

Operation Manual

for P3130 Quaternary Low-Pressure Constant Flow Pump

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Foreword

Thank you for purchasing our equipment. To ensure correct and safe use of the instrument, please read it carefully before using.

The details of the equipment's composition, installation, method of using, maintenance, parts selection and other points are described in the manual. After reading, please keep it carefully. Please delivery the manual with the instrument.

For safe operation, please read the following **Safety Precautions** before using the instrument.

Safety Precautions

According to the level of danger and harm, safety signs here are divided into the following three categories:



[Warning] Failure to properly follow the instructions and precautions indicated by this sign may result in serious injury or damage to health and property. The property damage includes the environment around and the instrument.



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[Note] The sign is used wherever information is given to ensure optimal performance of the instrument.

1. Precaution for usage



[Warning] P3130 quaternary low-pressure constant pump should only be used as a part of liquid chromatography. Do not use it for any other purpose. Except for special instructions, this instrument does not have explosion-proof function.

2. Ambient Conditions



[Warning] When we use organic solvent it is recommended that interior must be well ventilated and the firework should be prohibited. Also, a sink or equipment for washing eyes should be installed nearby in case of the organic solvent coming into contact with the eyes or skin.



[Note] In order to ensure good efficiency, keep the instrument away from caustic gas, dusty environment or strong magnetic. The worktable should be wide and strong enough. Ambient should be between 10°C to 30°C with a small fluctuation, and humidity should be between 20% to 80%. Avoid it from cold or hot source as well as direct sunshine. The air conditioners and other equipment should not blow directly into the instrument.

3. Precaution for installation



[Warning] The instrument should be installed following the instructions strictly by professionals, make sure that the voltage of the power socket is the same as the power supply voltage indicated on the instrument. Using the wrong power voltage could result in danger and fire.

The accessory power cable should be used to connect the pump to the power socket. Other cable should not be used.

Make sure the line cord is connected to a properly grounded power receptacle to prevent static and electric leakage.



[Caution] The instrument is so heavy that you should move it carefully and watch your hands in the same time.



[Note] The instrument should be connected following the instructions strictly. Wrong connection could cause communication error.

4. Precaution for use



[Warning] Do not use the instrument in places where heat resource, fire seat, magnetic resource, strong vibration exist or may exist. It is prohibited to put flammable nearby.

The bottle for storing the mobile phase should have a pore in cap to prevent the danger caused by negative pressure in the bottle.

A gap between the waste tubing and the cork of the waste bottle is necessary to prevent the waste bottle bursting when it is overfilled. But the gap should be small to prevent evaporate of hazardous solvents. Even though, the waste needs to be clean up promptly.



[Caution] When using organic solvents, please wear safety goggles, special lab coats, gloves mask etc. If your body contact with toxic solvent accidentally, wash it immediately, and then go to hospital for specialized treatment.



[Note] When preparing mobile phase, please use HPLC grade solvents or equivalent ones. You'd better filtrate the eluent with a membrane filter (0.45 μ m), and an online

filter is also necessary to prevent small particles from scratching plunger rod, seal ring or blocking tubing. What's more, please degas all mobile phase before using, degassing is an effective method to prevent chromatogram noise and wrong indicator.

Before first use, rinse the entire piping system according to the requirements of the manual. Direct use is likely to block tubing.

Before sample test, ensure that the tubing in the system is filled with mobile phase without any bubbles, otherwise it will affect the reliability of test results.

If an eluent is replaced with another eluent which is insoluble, such as positive mobile phase (hexane) and reverse phase (methanol), be sure to operate according to the specified method in the manual, otherwise it will cause serious tubing jam, and even system paralysis.

Halogen ions is harmful for stainless steel, if there is stainless steel tubing and fitting in your system, please avoid the use of a mobile phase containing halogen ions. If you can't avoid it, please minimize the content and clean the system with water as soon as finishing the analysis.

If there is PEEK tubing in your system, it is important to note that:

Do not use the following solvent: concentrated sulfuric acid, nitric acid, dichloroacetic acid, dichloromethane, trichloromethane, chloroform, dimethyl sulfoxide, acetone, tetrahydrofuran, etc. Such solvents can reduce the strength of the PEEK material, make it's become fragile and broken. But the impact of short-term use of aqueous solution of acetone (lower than 0.5%) in gradient performance is acceptable.

When using PEEK tubing, the pressure of the system should be lower than the tolerance pressure of PEEK material, otherwise it may burst.

The bending radius of PEEK tubing should be more than 10mm, make the PEEK tubing natural relaxation during installation.

The PEEK tubing should be intercepted with professional tubing cutter in order to make the tubing more smoothly. Pay attention to that there should be no cutting debris left in the tubing.

5. Repair, maintenance and parts replacement



[Warning] Before repair, maintenance and parts replacement, please turn off the power in case of leakage and electric shock.

There is no need to open the host cover while daily maintenance and repair. If the repair needs to open the host cover please entrust agents or communicate with us.

You should clean the dust on the power cord plug regularly to reduce the electrostatic. Then, dry it before using, otherwise electric shock may occur.

Use dry cloth to wipe the instrument. Do not use thinner or alcohol to avoid erasing characters or color on the panel.

Do not replace components (e.g., fuses, deuterium lamp, etc.) from other company or other type, all accessories are required to be specified to prevent danger.

6. Precaution for static electricity



[Warning] As the instrument may use a lot of flammable, explosive organic reagents which may contaminate laboratory air, when the reagent concentration is too high, any spark or flame could cause fire or explosion accidents. Do not use the pump near any fire resource or hot resource, and keep reducing the electrostatic in mind. To reduce static electricity, please take the following measures:

- 1) Make the instrument grounded. It is very important, please pay attention to it.
- 2) Maintain proper indoor humidity (humidity is greater than 65% can prevent static electricity effectively) and keep the environment clean.
- 3) Metal waste bottles (external conductive) should be grounded (no ground insulation). When using other materials container, you can insert one end of the wire into liquid in the bottle and make the other end earthed.

- 4) Replace a larger I.D. tubing when the flow of mobile phase is higher than usual.
- 5) Wipe the instrument regularly.
- 6) Staffs should wear anti-static clothing. An anti-static pad is needed on the floor.
- 7) People and objects with static electricity is prohibited to touch the instruments.

7. Warning label instructions

To ensure the safety of staffs, we attach warning labels on the equipment where are dangerous. If the label is missing, please request new ones from our company, and attach to the correct position.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The design of P3130 Quaternary Low-Pressure Constant Flow Pump(short for P3130) is based on years of experience in production of LU3100 Quaternary Low Pressure Gradient Mixer and P3100 High-Pressure Constant Flow Pump with completely independent intellectual property designed. It is a new type of quaternary low pressure pump for high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

As an infusion unit of an HPLC system, P3130 is upgraded to a quaternary low-pressure gradient system, which can be easily connected to various of liquid chromatographic detectors, autosampler, column oven etc., and it also can be used independently as a delivery tool.

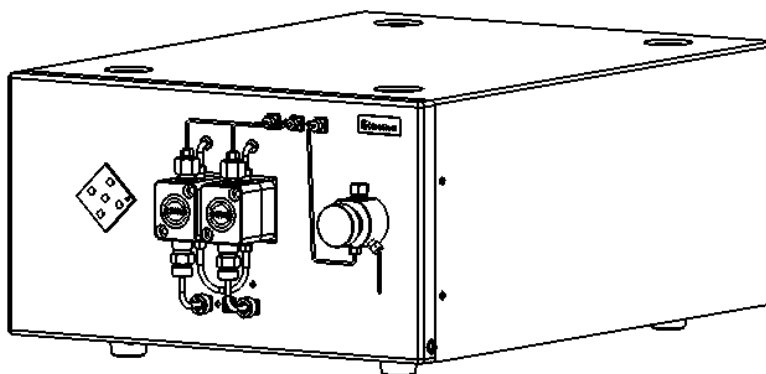


Figure 1-1: P3130 pump

1.2 Features and Functions

Draw lessons from the current domestic and foreign advanced technology, the P3130 quaternary low-pressure constant flow pump with independent intellectual property. Its main characteristics are as following:

Excellent performance metrics

Imported high-speed quaternary proportional distribution valve, with short opening time and accurate proportional distribution, ensures the timeliness and accuracy of infusion.

Double plungers in parallel 5mm form a reciprocating pump head structure to ensure the stability of infusion.

Using the integrated circuit controller 32-bit STM32 and SPI and I2C bus technology, P3130 is compact and reliable.

Positioning mode

Adopt cam positioning mode, carry out high-precision displacement control, and improve the accuracy of proportional distribution

Flow double correction function

Flow double correction function, can adjust the mobile phase compression coefficient through software, and adjust the mobile phase adjustment coefficient in sections, which not only ensures the accuracy of single point output, but also effectively controls the full range of output;

Quaternary channel switch function

Quaternary channels arbitrary switching function meet the diversified demands of the HPLC mobile phase and avoid repeated replacement of the mobile phase.

