

Why do I need to use traps and where should I install them?

Carrier gas must contain less than 1ppm of oxygen, water vapor, or any other trace contaminant, to prevent column degradation, shortened column lifetime, and increased stationary phase bleed. Contaminants cause ghost peaks to appear during temperature programming and degrade the validity of analytical data. Make-up gas also should be contaminant-free, or baseline fluctuations and excessive detector noise can occur; detector gases should be free of water and hydrocarbons, or excessive baseline noise can result. Gas purifiers remove these contaminants from gas sources, thereby improving system performance.

Moisture Removal

Moisture in carrier gas lines will prematurely degrade oxygen and hydrocarbon traps and increase detector noise (particularly with ECDs). As a precaution, we highly recommend installing a moisture trap before the hydrocarbon and oxygen traps on all carrier gas lines. Our favorite trap is the Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Moisture Filter (cat.# 22028).

Hydrocarbon Removal

Use a hydrocarbon trap if your gas has a potential source of hydrocarbon contaminants (e.g., an oil pump in an air compressor) or if you suspect you are observing carrier gas ghost peaks. Install the hydrocarbon trap after the moisture trap, to prevent moisture from degrading the hydrocarbon-trapping ability of the activated carbon in the hydrocarbon trap. We recommend the Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Hydrocarbon Filter (cat.# 22030).

Oxygen Removal

Oxygen is a column killer. It is present even in UHP gases, as minute leaks at fittings allow oxygen to influx against the concentration gradient. There are many choices for oxygen removal—the Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Oxygen Filter (cat.# 22029) is popular with Restek chemists. Because oxygen can enter a gas line at any fitting, the oxygen trap should be the last connection before the gas line enters the chromatograph.

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Carrier Gas Purity

Carrier gas should contain less than 1ppm of oxygen, moisture, or other trace contaminants, to prevent column degradation, increase column lifetime, and decrease stationary phase bleed.

The expense of using highpurity gases in combination with carrier gas line purifiers will be offset by longer column lifetime and less GC maintenance.

did you know?

Trap replacement made simple!

Try the Super-Clean™ Triple Filter Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit (cat.# 22019) that removes moisture, hydrocarbons, and oxygen in one easy-to-change, economical cartridge.

Super-Clean™ Gas Filters

- · High-purity output ensures 99.9999% pure gas.
- · "Quick connect" fittings for easy, leak-tight cartridge changes.
- Glass inside to prevent diffusion; plastic outside for safety.

Designed for fast, simple cartridge changing

Cartridge systems make changing gas filters quick and easy, and Super-Clean™ gas filters are the latest in cartridge-style gas filtration. A baseplate allows cartridges to be exchanged without introducing oxygen. Spring-loaded check valves seal when a filter is removed and open only when a new filter has been locked in place. There is no longer a need for loosening and tightening fittings every time a trap is changed, and your system will not become contaminated during the process.

With available 2- or 3-position baseplates, you can purify all GC gas streams at one location. Figure 1 shows some possible filter cartridge combinations using these baseplates. Any combination is possible because any Super-Clean™ filter cartridge can be used with any baseplate.

High-purity output for improved sensitivity (Table I)

The Triple Filter cartridge (cat.# 22020) is ideal for purifying carrier gas. This trap contains oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbon scrubbers in one cartridge. The purity of your carrier gas after flowing through the Triple Filter is better than six-9s (99.9999% pure), which is ideal for sensitive mass spectrometry (MS) or ECD analyses, and for protecting your analytical columns against damage from contaminated carrier gas.

The Fuel Gas Filter cartridge (cat.# 22022) is perfect for purifying flame ionization detector (FID) fuel gases, removing both moisture and hydrocarbons. Using the Fuel Gas Filter for FID hydrogen and air will produce a stable baseline, improving overall reproducibility and sensitivity.



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All Super-Clean™ filter cartridges (except hydrocarbon filter cat.# 22030) feature easy-to-read indicators. The indicator code is shown on every trap so there is no confusion about when to replace it.

Figure 1 Filter cartridges can be configured for different applications.

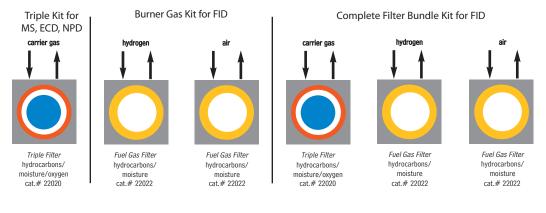


Table I Each Super-Clean™ filter provides high-purity outlet gas.

