Cellulose Nitrate Membranes

Recommended for the majority of routine applications, this membrane is manufactured under strictly controlled conditions. The user will benefit from the performance improvements, which are now available in Whatman membrane filters, including very narrow pore size distribution and low levels of extractables.

Higher Strength and Flexibility

Most membranes are inherently brittle and difficult to handle; it is not uncommon for filters to be damaged during loading into holders or while in use. Whatman cellulose nitrate membrane filters have a noticeably improved flexibility and are made to tolerate abuse during handling, loading and autoclaving without sacrificing integrity. These membranes are among the strongest of their type available, as measured and compared by burst pressure tests.

Low Extractable Levels

The level of extractables in membrane filters has become more important with advances in filtration or adsorption techniques. In particular, pharmaceutical, immunological and biomedical tissue culture and trace analysis applications can be adversely affected by high extractable levels. Whatman cellulose nitrate membrane filters have a low level of extractables, generally below that of other membranes of a similar type.

Narrow Pore Size Distribution

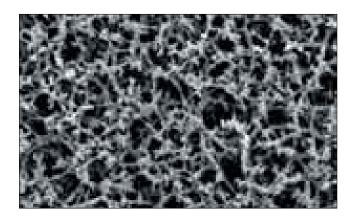
One of the major features of Whatman membrane filters is the narrow distribution of pore sizes. The rated pore size of these membranes is closely controlled due to the advanced manufacturing and control system. Additionally, the batch-to-batch variation is minimized, providing more consistent laboratory results.

Increased Temperature Stability

Membrane filters are normally autoclaved at 121°C without loss of integrity. Cellulose nitrate membranes are supplied as circles, sheets or reels.

Reduced Shrinkage

Excessive shrinkage can cause problems during autoclaving and is often the cause of membranes tearing in their holders after autoclaving. It may also cause a reduction in flow rate and total throughput. Whatman membranes exhibit a low shrinkage during autoclaving.



Features and Benefits

- Narrow pore size distribution for improved surface capture and analysis
- Low levels of extractables to ensure sample integrity

Applications

- Sample preparation
- Microbiological studies
- Filtration of aqueous solutions

Filter Types

White Plain Filters

This is the standard membrane filter for the majority of laboratory applications involving particles and cells in the range of 0.1 μm to 12.0 μm . The residue after filtration is found to be almost completely on the surface of the membrane and allows physical recovery of deposits and microscopic examination.

Gridded Filters

Gridded filters make it easier to count particles, microorganisms and colonies. If a gridded membrane is required, please see Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes.



Typical Data – Cellulose Nitrate Membranes

| | Cellulose Nitrate |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thickness | 105-140 μm |
| Burst strength | > 2 psi |
| Weight | 3.6-5.5 mg/cm ² |
| Maximum service temperature | 80°C |
| Porosity | 66-84% |
| Steam autoclavable | Yes |
| Hydrophilic | Yes |

Typical Applications – Cellulose Nitrate Membranes

| Field of Application | Pore Size (µm) |
|---------------------------------|--|
| General | |
| Microfiltration | 0.1 |
| Ultracleaning | 0.1 |
| Sterilizing | 0.2 |
| Bulk bacterial removal | 0.45 |
| Analytical precipitates | 0.65 |
| Clarifying filtration | 1.0 |
| Particle removal | 5.0 |
| Water Microbiology and Analysis | |
| Bacterial colony count | 0.45 (gridded) – See Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes |
| Sediment analysis | 0.45 |
| Suspended particles | 5.0 |
| Air Pollution Monitoring | |
| Asbestos Monitoring (NIOSH) | 0.8 |
| Food and Beverage QC | |
| E. coli and Coliforms | 0.45 (gridded) – See Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes |
| Total bacteria count | 0.2 |
| Tissue Culture | |
| Mycoplasma removal | 0.1 |
| Sterile filtration | 0.2 |