1.3 Specification

Table 1-1: Performance Specification of P3130

NO.	Items	Specifications
1	The solvent channels	four channels
2	Flow Rate	0.001mL/min~10.000mL/min (0.001-5.000mL/min is recommended)
3	Accuracy	$\leq \pm 0.1\%$ (1.000mL/min, 8.5MPa, water, ambient temperature) $\leq \pm 2.0\%$ (0.001mL/min~10.000mL/min, 8.5MPa, water, ambient temperature)
4	Precision	$\leq 0.075\%$ (1.000mL/min, 8.5MPa, water, ambient temperature) $\leq 0.1\%$ (0.100mL/min~10.000mL/min, 8.5MPa, water, ambient temperature)
5	Max Pressure	0.001~2.000mL/min 63MPa, 2.001~5.000mL/min 42MPa, 5.001~10.000mL/min 21MPa
6	Pressure accuracy	$\leq \pm 3\%$ or ± 0.3 MPa
7	Pressure pulsation	≤ 0.5 MPa (1.000mL/min, 8.5MPa, water, ambient temperature)
8	Communication mode	UDP
9	Gradient ratio	0~100% Recommended use range 5~95%
10	Step mixing accuracy	$\pm 1.05\%$
11	Gradient mixing error	$\leq 0.3\%$ (RSD)
12	Dwell volume	$\leq 750\mu\text{L}$

1.4 Physical Specifications

Table 1-2: Performance Specification of P3130 pump

NO.	Items	Specifications
1	Weight	15kg
2	Dimension	400×300×180 (mm)
3	Power Supply	220V/50Hz
4	Power	100W

Chapter 2 Installation and transport

2.1 Installation Requirements

2.1.1 Site Requirements

Environment

P3130 need to work under the ambient conditions as shown in Table 2-1:

Table 2-1 Ambient conditions

Items	Specifications	Requirements
1	Work environment	Room should be free of dust, inflammable and explosive materials, also,good ventilation is important
2	electromagnetic field	No electromagnetic noise nearby
3	Operating temperature	4~40°C (39~104°F)
4	Humidity	20%~80% , non-condensing



[Caution]

- ◆ Do not use the mixer under temperature fluctuations conditions.
- ◆ If the ambient temperature is too low, slowly increase the room temperature to avoid inside condensation caused by rapid heating.

Bench

The P3130 dimensions allow it to be placed on almost any laboratory bench. Make sure that the bench can bear the weight of all components. It needs an additional 50mm on the left, 150mm on the right, 150mm on the back to facilitate the circulation of air, electrical connections.



[Warning] The instruments should be placed horizontally, otherwise there is a danger of falling!

2.1.2 Power and power cable

To ensure the normal and safe conditions of the instrument, please use a dedicated power cable within the specified voltage range.

Grounding, AC power to 220 V + 10%, 50 Hz.

High pressure, please choose T2.0 A (250 V) fuse.



[Warning]

- ◆ Please use the original power cable. Other cable should not be used in case of danger or damage to the instrument.
- ◆ If the instrument is connected to a grid above the scope of application, it may cause electrical shock or damage to the equipment and staff.
- ◆ Please unplug the power cable before replacing the fuse to avoid electric shock. The external fuse is installed in the back of instrument.

2.1.3 Computer requirements

Hardware requirements

- The lowest hardware requirement: Intel Core 2 CPU, 2G RAM, more than 1G hard-disk space; (Refer to the requirements of workstation)
- Display resolution: at least 1024×800, 64K(16 bit image);
- Others: UPD interface for communication, CD-ROM driver for software installation.

Operation system requirements

- Windows XP Professional(SP3)、Windows 7 or higher version(Refer to the requirements of workstation).

2.2 Unpacking inspection and standard accessories

P3130 is packaged with corrugated boxes and foam lined structure, after you receive the instrument, check the packaging first, if you find packaging is damaged, please contact with local dealer at the first time.



[Warning]

- ◆ If there is any damage to the instruments when you receive it, please don't try to install it.

2.2.1 Demolition of the packing

Put the instrument on level ground with the face of the packing box up. Cut the tape on the top, take out the instrument and accessories package, place it on the table. Then remove foam, open the instrument protective film.

2.2.2 Packing list

Before installing, please check the packing list carefully, if anything missed, please contact with local distributors as soon as possible.

Table 2-2: Packing list of P3130

NO.	Items	Quantity
1	P3130	1 pc.
2	P3130 Operation Manual	
3	Product Qualification Certificate	1 pc.
4	After sale maintenance card	1 pc.
5	Start Package	1 pc.



[Note] If there is discrepancies between the packing list and manual, please refer to

the packing list in the box. It is subject to change without prior notice.

2.3 Stack Order

In order to guarantee the best working state of the instrument, it is recommended that the instruments should be stacked as shown in figure 2-1 or figure 2-2.

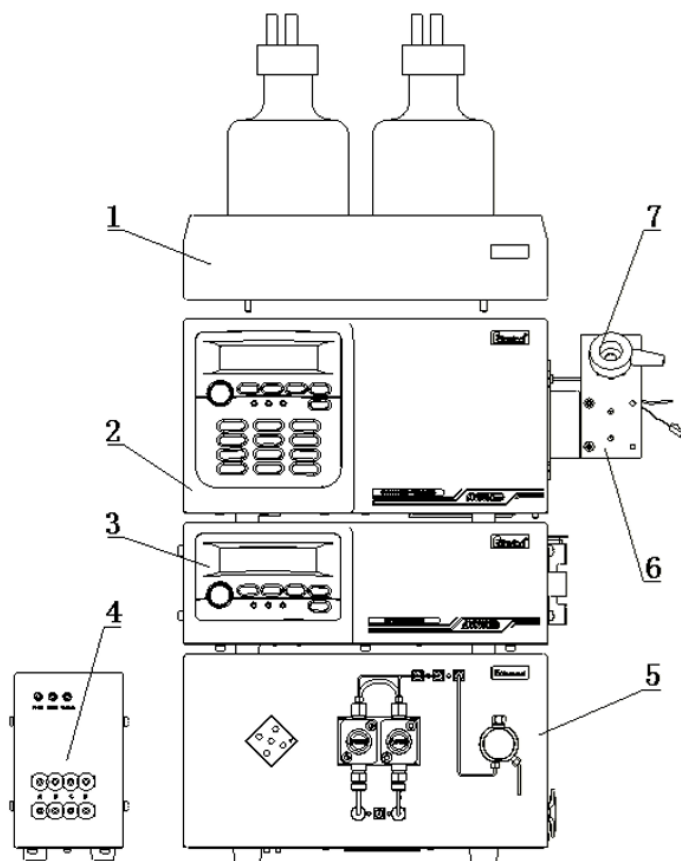


Figure 2-1: EClassical3100 stack order 1

1.Solvent manager, 2.UV-VIS detector, 3. Column oven , 4. Degasser,
5.P3130, 6.Valve bracket, 7.Manual Injector

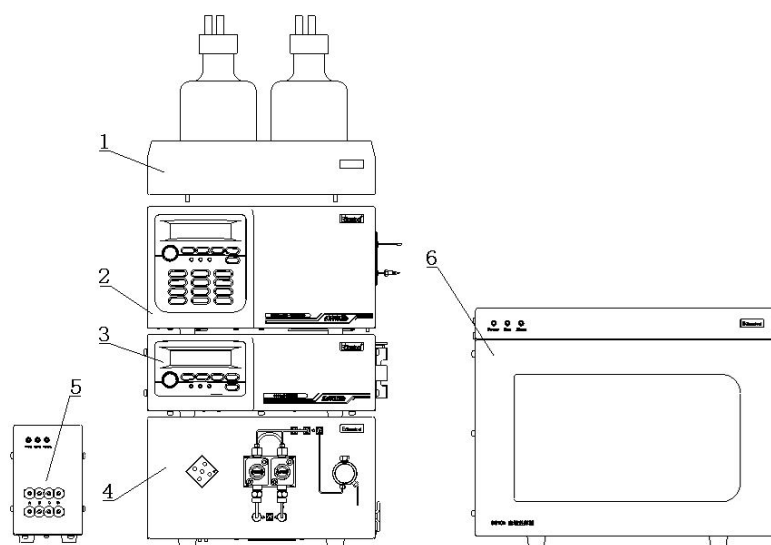


Figure 2-2: EClassical3100 stack order 2

- 1.Solvent manager, 2.UV-VIS detector, 3.Column oven, 4.P3130,
5. Degasser, 6.Autosampler

2.4 Tube connection

Connecting the tubes well is an important way to ensure the efficiency and function of the instrument. Please pay attention to the following tips while connection.

Tube connection is shown below:

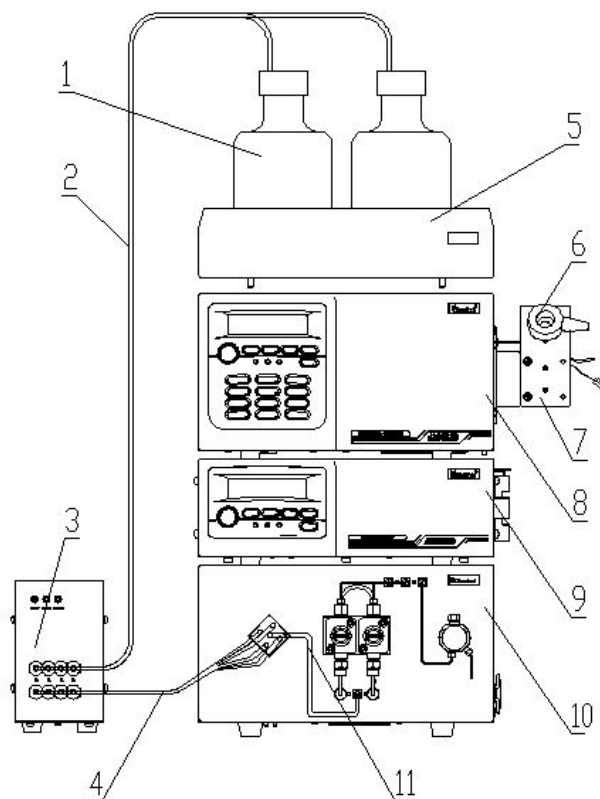


Figure 2-3: Tube connection

1.Solvent bottle, 2. The connection tubes between solvent bottle and degasser,3. Degasser, 4. Connection tube between the mixer and degasser,5. Solvent manager,6. Manual Injector,7. Valve bracket,8. UV-VIS detector, 9. Column oven,10.P3130,11. Connection tube between the mixer and pump,

Pipe cutting

Please use a special pipe cutter to make the cutting surface level.



