

FilterPES 0.2 micron

VALIDATION GUIDE



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► General information about filter cartridges FilterPES

In a pharmaceutical production process, filtration is a very important step. It guarantees the depletion of any particles or microbial contaminants from the drug being processed. The filtration process must meet high and well defined quality standards.

Filter cartridges validation is mandatory to ensure purity, security and effectiveness to a pharmaceutical product.

The purpose of this document is to supply with useful information every End User of FilterPES filter cartridges. 0.2 µm rated, operating in pharmaceutical applications. The document provides all references about test methods used and results obtained confirming cartridges conformity to the applicable requirements.

FilterPES filter cartridges 0.2 micron rated are designed and manufactured for use in production of sterile liquids in pharmaceutical industry. Materials used for the assembly of the cartridges, both the Nylon membrane and the Polypropylene polymer used for the hardware supports, had been selected for the specific application meeting the current regulations.

All the assembling steps are carried out by means of thermal bonding processes, without adding adhesive material. *FilterPES* are made in controlled contamination clean room and tested prior shipment by QA & QC IPM labs, following internal procedures, in order to meet the reference values set.

A wide range of product configurations are available. IPM Filters assigns a unique ID number to each product specific to its source of supply to enable traceability in combination with its lot number. The identification of the *FilterPES* filter cartridges are made using the following part number guide:

PES	2	10	002	S	I	PH
	Configuration adapter	Lenght	Filtration rating	Gaskets/ O-rings	Insert	Version
Product identification PES	2= bayonet 2.226/flat 3= 2.222/flat 5= bayonet 2.222/fin 7= bayonet 2.226/fin 8= 2.222/fin	10=10" 20=20" 30=30" 40=40"	002= 0.2 µm	S= silicone V= Viton® X= other** ** pl.se contact IPM	I= SS insert* 0= no SS insert * use SS insert when you steam sterilize the filter	PH= Pharma version
	J= Junior cartridge	02=2.5" 05=5.0"				

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► Filter cartridges FilterPES 0,2 µm-technical characteristics

Materials of construction				
Membrane	Polietersulfone (PES)			
Support layers	Polypropylene (PP)			
Cartridge supports	Polypropylene (PP)			
O-rings	Silicone			
Technical characteristics				
Filtration area	0.78 m ² (10'' module)			
Pores size	0.2 µm			
Length	Cartridges are available with the following dimensions: 5'' JUNIOR (125 mm), 10'' (250 mm), 20'' (500 mm), 30'' (750 mm)			
Retention characteristics				
Bacterial retention	Retention of 10 ⁷ CFU/cm ² Brevundimonas diminuta (ATCC 19146), as per ASTM F838-05.			
Mechanical characteristics				
Hydraulic Stress Resistance	FilterPES filter cartridges 0,2 µm rated showed to retain their diffusion and integrity characteristics after the following hydraulic stress tests			
	Water Pressure (bar)	N° of strokes	Water temperature (°C)	Flow direction
	5.0	50	20±5	Forward
	2.0	50	20±5	Reverse
Thermal Stress Resistance	FilterPES filter cartridges 0,2 µm rated showed to retain their diffusion and integrity characteristics after the following thermal stress tests			
	Temperature Test (°C)	Pressure Test (bar)	Cycle Time ¹ (hours)	N° of cycles (in autoclave)
	121	1.15	1	50
Estractables				
Estractables	FilterPES 0.2 filter cartridges meet USP<661>.			
Conformity of materials to the rules for food contact	The materials used to produce the FilterPES 0,2 µm cartridge filters were confirmed to be compliant with the requirements for food contact prescribed in Reg. N° 1935/2004/EEC and meet the FDA Indirect Food Additive requirements cited in 21 CFR 177 – 182.			
Biological reactivity				
Toxicity of materials	All the materials of the FilterPES 0,2 µm filter cartridges meet the requirements of USP<87> ("Biological Reactivity Test in vitro for Class VI Plastics") and USP<88> ("Biological Reactivity Test in vivo for Class VI Plastics – Safety Test").			
Release of particles and/or Endotoxins				
Bacterial endotoxins	< 0.25 EU/mL of aqueous extract as per USP<85>.			
Non-fibre releasing	FilterPES 0.2 µm filter cartridges satisfy the requirements as per USP<788>			

¹ Total time considering warming up time of 15 minutes; 30 minutes at test temperature and 15 minutes for cooling down to ambient temperature.

