

Filters

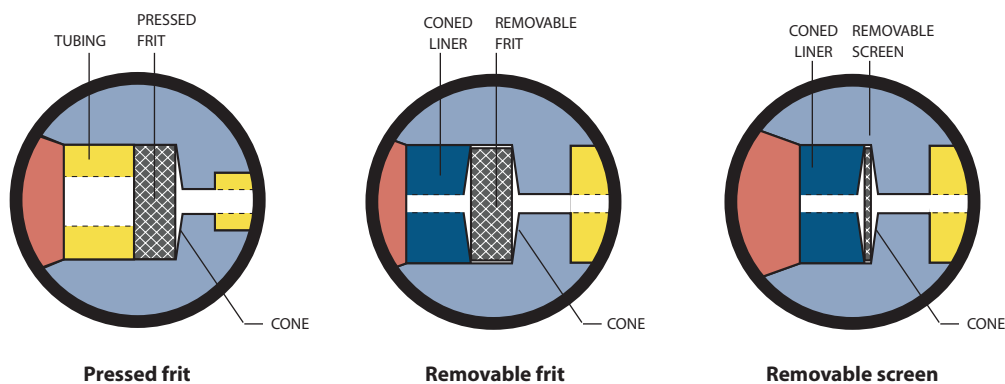
There are many flow elements of analytical instruments which require protection from foreign particles, such as orifices that may become plugged or surfaces that may get scratched. However, conventional filtering devices may have too large a volume to be consistent with good system performance – particularly in chromatographic applications.

Valco's unique patented* filter design results in extremely low internal volume and simplifies filter element replacement. Filter bodies are "coned" for uniform flow and maximum filter surface area. The filters are made entirely of metal, so they can be used at any instrumentation temperature. While the standard metal is 316 series stainless, filters can be made from alloys that can be used in virtually any application.

We offer a choice of three different filtering elements. All styles are available in bulkhead configurations for mounting on a panel or instrument wall. (Please note that since frits and

screens have significantly different thicknesses, they cannot be used interchangeably in the same filter body.)

- **Pressed frits**, permanently installed in the filter, are recommended where contaminants are the exception and not the rule. The frits are 2 μ stainless.
- **Removable frits** are the best choice for maximum filtration, or if the application requires Hastelloy C or titanium. However, they allow more mixing and tend to clog more than screens. A 2 μ frit is included with the filter, but 0.5, 2, and 10 μ replacement frits are available in three materials.
- **Removable screens** plug less rapidly and provide lower pressure drop than frits. Since they are thinner, there is less mixing and dispersal than might occur with a frit, but frits provide better filtration. A 2 μ screen is included with the filter, and 2 and 10 μ stainless replacement screens may be ordered.



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