Type of Filter	Outlet	Maximum Pressure/ Maximum		Indicator		c ₂	pacity ———	Estimated Lifetime
	Gas Quality (%)	Flow Rates	Use for:	Color Change	H ₂ 0 (g)		Hydrocarbons (g)	
Moisture cat.# 22028	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7 L/min.	Inert carrier gas Air Hydrogen	Yellow to clear	7.2	_	_	>2
Oxygen cat.# 22029	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7 L/min.	Inert carrier gas	Green to grey	NA	1000	_	>2
Hydrocarbons cat.# 22030	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7L/min.	Inert carrier gas Air Hydrogen	No indicator	NA	_	123	>2
Fuel Gas¹ cat.# 22022	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7L/min.	Inert carrier gas Air Hydrogen	Yellow to clear	3.5	_	24 ³	>1.5
Triple ² cat.# 22020	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7L/min.	Inert carrier gas	Yellow to clear Green to grey	1.8	500	4 ³	>1
Helium Specific ² cat.# 21982	>99.9999	11 bar 159psi/ 7L/min.	Helium	Yellow to clear Green to grey	1.8	500	_	>1

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Oxygen and Moisture Traps

We highly recommend oxygen and moisture traps for make-up gas when operating sensitive detectors such as electron capture detectors (ECD). The hydrogen reaction gas for sensitive electrolytic conductivity detectors (ELCD) also requires a hydrocarbon trap, to remove trace impurities.

¹Removes hydrocarbons, moisture. ²Removes hydrocarbons, moisture, oxygen. ³As *n*-butane.



All traps measure: $10^5/s$ " x $1^3/s$ " (27 x 4.4 cm) Each baseplate unit measures: 4" x 4" x $1^7/s$ " (10.2 x 10.2 x 4.8 cm)

Super-Clean™ Filter and Baseplate Kits

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit (includes mounting baseplate, 1/8" inlet/outlet fittings, and			
oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon Triple Filter)	kit	22019	
Fuel Gas Purification Kit (includes mounting baseplate, 1/s" inlet/outlet fittings, and			
hydrocarbon/moisture Fuel Gas Filter)	kit	22021	



Replacement Filters

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Replacement Triple Filter (removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22020	
Replacement Fuel Gas Filter (removes moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22022	



Filter Bundle Kit

• Kit includes two Fuel Gas Filters for FID fuel gases and one Triple Filter for carrier gas.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Filter Bundle Kit	kit	22031



Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Filters

Description	qty.	cat.#
Ultra-High Capacity Hydrocarbon Filter	ea.	22030
Ultra-High Capacity Moisture Filter	ea.	22028
Ultra-High Capacity Oxygen Filter	ea.	22029



Helium-Specific Super-Clean™ Filter and Kit

- Specifically designed for purification of helium in GC/MS systems.
- Traps are packed and conditioned using helium.
- Uses standard single-position baseplate.

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit (includes mounting baseplate, 1/8" inlet/outlet			
fittings, and oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon Helium-Specific Filter)	kit	21983	
Replacement Helium-Specific Filter (removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	21982	



Baseplates

• Standard baseplate fittings are $^1/8$ ". To adapt to $^1/4$ ", order $^1/8$ " to $^1/4$ " tube-end unions (cat. # 21833, next page).

Description	qty.	cat.#
Single-Position Baseplate	ea.	22025
2-Position Baseplate	ea.	22026
3-Position Baseplate	ea.	22027

Wall Mounting Bracket

Baseplates can be mounted by using screws and the mounting holes on the baseplate, or by using this optional wall mounting bracket.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Wall Mounting Bracket for Super-Clean™ Baseplates	ea.	21984



Replacement O-Rings for Cartridge Baseplates

Pack includes 10 large O-rings and 10 small O-rings.

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Replacement O-Rings for Cartridge Baseplates	20-pk.	22023	



¹/₈-Inch to ¹/₄-Inch Tube-End Unions

To adapt ¹/8" Super-Clean™ baseplate fittings to ¹/4", use ¹/8" to ¹/4" tube-end unions.

Description	qty.	cat.#
1/8" to 1/4" Tube-End Unions	5-pk.	21833



Super-Clean™ Gas Trapping System for LC/MS

Quick-change cartridge system for removing hydrocarbon impurities from nitrogen

- Changing filters is quick and easy.
- Up to 20L of hydrocarbon-free nitrogen per minute.

The Super-Clean™ Gas Trapping System is the latest technology in cartridge-style gas filtration for purifying nitrogen, and is ideal for use in LC/MS systems. The two-position baseplate (installed in the gas line) allows cartridges to be exchanged without introducing oxygen into the system. Spring-loaded check valves seal when a cartridge is removed and open only when a new cartridge has been locked in place. There is no need for loosening and tightening fittings every time you change cartridges, and your system cannot become contaminated during the changing process.

