# FNM Cartridge Filters

## Nylon 6,6 Membrane



FNM Membrane Filter Cartridges are designed to comply with all FDA requirements for the food industry. Nylon is particularly well suited for water and syrup filtration. Nylon is not recommended for filtering fermented beverages or liquids with high protein content. Contact Critical Process Filtration to discuss using this cartridge as a low cost alternative in compressed gas filtration. These cartridges have been rinsed with high purity water to ensure that manufacturing debris will not contaminate your product. This washing also removes extractables that may affect the taste of the product.

## **Construction Materials**

Filtration Media	Nylon 6,6 Membrane		
Media Support	Polypropylene		
End Caps	Polypropylene		
Center Core	Polypropylene		
Outer Support Cage	Polypropylene		
Sealing Method	Thermal Bonding		
O-rings	Buna, Viton® (or FKM), EP, Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Viton (or FKM)		

## **Total Performance**

Critical Process Filtration, Inc. is a vertically integrated manufacturer of filtration products to industries in which filtration is considered a critical part of the manufacturing process. We supply a complete line of products and services to help you cost effectively satisfy all your filtration requirements from a single source.



## Applications

- ♦ Syrup
- Bottled Water
- Soft Drinks
- Process Water

## **Integrity Test Specifications**

#### Water-wetted membrane

Pore Size	Air Diffusion Rate		
0.10 µm	< 30 cc/min at 48 psig (3.3 barg)		
0.22 μm	< 30 cc/min at 35 psig (2.4 barg)		
0.45 μm	< 30 cc/min at 20 psig (1.4 barg)		
0.65 μm	< 30 cc/min at 15 psig (1.0 barg)		

## Dimensions

Length	5 to 40 in. (12.7 to 101.6 cm) nominal
Outside Diameter	2.75 in. (7.0 cm) nominal
Filtration Area	7.0 ft² (0.65 m²) per 10 in. length

## Maximum Operating Parameters

Differential Pressure

<ul> <li>Forward (in water)</li> </ul>	50 psid (3.4 bard) 20 °C (68 °F)
• Reverse	40 psid (2.7 bard) at 20 °C (68 °F)
Operating Temperature	82 °C (180 °F) at 10 psid (0.69 bard) in water
Recommended Changeout Pressure	35 psid (2.4 bard)

## Sanitization/Sterilization

Filtered Hot Water	90 °C (194 °F), 30 minutes, multiple cycles, max 3 psid forward flow
Autoclave	121 °C (250 °F), 30 min, multiple cycles
In-line Steam	135 °C (275 °F), 30 min, multiple cycles

For all elevated temperature procedures above, a stainless steel support ring is required.

#### **Chemical Sanitization**

Nylon does not tolerate aggressive chemical sanitization protocols. Nylon membrane cartridges are best sanitized with 1% hydrogen peroxide or 1% hydrogen peroxide and peracetic acid. Various manufacturers use different concentrations of active ingredients. Refer and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for sanitizing nylon membrane.

## FDA and EC Compliance

All Critical Process Filtration cartridge filters are designed to meet the FDA requirements for processing food and beverage products. The materials used to construct food & beverage grade filters are listed by the FDA as appropriate for use in articles intended for repeated food contact as specified in Title 21 CFR sections 174.5, 177.1500, 177.1520, 177.1630, 177.2440 and 177.2600 as appropriate. FNM filters comply with Title 21 CFR sections 210.3 (b)(6) and 211.72, for non-fiber releasing filters. All materials used to make the filters are listed in European Commission Regulation EU/10/2011, Annex 1.

#### Extractables

Food & beverage grade filters typically exhibit low levels of non-volatile residues.

## Flow Rate

The Typical Flow Rates table represents typical water flow at ambient temperature and a 1 psid (69 mbard) pressure differential across a single 10 in. cartridge element. Extrapolation for housings with multiple elements and higher pressure drops is acceptable, but as flows increase the pressure drop of the housing becomes more apparent.

#### **Typical Flow Rates**

Pore Size	0.10 µm	0.22 μm	0.45 μm	0.65 µm
GPM	1.0	1.8	3.0	4.2
LPM	3.79	6.81	11.36	15.90

## Quality Assurance and Standards

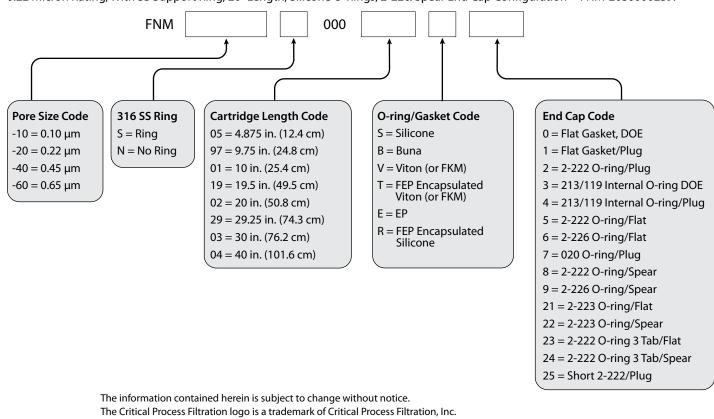
Our goal is to ensure our customers the greatest possible value for their filtration dollar. Our state of the art manufacturing facility and quality management system both meet ISO 9001:2008 standards. Each operation from assembly and test to cleaning, drying, and packaging is done in appropriately rated clean rooms. A sophisticated MRP system collects and processes real time data from manufacturing centers and inspection points. This allows variable and attribute data to be quickly and easily analyzed driving constant improvements in both quality and cost.

#### Validation

FNM cartridges are validated using test procedures that comply with the intent of both ASTM F 838-05 and HIMA protocols for the determination of bacterial retention in filters used for liquid filtration. The challenge level is 10<sup>7</sup> organisms per cm<sup>2</sup> of filter media: 0.10  $\mu$ m challenged with *Acholeplasma laidlawii*; 0.22  $\mu$ m challenged with *Brevundimonas diminuta*; 0.45  $\mu$ m challenged with Serratia marcescens; 0.65  $\mu$ m challenged with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

## **Ordering Information**

Cartridge order numbers have several variables from pore size to end cap type. For example, Food & Beverage Grade Nylon 6,6 Membrane, 0.22 Micron Rating, With SS Support Ring, 20" Length, Silicone O-Rings, 2-226/Spear End Cap Configuration = FNM-20S00002S9.



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