) (see Chapter 2.16, page 47) and subsequent
- CO₂ suppression with the Metrohm CO₂ Suppressor (MCS) (see Chapter 2.18, page 55).

The use of sequential suppression reduces background conductivity to a minimum.

If required, the instrument can also be used for the determination of cations or anions without suppression.

1.3 About the documentation



Caution

Please read through this documentation carefully before putting the instrument into operation. The documentation contains information and warnings which have to be followed by the user in order to ensure safe operation of the instrument.

1.3.1 Symbols and conventions

The following symbols and styles are used in this documentation:

(5- 12)	Cross-reference to figure legend
	The first number refers to the figure number, the second to the instrument part in the figure.
1	Instruction step
_	Carry out these steps in the sequence shown.
	Warning
	This symbol draws attention to a possible life hazard or risk of injury.
	Warning
	This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to electrical current.

	Warning			
	This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to heat or hot instrument parts.			
	Warning			
	This symbol draws attention to a possible biological hazard.			
	Caution			
	This symbol draws attention to a possible damage of instruments or instrument parts.			
-	Note			
	This symbol marks additional information and tips.			

1.4 Safety instructions

1.4.1 General notes on safety



Warning

This instrument may only be operated in accordance with the specifications in this documentation.

This instrument has left the factory in a flawless state in terms of technical safety. To maintain this state and ensure non-hazardous operation of the instrument, the following instructions must be observed carefully.

1.4.2 Electrical safety

The electrical safety when working with the instrument is ensured as part of the international standard IEC 61010.



Warning

Only personnel qualified by Metrohm are authorized to carry out service work on electronic components.



Warning

Never open the housing of the instrument. The instrument could be damaged by this. There is also a risk of serious injury if live components are touched.

There are no parts inside the housing which can be serviced or replaced by the user.

Mains voltage



Warning

An incorrect mains voltage can damage the instrument.

Only operate this instrument with a mains voltage specified for it (see rear panel of the instrument).

Protection against electrostatic charges



Warning

Electronic components are sensitive to electrostatic charges and can be destroyed by discharges.

Always pull the mains cable out of the mains connection socket before connecting or disconnecting electrical appliances on the rear panel of the instrument.

1.4.3 Tubing and capillary connections



Caution

Leaks in tubing and capillary connections are a safety risk. Tighten all connections well by hand. Avoid applying excessive force to tubing connections. Damaged tubing ends lead to leakage. Appropriate tools can be used to loosen connections.

Check the connections regularly for leakage. If the instrument is used mainly in unattended operation, then weekly inspections are mandatory.

1.4.4 Flammable solvents and chemicals



Warning

All relevant safety measures are to be observed when working with flammable solvents and chemicals.

- Set up the instrument in a well-ventilated location (e.g. laboratory flue).
- Keep all sources of flame far from the workplace.
- Clean up spilled fluids and solids immediately.
- Follow the safety instructions of the chemical manufacturer.

1.4.5 Recycling and disposal



This product is covered by European Directive 2002/96/EC, WEEE – Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

The correct disposal of your old equipment will help to prevent negative effects on the environment and public health.

More details about the disposal of your old equipment can be obtained from your local authorities, from waste disposal companies or from your local dealer.

2 Installation

2.1 About this chapter

The Installation chapter contains

- a list of all the steps to be carried out during the initial installation (see Chapter 2.2, page 9).
- a schematic overview of the flow paths (see Chapter 2.3, page 11).
- a description of the construction, connections and functionality of the instrument.
- step-by-step installation instructions. A part of these installation tasks has already been carried out before delivery. They are nevertheless described here in case they need to be carried out once again some time in the future (e.g. after maintenance of the high pressure pump).

2.2 Initial installation



A large number of the capillary connections are already connected at the time the instrument is delivered.

The following steps still have to be carried out after delivery:



Note

Note

Each of the steps numbered 3, 7, 8, 11, 15 and 16 are to be performed for the anion and cation channels, respectively.

1 Setting up the instrument (*see Chapter 2.4, page 14*).

2 Remove handle and rollers (see Chapter 2.6.1, page 16).

3 Place the detector in the instrument and connect it (*see Chapter 2.6.2, page 19*).



5	Connect the leak sensor (see Chapter 2.6.4, page 21).
6	Connect drainage tubings (see Chapter 2.6.5, page 22).
7	Connect the eluent bottle (see Chapter 2.8.1, page 27).
8	Install sample path connections.
	• Connect the sample degasser (if required) (see Chapter 2.13,
	 Connect sample path connections to the injection valve (see Chapter 2.14.2, page 42).
9	Installing the MSM (see Chapter 2.16, page 47) – with associated peristaltic pump (see Chapter 2.17, page 50).
10	Connect the MCS (see Chapter 2.18.2, page 55).
11	Connect detector capillaries (see Chapter 2.19, page 58).
12	Mains connection (see Chapter 2.20, page 61).
13	Connect the instrument to the PC (see Chapter 2.20.1, page 61).
14	Initial start-up (see Chapter 3.1, page 66).
15	Install the guard column (if used) (see Chapter 2.21, page 62).
16	Install the separation column (see Chapter 2.22, page 64).

2.3 Flow diagram

Figure 2 Flow diagram for a 2-channel system shows the flow paths for a system with one cation channel and one anion channel with application of sequential suppression (MSM (*2-9*) and MCS (*2-10*)):

Anion channel	With the upper high pressure pump (2-3), the MSM (2-9) and the left-hand conductivity detector (2-11).
Cation channel	With the lower high pressure pump (2- 18) and the right-hand conductivity detector (2- 24).

The two channels can be operated in parallel or completely independently of one another.

The arrangement of the modules in the diagram corresponds to the front view of the instrument. Liquid containers (eluent bottle, sample vessel, waste container, auxiliary solutions container) and guard column (*see Chapter 2.21, page 62*) are not shown in the diagram. Which pressure screws, connections and couplings are used, is described in the installation chapters of the individual modules.



Figure 2 Flow diagram for a 2-channel system

- 1 Eluent input Connection to the eluent bottle (see Chapter 2.8.1, page 27).
- 2 Eluent degasser See Chapter 2.9.

3	High pressure pump <i>See Chapter 2.10.</i>	4	Purge valve See Chapter 2.10.1.
5	Inline filter See Chapter 2.11.	6	Pulsation damper See Chapter 2.12.
7	Injection valve <i>See Chapter 2.14.</i>	8	Separation column See Chapter 2.22. When a guard column (see Chapter 2.21, page 62) is used, it is installed between injection valve and separation column.
9	MSM See Chapter 2.16.	10	MCS See Chapter 2.18.
11	Detector See Chapter 2.19.	12	Eluent output Connection to the waste container.
13	Sample input Connection to the sample vessel (single ves- sel or sample changer).	14	Sample degasser See Chapter 2.13.
15	Sample output	16	Eluent input Connection to the eluent bottle <i>(see Chap-ter 2.8.1, page 27)</i> .
17	Eluent degasser	18	High pressure pump
	See Chapter 2.9.		see Chapter 2.10.
19	See Chapter 2.9. Purge valve See Chapter 2.10.1.	20	Inline filter See Chapter 2.11.
19 21	See Chapter 2.9. Purge valve See Chapter 2.10.1. Pulsation damper See Chapter 2.12.	20 22	Inline filter See Chapter 2.11. Injection valve See Chapter 2.14.
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31 Regeneration solution output Connection to the waste container.

33 Rinsing solution output Connection to the waste container.

2.4 Setting up the instrument

2.4.1 Packaging

The instrument is supplied in highly protective special packaging together with the separately packed accessories. Keep this packaging, as only this ensures safe transportation of the instrument.

32 Rinsing solution input

Connection to the rinsing solution bottle.

2.4.2 Checks

Immediately after receipt, check whether the shipment has arrived complete and without damage by comparing it with the delivery note.

2.4.3 Location

The instrument has been developed for operation indoors and may not be used in explosive environments.

Place the instrument in a location of the laboratory which is suitable for operation, free of vibrations, protected from corrosive atmosphere, and contamination by chemicals.

The instrument should be protected against excessive temperature fluctuations and direct sunlight.

2.5 Capillary connections in the IC system

This chapter contains general information concerning the capillary connections in the IC instruments.

Generally speaking, capillary connections between two components of an IC instrument are made up of one connection capillary and two pressure screws with which the capillary is connected to the respective components.



Figure 3 Connection of capillaries with pressure screws

- **1 PEEK pressure screw 6.2744.014** Use on the injection valve.
- **3 PEEK pressure screw, short 6.2744.070** For use on the high pressure pump, the purge valve, the inline filter, the pulsation damper, the guard column and the separation column.

2 Connection capillary

4 PEEK pressure screw, long 6.2744.090 Usage on other components. Is not used on all instruments.



Note

In order to keep the dead volume as low as possible, capillary connections should generally be as short as possible.



Note

For an improved overview, capillary and tubing connections can be bundled with the 6.1815.010 spiral band.

Connection capillary

PEEK capillaries and PTFE capillaries are used in the IC system.

PEEK capillaries (polyetheretherketone) PEEK capillaries are temperature-resistant up to 100°C, stable under pressure up to 400 bar, flexible, chemically inert and exhibit an extremely smooth surface. They can be readily cut down to the desired length with the capillary cutter.

Usage:

- 6.1831.010 PEEK capillary (internal diameter of 0.25 mm) for the entire high pressure range.
- 6.1831.030 PEEK capillary (internal diameter of 0.75 mm) for sample handling in the ultra trace range.

Caution

For the capillary connections between the injection valve (*see Chapter 2.14, page 41*) and detector (*see Chapter 2.19, page 58*), PEEK capillaries with an internal diameter of 0.25 mm must be used. These are already connected to a newly delivered instrument.

PTFE capillaries (polytetrafluoroethylene)

PTFE capillaries are transparent and enable visual tracing of the liquids to be pumped. They are chemically inert, flexible and temperature-resistant up to 80°C.

Usage:

PTFE capillaries (6.1803.0x0) are used for the low pressure range.

- PTFE capillaries with internal diameter of 0.5 mm for sample handling.
- PTFE capillaries with internal diameter of 0.97 mm for the sample handling as for rinsing and regeneration solutions (they do not have to be in the scope of delivery of the instrument).

•	Note			
Capillaries	must have a flawless level cut edge. For cutting PEEK capilla-			

Capillaries must have a flawless level cut edge. For cutting PEEK capillaries only use the 6.2621.080 capillary cutter.

2.6 Rear of the instrument

2.6.1 Rollers and handle

In order to make transport easier, the instrument is equipped with rollers and a handle.



Figure 4 Rollers and handle

- 1Knurled screws
For fastening the handle (4-2) and the rear
panel of the detector chamber.2Handle3Knurled screws
For fastening the roller holder (4-5).4Rollers
- 5 Roller holder

Removing handle

1 Loosen knurled screws (4-1) and remove handle (4-2).

Removing rollers

Proceed as follows to remove the rollers:

- 1 Remove knurled screws (4-3).
- 2 Remove roller holder (4-5).

Mounting handle as MPak holder

Note



When extended, the handle (5-2) can also be used for hanging up MPaks (eluent bags).

1 Move handle (5-2) upwards and screw in the knurled screws (5-1) again.



Figure 5 Handle as MPak holder

1 Knurled screws

For fastening the handle (5-**2**) and the rear panel of the detector chamber.

2 Handle

Extended. As holder for MPaks (eluent bag).

2 Installation



2.6.2 Positioning and connecting the detector



Note

Up to two detectors can be positioned and connected.



Caution

The instrument **must** be turned off when connecting a detector.

1 Removing rear panel

- Unscrew knurled screws (6-1) on the rear panel.
- Remove handle if still fastened to the instrument.
- Remove rear panel (6-2).

2 Positioning the detector

• Put the detector through this opening and position it on the support surface intended for this purpose. Slide it right up to the front.

3 Replacing rear panel

- Insert the detector cable in a cable feed-through (6-3) on the rear panel (6-2).
- Place the detector output capillary in a suitable capillary feedthrough.
- Replace (6-2) rear panel.
 (Optionally, the handle can be remounted higher up and used as a holder for MPaks.)
- Tighten (6-**1**) knurled screws.

4 Connecting the detector

Note

The instrument has two detector connection sockets (6-5), *Detector 1* and *Detector 2*. You must ensure that the selected connector corresponds to the connector entered in the MagIC Net method.

Recommendation: Use *Detector 1* as standard. In the AnCat system with 2 detectors: *Detector 1* for anions, *Detector 2* for cations.

 Connect the detector cable to the detector connection socket Detector 1 (6-5).

5 Conntecting detector output

Note



The detector output capillary must be free of blockages (the measuring cell is tested to 5 MPa = 50 bar backpressure).

Guide the detector output capillary into a sufficiently large waste container and fasten it there.

2.6.3 Transport locking screws

To avoid damage to the high pressure pump and vacuum pump during transport, the pumps are secured with transport locking screws .

Remove these transport locking screws before the initial start-up.

Removing transport locking screws

1 Remove and keep transport locking screws.



Warning

In order to avoid damage to the pumps, the transport locking screws must be remounted each time the instrument undergoes major transport.

2.6.4 Leak sensor

The leak sensor detects escaping liquid which collects in the base tray of the instrument.

To activate the leak sensor, the leak sensor connector plug (7-2) must be connected, the instrument switched on and the leak sensor switched to **active** in the software.

Connecting the leak sensor

1 Plug the leak sensor connector plug (7-**2**) into the leak sensor connector socket (7-**1**) on the rear of the instrument (*see Figure 7, page 22*).



Figure 7 Connection for the leak sensor on the rear of the instrument

- 1 Leak sensor connector socket Is labeled with "Leak Sensor".
- **3** Leak sensor connection cable Is firmly mounted on the rear of the instrument.
- 2 Leak sensor connector plug

2.6.5 Drainage tubing

Fluid that escapes in the covering plate or in the detector chamber flows through the drainage tubing into the base tray and past the leak sensor into the waste container. This ensures that any leaks in the system will be detected by the leak sensor.



Figure 8 Drainage tubing

- 1 Drainage tubing connection For draining escaped fluid from the covering plate.
- **3** Drainage tubing connection For draining escaped fluid from the detector chamber.
- 5 Y connector 6.1807.010 For connecting the two drainage tubings (8-2) and (8-4).
- 2 Drainage tubing Section of the 6.1816.020 silicon tubing. For draining escaped fluid from the covering plate.
- 4 Drainage tubing Section of the 6.1816.020 silicon tubing. For draining escaped fluid from the detector chamber.