To meet the high flow needs of the LC/MS system, the charcoal-filled cartridges are positioned and connected in parallel. The incoming gas stream is split equally between the cartridges, and the two streams are rejoined after purification but before the gas exits the baseplate. This approach allows longer contact between the nitrogen and the adsorbent, ensuring higher gas purity and eliminating a potential source of contaminants to your analyses.

A handy date wheel, included with the system, indicates the cartridge installation date and the recommended replacement date.

Table I Super-Clean™ Filters provide high-purity outlet gas

Type of filter	Max. Flow	Outlet Gas Quality %	Maximum Pre	Estimated Lifetime	
Hydrocarbon (charcoal)	20L/min.	99.9999%	11 bar/159	psi	3 to 6 months
Description			qty.	cat.#	
Super-Clean™ Gas-Trapping Sy	stem (2-position bas	eplate, 2 charcoal filters)	ea.	22062	
2-Position Baseplate (1/4" Fitti	ngs)		ea.	22060	
Replacement Hydrocarbon (Cl	harcoal) Filters		2-pk.	22061	



20L of purified nitrogen per minute!



please **note**

NOTE: Super-Clean™ Gas Filters are recommended for purifying non-corrosive gases with low concentrations of contaminants. The maximum concentration of oxygen in the incoming gas stream for oxygen purifiers is 0.5%.

Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps

- High-purity output ensures 99.9999% pure gas.
- Click-On fittings for easy, leak-tight cartridge changes; brass or stainless steel, 1/4" or 1/8".
- Helium-Specific Triple Trap is ideal for GC/MS.

Using the same features and benefits as the Super-Clean™ base-plates and filters, SGT designed an inline trap. Click-On adaptor connectors allow cartridges to be exchanged without introducing oxygen. Spring-loaded check valves seal when a filter is removed and open only when a new filter has been locked in place. There is no need for loosening and tightening fittings every time a trap is changed, and your system will not become contaminated during the process.

The Triple Trap is ideal for purifying carrier gas—it contains oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbon scrubbers in one cartridge.

The Fuel Gas Trap is ideal for purifying flame ionization detector (FID) fuel gases, removing both moisture and hydrocarbons.

The Helium-Specific Triple Trap is ideal for purifying helium in GC/MS systems. This trap is packed and purged under helium and contains oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbon scrubbers in one cartridge.

Trap replacement depends on the quality of the incoming gas. Use the double connector and install an indicating cartridge after a trap to indicate when the trap should be replaced.

Filter Type	Gas Quality at Outlet	Maximum Pressure	Maximum Flow (L/min.)	Use For	H₂O (g)	Capacity 0 ₂ (mL)	Hydrocarbons (g)	Estimated Lifetime (years)
Moisture cat.#22467	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H ₂	21	NA	NA	>3
Oxygen cat.#22468	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas	NA	3000	NA	>3
Hydrocarbon cat.#22466	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H ₂	NA	NA	36³	>3
Fuel Gas¹ cat.#22465	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas, helium, air, H ₂	10	NA	183	>2
Triple ² cat.#22464	>99.9999	11 bar 160psi	25	Inert carrier gas	6	1000	123	>2

¹Removes hydrocarbons, moisture.

³As *n*-butane.





Description	qty.	cat.#	
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel			
Includes (2) 1/8" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22456	
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Brass			
Includes (2) 1/8" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22457	
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel			
Includes (2) 1/4" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22458	
Carrier Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Brass			
Includes (2) 1/4" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon triple trap	kit	22459	
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel			
Includes (4) 1/8" SS connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22460	
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/8" Brass			
Includes (4) 1/8" brass connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22461	
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel			
Includes (4) 1/4" SS connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22462	
Fuel Gas Purification Kit, 1/4" Brass			
Includes (4) 1/4" brass connectors and (2) hydrocarbon/moisture traps	kit	22463	



Wall-Mounting Clamps for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Wall-Mounting Clamps for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Traps	4-pk.	22480	

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²Removes hydrocarbons, moisture, oxygen.

Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Replacement Traps

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Click-On Super-Clean™ Replacement Triple Trap			
(removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22464	
Click-On Super-Clean™ Replacement Fuel Gas Trap			
(removes moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22465	



Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Ultra-High Capacity Traps

Description	qty.	cat.#
Ultra-High Capacity Hydrocarbon Trap	ea.	22466
Ultra-High Capacity Moisture Trap	ea.	22467
Ultra-High Capacity Oxygen Trap	ea.	22468



Helium-Specific Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Trap and Connector Kits

Description	qty.	cat.#	
Kits			
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/8" Stainless Steel			
Includes (2) 1/8" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon			
helium-specific triple trap	kit	22469	
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/8" Brass			
Includes (2) 1/8" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon			
helium-specific triple trap	kit	22470	
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/4" Stainless Steel			
Includes (2) 1/4" SS connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon			
helium-specific triple trap	kit	22471	
Helium-Specific Carrier Gas Cleaning Kit, 1/4" Brass			
Includes (2) 1/4" brass connectors and (1) oxygen/moisture/hydrocarbon			
helium-specific triple trap	kit	22472	
Replacement Trap			
Helium-Specific Replacement Triple Trap			
(removes oxygen, moisture and hydrocarbons)	ea.	22473	



Helium-Specific Click-On Inline Super-Clean[™] Trap and Kits are designed specifically for purification of helium in GC/MS systems!



Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Indicator

• Oxygen: Green to Grey · Moisture: Beige to Clear

Description	qty.	cat.#
Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Indicator (oxygen, moisture)	ea.	22474

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Install an indicator after the Click-On inline filter so there is no confusion about when to replace the traps.



Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors

· Click-On connectors allow you to change traps quickly, without introducing oxygen into your system.

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Description	qty.	cat.#
¹/8" Brass Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22475
¹/8" Stainless Steel Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22476
¹/₄" Brass Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22477
¹/₄" Stainless Steel Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	2-pk.	22478



Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Double Connector

• Connects any Click-On trap to a Click-On indicator.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Double Connector, stainless steel	ea.	22479



Replacement O-Rings for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors

• Pack includes 10 large o-rings and 10 small o-rings.

Description	qty.	cat.#
Replacement O-Rings for Click-On Inline Super-Clean™ Connectors	20-pk.	22481



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We offer a complete line of gas purification and regulation products.

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Restek Brass and Stainless Steel Body Ultra-High-Purity Regulators

Restek regulators feature metal-to-metal seals throughout for long-term leak-tightness, and a metal diaphragm outlet valve ensures gas purity. Each regulator is helium leak-test-certifiable to 1x10*scc/sec. and is fully assembled and tested for your convenience. 100psig maximum delivery pressure supports EPC operation. Maximum inlet pressure is 3000psig. Brass bar stock construction minimizes dead volume. Stainless steel construction is more easily purged of atmospheric contaminants, and is more resistant to attack from dry corrosive gases. Use stainless steel regulators in all-stainless steel systems where welded tubing and special fittings are used, and rigorous cleaning and proper gas management are practiced.

Dual-Stage Ultra-High-Purity Brass Regulators

- · Oxidation-resistant, chrome-plated.
- Most stable outlet pressure control throughout the life of a high-pressure gas cylinder.
- · Secondary pressure regulation not needed.
- · Most widely used regulator.
- · Less internal volume than stainless steel regulators.

Fitting	qty.	cat.#	
CGA 580 (N ₂ He, Ar)	ea.	21667	
CGA 350 (H ₂ , P ₅)	ea.	21668	
CGA 590 (Air)	ea.	21669	



Specifications for dual-stage regulators:

Outlet pressure: 0 to 100psig Outlet gauge: 30"-0 to 200psig Inlet gauge: 0 to 4000psig Outlet assembly: diaphragm valve, 1/4" tube fitting

Dual-Stage Ultra-High-Purity Stainless Steel Regulators

- Most stable outlet pressure control throughout the life of a high-pressure gas cylinder.
- Secondary pressure regulation not needed.

Fitting	qty.	cat.#
CGA 580 (N ₂ , He, Ar)	ea.	20662
CGA 350 (H ₂ , P ₅)	ea.	20663
CGA 590 (Air)	ea.	20664



Inlet connections: 1/4" FPT
Outlet assembly: 1/4" FPT port

Ultra-High-Purity Brass Line Regulator

- Oxidation-resistant, chrome-plated.
- Use where you need to reduce the line pressure by 20psi or more.
- Same purity protection as high-pressure cylinder regulators.

Fitting	Outlet Gauge	Outlet Pressure	qty.	cat.#	
1/4" female NPT ports*	30" - 0 to 100psig	0-50psig	ea.	21666	
1/4" female NPT ports*	30" - 0 to 200psig	0-100psig	ea.	22452	

^{*}Order appropriate male connector, pipe-to-tube fittings.

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Male Connector, Pipe-to-Tube Fittings

Fitting Type	Size		Brass		Stainless Steel	
	(inches)	Parker #	Swagelok®	qty.	cat.#	qty. cat.#
A) Male Connector	1/4" to 1/4" NPT	4 MSC 4N	400-1-4	10-pk.	21842	2-pk. 21942
A) Male Connector	1/8" to 1/4" NPT	2 MSC 4N	200-1-4	10-pk.	21844	2-pk. 21944
B) Tube End Reducer	1/4" tube to 1/8"	4 TUR 2	200-R-4	5-pk.	21834	2-pk. 21934

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