

# Agilent Gas Clean Filter System

## User Manual



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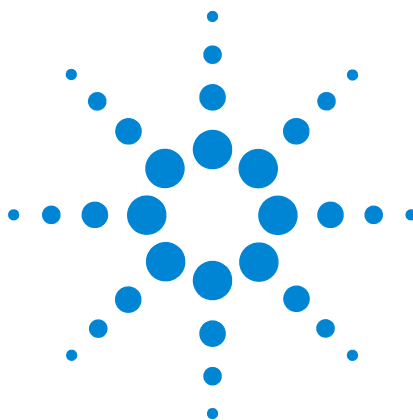
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## About the Gas Clean Filter System

The Agilent Gas Clean Filter system delivers high purity gases to your analytical instruments, reducing the risk of column damage, sensitivity loss, and instrument downtime. The filters are designed for use with the GC, GC/MS, ICP-OES, ICP-MS, LC/MS, and any other analysis instrument using carrier gas. Six filters are available, including CO<sub>2</sub>, oxygen, moisture, and organics trap (charcoal).

### Components

The Gas Clean Filter System consists of a connecting unit and filter (Figure 1). The connecting unit is equipped with inlet and outlet connectors for the gas lines, and two needle-like valves that automatically start the flow of gas once a filter is attached. The filters are made from a heavy-walled polycarbonate sealed at the base with PTFE. When installed onto the connecting unit, the needle-like valves puncture the PTFE seals and allow gas to flow through the filter.



**Figure 1** The components of the Gas Clean Filter System (connecting units vary in appearance but perform the same functionality)

## Features

The Gas Clean Filter System delivers the following features and benefits:

- Cleaner gas, longer instrument life, greater sensitivity, higher data accuracy, and overall long-term stability for your instruments and analyses.
- A high-flow connecting unit that handles flow rates up to 20 L/min for collision gas applications and supply gas for ICP-MS, ICP-OES, and LC-MS.
- A fast-stabilizing and absorbent filter material.
- Filter housing constructed with a transparent and virtually unbreakable, heavy-walled polycarbonate material.
- The ability to change the Gas Clean Filter without tools or gas shut-off.

## Filter types

Each Gas Clean Filter type is designed to filter out a specific impurity that may exist in the gas supply. The following filter types are available:

- **Carbon Dioxide** - Eliminates CO<sub>2</sub> from supply gas to the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analyzer, and improves sensitivity and accuracy in TOC analysis.
- **Oxygen** - Prevents oxidation of the GC column, septum, liner, and glass wool.
- **Moisture** - Delivers faster stabilization times for increased GC productivity, and prevents hydrolization damage to the stationary phase, column, liner, glass wool, or septum in the GC.
- **Process Moisture** - Prevents oxidation of GC components and is safe to use with acetylene in process GC applications.
- **Charcoal** - Removes organic compounds and ensures correct performance of FID detectors in the GC.
- **GC/MS** - Delivers faster stabilization times for increased GC productivity, removes oxygen, moisture, and hydrocarbons from the carrier gas for MS applications, and provides ultimate GC column protection.

Table 1 on page 6 shows recommended filter connection diagrams for common instrument configurations.

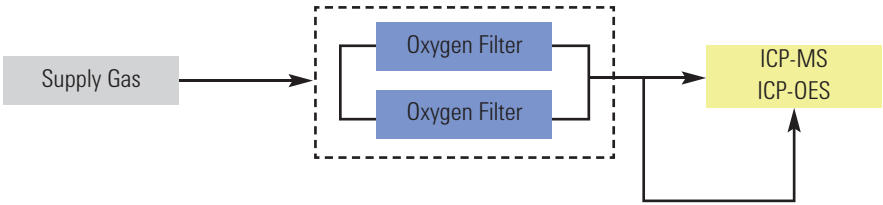
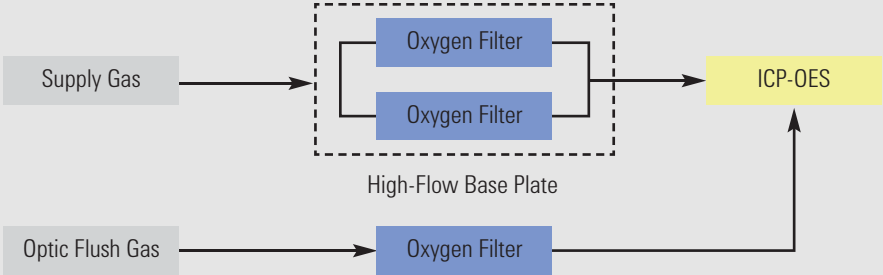


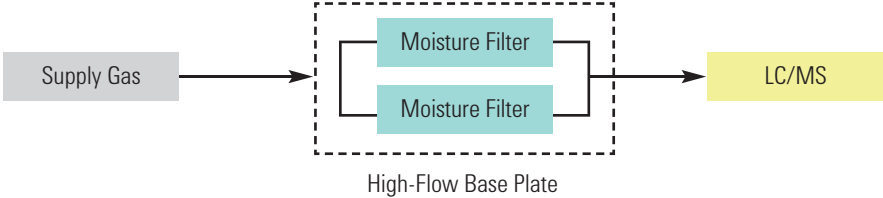
**Table 1** Connection diagrams for common detectors

Detector	Connection Diagram
<b>ECD</b> Electron Capture Detector	<pre> graph LR     CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF1[Oxygen Filter]     OF1 --&gt; MF1[Moisture Filter]     MF1 --&gt; C[Column]     N2[Nitrogen] --&gt; OF2[Oxygen Filter]     OF2 --&gt; MF2[Moisture Filter]     MF2 --&gt; APG[Anode Purge Gas]     MF2 --&gt; MG[Make-Up Gas]     APG --&gt; ECD[ECD]     MG --&gt; ECD     C --&gt; ECD           </pre>
<b>FID</b> Flame Ionization Detector (Carrier Gas = Make-Up Gas)	<pre> graph LR     CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF[Oxygen Filter]     OF --&gt; MF[Moisture Filter]     MF --&gt; C[Column]     H2[Hydrogen] --&gt; CF1[Charcoal Filter]     Air[Air] --&gt; CF2[Charcoal Filter]     C --&gt; FID[FID]     CF1 --&gt; FID     CF2 --&gt; FID           </pre>
<b>FID</b> Flame Ionization Detector (Carrier Gas differs from Make-Up Gas)	<pre> graph LR     CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; GCMF[GC/MS Filter]     GCMF --&gt; C[Column]     MG[Make-Up Gas] --&gt; CF1[Charcoal Filter]     H2[Hydrogen] --&gt; CF2[Charcoal Filter]     Air[Air] --&gt; CF3[Charcoal Filter]     C --&gt; FID[FID]     CF1 --&gt; FID     CF2 --&gt; FID     CF3 --&gt; FID           </pre>
<b>FPD</b> Flame Photometric Detector  <b>PFPD</b> Pulsed Flame Photometric Detector	<pre> graph LR     CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF[Oxygen Filter]     OF --&gt; MF[Moisture Filter]     MF --&gt; C[Column]     H2[Hydrogen] --&gt; CF1[Charcoal Filter]     Air[Air] --&gt; CF2[Charcoal Filter]     C --&gt; FPD[FPD]     CF1 --&gt; FPD     CF2 --&gt; FPD           </pre>