6 Drainage tubing Section of the 6.1816.020 silicon tubing. Guides escaped fluid to the leak sensor.

Drainage tubing connection

For draining escaped fluid from the base tray through the connected drainage tubing.

7 **Drainage tubing**

Section of the 6.1816.020 silicon tubing. Guides escaped fluid into a waste container.

9 Drainage tubing connection For supplying escaped fluid through the connected drainage tubing to the leak sensor.

Proceed as follows to install the drainage tubing:

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Installing drainage tubing

- 1 Plug drainage tubing (8-2) into the drainage tubing connection (8-1) of the covering plate and shorten to required length.
- 2 Plug drainage tubing (8-4) into the drainage tubing connection (8-3) of the detector chamber and shorten to required length.
- **3** Connect drainage tubing (8-2) from the covering plate and drainage tubing (8-4) from the detector chamber to the Y connector (8-5).
- 4 Connect drainage tubing (8-6) to the Y connector (8-5), shorten to required length and plug the other end of the drainage tubing into the drainage tubing connection (8-9).
- 5 Plug drainage tubing (8-7) into the drainage tubing connection (8-8) of the base tray and guide the other end into a waste container.

Capillary and cable feed-throughs 2.7

Several openings have been integrated for feeding through capillaries and cables. They are located on the doors (see Figure 9, page 25), on the rear panel (see Figure 6, Page 19) or below the covering plate or above the base tray (see Figure 10, Page 26).



Figure 9 Capillary feed-throughs on the doors



Do not feed capillaries through the Luer connectors (9-1). The capillaries are fastened with PEEK pressure screws (9-3) from inside to the Luer connector. From outside, liquid can be aspirated or injected with a syringe.



Figure 10 Capillary feed-throughs base tray/covering plate

1	Side panel (right) Right panel.	2	Rear of the instrument
3	Side panel (left) Left panel.	4	Front of the instrument
5	Capillary feed-through Upper. From front to right.	6	Capillary feed-through Upper. From front to back.
7	Capillary feed-through Upper. From front to back.	8	Capillary feed-through Upper. From front to left.
9	Capillary feed-through Lower. From front to right.	10	Capillary feed-through Lower. From front to back.
11	Capillary feed-through Lower. From front to back.	12	Capillary feed-through Lower. From front to left.
2.8 Eluent

2.8.1 Connecting eluent bottle

The eluent is aspirated out of the eluent bottle via the eluent aspiration tubing (11-1).

The eluent aspiration tubing is connected to the eluent degasser (*see Chapter 2.9, page 31*). The tubing must be threaded through a suitable capillary feed-through (*see Chapter 2.7, page 24*) of the instrument before the other end can be equipped.

You will require the parts from the following accessories for equipping the eluent aspiration tubing:

- 6.1602.160 eluent bottle attachment GL 45
- 6.2744.210 tubing adapter for aspiration filter
- 6.2821.090 aspiration filter

To equip the eluent aspiration tubing proceed as follows:

Assembling eluent aspiration tubing

1 Guide the free end of the eluent aspiration tubing (11-**1**) out of the instrument through a suitable capillary feed-through.

2 Installing the 6.1602.160 eluent bottle attachment

- Slide tubing nipple (11-2) and O-ring (11-3) onto the eluent aspiration tubing (11-1).
- Push eluent aspiration tubing (11-1) through the bottle attachment (11-4) and screw tight.



Figure 11 Installing eluent bottle attachment

- **1** Eluent aspiration tubing 6.1834.080
- 2 Tubing nipple From accessory set 6.1602.160.
- **3 O-ring** From accessory set 6.1602.160.

4 Bottle attachment From accessory set 6.1602.160.

3 Mounting aspiration filter

• Insert filter holder (12-1) into the aspiration filter (12-2) and screw tight.





 Filter holder
 Aspiration filter 6.2821.090

 From accessory set 6.2744.210.
 Provide a contract of the set o



Figure 13 Installing tubing weighting and aspiration filter

- **1** Eluent aspiration tubing 6.1834.080
- **3 Tubing weighting** From accessory set 6.2744.210.
- 5 Aspiration filter 6.2821.090 With filter holder from accessory set 6.2744.210.
- 2 Eluent bottle attachment 6.1602.160
- 4 Clamping screw From accessory set 6.2744.210.
- Slide the tubing weighting (13-3) onto the eluent aspiration tubing (13-1).
- Slide the clamping screw (13-4) onto the eluent aspiration tubing (13-1).
- Insert eluent aspiration tubing (13-1) into the aspiration filter (13-5). The end of the tubing must touch the base of the filter.
- Screw together clamping screw (13-4) and filter holder (12-1).
 The end of the tubing must still touch the base of the filter.



Figure 14 Eluent aspiration tubing fully equipped.

5 Mounting eluent aspiration tubing to the eluent bottle

• Insert the eluent aspiration tubing into the eluent bottle (15-10).

• Fasten the bottle attachment (13-2) on the eluent bottle (15-10). The aspiration filter (15-6) must rest on the base of the eluent bottle.

6 Mounting the adsorber tube

Note



In the case of alkaline eluents and eluents with lower buffer capacity, the eluent bottle must be equipped with a CO₂ adsorber *(15-4)*.

- First, place a piece of wadding (15-3), then the CO₂ adsorber (15-4) in the large opening of the adsorber tube (15-2) and close with the plastic cover.
- Fasten the adsorber tube (15-2) using the SGJ clip (15-12) onto the bottle attachment (15-11).



Eluent bottle – connected Figure 15

- 1 Eluent aspiration tubing 6.1834.080 2 For aspirating the eluent. Pre-installed.
- Wadding 3

Adsorber tube 6.1609.000

4 CO₂ adsorber Adsorbs CO₂ from the air (e.g. Merck soda lime with indicator, no. 6839.10).

5	Eluent
7	Filter holder From accessory set 6.2744.210.
9	Tubing weighting From accessory set 6.2744.210.

- **11** Bottle attachment 6.1602.160
- 13 Tubing nipple

- 6 Aspiration filter 6.2821.090
- 8 Clamping screw From accessory set 6.2744.210.
- **10** Eluent bottle 6.1608.070
- **12** SGJ clip 6.2023.020
- 14 Thread stopper

2.9 Eluent degasser

Gas bubbles in the eluent lead to an unstable baseline, as high pressure pumps can transport liquids, but not gases. The eluent therefore has to be degassed, before it reaches the high pressure pump.

The eluent degasser removes gas bubbles and dissolved gases from the eluent. For degassing, the eluent flows into a vacuum chamber through a special fluoropolymer capillary.



Note

The eluent degasser is already installed in the newly delivered instrument. The following installation instructions need **not** be carried out at the time of initial installation.

Connecting the eluent degasser



Figure 16 Eluent degasser

1 Eluent degasser input

2 Eluent degasser output

- **3 Tubing flare** With tubing nipple.
- 5 Eluent aspiration tubing 6.1834.080 For aspirating the eluent. The clamping screw (16-4) is firmly mounted.
- 4 Clamping screw
- 6 Connection capillary 6.1834.090 Connection from the eluent degasser to the high pressure pump (*see Chapter 2.10, page 32*). The clamping screw (16-4) is firmly mounted.

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Caution

The clamping screws (16-4) must be tightened carefully. Use the 6.2621.050 wrench for this.

- Insert the eluent aspiration tubing (16-5) in the eluent degasser input (16-1).
- Carefully tighten clamping screw (16-4).
- Insert connection capillary (16-6) (the end with the longer clamping screw (16-4)) into the eluent degasser output (16-2).
 - Carefully tighten clamping screw (16-4).
 - Connect the other end of the connection capillary (16-6) (with the shorter clamping screw) to the high pressure pump (see "Connecting inlet to the high pressure pump", page 34).

2.10 High pressure pump

The intelligent and low pulsation high pressure pump pumps the eluent through the system. It is equipped with a chip on which its technical specifications and "life history" (operating hours, service data, ...) are saved.

The purge valve is used for deaerating (see Chapter 2.10.2, page 35) the high pressure pump.

2.10.1 Capillary connections high pressure pump/purge valve



Note

All of the capillary connections of the high pressure pump and the purge valve are already installed in the newly delivered instrument.



Figure 17 Capillary connections high pressure pump/purge valve

- 1 Connection capillary PEEK capillary, connects main piston and auxiliary piston.
- **3** Outlet valve holder
- 5 Fastening screws For fastening the pump head.
- 7 Pump head input capillary PEEK capillary at the input of the pump head.

9 Coupling

For the connection of the eluent path at the input of the high pressure pump. Can be ordered together with the pressure screw (17-**8**) under the number 6.2744.230.

11 Purge valve

For deaerating the high pressure pump. With rotary knob in the center and pressure sensor.

13 Connection capillary

Connects the output of the pump head with the purge valve.

- 2 PEEK pressure screw, short 6.2744.070
- 4 Pump head 6.2824.110
- 6 Inlet valve holder
- 8 Pressure screw For connecting a PEEK capillary

For connecting a PEEK capillary to the coupling (17-**9**).

10 Deaerating capillary

For aspirating the eluent when deaerating the high pressure pump (see Chapter 2.10.2, page 35).

12 Connection capillary

For connecting the inline filter (see Chapter 2.11, page 37)



Note

The eluent aspiration tubing is already installed in the newly delivered instrument. The following installation instructions need **not** be carried out at the time of initial installation.

Connecting inlet to the high pressure pump



Figure 18 High pressure pump – Connect inlet

Pressure screw
 For connecting the coupling (18-2) to the pump head input capillary (17-7).
 Can be ordered together with the coupling under the number 6.2744.230.

 Clamping screw

2 Coupling 6.2744.230 For connecting the eluent as

For connecting the eluent aspiration tubing (18-4) to the input of the high pressure pump.

4 Eluent aspiration tubing Eluent aspiration tubing 6.1834.080 or 6.1834.090.

5 Backup ring

1 Connecting coupling

Fasten the coupling (18-2) with a pressure screw (18-1) on the pump head input capillary (17-7).

2 Connecting eluent aspiration tubing



Caution

The clamping screws must be tightened carefully. To tighten, grip the coupling (18-2) with the 6.2739.000 key and grip the clamping screw (18-3) with the 6.2621.050 wrench.

- Plug the eluent aspiration tubing (18-4) into the coupling (18-2).
- Tighten clamping screw (18-3).

2.10.2 Deaerating the high pressure pump

The high pressure pump will only operate perfectly if the pump head contains no more air bubbles. Therefore it must be deaerated during initial start-up and after every change of eluent.



Caution

The high pressure pump must **not** be deaerated before the initial startup (see Chapter 3.1, page 66).

Deaerate the high pressure pump as follows (see Figure 19, page 36):

Deaerating the high pressure pump

The instrument must be connected to the PC and switched on to deaerate the high pressure pump.



Figure 19 Deaerating the high pressure pump

- 1 Syringe 10 mL 6.2816.020 For aspirating the eluent.
- **3** Purging needle 6.2816.040
- 5 PEEK pressure screws, short 6.2744.070

2	Luer connector On purging needle.
4	Deaerating capillary
6	Purge valve

7 Purge valve rotary knob

1 Connecting the purging needle

Push the end of the purging needle (19-3) over the end of the deaerating capillary (19-4) on the purge valve.

2 Connecting the syringe

 Insert syringe (19-1) in the Luer connector (19-2) of the purging needle (see Figure 19, page 36).

3 Opening purge valve

 Open the rotary knob (19-7) by approx. ½ rotation counterclockwise.

4 Setting the flow rate

- Start MagIC Net (if not yet started).
- Ensure that the eluent aspiration tubing is immersed sufficiently in the eluent.
- Let the high pressure pump run.

5 Aspirating eluent

 Aspirate with the syringe (19-1) until bubble-free eluent flows into the syringe.

6 Completing deaerating

- Turn off high pressure pump.
- Close rotary knob (19-7).
- Remove syringe (19-1) from the Luer connector (19-2).
- Pull the purging needle (19-3) out of the deaerating capillary (19-4).

2.11 Inline filter

Between the purge valve and the pulsation damper the 6.2821.120 inline filter is installed as protection against particles.

Inline filters protect the separation column securely against possible contamination from the eluent. Inline filters can however also just as well be used for the purpose of protecting the suppressor against contaminations in the regeneration or rinsing solutions. The fine 2 μ m material of the readily and easily replaceable filter platelets removes particles such as bacteria and algae from the solutions.



Note

The inline filter is already installed in the newly delivered instrument. The following installation instructions need **not** be carried out at the time of initial installation.

Installing the inline filter

Caution



Observe the flow direction marked on the filter housing for the connection of the inline filter.



Figure 20 Connecting inline filter

- 1 **Connection capillary** Connects the purge valve with the inline filter
- 3 Inline filter 6.2821.120 Protects against particles.

- 2 **PEEK pressure screws, short** 6.2744.070
- 4 **Connection capillary** Connects the inline filter with the pulsation damper.
- 1 Screw on the connection capillary running from the purge valve with a 6.2744.070 pressure screw to the input side of the inline filters.
- 2 Screw on the connection capillary running to the pulsation damper with a 6.2744.070 pressure screw to the output side of the inline filter.

Pulsation damper 2.12



The pulsation damper is already installed in the newly delivered instrument.



Caution

Note

The pulsation damper is maintenance-free and may not be opened.

The pulsation damper protects the separation column from damage caused by pressure fluctuations when switching the injection valve, and reduces interfering pulsations during highly sensitive measurements. In order to ensure these functionalities, it must be connected between the high pressure pump (*see Chapter 2.10, page 32*) and injection valve (*see Chapter 2.14, page 41*).

The pulsation damper can be operated in both directions.



Figure 21 Pulsation damper – Connection

- **1 Connection capillary** Connection to the inline filter.
- **3** PEEK pressure screws, short 6.2744.070
- 5 Pulsation damper 6.2620.150

- 2 Fastening screws
- 4 Holder for pulsation damper
- **6 Connection capillary** Connection to the injection valve.

2.13 Sample degasser

The sample degasser removes gas bubbles and disolved gases from the sample. For degassing, the sample flows into a vacuum chamber through a special fluoropolymer capillary.

Gas bubbles in the sample lead to poor reproducibility, as the quantity of sample in the sample loop would not always be the same. Samples (containing gas) should therefore be degassed before injection. For this the sample is sucked through a degasser chamber before injection, whereby any gas bubbles are automatically removed.



When using the sample degasser, the rinsing time extends by at least 2 minutes.



3 PEEK pressure screw, long 6.2744.090 **4**

Connecting the sample degasser

1 Remove and keep 6.2744.220 thread stoppers from the input and output of the sample degasser.

Connection capillaries 6.1803.040

- **2** Connect the end of the 6.1803.040 sample aspirating capillary connected to the injection valve with a long PEEK pressure screw (22-3) to the output of the sample degasser (22-2).
- **3** Connect 6.1803.040 connection capillary with a long PEEK pressure screw (22-**3**) to the input of the sample degasser (22-**1**).

