

# FNM Filters

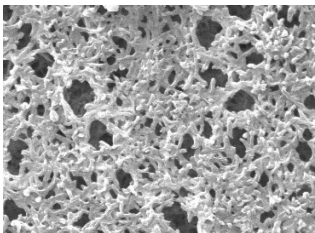
Nylon 6,6 Membrane



FNM cartridge and capsule filters are constructed with long-proven, absolute rated, Nylon 6,6 membrane. Designed to comply with all FDA requirements for the food industry, these high purity filters are used for removing organisms in non-fermenting liquids and cleaning water. Pore sizes range from 0.10 to 0.65  $\mu\text{m}$  and the filter sizes scale from laboratory to full production using identical materials to ensure consistent results.

FNM filters are: optimized for flow and high retention; flushed to reduce extractables; and are 100% integrity tested.

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FNM filters are recommended for:

- Syrups
- Soft Drinks
- Bottled Water
- Container Wash/Rinse Water
- Process Water

## Bacteria/Yeast/Mold Removal



### CARTRIDGES – Nominal Dimensions

Length: 5 to 40 in. (12.7 to 101.6 cm)  
Outside Diameter: 2.75 in. (7.0 cm)



### CAPSULES – Nominal Dimensions

Length: 2 to 30 in. (5.1 to 76.2 cm)  
Outside Diameter: 3.50 in. (8.9 cm)

## Maximum Operating Parameters

	CARTRIDGES	CAPSULES
<b>Liquid Operational Pressure</b>	N/A	80 psi at 68 °F (5.52 bard at 20 °C)
<b>Gases Operational Pressure</b>	N/A	60 psi at 68 °F (4.14 bar at 20 °C)
<b>Operating Temperature (water)</b>	180 °F at 30 psid (82 °C at 2.07 bard)	110 °F at 30 psid (43 °C at 2.07 bard)
<b>Forward Differential Pressure</b>	80 psid at 68 °F (5.52 bard at 20 °C) (Liquid and Gas)	Liquid - 80 psid at 68 °F (5.52 bard at 20 °C) Gas - 60 psi at 68 °F (4.14 bar at 20 °C)
<b>Reverse Differential Pressure</b>	50 psid at 68 °F (3.45 bard at 20 °C)	50 psid at 68 °F (3.45 bard at 20 °C)
<b>Recommended Changeout Pressure</b>	35 psid (2.41 bard)	35 psid (2.41 bard)

## Sanitization & Sterilization

<b>Filtered Hot Water*</b>	90 °C (194 °F), 30 minutes, multiple cycles, max 3 psid forward flow	N/A
<b>Inline Steam*</b>	275 °F (135 °C), 30 min, 25+ cycles	N/A
<b>Autoclave*</b>	250 °F (121 °C), 30 min, 25+ cycles	250 °F (121 °C), 30 min, 25+ cycles
<b>Chemical Sanitization</b>	Performed using industry standard concentrations of hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid, and other selected chemicals.	

\*Cartridge Filters – For all elevated temperature procedures above, a stainless-steel support ring is required.

## Filtration Area (Nominal)

	CAPSULES	CARTRIDGES AND CAPSULES				CARTRIDGES
Length	2"	5"	10"	20"	30"	40"
	5.08cm	12.7cm	25.4cm	50.8cm	76.2cm	101.6cm
Area	1.2 ft <sup>2</sup>	3.3 ft <sup>2</sup>	7.0 ft <sup>2</sup>	14.0 ft <sup>2</sup>	21.0 ft <sup>2</sup>	28.0 ft <sup>2</sup>
	0.11m <sup>2</sup>	0.31m <sup>2</sup>	0.65m <sup>2</sup>	1.30m <sup>2</sup>	1.95m <sup>2</sup>	2.60m <sup>2</sup>

## Integrity Testing

PORE SIZE	DIFFUSION TEST PRESSURE*		BUBBLE POINT MINIMUM*	
	PSIG	BARG	PSIG	BARG
0.10	48	3.31	**	**
0.22	35	2.41	50	3.4
0.45	20	1.38	25	1.7
0.65	15	1.03	19	1.3

DIFFUSION SPECIFICATIONS*						
Length	2"	5"	10"	20"	30"	40"
mL/min	≤ 4.3	≤ 12.9	≤ 30	≤ 60	≤ 90	≤ 120

\* All specifications are for water wetted membrane

\*\* Test pressure exceeds operational limits of capsule filters. Use the Diffusion Test method.

