

## HPLC Column End Fittings

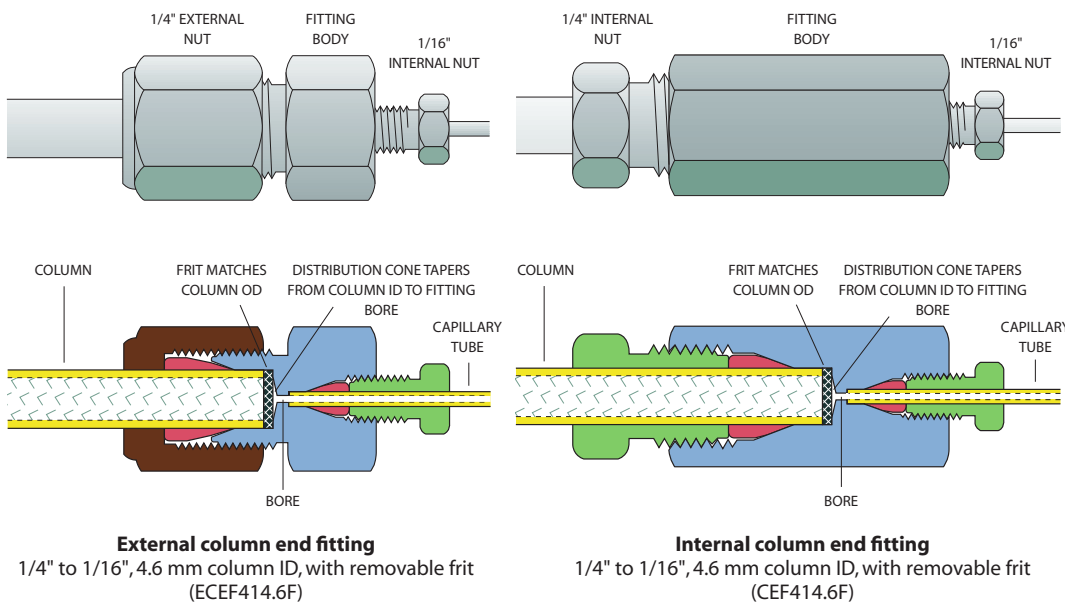
Although our column end fittings look like ordinary reducing unions, they are machined with a conical recess to match a specific column ID so that there are no abrupt or irregular diameter changes which can cause loss of theoretical plates. (See illustrations, below.) This optimization results in an assortment of column end fittings for each column OD. To receive full benefit of this design, use column end fittings only with the specific column ID for which they are intended. We can design special fittings for unusual sizes or OEM use.

If a temporary frit is used during column packing, the frit OD should match the column OD. Permanent frits should have an OD matched to the column ID, and should be pressed in to give the lowest dead volume. Our frits are available in a variety of pore sizes,

and we offer titanium and Hastelloy C frits for systems sensitive to exposed stainless steel.

All column end fittings are rated to 10,000 psi. However, the functional limit is dictated by the yield strength of the tubing used with the fitting. Standard 1/4", 3/8", and 1/2" columns are usually packed at 8,000-10,000 psi, which is right at the yield strength for the tubing commonly used. Columns with 1" ID have a yield strength of 6,000-8,000 psi, and the fitting will not hold if the system pressure exceeds that limit.

The newest addition to the line is the Nanovolume® column end fitting. (See page 62.) These all-PEEK fittings feature fingertight zero dead volume connections with 100 or 150 micron bore. PEEK sleeves permit use with any fused silica tubing.



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**TECH TIP**  
Standard column end fittings are Type 316 stainless, but since the column wall and frit form over 99% of the column surface area, standard fittings with titanium frits can generally be used on inert columns.

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When packing columns, use Valco "through-type" unions to couple the column to the packing reservoir.

Size	Prod No
1/16" union	ZU1T
1/8" union	ZU2T
1/4" union	ZU4T

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