►Bacteria removal efficiency

Regulator Authorities FDA and EMA, set the rule to demonstrate the sterilizing action of a filter before to start to use it in pharmaceutical applications. Therefore, the sterilizing grade of a filter cannot be set only by the rating of pores dimension.

In order to consider a filter of sterilizing grade it must be submitted to a process simulation challenging it by a bacterial suspension of *Brevundimonas diminuta* ATCC 19146 at the concentration of not less than 10^7 CFU/cm². The downstream fluid must be sterile.

This must be done both for the qualification of the membrane, using 47 mm discs, and for the qualification of the production process of cartridges and / or filter capsules.

The correlation between the microbial retention and the non-destructive integrity test is another very important aspect of the validation of a pharmaceutical grade filter cartridge.

The Regulator Authorities require a procedure to control the filter both prior and after the use.

According to the ASTM F838-05 method, the tests demonstrate the ability of membranes, used to produce FilterPES, to fully retain a *Brevundimonas diminuta* bacterial charge of 10^7 CFU/cm².

Hereinafter are reported the Challenge tests results made on a 10" FilterPES filter cartridges 0.2 µm rated, to validate its process of production.

You can also find the correlation between the retention and the diffusion test.

This correlation is important to set the maximum diffusion flow acceptance limit to guarantee that the filter will produce a sterile effluent.

► Filter cartridge type PES 7 10 002 S I – PH correlation diffusion vs retention

To perform the test, 20 filter cartridges were withdrawn from normal production. Each cartridge has been tested by diffusion test at 2200 mbarg and then challenged by a suspension of *Brevundimonas diminuta* at the concentration $>10^7$ CFU/cm². Numerical and graphical results are reported in Table 1 and Figure 2 respectively. The filter cartridges PES 7 10 002 S I – PH meet acceptability criteria on performance basis.

LOT N°	DIFFUSION AT 2200 mbar ml/min	DOWNSTREAM STERILITY	TITLE REDUCTION
6733/34	14,5	Si	$> 1,2 \times 10^8$
6945/45	14,7	Si	$> 1,7 \times 10^8$
7045/28	15,0	Si	$> 1,3 \times 10^8$
6733/27	15,0	Si	$> 1,5 \times 10^8$
7045/26	15,5	Si	$> 1,4 \times 10^8$
6945/15	15,5	Si	$> 1,2 \times 10^8$
7045/39	16,0	Si	$> 1,6 \times 10^8$
7045/04	16,0	Si	$> 1,2 \times 10^8$
6945/22	16,0	Si	$> 1,7 \times 10^8$
6733/50	16,5	Si	$> 1,1 \times 10^8$
7045/36	16,5	Si	$> 1,8 \times 10^8$
7045/10	17,0	Si	$> 1,6 \times 10^8$
7045/32	17,0	Si	$> 1,1 \times 10^8$
6733/25	17,5	Si	$> 1,4 \times 10^8$
7045/37	17,5	Si	$> 1,2 \times 10^8$
6945/34	17,5	Si	$> 1,8 \times 10^8$
6733/02	18,0	Si	$> 1,6 \times 10^8$
6733/51	19,5	Si	$> 1,1 \times 10^9$
6945/13	20,5	No	$1,6 \times 10^6$
6945/23	23,0	No	$1,4 \times 10^6$
7045/30	24,5	Si	$> 1,6 \times 10^8$

*Table 1- Filter PES: PES 7 10 002 S I - PH filter cartridges 0.2 μ m
Results of bacterial retention test*

On performance basis, FilterPES filter cartridges PES 7 10 002 S I - PH 0.2 micron rated meet acceptability criteria and are considered to be a sterilizing filters within a maximum diffusion value of 22.0 mL/min.