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4 Guide the other end of the connection capillary out of the instrument through a capillary feed-through.



Caution

If the sample degasser is not used, the input and output **must** be sealed with the 6.2744.220 thread stoppers.

2.14 Injection valve

The injection valve connects the eluent and sample path. Through rapid and precise valve switchover a precise amount of sample solution defined by the size of the sample loop is injected and rinsed with eluent onto the separation column.

2.14.1 Connecting the injection valve

The injection valve has six connectors: two for the sample path (connectors 1 and 2), two for the eluent path (connectors 4 and 5) and two for the sample loop (connectors 3 and 6).



Note

The capillaries of the eluent path and the sample path and the sample loop are already installed in the newly delivered instrument.



Figure 23 Injection valve – connected

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1 Injection valve

Sample loop Connected to connectors 3 and 6.

- **3 Connection capillary** Connected to connector 4. Carries eluent to the injection valve.
- 5 Connection capillary Connected to connector 1. Carries sample to the injection valve.
- 7 PEEK pressure screw 6.2744.010
- 4 Connection capillary (column inlet capillary) Connected to connector 5. Carries eluent to the separation column.
- 6 Connection capillary Connected to connector 2. Carries sample to the waste container.

Replacing the sample loop

The sample loop can be replaced, depending on requirements. For additional information concerning selection of the appropriate sample loop, *see Chapter 2.14.3, page 43*.



Note

Use only 6.2744.010 PEEK pressure screws for connecting capillaries and sample loop to the injection valve.

1 Removing existing sample loop

- Loosen 6.2744.010 pressure screws at connector 3 and connector 6.
- Remove sample loop.

2 Mounting new sample loop

- Fasten one end of the sample loop (23-2) with a 6.2744.010
 PEEK pressure screw (23-7) to connector 3.
- Fasten the other end of the sample loop (23-2) with a second
 6.2744.010 PEEK pressure screw (23-7) to connector 6.

2.14.2 Mode of operation of the injection valve

The injection valve (*see Figure 24, page 43*) can adopt two valve positions - **FILL** and **INJECT**. Switching back and forth between the two valve positions determines whether the sample path or the eluent path is guided through the sample loop. The following figure provides a schematic display of the flow paths of the two valve positions.



Figure 24 Injection valve – Positions

Α	Position FILL	В	Position INJECT		
1	Eluent input Capillary coming from the high pressure pump.	2	Eluent output Capillary to the column.		
3	Sample input Sample aspirating capillary.	4	Sample output Capillary to waste container.		
5	Sample loop				
	Position A		In the position FILL , the sample solution flows through the sample loop to the waste container. The eluent flows directly to the separation col- umn at the same time.		
Position B		In the position INJECT , the eluent flows through the sample loop to the separation column. If sample solution is to be found in the sample loop at the time of the valve switchover, then this will be conveyed along with the eluent, thus making its way to the separation column. The flow in the sample path is either stopped or the sample flows directly to the waste container.			

2.14.3 Selecting the sample loop

The amount of sample solution injected depends on the volume of the sample loop. The choice is made on the basis of the application. The following sample loops are normally used:

Cation determination	10 µL
Anion determination with suppression	20 µL
Anion determination without suppression	100 µL

2.15 Column thermostat

The column thermostat controls the temperature of the column and eluent channel and thus ensures stable measuring conditions. It provides space for 2 separation columns.



For guiding the capillaries in and out.

3 **Column holder** For fastening the columns. With column recognition.

1

For controlling the temperature of the eluent.

Preheating capillary already pre-installed.

The column thermostat contains two column holders (25-3) equipped with chip recognition. The separation columns can be clicked into the column holder with the chip.

1

Note

The column input capillary is already threaded into the capillary recesses of the column thermostat at the time the instrument is first delivered. The following installation instructions need **not** be carried out at the time of initial installation.

Threading capillaries

- 1 Introduce column input capillary into the column thermostat via a suitable capillary feed-through (25-1).
- 2 Slide the column input capillary from below into the outer of the two capillary recesses (25-2). Slide it through under the holder plate until it emerges again at the top.
- **3** Carefully bend the column input capillary downward and slide from from above to below through the inner capillary recess until it emerges at the lower edge of the holder plate.

4

Note

The columns (guard column and separation column) may only be installed after the initial start-up (see Chapter 3.1, page 66).

Before initial start-up:

Fasten the 6.2744.040 coupling with a 6.2744.010 pressure screw to the end of the column input capillary.

 After initial start-up: Fasten the guard column (if used) or the separation column with a 6.2744.010 pressure screw to the end of the column input capillary.

2.16 Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

2.16.1 General information on the MSM

The MSM is used for chemical suppression during anion analysis. It is pressure-stable, robust and resistant to solvents. It consists of 3 suppressor units in total, which are used for suppression, regenerated with sulfuric acid or rinsed with ultra pure water in rotation.

Suppression reaction in the MSM

When using a carbonate eluent, the following reaction (amongst others) occur in the MSM:

 $R-SO_3^-H^+ + NaHCO_3/Na_2CO_3 \rightarrow R-SO_3^-Na^+ + H_2O + CO_2$

2.16.2 Connecting the MSM



Caution

To protect the MSM against foreign particles or bacterial growth, a 6.2744.180 pump tubing connection with filter (*29-3*) must be mounted between the peristaltic pump and the input capillaries of the MSM.

The three inputs and outputs of the suppressor units numbered 1..3 on the MSM each have 2 fixed mounted PTFE capillaries (*see Figure 26, page 48*).



Figure 26 MSM – connections

1	Union nut	2	MSM connecting piece 6.2832.010
3	Eluent input capillary Labeled with <i>Eluent</i> .	4	Eluent output capillary Labeled with <i>Detector</i> .
5	Rinsing solution input capillary Labeled with <i>H2O</i> .	6	Rinsing solution output capillary Labeled with <i>Waste</i> .
7	Regeneration solution output capillary Labeled with <i>Waste</i> .	8	Regeneration solution input capillary Labeled with <i>H2SO4</i> .

The PTFE capillaries firmly mounted on the MSM are connected to the other components of the IC system as follows:



Caution

As the PTFE capillaries are very soft, the pressure screws should not be overtightened.

Flattened capillaries must be shortened with the help of a 6.2621.080 capillary cutter.

Connecting the capillaries of the MSM

1 Connecting the eluent input capillary

• Fasten the end of the input capillary labeled with *Eluent* with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw to the output of the column.

2 Connecting the eluent output capillary

 Fasten the end of the output capillary labeled with *Detector* with a 6.2744.090 long PEEK pressure screw to the input of the MCS (insofar as an MCS is being used).
 OR

Connect the end of the output capillary labeled with *Detector* and the detector input capillary with a 6.2744.040 coupling and two 6.2744.070 short pressure screws.

3 Connecting the rinsing solution input capillary

• Fasten the end of the input capillary labeled with *H20* with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw to the pump tubing connection of the pump tubing which carries the rinsing solution.

4 Connecting the rinsing solution output capillary

• Guide the end of the output capillary labeled with *Waste* into a sufficiently large waste container and fasten it there.

5 Connecting the regeneration solution input capillary

• Fasten the end of the input capillary labeled with *H2S04* with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw to the pump tubing connection of the pump tubing which carries the regeneration solution.

6 Connecting the regeneration solution output capillary

• Guide the end of the output capillary labeled with *Waste* into a sufficiently large waste container and fasten it there.

The rinsing and regeneration solutions are pumped with a peristaltic pump *(see Chapter 2.17, page 50).*

2.17 Peristaltic pump

2.17.1 Principle of the peristaltic pump

The Peristaltic pump is used for pumping sample and auxiliary solutions. It can rotate in both directions.

The peristaltic pump pumps liquids according to the principle of displacement. The pump tubing is clamped between the rollers (27-3) and the tubing cartridge (27-5). During operation, the peristaltic pump drive rotates the roller hub (27-2), so that the rollers (27-3) push the liquid forward in the pump tubing.



Figure 27 Peristaltic pump

- **1** Knurled screw in the mounting pin
- 3 Rollers
- **5** Tubing cartridges 6.2755.000
- 7 Snap-action lever

- 2 Roller hub
- 4 Cartridge holder
- 6 Contact pressure lever



Mount the pump tubing as follows:

1 Removing the tubing cartridge

Release the tubing cartridge from the cartridge holder by pressing the snap-action lever and unhooking from the mounting pins (27-**1**).

2 Connecting the aspiration side

Place a 6.2744.034 tubing olive (28-2) on the aspiration side of the pump tubing.

3 Connecting the pressure side



Note

Depending on the use of the peristaltic pump, on the pressure side you can either connect:

- **Case A:** a 6.2744.180 pump tubing connection **with filter** (*see Figure 29, page 52*) or
- **Case B:** a 6.2744.160 pump tubing connection **without filter** (*see Figure 30, page 53*).

For pumping the auxiliary solutions to the MSM or to the SPM, a 6.2744.180 pump tubing connection **with** filter **must** be used.





Figure 29 Install pump tubing connection with filter

1 Union nut

2 Adapter

3 Tubing olive with filter holder

- Slide union nut (29-1) onto the pump tubing.
- Select a suitable adapter (29-2) and slide it onto the pump tubing. The type of adapter depends on the pump tubing (see Table 1, page 53).
- Place the tubing olive with filter holder (29-3) onto the pump tubing.
- Screw the union nut (29-1) onto the tubing olive (29-3).

or

Case B: 6.2744.160 pump tubing connection without filter:



Figure 30 Install pump tubing connection without filter

3 Tubing olive

1

Union nut

- Slide union nut (30-1) onto the pump tubing.
- Select a suitable adapter (30-2) and slide it onto the pump tubing. The type of adapter depends on the pump tubing (see Table 1, page 53).
- Place the tubing olive (30-3) onto the pump tubing.
- Screw the union nut (30-1) onto the tubing olive (30-3).

4 Inserting the pump tubing

- Press the contact pressure lever all the way down.
- Place the pump tubing in the tubing cartridge. The stoppers (28-3) must snap into the corresponding holders of the tubing cartridge.

5 Inserting the tubing cartridge

• Hang the tubing cartridge in the mounting pin and press in the cartridge holder until the snap-action lever snaps in.

6 Connecting the capillaries

• Screw the respective capillaries tightly to the two tubing olives with PEEK pressure screws (28-1).

Table 1Pump tubings and suitable adapters

Pump tubing	Adapter
6.1826.020 (blue/blue)	
6.1826.310 (orange/green)	
6.1826.320 (orange/yellow)	
6.1826.330 (orange/white)	

Pump tubing	Adapter
6.1826.340 (black/black)	
6.1826.360 (white/white)	
6.1826.380 (gray/gray)	
6.1826.390 (yellow/yellow)	

Set flow rate

The contact pressure of the tubing cartridge must be adjusted in order to regulate the flow rate. Proceed as follows:

Set the contact pressure

- **1** Fully loosen the contact pressure lever (28-**5**), i.e. press it all the way down.
 - Switch on the peristaltic pump.
 - Raise the contact pressure lever one step at a time until liquid flows.
 - When liquid starts flowing, raise the contact pressure lever by an additional 2 ratchet increments.

The contact pressure is now set optimally.

The delivery rate depends not only on the correct contact pressure but also on the interior diameter of the pump tubing and the rotational speed of the drive.



Note

Pump tubings are consumable material. The service life of the pump tubings depends on the contact pressure amongst other factors.

2.18 Metrohm CO₂ suppressor (MCS)

2.18.1 General information on the MCS

The MCS removes the CO_2 from the eluent flow. This reduces the background conductivity, improves the detection sensitivity and minimizes the injection and carbonate peaks.

The MCS is used for removing CO_2 from the eluent flow before detection. CO_2 can reach the eluent flow through the sample itself or arise through the suppression reaction in the MSM.

The CO₂ peak is effectively minimized through connection of the MCS between the MSM and detector. The principle is based on the gas permeability of the fluoropolymer membrane inside the degassing cell of the MCS. The eluent is guided through a capillary with a fluoropolymer membrane inside the degassing cell. A vacuum is generated in the degassing cell via a pump. At the same time, the pump sucks CO₂-free air (CO₂ is removed by a CO₂ adsorption cartridge (*32-4*)) through the degassing cell. The pressure and concentration difference in the degassing cell in comparison to the inside of the capillary now causes the CO₂ to diffuse out of the eluent flow.

2.18.2 Connecting MCS

The MCS is connected between the MSM (*see Chapter 2.16, page 47*) and detector.



Connection to the MSM.

MCS input

1

2 MCS output Connection to the detector.

- **3** Aspirating capillary For aspirating air low in CO₂ (as a result of CO₂ adsorption cartridge (32-4)).
- **5** Capillary connection
- 7 Luer coupling 6.2744.120 Mounted on the air aspirating capillary with pressure screw 6.2744.070.

Connecting the MCS

1 Connecting the MSM

Connect the eluent output capillary (labeled with *Detector*) using a 6.2744.090 long PEEK pressure screw (*31-4*) to the MCS inlet (*31-1*).

2 Connecting the detector

Connect the detector input capillary (33-3) using a long PEEK pressure screw 6.2744.090 (31-4) to the MCS output (31-2).



Caution

If the MCS is not used, the input and output should be sealed with 6.2744.220 stoppers.

2.18.3 Installing the adsorption cartridges

For effective CO_2 removal, the air sucked through the degassing cell should be as low in CO_2 as possible. To achieve this, the air is aspirated through a 6.2837.000 CO_2 adsorption cartridge (*32-4*).

Moisture can block the CO₂ adsorption cartridge. In order to prevent this, a $6.2837.010 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$ adsorption cartridge (32-7) is connected upstream.

- 4 PEEK pressure screw, long 6.2744.090
- 6 Pressure screw, short 6.2744.070 Mounted on the air aspirating capillary.



Figure 32 Adsorption cartridge holder

- **1** PEEK pressure screw, short 6.2744.070
- **3 Clips** For fastening the adsorption cartridges.
- 5 Adapter 6.1808.190 For connecting the H₂O adsorption cartridge and CO₂ adsorption cartridge.
- H₂O adsorption cartridge 6.2837.010
 For removing the H₂O from the aspirated air.
 Filled with bead desiccant.
- 9 MCS aspirating capillary Connection to the MCS. Corresponds to (31-3).

