

## i tech tip

### Choosing the Right Ferrule

Although graphite and Vespel®/graphite ferrules each have advantages and disadvantages, the choice of ferrule composition is largely a personal preference. Graphite ferrules are soft, easy to seal, stable to 450 °C, and contain no binders that might off-gas. Vespel®/graphite ferrules work better for vacuum and high-pressure applications (e.g., GC/MS) because they will not fragment or allow oxygen to permeate into the system, whereas graphite ferrules will. Because Vespel®/graphite ferrules are made from a harder material, they might require retightening after several temperature cycles. Alumaseal® ferrules are ideal for GC/MS. They will not crack or fragment and require no retightening after temperature cycles.



graphite ferrules



Reusable!

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### Vespel® Ferrules

- 100% high-temperature polyimide.
- Stable to 350 °C.
- Durable, leak-tight.



Vespel® ferrules

### Graphite Ferrules

- Preconditioned to eliminate out-gassing.
- High-purity, high-density graphite.
- Smoother surface and cleaner edges than conventional graphite ferrules.
- Contain no binders that can off-gas or adsorb analytes.
- Stable to 450 °C.

### Vespel®/Graphite Ferrules

- 60%/40% Vespel®/graphite blend, offering the best combination of sealing and ease of workability.
- Seal with minimal torque, reusable, and preferred for vacuum and high-pressure uses.
- Stable to 400 °C.
- Recommended for mass spec transfer lines.

### Capillary Ferrules

for 1/16-Inch Compression-Type Fittings

Available in Vespel®, graphite, or Vespel®/graphite.

Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	qty.	Vespel	Graphite	Vespel/Graphite
0.3mm		10-pk.	22213	20233	20275
0.4mm	0.10/0.15/0.18/0.25/0.28mm	10-pk.	22214	20200	20211
0.4mm	0.10/0.15/0.18/0.25/0.28mm	50-pk.	—	20227	20229
0.5mm	0.32mm	10-pk.	22215	20201	20212
0.5mm	0.32mm	50-pk.	—	20228	20231
0.6mm	0.28mm**	10-pk.	—	—	20232
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	10-pk.	22216	20202	20213
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	50-pk.	—	20224	20230
1.0mm	0.75mm*	10-pk.	22217	21058	24912
1.2mm	0.75mm*	10-pk.	22218	—	—
1.6mm	1.00mm*	10-pk.	—	21060	—

### Encapsulated Ferrules

for 1/16-Inch Compression Fittings

- Reusable—will not deform and stick in fittings.
- Less torque needed to seal ferrule.
- Restek's unique blend of graphite minimizes fragmentation and outgassing.

Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	qty.	cat.#	price
0.4mm	0.25mm	10-pk.	21036	
0.5mm	0.32mm	10-pk.	21037	
0.8mm	0.53mm	10-pk.	21038	

### Compact Ferrules

for Agilent 5890/6890/6850/7890 GCs

Available in graphite or Vespel®/graphite.

Ferrule ID	Fits Column ID	qty.	Graphite	Vespel/Graphite
0.4mm	0.25/0.28mm	10-pk.	20250	20238
0.4mm	0.25/0.28mm	50-pk.	20251	20239
0.5mm	0.32mm	10-pk.	21007	20248
0.5mm	0.32mm	50-pk.	21008	20249
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	10-pk.	20252	20263
0.8mm	0.45/0.53mm	50-pk.	20253	20264
1.0mm	0.75mm*	10-pk.	21059	—
1.6mm	1.00mm*	10-pk.	21061	—

\*For micropacked columns.

\*\*For 0.28 mm MXT columns.