**Table 1** Connection diagrams for common detectors (continued)

Detector	Connection Diagram
<b>MS (ITD, MSD)</b> Ion Trap Detector, Mass Selective Detector	<pre>           graph LR             CG1[Carrier Gas] --&gt; GCMF[GC/MS Filter]             GCMF --&gt; C1[Column]             C1 --&gt; MS1[MS]             CG2[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF[Oxygen Filter]             OF --&gt; MF[Moisture Filter]             MF --&gt; C2[Column]             C2 --&gt; MS2[MS]           </pre>
<b>NPD, PND</b> Nitrogen-Phosphorous Detector  <b>TID, TSD</b> Thermionic Detector (Carrier Gas = Make-Up Gas)	<pre>           graph LR             CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF[Oxygen Filter]             OF --&gt; MF[Moisture Filter]             MF --&gt; C[Column]             C --&gt; TSD[TSD]             C --&gt; TCD[TCD]             MG[Make-Up Gas] --&gt; TSD             H[Hydrogen] --&gt; CF1[Charcoal Filter]             A[Air] --&gt; CF2[Charcoal Filter]             CF1 --&gt; J1(( ))             CF2 --&gt; J1             J1 --&gt; TSD           </pre>
<b>TCD</b> Thermal Conductivity Detector	<pre>           graph LR             CG[Carrier Gas] --&gt; OF[Oxygen Filter]             OF --&gt; MF[Moisture Filter]             MF --&gt; C[Column]             C --&gt; TCD[TCD]             MF -.-&gt; Reference Channel  TCD             MG[Make-Up Gas, if necessary] -.-&gt; TCD           </pre>

**Table 1** Connection diagrams for common detectors (continued)

Detector	Connection Diagram
<b>ICP-OES/ICP-MS</b>  Inductive Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometry/-Mass Spectrometry  (Plasma Gas = Nebulizer Gas)	
<b>ICP-OES</b>  Inductive Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission (Different Optic Flush Gas)	
<b>Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Analyzer</b>	
<b>Zero-Air Generator</b>	
<b>LC/MS</b>  Mass Spectrometry	

Contact your local Agilent sales representative for the filter sets applicable to your instrument configuration.



## Safety Information

### General gas safety

- Wear eye protection when using compressed gas to avoid eye injury.
- Fasten all compressed gas cylinders securely to an immovable structure or permanent wall.
- Store and handle compressed gases in accordance with relevant safety codes.
- Do not put gas cylinders in the path of a hot air vent (including a GC oven exhaust).
- Perform periodic leak checks on supply lines, fittings, and pneumatic plumbing to prevent a potentially hazardous condition.

### Cleaning

Wipe away dust and residue using a lint-free cloth.

Once the filter is consumed, the filter and filter material cannot be replenished or reused.

### Recycling the product

When filters are replaced, they must be treated as chemical waste and disposed of according to local policy.

## Installation

### Before you begin

Be sure to choose a centralized installation location where all instruments are easily reachable and where the filter's indicating material is always visible.

Gas Clean Filter connecting units are available for both 1/4-inch and 1/8-inch gas lines. Be sure you have selected the appropriate connecting unit to use with your lab setup.

### Prepare your instrument

Prepare your instrument by doing the following:

- 1 Lower any heated zone temperatures on your instrument to less than 100 °C.
- 2 Set any purge flows on your instrument to 400 mL/min.
- 3 If your system pressure is higher than 7 bar (100 psi), reduce the pressure.

## Install the connecting unit

The connecting unit can be mounted on a laboratory bench top, affixed to the wall (with optional wall-mounting bracket for the single filter connecting unit), or mounted to the back of a 7890 GC (with the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890).

- If you wish to install your connecting unit to a laboratory bench top, see [“Installing on a laboratory bench top”](#) below.
- If you wish to install your connecting unit to a wall, skip to [“Installing on a wall”](#) on page 13.
- If you have the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 (CP17988) and wish to install the connecting unit to the back of a 7890 GC, skip to [“Installing the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890”](#) on page 20.

### Installing on a laboratory bench top

You can install the connecting unit onto the laboratory bench top using two screws (not supplied).

Gather the following:

- Screws (2), at least 25 mm long and less than 5-mm od (not supplied)
- Screw driver or power drill

To install the connecting unit to the laboratory bench top:

- 1 Remove the two black plastic caps by pushing a thin, narrow object (such as a paper clip) from the bottom of the connecting unit into the underside of the caps until they pop out (Figure 2).



**Figure 2** Removing the plastic caps from the connecting unit

- 2 Determine the best location on your laboratory bench top to install the connecting unit and filter.
  - Make sure the filter's indicator is clearly visible so that exhausted filters can be easily identified.
  - Make sure you have ample space above the bench top and connecting unit for installation and removal of the filter.
  - Make sure the gas lines reach the location and will not interfere with other activities in the chosen installation location.
  - Check that the mounting screws will not penetrate any dangerous objects such as gas and power lines.
- 3 Place the connecting unit in the chosen location, and use a screw driver or power drill to install the screws into the bench top through the two openings on the top of the connecting unit.
- 4 Replace the black plastic caps on the connecting unit to cover the two screw hole openings.

## Installing on a wall

This option is only available for a single filter connecting unit using the optional wall mounting bracket.

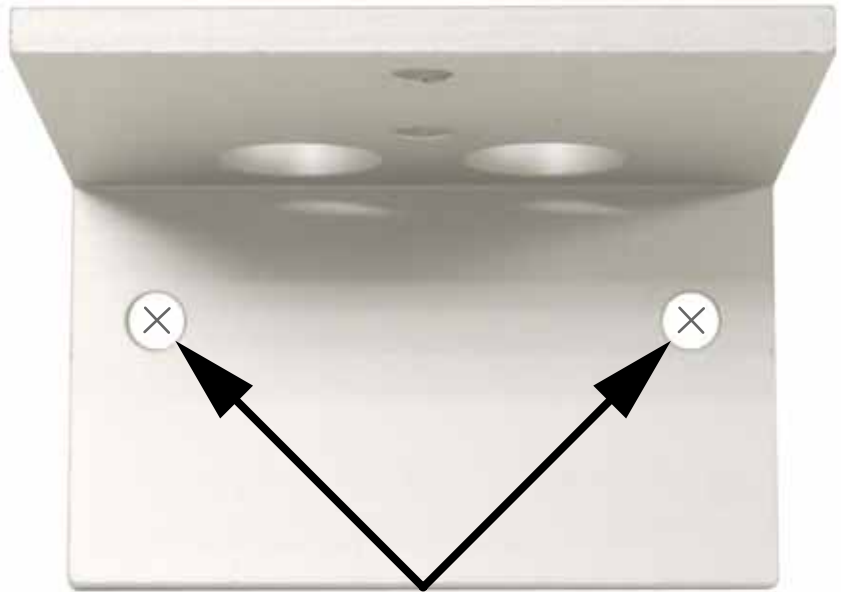
Gather the following:

- Wall mounting bracket kit (CP7981)
- Flathead screw driver
- Hex wrench (4 mm)
- Power drill with 5-mm od drill bit
- Pencil

To install the wall mounting bracket:

- 1 Determine the location on the wall where you wish to install the wall mounting bracket.
  - Make sure you have ample space above the mounting bracket with connecting unit installed for installation/removal of the filter.
  - Make sure the gas lines reach the location and will not interfere with other activities in the chosen installation location.
  - Check that the mounting screws will not penetrate any dangerous objects such as gas and power lines once installed.

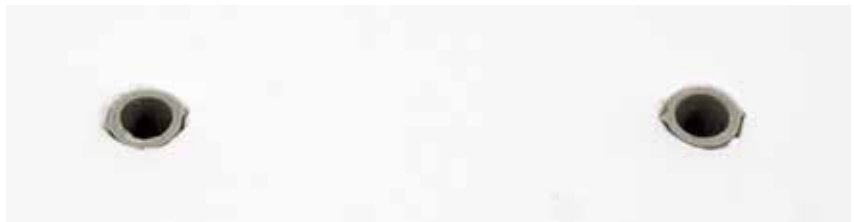
- 2 Hold the wall mounting bracket against the wall in the location that you plan to install it, and use a pencil to mark the drilling location for the screw holes (Figure 3).



**Figure 3** Mark the drilling locations on the wall using the screw holes in the wall mounting bracket as a guide

Lay the mounting bracket down on a flat surface.