Biological and extractables tests

►Bacterial endotoxins – current USP <85>

The test was used to measure bacterial endotoxins released from FilterPES filter cartridge 0.2 micron rated. The test was carried out according to the Current USP<85> using the Chromogenic Method to measure the amount of endotoxins released by a filter cartridge type FilterPES 0,2 micron.

The sample cartridge was filled with a pyrogen-free water and then treated by an ultrasonic device in order to enhance endotoxins extraction.

Water samples obtained was then submitted to the analysis.

The lab test shows bacterial endotoxins level released by the filter cartridge FilterPES.

The test results demonstrate the absence of endotoxins release from FilterPES cartridges.

LOT N°	METHOD	RESULTS
5953/15	USP current version<85>	<0.25 EU/mL
6733/39	USP current version<85>	<0.25 EU/mL
5885/22	USP current version<85>	<0.25 EU/mL

Table 2-LAL test results

►Extractables – current USP<661>

Test scope is to measure the amount of non-volatile residual released by the cartridge treated with WFI water. The extraction tests were run in static conditions for 24 hours at 70 °C. A portion of liquid extracted was evaporated to dryness and then submitted to non-volatile residual (NVR) measure.

NVR test results are reported in table 3.

LOT N°	NVR
3104/03	<5 mg
5750/09	<5 mg
5606/55	<5 mg

Table 3-Results of tests carried out according to cUSP<661>

FilterPES 0.2 micron meet USP<661> requirements.

►Chemical compatibility

The following table lists chemical compatibility of FilterPES filter cartridge 0.2 micron rated, when challenged with chemical products. Chemical compatibility is influenced by several parameters (temperature, concentration, contact time). IPM suggests that the Customers check chemical compatibility running a test at the same process conditions, before to use a FilterPES cartridge 0.2 micron. IPM remains available, if requested, to supply the Customer with technical support..

CHEMICAL CLASSIFICATION	COMPOUND (Test Conditions 7days at 20°C)	RESULTS
ACIDS	Acetic acid, 90%	R
	Acetic acid, 30%	R
	Acetic acid, 10%	R
	Hydrochloric acid, conc. (35%)	R
	Hydrochloric acid, 6N (20%)	R
	Hydrochloric acid, 1N (3.3%)	R
	Nitric Acid, conc. (67%)	N
	Nitric acid, 6N (27%)	R
	Sulphuric acid, conc. (96%)	N
ALCOHOLS	Sulphuric acid, 6N (16%)	-
	Amvl alcohol	N
	Benzyl alcohol	N
	Butyl alcohol	R
	Ethanol (Ethyl alcohol)	R
	Isopropanol	R
AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS	Methanol	R
	Benzene	R
	Toluene	R
	Xylene	R
BASES	Ammonium hydroxide, 3N (5.7%)	R
	Ammonium hydroxide, 6N (11.4%)	R
	Potassium hydroxide, 3N (15%)	R
	Sodium hydroxide, 3N (11%)	R
	Sodium hydroxide, 6N (22%)	R
ESTERS	Amvl acetate	R
	Butyl acetate	R
	Cellosolve acetate	R
	Ethyl acetate	N
	Isopropyl acetate	R
ETHERS	Methyl acetate	N
	Ethyl ether	R
	Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	N
GLYCOLS	THF in water (50:50)	-
	Ethylene glycol	R
	Glycerol	R
HALOGENATED HYDROCARBONS	Propylene glycol	R
	Carbon tetrachloride	R
	Chloroform	N
	Ethylene dichloride	N
KETONES	Methylene chloride	N
	Acetone	N
	Cyclohexanone	N
	Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)	N
OILS	Methyl isobutyl ketone	R
	Cottonseed	R
MISCELLANEOUS	Peanut	R
	Acetonitrile	R
	Dimethyl-Formamide (DMF)	N
	Formaldehyde (37%)	R
	Hexane	L
	Pyridine	N