## Construction Materials

<b>Filtration Media</b>	Nylon 6,6 Membrane with polyester support
<b>Media Support</b>	Polypropylene
<b>End Caps, Center Core, Outer Support Cage, Capsule Housing</b>	Polypropylene
<b>Sealing Method</b>	Thermal Bonding
<b>O-Rings/Gaskets Cartridges only</b>	Buna, Viton® (or FKM), EPDM, Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Silicone, FEP Encapsulated Viton (or FKM)

## Validation

FNM filters are validated using test procedures that comply with ASTM F 838-15(ae1) protocols for the determination of bacterial retention in filters used for liquid filtration. The filters are challenged with the organisms listed below.

0.10µm: *Brevundimonas diminuta*

0.22µm: *Brevundimonas diminuta*

0.45µm: *Serratia marcescens*

0.65µm: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

## Extractables

FNM filters typically exhibit low levels of non-volatile residues.

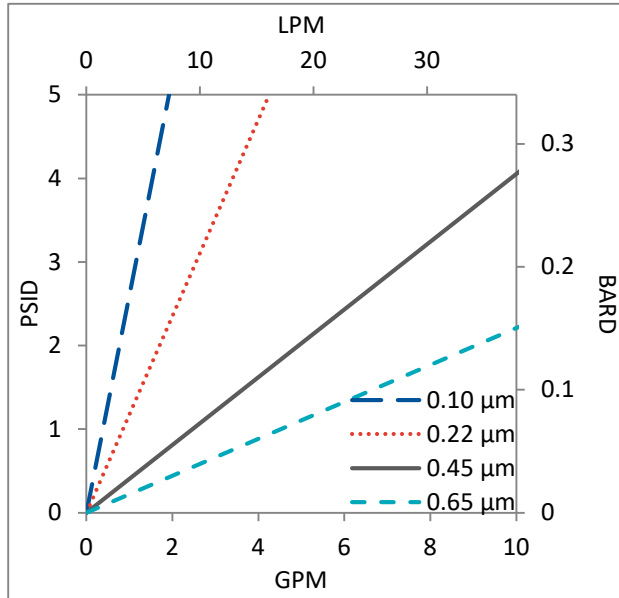
## Non-Fiber Releasing

FNM filters comply with Title 21 CFR sections 210.3 (b)(6) and 211.72, for non-fiber releasing filters.

## FDA and EC Compliance

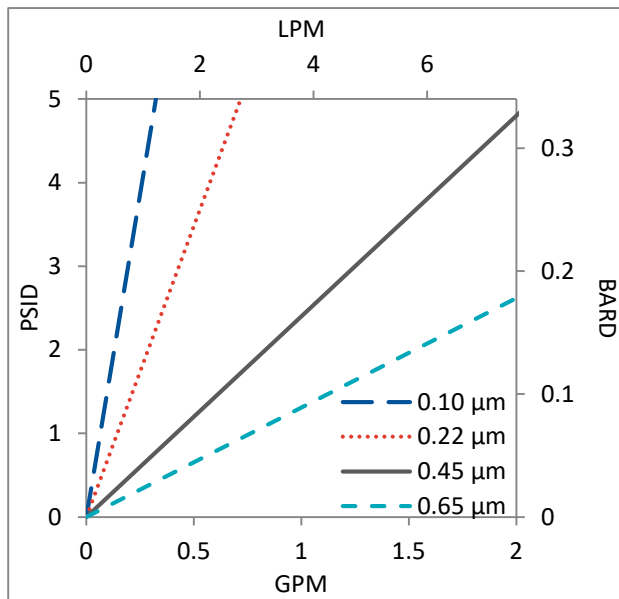
Materials meet the requirements listed by the FDA as appropriate for use in articles intended for repeated food contact as specified in Title 21 CFR sections 174.5, 177.1500, 177.1520, 177.1630, 177.2440, and 177.2600 as applicable. All materials used to make the filters are listed in European Commission Regulation EU/10/2011, Annex 1.

## Flow Rates for FNM Cartridges by Pore Size



Flow rates for Cartridge filters are per 10-inch length. The test fluid is water at ambient temperature.