- 3 Using a power drill with a 5-mm od drill bit, drill about 5 cm into the wall in both locations. Wipe away any excess dust and residue.
- 4 If required, install the supplied drywall anchors into the drilled holes, and make sure each anchor is flush against the wall's edge (Figure 4).



**Figure 4** Plastic drywall anchors installed in wall

- 5 Hold the wall mounting bracket in place against the wall using one hand, then use your other hand to install each screw into the wall (or drywall anchor, [Figure 5](#)). Finger tighten the screws as far as possible, and then use a screwdriver to complete the screw installation. The wall mounting bracket should rest flush against the wall.

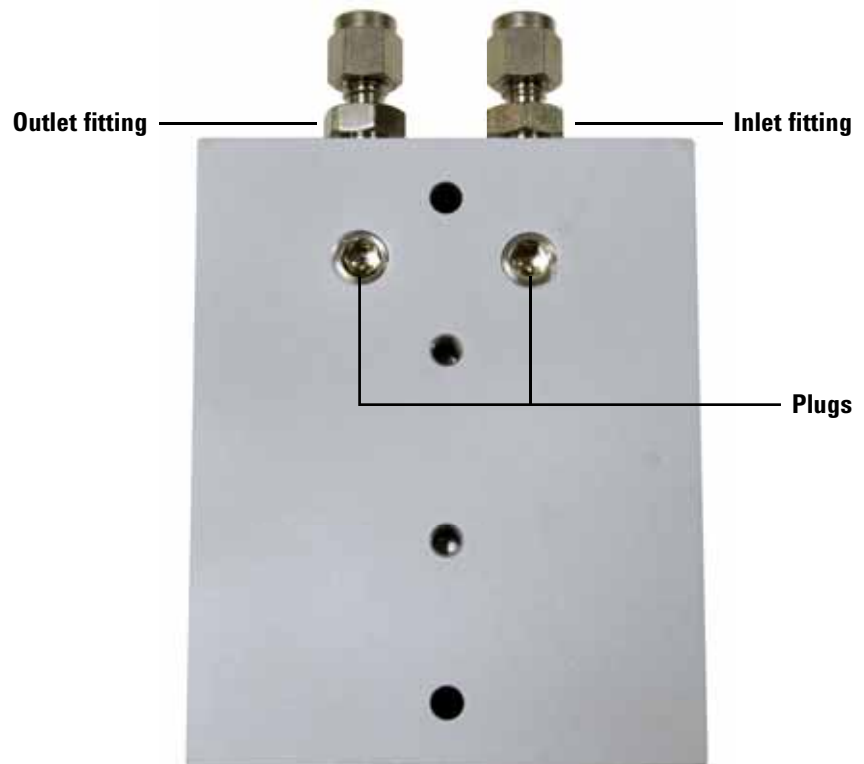


**Figure 5** Installing the wall mounting bracket

- 6 The connecting unit supports gas connections on the base plate edge for surface mounting and from below when mounting the connecting unit against a wall. The connecting unit ships from the factory with the gas connections installed on the edge. In this step, the standard connecting unit is shown. Steps are similar for all connecting unit types.

You can optionally change the gas inlet-outlet locations to the bottom of the connecting unit as follows:

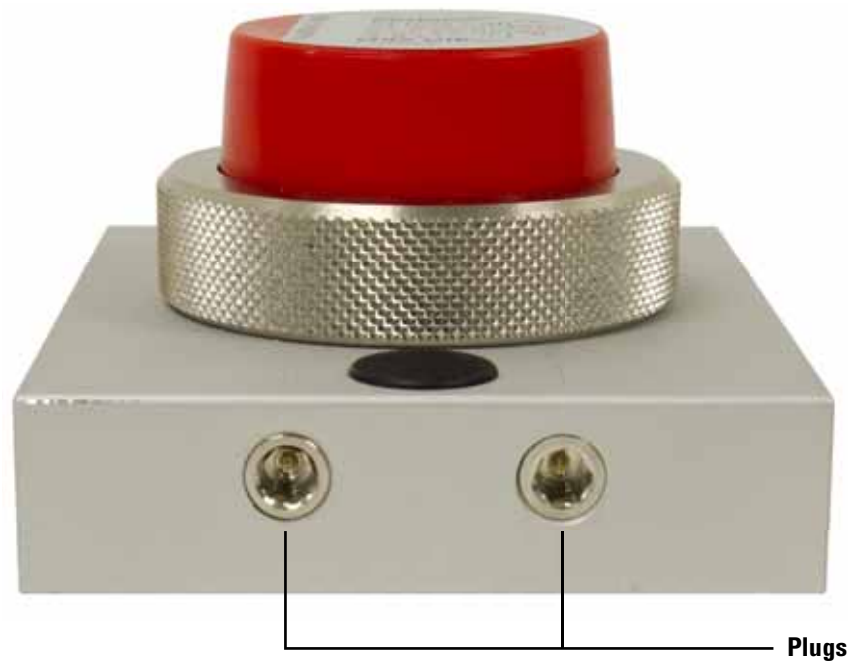
- a Using a 5-mm hex wrench, remove the two plugs on the underside of the connecting unit ([Figure 6](#)).



**Figure 6** Plugs and inlet/outlet fittings on the connecting unit



- b Using a 1/2-inch wrench, remove the inlet and outlet fittings on the end of the connecting unit (Figure 6).
- c Install the plugs on the end of the connecting unit using a 5-mm hex wrench (Figure 7).



**Figure 7** Plugs installed on the end of the connecting unit

- d Install the inlet and outlet fittings on the underside of the connecting unit using a 1/2-inch wrench (Figure 8).



**Figure 8** Inlet and outlet fittings installed on the underside of the connecting unit

- 7 Install the connecting unit to the wall mounting bracket.
  - a Depending on the inlet/outlet fitting orientation on the connecting unit, align the connecting unit to the bracket as shown in [Figure 9](#).



**Figure 9** Connecting unit orientations on wall mounting bracket

- b Using your hand, install the hex screws from the bottom-up until they are finger tight ([Figure 10](#)).



**Figure 10** Hex screws installed

- c Use a 4-mm hex wrench to tighten the screws. The connecting unit should be tight against the wall mounting bracket.

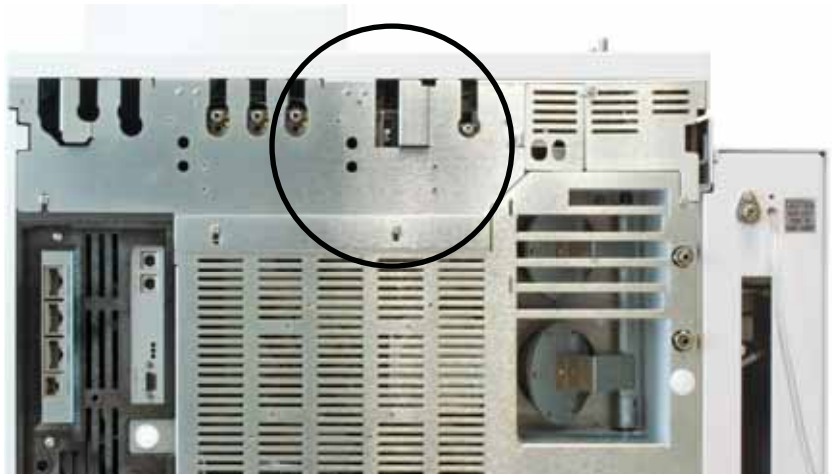
## Installing the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890

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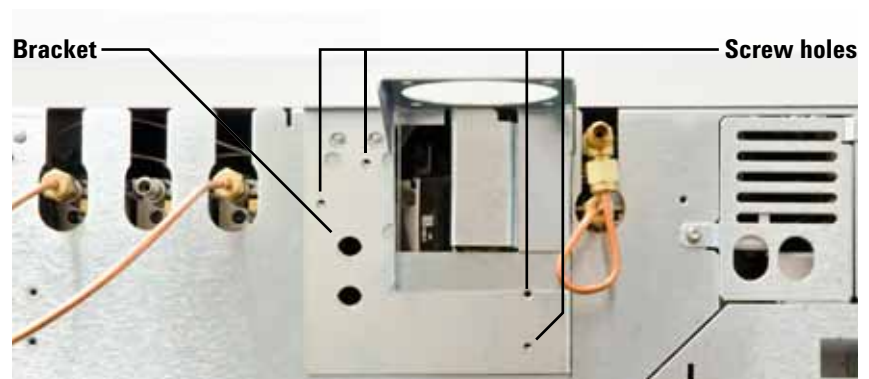
- T-10 Torx driver
- T-20 Torx driver
- Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 (CP17988)

To install the bracket and bracket connecting unit to the back of a 7890 GC:

- 1 Place the bracket (5003-1356) against the back of the 7890 GC in the location shown in [Figure 11](#), then align the screw holes as shown in [Figure 12](#).