Table 4- FilterPES 0.2 micron cartridges Chemical Compatibility
(R=recommended; L=Limited resistance; N=Not Recommended; « - » Insufficient Data

Biological Safety Test

► "In vitro" Biological Reactivity Test - Class VI Plastic Materials (cUSP<87>)

Test scope is to evaluate biological toxicity of FilterPES cartridges 0.2 micron . The cartridge (O-rings included) is submitted to extraction with extractive solutions following related recipes provided for by current USP <87>. Test results are recorded as reactivity degree ranging from 0 (none reactivity) to 4 (high reactivity)

LOT N°	TEST	METHOD	RESULTS
3104/03	cytotoxicity	cUSP <87>	Reactivity grade = 0
6945/45	cytotoxicity	cUSP <87>	Reactivity grade = 0
5831/53	cytotoxicity	cUSP <87>	Reactivity grade = 0

Table 5-Results of tests carried out according to current USP<87>

Test results carried out according to USP<87>,.demonstrate lack of "in vitro" biological reactivity by FilterPES filter cartridges 0.2 micron rated.

➤ **“In Vivo” Biological Reactivity Test - Class VI Plastic Materials – Safety Test (cUSP<88>)**

Test scope is to evaluate the “in vivo” reactivity of FilterPES cartridge according to the method provided for by USP <88>.

Test results are compared with USP acceptability limits.

The results are reported in the table.

LOT N°	TEST	RESULTS
3104/58	Intracutaneous Test	Conform
	Systemic Injection Test	Conform
	Implantation Test	Conform
6945/19	Intracutaneous Test	Conform
	Systemic Injection Test	Conform
	Implantation Test	Conform
5831/11	Intracutaneous Test	Conform
	Systemic Injection Test	Conform
	Implantation Test	Conform

Table 6-Results of the tests carried out according current USP<88>

Test results carried out according to USP<88>,.demonstrate lack of “in vivo” biological reactivity by FilterPES filter cartridges 0.2 micron rated.

►Physical characteristics

►Hydraulic stress test

Test purpose is to demonstrate the capability of FilterPES 0.2 micron cartridges to tolerate hydraulic stress at ambient temperature (20±5 °C). 10" FilterPES cartridges were installed inside an holder, wetted with water and fluxed at 2 bar during 20 minutes at least. After the wetting cycle was run a diffusion test.

If the cartridge passes the diffusion test, is then washed with a direct flux during 10 minutes, with 50 sudden pressure strokes from 0 to 5.0 bar. The same cartridge is then back-flushed at 2.0 bar per 10 minutes, with 50 sudden pressure strokes from 0 to 5.0 bar.

This test is repeated 50 times in both flux directions- Every 10 stress cycle every single cartridge is controlled by integrity diffusion test.

Diffusion test is performed at 2200 mbar. Acceptability limit of diffusion test was set at 22.0 mL/min. The following table reports diffusion test results run before and after the stress test.

LOT N°	DIFFUSION BEFORE STRESS TEST (mL/min)	DIFFUSION AFTER STRESS TEST (mL/min)
6644/45	16.0	15.5
6644/34	17.0	18.0
6644/18	16.0	17.5
6544/46	15.0	16.0
6544/12	15.0	16.5
6733/03	17.5	18.5
6945/43	14.5	15.5
6544/21	15.5	16.5
7045/53	17.5	19.5

Table 7-Results of hydraulic stress test run on FilterPES filter cartridges

Test results confirm the high resistances of FilterPES filter cartridges to hydraulic stress, even changing pressure and flux direction.

