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Revision F includes the following changes or corrections: The benchtop must support four times the instrument weight. The nanospray ion source (Nanospray Flex or EASY-Spray) requires three electrical outlets.

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EASY-nLC Installation Request Form

Dear User:

Read the *EASY-nLC Series Preinstallation Requirements Guide*, and then print and complete the following installation request form. After all items on the form are fulfilled, sign and date the form. Then, mail or fax this form to your local Thermo Fisher Scientific sales/service office. The address and fax number for your local office are located on the following pages.

- 1. All laboratory remodeling has been completed.
- 2. Your EASY-nLC instrument is on site.
- 3. Principal operator will be available during the installation / certification period.
- 4. Sufficient bench space is available for all of the equipment. List the following:
Width: _____
Depth: _____
Height: _____
- 5. Workbench can support four times the weight of the instrument and is free from vibration.

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| EASY-nLC II | 32 kg (70.4 lb) |
| EASY-nLC 1000 | 35 kg (77.0 lb) |
- 6. Lighting is adequate.
- 7. Main power is installed and is in compliance with local electrical codes.
- 8. Power for test and cleaning equipment is installed.
- 9. Power outlets are of the correct configuration. Note NEMA type: _____
- 10. Voltage of power outlet has been measured. Note **measured** voltage: _____
- 11. Power is free from fluctuations due to slow changes in the average voltage or changes due to surges, sags, or transients.
- 12. Air conditioning is adequate for temperature, humidity, and particulate matter control. The laboratory can be maintained at a constant temperature, between 5 and 30 °C (41 and 86 °F).
- 13. Relative humidity is between 20 and 80% with no condensation.
- 14. Instrument work area is free from magnetic disruption and electrostatic discharge.
- 15. LC/MS-grade water, acetonitrile, and formic acid, are available for testing the performance of your LC/MS system.

EASY-nLC instrument requires these solutions:
Solvent A: 0.1% formic acid in water
Solvent B: 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile
Solvent S: 0.1% formic acid in water
- 16. Provision has been made for collecting the solvent waste.
- 17. One voice telephone line is installed near the LC/MS system.
- 18. One network connection is installed near the instrument. The network firewall must allow outgoing TCP/IP traffic from the EASY-nLC instrument to the remote support server at IP address 195.41.108.93, port 22.
- 19. An appropriate MS detector with a nanospray ion source is installed near the instrument.
- 20. All relevant safety regulations are complied with.

Have any special acceptance specifications been agreed to in the contract? Yes No

If **YES**, attach full details of specifications.

Is there any additional equipment that needs to be interfaced to the instrument? Yes No

If **YES**, attach full details of additional equipment.

Note: We reserve the right to invoice against the engineer's time if the installation requirements are not met on the date of the installation.

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Print your name, company name, and company address clearly below:

Name _____
Company _____ Telephone _____
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Signature _____ Date _____

Note After receiving this checklist, your local field service representative will contact you to schedule installation.

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EASY-nLC instrument

EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

EMC compliance has been evaluated by DELTA Denmark. For further information, refer to the “Declaration of Conformity” in the preface of the *EASY-nLC Series Getting Started Guide*.

Low Voltage Safety Compliance

This device complies with Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EEC evaluated by Intertek Group plc and harmonized standard EN 61010-1.

FCC Compliance Statement

THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES. OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND (2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED, INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRE OPERATION.



CAUTION Read and understand the various precautionary notes, signs, and symbols contained inside this manual pertaining to the safe use and operation of this product before using the device.



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Preface

This preinstallation requirements guide describes what you as the customer must do to prepare for the installation of the Thermo Scientific EASY-nLC™ (nanoflow liquid chromatography) instrument. Prior to delivery of the instrument and before making an installation appointment with a Thermo Fisher Scientific field service engineer, use this guide in planning and preparing your laboratory site. Read each topic carefully to ensure that your laboratory is ready for the instrument installation.