**Figure 11** Location on back of 7890 GC to install bracket



**Figure 12** Screw hole locations on back of 7890 GC and bracket

- 2 Using a T-10 Torx driver, install the four T-10 screws to secure the bracket to the GC. See [Figure 13](#).



**Figure 13** Bracket 5003-1356 installed to 7890 GC

- 3 If you wish to run the inlet and outlet plugs from the bottom of the bracket connecting unit, see [step 6](#) on [page 16](#) before installing the bracket connecting unit to the bracket.

- 4 Install the bracket connecting unit to the bracket using the supplied T-20 Torx screws.
  - If you have an ALS installed with your system, install the bracket connecting unit to the top of the bracket (Figure 14).



**Figure 14** Bracket connecting unit installed on the bracket top for ALS and general configurations

- If you have a PAL Auto Sampler installed with your system, install the bracket connecting unit to the underside of the bracket (Figure 15).



**Figure 15** Bracket connecting unit installed on underside of bracket for PAL Auto Sampler configuration

## Connect the gas lines

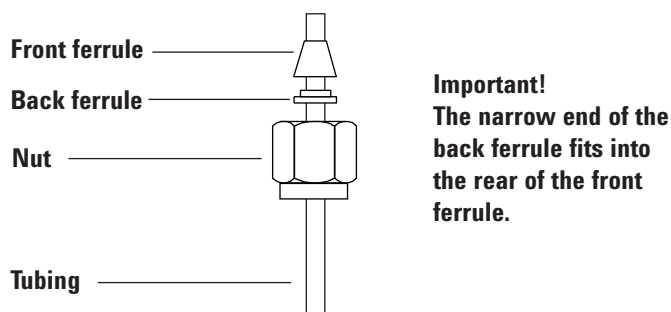
Before starting, make sure you have enough gas line tubing to reach the area where you wish to mount the Gas Clean Filter system. For best results, use pre-cleaned gas lines.

Gather the following:

- Swagelok nuts (included with the connecting unit assembly)
- Front and back ferrules (included with the connecting unit assembly)
- Wrench, 7/16-inch (for 1/8-inch nuts) or 9/16-inch (for 1/4-inch nuts)
- Pre-cleaned tubing
- Ball valve (0100-2144), required for the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 (CP17988)
- Electronic leak detector, such as the Agilent G3388B Handheld Electronic Gas Leak Detector

To connect the gas lines to the connecting unit:

- 1 Place a Swagelok nut, back ferrule, and front ferrule to the tubing as shown in [Figure 16](#).



**Figure 16** Swagelok nuts and ferrules

- 2 Push the tubing towards the base until it rests firmly against the shoulder in the fitting, and make sure that the front ferrule is touching the fitting. Slide the Swagelok nut over the ferrule and thread it onto the fitting (Figure 17).

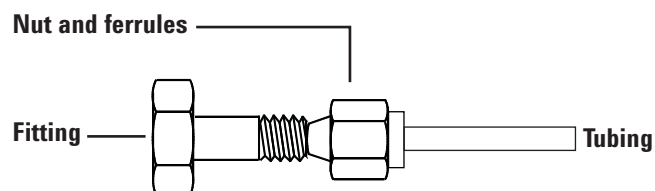


Figure 17 Assemble the fitting

- 3 Push the tube fully into the fitting, then withdraw it approximately 1 to 2 mm (see Figure 18).

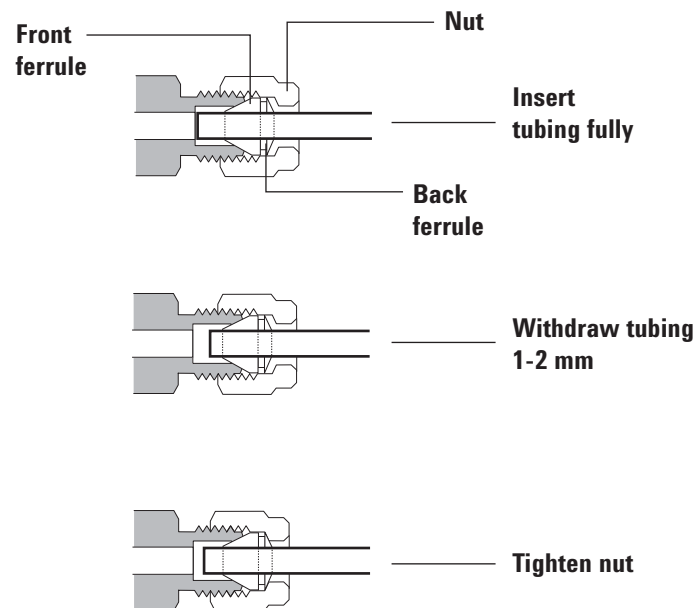
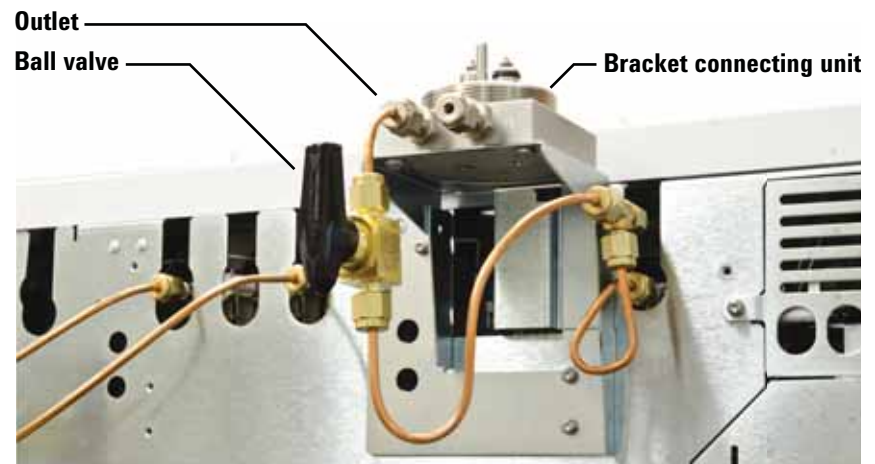


Figure 18 Insert the tubing

- 4 Finger-tighten the nut. Then use a wrench to tighten the nut  $3/4$  turn (for  $1/8$ -inch tubing).



- 5 If you have the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 (CP17988), install a ball valve immediately following the outlet connection on the bracket connecting unit as shown in Figure 19.



**Figure 19** Ball valve installed following the outlet connection on the bracket connecting unit

A ball valve installation is optional for standard connecting units.

- 6 Set the gas line pressure to a value between 2 bar (30 psi) and 4 bar (60 psi) when installing the filter to the connecting unit. Be sure to keep the pressure above 2 bar (30 psi) so that air does not enter the filter.
- 7 Check all connections for leaks using the leak detector.