## Flow Rates for FNM Capsules by Pore Size



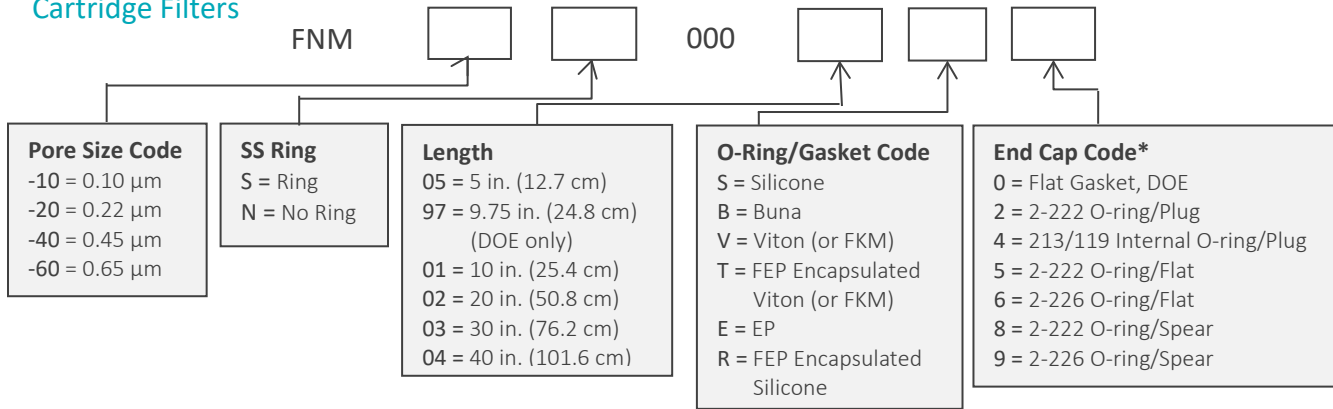
Flow rates for Capsule filters are tested using a 2" capsule filter with 1" sanitary inlet and outlet ports. The test fluid is water at ambient temperature. Flow rates for larger capsules will scale with filtration area. Rates will vary based on end configuration of the capsule.

# FNM Filters Ordering Information

Fill in the corresponding codes in the boxes below to build your Part Number.

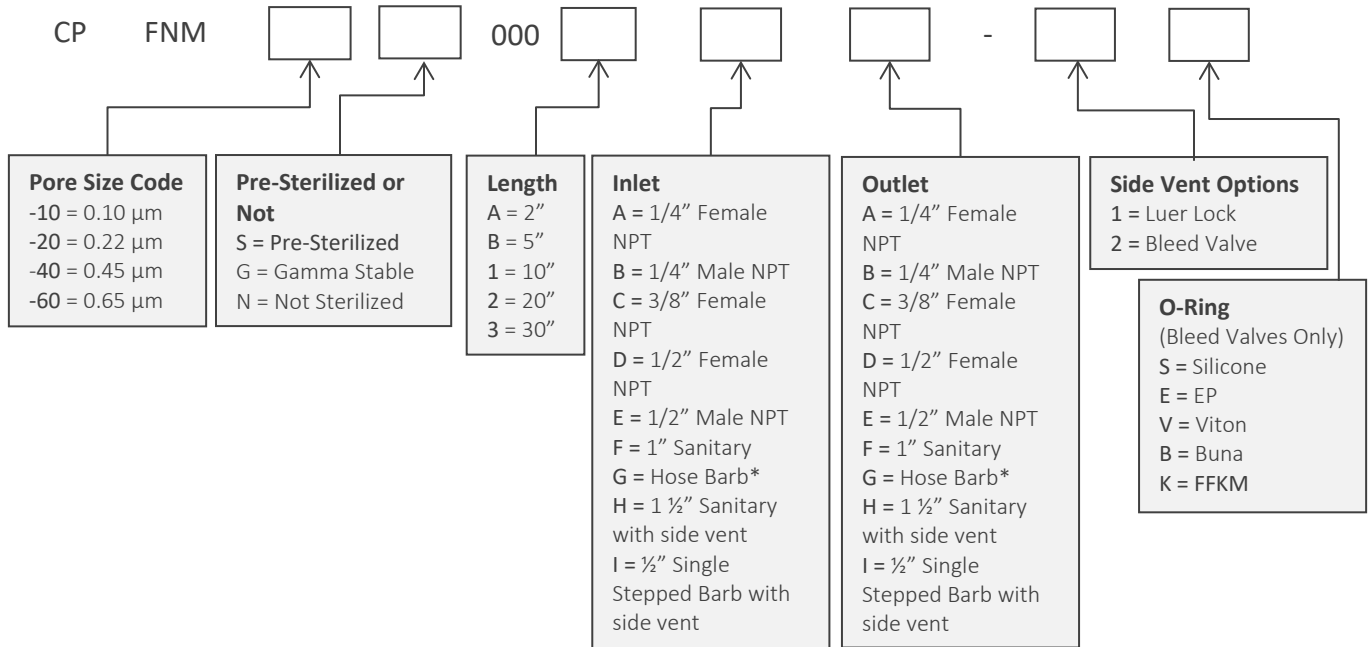
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## Cartridge Filters



[\\*Additional end configurations available](#)

## Capsule Filters



\*Fits hoses/tubes with inner diameter 11/32 to 9/16 inches



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