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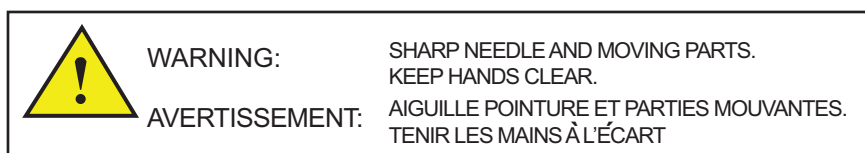
- *EASY-nLC Series User Guide for the Xcalibur Data System*
- *EASY-nLC Series Getting Started Guide (for the touch-screen software)*
- *EASY-nLC Series Troubleshooting and Maintenance Guide*

Safety and Special Notices

Make sure to observe the safety and special notices that appear in boxes.

The following two stickers appear on the EASY-nLC instrument:

- The sticker below warns you that the instrument includes a sharp needle and moving parts that are accessible to the operator. To prevent personal injury or damage to parts of the EASY-nLC instrument, take care when loading samples into the instrument's tray compartment.



- The sticker below alerts you to consult this manual for instructions on how to operate the instrument.



The safety and special notices in this manual include the following:



CAUTION Highlights hazards to humans, property, or the environment. Each CAUTION notice is accompanied by an appropriate CAUTION symbol.



CAUTION Highlights lifting hazards.

IMPORTANT Highlights information necessary to prevent damage to software, loss of data, or invalid test results; or may contain information that is critical for optimal performance of the instrument.

Note Highlights information of general interest.

Tip Highlights helpful information that can make a task easier.

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Introduction

This document describes the requirements for the laboratory where you plan to install the EASY-nLC instrument. If you have any questions prior to the installation appointment, contact your local sales representative or our remote support center:

- For North and South America, contact your local sales representative at us.customer-support.analyze@thermofisher.com.
- For all other continents, contact your local sales representative at eu.techsupport.cmf@thermofisher.com.

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Meeting the Site Requirements for the EASY-nLC Instrument

To confirm that you have met the site requirements in this document, fill out and forward a signed copy of the Installation Request Form at the beginning of this document.

The EASY-nLC instrument operates reliably under carefully controlled environmental conditions. As the purchaser, you are responsible for providing a suitable location, a suitable operating environment, a source of power of acceptable quality, correct solvent supplies, and proper waste systems.

Operating an EASY-nLC instrument or maintaining it in a condition outside the operating environment specifications described in this guide might cause failures of many types. The repair of such failures is specifically excluded from the standard warranty and service contract coverage.

Laboratory Requirements for the EASY-nLC Instrument

Table 1 on page 2 summarizes the installation requirements for the EASY-nLC II and EASY-nLC 1000 instruments. The EASY-nLC 1000 instrument is slightly larger and heavier than the EASY-nLC II instrument. The solvent, power, and laboratory environment requirements are the same for both instruments.

Table 1. Laboratory requirements

| Specification | EASY-nLC II | EASY-nLC 1000 |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Instrument dimensions | | |
| Width | 35 cm (13.8 in.) | 36 cm (14.2 in.) |
| Depth ^a | 38 cm (15.1 in.) | 38 cm (15.1 in.) |
| Height ^b | 45 cm (17.7 in.) | 45 cm (17.7 in.) |
| Weight ^c | 32 kg (70.5 lb) | 35 kg (77.2 lb) |
| Solvents | | |
| Solvent A | 0.1% formic acid in water | same |
| Solvent B | 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile | same |
| Wash bottle 3 | 0.1% formic acid in water | same |
| Power requirements | | |
| For UPS dimensioning, assume 250 W. | | |
| 120 Vac | ±10%; 50/60 Hz; 250 VA | same |
| 230 Vac | ±10%; 50/60 Hz; 250 VA | same |
| Note The EASY-nLC instrument and the Thermo Scientific mass spectrometer require one outlet each. The nanospray ion source requires three outlets. The optional data system computer, Ethernet switch, monitor, and printer also require one outlet each. For more information, see Chapter 4, “Line Power.” | | |

Laboratory environment

For optimal instrument performance, ensure the following:

- The benchtop must be vibration free and well lit.
- The air conditioning system must be capable of maintaining a temperature range of 5 to 30 °C with minimum temperature fluctuations and a relative humidity between 20 to 80% with no condensation.
- The laboratory air must be free from excessive dust, smoke, or other particulate matter in excess of 5 µm—that is, fewer than 3 500 000 particles per cubic meter (100 000 particles per cubic foot).