## Install the filter to the connecting unit

### CAUTION

Wear clean, lint-free gloves to prevent contamination of parts with dirt and skin oils.

If you have the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890, skip to “[Bracket connecting unit](#)” on page 31.

### Standard connecting units

To install the filter on a standard connecting unit:

- 1 Unscrew the knurled ring and remove the red plastic dust cap from the top of the connecting unit ([Figure 20](#)).



Figure 20 Remove the red plastic dust cap

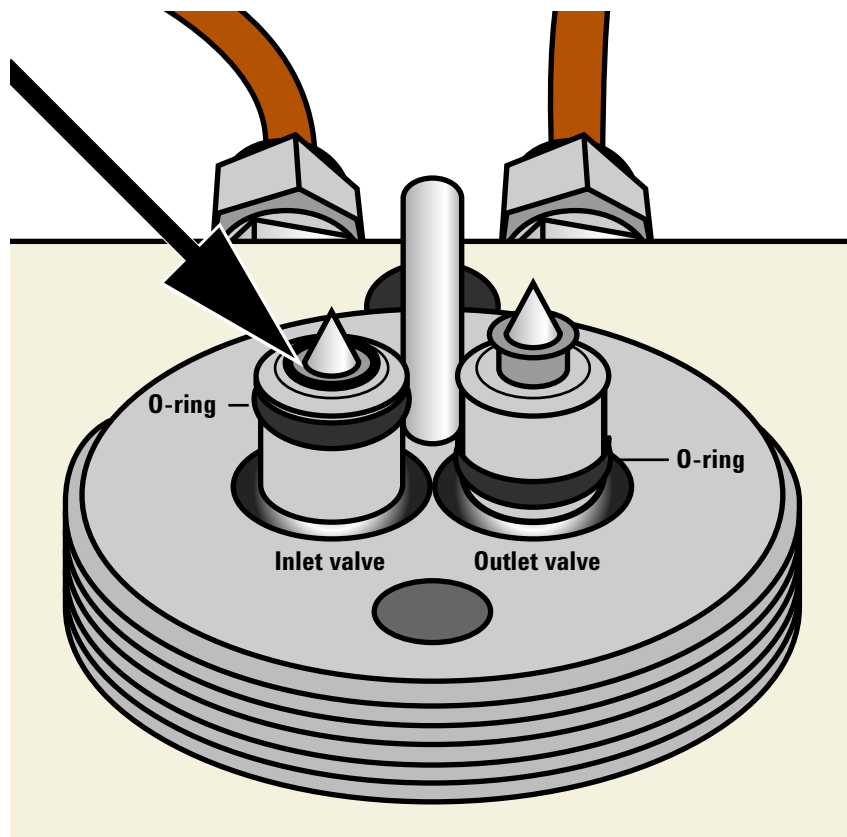
2 Flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture.

If available, use the optional flush head (part number CP7987) to flush the gas line (Figure 21). Place the flush head over the valves and alignment pin and push down until it rests on the base of the connecting unit. Install the knurled ring to hold it in place.



**Figure 21** Using the flush head to flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture

If you do not have the flush head, use a small object or your finger to depress the inlet valve. (The inlet valve has an O-ring positioned at the top of the cylinder, as shown in [Figure 22](#).)



**Figure 22** Depress the inlet valve to flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture

Flush the gas lines for at least several minutes to ensure the gas lines are free of oxygen and moisture.

- 3 Remove the filter from the packaging, then remove the two aluminum plugs from the bottom of the filter (Figure 23).



**Figure 23** Remove the aluminum plugs from the filter

- 4 Place the knurled ring over the filter, then place the filter on top of the connecting unit (it will only fit one way due to the alignment pin shown in Figure 24). Be careful to not damage the connecting unit and filter components by forcing an incorrect filter orientation.



**Figure 24** Alignment pin

- 5 Tighten the knurled ring while gently pressing down on the filter. Let the knurled ring pull the filter onto the connecting unit as it is tightened (Figure 25).



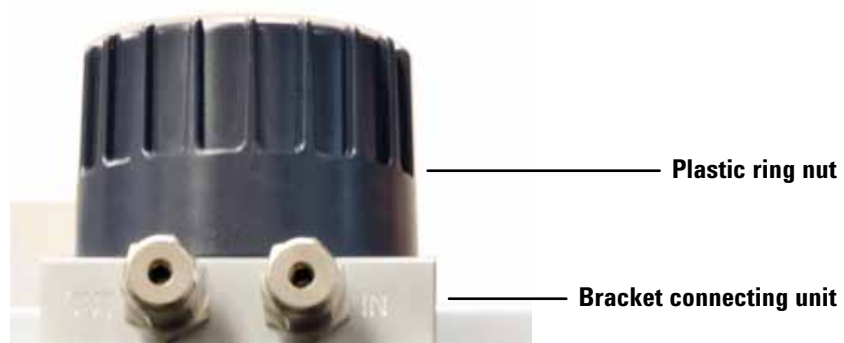
**Figure 25** Tighten the knurled ring to secure the filter to the connecting unit

- 6 Allow the filter to pressurize for 3 minutes.
- 7 Flush the filter. Set the instrument split vent flow (purge flow) to 400 mL/min, then:
  - If using a Moisture filter in combination with an MS detector, purge for at least 60 minutes. This will flush the filter of dry nitrogen so that it does not appear as a background ion in your MS analysis.
  - For all other filter and detector combinations, purge for 4 minutes.
- 8 Restore to normal operating supply pressure and method settings. (Remember to keep at a minimum supply pressure of 2 bar (30 psi).)

### Bracket connecting unit

To install the GC/MS filter on the Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 bracket connecting unit:

- 1 Turn the ball valve to the on position.
- 2 Unscrew and remove the plastic ring nut from the top of the bracket connecting unit ([Figure 26](#)).



**Figure 26** Remove the plastic ring nut from the bracket connecting unit

3 Flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture.

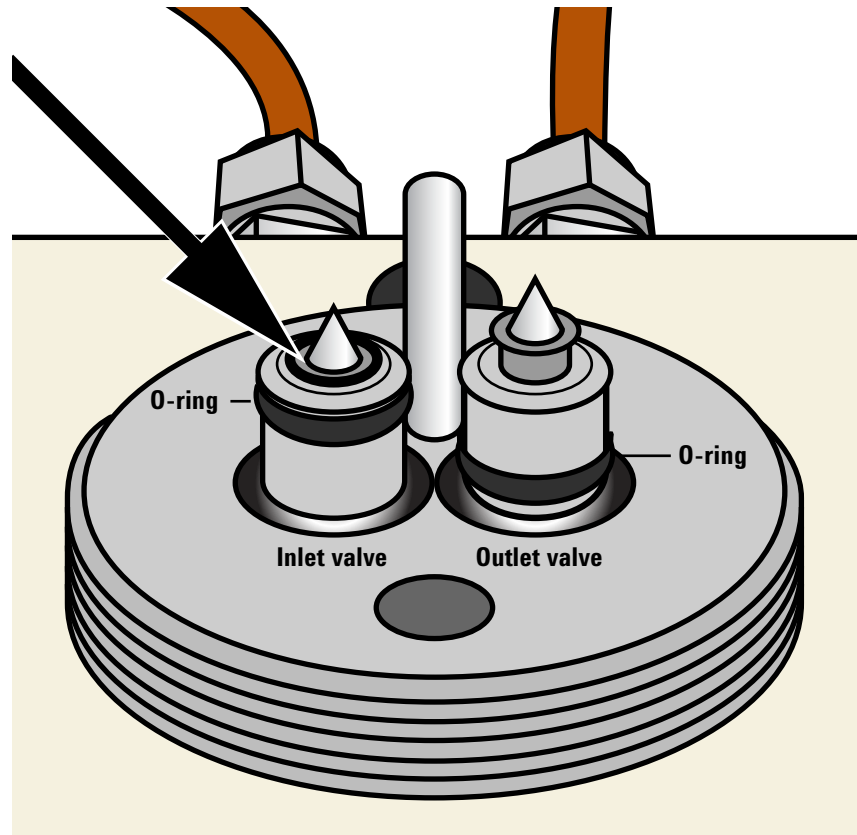
If available, use the optional flush head (part number CP7987) to flush the gas line (Figure 27). Place the flush head over the valves and alignment pin and push down until it rests on the base of the connecting unit. Install the knurled ring to hold it in place.