Ordering Information – Cellulose Nitrate Membrane Circles

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|--|
| 13 | 0.2 | 7182-001 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 13 | 0.45 | 7184-001 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.025 | 10402206* | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.1 | 7181-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.2 | 7182-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.2 | 10401306 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.45 | 7184-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.65 | 7186-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 0.8 | 7188-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 1.0 | 7190-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 3.0 | 7193-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 5.0 | 7195-002 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 5.0 | 10400206 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 25 | 8.0 | 10400106 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 30 | 0.45 | 10401107 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 37 | 0.45 | 7184-003 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 37 | 0.8 | 7188-003 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 37 | 8.0 | 10400109 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.1 | 7181-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.1 | 10402012 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.2 | 7182-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10401312 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.2 | 7187-114 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7184-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10401170 | Plain (white), sterile | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7153-004 | Black gridded | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7153-104 | Black gridded, sterile | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7155-004 | Green gridded, sterile | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.65 | 7186-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 0.8 | 7188-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 1.0 | 7190-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 3.0 | 7193-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 5.0 | 7195-004 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 5.0 | 10400212 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 8.0 | 10400112 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 47 | 12.0 | 10400012 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 50 | 0.1 | 10402014 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10401314 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10401114 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 50 | 0.45 | 7184-005 | Plain (white) | 100 | |
| 50 | 1.2 | 7191-005 | Plain (white) | 100 | |

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| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 50 | 5.0 | 10400214 | Plain (white) | 100 |
| 50 | 8.0 | 10400114 | Plain (white) | 100 |
| 50 | 8.0 | 10405079 | Plain (white), with hydrophobic rim | 100 |
| 50 | 12.0 | 10400014 | Plain (white) | 100 |
| 82 | 0.45 | 7184-008 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 90 | 0.2 | 7182-009 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 90 | 0.45 | 10401118 | Plain (white) | 50 |
| 90 | 0.45 | 7184-009 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 90 | 0.8 | 7188-009 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 90 | 1.0 | 7190-009 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 90 | 5.0 | 7195-009 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 100 | 0.45 | 10401121 | Plain (white) | 50 |
| 100 | 8.0 | 10400121* | Plain (white) | 50 |
| 110 | 0.45 | 10401126 | Plain (white) | 50 |
| 142 | 0.2 | 7182-014 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 142 | 0.2 | 10401331 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 142 | 0.45 | 7184-014 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 142 | 0.45 | 10401131 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 142 | 1.2 | 7191-014 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 150 | 8.0 | 10400132 | Plain (white) | 25 |
| 293 | 0.45 | 7184-029 | Plain (white) | 25 |

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Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes

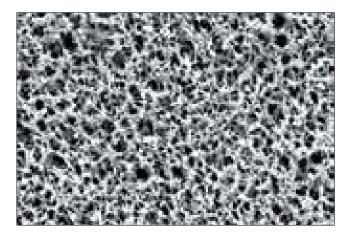
Whatman mixed cellulose ester membranes are composed of cellulose acetate and cellulose nitrate. These membranes are characterized by a smoother and more uniform surface than pure nitrocellulose filters. Also, the color contrast provided by the filter surface facilitates particle detection and minimizes eye fatigue. The ME range has a lower cellulose acetate content compared to the WME range of membranes.

Eased Counting Process

In microbiological colony counting procedures, the color contrast between the surface and the colonies facilitates the counting process.

Plain or Gridded

Many microbiological techniques include colony counting after incubation as the standard method of quantification. Whatman gridded filters have clearly defined grid lines spaced at 3.1 or 5 mm intervals. The special ink used is nontoxic and completely free from bacterial growth inhibitors.



Whatman black mixed cellulose esters are available plain for automatic colony counting applications, as well as gridded to assist in manual counting procedures. Black membranes provide contrast between residue or cell colors and the filter without having to counter-stain the membrane.

Sterile Filters

For those laboratories preferring to use membranes sterilized by autoclaving for microbiological work, Whatman provides black gridded membranes in packs with pads ready for laboratory autoclaving.

Features and Benefits

- Sterile options available for critical applications
- Excellent contrast for easier particle detection
- Grids are nontoxic and do not inhibit bacterial growth, ensuring sample integrity
- Black plain and black gridded membranes have a mix of cellulose nitrate and cellulose acetate
- The membrane offers a high degree of internal surface area for greater adsorption of product
- Higher dirt loading capacity
- Biologically inert with good thermal stability
- No surfactants to contaminate samples
- Uniform microporous structure of membrane gives high flow rates
- Thermally stable

Applications

The membrane is particularly effective in applications requiring higher flow rates and larger volume filtration, including clarification or sterilization of aqueous solutions, particulate analysis and removal, air monitoring and microbial analysis. Other applications include:

- Clarification or sterilization of aqueous solutions
- Cytology
- Air monitoring
- HPLC samples (aqueous)
- Virus concentration
- Particulate analysis
- Biological assays
- Food microbiology, including enumeration of *E. coli* in foods
- Bacteriological studies
- Particle counting from liquids and aerosols
- Yeasts and molds