[Warning] The cutting surface should be flat to avoid dead volume and inner diameter deformation.

Connect the metal sealing ring

The correct way of connecting screws and metal sealing rings for stainless steel pipes is shown in Figure 2-4 and 2-5.



[Warning] Please use matching screws and sealing rings.

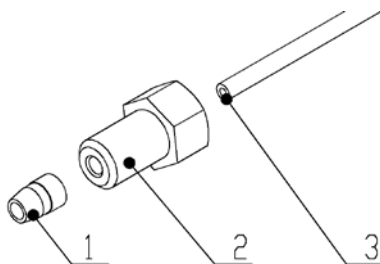


Figure 2-4 Connection diagram

1. Metal sealing rings; 2. Connecting screws; 3. Stainless steel pipe

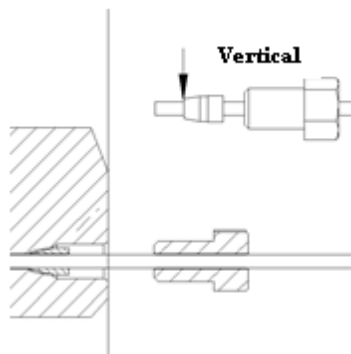


Figure 2-5 Seal ring and pipeline



[Warning] The pipe is inserted into the bottom end, or it will create dead volume.

2.4.1 Installation Preparations

A 500mL or bigger solvent reservoir is needed. There should be two 3-4mm holes on the cap. Remove the seal plug of the pump outlet that is above the vent valve. Connect the stainless-steel tube (O.D.1/16"× I.D.0.02") with the pump port, the other end of the tube will be connected with injection valve.

2.4.2 Connecting solvent reservoir to the pump

Attach the solvent inlet filter to one end of the solvent tube, then put it inside the solvent reservoir. The other end of tube should be connected with the inlet of the pump. See figure 2-3, figure 3-1, and table 3-1.



[Warning] The Solvent filtration needs to be cleaned frequently to prevent contamination. The liquid in the dissolving bottle must be degassed. The solvent must be filtered through a membrane with a pore size of 0.45µm or less.

2.4.3 Connecting injection valve to the pump

Connect the outlet of the pump to the inlet of injection valve (No. 2 hole is usually the inlet for the mobile phase) with stainless steel tube (with screw connection and sealing edge ring). See figure 2-6.

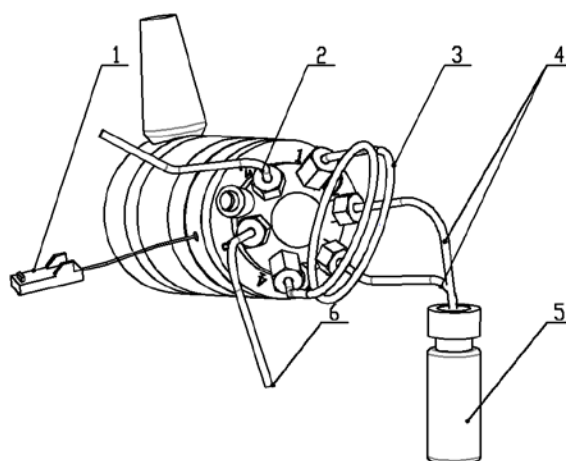


Figure 2-6: Fluid connection of manual filling valve

1. Automatic trigger interface; 2. Mobile phase entrance; 3. Quantitative loop;
4. Waste tube; 5. Waste bottle; 6. Mobile phase export



[Warning]

- ◆ Port #3 of injection valve should be connected to the entry of column.
- ◆ Port #2 of injection valve should be connected to the outlet of pump.
- ◆ Do not over tighten the connecting screw, as it may damage the ferrule.
- ◆ If there is leakage, please replace the ferrule.
- ◆ To reduce the column efficiency loss, the pipe length between the injection valve and the column, between the column outlet and the detector inlet should be as short as possible (ID:0.007" is recommended).
- ◆ Make sure the end of all the stainless-steel tube is smooth to reduce dead volume of the system (It is recommended that you'd better choose the universal column connector to connect column inlet and the outlet).

Chapter 3 Instrument structure and layout

3.1 EClassical P3130 Front

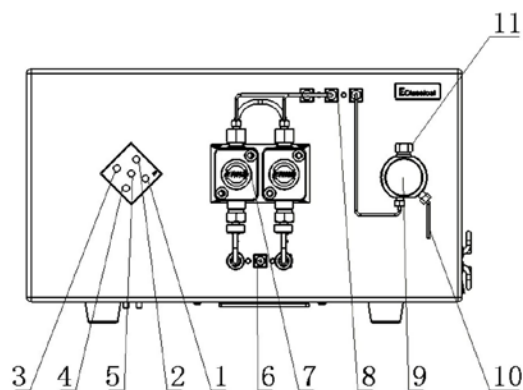


Figure 3-1 Front panel of P3130

Table 3-1: Front panel of EClassical P3200 introduction

No.	Components	Function
1	Mobile phase inlet A	A phase flow inlet
2	Mobile phase inlet B	B phase flow inlet
3	Mobile phase inlet C	C phase flow inlet
4	Mobile phase inlet D	D phase flow inlet
5	Mobile phase exit	Outlet after mobile phase mixing
6	Inlet of the pump	Connecting with the mobile phase exit
7	Pump head	To draw and deliver mobile phase
8	Tee	Fluid confluence
9	Relief valve	Loosen the relief valve knob to release pressure from the pump head. It can be used for purging and priming purpose.
10	Relief tube	release air and waste liquid from the pump head
11	Outlet of the pump	Mobile phase come out from here

3.2 P3130 Rear

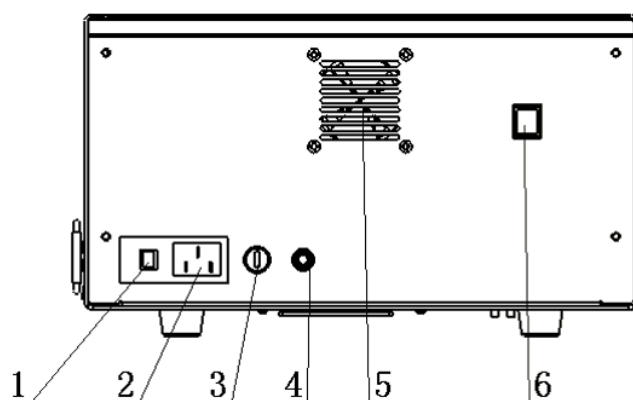


Figure 3-2 P3130 rear panel

Table 3-2: Rear panel

No.	Components	Function
1	Power switch	Turn on / turn off the power.
2	Power connector	The power cable is connected into grounded power outlet.
3	Fuse	Fuse is in it. (T 2.0A)
4	Ground terminal	Ground the main body of the pump.
5	Cooling fan vent	Cool the instrument.
6	Communication interface	The communication interface between the instrument and workstation.

3.3 The internal structure of P3130

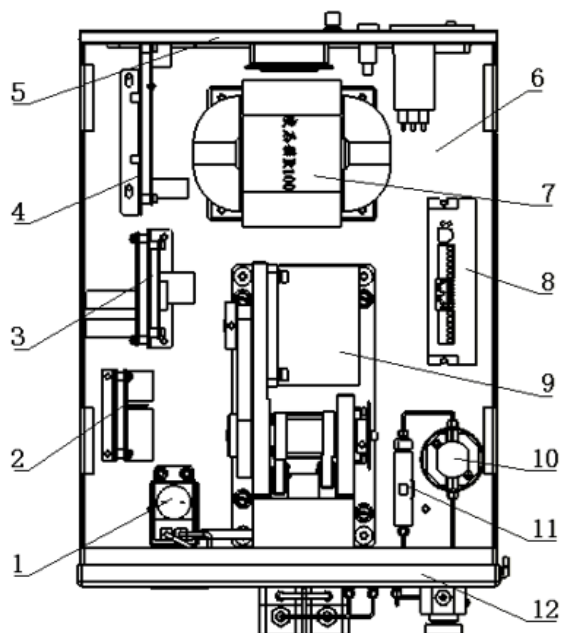


Figure 3-3 Internal introduction of P3130

1. Peristaltic pump;2. Control circuit board;3. Control circuit board;4. Motherboard;
5. Real panel;6. Bottom plate;7. Transformer;8. Motor driver;9. Pump;
10. Pressure sensor;11. Mixer;12. Front panel,

Chapter 4 Basic Operation

4.1 Power On

Plug the power cord into the power outlet.



[Caution]

- ◆ The power switch should be turned off at this time (“I” means power on, “O” means power off).
- ◆ Turn on the power switch.

4.2 Communication connection

- 1) Connect the computer and the router with a network cable.
- 2) Connect the router to the network port of the pump with a network cable.

4.3 Verification

In normal instance, the instrument customers received have been tested and came with verification. the performance met our requirements in factory. Users have no need to test and verify. If you have any doubt about the performance of the pump, verify it refer to the following steps:

4.3.1 Check the sealing performance

- 1) Connect the chromatographic column properly, then, start the pump and observe whether the pressure displayed is stable. If not, please clean check valve or relief bubble in pump head.
- 2) Set the max alarm pressure to 40MPa. Close the outlet of the injection valve.
- 3) When start the pump, the pressure will raise slowly. When the pressure rise to 40MPa, the pump will stop automatically. Observe the pressure drop on the screen.
- 4) Pressure drops less than 1.5MPa in 10min, sealing of the pump is qualified.
- 5) Pressure drops more than 1.5MPa in 10min, many factors should be considered, such as seals lax of check valve, sampling valve or piping joint, or air bubbles in the pump head.