**Figure 27** Using the flush head to flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture



If you do not have the flush head, use a small object or your finger to depress the inlet valve. (The inlet valve has an O-ring positioned at the top of the cylinder, as shown in [Figure 28](#).)



**Figure 28** Depress the inlet valve to flush the gas line of oxygen and moisture

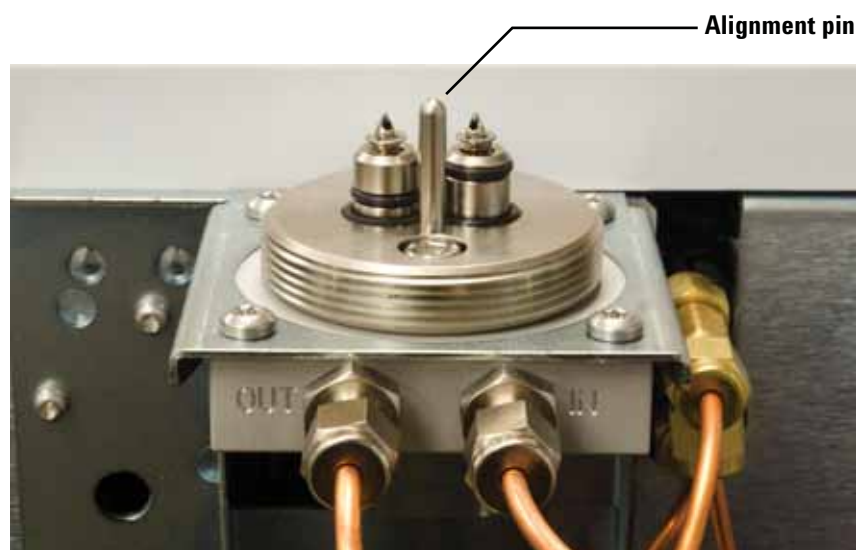
Flush the gas lines for at least several minutes to ensure the gas lines are free of oxygen and moisture.

- 4 Remove the GC/MS filter from the packaging, then remove the two aluminum plugs from the bottom of the filter (Figure 29).



**Figure 29** Remove the aluminum plugs from the GC/MS filter

- 5 Place the plastic ring nut over the GC/MS filter, then place the filter on top of the bracket connecting unit (it will only fit one way due to the alignment pin shown in Figure 30). Be careful to not damage the bracket connecting unit and filter components by forcing an incorrect filter orientation.



**Figure 30** Alignment pin

- 6 Tighten the plastic ring nut while gently pressing down on the filter. Let the plastic ring nut pull the GC/MS filter onto the bracket connecting unit as it is tightened (Figure 31).



Figure 31 GC/MS filter installed to the bracket connecting unit

- 7 Allow the GC/MS filter to pressurize for 3 minutes.
- 8 Flush the GC/MS filter. Set the instrument split vent flow (purge flow) to 400 mL/min for 4 minutes.
- 9 Restore to normal operating supply pressure and method settings. (Remember to keep at a minimum supply pressure of 2 bar (30 psi).)

## Install a two- or four-position connecting unit

The steps for installing a two- or four-position connecting unit are similar to the steps for the single-filter connecting unit. Refer to the previous sections in this chapter for details (“[Installation](#)” on page 10).

### Two-position connecting unit

When installing the two-position connecting unit, refer to [Figure 32](#) for gas line and filter installation locations.

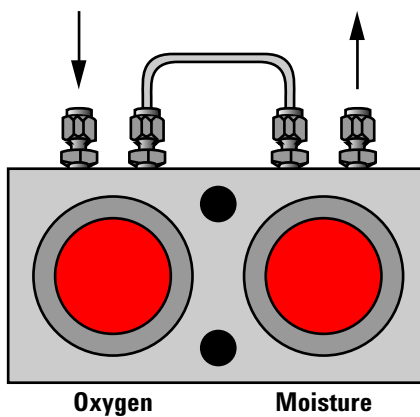


Figure 32 Two-position connecting unit

### Four-position connecting unit

When installing the four-position connecting unit, refer to [Figure 33](#) and [Figure 34](#) for common gas line and filter configurations.

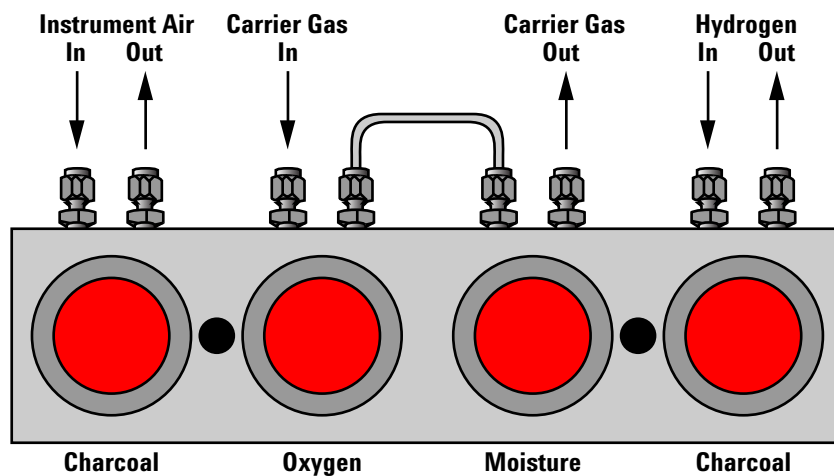


Figure 33 Configuration 1: Four-position connecting unit

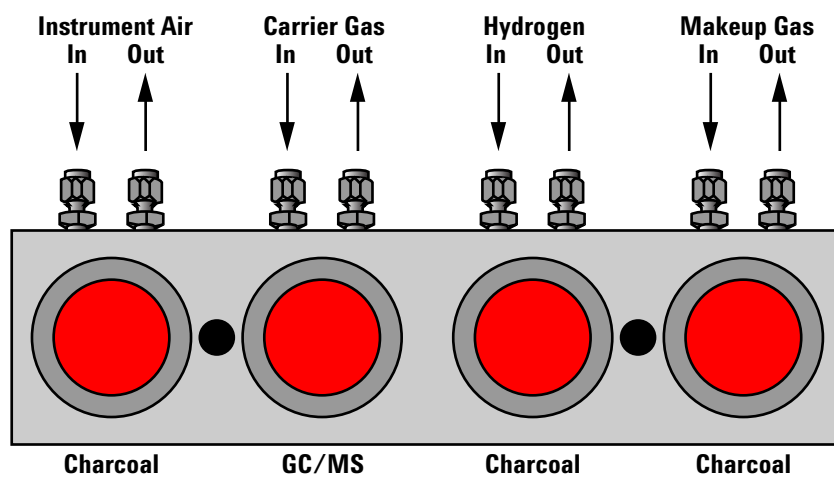
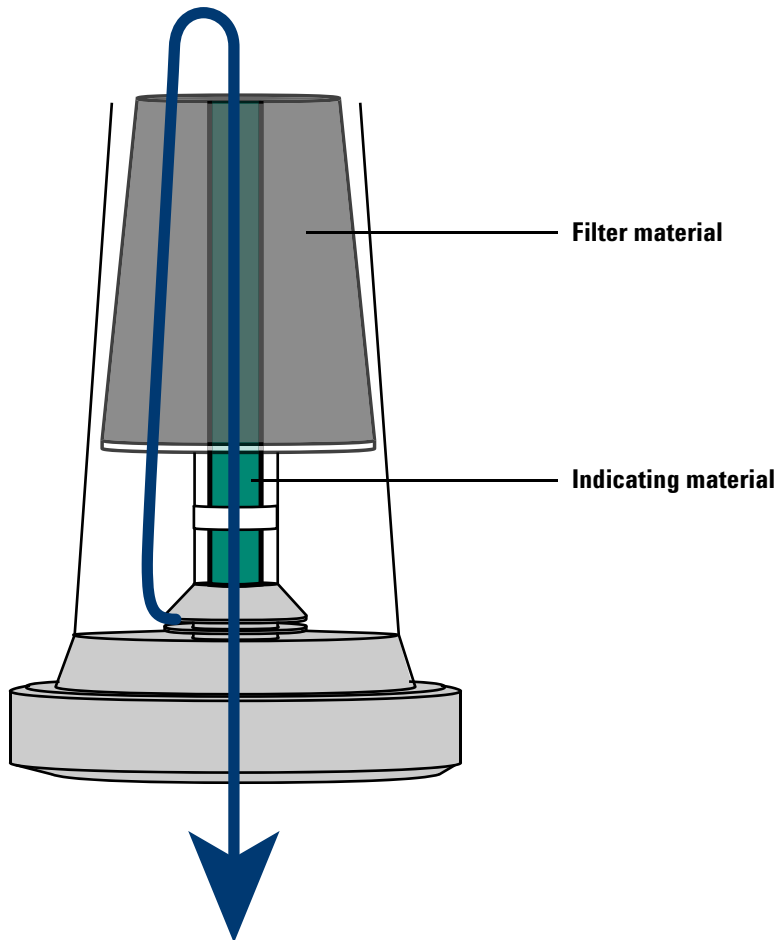