Typical Data - Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes

| General | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Burst strength | > 10 psi |
| Weight | 4.3-5.0 mg/cm ² |
| Maximum service temperature | 130°C |
| Porosity | 74-77% |
| Steam autoclavable | Yes |
| Solvent resistancy | Medium |
| Protein binding | Medium |

Product Selection - Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes

| Membrane Type | Pore Size (µm) | Thickness (µm) | Water Flow Rate $\Delta p = 0.9 \text{ bar}$ (s/100 ml/12.5 cm ²) | Air Flow Rate $\Delta p = 3 \text{ mbar}$ (s/100 ml) | Bubble Point (psi) | Bubble Point (bar) |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| WME Product Range | | 140 | - | - | - | _ |
| ME Product Range | | | | | | |
| ME 24 | 0.2 | 135 | 20 | _ | 53.65 | 3.7 |
| ME 25 | 0.45 | 145 | 12.5 | _ | 40.6 | 2.8 |
| ME 26 | 0.6 | 135 | 48 | 21 | 27.55 | 1.9 |
| ME 27 | 0.8 | 140 | 2.8 | 11.6 | 18.85 | 1.3 |
| ME 28 | 1.2 | 140 | 2 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 0.8 |
| ME 29 | 3 | 150 | 1.2 | 6.7 | 10.15 | 0.7 |

Note: Autoclave pack contains 10 sealed envelopes. Each envelope contains 10 filters with 10 pads.

Ordering Information – Mixed Cellulose Ester Membranes

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| ME Range – ME 24, Pla | ain | | | |
| 25 | 0.2 | 10401706 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10401712 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10401770 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10401714 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10401772 | Plain, sterile | 100 |
| 100 | 0.2 | 10401721 | Plain | 50 |
| 110 | 0.2 | 10401726 | Plain | 50 |
| 142 | 0.2 | 10401731 | Plain | 25 |
| ME Range – ME 25, Pla | ain | | | |
| 25 | 0.45 | 10401606 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10401612 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10401670 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10401614 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10401662 | Without interleaving paper | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10401672 | Plain | 100 |
| 90 | 0.45 | 10401618 | Plain | 50 |
| 100 | 0.45 | 10401621 | Plain | 50 |
| 110 | 0.45 | 10401626 | Plain | 50 |
| 142 | 0.45 | 10401631 | Plain | 25 |
| ME Range – ME 26, Pl | ain | | | |
| 25 | 0.6 | 10401506 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.6 | 10401512 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.6 | 10401514 | Plain | 100 |
| 100 | 0.6 | 10401521 | Plain | 100 |
| ME Range – ME 27, Pla | ain | | | |
| 25 | 0.8 | 10400906 | Plain | 100 |
| 37 | 0.8 | 10400909 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.8 | 10400912 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 0.8 | 10400970 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 0.8 | 10400914 | Plain | 100 |
| 100 | 0.8 | 10400921 | Plain | 50 |
| ME Range – ME 28, Pl | ain | | | , |
| 25 | 1.2 | 10400806 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 1.2 | 10400812 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 1.2 | 10400814 | Plain | 100 |
| 100 | 1.2 | 10400821 | Plain | 50 |

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| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| ME Range – ME 29 | 9 | | | |
| 25 | 3 | 10400706 | Plain | 100 |
| 47 | 3 | 10400712 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 3 | 10400714 | Plain | 100 |
| 50 | 3 | 10400772 | Plain, sterile | 100 |
| 100 | 3 | 10400721* | Plain | 50 |
| ME Range – ME 24 | 4, Gridded | | | |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10406970 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10406914 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10406972 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| ME Range – ME 25 | 5, Gridded | | | |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10406812 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10407970 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10406871 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10406512 | White/black grid 5 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10406570* | White/black grid 5 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10409712 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10409770 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10409771 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10409414 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm | 1000 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10409471* | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406814 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406862 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, without interleaving paper | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406873 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406514 | White/black grid 5 mm | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406572 | White/black grid 5 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10406562 | White/black grid 5 mm, without interleaving paper | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10409714 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10409772 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10409773* | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10409462 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, without interleaving paper, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10409473 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 1000 |
| ME Range – ME 26 | 5, Gridded | | | |
| 50 | 0.6 | 10409814 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| ME Range – ME 27 | 7, Gridded | , | | |
| 47 | 0.8 | 10408970 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.8 | 10409970 | White/black grid 3.1 mm with pad, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.8 | 10409270 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 0.8 | 10405672 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| ME Range – ME 28 | B, Gridded | | | |
| 50 | 1.2 | 10408372 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 50 | 1.2 | 10408472 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |

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| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size µm | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| WME Range, Grid | ded | | | |
| 25 | 0.45 | 7141-002 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 25 | 0.8 | 7148-002 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7140-104 | Plain, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 7187-114 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-004 | White/black grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-104 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-114 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile, without pad | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-124 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 200 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-154 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile, without pad | 1000 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7141-204 | White/black grid 3.1 mm, autoclave pack, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7153-004 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7153-104 | Black/white grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7155-004 | Green/black grid 3.1 mm, sterile | 100 |

Teflon® (PTFE) Membranes

Whatman PTFE membranes are chemically stable and inert. They are suitable for applications involving aggressive organic solvents, strong acids and alkalis. PTFE membranes are particularly suitable for preparing samples for HPLC analysis. The hydrophobic nature of the membrane also has applications for air and gas sterilization. The membrane is laminated onto a nonwoven polypropylene support web for improved strength and handling and can be used at temperatures up to 120°C.

Chemically Stable and Inert

PTFE is the membrane of choice for use with aggressive solvents, liquids, and gases that can attack other membranes. It is resistant to most acids, alkalis, and solvents.

Applications

One of the major applications for the PTFE membrane is the clarification of corrosives, solvents, and aggressive fluids. This includes the important requirement in HPLC analysis for sample filtration where any solid particles can cause permanent damage to the column. The 0.5 µm pore size is normally used. Air and gas sterilization make use of the hydrophobic characteristics of PTFE membranes and their ability to stop aqueous aerosols. Usual pore sizes are 0.2 µm and 0.5 µm. Sterile venting of vacuum manifolds, fermentation vessels, and sterile filtrate tanks and containers utilize PTFE 0.2 µm membranes.



PTFE membrane

WTP and TE Membrane Ranges

WTP membranes use a polypropylene grid as the support material whereas the TE range uses a randomly arranged polypropylene support material.

Typical Data – Teflon (PTFE) Membranes

| Membrane Type | Thickness (µm) | Porosity (%) | Liquid Flow Rate $\Delta p = 0.9$ bar (s/100 ml/12.5 cm ²) | Liquid Flow Rate @ 10 psi Vacuum (ml/min/cm²) | Air Flow Rate $\Delta p = 3 \text{ mbar}$ (s/100 ml) | Air Flow Rate @ 10 psi Vacuum (I/min/cm²) | Bubble (psi) | Point (bar†) | Max. Temp. (°C) |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| TE Range | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 μm (TE 35) | 240 | _ | 24* | - | 70 | _ | 1.29 | 18.8 | 100 |
| 0.45 μm (TE 36) | 220 | - | 12* | - | 60 | _ | 0.89 | 13 | 100 |
| 1.0 μm (TE 37) | 275 | _ | 5.4* | _ | 24 | _ | 0.24 | 3.5 | 100 |
| 5.0 μm (TE 38) | 265 | _ | 2.2* | - | 3.5 | - | 0.19 | 2.9 | 100 |
| WTP Range | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 µm | 130 | 72 | _ | 61.4** | _ | 4.5 | 0.89 | 13 | 120 |
| 0.5 µm | 120 | 74 | _ | 110** | _ | 7.5 | 0.41 | 6 | 120 |
| 1.0 µm | 90 | 76 | _ | 445** | _ | 17 | 0.21 | 3 | 120 |

^{*} Measured with ethanol

Ordering Information – Teflon (PTFE) Membranes

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Quantity/Pack |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| WTP Range | | | |
| 25 | 0.2 | 7582-002 | 100 |
| 25 | 1.0 | 7590-002 | 100 |
| 37 | 1.0 | 7590-003 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 7582-004 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.5 | 7585-004 | 100 |
| 47 | 1.0 | 7590-004 | 100 |
| TE Range – TE 35 | | | |
| 25 | 0.2 | 10411405 | 50 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10411411 | 50 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10411413 | 50 |
| TE Range – TE 36 | | | |
| 25 | 0.45 | 10411305 | 50 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10411311 | 50 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10411313 | 50 |
| TE Range – TE 37 | | | |
| 25 | 1.0 | 10411205 | 50 |
| 47 | 1.0 | 10411211 | 50 |
| 50 | 1.0 | 10411213 | 50 |

cont.