- 2 Luer coupling 6.2744.120
- 4 CO₂ adsorption cartridge 6.2837.000 For removing the CO₂ from the aspirated air.
 3-layer filled, blue-brown-gray.
- 6 PVC tubing For connecting the H₂O adsorption cartridge and CO₂ adsorption cartridge.
- 8 Adsorption cartridge holder 6.2057.080

Installing the adsorption cartridges

1 Preparing the adsorption cartridge holder

Push the 4 clips (32-3) into the slot of the adsorption cartridge holder (32-8).

2 Removing the caps

- Remove the two locking caps at the tip of the two cartridges.
- In the case of the H₂O adsorption cartridge, replace the round sealing cap on the larger end with the star-shaped sealing cap.

3 Connecting the CO₂ adsorption cartridge

- Insert the CO₂ adsorption cartridge into the coupling (32-2) on the end of the MCS aspirating capillary.
- Click the CO₂ adsorption cartridge into the two lower clips (32-3) of the adsorption cartridge holder (32-8).

4 Connecting the PVC tubing

- Insert the adapter (32-5) into the CO₂ adsorption cartridge.
- Fasten the PVC tubing (32-6) on the adapter (32-5).

5 Connecting the H₂O adsorption cartridge

- Place the H_2O adsorption cartridge into the PVC tubing (32-6).
- Click the H₂O adsorption cartridge into the two upper clips (32-3) of the adsorption cartridge holder (32-8).

6 Placing the adsorption cartridge holder in the instrument

• Place the adsorption cartridge holder with cartridges into the detector chamber of the instrument.

2.19 Conductivity detector

The conductivity detector continuously measures the conductivity of the liquid passing through and indicates these signals in digital form (DSP – Digital Signal Processing). The conductivity detector exhibits outstanding thermal stability and thus guarantees reproducible measuring conditions.



Figure 33 Conductivity detector front

- **1** IC detector 1.850.9010
- **3 Detector input capillary** Permanently installed.

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2 Opening for temperature sensor



Figure 34 Conductivity detector rear

1	Detector cable With mounted plug.			2	Detector output capillary Permanently installed.
3	Type plate With serial number.				
		•	Note		

In order to prevent unnecessary peak widening after separation, the connection between the outlet of the separation column and the inlet in the detector should be kept as short as possible.

Connecting the detector input capillary to the MCS

1 • Fasten the detector input capillary (35-1) using a 2.2744.090 long PEEK pressure screw (35-2) on the output of the MCS (35-3).



- **1** Detector input capillary
- **3** MCS output

2.20 Connecting the instrument

2.20.1 Connecting the instrument to the PC



1 Connecting the USB cable

Connect the PC connection socket of the instrument to a USB connector of the computer via the 6.2151.020 USB cable.

2.20.2 Connecting the instrument to mains supply



Warning

The power supply unit must not get wet. Protect it against the direct effect of liquids.

Mains cable

Which mains cable is supplied depends on the location:

- 6.2122.020 with plug SEV 12 (Switzerland, ...)
- 6.2122.040 with plug CEE(7), VII (Germany, ...)
- 6.2122.070 with plug NEMA 5-15 (USA, ...)

The mains cable is three-core and provided with a plug with grounding. If another plug has to be mounted, the yellow/green conductor (IEC standard) must be connected to the protective ground (protection class I).

1 Connecting the mains cable

- Plug the mains cable into the mains connection socket .
- Connect the mains cable to the mains supply.

2 Switching the instrument on and off

Switch the instrument on and off with the mains switch .

After switching on, the LED on the front of the instrument flashes while a system test is carried out and the connection to the software is established. Once the system test is complete and the connection to the software has been established, the LED lights up continuously.

2.21 Guard column

The use of guard columns serves for protecting the separation column and increasing their service life considerably. The guard columns available from Metrohm represent either actual guard columns or are so-called guard column cartridges which are used together with a cartridge holder. The installation of a guard column cartridge in the associated holder is described in the information sheet of the guard columns.



Note

Information regarding which guard column is suitable for your separation column can be found in the **Metrohm IC Column Program** (which is available from your Metrohm agent), the information sheet provided along with your separation column, the product information on the separation column at *http://www.metrohm.com* (product area lon Chromatography), or obtained directly from your agent.



Caution

New guard columns are filled with solution and are sealed on both sides with stoppers or caps, respectively. Before using the guard column, you need to ensure that this solution is miscible with the eluents used (observe manufacturer's data).
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Note

The guard column may only be installed after the **initial start-up** (see Chapter 3.1, page 66) of the instrument. Until then, use the 6.2744.040 coupling instead of the guard and separation column.

Connecting and rinsing the guard column

1 Connecting the guard column



Caution

When inserting the guard column, always ensure that it is inserted correctly corresponding to the flow direction (if indicated).

- Remove locking caps and/or stoppers from the guard column.
- Fasten the lower end of the guard column with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw to the column input capillary .
- Fasten the connection capillary (3.4224.240) enclosed with the guard column to the upper end of the guard column with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw.
 Guard columns are also available which can be screwed with the upper end directly onto the separation column.

2 Rinsing the guard column

- Place beaker under the outlet capillary of the guard column.
- Start the high pressure pump and rinse the guard column approx.
 5 minutes with eluent. Set the flow according to the corresponding column information sheet.
- Switch off the high pressure pump again.

2.22 Separation column

The intelligent separation column (iColumn) is the heart of the ion chromatographic analysis. It separates the different components corresponding to their interactions with the column. Metrohm analytical columns are equipped with a chip on which their technical specifications and their history (first use / setting up, operating hours, injections, ...) are saved.



Information regarding which separation column is suitable for your application can be found in the **Metrohm IC Column Program**, the product information for your separation column at *http://www.metrohm.com* in the product area ion chromatography, or obtained directly from your agent.



Caution

New separation columns are filled with solution and are sealed on both sides with stoppers. Before using the column, you need to ensure that this solution is miscible with the eluents used (observe manufacturer's data).

You can find the separation columns and guard columns currently available from Metrohm in the Metrohm IC Column Program, or in the Internet at *http://www.metrohm.com* in the product area Ion Chromatography. A test chromatogram and an information sheet are provided along with each column. You can request detailed information on special IC applications in the corresponding "**Application Bulletins**" or "**Application Notes**", available in the Internet at *http://www.metrohm.com* in the Applications area or via the Metrohm agent responsible free of charge.



Note

The separation column may only be installed after the **initial start-up** (*see Chapter 3.1, page 66*) of the instrument. Until then, use the 6.2744.040 coupling instead of the guard and separation column.

Connecting and rinsing the separation column

1 Connecting the separation column

Caution



When using the columns, always ensure that these are correctly inserted corresponding to the flow direction indicated.

- Remove stoppers from the separation column.
- Connect the lower end of the separation column with a 6.2744.070 short PEEK pressure screw to the outlet capillary of the guard column (if used), or to the column input capillary.

2 Rinsing the separation column

- Place beaker under the outlet end of the separation column.
- Set the flow rate of the high pressure pump to the value suitable for the separation column selected.
- Start the high pressure pump and rinse the separation column approx. 10 minutes with eluent.
- Switch off the high pressure pump again.

3 Mounting the separation column

• Hang separation column with chip into the column holder.



Note

The iColumns are equipped with a chip on which their operating data is saved. The chip has to be hooked into the chip holder provided for this so that the column recognition can function.

3 Start-up

The chapter *Start-up* is divided into 2 sections:

Initial start-up	The initial start-up is carried out during the ini- tial installation .
Conditioning	Conditioning is carried out as a final installation step and each time after the system is started.

3.1 Initial start-up

The initial start-up is carried out during the initial installation. The entire system is flushed before guard column and separation column are installed.



Caution

The separation column and guard column may not be installed for the initial start-up.

Make sure that the 6.2744.040 coupling is being used instead of the columns.

Perform the following steps during the initial start-up:

1 Preparing the software

- Start the PC program MagIC Net.
- Open the **Equilibration** tab in **MagIC Net**.
- Select (or create) a suitable method.

2 Preparing the instrument

- Ensure that the eluent aspiration tubing is immersed in the eluent and that there is enough eluent in the eluent bottle.
- Switch on the instrument.

3 Deaerating the high pressure pump

• Deaerate the high pressure pump(s) via the purge valve (see Chapter 2.10.2, page 35).

4 Setting the contact pressure of the peristaltic pump

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Note

This work step needs to be performed only if a peristaltic pump is being used.

 If peristaltic pumps are used, set the contact pressure (see "Set flow rate", page 54).

5 Rinsing the instrument without columns

• Rinse the instrument (without columns) with eluent for 5 minutes.

The instrument is now prepared for the installation of the columns (see Chapter 2.21, page 62).

3.2 Conditioning

After the installation and after switching on the instrument, the system must be conditioned with eluent until a stable baseline is reached.



Note

After a change of eluent (*see Chapter 4.4.2.3, page 72*), the conditioning time can lengthen considerably.

Conditioning the system

1 Preparing the software



Caution

Ensure that the flow set is not higher than the flow permissible for the corresponding column (see column information sheet and chip data set).

- Start the PC program MagIC Net.
- Open the **Equilibration** tab in **MagIC Net**.
- Select (or create) a suitable method.

2 Preparing the instrument

- Ensure that the column is correctly mounted in accordance with the flow direction indicated on the label (arrow must point in the direction of flow).
- Ensure that the eluent aspiration tubing is immersed in the eluent and that there is enough eluent in the eluent bottle.

3 Checking leak-tightness

- In **MagIC Net**, start the equilibration.
- Check all capillaries and their connections from the high pressure pump to the detector block for signs of liquid escaping. If eluent escapes anywhere, tighten the corresponding pressure screw or loosen the connection, check the end of the capillary, shorten it with a capillary cutter if necessary, and restore the connection.

4 Conditioning the system

Rinse the system with eluent until the required stability of the baseline is attained (normally 30 minutes).

The instrument is now ready for measuring samples.

4 Operation and maintenance

4.1 General information

4.1.1 Care



Warning

The instrument housing must not be opened by untrained personnel.

The instrument requires appropriate care. Excess contamination of the instrument may result in functional disruptions and a reduction in the service life of the sturdy mechanics and electronics.



Caution

Although this is extensively prevented by design measures, the mains plug should be unplugged immediately if aggressive media has penetrated the inside of the instrument, so as to avoid serious damage to the instrument electronics. In such cases, the Metrohm Service must be informed.

On the rear of the instrument, the drainage tubings must be mounted and the leak sensor must be plugged in and activated as protection against escaping liquids.

Spillages of chemicals and solvents should be cleaned up immediately. In particular, the plug connections on the rear panel of the instrument (especially the mains plug) should be protected from contamination.

4.1.2 Maintenance by Metrohm Service

Maintenance of the instrument is best carried out as part of an annual service, which is performed by specialist personnel of the Metrohm company. If working frequently with caustic and corrosive chemicals, a shorter maintenance interval is recommended. The Metrohm service department offers every form of technical advice for maintenance and service of all Metrohm instruments.

4.1.3 Operation



Caution

In order to avoid disturbing temperature influences, the entire system including the eluent bottle must be protected against direct sunlight.

4.1.4 Shutting down

If the instrument is shut down for a longer period, the entire IC system (without separation column) must be rinsed salt-free with methanol/ultra pure water (1:4), in order to prevent eluent salts from forming crystals which may cause subsequent damage.

Guard column and separation column are excluded from the eluent path for rinsing. The connection capillaries are directly connected to one another with a 6.2744.040 coupling. Rinsing is carried out with methanol/ ultra pure water (1:4) until the conductivity drops below 10 µS/cm.

Rinse with eluent for at least 15 minutes at starting up again and before connecting the guard column and separation column.

4.2 Capillary connections

4.2.1 Operation

All connections between injection valve (*see Chapter 2.14, page 41*), separation column (*see Chapter 2.22, page 64*) and detector (*see Chapter 2.19, page 58*) must be as short as possible, have a low dead volume and be completely leak-tight. The PEEK capillary after the detector must be free of blockages (the measuring cell is tested to 5 MPa = 50 bar back-pressure). Only use PEEK capillaries with an internal diameter of 0.25 mm in the high pressure range between the high pressure pump (*see Chapter 2.10, page 32*) and the detector.

4.3 Door



Caution

The door is made of PMMA (polymethylmetacrylate). It must never be cleaned with abrasive media or solvents.



Caution

Never use the door as a handle.

4.4 Eluent

4.4.1 **Production**

The chemicals used for the production of eluents should have a degree of purity of at least "p.a.". Only ultra pure water (resistance > 18.2 M Ω *cm) may be used for dilution (this generally applies for reagents which are used in ion chromatography).

Newly produced eluents should always be microfiltered (filter 0.45 µm).



Caution

Only microfiltered (filter 0.45 $\mu\text{m})$ eluents may be used.

The composition of the eluent has a crucial effect on the chromatographic analysis:

Concentration	An increase in the concentration generally leads to shorter retention times and faster separation, but also to higher background conductivity.
рН	pH changes result in shifts in the dissociation equilibria and hence changes in the retention times.
Organic solvents	The addition of an organic solvent (e.g. metha- nol, acetone, acetonitrile) to aqueous eluents generally accelerates lipophilic ions.

4.4.2 Operation

4.4.2.1 Supply bottle

The supply bottle with the eluent must be connected as indicated in *Chapter 2.8.1, Page 27*. This is above all important for eluents with volatile solvents (e.g. acetone).

Moreover, condensation must also be prevented in the eluent bottle. Drop formation can change the concentration ratio in the eluent.

4.4.2.2 Aspiration filter

To protect the IC system against foreign particles, we recommend aspirating the eluents via a 6.2821.090 aspiration filter (12-2). This aspiration filter must be replaced should it show signs of yellow discoloration (but no later than every 3 months).

In the case of very sensitive measurements, the eluent should be stirred constantly with a magnetic stirrer.

4.4.2.3 Changing the eluent

When changing the eluent, it must be ensured that no precipitates can occur. Solutions following one another in direct succession must therefore be miscible. If the system has to be rinsed organically, several solvents with rising or falling lipophilia must be used.

4.5 High pressure pump

4.5.1 Protection



Caution

The pump head is filled ex works with methanol/ultra pure water. It must be ensured that the eluent used is freely miscible with the solvent remaining in the pump head.

To protect the high pressure pump against **foreign particles**, we recommend that the eluent undergoes a **microfiltration** (filter 0.45 μ m) before being aspirated via a 6.2821.090 aspiration filter (*see "Assembling eluent aspiration tubing", page 27*).

Salt crystals between the piston and seal cause abrasion particles which can find their way into the eluent. These lead to contaminated valves, a rise in pressure and in extreme cases scratched pistons. It is therefore essential to ensure that **no precipitates** can occur (*see Chapter 4.4.2.3, page 72*).