Figure 34 Configuration 2: Four-position connecting unit

## Gas Flow in a Gas Clean Filter

Gas flows in an upward direction from the bottom of the filter to the top, and then downward through the filter material, indicating material, and out the bottom of the filter (see [Figure 35](#)).



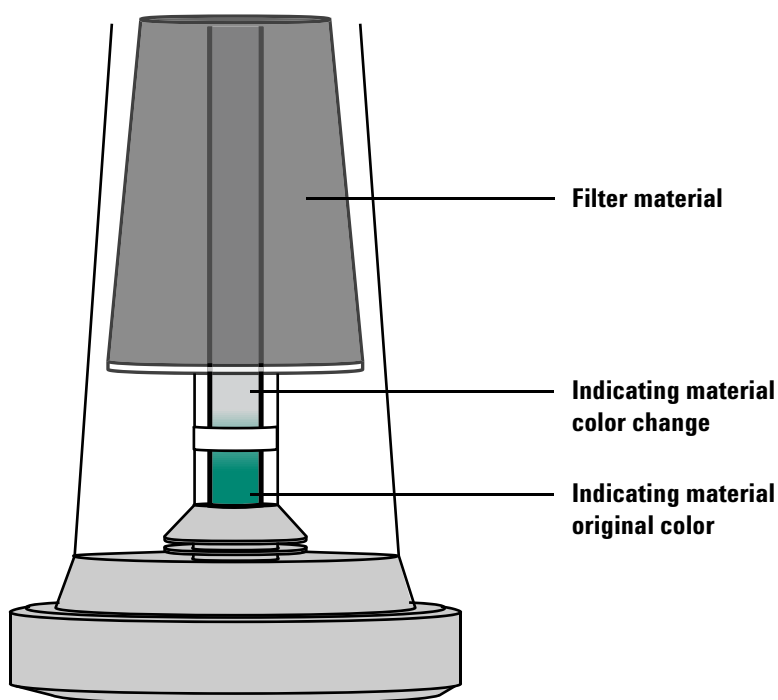
**Figure 35** Flow of gas through the Gas Clean Filter

## Replacing the Gas Clean Filter

### When to replace the Gas Clean Filter

As gas passes through the filter material, the filter picks up impurities and eventually becomes consumed over time. When this occurs, an increased amount of impurities reach the indicating material, which causes the material to change color from the top-down.

When 75% or more of the indicating material's color has changed, this indicates that the filter is consumed (see [Figure 36](#)).



**Figure 36** Indicating material color change

Agilent recommends replacing the filter when 75% or more of the indicator's color has changed (from the top down) or within one year of installation.



The indicator color and consumed indicator colors are different for each type of filter. See [Table 2](#) for a description of each filter indicator color and consumed color change.

**Table 2** Indicating material color description

Filter type	Original color	Consumed color
Oxygen Filter	Green	Gray
Moisture Filter/ Process Moisture Filter	Green	Pale brown
Charcoal Filter	No indicator	No indicator
GC/MS Filter	Oxygen: Green Moisture: Green	Gray Pale brown
CO <sub>2</sub> Filter	White	Violet

See [“To replace the Gas Clean Filter”](#) on page 42 for more information.

## To replace the Gas Clean Filter

This procedure shows the standard connecting unit in the examples. Steps are similar for all connecting unit types.

To replace the Gas Clean Filter:

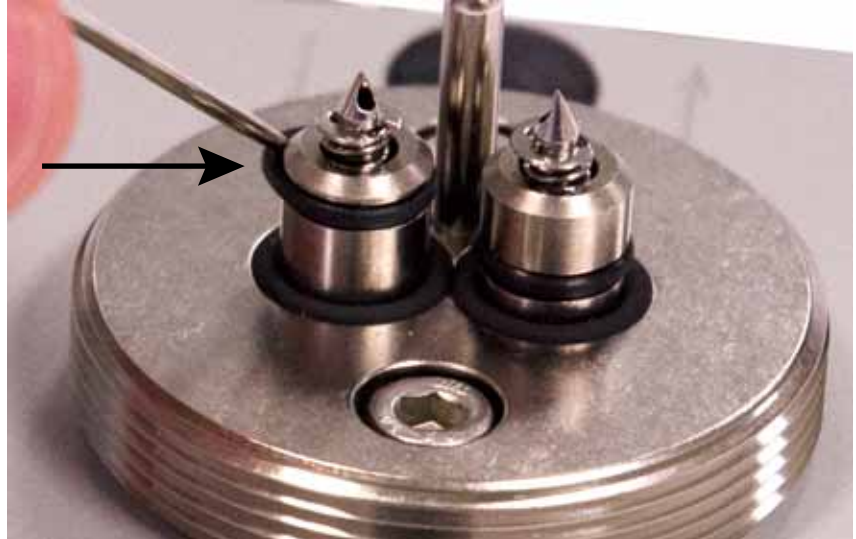
- 1 Lower any heated zone temperatures on your instrument to less than 100 °C.
- 2 Set any split vent flows (purge flows) on your instrument to 400 mL/min.
- 3 If your system pressure is higher than 7 bar (100 psi), reduce the pressure to a pressure no lower than 2 bar (30 psi) to ensure easy removal of the saturated filter.
- 4 Remove the saturated filter by unscrewing the knurled or plastic ring nut that secures the filter to the connecting unit (Figure 35).



**Figure 37** Unscrew the knurled or plastic ring nut

- 5 Remove the new filter and O-rings from the packaging.

- 6 Remove the old upper set of O-rings using the supplied tool and replace with new O-rings (Figure 38).



**Figure 38** Remove upper pair O-rings only when replacing filter

- 7 Remove the two aluminum plugs from the bottom of the new filter (Figure 39).



**Figure 39** Aluminum plugs removed from bottom of the new filter

- 8 Place the knurled or plastic ring nut over the filter, then put the filter on top of the connecting unit (it will only fit one way due to the alignment pin).
- 9 Tighten the knurled or plastic ring nut while gently pressing down on the filter; let the ring pull the filter onto the connecting unit.
- 10 Carefully check the connections for leaks. See “[Checking for Leaks](#)” on page 44 for more information.