Isocratic system

- 1) Take a chromatographic column. For the positive phase system SiO₂ column can be selected, while C18 column can be used for inverse system.
- 2) Prepare mobile phase and samples according to evaluation report provided by the column manufacturer.
- 3) Empty air bubbles in the pump system. When the system is stable, detect the signal according to the testing requirement.
- 4) If the result and column efficiency is confirmed to the information provide by column manufacturer within the error range, that means the HPLC is qualified.

Gradient system

1) Connect gradient system to the detector through a two-way union. Set the detected wavelength to 254nm.

2) Link the workstation to gradient system and detector, set gradient parameters according to Table 4-1. Mobile phase A (C) is pure water, mobile phase B (D) is 0.2% (V/V) acetone water and the total flow rate is 1.0 mL/min.

Table 4-1: Gradient parameters

Time (min)	A/C (%)	B/D (%)	Rate (mL/min)
0.00	100.0	0	1.0
2.00	100.0	0	1.0
2.01	80.0	20.0	1.0
7.00	80.0	20.0	1.0
7.01	60.0	40.0	1.0
12.00	60.0	40.0	1.0
12.01	40.0	60.0	1.0
17.00	40.0	60.0	1.0
17.01	20.0	80.0	1.0
22.00	20.0	80.0	1.0
22.01	0.0	100.0	1.0
27.00	0.0	100.0	1.0
27.01	100.0	0.0	1.0

3) Start to collect data until the instrument is stable. Gradient error was calculated by the formula (4-1). Take the largest for gradient accuracy. 4) If each step is smooth without obvious concave and convex and mixed gradient accuracy is within ±2.0%, the gradient confirms to the requirements and the two pumps match well.

$$T_{Ci} = L_{ii} - \frac{V_i - V_A}{V_A - V_B} \times 100\% \tag{4-1}$$

T_{Ci} —The i segment gradient error

L_{ti} —Set gradient value of the i th segment

V_i —The signal value of the i th segment

V_A —The signal value when the mobile phase A is 100%

V_B —The signal value when the mobile phase B is 100%

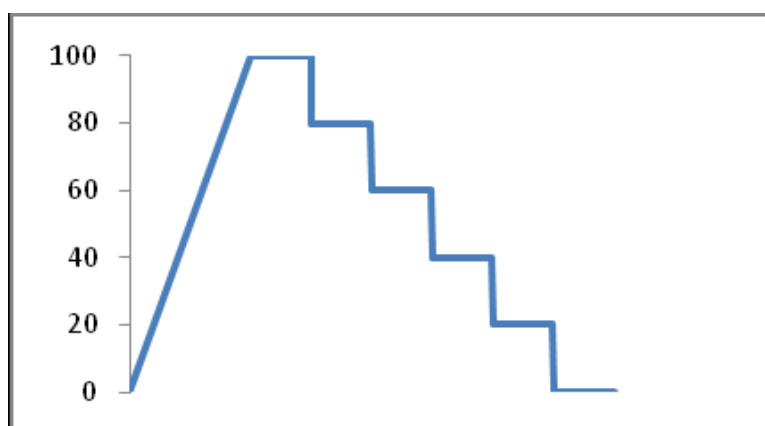


Figure4-1 Gradient diagram

4.4 W5100 workstation installation

Most of the functions of the pump need to rely on the control of W5100 workstation to achieve.

The structure diagram of W5100 workstation is shown in Figure 4-2.

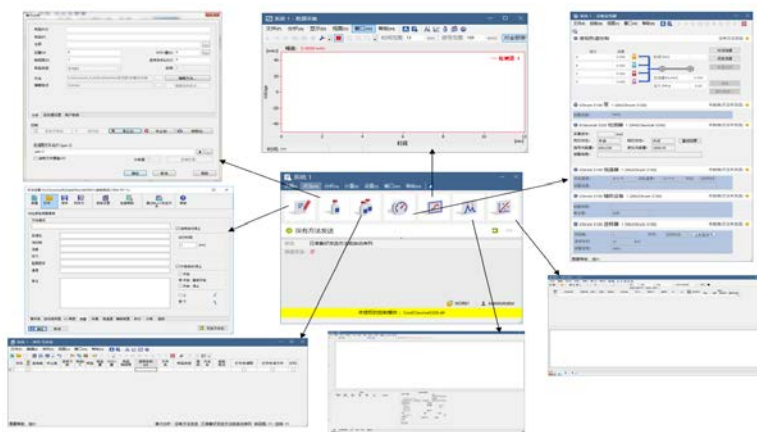


Figure 4-2 Structure diagram of W5100

4.4.1 Starting and stopping the pump

W5100 workstation can control the pump in two ways. 1) Use "Set flow " and "Stop flow " in the device monitor window to achieve; 2) Control the pump through the "LC Gradient" in the "Method" interface of the main interface.

- *In the "Device Monitor" window to achieve*

Clicking "Device Monitor", as shown in Figure 4-3.

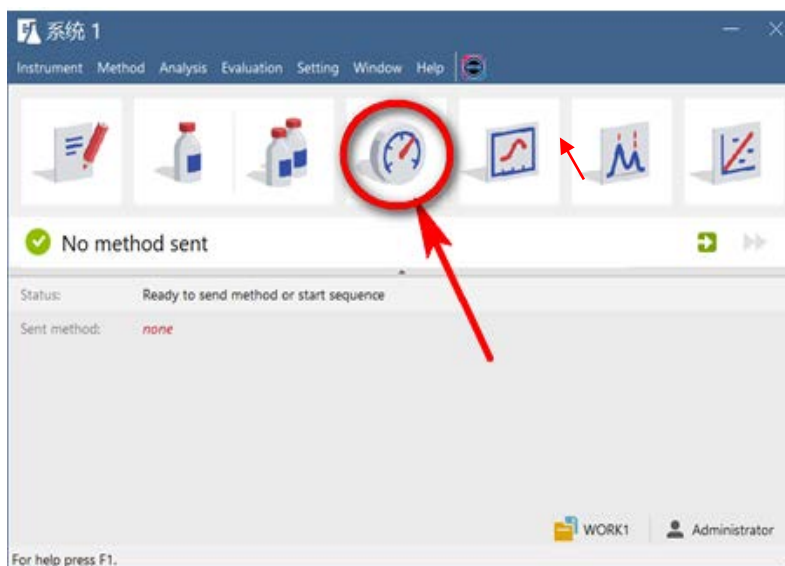


Figure 4-3 Clicking “Device Monitor”

The “Device Monitor” window is shown in Figure 4-4

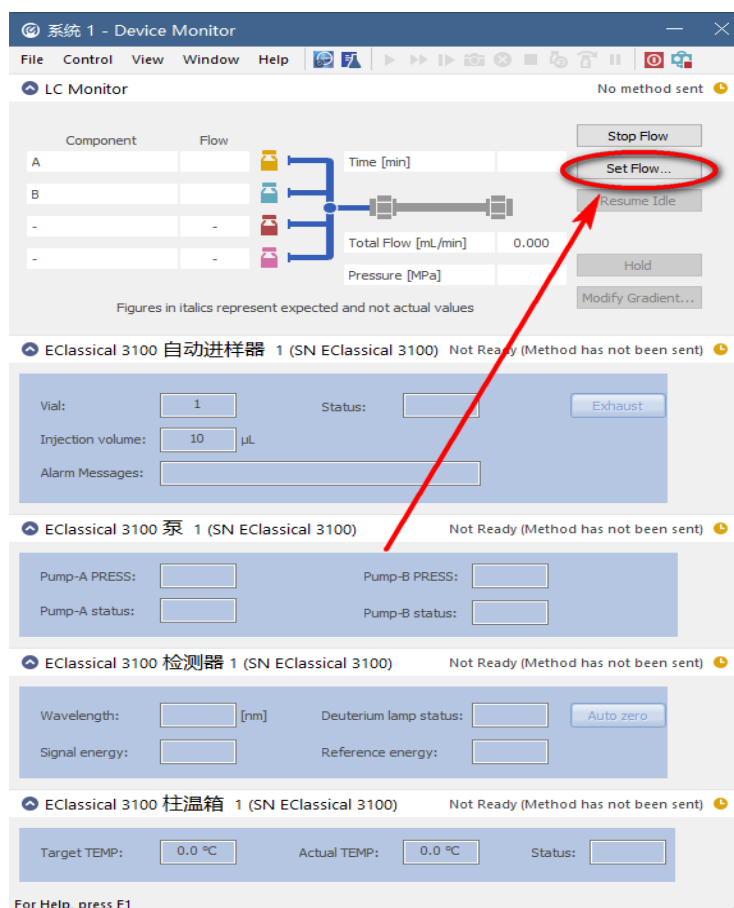


Figure 4-4 “Device Monitor”

In the device monitor window, clicking "Set flow ", entering the relevant values to control the

pump, as shown in Figure 4-5.



Figure 4-5 "Set flow "

- ***In the "Method" window to achieve***

In the "Method" window, select " LC Gradient " as shown in Figure 4-6. By setting the mobile phase conditions, control the pump's operating status as shown in Figure 4-7.

