

Zeta Plus™ VR Series

Depth Filter Cartridges & Capsules

Application

The removal and/or inactivation of contaminating viruses from biotherapeutics is a requisite for ensuring final product safety. Zeta Plus VR Series cartridge depth filters remove significant levels of viruses from biological fluids. They provide validatable viral titer reduction, high flow rates, scalability, economy, disposability and ease-of-use in the biological manufacturing environment. The Zeta Plus VR Series includes specific filter media recommendations for virus removal from blood plasma proteins and bioprocess-derived cell culture fluids.

Virus Removal Applications for Zeta Plus VR Media:

- Processing of human plasma-derived proteins
- Recombinant proteins from cell culture and fermentation
- Monoclonal antibodies
- Serum and other raw materials derived from animal sources

Zeta Plus depth filtration offers an attractive and economical alternative to other available technologies for reduction of viral burden. Zeta Plus VR Series depth filters can be used as a bolt-on processing step to existing in-process viral clearance methodologies, providing an added measure of end-product safety.

Zeta Plus VR Series filter media is a family of cellulosic depth filtration media designed to retain contaminants by both physical entrapment and ion exchange adsorption. It is composed of high-area process filter aids embedded in a cellulose fiber depth matrix. During the manufacturing process, a cationic charge modifier is chemically bound to the



Zeta Plus VR Series For
Enhanced Log Reduction
of Viruses From Biological
Fluids

Features & Benefits

Combined ion exchange & physical entrapment virus removal mechanisms.

- Validatable viral log reduction.
- Provides added level of viral safety.

Economical “bolt-on” separation technology as adjunct or pre-filter to other viral clearance steps.

- Provides added level of validatable viral clearance.
- Can replace or augment chromatography columns or function as prefilter to final virus removal membrane filter.

Quality Control tested for media ion exchange capacity.

- Assurance of filter media consistency & performance.

Self-contained, single-use disposable capsules & cartridge modules

- Single-use, disposable design eliminates validation concerns associated with reusable clearance options (chromatography column sanitization & regeneration).

Range of cartridge sizes, sanitary design cartridge housings & disposable capsules.

- Facilitates scaleup from small volume feasibility trials & validation studies to production scale operations.



Zeta Plus VR Series filter media is available in a wide range of cartridge sizes including 8-, 12-, and 16-inch diameter filter cartridges for varying flow rates and batch volumes. CUNO's sanitary design ZPC and ZPB Zeta Plus filter housings are designed for pharmaceutical and biological manufacturing environments. For more information on Zeta Plus sanitary filter housings, request CUNO literature numbers LITZPH1P2 and LITHSZPBC.

matrix components, forming a permanent, interconnected, rigid depth filter with positively-charged electrokinetic capture sites. The resulting porous depth filter structure is a tortuous network of adsorptive flow channels capable of retaining contaminating viruses through a combination of anion exchange adsorption and mechanical entrapment. Cumulative viral titer reduction may also be attainable through a staged two-step Zeta Plus system.

Zeta Plus™ depth filtration is a key component in biopharmaceutical production schemes for clarifying cell culture fluids (cell separation) and is utilized world wide in the fractionation of human and animal plasma proteins.

Zeta Plus VR Series Filter Selection

A range of cartridge sizes is available for varying batch size, so scale-up is easy and predictable from lab-scale, to pilot plant, to full production scale. Three different cartridge sizes (8, 12 and 16-inch diameter) make scale-up straight forward and predictable. Zeta Plus cartridges are used in a flow-through mode, enabling the process stream to be passed through the filter cartridge while viruses are retained within the depth filter matrix. Small, low area disposable BC capsules are available for laboratory scale and process development work and are ideal for scaled down viral validation studies.

Zeta Plus VR Series Disposable Capsules, Filter Cartridges, and Filter Sheets—Configured to Suit Your Every Need

Zeta Plus VR Series filter products are highly scaleable and can be used for applications ranging from milliliter lab volumes to production scale cGMP operations. Filter media is available in the following configurations:

VR Filter Sheets: VR filter media is available in a range of filter sheet sizes to fit plate-and-frame filter presses (contact CUNO for specific sheet sizes and part numbers).