Treat used filters as chemical waste and dispose of them according to local policy.

## Checking for Leaks

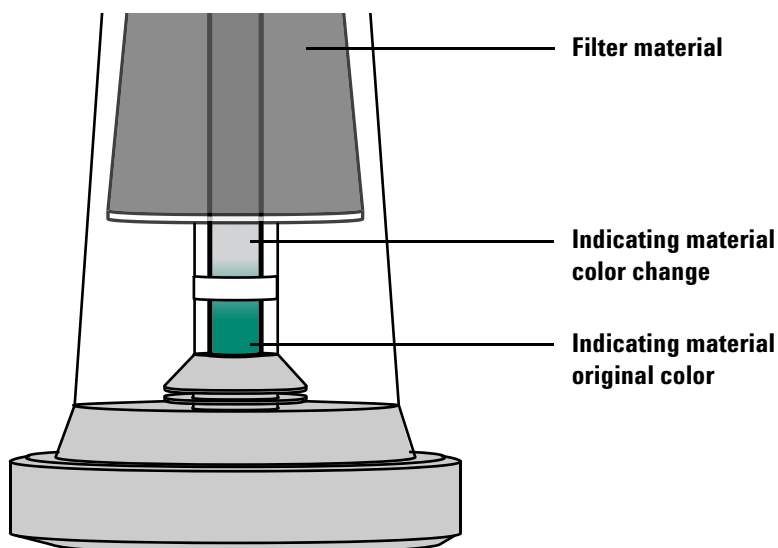
During leak-free operation, the filter indicator should not change color for several months, depending on the quality of your gas.

If you notice a color change in your filter's indicating material immediately following installation, this indicates a gas leak in your system, or poor gas quality. Take note whether the color change occurred from the top down or from the bottom up, and refer to one of the following sections:

- “Indicator changes color from the top down” on page 44
- “Indicator changes color from the bottom up” on page 45

### Indicator changes color from the top down

If the indicating material changed color from the top down (see [Figure 40](#)), there is a leak upstream of the filter in your gas line, or your gas quality is poor. Check for leaks at the cylinder, regulator, and fittings, and check your gas quality.



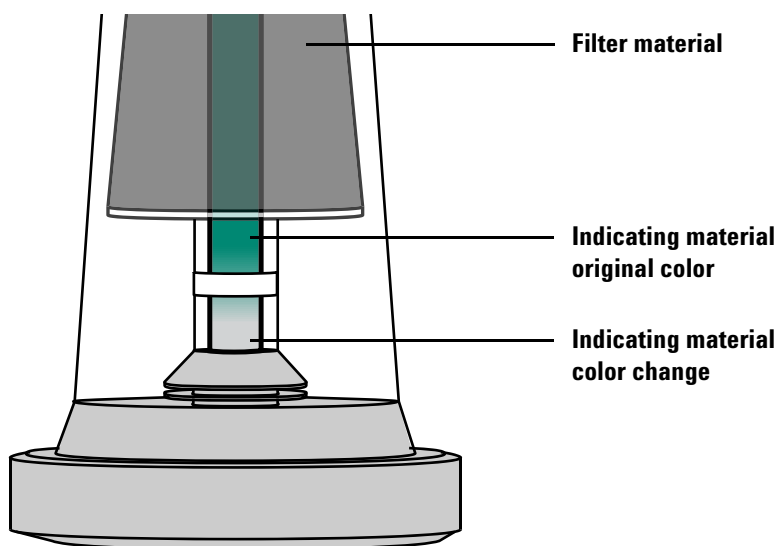
**Figure 40** Indicating a leak upstream from the filter

#### CAUTION

When about 75% of the indicator changes color from the top down, this indicates that the entire filter is consumed and needs to be replaced.

## Indicator changes color from the bottom up

If your filter's indicator changes color from the bottom up shortly after installation (see [Figure 41](#)), this indicates a leak downstream of the filter in your gas line. Check for leaks between the filter and your instrument.



**Figure 41** Indicating a leak downstream from the filter

If the entire indicator has not changed color (from the bottom up), the filter is not consumed and is still usable (see [Figure 41](#)).

## Replacement Parts

**Table 3** Agilent Gas Clean Filter Starter Kits

Description	Part No.
Gas Clean Carrier Gas Kit for 7890 Includes GC/MS filter (CP17973), a 7890 GC mounting bracket, and a single bracket connecting unit	CP17988
Agilent Gas Clean FID Filter kit Includes a 4-position 1/8 in connecting unit and two Charcoal filters, one Oxygen filter, and one Moisture filter	CP7995
Gas Clean Filter Kit, 1/8 in Includes a 4-position 1/4 in connecting unit and two Charcoal filters, one Oxygen filter, and one Moisture filter	CP736530
Agilent Gas Clean GC/MS Filter kit, 1/8 in Includes a 1-position connecting unit 1/8 in and two GC/MS filters	CP17976
Agilent Gas Clean GC/MS Filter kit, 1/4 in Includes a 1-position connecting unit 1/4 in and two GC/MS filters	CP17977
Agilent Gas Clean GC/MS Filter Installation kit Includes 1 m copper tubing (CP17976), two nuts and two ferrules, 1/8 in	CP17978
Agilent Gas Clean CO <sub>2</sub> kit Includes 2-position 1/4 in connecting unit and CO <sub>2</sub> and moisture filters	CP17982
Agilent Gas Clean CO <sub>2</sub> kit Includes 2-position 1/8 in connecting unit and CO <sub>2</sub> and moisture filters	CP17983
TCD Filter Kit Includes a 2-position 1/8 in connecting unit, one Oxygen filter, and one Moisture filter	CP738408
GC Installation Kit Includes CP736530 and many useful fittings and accessories	19199N

**Table 4** Connecting Units

Description	Part No.
1-position connecting unit, 1/4 in	CP7980
1-position connecting unit, 1/8 in	CP7988
2-position connecting unit, 1/4 in	CP738406
2-position connecting unit, 1/8 in	CP738407
4-position connecting unit, 1/4 in	CP7989
4-position connecting unit, 1/8 in	CP736520
High flow connecting unit, 1/4 in	CP17984
High flow connecting unit 1/8 in	CP17985
1-position stainless steel connecting unit, 1/4 in	CP7980P4
1-position stainless steel connecting unit, 1/8 in	CP7988P8
1-position stainless steel connecting unit, 3 mm	CP7988P3
1-position stainless steel connecting unit, 6 mm	CP7980P6
1-position 7890 GC bracket connecting unit (for bracket 5003-1356)	CP742950

**Table 5** Replacement Gas Clean Filters

Gas Clean Filters	Part No.
Agilent Gas Clean CO <sub>2</sub> Filter	CP17969
Agilent Gas Clean Oxygen Filter	CP17970
Agilent Gas Clean Moisture Filter	CP17971
Agilent Gas Clean Process Moisture Filter	CP17971P
Agilent Gas Clean Charcoal Filter	CP17972
Agilent Gas Clean Filter GC-MS	CP17973

**Table 6** Accessories and Fittings

Gas Clean Filters	Part No.
Wall mounting bracket for connecting units CP7980 and CP7988	CP7981
7890 GC mounting bracket for bracket connecting unit (CP742950)	5003-1356
Ring nut connecting unit	5043-0403
Flush head for connecting unit	CP7987
Male connector, 1/4 in with dust filter	CP7986
Male connector, 1/8 in.with dust filter	CP82117
O-rings, two sets	CP7983
Male connector, stainless steel, 1/4 in with dust filter	CP7986SS
Male connector, stainless steel, 1/8 in with dust filter	CP82117SS
Male connector, stainless steel, 3 mm with dust filter	CP82117SS3
Male connector, stainless steel, 6 mm with dust filter	CP7986SS6