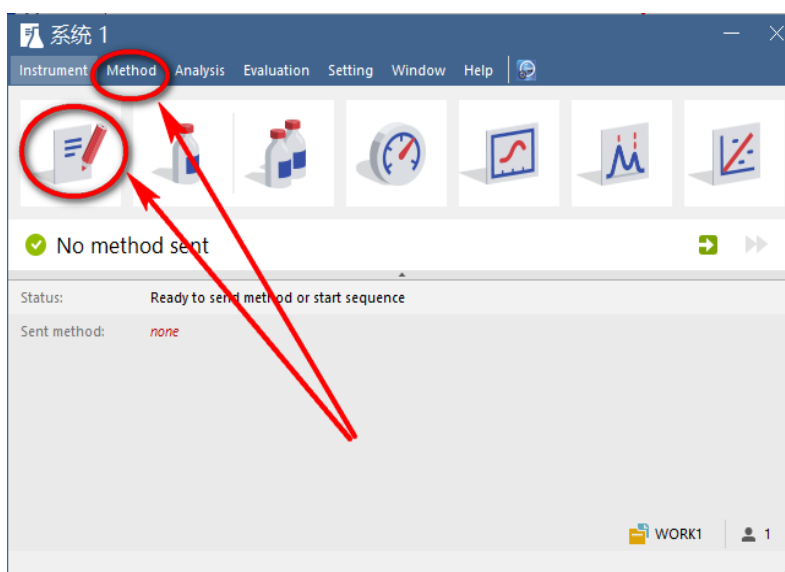


Figure 4-6 Enter the "Method"

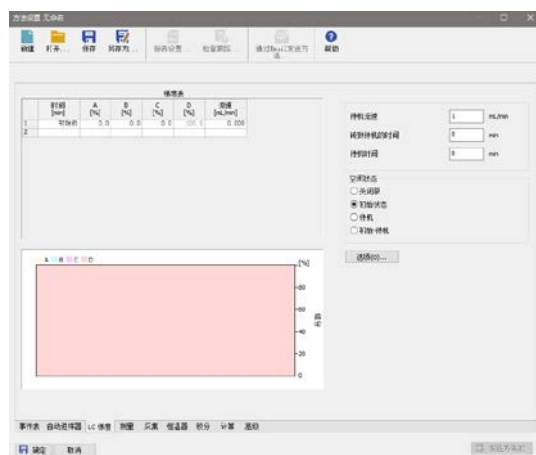


Figure 4-7 Enter the " LC Gradient "

4.4.2 Units setting

Open the “Configuration” as shown in Figure 4-8.

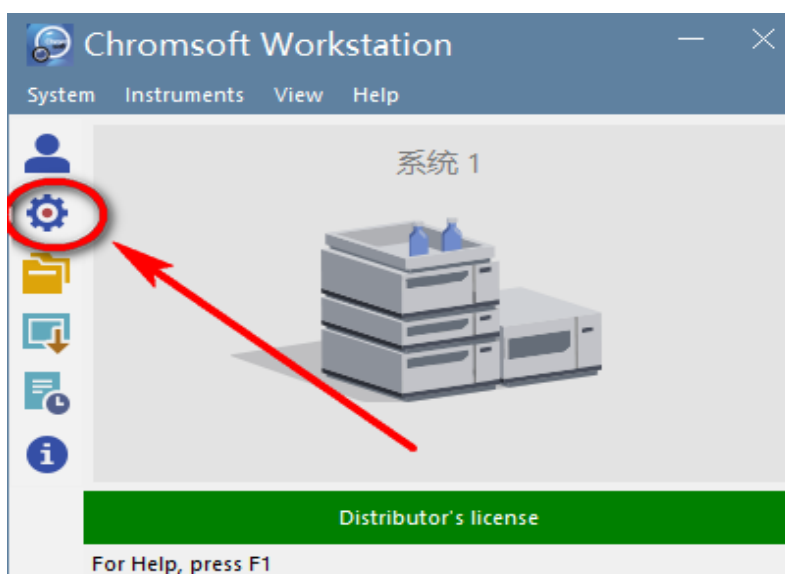


Figure 4-8 Enter the “Configuration”

Click the icon "Unit Setup" at the bottom right of "Configuration", as shown in Figures 4-9 and 4-10, to select the unit.

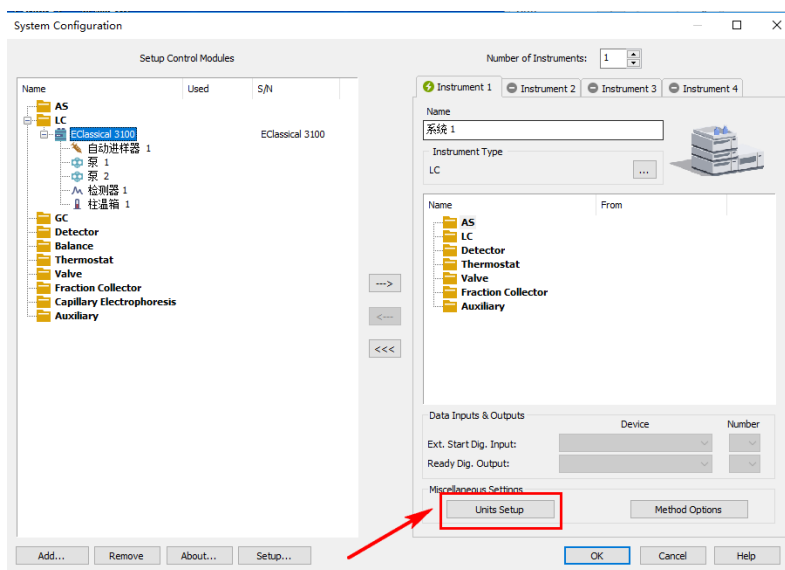


Figure 4-9 Enter the “Unit Setup”

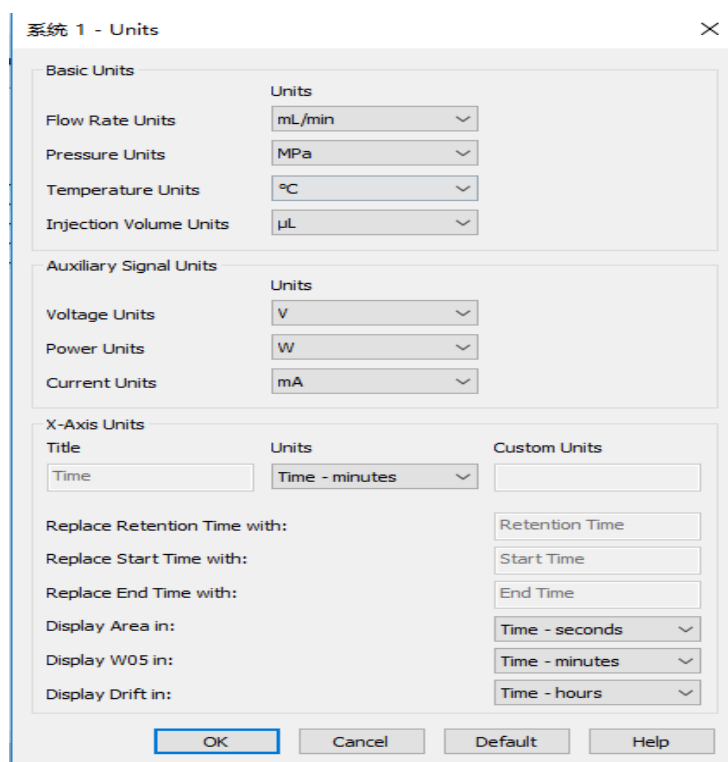


Figure 4-10 Selecting the units

4.4.3 Setting method flow rate

Setting the flow rate in the " LC Gradient " window

- *Setting method flow rate*

In the " LC Gradient ", can set the time, A, B (C, D) channel solvent percentage and flow rate. Percentage of solvent channel may be modified within the range of 0 to 100, after setting the percentage of channel A, the percentage of B (D) channels of the mobile phase is automatically generated software. The total flow rate of the respective flow channels, can be 0.000 ~ 10.000mL / min, as shown in Figure 4-11.

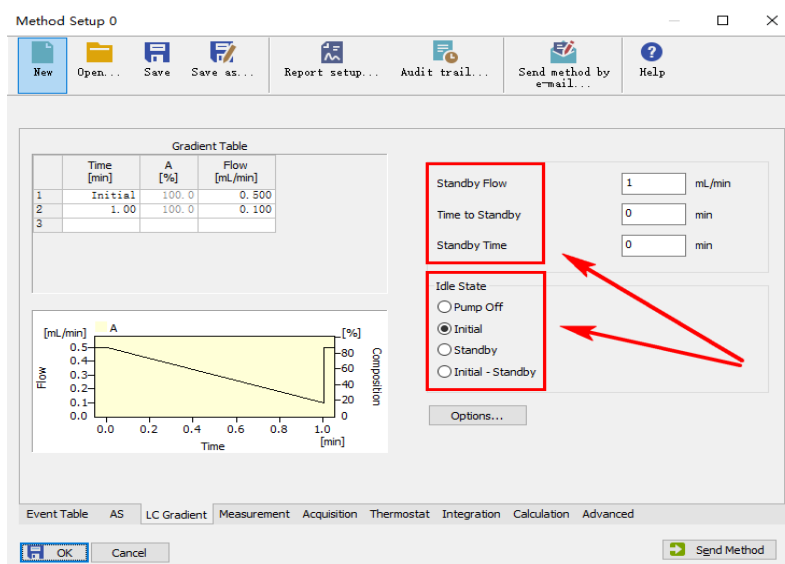


Figure 4-11 Setting the " LC Gradient "

“Standby Flow”, “Standby Time” and “Time to Standby” are putted in the " LC Gradient ".

There are four options for the idle state in the" LC Gradient ", which are “Pump off”, “Initial”, “Standby”, and “Initial-standby”.

" Pump off " means that the system automatically turns off the pump after the analysis is completed.

" Initial " means that after the analysis is completed, the pump runs in the initial state of the method.

"Standby" means that the pump is in the standby state after the analysis is completed.

"Initial-Standby" means that after the analysis is completed, the instrument first enters the initial state, and then into the standby state.



[Caution]

- ◆ The minimum time unit is 0.01 min, and the minimum unit of volumn percentage is 0.1%, as well as the minimum flow rate unit is 0.001mL/min.
- ◆ Idle state means the pump state without running methods.

4.4.4 Setting system pressure and solvent number

In the “Gradient Options”, setting the system maximum and minimum pressure and solvent number, as shown in Figure 4-12. When the pressure exceeds the set value, the system will automatically alarm.