BC Disposable VR Filter Capsules: VR filter media is available in three different sizes of BC disposable capsules for bench scale and pilot scale filtration. For more information on BC disposable assemblies, including operating specifications, request CUNO literature number LITZPBC1.

VR Filter Cartridges and Sanitary Housings: VR filter media is available in 8-inch, 12-inch and 16-inch diameter, easy-to-use, disposable cartridges. A range of sanitary design Zeta Plus filter housings is available for VR Series cartridges.

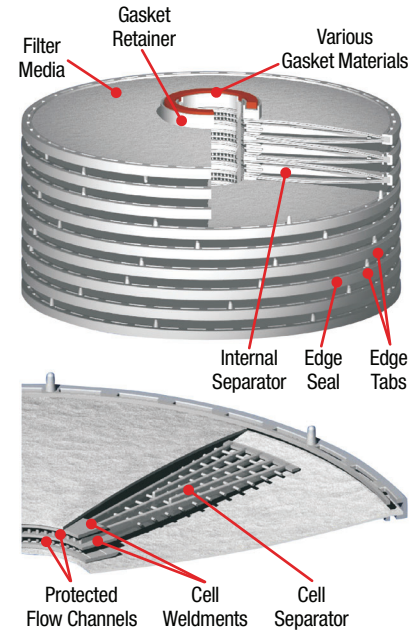
Table 1: Selection of Zeta Plus VR Series Filter Media

Filter Media Choice	Recommended For:					
	Plasma Proteins	Cell Culture Proteins	Nominal Retention Rating (µm)	20°C Water Flow @ 5 psid (gpm/ft²)	Autoclavable or In-situ Steam Sterilizable	[AI3+] in 20°C water @ 5L/ft² (ppb)
VR 01	•		0.8	1.2	No	40
VR 02	•	•	0.8	1.9	Yes	20
VR 03		•	0.8	1.2	Yes	40
VR 04	•		0.45	0.9	No	20
VR 05		•	0.2	0.4	Yes	40
VR 06	•	•	0.2	0.6	Yes	20
VR 07	•	•	0.2	0.4	Yes	60

Recommended Operating Parameters

Nominal Retention Ratings	0.2 to 0.8 micron
Maximum Operating Pressure	VR Cartridges: 35 psi maximum cartridge pressure drop. BC25 Capsules: 40 psig max. inlet pressure, 35 psi max. media pressure drop. BC1000/2000 Series Capsules: 80 psig at 25° C, 40psig at 60° C, max. inlet pressure; 35 psi max. cartridge pressure drop.
Maximum Operating Temperature	Zeta Plus VR 02, 03, 05, 06, & 07 Cartridges: 82° C. Zeta Plus VR 01 & 04 Cartridges: 60° C. BC25 Capsules: 40° C. BC1000 / 2000 Capsules: 60° C.
Recommended Pre-use Rinse	1.3 gal/ft² at 0.5 gpm/ ft², 50 L/m² at 20 L/m²/min.
Sterilization Parameters	All media grades can be autoclaved or <i>in-situ</i> steam sterilized, except VR 01 & VR 04 (refer to Table 1). Zeta Plus VR Series Cartridges: In-situ steam sterilized or autoclaved, for 30 minutes at 121°C (1 cycle). BC25: Autoclave for 30 minutes at 121°C (1 cycle). BC1000/2000: Autoclave for 30 minutes at 121°C (up to 3 cycles).
Recommended Flow Rates	BC25: 3 - 30 ml/min. BC1000/2000 & VR Cartridges: 0.065 gpm/ft², 2.5 L/m²/min.

Cartridge Construction



Viral Reduction Validation

Many factors influence the choice of process steps to be studied when performing viral clearance evaluation and validation. Viral clearance validation studies are performed with a select panel of model viruses. Different model viruses are chosen to validate blood and plasma products, and separately, cell-culture derived products.

