# Glass Fiber Filter (45 mm, EO-treated)

#### 1 Components

#### 1.1 Product content

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REF	740564
Glass Fiber Filter	50 discs
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# 1.2 Reagents, consumables, and equipment to be supplied by user

The product is recommended to be used in conjunction with NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> eDNA Water (REF 740402). For details, required materials, and recommended filtration equipment see user manual of the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> eDNA Water kit.

#### 2 Product description

The Glass Fiber Filter (45 mm, EO-treated) is a filter disc recommended for the filtration of water samples from aquatic ecosystems for subsequent isolation of eDNA from the filter with the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> eDNA Water kit. This filter is recommended for this application due to its outstanding properties: high flow rate, large volume filtration and high retention of eDNA.

The filters are pre-treated with ethylene oxide (EO) for highest certainty of a DNA-free state.

Consumables used in eDNA research need to be treated carefully to prevent DNA contamination. MACHEREY-NAGEL therefore has a stringently controlled production process to avoid DNA contamination of consumables. Further, MACHEREY-NAGEL uses ethylene oxide (EO) treatment to remove amplifiable DNA, which might still be introduced during the manufacturing process. MACHEREY-NAGEL Glass Fiber Filters (REF 740564) are EO treated. This means, any DNA present on the filter disc after production is inactivated by treatment with ethylene oxide in order to prevent PCR amplification of DNA contaminants.

Ethylene oxide treatment has been shown to be the method of choice to prevent DNA profiles due to DNA contamination (Shaw et al. 2008; Int J Legal Med 122: 29–33).

# UV Gamma Electron beam Ethylene oxide

Full profile Partial profile (loadable) Partial profile (unloadable) No profile

Figure 1 According to Shaw et al., 2008, Comparison of the effect of sterilization techniques on subsequent DNA profilling Int J Med 122: 29–33

#### 2.1 The basic principle

Water from aquatic ecosystems is filtered through the Glass Fiber Filter. Subsequently, eDNA can be isolated from the filter with the use of the NucleoSpin<sup>®</sup> eDNA Water kit.

### 2.2 Product specifications

Kind	Glass fiber
Diameter	45 mm
Grade	MN GF-5
Weight	85 g/m²
Thickness	0.4 mm
Filtration speed	80 s
Average retention capacity	0.4 μm
Surface	smooth
Binder-free	yes
Application	for eDNA retention from water samples
Ethylene oxide treated	yes

#### 3 Storage conditions

It is recommended to store the product in a dry and clean environment at room temperature  $(18-25^{\circ}C)$ .

#### 4 Safety instructions

Use the product according to the user manual.

The product does not contain components requiring GHS hazard or precaution phrases.

#### 5 Protocol – Procedure of water filtration

Filtration can be performed by either inserting the round filter (grid pattern facing down, side of water outlet) into an e.g. Nalgene<sup>TM</sup> Analytical Test Filter Funnel (Thermo Scientific<sup>TM</sup>, 0.45  $\mu$ m–250 mL) in which the 0.45  $\mu$ m filter membrane is replaced by the Glass Fiber Filter or a similar device (see Figure below).

Alternatively, the round filter can be inserted into an ADVANTEC PP47 Polypropylene Inline and Aerosol Holder.

It is recommended to insert the Glass Fiber Filter in an oriented way: let the side with the more regular, grid-like pattern, facing down, i.e. to the water outlet side, see fig. 2. Note: The grid-like pattern originates from the sieve on which the filter was produced.

This filter side facing up!



**Figure 2** Usage of the recommended GF-5 round filter. Let the water flow through the filter by vacuum.

6 Appendix

## 6.1 Troubleshooting

#### Problem: Filter Clogging

Possible cause and suggestions: Filtration capacity or clogging of the filter strongly depend on the water quality, i.e. total suspended matter. Especially in seasons with strong biomass turnover (e.g. in spring in Europe) high concentration of microorganisms might cause filter clogging. If the water sample clogs the filter, use of Filter flocs MN 2101 and a support filter MN 750N are recommended as a pre-filter. In order to do so, insert a Nalgene™ Analytical Test Filter Funnel containing the support Filter MN750N and approximately 1.6 g of filter flocs into a second Funnel which contains the Glass Fiber Filter.

#### 6.2 Ordering information

Product	REF	Pack of
Glass Fiber Filter	740564	50 discs
Filter flocs MN 2101	281120	500 g
Support Filter MN 750N	upon request	

#### 6.3 Product use restrictions/warranty

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