Caution

In order to spare the pump seals, the pump should not be operated dry. Therefore ensure that the eluent supply is correctly connected and that there is enough eluent in the eluent bottle each time before turning on the pump.

4.5.2 Maintenance



Caution

Maintenance work on the high pressure pump may not be carried out unless the **instrument is switched off**.

Pump head maintenance

An unstable baseline (pulsation, flow fluctuations) is in many cases the result of contaminated valves (42-2), (42-3) or defective, leaking piston seals on the high pressure pump. Proceed as follows for cleaning contaminated valves and/or replacing worn parts such as pistons, piston seal and valves:

This maintenance work should be carried out at least once a year.

Removing the pump head

- 1 Turn off high pressure pump and wait until pressure is released.
- **2** Loosen the pressure screw on the inlet valve holder (17-2) and unscrew the coupling (17-9), the pump head input capillary (17-7) and the eluent aspiration tubing from the pump head.
- **3** Unscrew the pump head output capillary (17-**13**) from the pump head.
- **4** Remove pump head from the pump housing by loosening the 4 fastening screws (*17-5*) using the 6.2621.030 hexagon key. The main piston is on the left (viewed from the front), and the auxiliary piston is on the right.

Cleaning/replacing the zirconium oxide piston

Clean one piston after the other as follows:

1 Removing the piston cartridge from the pump head

Loosen the piston cartridge with a wrench and unscrew from the pump head by hand.



1 Pump head

2 Piston

2 Dismantle the piston



Caution

On the inside of the piston cartridge there is a taut spring than can jump out of the piston cartridge if suddenly loosing tension.

When opening the piston cartridge, hold pressure towards the spring and unscrew carefully.

- Loosen the screw of the piston cartridge with a wrench and unscrew carefully by hand and by holding pressure towards the taut spring.
- Remove the zirconium oxide piston and lay on a tissue.
- Remove the spring retainer, spring and the inner plastic sleeve from the piston cartridge and lay by.

 Remove the backup ring from the pump head and lay to the other parts.



Figure 37 Components of the piston cartridge

1	Piston cartridge screw	2	Retaining washer
3	Zirconium oxide piston with piston shaft Order number: 6.2824.070.	4	Spring retainer
5	Spring Order number: 6.2824.060.	6	Inner plastic sleeve Protects from metallic abrasion.
7	Piston cartridge	8	Backup ring

3 Cleaning the components of the piston

- Clean zirconium oxide pistons contaminated by abrasion or deposits with pure abrasive cleaning powder, rinse particle free with ultra pure water and dry. Replace highly contaminated or scratched zirconium oxide pistons (spare part: 6.2824.070 zirconium oxide piston).
- Rinse the other parts of the piston and dry with a lint-free cloth.

4 Assembling the piston

- Insert the inner plastic sleeve, spring and spring retainer into the piston cartridge.
- Slide the zirconium oxide piston carefully into the piston cartridge until its tip emerges from the small opening of the piston cartridge.
- Attach screw and tighten by hand.

Replacing the piston seal

The 6.2617.010 special tool (*see Figure 38, page 76*) is necessary in order to remove the piston seal from the pump head. It consists of two

parts: a tip for removing the old piston seal and a sleeve for inserting the new piston seal.





 Pin
 Sleeve

 Pin for removing the old piston seal.
 Sleeve for inserting the new piston seal.



Caution

Screwing the 6.2617.010 special tool for the piston seal into the piston seal destroys this completely!

1 Removing the piston seal



Caution

Avoid touching the sealing surface in the pump head (17-4) with the tool.

Screw the special tool for the piston seal (38-**1**) with the narrow side just as far into the piston seal as the same can be removed.



Figure 39 Removing the piston seal

1 Piston seal

Tool for piston seal Pin of the tool.

2 Inserting the new piston seal into the tool

2

Insert the new piston seal tightly by hand into the recess of the sleeve of the tool for the piston seal (*38-2*). The sealing springs must be visible from the outside.



Figure 40 Insert the piston seal into the tool

1Tool for piston seal 6.2617.010
Sleeve for inserting the new piston seal.2Piston seal
Order number: 6.2741.020

3 Inserting the new piston seal into the pump head

Guide the sleeve of the tool for the piston seal (38-2) with inserted piston seal into the pump head and press the seal with the wide end of the tool for the piston seal (38-7) into the pump head recess.



Figure 41 Inserting the piston seal into the pump head

4 Replacing the piston cartridge

Screw the assembled piston cartridge back into the pump head and tighten, first by hand, then additionally by approx. 15° with a wrench.

Cleaning the inlet valve and outlet valve

1 Removing valves

- Unscrew the connection capillary for the auxiliary piston (17-1) from the outlet valve holder.
- Unscrew the holders for the inlet and outlet valves and remove valves.



Figure 42 Removing valves

1 Outlet valve holder

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Inlet valve Order number: 6.2824.170 2 Outlet valve Order number: 6.2824.160
4 Inlet valve holder

2 Cleaning undissected valve

Clean contaminated or blocked valves initially **without** dismantling them completely.

- Rinse the valve in eluent flow and counterflow direction using a spray bottle filled with ultra pure water, RBS solution or acetone.
- The rinsing effect is further increased through a short treatment (lasting for a maximum of 20 s) in an ultrasonic bath.



Note

Longer lasting ultrasonic baths can damage the ruby ball of the valve.

Only if this cleaning is useless, dismantle the valves separately and clean the components.

3 Dismantling valve

Dismantle every valve separately.



Note

For dismantling the valve the 6.2617.020 tool for valve cartridges is required.

- Place the valve with the seal faced downwards above the recess in the holder.
- Push the valve components out of the valve housing using the needle of the tool.



Figure 43 Dismantling valve



The components of the valve are collected in the recess of the holder.



The components of the valve are very small. In order not to lose them, put the components into a dish.

• The inlet valve and the outlet valve consist of the same, just differently arranged components (*see Figure 44, page 81*).



Figure 44 Components of the inlet valve and outlet valve

1	Inlet valve 6.2824.170	2	Outlet valve 6.2824.160
3	Inlet valve housing	4	Outlet valve housing
5	Sealing ring (black)	6	Sleeve
7	Sapphire sleeve The shiny side must point to ruby ball.	8	Ruby ball

4 Clean the components of the valve

Rinse the valve components with ultra pure water and/or acetone and dry with a lint-free cloth.

5 Reassemble the valve

Reassemble valve components according to figure 44, page 81.

- Insert the seal with the larger opening faced downwards into the recess of the tool.
- Lay the other valve components above another in the correct sequence (*see Figure 44, page 81*).

- Place the valve housing over the stacked components and hold it tightly.
- By tilting the tool, the valve components slide into the valve housing.
- Press the seal by hand well on the valve housing.

6 Checking the flow direction

Rinse the valve in the direction of the arrow on the valve housing and check wether liquid is escaping on the other end.

If this is not the case, the valve has to be dismantled again and be assembled correctly (see Figure 44, page 81).

7 Inserting the valves back into the pump head



Caution

If by mistake, the inlet valve is mounted instead of the outlet valve, an extreme pressure builds up within the working cylinder, which can destroy the piston seal!

When inserting the valves, please take into account that the liquid is being pumped through the pump head from bottom to top.

- Insert the inlet valve into the inlet valve holder the way the seal is visible.
- Screw the inlet valve holder into the bottom of the pump head and tighten with a wrench (42-4).
- Insert the outlet valve into the outlet valve holder the way the seal is visible.
- Screw the outlet valve holder into the top of the pump head and tighten with a wrench (42-1).

Mounting the pump head

Note



To prevent the pump head from being positioned the wrong way, it is provided with different bore hole depths for the fastening bolts, i. e. a fastening bolt is longer than all others. The bore hole with the greatest depth must therefore be assigned to the longest bolt. If this is not the case, the pump will not function perfectly.

- **1** Mount the pump head on the pump again using the four fastening screws (*17-5*). Firmly tighten the screws with the 6.2621.030 hexagon key.
- 2 Screw connection capillaries (17-1), (17-7) and (17-13) onto the pump head again.

4.6 Inline filter

4.6.1 Maintenance

The 6.2821.120 inline filters comprise the filter housing (45-2), the filter screw (45-4) and the filter (45-3). New filters (45-3) are available under the order number 6.2821.130 (10 items).

The 6.2821.130 filters (20-**3**) should be changed every 3 months (more frequently at higher backpressure).



Figure 45 Changing the filter

- 1 PEEK pressure screws, short 6.2744.070
- **3 6.2821.130 filter** Packaging contains 10 items.
- **5** Connection capillaries

- 2 Filter housing Housing of the inline filter. Part of the 6.2821.120 accessories.
- 4 Filter screw Screw of the inline filter. Part of the 6.2821.120 accessories.

Changing the filter

The flow must be stopped before changing the filter.

1 Removing the inline filter

• Unscrew the pressure screws (45-1) from the inline filter.

2 Unscrewing the filter screw

 Screw the filter screw (45-4) out of the filter housing (45-2) with the aid of two 6.2621.000 adjustable wrenches.

3 Inserting the filter

- Remove the old filter (45-3) with tweezers.
- Place the new filter (45-3) flat in the filter housing with tweezers (45-2).

4 Mounting filter screw

Screw the filter screw (45-4) back into the filter housing (45-2) and tighten by hand. Then additionally tighten slightly with two 6.2621.000 adjustable wrenches.

5 Remounting the inline filter

• Screw the pressure screws (45-1) back onto the inline filter.

6 Rinsing the inline filter

- Dismantle the guard column (if present) and the separation column and replace with a 6.2744.040 coupling.
- Rinse the instrument with eluent.

4.7 Inline sample preparation

To protect the separation column (*see Chapter 2.22, Page 64*) against foreign particles which can affect the separating efficiency, we recommend that all samples undergo a microfiltration (filter 0.45 µm). The ultrafiltration cell can be used for **filtration** (see documentation on the *IC Equipment for Ultrafiltration*).

Samples containing significant amounts of **gas** should be degassed. The sample degasser *(see Chapter 2.13, Page 40)* (if available) is used for degassing.

Matrix-loaded samples (e.g. blood, oil) should be prepared for the measurement by means of dialysis (see documentation on the *IC Equipment for Dialysis*).

If the concentration of the sample is too high, it should be **diluted** before feeding (see documentation on the *IC Equipment for Sample Dilution*).

For the sample preparation methods **Neutralization** (replacement of e.g. Na^+ with H^+) and **cation exchange** (replacement of e.g. heavy metals with H^+), a sample preparation module (SPM) is used.

4.8 Rinsing the sample path

Before a new sample can be measured, the sample path must be rinsed with it so that the measuring result is not falsified by the previous sample **(Sample carry-over)**.

In the case of automated sample feeding, the rinsing time should be at least 3 times the **transfer time**. The transfer time is the time required by the sample to flow from the sample vessel to the end of the sample loop.

Ascertaining the transfer time

The transfer time depends on the pump capacity of the peristaltic pump, the total capillary volume and the volume of the gas removed by the sample degasser (if used) - in other words the amount of gas in the sample.

1 Emptying the sample path

Pump air through the sample path (pump tubing, tubing connections, capillary in the degasser, sample loop) for several minutes until all liquid is displaced by the air.

2 Aspirating the sample and measuring time

Aspirate a sample typical for the later application and use a stop watch to measure the time required by the sample to travel from the sample vessel to the end of the sample loop.

The time measured corresponds to the "transfer time". The rinsing time should be at least 3 times the transfer time.

Checking the rinsing time

It is possible to determine whether the rinsing time is adequate via a direct measurement of the sample carry-over. Proceed as follows:

1 Preparing two samples

- **Sample A**: A typical sample for the application.
- **Sample B**: Ultra pure water.

2 Determining "Sample A"

Let "Sample A" pass through the sample path for the duration of the rinsing time, then inject and measure.

3 Determining "Sample B"

Let "Sample B" pass through the sample path for the duration of the rinsing time, then inject and measure.

4 Calculating sample carry-over

The degree of the sample carry-over corresponds to the ratio of the peak areas of the measurement for sample B to the measurement for sample A. The lower the ratio, the lower the sample carry-over. This ratio can be altered by varying the rinsing time – thus allowing the rinsing time required for the application to be ascertained.

Sample degasser 4.9

4.9.1 Operation

If you are working with sample degassing, the longer "transfer time" (see Ascertaining the transfer time, page 85) means that it is also necessary to rinse for longer (with the subsequent sample). The rinsing time should be at least 3 times the "transfer time" so as to minimize the carry-over effects. The "transfer time" itself depends on the pump capacity, total capillary volume and volume of gas removed (i.e. the amount of gas in the sample).



When using the sample degasser, the rinsing time extends by at least 2 minutes.

Injection valve 4.10

4.10.1 Protection

To prevent contamination of the injection valve, a 6.2821.120 inline filter (see Chapter 2.11, page 37) should be mounted between the high pressure pump and the pulsation damper.

4.11 Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

4.11.1 Protection

To protect the MSM against foreign particles or bacterial growth, a pump tubing connection with filter must be mounted between the peristaltic pump (see Chapter 2.17, page 50) and the input capillaries of the MSM (see Figure 29, page 52).

4.11.2 Operation



Note

The suppressor units must never be regenerated in the same flow direction in which the eluent is pumped. Therefore always mount the input and output capillaries according to diagram outlined in Figure 26, Page 48.

The MSM consists of 3 suppressor units, which are used for suppression, regenerated with sulfuric acid or rinsed with ultra pure water in rotation. In order to record every new chromatogram under comparable conditions, you should normally work with a freshly regenerated suppressor.



Caution

The MSM must never be switched over in a dry state, as there is a risk of jamming. If the MSM is in a dry state, the MSM must be rinsed for at least 5 minutes before it may be switched over.



Caution

In the case of reduced capacity or high backpressure, the MSM must be regenerated (*see Chapter 4.11.3.1, page 88*), cleaned (*see Chapter 4.11.3.2, page 89*) or replaced (*see Chapter 4.11.3.3, page 92*).

4.11.3 Maintenance

4.11.3.1 Regenerating the MSM

If the suppressor units are loaded for a longer period with certain heavy metals (e.g. iron) or organic impurities, these can no longer be completely removed with the regeneration solution (50 mmol/L H_2SO_4) normally used. The capacity of the suppressor units is consequently affected, which can result in reduced phosphate sensitivity in less serious cases and a significant rise in the baseline in more serious cases. If such capacity problems occur at one or more positions, the suppressor units must be regenerated:

Regenerating the MSM

Regenerate the MSM as follows:

1 Disconnecting the MSM from the IC system

• Disconnect the MSM from the separation column and detector.

