Bench-Scale Automated Chromatography System with Single-Use Flow Path for Clinical Production

The QuantaSep® 3000 SU system is mobile, compact, and capable of providing an operating flow range of 30-3000 ml/min. The integrated system has two peristaltic pumps, 8 buffer selection valves, an inline mixer, sensors, and 6 fraction collection valves. Its capabilities include but are not limited to buffer switching, gradient formation, pressure and UV detecting, air sensing and auto air ejection, conductivity and pH sensing pre- and post- column, and forward and reverse flow through column, combined in a powerful easy-to-use software package. The software enables buffer and fraction switching based on process conditions, and activates alarms in the event of overpressure or air leaks. All events are automatically logged, archived, and generated as cGMP reports for record-keeping purchases.

The QuantaSep® 3000 SU hardware is composed of control modules and a fluid handling combined into a single ergonomically-designed countertop cabinet. The bench top unit can be cart-mounted for easy mobility. The computer that houses the control software can be integrated with or separated from the system to provide the options of local and remote operation. The system is compatible with 1M NaOH and alcohol for CIP operations and is operable at 4°C for cold room processing.

- No Cleaning Validation
- Scale-Up from 30 ml/min to 3 Lpm Easily
- Step & Linear Gradients
- Use Safely on Multiple Products
- Reduce Batch Failures by Fail Safe System
- Generate Automated cGMP Reports
- Unattended Clinical Production 24/7 Now!
- Improve Product Quality & Reliability
The fluid handling module contains: 2 pump assemblies consisting of two peristaltic pumps, static mixer, and silicone tubing. These are connected with sanitary clamp connections to pinch valves, UV, pH, leak, conductivity, temperature and pressure sensors, air sensor, air purge valve, sanitary inlets, outlets, and column connections. The components are mounted inside an enclosed stainless steel cabinet with a trough to which a leak detector is attached.

Removable Flowpath

The flowpath of this system is designed for easy removal. This eliminates the need for cleaning validation. Issues related to cross-contamination in switching columns or products are substantially minimized when the flowpath can simply be replaced. Pinch valves and peristaltic pumps enable easy changing of the pre-fabricated tubing assembly along with the integrated sensor block, which can be easily removed and replaced as well.

Controls Module

The controls module contains all power supplies, transformers, valve activation pneumatics, brainboards, sensor controls and circuit boards, alarm controls, sensor electronics including A/D and D/A converters, and fuse assembly. The external chart recorder interface, status LED’s, an emergency stop switch, cables, computer interface, fuse blocks, etc. are included as well.
The QuantaSep® Software

The Right Combination of Simplicity and Power

The simplicity of the QuantaSep® interactive graphical user interface gives the system its efficiency and power by making it easy to use and learn. The main screen (Figure 1) displays a flow diagram of the system with all the main components and their real time status quickly and easily. By simply clicking the mouse, you can open or close a valve, stop or start a pump, set new flow rates, collect fractions and perform other system operations all from your work station.

Intuitive Protocol Design

Programming is simple. Open the method editor by clicking on the icon of the tool bar. Then key in steps in the table, stepping through different buffers and changing buffer or fraction steps based on UV, conductivity, pH or air. Simply click on the gradient box and choose your gradient profile. Click on the event box and zero the UV baseline before you start eluting your product!

Security

The multi-levels of password protection restrict access to the system. For instance, an operator may have provision to run a method but not change the parameters; only the supervisor may be given that responsibility. In another instance, only the QA or metrology group may have access to setting calibration parameters. The security administrator in the software can enable all this and more.

CGMP Documentation and Data Analysis

All events manual or automatic (including deviations) are recorded to the batch log. Reports consisting of the method, buffers used, all alarms and events, chromatogram data, and analysis can be printed or archived as part of the batch log. The Instant Data Analysis helps do a quick check of an ongoing process against baseline data hence preventing possible losses.
QuantaSep® 3000 SU Features

Pre-sterilized Removable Flow Path

- Low system volume
- Minimal dead legs
- Eight inlet quick disconnect buffer selection connections
- Six fraction quick disconnect Fraction selection connections
- Conductivity flow cell
- UV flow cell
- PH sensor
- Temperature sensor
- Peristaltic pump tubing
- Mixer
- Pressure sensor

General

- Automates buffer delivery, column switching, fraction collection, based on UV, pH, and conductivity
- Compact mobile system can fit in a small pilot or cold room
- Graphical, intuitive software “dashboard” for easy operation and training
- Automated GMP reports
  - Complete batch reports
  - Event and alarm logs
  - Chromatograms and calibration history
  - Data Archival and Security
- Precision Hardware
  - Pinch valves
  - High pressure peristaltic pumps
  - Large dynamic flow range
  - 30:1 turndown ratio for accurate gradients
- Sensors
  - UV, pH, and conductivity sensors
  - Optional pre-column pH, and conductivity sensors
  - Optional second 254 nm UV capability
  - Pressure, temperature, air, leak
- Safety features
  - “Active air trap” minimizes “bubble trap dilution”
  - Optional pre-column filter with differential pressure sensors
  - Leak and pressure alarms
  - Built in safety interlocks
  - Software method checks
  - Software security prevents unauthorized operation and tempering

QuantaSep® 3000 SU Specs

Flowpath

- 30-500 ml/min
- 100-1500 ml/min
- 300-3000 ml/min

General

- 2 pumps – Peristaltic Pumps
  - 30-3000 ml/ min ± 5%
- Gradients
  - 10-90% of ratio ± 7%
- Valves
  - Tubing pinch valves
- System Volume
  - 50 ml – 250 ml
- System Pressure
  - 50 psi
- Air Bubble Eject Size
  - >.20”
- UV Sensor (280 nm)
  - Range 0-2 Au;
  - Path length 1.0 cm;
  - Accuracy ± 1.0 psi
- Conductivity Sensor
  - Range 0-200 ms;
  - Accuracy ± 5% F.S.
- PH Sensor
  - Range 1-14;
  - Accuracy ± 0.2
- Pressure Sensor
  - Range 0-100 psi;
  - Accuracy ± 1 psi
- Inlet Buffer Selection
  - 6
- Fraction Selection
  - 6
- Column
  - 1
- Pre-filter
  - 1

Flow Path Materials

- Manifolds, Flow cell, Fitting, Mixer
  - Polypropylene
- Valve Reinforced
  - Silicone
- Tubing
  - Silicone
- Gaskets
  - Silicone
- pH Electrodes
  - Glass
- Pump Tubing
  - Marprene
- UV Flow Cell Window
  - Quartz
- Pressure/Temp Sensors
  - 316L S.S.

All wetted materials are USP Grade VI

Chemical Compatibility

- 1M Sodium Hydroxide, 19% Alcohol
- Operating Temperature
  - 4 °C - 30°C

Utilities Requirement

- Power Requirement
  - 110/220V; 10 Amps

Physical Dimensions

- 30” wide x 24” deep x 26.5” tall

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