^{**} Measured with acetone

[†] Measured using 2-propanol

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Quantity/Pack |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| TE Range – TE 38 | | | |
| 37 | 5.0 | 10411108 | 50 |
| 47 | 5.0 | 10411111 | 50 |
| 50 | 5.0 | 10411113 | 50 |
| 90 | 5.0 | 10411116 | 50 |
| 150 | 5.0 | 10411130 | 50 |

PM 2.5 Air Monitoring Membrane

A high-purity, thin PTFE membrane in a sequentially numbered chemically resistant polypropylene support ring for PM 2.5 ambient air monitoring. Whatman PM 2.5 membranes have low tare mass for accurate gravimetric determinations. The thermally stable design eliminates curling, keeps the membrane flat, and makes the filter robot-friendly.

The PM 2.5 PTFE membranes are manufactured under clean room conditions. These chemically resistant, low chemical background filters permit sensitive, interference-free determinations. No glues or adhesives are used in making these 46.2 mm diameter products.

Statement of Conformance

PTFE Filters for EPA PM 2.5 Reference Method. Under the requirements of 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L, shown below, the manufacturer must perform the following tests as listed.

Any filter manufacturer or vendor who sells or offers to sell filters specifically identified for use with this PM 2.5 reference method shall certify that the required number of filters from each lot (0.1% or 10, whichever is greater) of filters offered for sale have been tested as specified for the following tests and meet 90% of each of the design and performance specifications:

- Loose, surface particle contamination (drop test weight loss stability)
- Temperature stability (temperature weight loss stability)

Any filter manufacturer or vendor who sells or offers to sell filters specifically identified for use with this PM 2.5 reference method shall certify that a minimum number of 50 filters from each lot of filters offered for sale have been tested as specified for the following tests and meet 90% of each of the design and performance specifications:

- Filter type
- Filter diameter
- Filter thickness
- Filter pore size
- Support ring width
- Support ring thickness (total)

- Maximum pressure drop (clean filter)
- Maximum moisture pickup
- Collection efficiency
- Alkalinity
- Special requirements

These include trace metal analysis by XRF and visual inspection for defects such as pinholes, support ring separation, chaff or flashing, loose material, discoloration, filter nonuniformity or any other obvious filter defect.

Whatman hereby states that every manufacturing lot that is offered for sale, and is identified for use with the PM 2.5 reference method, conforms to EPA acceptance criteria.

Technical Specifications - PTFE Filters for use in US EPA PM 2.5 Ambient Air Monitoring

| Property | Test Method | Unit of Measure | Value | Range |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| PTFE filter media | N/A | N/A | PTFE | _ |
| Filter thickness | - | μm | 40 | ± 10 |
| Filter diameter | Template | mm | 46.2 | ± 0.25 |
| Filter pore size | ASTM F 316-94 | μm | 2.0 | Maximum |
| Support ring media | N/A | N/A | Polypropylene | _ |
| Total support ring thickness | - | mm | 0.38 | ± 0.04 |
| Support ring width | Template | mm | 3.68 | ± 0.00 - 0.51 |
| Particle retention (0.3 µm) | ASTM D 2986-95a | % | 99.7 | Minimum |
| Pressure drop (0.3 μm) @ 16.67 l/min | ASTM D 2986-95a | cm water | 30 | Maximum |
| Alkalinity | Section 2.12 EPA/600/R-94/038b | µeq/g of filter | < 25 | Maximum |
| Temperature weight loss stability | as above | μg | < 20 | Maximum |
| Drop test weight loss stability | as above | μg | < 20 | Maximum |
| Moisture weight gain stability | as above | μg | < 10 | Maximum |

Maximum Trace Element Concentration by X-Ray Fluorescence

| Ion | ng/cm² | lon | ng/cm² |
|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| Al | 94.4 | Sc | 7.2 | Ni | 3.0 | Br | 2.0 | Pd | 9.6 | Cs | 25 |
| Si | 32.8 | Ti | 13.8 | Cu | 2.8 | Rb | 2.0 | Ag | 9.6 | Ва | 32.2 |
| Р | 22.6 | V | 4.8 | Zn | 2.2 | Sr | 2.2 | Cd | 10.8 | La | 87.6 |
| S | 13.4 | Cr | 2.2 | Ga | 1.8 | Y | 14.6 | Sn | 15.2 | W | 5 |
| Cl | 9.4 | Mn | 2.2 | Ge | 3.0 | Zr | 13.2 | Sb | 14.4 | Au | 4.4 |
| K | 5.6 | Fe | 5.8 | As | 2.8 | Мо | 11.6 | Те | 16.2 | Hg | 4.4 |
| Са | 8.2 | Со | 4.0 | Se | 1.6 | Rh | 9.4 | I | 18.6 | Pb | 4.8 |