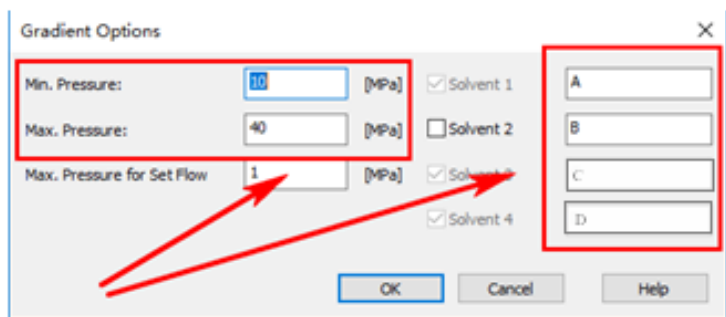


Figure 4-12 Setting “Gradient Options”

4.5 Mobile phase replacement

There are various liquids used in HPLC as mobile phase, including organic solvents, water, buffers, etc. Miscibility and buffer salt precipitation are important issues that should be considered. Please take care when you need to replace mobile phase. If necessary, you can refer to the corresponding physical chemistry handbook.

4.5.1 Replacing with miscible liquid

E.g. replacing methanol with acetonitrile

- 1) Store acetonitrile in a clean solvent bottle.
- 2) Take the filter components out from methanol reservoir, wash it with acetonitrile, then, put it into acetonitrile.
- 3) Open the relieve valve. Flush the pump with approximately 20mL of the new mobile phase.
- 4) Close the relieve valve, disconnect the column from the system, then, put a bottle at the outlet of the inject valve.
- 5) Turn on the pump and pump the new mobile phase out about 10 mL.
- 6) Reconnect the column. Turn on the pump at a suitable flow rate, e.g.1mL/min. The system needs to equilibrate for at least 30 minutes.

4.5.2 Replacing with immiscible liquid

E.g. replacing methanol with n-hexane

Choose an intermediate washing liquid, which must be miscible with both the new and old mobile phase. In the above example, iso-propanol can be used as the intermediate washing liquid, because iso-propanol is miscible with both methanol and n-hexane.

Follow the procedures as described in section 4.5.1 using the intermediate washing liquid to replace old one.

Repeat the procedures as described in section 4.5.1 using the new mobile phase to replace

intermediate washing liquid.

4.5.3 Replacing organic solvent with salt buffer

Crystalline salt may appear when buffer salts mix with an organic solvent. Crystalline salt is harmful to the seals, the plunger rod, the injection valve and the internal rotor and stator, moreover, it may block the tube. So, please transition the system with a certain proportion of water-containing organic solvent before analysis. After the experiment is finished, do transition the system again with the same method above, and save the column with organic solvent.

Chapter 5 Maintenance and Repair

5.1 Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting a pump can be frustrating and sometimes a mysterious process. This section outlines a common-sense process for troubleshooting a pump. If troubles cannot be solved when referring to this section, please contact post-sales service or local vendor.

5.1.1 Elimination of Air Bubbles

Air bubbles are likely to be trapped in P3130 under the following circumstances: the initial use of pump, the pump has been left idle for some time, improperly degassed mobile phase etc. It is crucial to eliminate these trapped air bubbles. Otherwise, they affect system operation in a number of ways, such as: pressure fluctuation, unstable flow rate, and damage the column.

How to eliminate trapped air bubbles

Open the relief valve and press “PURGE” key, flush with high flow rate to remove air bubbles in pump head and inlet lines.

If the pump is unable to draw mobile phase after “PURGE” key was pressed, use a syringe to withdraw mobile phase from outlet of relief valve until the liquid flow out.

If the pump is still unable to withdraw mobile phase, it is probably caused by the dirty check valve. Follow related content in maintenance manual to clean the check valve.

5.1.2 Leakage of pump head

Pump head leakage is a common problem. Seal damage in the pump head is the main cause of leakage. Therefore, when the pump discharge occurs, replace worn parts in time.

5.1.3 Overpressure

In the process of operation, real-time pressure monitoring system works. When the pressure exceeds the set maximum pressure, P3130 will automatically stop and alarm. Open the vent valve to release the system pressure is a good choice at this time. Then reset the pressure cap or check the entire flow path to look for the reason of the surplus pressure.



[Caution] Setting maximum pressure should be lower than the maximum pressure

the column can withstand, or the column may be damaged.

5.1.4 Pump not delivering solvent

Pump not delivering solvent is usually caused by air bubbles in pump head or blocking in solvent filter. In general, the problem can be solved by eliminating air bubbles or cleaning solvent filtering cup. But a dirty check valve can also cause the problem. So, if the pump does not suck liquid after filtering and cleaning solvent cup, please clean the check valve. Cleaning check valve refers to the related contents in the user manual. Common failures and solutions are shown in table 5-1.

Table 5-1: A summary of most common problems affecting system operation

Symptoms	Cause	Solutions
Infusion instability and the pressure fluctuation	Bubbles in pump head	1. Eliminating air bubbles through the relieve valve. 2. Spare bubbles with a syringe through the relieve valve.
	The old solvent remained in the pump cavity	Increase the flow rate to replace old solvent from the relieve valve.
	bubbles in the solvent filter and the inter line	1. Vibration the solvent filter to eliminate air bubbles. 2. If the solvent filters are dirty, clean them with ultrasonic cleaner or replace solvent filters. 3. Degas the mobile phase.
	Something wrong with the check valves	Clean or change the check valve.
	Piston rod or seal leakage	1. Replace piston rod and seal. 2. Change the faulted part.
	Pipeline leakage	1. Tighten the screw where leakage occurs 2. Replace the failure parts.
	Pipeline jam	Clean or replace the tube.
Pump is running, but no liquid out	Air bubbles in the pump cavity	1. Eliminating air bubbles through the relieve valve. 2. Spare bubbles with a syringe through the relieve valve.
	Bubbles in the pump head entering from the infusion entrance	Tighten the cap of the pump head.
	Air in the pump head	Perfuse fluid in pump head, open the relieve valve and turn on the pump under the maximum flow rate until there is no air bubbles appear.
	Incorrect check valve installation	Install the check valve correctly.
	Dirty check valve or worn check valve	Clean or exchange the check valve.
	No solvent in the reservoir	Fill up the reservoir.

Symptoms	Cause	Solutions
The actual flow rate is lower than the set value	Abnormal check valve	Clean or exchange the check valve.
	Dirty filter	Clean or exchange the filter.
No liquid delivered by the pump (the pump is not running)	Power off	Turn on the power.
	The power supply is not connected	Connect power supply.
Flow rate decreases when the pump is running	Air in the pump is gathering	Open the relieve valve, let the pump run under high velocity to eliminate air bubbles.
	Solvent filters plugged	Open the cap of the pump head, if there is no liquid out from infusion tube quickly, it means solvent filter is plugged. Please clean or replace the filter.
	Immiscible solutions in the pump	Use transition solvent to dissolve Immiscible ones.
	Plunger seal leakage	Inspect and replace the piston rod and seal.
	Compression compensation failure	Check or replace the pressure board or pressure transmitter.
Flow rate is too high	The velocity compensation failure	Inspect or replace it (see instructions).
	P.C. board failure	Replace the P.C. board.
	Compression compensation failure	Inspect or replace it.
High pressure	Tubing blockage	Screening each section of pipe to find blocking part. Replace or cut off the block tube.
	Improper pipe diameter	Replace it with proper tube.
	Online filter blocking	Clean or replace filter sieve.
	Chromatographic column plugged	Replace the chromatographic column.
No/Low pressure	No solvent in reservoir	Fill up the reservoir.
	Vent valve is not tight	Tighten the relieve valve.
	Pump pressure sensor fault	Check or replace the pressure sensor.
	Pipe joint leakage	1.Tighten the screw or ferrule where is leaking. 2.Replace the worn parts.
	Seal leakage	Clean or replace the sealing ring.
	Both the inlet and outlet of the pump have air bubbles	Open the relieve valve and let the pump run under high velocity to eliminate air bubbles.
The pump has a humming sound and can not start properly	The motor failure	Stop the pump and check it.
	Phase voltage is too low	Phase voltage is too low.

Symptoms	Cause	Solutions
Flow rate is zero	Air bubbles in pump head	Eliminate the air (refer to the above item).
	The entrance check valve plugged	Check and replace it.
	The export check valve plugged	Check and replace it.
	The direction of check valve is reverse	Install the check valve in the right direction.
The pump stops in operation.	Pressure is higher than limit pressure	a) To reset the highest limit pressure. b) Replace the column. c) Replace tubes with proper ones.
	Power cut	a) Check the power supply. b) Shut off the main power supply, check the fuse.
The pump is on, the pressure is common, but no liquid comes out.	Serious leakage in the system	Repair injection valve or pipeline and fasteners between the pump and detector.
	Fluid passage blockage	Clean injection valve or the connection between the column and detector or particles in flow cell.
	The entrance of column is plugged with particles	Clean or replace the column inlet filter or replace the column. Degas mobile phase and samples properly.
The column pressure increases, but the flow rate decreases.	Column or protect column is partially blocked	Clean or replace the column inlet filter or replace the column.
	The entrance tube of the detector is partly plugged	Remove and clean the flow cell and line.

5.2 Maintenance and repair

In order to ensure the normal operation of the high pressure constant flow pump, maintenance and repair is important. Maintenance means simple repair. Such repairs can be done from the front panel of the pump. There is no need to take out the pump from the stacked configuration. And repair is mainly referred to those which need to change the internal parts and remove the pump body from the stacked configuration and disassemble.

5.2.1 Maintenance of solvent filters

Dirty reservoir and mobile phase contamination is likely to cause blockage to solvent filter. Also, using buffer for a long time may lead to filter pollution and flow impassability. The blockage, pollution and impassability will affect pump operation. Recommended practices can extend the service life of the filter and guarantee the normal work of the pump. Replacing colorless reservoir with brown reservoir is an effective way to prevent fungi biological from growing.