^a Provide additional space behind the instrument for ventilation and access to the back panel connections.

^b Provide additional space above the instrument for the solvent bottles.

^c Ensure that the laboratory benchtop can support four times the system weight.

Site Preparation

Before a Thermo Fisher Scientific field service engineer can install the EASY-nLC instrument, you must prepare the site. Supporting the weight of the EASY-nLC instrument, (optional) LC detector, and mass spectrometer requires large and strong workbenches. Each LC/MS system also has specific power requirements. You must install a telephone line and an Internet connection within reach of the workbench.

You are responsible for providing an acceptable installation site.

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Shipping

The EASY-nLC instrument and all auxiliaries ship in a box, which is then placed on a pallet. [Table 2](#) lists the dimensions of the box and the complete shipping consignment on the pallet.

Table 2. Shipping dimensions

| Dimension | Box with protective padding | Pallet with shipping consignment |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Width | 60 cm (23.6 in.) | 80 cm (31.5 in.) |
| Length | 55 cm (21.7 in.) | 60 cm (23.6 in.) |
| Height | 65 cm (25.6 in.) | 80 cm (31.5 in.) |

The total weight of the shipping container is 42 kg (92.6 lb) for the EASY-nLC II instrument and 45 kg (99.2 lb) for the EASY-nLC 1000 instrument.

Because the box comes with special protective padding, save the box for possible reuse.



CAUTION If the instrument shipping container, Shock Watch, or other indicators show any evidence of damage or mishandling during shipment, do NOT open the container. Call your Thermo Fisher Scientific representative for instructions on what to do. If there is no evidence of shipping damage or mishandling, then you can proceed with the instructions that follow.

Placement

Out of the box, the EASY-nLC II instrument weighs approximately 32 kg (70.5 lb). The EASY-nLC 1000 instrument weighs approximately 35 kg (77.2 lb).



CAUTION The EASY-nLC instrument is too heavy for one person alone to lift. To avoid personal injury, use two people to move the instrument to a table cart for transport.

Table 2 lists the dimensions of the EASY-nLC II and EASY-nLC 1000 instruments.

Table 3. EASY-nLC instrument dimensions

| Dimension | EASY-nLC II | EASY-nLC 1000 |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Width | 35 cm (13.8 in.) | 36 cm (14.2 in.) |
| Depth | 38 cm (15.1 in.) | 38 cm (15.1 in.) |
| Height | 45 cm (17.7 in.) | 45 cm (17.7 in.) |

Provide at least 15 cm (6 in.) of free space at the back of the instrument to ensure proper air circulation and a least 15 cm (6 in.) above the instrument for the solvent bottles. Place the EASY-nLC instrument as close as possible to the MS detector (mass spectrometer) to minimize dead volume in the transfer lines.

Figure 1 shows the EASY-nLC instrument installed as part of an LC/MS system with a data system computer, an Ethernet switch, a Thermo Scientific mass spectrometer, and an EASY-Spray™ ion source.

Note The EASY-Spray source has a power supply unit that connects to an electrical wall outlet. The NanoFlex ion source gets its power from the mass spectrometer.