► Thermal stress test

The purpose of this test is to determine FilterPES filter cartridges (10") resistance to multiple steam sterilization. The test has been carried out at 121 °C as provided for an appropriate steam sterilization.

After a diffusion test the cartridge is submitted to 50 sterilization cycles. Every 10 cycles diffusion test is repeated. Sterilization cycles follow the schedule below

STEP	TEMPERATURE (°C)	PRESSURE (bar)
STERILIZATION	121±1	1.14±0.04
WARM UP	96→121	0.00→1.15

Table 8-Sterilising cycle program

Diffusion tests were run at 2200 mbar with a limit of acceptability of 22.0 mL / min. The results are reported in the following table

:

LOT N°	DIFFUSION BEFORE STRESS TEST (mL/min)	DIFFUSION AFTER STRESS TEST (mL/min)
6644/01	16.0	18.5
6644/09	17.0	18.5
6644/11	16.0	17.5
6544/33	14.0	16.0
6544/41	15.0	16.5
6733/05	16.0	17.0
6945/17	15.8	18.0
6544/44	15.5	16.5
7045/28	16.5	17.5

Table 9-FilterPES cartridges Thermal Stress Test results

Test results confirm the high resistance to thermal stress of FilterPES cartridges.

► Differential pressure vs water flow rate

The test measures the pressure drop when different flow rates are fluxed across the filter cartridge membrane. All data are referred to temperature of 20 ± 5 °C.

10" FiterPES cartridges typical pressure drop vs flow rate curve, is shown in the following graph.

Within the typical flow rate range of usage, FilterPES cartridges guarantee initial pressure drops less than 0.2 bar (flow rate <1200 L/h per 10" cartridge)

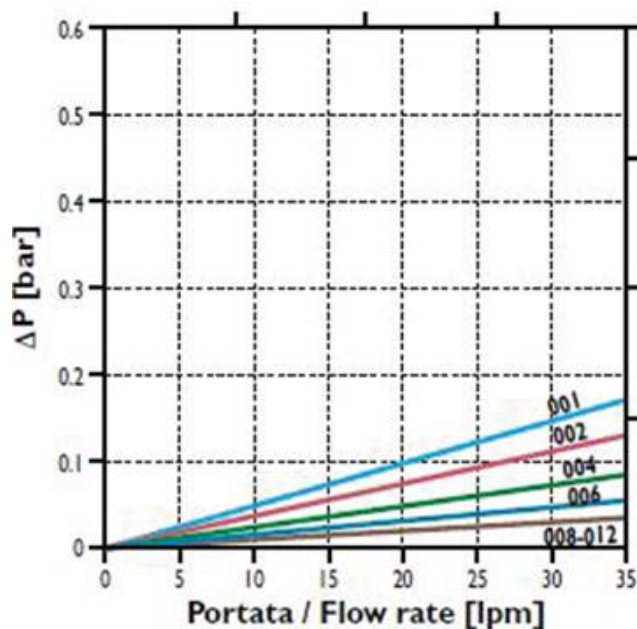


Figure 1-Water Flow Rate vs pressure drop graph.

➤ Attachment

➤ Sample of Certificate of Conformity enclose in every packaging of cartridge type –PH

Every cartridge type –PH (which can be used in pharmaceutical productions) is shipped together with a Conformity Certificate (CoC) / Lot traceability. Here following a facsimile:

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TIPO FILTRO

Filter PLS

IAOD.

PES 710.002-PH

LOT.

I/N: XXXX

Controllo visivo e dimensionale:

Visual and dimensional check:

Contrôle visuel et dimensionnel

Inspección visual y control dimensional:

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Risultato - Result - Résultat - Resultado.

Test di integrità (diffusione):

Integrity test (diffusion):

Test d'intégrité (diffusion):

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