- Filter all solvents through a 0.45 micron (or smaller) filter.
- The aqueous mobile phase needs to be replaced or filtered often.

Under the allowed condition of test, add 0.0001 to 0.001 mole of sodium azide may put an end to the growth of fungi

When the solvent filter is blocked seriously, air bubbles will appear in infusion tube even if the mobile phase was degassed. Please clean the solvent filter at this time. Cleaning steps are as follows:

- 1) Remove the solvent filter from the bottle-head assembly and immerse it in a beaker with 30% nitric acid (v/v). Sonicate for 15 minutes.
- 2) Thoroughly rinse the solvent filter with distilled water. Sonicate the solvent filter in distilled water for 10 minutes.
- 3) Blow-dries the filter.
- 4) Sonicate the solvent filter again in distilled water for 10 minutes.
- 5) Blow-dries the filter again.
- 6) Reassemble the solvent filter and put it into mobile phase bottle.

5.2.2 Cleaning the check valve

Pump outlet and inlet are equipped with check valves. The components are the same, so a check valve component can be used for any end of the pump. The appearance of the check valve is shown in figure 5-1.



Figure 5-1: Appearance of the check valve

Usually, check valves have no need to clean. If sediment occurs in valve or valve ball and seat is adhesive, cleaning should be carried out.

Overall cleaning:

When the check valve has been assembled completely, overall cleaning can improve the adhesion condition.

- 1) Take out the check valve at the pump entrance: remove infusion tube from the entrance pressure cap, unload entrance pressure cap using a wrench and take the check valve components out.
- 2) Take out the check valve at the pump exit: remove infusion tube above pump head with a wrench, then, unload the pressure cap and take the component out.
- 3) Put them into ethanol and clean with ultrasonic twice in 15 min Then blow off the solvent inside.
- 4) Assemble the cleaned check valve properly while pay attention to the direction of the check valve.



[Caution] The entrance of the check valve has ring mark nearby. If overall cleaning cannot solve the problem, deep cleaning becomes necessary. Cleaning steps are as follows:

Deep cleaning:

- 1) Unload the pressure cap with a wrench. Take the check valve out.
- 2) Make wallpaper knife into the gap between the coat and the gasket of the valve. Take the valve ball, seat and seal components out carefully. Put them into ethanol and clean with ultrasonic.
- 3) Observe the valve ball and seat with magnifying glass. If the valve ball or seat is damaged, please change a new one.

4) Assemble the cleaned check valve referring to figure 5-2. Roughness of different sides of the valve seat is not the same Identify them carefully before installation (the gem ball seats the smooth side).

5) Blowing is a good method to check the correction of the installation. Using a dust ball to blow the check valve from the inlet where have a ring mark nearby. You can feel airflow at the other side. Otherwise, air cannot pass through.



[Caution] It is suggested using a small container during cleaning to avoid the loss of the valve components.

Each group of the valve ball and seat is grinded in pairs; therefore, the components cannot mix between different valves. The system should be washed with methanol and deionized water successively if no one uses the pump for more than one month, or troubles may occur while the pump is running.

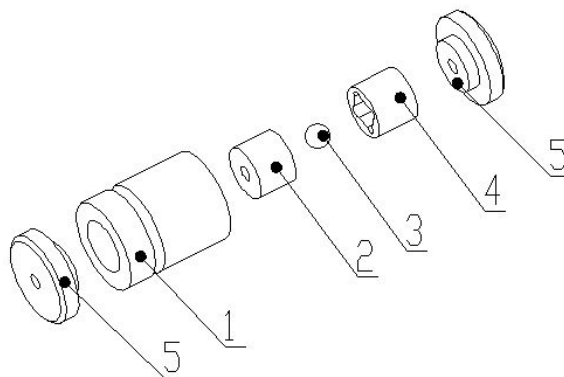


Figure 5-2: Assembly of the check valve

1. The marked valve jacket, 2. Valve seat, 3. Valve ball, 4. Seal with limit set, 5. Sealing gasket

5.2.3 Cleaning the online solvent filter

In order to prevent the particles in mobile phase coming into chromatographic system, the pump is installed an online filter in the vent valve to filter the mobile phase coming out from the pump outlet. It is recommended that users should clean the online filter in time. Use a wrench to unload the pressure cap, remove the sealing ring and the sintered stainless-steel filter, and then clean them.

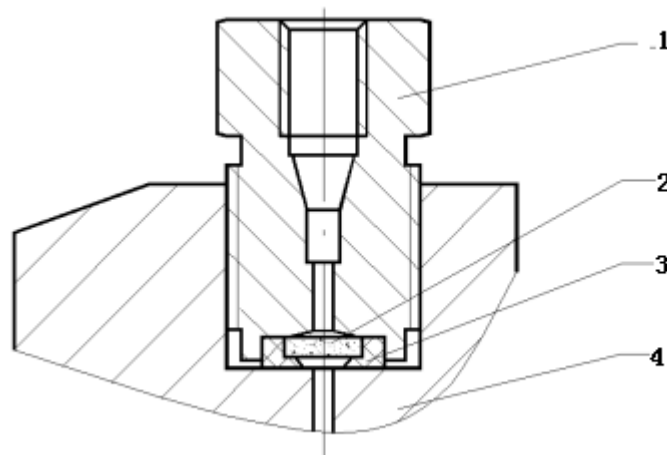


Figure 5-3: Assembly of the online filter

1. Pressing cap, 2. Filter disc, 3. Sealing ring, 4. Release valve

- 1) Remove the filter disc. Immerse it in a beaker with 25% nitric acid (v/v). Sonicate for 15 minutes.
- 2) Thoroughly rinse the solvent filter with distilled water. Sonicate the solvent filter in distilled water for 10 minutes.
- 3) Blow-dries the filter.
- 4) Sonicate the solvent filter again in distilled water for 10 minutes.
- 5) Blow-dries the filter again.

5.2.4 Cleaning the pump head

Crystalline salt may appear when using buffer salts for a long time. Crystalline salt is harmful to the seals and plunger rod. In order to avoid this situation, cleaning should be carried out frequently on the flow path and sealing ring. Customers can prepare a suitable cleaning fluid (such as distilled water and 10% methanol, 20% ethanol aqueous solution, etc.). Plunger rod cleaning device has been allocated as standard in the high pressure constant flow pump. Select a suitable cleaning method refer to " Chapter 4 Basic Operation" according to the need.



[Caution] Add and replace the cleaning fluid in time.

5.2.5 Pump Head Assembly

There is no need to open the case cover when removing the pump head. Methods for pump head disassembly and installation are as follows:

- 1) Turn off the pump power.
- 2) Remove the infusion line connected with the pump.
- 3) Use 3# hexagonal key (Allen key) to unscrew the 4 pump head screws and remove the pump head body.
- 4) When installing the pump head, pay attention to evenly tighten the four fixed screws, referring to figure 5-3.
- 5) Connect the infusion line removed in step 2 above.

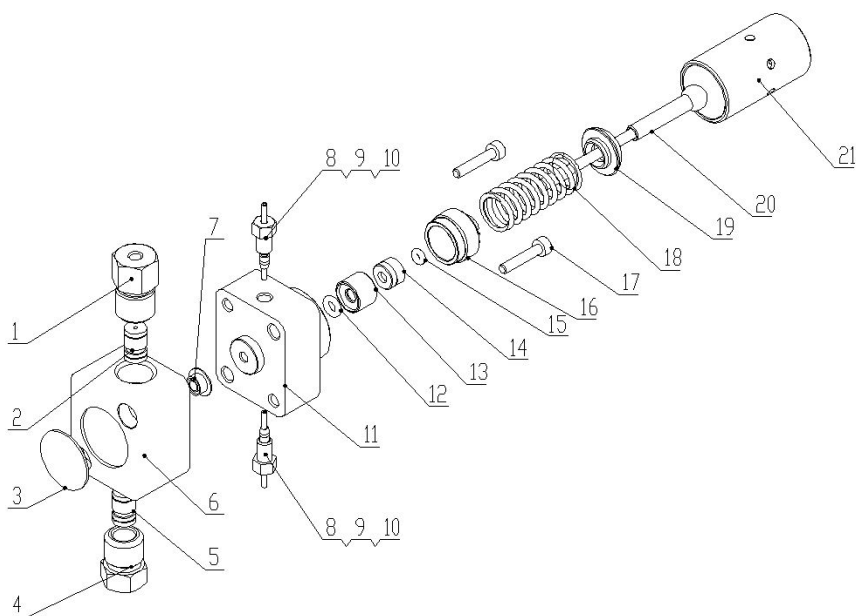


Figure 5-4: pump head assembly

1. Export pressure cap, 2. Check valve, 3. Badge of the pump head, 4. Entrance pressure cap, 5. Check valve, 6. Pump head body, 7. Primary seal pressure ring, 8. Stainless steel tube, 9. Tube screw, 1/16" I.D., 10. Stainless steel ferrule, 1/16" I.D., 11. Positioning seat, 12. Sealing ring ($\phi 5.3 \times 1.8$), 13. packing holder, 14. Sealing ring, 15. Sealing ring ($\phi 3.55 \times 1.8$), 16. Limit nut, 17. Plate screw, 18. Plunger spring, 19. Spring inside locating sleeve, 20. Plunger rod components, 21. Sleeve

Pump head disassembly and installation methods are as follows (Refer to figure 5-4, figure 5-5):

- 1) Place the pump head body on a flat surface. Use 2.5# hexagonal key to unscrew the 2 mounting plate screws, #17 on Figure 5-4. Remove the seat (11#).
- 2) Unload the sleeve (figure 5-4 #21), plunger rod components (figure 5-4 #20), plunger spring (figure 5-4 #18), locating sleeve (figure 5-4 #19) etc.
- 3) Observe the plunger rod surface with a magnifying glass to find whether axial wear occurs on it. If there is no axial wear, clean the plunger rod, or a new plunger rod is needed.