2 Regenerating the MSM



Caution

The pump tubing made of PVC must not be used for rinsing with solutions containing organic solvents. In this case, other pump tubing must be used for rinsing.

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Note

The high pressure pump can be used for regeneration. For this, remove the guard column and separation column and connect the capillary directly to the MSM (regenerate in opposite direction).

- Rinse the 3 suppressor units with the following solutions for about 15 minutes each:
 - Contamination with heavy metals: 1 mol/L H₂SO₄ + 0.1 mol/L oxalic acid
 - Contamination with organic cationic complexing agents:
 - 0.1 mol/L H_2SO_4 / 0.1 mol/L oxalic acid / acetone 5%
 - Severe contamination with organic substances:
 - 0.2 mol/L H_2SO_4 / acetone $\geq 20\%$

3 Connecting the MSM to the IC system

 Reconnect the MSM to the IC system. If the capacity problems remain, MSM rotor A must be replaced (see Chapter 4.11.3.3, page 92).

4.11.3.2 Cleaning the MSM

It may be necessary to clean the MSM in the following cases:

- Increased backpressure onto the output capillaries of the MSM.
- Blockage of the MSM which cannot be eliminated (solutions can no longer be pumped through the MSM).
- Jamming of the MSM which cannot be eliminated (MSM can no longer be switched over).



5 Slot in the MSM housing

Cleaning the MSM

Clean the MSM as follows:

1 Disconnecting the MSM from the IC system

- Switch off the instrument.
- Disconnect the MSM from the separation column, peristaltic pump and detector.

2 Dismantling the MSM

- Unscrew union nut (46-1) from the MSM housing (46-4).
- Pull MSM connecting piece (46-2) and MSM rotor A (46-3) out of the MSM housing (46-4). The MSM connecting piece and MSM rotor A normally stick to one another - if this is not the case: Take a sharp object, insert into the slot (46-5) in the MSM housing, and pull out MSM rotor A (46-3) in this way.
- Detach the MSM connecting piece (46-2) from MSM rotor A (46-3).

3 Cleaning the supply and discharge lines

 Connect in turn each of the 6 capillary tubings fastened on the MSM connecting piece (46-2) on the high pressure pump (see Chapter 2.10, page 32) and pump through ultra pure water. Check whether solution emerges at the MSM connecting piece (46-2). If one of the supply or discharge lines remained blocked, the SPM connecting piece (46-2) must be replaced (order number 6.2832.010).

4 Cleaning the MSM rotor A

 Clean sealing surface of the MSM rotor A (46-3) with ethanol using a lint-free cloth.

5 Inserting the MSM rotor A



Caution

An incorrectly inserted MSM rotor A (46-**3**) can be **destroyed** during start-up.

- Insert the MSM rotor A (46-3) into the MSM housing (46-4) in such a way that the tubing connections on the rear of MSM rotor A fit into the corresponding recesses inside the MSM housing and one of the three holes of the MSM rotor A is visible from below in the slot of the MSM housing (46-5).
- If the MSM rotor A (46-3) is correctly inserted, its sealing area will be approx. 4 mm within the MSM housing (46-4). If this is not the case, MSM rotor A must be moved into the right position from below using a sharp object (e.g. screwdriver).

6 Cleaning the MSM connecting piece

 Clean sealing surface of the MSM connecting piece (46-2) with ethanol using a lint-free cloth.

7 Inserting the MSM connecting piece

 Insert the MSM connecting piece (46-2) into the MSM housing (46-4) in such a way that the connector 1 is on top and the three pins of the MSM connecting piece fit into the corresponding recesses on the MSM housing (46-4).

8 Connecting and conditioning the MSM

- Reconnect the MSM to the IC system.
- Before switching the MSM over for the first time, rinse the three suppressor units with solution for 5 minutes.

4.11.3.3 Replacing parts of the MSM

It may be necessary to replace parts of the MSM in the following cases:

- Loss of suppression capacity which cannot be eliminated (reduced phosphate sensitivity and/or significant rise in the baseline).
- Blockage of the MSM which cannot be eliminated (solutions can no longer be pumped through the suppressor).

Both the MSM rotor A (46-3) and the MSM connecting piece (46-2) with its supply and discharge lines can be replaced.

Replacing parts of the MSM

Replace parts of the MSM as follows (see Figure 46, page 90):

1 Disconnecting the MSM from the IC system

- Switch off the instrument.
- Disconnect the MSM from the separation column, peristaltic pump and detector.

2 Dismantling the MSM

- Unscrew union nut (46-1) from the MSM housing (46-4).
- Pull MSM connecting piece (46-2) and MSM rotor A (46-3) out of the MSM housing (46-4). The MSM connecting piece and MSM rotor A normally stick to one another - if this is not the case: Take a sharp object, insert into the slot (46-5) in the MSM housing, and pull out MSM rotor A (46-3) in this way.
- Detach the MSM connecting piece (46-2) from MSM rotor A (46-3).

3 Cleaning the new MSM rotor A

• Clean the sealing surface of the new MSM rotor A (46-3) with ethanol using a lint-free cloth.

4 Inserting the new MSM rotor A



Caution

An incorrectly inserted MSM rotor A (46-**3**) can be **destroyed** during start-up.

- Insert the new MSM rotor A (46-3) in the MSM housing (46-4) in such a way that the tubing connections on the rear of MSM rotor A fit into the corresponding recesses inside the MSM housing and one of the three holes of MSM rotor A is visible from below in the slot (46-5) of the MSM housing.
- If the MSM rotor A (46-3) is correctly inserted, its sealing area will be approx. 4 mm within the MSM housing (46-4). If this is not the case, MSM rotor A must be moved into the right position from below using a sharp object (e.g. screwdriver).

5 Cleaning the MSM connecting piece

• Clean the sealing surface of the MSM connecting piece (46-2) with ethanol using a lint-free cloth.

6 Inserting the new MSM connecting piece

 Insert the MSM connecting piece (46-2) into the MSM housing (46-4) in such a way that the connector 1 is on top and the three pins of the MSM connecting piece fit into the corresponding recesses on the MSM housing (46-4).

7 Connecting and conditioning the MSM

- Reconnect the MSM to the IC system.
- Before switching the MSM over for the first time, rinse the three suppressor units with solution for 5 minutes.

4.12 Peristaltic pump

4.12.1 Operation

The pumping capacity of the peristaltic pump depends on the drive speed (set via software), the contact pressure and, above all, the internal diameter of the pump tubing. Depending on the application, different pump tubings are used.



Caution

The service life of the pump tubings also depends on the contact pressure. Therefore fully lift the tubing cartridges by loosening the snapaction lever (28-**10**) on the right-hand side if the peristaltic pump is to be turned off for a longer period. Once set, the contact pressure remains unaffected.



Caution

The 6.1826.xxx pump tubings consist of PVC or PP and therefore must not be used for rinsing with solutions containing acetone. In this case, use other pump tubings or use another pump for rinsing.

4.12.2 Maintenance

4.12.2.1 Pump tubing

The pump tubing used in the peristaltic pump is a consumable whose service life is restricted.

The LFL pump tubing with 3 stoppers is stretched in the tubing cartridge in such a way that it comes to rest between two stoppers. This results in two possible positions for the tubing cartridge. If the pump tubing should exhibit clear signs of wear, then this can be stretched a second time, in the respective alternate position.

Therefore replace the pump tubing periodically, or when used permanently approx. every 4 weeks .

Selecting the pump tubing

The pump tubing differs in material, diameter and hence also pumping capacity. Depending on the application, different pump tubings are used.

The following table provides information on the properties and use of the pump tubing:

Order number	Name	Material	Inner diameter	Use
6.1826.020	Pump tubing (blue/ blue), 2-stopper	PVC (Tygon ST)	1.65 mm	Pump tubing for online IC instruments and automa- tion in voltammetry
6.1826.310	Pump tubing LFL (orange/green), 3- stopper	PVC (Tygon)	0.38 mm	Pump tubing for bromate determination using the triiodide method.
6.1826.320	Pump tubing LFL (orange/yellow), 3- stopper	PVC (Tygon)	0.48 mm	For suppressor solutions, acceptor solutions for inline dialysis and for inline ultrafiltration.

Table 2	Pump	tubing
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Order number	Name	Material	Inner diameter	Use
6.1826.330	Pump tubing LFL (orange/white), 3- stopper	PVC (Tygon)	0.64 mm	No special applications.
6.1826.340	Pump tubing LFL (black/black), 3-stop- per	PVC (Tygon)	0.76 mm	For the sample solution in inline dialysis.
6.1826.360	Pump tubing LFL (white/white), 3-stop- per	PVC (Tygon)	1.02 mm	For sample transfer.
6.1826.380	Pump tubing LFL (gray/gray), 3-stopper	PVC (Tygon)	1.25 mm	For inline sample dilution.
6.1826.390	Pump tubing LFL (yel- low/yellow), 3-stop- per	PVC (Tygon)	1.37 mm	For the sample solution in in inline ultrafiltration.

4.12.2.2 Pump tubing connection with filter

The 6.2821.130 filters (47-**2**) should be changed every 3 months, more frequently at higher backpressure.



Figure 47 Pump tubing connection – Changing the filter

- 1Tubing olive2Filter 6.2821.130
Packaging contains 10 items.
- **3** Filter housing

Replacing the filter

1 Unscrewing filter screw

 Screw the filter screw (47-3) out of the tubing olive (47-1) with the aid of two 6.2621.000 adjustable wrenches.

2 Replacing the filter

- Remove the old filter (47-2) with tweezers.
- Place the new filter (47-2) flat in the tubing olive (47-1) with tweezers.

3 Mounting filter screw

 Screw the filter screw (47-3) back into the tubing olive (47-1) and tighten by hand. Then additionally tighten with two 6.2621.000 adjustable wrenches.

4.13 Metrohm CO₂ suppressor (MCS)

4.13.1 Replacing the CO₂ adsorption cartridge

The CO₂ adsorption cartridge 6.2837.000 (32-4) must be replaced regularly. This is because of blockages and losses in capacity.

Blockage

Moisture can block the CO₂ adsorption cartridge. This is revealed by a change in color of the cartridge material (the orange part becomes colorless). As the air flow is reduced, the vacuum becomes lower. To protect the CO₂ adsorption cartridge, an H₂O adsorption cartridge (*32-7*) is installed upstream. Regular regeneration (*see Chapter 4.13.2, page 96*) of the H₂O adsorption cartridge extends the service life of the CO₂ adsorption cartridge.

Capacity loss

The adsorption capacity of the CO_2 adsorption cartridge is limited. Depending on the period of operation and laboratory environment, the adsorption capacity will diminish over time. This is manifested in a rising baseline (as more CO_2 reaches the detector).

4.13.2 Regenerating the H₂O adsorption cartridge

The function of the H_2O adsorption cartridge is to protect the CO_2 adsorption cartridge against moisture. The service life of the H_2O adsorption cartridge depends on the moisture content of the ambient air. Moisture reduces the capacity of the H_2O adsorption cartridge (which can be observed by a change in color). Before the color changes in the entire filling material (from orange to colorless, with Fluka Order No. 94098), the H_2O adsorption cartridge should be regenerated (see information sheet). The filling material is replaced during regeneration:

- **1** Allow material to dry loose (not in cartridge) at 140 °C overnight and refill. Or dispose of the old material, and fill with new material.
- **2** Cover the packed material with wadding.

4.14 Conductivity detector

4.14.1 Maintenance

The conductivity detector must not be opened!



Warning

Caution

When rinsing the detector, the pressure must not exceed **5 MPa**. In order to ensure this, the maximum pressure of the high pressure pump must be set to **5 MPa** in MagIC Net.

If the conductivity detector is blocked, you should first of all check whether the blockage results from the capillary ends being pressed together too firmly. In this case, shorten the detector input capillary (33-3) or the detector output capillary (34-2) by several millimeters.

If this does not help, the conductivity detector can be rinsed against the normal flow direction. For this, connect the high pressure pump to the detector output capillary (34-2) and rinse - **the pressure may not exceed 5 MPa**.

4.15 Separation column

4.15.1 Separating efficiency

Which analysis quality can be attained, depends to a great extent on the separating efficiency of the separation column used. The separating efficiency of the selected separation column must be sufficient for the analysis problems present. If difficulties occur, you should always first check the quality of the separation column by recording a standard chromatogram.

You can find detailed information on the separation columns available from Metrohm in the information sheet provided along with your separation column, in the **Metrohm IC-Column Program** (available via your Metrohm agent) or in the Internet at *http://www.metrohm.com* in the product area lon chromatography. You can request free information on special IC applications in the corresponding "**Application Bulletins**" or "**Application Notes**", which are available in the Internet at *http:// www.metrohm.com* in the Applications area or via the Metrohm agent responsible.

4.15.2 Protection

To protect the separation column against foreign particles, which can affect the separating efficiency, we recommend that both the eluent and the samples undergo a microfiltration (filter 0.45 μ m) before being aspirated via the 6.2821.090 aspiration filter.

The use of guard columns (*see Chapter 2.21, page 62*) serves for protecting the actual separation columns and increases their service life considerably. Information regarding which guard column is suitable for your separation column can be seen in the **Metrohm IC Column Program** (which is available from your Metrohm agent), the information sheet provided along with your separation column, the product information on the separation column at *http://www.metrohm.com* (product area Ion Chromatography) or can be obtained directly from your agent.

The pulsation damper (*see Chapter 2.12, page 38*) must be installed in order to protect the column material from pressure concussion caused by injection.

4.15.3 Storage

Always store the separation columns sealed and filled according to the data of the column manufacturer when not using them.

4.15.4 Regeneration



Note

The regeneration is considered as the last measure, and not to be carried out regularly.

If the separating properties of the column have deteriorated, the column can be regenerated according to the specifications of the column manufacturer. In the case of separation columns available from Metrohm, the specification for regeneration can be found on the information sheet provided along with each column.
4.16 Quality Management and validation with Metrohm

Quality Management

Metrohm offers you comprehensive support in implementing quality management measures for instruments and software. Further information on this can be found in the brochure **«Quality Management with Metrohm»** available from your local Metrohm agent.

Validation

Please contact your local Metrohm agent for support in validating instruments and software. Here you can also obtain validation documentation to provide help for carrying out the **Installation Qualification** (IQ) and the **Operational Qualification** (OQ). IQ and OQ are also offered as a service by the Metrohm agents. In addition, various application bulletins are also available on the subject, which also contain **Standard Operating Procedures** (SOP) for testing analytical measuring instruments for reproducibility and correctness.