Virus removal efficiency may be dependent on fluid and processing conditions and is best determined during qualification and validation studies using suitable virus model systems in a controlled laboratory study. Contact CUNO Scientific Applications Support Services (SASS) for further technical advice concerning validation of viral reduction with Zeta Plus VR Series depth filters.

Data is available which confirms the ability of Zeta Plus VR Series depth filter media to function as an effective and validatable viral log reduction filter. Table 2 illustrates results for a reported viral clearance study utilizing Zeta Plus VR depth filters.

Quality Control of Zeta Plus VR Series Filters

CUNO applies rigorous Quality Control testing and standards both during in-process manufacturing and during final lot release. This testing ensures consistent filter media performance in critical virus removal applications. A Certificate of Quality is provided with each Zeta Plus VR Series filter cartridge and disposable BC capsule.

Each grade of Zeta Plus VR Series filter media is Quality Control tested on a lot release basis for the presence and magnitude of positive charge.

Table 2: Viral Clearance In An Immunoglobulin Production Process
Cumulative Virus Titer Reduction (Log₁₀)

Process Step	BVD	EMC	HIV	PPV	PRV
Solvent detergent	>4.3	—	>5.3	—	>7.3
Supernatant III	1.4	4.3	6.1	4.7	3.8
Zeta Plus VR 03 Depth Filtration	4.8	4.5	4.7	3.7	5.4
Total Cumulative Reduction	>10.5	8.8	>16.1	8.4	>16.6

Source: D. Revie, *Novel Validation Approaches to Obtain Maximum Viral Clearance from an Immunoglobulin Production Process*, IBC 2nd International Symposium on Viral Clearance, Philadelphia, PA, June, 1998.

Effective Filtration Area	
BC25 Capsule	3.9 in² (25 cm²)
BC1000 Capsule	0.7 ft² (650 cm²)
BC2000 Capsule	1.4 ft² (1300 cm²)
45109 (8-inch diameter cartridge, 8-cell)	2.8 ft² (0.26 m²)
45167 (8-inch diameter cartridge, 7-cell, o-ring plug-in)	2.5 ft² (0.23 m²)
Z8FA2NPX2 (8-inch diameter cartridge, 2-cell plug-in)	0.7 ft² (650 cm²)
Z8FA4NPX2 (8-inch diameter cartridge, 4-cell plug-in)	1.4 ft² (1300 cm²)
45264 (12-inch diameter cartridge, 7-cell bodyfeed)	7.2 ft² (0.67 m²)
45245 (12-inch diameter cartridge, 16-cell)	16.4 ft² (1.5 m²)
Z16P (16-inch, 14-cell, netted)	34.7 ft² (3.2 m²)

Zeta Plus™ VR Series Ordering Guide

8" Diameter Cartridges

Catalog Number	Configuration	VR Series
45109 (8" 8-cell)	11 - Nitrile 13 - Fluorocarbon 14 - EPR 22 - Silicone 23 - Expanded PTFE	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04
45167 (8" 7-cell, O-ring plug-in)	01 - Nitrile 02 - EPR 03 - Fluorocarbon 04 - Silicone	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04
Z8FA2NP (8" 2-cell, plug-in) Z8FA4NP (8" 4-cell, plug-in)	01 - Nitrile 02 - EPR 03 - Fluorocarbon 04 - Silicone	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04
	Pkg Code 2	

16" Diameter Cartridges

Catalog Number	Gasket Material	VR Series
Z16P (16" 14-cell)	A - Silicone B - Fluorocarbon C - EPR D - Nitrile	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04

BC Capsules

Catalog Number	VR Series
BC0025L (Luer) BC0025S (Sanitary) BC1000A (Single pack) BC1000B (3 pack) BC2000A (Single pack) BC2000B (3 pack)	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04

12" Diameter Cartridges

Catalog Number	Geometric Variation	Gasket Material	VR Series
45264 (12" 7-cell, Bodyfeed) 45245 (12" 16-cell)	01 - Standard Polypropylene	A - Silicone B - Fluorocarbon C - EPR D - Nitrile	VR01 VR05 VR02 VR06 VR03 VR07 VR04

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