- 4) Take out the primary seal carefully (figure 5-5 #7) (user should not remove it unless replace a new one is needed).
- 5) Put the new primary seal (the openings with spring should be in the direction of the pump head) into the pump head body (figure 5-5#1).
- 6) Place all parts in order according to figure 5-5. Install the pressure plate.
- 7) Put the pump head on worktable, push the pressure plate slowly, press the two-pressure plunger rod into the primary sealing ring, and then tighten two fixed screws evenly.

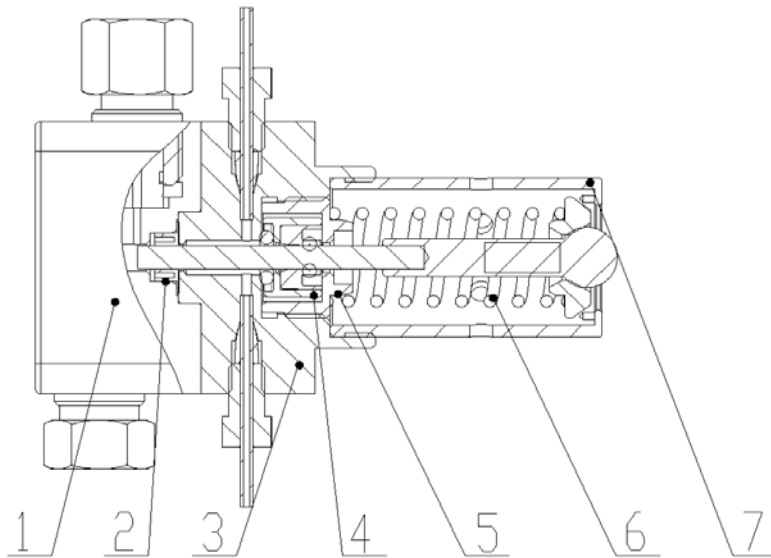


Figure 5-5: Cross-section of sapphire plunger

1. Pump head body, 2. Plunger seal, 3. Supporting ring with plunger rinsing, 4. Primary seal, 5. The secondary seal pressure ring, 6. Plunger rod spring, 7. Sleeve,



[Caution] Plunger rod is easy to break. Be careful while unloading and assembling.

5.2.6 Plunger seal replacement

Plunger and plunger seal will wear during long-term use. It is mainly related to the flow rate, the operating pressure and the kind of mobile phase. The impact of these factors is uncertain, so estimating the wear degree of those parts is difficult. It is necessary to check the surface of the plunger rod when replacing piston ring. If there is an even small scratch on the surface of the plunger rod, please replace it. The method for plunger disassembly and installation can refer to “5.2.5 pump head assembly” above.

5.2.7 Fuse replacement

The fuse replacement process is as follows:

- 1) Turn off the power switch.
- 2) Remove the power cable from the power outlet.
- 3) Open the fuse box with a screwdriver referring to figure 3-2.

After replacing a new fuse, lift the fuse lid.



[Caution] Please use the same model fuse. Fuse model: T2.0A/250V.

5.3 Relief valve seal replacement

The sealing ring of the relief valve is a consumable part, and leakage may occur after long-term use. At this time, the sealing ring must be replaced. The specific replacement steps are as follows:

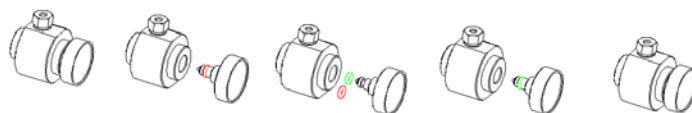


Figure 5-6: Relief valve seal replacement

- 1) Rotate the relief valve handle counterclockwise until it is completely disengaged.
- 2) Use sharp tools (such as sharp tweezers, etc.) to pick out the old sealing ring out of the limit groove.
- 3) Re-fix the new sealing ring in the limit groove.



[Caution] Provide special support tools can make installation faster, easier, violence installation may damage the sealing ring.

5.4 Peristaltic pump silicone tube replacement

In order to avoid the formation of crystallization, use the buffer as the mobile phase and activate the peristaltic pump cleaning device. Silicone tube peristaltic pump belongs consumable part, prolonged use of silicone tube to aging. Therefore, it is recommended that the customer replace the silicone tube once every six months. The specific replacement method is as follows:

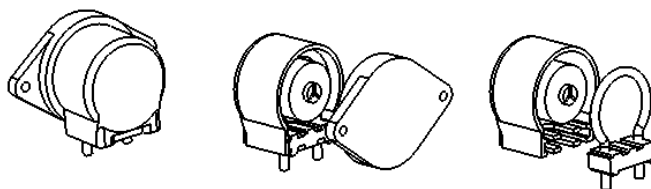


Figure 5-7: Peristaltic pump silicone tube replacement

- 1) Disconnect the outlet and inlet pipelines of the peristaltic pump.
- 2) Counterclockwise rotation of the peristaltic pump housing cover, the housing cover is opened.
- 3) Pull out the buckle at the lower end of the shell cover (at a perpendicular angle to the shell cover) to take out the silicone tube.
- 4) Place the new silicone tube along the inner wall of the peristaltic pump.
- 5) Fasten the buckle, align the housing cover with the peristaltic pump and rotate it clockwise to install the housing cover.
- 6) Connect the outlet and inlet pipes of the peristaltic pump.



[Caution] To ensure the normal operation of the peristaltic pump, please use the special silicone tube provided.

Chapter 6 Components and Material list

6.1 Consumption parts

NO.	Describe	PN
1	Mobile phase bottle, transparent, 500mL	33110001
2	Mobile phase bottle, transparent, 1000mL	33110002
3	Mobile phase bottle, transparent, brown, 500mL	33130008
4	Mobile phase bottle, transparent, brown, 1000mL	33130009
5	PTFE tube O.D.1/16"~I.D.0.03"	13010031
6	LB-2 inlet solvent filter suite	18040018
7	3/16"-32 Stainless steel connection screws	14510027
8	1/16"Stainless steel ferrules	14990070
9	OD1/16"~ID0.02"stainless steel tube	12010007
10	Type A number tube	19000072
11	Type B number tube	19000073
12	Type C number tube	19000040
13	Type D number tube	19000041
15	Power cable	17000001
16	T2.0A/250V fuse	15080006
17	Twist-Pair (1m)	17000035
18	Twist-Pair (3m)	17000036
19	Proportional valve connecting nut	33120018
20	Proportional valve ferrule	33120019
21	Omini-lok	33120147
22	Omini-lok	33120148
23	Wired router	15500027
24	Tubing clamp	14040755
25	Barbed connector	33120299
26	Silicone Tubing	13010033
27	PTFE tube O.D.1/16"~I.D.1.6mm	13010018

6.2 Replacement Parts

NO.	Describe	PN
1	O-rings $\Phi 3.5 \times 1.8$	14992280
2	O-rings $\Phi 5.3 \times 1.8$	14991024
3	Filter disc	14510075
4	primary seal	14990076
5	secondary seal	14990082
6	plunger rod	14010215
7	check valve component	14010012
8	Four-element solenoid valve	15260017
9	Ground pole	14010081

Appendix

Introduction to the connecting tube materials

In HPLC systems, column systems, tubing, fittings, and extra-column volumes in the injectors and detectors are likely to cause peak broadening. Improper tube material will also lead to peak broadening, even cause the sample degeneration, which affects the reliability of analysis results directly.

Good connection can fully exert the function of the instrument and improve the work efficiency. Different pipeline material is needed according to the system pressure and the properties of mobile phase and samples. Commonly used pipe materials include stainless steel, polyether ether ketone (PEEK), Teflon, polytetrafluoroethylene vinylidene fluoride, polyethylene or polypropylene. The stainless-steel pipe is the most commonly used.

Outer diameter of HPLC system connecting pipe is 1/16"(1.59mm). Inside diameter can be chosen according to your need. Commonly used inside diameter includes 0.007"(0.175mm), 0.01"(0.25mm), 0.02"(0.5mm), 0.03"(0.75mm) and 0.04"(1.0mm) etc.

Stainless steel tube is generally used in high pressure part. In HPLC systems, the part from the pump to the column inlet is high pressure section. Stainless steel tube is recommended.

Stainless steel tubing has good corrosion resistance and coaxially. The bore of the pipe should match that of the fitting well while using it.

Also, polymer tubing can be used in many sections of HPLC systems, such as low-pressure parts: from the liquid bottle to the pump, the detector outlet, the sampler drainage port, the emptying valve outlet and others. Teflon is inertial to HPLC solvents and is the most commonly used plastic pipe.

When the pressure is lower than 20MPa, peek tubing is lazier than stainless steel tubing and is suitable for biological sample analysis.


Safety information

General safety information

At the different stages of the instrument operation, maintenance and repair, everyone should abide the following general safety rules. Breaking these rules may cause damage to instruments. does not responsible for the impact caused by non-standard operation.

Standard of security

For marked with this symbol of the equipment, the user should refer to the instruction manual, so as not to cause harm to the operator and the equipment.

Symbols	Descriptions
	Please do not operate beyond the scope of caution, unless you have been fully understood and meet the required conditions.
[Warning]	Casualties may appear. Please do not operate beyond the scope of warning, unless you have been fully understood and meet the required conditions.
[Caution]	Data loss or equipment damage may appear. Please do not operate beyond the scope of caution, unless you have been fully understood and meet the required conditions.
[Note]	Unsatisfactory experimental data and instrument failure may appear. Please do not operate beyond the scope of note, unless you have been fully understood and meet the required conditions.