Maintenance

Electronic and mechanical functional groups in Metrohm instruments can and should be checked as part of regular maintenance by specialist personnel from Metrohm. Please ask your local Metrohm agent regarding the precise terms and conditions involved in concluding a corresponding maintenance agreement.



Note

You can find information on the subjects of quality management, validation and maintenance as well as an overview of the documents currently available at <u>www.metrohm.com/com/</u> under **Support**.

5 Troubleshooting

5.1 **Problems and their solutions**

Problem	Cause	Remedy
Marked drop in pressure	Leak in the system.	Check and seal connections <i>(see Chapter 2.5, page 14)</i> .
Marked rise in pres- sure	6.2821.120 inline filter blocked.	Replace 6.2821.130 filter (<i>see Chapter 4.6, page 83</i>).
	MSM – blocked.	 Regenerate the MSM (see Chapter 4.11.3.1, page 88).
		Note: 6.2821.180 pump tubing connection with filter must be used (29- 3).
	Conductivity detector blocked.	 Shorten capillary ends by several mm (see Chapter 4.14.1, Page 97).
		 Rinse detector against the normal flow direction (see Chapter 4.14.1, Page 97).
	Guard column – blocked.	Replace guard column (<i>see Chapter 2.21, page 62</i>).
	Separation column – blocked.	 Regenerate separation column (see Chapter 4.15.4, page 98). Replace separation column (see "Connecting and rinsing the separation column", page 65).
		Note: Samples should always be microfiltered (see Chapter 4.7, page 85).
	Injection valve – valve blocked.	Have the valve cleaned (by Metrohm service technicians).
Drift of the baseline	Thermal equilibrium not yet attained.	Condition (<i>see Chapter 2.15, page 44</i>) instru- ment with the column thermostat switched on .
	Leak in the system.	Check and seal connections <i>(see Chapter 2.5, page 14)</i> .

Problem	Cause	Remedy
	Eluent – Evaporation of the organic solvent in the elu- ent.	Check the eluent bottle attachment (<i>see Figure 13, page 29</i>).
Peak areas lower than expected	Sample – Leak in the sam- ple path.	Check the sample path.
	Sample – Blockage in the sample path.	Check the sample path.
	Sample – Sample loop not (completely) filled.	Prolong the sample transfer time.
	Sample – Gas bubbles in the sample.	Use the sample degasser (<i>see Chapter 2.13, page 40</i>) (if available).
	MCS – not connected.	Connect the MCS.
Peristaltic pump – insufficient or no delivery rate	Peristaltic pump – contact pressure too weak.	Correctly set contact pressure (see "Set flow rate", page 54).
	Peristaltic pump – filter blocked.	Replace the filter <i>(see Chapter 4.12.2.2, page 95)</i> .
	Peristaltic pump – pump tubing defective.	Replace pump tubing (see Chapter 4.12.2.1, page 94).
Very noisy baseline	High pressure pump – con- taminated pump valves.	Clean pump valves (<i>see Chapter 4.5.2, page 73</i>).
	Eluent – Leak in the eluent path.	Check the eluent path.
	Eluent – Blockage in the eluent path.	Check the eluent path.
	High pressure pump – defective piston seals.	Replace piston seals <i>(see Chapter 4.5.2, page 73)</i> .
	MCS – CO ₂ adsorption cartridge exhausted.	Replace CO_2 adsorption cartridge (see Chapter 4.13.1, page 96).
	Pulsation damper not con- nected.	Connect the pulsation damper (see Chapter 2.12, page 38).
	Pulsation damper not con- nected.	Connect pulsation damper (see Chapter 2.12, page 38).

Problem	Cause	Remedy
	MCS – vacuum pump defective.	Contact the Metrohm Service.
Background conduc- tivity too high	MSM – not connected.	Connect the MSM <i>(see Chapter 2.16, page 47)</i> .
	MCS – not connected.	Connect the MCS.
	Incorrect eluent.	Change eluent (see Chapter 4.4.2.3, page 72).
	MSM – regeneration or rinsing solution flow prob- lems.	Check the flow of the regeneration and rinsing solution (see Chapter 2.16.2, page 47).
Data of the separa- tion column cannot	Column chip contamina- ted.	Clean contact surfaces of the column chip (with alcohol).
De reau.	Column chip defective.	 Save column configuration in MagIC Net. Notify Metrohm Service.
Individual peaks greater than expec- ted	Sample – Carry-over of the samples from previous measurement.	Rinse system longer between two samples.
MSM – No (or insuf- ficient) pumping of regeneration or rins- ing solution	Leak in the system.	Check connections.
	Peristaltic pump – contact pressure too weak.	Correctly set contact pressure <i>(see "Set flow rate", page 54)</i> .
	Peristaltic pump – filter blocked (see Figure 29, page 52).	Replace the filter <i>(see "Replacing the filter", page 95)</i> .
	MSM – backpressure too high.	Clean the MSM (see Chapter 4.11.3.2, page 89) or replace parts (see Chapter 4.11.3.3, page 92).
	Peristaltic pump – pump tubing defective.	Replace pump tubing <i>(see Figure 28, page 51)</i> .
Poor reproducibility of the retention times	Eluent – Leak in the eluent path.	Check the eluent path.
	Eluent – Blockage in the eluent path.	Check the eluent path.
Chromatograms have poor resolution	Separation column – diminished separating effi- ciency.	 Regenerate separation column (see Chap- ter 4.15.4, page 98).

Problem	Cause	Remedy
		 Replace separation column (see "Connect- ing and rinsing the separation column", page 65).
Conductivity detec- tor is not recognized in the software	No connection.	 Check the cable connection (34-1). Turn the instrument off and on again (after 15 seconds).
Extreme spread of the peaks in the chromatogram. Splitting (dual	Connections – dead vol- ume in the system.	Check the connections (<i>see Chapter 2.5, page 14</i>) (use PEEK capillaries with an internal diameter of 0.25 mm between the injection valve and detector).
	Guard column – diminished performance.	• Replace guard column (see Chapter 2.21, page 62).
	Separation column – dead volume at column head.	 Install separation column in reverse flow direction (if permitted by the information sheet). Replace separation column (see "Connecting and rinsing the separation column", page 65).
Greater rise in the baseline	MSM – reduced capacity.	Regenerate the MSM (see Chapter 4.11.3.1, page 88).
Precision problems - significant scatter- ing of the measured values	Sample – Gas bubbles in the sample.	Use sample degasser (see Chapter 2.13, page 40).
	Injection valve – sample loop.	Check installation of the sample loop (see Chapter 2.14.1, page 41).
	Sample – Rinsing volume too low.	Prolong the rinsing time (see Chapter 4.8, page 85).
	Injection valve – defective.	Request Metrohm Service.
	MCS – vacuum too low.	Check connectors. If they are ok:Contact the Metrohm Service.
Unexpected change to the retention times in the chroma- tograms	Separation column – diminished separating effi- ciency.	 Regenerate separation column (see Chapter 4.15.4, page 98). Replace separation column (see "Connecting and rinsing the separation column", page 65).

Problem	Cause	Remedy
	Eluent – Gas bubbles in the eluent.	Check connections of the eluent degasser <i>(see Chapter 2.9, page 31)</i> .
	High pressure pump – defective.	Request Metrohm Service.
Vacuum is not being built	Eluent Degasser – Connec- tor Vacuum on the rear of the instrument not (tightly) sealed.	 Seal the connector Vacuum tightly with a 6.144.6040 threaded stopper. or when using an 872 Extension Module: Connect an FEP tubing between the IC instrument and the Extension Module and tighten both clamping screws until they seal.

6 Technical specifications

6.1 Reference conditions

The technical data listed in this Chapter refers to the following reference
conditions:Ambient tempera-
ture+25 °C (± 3 °C)Instrument status> 40 minutes in operation (equilibrated)

6.2 Instrument

IC system	 Metal-free IC system Compact system with modular design Up to two complete chromatographic systems in one housing
Material	Painted polyurethane hard foam without CFCs, fire class V0
Operating pres- sure range	 050 MPa (500 bar) high pressure pump 035 MPa (350 bar) standard-PEEK system
Intelligent com- ponents	iPump, iDetector, iColumn, MagIC Net

6.3 Leak sensor

Type Electronic, no calibration necessary

6.4 Ambient conditions

Operation	
Ambient tem- perature	+5+45 °C
Humidity	2080 % relative humidity
Storage	
Ambient tem- perature	−20+70 °C
Transport	
Ambient tem- perature	−40+70 °C

6.5 Housing

Dimensions

Width	365 mm
Height	642 mm
Depth	380 mm
Material of base tray, housing and bottle holder	Polyurethane hard foam (PUR) with flame retardation for fire class V0, CFC-free, painted
Operating ele- ments	
Indicators	LED for power display
On/Off switch	On the rear panel of the instrument

6.6 Eluent degasser

Material	fluoropolymer
Resistance to sol- vents	No restriction (apart from PFC)
Build-up time for the vacuum	< 60 s

6.7 High pressure pump

- Serial dual-piston pump
- Intelligent pump head recognition
- Chemically inert
- Metal-free pump heads
- Materials in contact with eluent: PEEK, ZrO₂, PTFE/PE
- Self-optimizing flow and pressure

Flow rate

Adjustable flow range	0.00120.0 mL/min
Flow increment	1 μL/min
<i>Reproducibility</i> of the eluent	< 0.1 % deviation
flow	

Pressure range	
Pump	050.0 MPa (0500 bar)
Pump head	035.0 MPa (0350 bar) (applies for the standard PEEK pump head)
Residual pulsa- tion	< 1 %
Safety shutdown	
Function	Automatic shutdown upon reaching the pressure limit values
Maximum pres-	 Adjustable from 0.150 MPa (1500 bar)
sure limit	 The pump is automatically shut down at the first piston stroke above the maximum limit value
Minimum pres-	 Adjustable from 049 MPa (0490 bar)
sure limit	 The shutdown mechanism is inactive at 0 MPa
	 The shutdown mechanism only becomes active 2 minutes after sys- tem start
	 The pump is automatically shut down after 3 piston strokes below the minimum pressure limit
Gradient capacity	Isocratic or gradient (extendable to quaternary)
Profile	Step, linear, convex and concave
Resolution	< 1 nL/min flow increments

6.8 Sample degasser

Material	fluoropolymer
Resistance to sol- vents	No restriction (apart from PFC)
Build-up time for the vacuum	< 60 s

6.9 Injection valve

Actuator time	typ.100 ms
Max. operating	35 MPa (350 bar)
pressure	
Material	PEEK

6.10 Column thermostat

Туре	Peltier technique thermostat for two intelligent separation columns
Adjustable tem- perature range	0+ 80 °C, in increments of 0.1 °C
Heating	Ambient temperature +50 °C
Cooling	Ambient temperature –20 °C
Temperature reproducibility	± 0.2 °C
Stability	< 0.05 °C
Heating up time	< 30 minutes from 20 to 50 °C
Cooling time	< 40 minutes from 50 to 20 °C

6.11 Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

<i>Resistance to sol-</i> <i>vents</i>	No restriction
Switching dura- tion	typ.100 ms
Operating pres- sure	2.5 MPa (25 bar), valve function prevents damage at overpressure

6.12 Peristaltic pump

Туре	2-channel peristaltic pump
Rotating direction	Counterclockwise/Clockwise rotation
Rotational speed	042 rpm in 7 stages at 6 rpm.
Pumping proper- ties	0.3 mL/min at 18 rpm; with 6.1826.320 standard pump tubing.
Material of pump tubings	recommended: Tygon Long Flex Life

6.13 Metrohm CO₂ suppressor (MCS)

Material	fluoropolymer
Resistance to sol- vents	No restriction (apart from PFC)
Vacuum	
Working range	Microprocessor-controlled / stabilized
Build-up time after start	< 30 s
Capillary volume	400 µL
Recommended flow range	0.11.0 mL

6.14 Conductivity measuring system

 Microprocessor-controlled Digital Signal Processing (DSP technology) Intelligent detector with 6 reference chromatograms 	
015000 μS/cm single range	
< 0.1 nS at 1 µS/cm	
< 1 % for conductivity values greater than $116 \ \mu$ S/cm (typical for analyses with sequential suppression)	
< 0.2 nS/cm per hour	
10 measurements per second for optimum results without filtering	
0.0047 nS/cm	
Noise < 0.2 nS/cm typical for sequential suppression	
0.8 µL	
Individual calibration data saved in the detectoradjustable range: 13.021.0 /cm	
Ring-shaped electrodes made from stainless steel	
Chemically inert PCTFE	
5.0 MPa (50 bar)	

Cell tempera-	2050 °C in increments of 5 °C
ture	
Temperature	< 0.001 °C
stability	
Temperature	05 %/K adjustable, default 2.3 %/K
compensation	
Heating up time	< 30 minutes (40 °C)

6.15 Mains connection

Required voltage	100240 V ± 10 % (auto-sensing)		
Required fre- quency	5060 Hz ± 3 (auto-sensing)		
Power consump- tion	 65 W for typical analysis application 25 W standby (detector to 40 °C) 		
Power supply unit	 Up to 300 W maximum, electronically monitored internal fuse 3.15 A 		

6.16 Interfaces

USB

Input Output	1 USB upstream, type B (for connection to the PC) 2 USB downstream, type A		
MSB	2 MSB Mini Din 8-pin (female) (for Dosino, stirrer, remote lines,)		
	Caution		
	When connecting an instrument to the MSB connector you must switch off the 850 Professional IC.		
Detector	2 DSUB-15-pin high density (female)		
Column recogni- tion	3 (including 2 in the column thermostat (see Chapter 2.15, page 44))		
Leak sensor	1 jack plug		
Further connec- tions	 1 DSUB 15-pin (female) 		

Safety specification 6.17

Design / Test

- EN/IEC/UL 61010-1
- CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1
- Degree of protection IP20
- Protection class I

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) 6.18

Emission

- EN/IEC 61326-1
- EEN 55022 / CISPR 22
- EN/IEC 61000-6-3
- EN/IEC 61000-3-2
- EN/IEC 61000-3-3

Immunity

- EN/IEC 61326-1
- EN/IEC 61000-4-2
- EN/IEC 61000-4-3
- EN/IEC 61000-4-4
- EN/IEC 61000-4-5
- EN/IEC 61000-4-6
- EN/IEC 61000-4-8
- EN/IEC 61000-4-11
- EN/IEC 61000-4-14
- NAMUR: 2006

Weight 6.19

1.850.3030

2.3 kg (with accessories)

33.6 kg (without accessories)

1.850.9010 (con*ductivity detector*)

1.8 kg

Transport carriage (rollers and handle)

7 Conformity and warranty

7.1 Declaration of Conformity

This is to certify the conformity to the standard specifications for electrical appliances and accessories, as well as to the standard specifications for security and to system validation issued by the manufacturing company.