Ordering Information – PM 2.5 Air Monitoring Membrane

| Diameter (mm) | Catalog Number | Description | Quantity/Pack |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| 46.2 | 7592-104 | With support ring, sequentially numbered | 50 |

Nylon Membranes

High-quality nylon membranes are suitable for filtering aqueous solutions and most organic solvents. The membranes are suitable for use with a wide range of biological preparations and can be used where other membranes are unsuitable or difficult to use.

Nylon membranes are hydrophilic, eliminating the need for wetting agents that could be extracted when filtering aqueous solutions. The membranes are flexible, durable and tear resistant, and can be autoclaved at 135°C.

Applications

- Filtration of aqueous and organic mobile phases
- Vacuum degassing
- Filtration of tissue culture media, microbiological media, buffers, and solutions

Typical Data - Nylon Membranes

| Pore Size (µm) | Thickness (µm) | Fiber Releasing | Water Flow Rate @ 5 psi | Bubble Point (psi) | Maximum Temperature (°C) |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.2 | 150-187 | No | > 50 ml/min | 40-49 | 135 |
| 0.45 | 150-187 | No | > 60 ml/min | 34-42 | 135 |
| 0.8 | 137-200 | No | > 180 ml/min | > 13 | 135 |

Ordering Information - Nylon Membrane Circles

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Quantity/Pack |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 13 | 0.2 | 7402-001 | 100 |
| 13 | 0.45 | 7404-001 | 100 |
| 25 | 0.2 | 7402-002 | 100 |
| 25 | 0.45 | 7404-002 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 7402-004 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 7404-004 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.8 | 7408-004 | 100 |
| 47 | 1.0 | 7410-004 | 100 |
| 90 | 0.2 | 7402-009 | 50 |
| 90 | 0.45 | 7404-009 | 50 |

Polyamide Membranes

Whatman polyamide membranes are made from pure polyamide, making them the universal filter for clarification and sterile filtration.

Polyamide membrane filters are mechanically very strong and exhibit excellent wet strength and dry strength. They are hydrophilic, making them suitable for aqueous and organic solutions. The membrane filters can be used up to 135°C.



Polyamide membrane (0.45 µm, Type NL 17) electronic micrograph (magnification 1000×)

Typical Data - Polyamide Membranes

| Pore Size (µm) | Thickness (µm) | Water Flow Rate $\Delta p = 0.9 \text{ bar}$ (ml/min/cm ²) | Air Flow Rate $\Delta p = 3 \text{ mbar (bar)}$ (ml/min/cm²) | Bubble Point (bar) | Maximum Temperature (°C) |
|----------------|----------------|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.2 (NL 16) | 110 | 0.2 | 10 | 4.2 | 135 |
| 0.45 (NL 17) | 110 | 0.45 | 20 | 2.8 | 135 |

Ordering Information - Polyamide Membrane Circles

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Membrane Type | Quantity/Pack |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 25 | 0.2 | 10414006 | NL 16 | 100 |
| 25 | 0.45 | 10414106 | NL 17 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.2 | 10414012 | NL 16 | 100 |
| 47 | 0.45 | 10414112 | NL 17 | 100 |
| 50 | 0.2 | 10414014 | NL 16 | 100 |
| 50 | 0.45 | 10414114 | NL 17 | 100 |
| 142 | 0.45 | 10414131 | NL 17 | 25 |

Polyethersulfone (PES) Membranes

Whatman polyethersulfone (PES) membranes are hydrophilic, low protein binding, and stable in alkaline pH. Available in a 0.8 µm pore size, the PES membrane is recommended for aqueous applications and for biological samples. The Whatman PES membrane has a smooth surface that allows for easy enumeration of artifacts.

Ordering Information – PES Membrane Circles

| Diameter (mm) | Pore Size (µm) | Catalog Number | Quantity/Pack |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 47 | 0.8 | 111164 | 100 |



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