Name of commodity	850 Professiona	al IC	
	The 850 Professional IC is an intelligent instrument for ion chromatog- raphy analysis. This instrument has been built and has undergone final type testing according to the standards:		
Electromagnetic compatibility	Emission:	EN/IEC 61326-1: 2006, EN 55011 / CISPR 11: 2003, EN/IEC 61000-6-3: 2006, EN/IEC 61000-3-2: 2006, EN/IEC 61000-3-3: 2005	
	Immunity:	EN/IEC 61326-1: 2006, EN/IEC 61000-6-1: 2007, EN/IEC 61000-4-2: 2001, EN/IEC 61000-4-3: 2006, EN/IEC 61000-4-4: 2004, EN/IEC 61000-4-5: 2001, EN/IEC 61000-4-6: 2001, EN/IEC 61000-4-8: 2001, EN/IEC 61000-4-11: 2004, EN/IEC 61000-4-14: 2004, NAMUR: 2004	
Safety specifications	ecifications EN/IEC 61010-1: 2001, UL 61010-1: 2004, CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1: 2004, protection class I It has also been certified by ElectroSuisse, a member of the International Certification Body (CB/IEC).		
CE	This instrument me the EU directives 20 lowing specification	eets the requirements of the CE mark as contained in 006/95/EC (LVD), 2004/108/EC (EMC). It fulfils the fol- ns:	
	EN 61326-1	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements	

EN 61010-1

Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use



Manufacturer

This instrument meets the requirements of the ETL Listed Mark for the North American market. It conforms to the electrical safety standards UL 61010-1 and CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1. This product is listed in Intertek's Directory of Listed Products.

Metrohm Ltd., CH-9101 Herisau/Switzerland

Metrohm Ltd. is holder of the SQS-certificate ISO 9001:2000 Quality management system for development, production and sales of instruments and accessories for ion analysis.

Herisau, 27 October, 2008

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Ch. Buchmann Vice President, Head of Production Responsible for Quality Assurance

7.2 Quality Management Principles

Metrohm Ltd. holds the ISO 9001:2000 Certificate, registration number 10872-02, issued by SQS (Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems). Internal and external audits are carried out periodically to assure that the standards defined by Metrohm's QM Manual are maintained.

The steps involved in the design, manufacture and servicing of instruments are fully documented and the resulting reports are archived for ten years. The development of software for PCs and instruments is also duly documented and the documents and source codes are archived. Both remain the possession of Metrohm. A non-disclosure agreement may be asked to be provided by those requiring access to them.

The implementation of the ISO 9001:2000 quality management system is described in Metrohm's QM Manual, which comprises detailed instructions on the following fields of activity:

Instrument development

The organization of the instrument design, its planning and the intermediate controls are fully documented and traceable. Laboratory testing accompanies all phases of instrument development.

Software development

Software development occurs in terms of the software life cycle. Tests are performed to detect programming errors and to assess the program's functionality in a laboratory environment.

Components

All components used in the Metrohm instruments have to satisfy the quality standards that are defined and implemented for our products. Suppliers of components are audited by Metrohm as the need arises.

Manufacture

The measures put into practice in the production of our instruments guarantee a constant quality standard. Production planning and manufacturing procedures, maintenance of production means and testing of components, intermediate and finished products are prescribed.

Customer support and service

Customer support involves all phases of instrument acquisition and use by the customer, i.e. consulting to define the adequate equipment for the analytical problem at hand, delivery of the equipment, user manuals, training, after-sales service and processing of customer complaints. The Metrohm service organization is equipped to support customers in implementing standards such as GLP, GMP, ISO 900X, in performing Operational Qualification and Performance Verification of the system components or in carrying out the System Validation for the quantitative determination of a substance in a given matrix.

7.3 Warranty (guarantee)

Metrohm guarantees that the deliveries and services it provides are free from material, design or manufacturing errors. The warranty period is 36 months from the day of delivery; for day and night operation it is 18 months. The warranty remains valid on condition that the service is provided by an authorized Metrohm service organization.

Glass breakage is excluded from the warranty for electrodes and other glassware. The warranty for the accuracy corresponds to the technical specifications given in this manual. For components from third parties that make up a considerable part of our instrument, the manufacturer's warranty provisions apply. Warranty claims cannot be pursued if the Customer has not complied with the obligations to make payment on time.

During the warranty period Metrohm undertakes, at its own choice, to either repair at its own premises, free of charge, any instruments that can be shown to be faulty or to replace them. Transport costs are to the Customer's account. Faults arising from circumstances that are not the responsibility of Metrohm, such as improper storage or improper use, etc. are expressly excluded from the warranty.

8 Accessories



Subject to change without notice!

8.1 Scope of delivery

2.850.3030 850 Professional IC - AnCat - MCS

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
1	1.850.3030	850 Professional IC – AnCat – MCS Profes- sional IC 850 AnCat – MCS	
1	6.2122.0x0	Mains cable with C13 line socket IEC-60320-C13	
	Cable plug accord	ding to customer requirements.	
	Switzerland:	Type SEV 12 6.2122.020	
	Germany,:	Type CEE(7), VII 6.2122.040	
	USA,:	Type NEMA/ASA 6.2122.070	
2	1.850.9010	IC Detector MF	
2	6.1602.150	Bottle attachment / GL 45 - 3 x UNF 10/32	
	For connecting ca utions and in inlir	apillary tubing 1/16 in. Used with MSM auxiliary sol- ne dialysis	
	Material:	Plastic	
2	6.1602.160	Eluent bottle attachment GL 45	63
	For eluent bottles tubing.	; with connections for adsorber tube and aspiration	
	Opening grour	nd joint: A-14/15	0

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
2	6.1608.020	Glass bottle / 1000 mL / GL 45	
	Bottle for auxiliar	y solutions	
	Width (mm):	96	
	Height (mm):	223	
	Volume (mL):	1000	100 -000
			100 m s - 1000
			100 100 100
			160
2	6.1608.070	Eluent bottle / 2 L / GL 45	
	Eluent bottle and	waste bottle for dialysis	
	Material:	Clear glass	
	Height (mm):	262	
	Volume (mL):	2000	
			140

2	6.1609.000	Adsorber	tube / large and bent	\bigcirc
	For filling with a	dsorber mate	rial.	
	Material:		Glass	
	Height (mm):		129	
	Inner diamete	er (mm):	32	
	SGJ size:		B-14/15	000,8001
				/° /

1	6.1803.020 P	TFE capillary 0.97 mm i.d. / 5 m	
	For all IC instruments	5	
	Material:	PTFE	
	Outer diameter (m	nm): 1.57	
	Inner diameter (m	m): 0.97	
	Length (m):	5	

Qty.	Order no.	Descriptio	on	
1	6.1803.040	PTFE capil	lary 0.5 mm i.d. / 1 m	
	Capillary for sam	ple handling i	n IC.	
	Material:		PTFE	
	Outer diamete	er (inches):	1/16	
	Inner diamete	er (mm):	0.5	
	Length (m):		1	

1 6.1807.010 Y Connector for Tubing i.d. 6-9 mm Connector for waste tubings



16.1815.010Spiral band / 0.5 mFor holding together different cables or tubing.
Length (m):0.5



Qty.	Order no.	Description
2	6.1816.020	Silicone tubing 6 mm i.d. / 1 m
	For drainage tub Material: Outer diamete Inner diamete Length (m):	ing. Silicone rubber er (mm): 9 r (mm): 6 1
2	6.1826.320 For suppressor so inline ultrafiltration	Pump tubing LFL (orange/yellow) , 3 Stop- per olutions, acceptor solutions for inline dialysis and for on
2	6.2023.020	Clip for SGJ 14/15
	Clip for SGJ 14/1 Material:	5 РОМ Струго С
1	6.2057.080	Adsorption cartridge holder
	Holder to install	adsorption cartridges in Professional IC Instruments

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
1	6.2151.020	Cable USB A - USB B / 1.8 m	and the second second
	USB connecting	cable	
	Length (m):	1.8	
1	6.2251.000	Colored sleeves for PEEK capillaries	
	Colored pieces of f	of heat shrink tubing for capillary coding. Three ive different colors	
1	6.2322.010	PRIMUS multi anion standard solution:	
		Promo	
1	6.2322.020	PRIMUS multi cation standard solution:	
		Promo	
1	6.2617.010	Tool for piston seal	
	For removing ar	nd assembling the piston seal for all IC pumps	
			IN IN



Qty.	Order no.	Description	
1	6.2621.030	Hexagon key 4 mm	
	4 mm. For IC Sam Length (mm):	ple Processor s 73	
1	6.2621.050	1/4 in. wrench	
	For 1/4 in. screws Length (mm):	. For IC instruments 73	
1	6.2621.080 For plastic capillar Length (mm):	Capillary cutter ies. For IC instruments 118	C
1	6.2621.100 Hexagon key 3 m Length (mm):	Hexagon key 3 mm m. For IC Sample Processors 73	

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
1	6.2626.000	Front Drain Nozzle	
	Drain Nozzle to front	Professional IC instruments to be mounted in the	
2	6.2739.000	Wrench	A.
	For tightening co	onnectors	
	Length (mm):	68	2
1	6.2743.080	Stopper for Overflow, 5 pieces	
	For Professional	IC instruments	
1	6.2744.014	Pressure screw 2x	
	With UNF 10/32 Material: Length (mm):	connection. For the connection of PEEK capillaries PEEK 26	

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Qty.	Order no.	Description	
2	6.2744.020 For IC instrument Material: Length (mm):	Luer/UNF coupling s PEEK 19	
1	6.2744.034	Coupling olive/UNF 10/32 2x	
	Connection of pro instruments with	essure screw and pump tubing. 2 pieces. For IC peristaltic pumps	
3	6.2744.040	2 x UNF 10/32 coupling	
	For connecting 1/ Material: Length (mm):	/16 in. capillaries. For IC instruments PEEK 24	

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
3	6.2744.070 Short version. W tion of PEEK capi Material: Length (mm):	Pressure screw short ith UNF 10/32 connection. 5 pieces. For the connec- illaries PEEK 21	
3	6.2744.090	Pressure screw long	Illing
	tion of PEEK capi Material:	illaries. (MCS and sample degasser) PEEK	
2	6.2744.180	Pump tubing connection with safety device and filter	
	For the connectio	on of a pump tubing and a capillary with built-in fil-	
	ter Material:	PEEK	
2	6.2744.210 For Professional	Tubing adaptor for aspiration filter IC instruments	

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	Qty.	Order no.	Description	
	2	6.2816.020	Syringe 10 mL with Luer connection	
		For different usag	e in IC and VA	
		Material:	PP	
		Length (mm):	102	01
		Volume (mL):	10	8
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-	1	6.2816.040	Purging needle	•
		With PTFE tubing	and Luer connection. For syringes. For aspirating	
		eluents.		ľ
				//
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-	2	6.2821.090	Aspiration filter	
		Pore size 20 um	• Set of 5 items. For 6 1834 000 aspiration tubing	
		and 6.1821.040 a	and 6.1821.050 inlet tubes.	
		Material:	PE	
		Outer diamete	r (mm): 9.5	
		Length (mm):	35.5	
-	2	6.2821.130	Spare filter for inline filter	
		Spare filter plates	for inline filter.	

Qty.	Order no.	Description	
1	6.2837.000	CO ₂ adsorber cartridge	
	Adsorber cartridg	e for purifying the air.	
2	6.2837.010	H ₂ O adsorption cartridge	
	To CO ₂ Suppresso	or. Water adsorption cartridge for the aspirated air.	
1	8.850.8052EN	Manual 850 Professional IC, 2.850.3030 - AnCat MCS, English	Instructions for Use

8.2 **Optional accessories**

2.850.3030 850 Professional IC- AnCat - MCS

Order no.	Description	
6.1826.310	Pump tubing LFL (orange/green) 3-stopper	
Pump tubing for b	promate determination using the triiodide method.	



For all IC instruments with peristaltic pumps.



6.1826.340 Pump tubing LFL (black/black), 3-stopper

For the sample solution in inline dialysis



Order no. Description 6.1826.360 Pump tubing LFL (white/white), 3-stopper For Sample Processors 6.1826.380 Pump tubing LFL (gray/gray), 3-stopper For inline dilution 6.1826.390 Pump tubing LFL (yellow/yellow), 3-stopper For the sample solution in inline filtration. 6.2057.090 **Column holder** For holding separation columns in Professional IC instruments.

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Order no.	Description	
6.2148.010	Remote box MSB	
An additional re via remote lines.	mote interface for the connection of devices that are controlled . With permanently attached cable.	
6.2617.040	Tool for piston seal Macro	Change
For removing ar	nd assembling the piston seal for Macro pump heads	
6.2741.040	PE/PTFE piston seal Macro	
For all Macro pu	imp heads	
6.2824.130	Macro pump head PEEK	
Macro pump he maximum press	ad for intelligent IC instruments, flow range 0.120 mL/min, ure 12.5 MPa.	No con
Material:	PEEK (metal-free)	
6.6059.001	MagIC Net™ Multi – 1 additional license	
1 additional lice	nse	Mag Net
6.6059.002	MagIC Net™ Multi – 5 additional licenses	
5 additional lice	nses	Mag Net
6.6059.003	MagIC Net™ Multi – 10 additional licenses	
10 additional lic	enses	Mag Net
6.6059.112	MagIC Net™ 1.1 Professional CD : 1 license	
Professional PC pact IC systems Dosino, 771 Con tion, evaluation	program for controlling intelligent Professional IC systems, Com- and their peripherals such as Professional Sample Processor, 800 mpact Interface, etc. The software permits control, data acquisi- and monitoring as well as report generation of ion chromato-	Intelligent Ion Chromatography for Professionals Mag (Net

graphic analyses. Graphics user interface for routine operations, extensive database programs, method development, configuration and manual system conΩ Metrohm

Order no. Description

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Professional PC program for controlling intelligent Professional IC systems, Compact IC systems and their peripherals such as Professional Sample Processor, 800 Dosino, 771 Compact Interface, etc. The software permits control, data acquisition, evaluation and monitoring as well as report generation of ion chromatographic analyses. Graphics user interface for routine operations, extensive database programs, method development, configuration and manual system control; very flexible user administration, efficient database operations, extensive data export functions, individually configurable report generator, control and monitoring of all system components and the chromatography results. MagIC Net[™] complies fully with FDA Regulation 21 CFR Part 11 as well as GLP. Dialog languages: German, English, French, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, et. al. Client Server version with 3 licenses



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