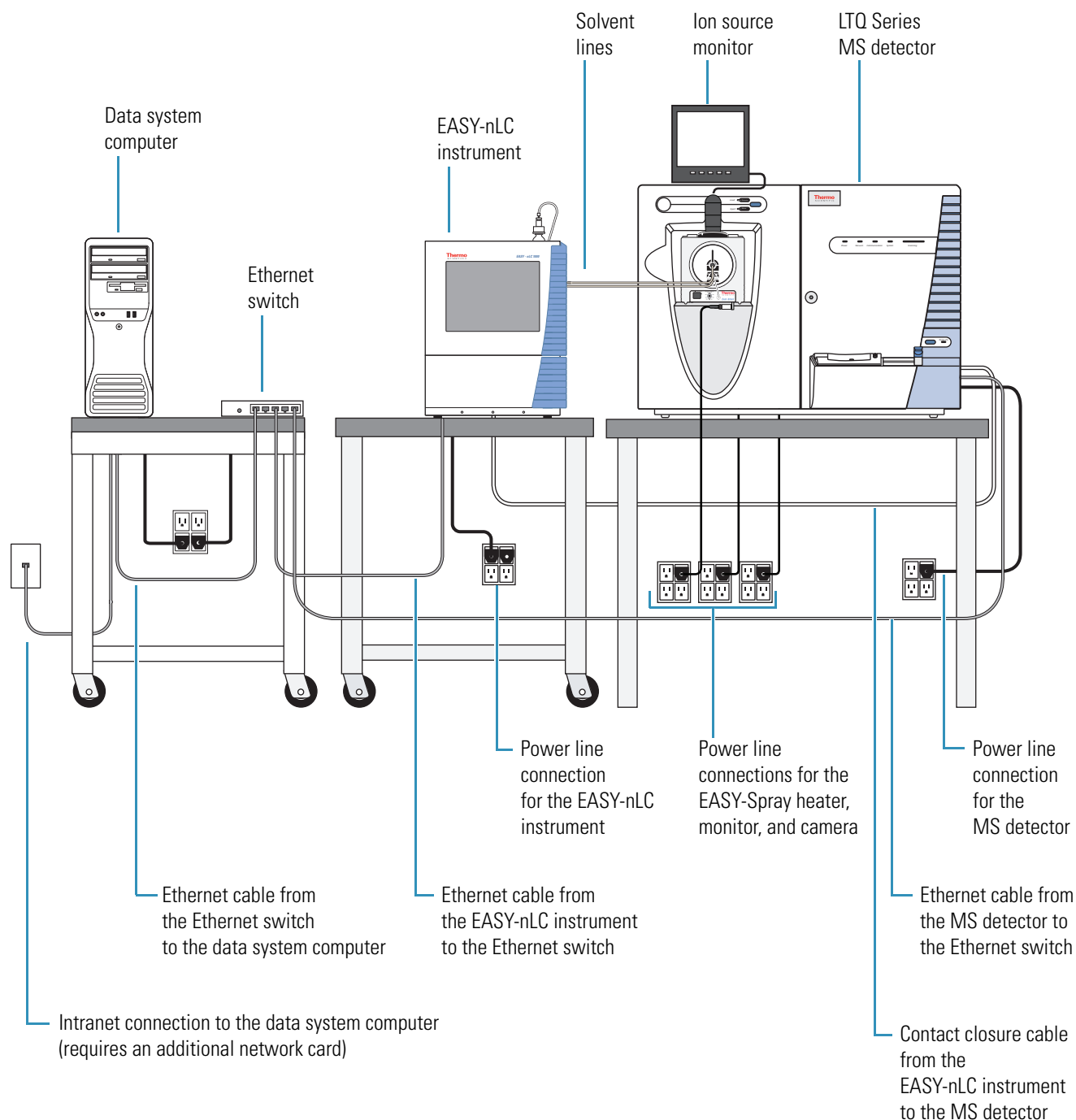
The Thermo Scientific MS detector and the EASY-nLC instrument communicate with the data system computer through an Ethernet switch that is connected to the data system computer. Connecting the data system computer to your local area network requires an additional network card.

IMPORTANT For remote diagnostics, connect the EASY-nLC instrument directly to the Internet access port using the supplied Category 6 network cable.

A contact closure cable between the EASY-nLC instrument and the Thermo Scientific MS detector synchronizes the run timing.

Table 5 on page 16 describes the line power connections.

Figure 1. LC/MS system setup with a data system computer connected to the local area network



Telephone

Install a telephone in your laboratory near the instrument so that, if necessary, you can conveniently operate the instrument while in contact by telephone with Thermo Fisher Scientific Technical Support. Place the voice telephone outlet within 2 m (6 ft) of your LC/MS system.

IMPORTANT Your instrument is designed to work in a controlled electromagnetic environment. Do not use radio frequency transmitters, such as mobile phones, in close proximity to the instrument.

Internet Access

For online support and monitoring, provide Internet access for the EASY-nLC instrument within reach of the laboratory benchtop, and ask your IT system administrator to set up the network firewalls to allow outgoing traffic to IP address 195.41.108.93, port 22.

IMPORTANT To connect to the Thermo Fisher Scientific support server, which is a Linux™ server, the EASY-nLC instrument uses the Secure Shell (SSH™) network protocol for secure data communication.

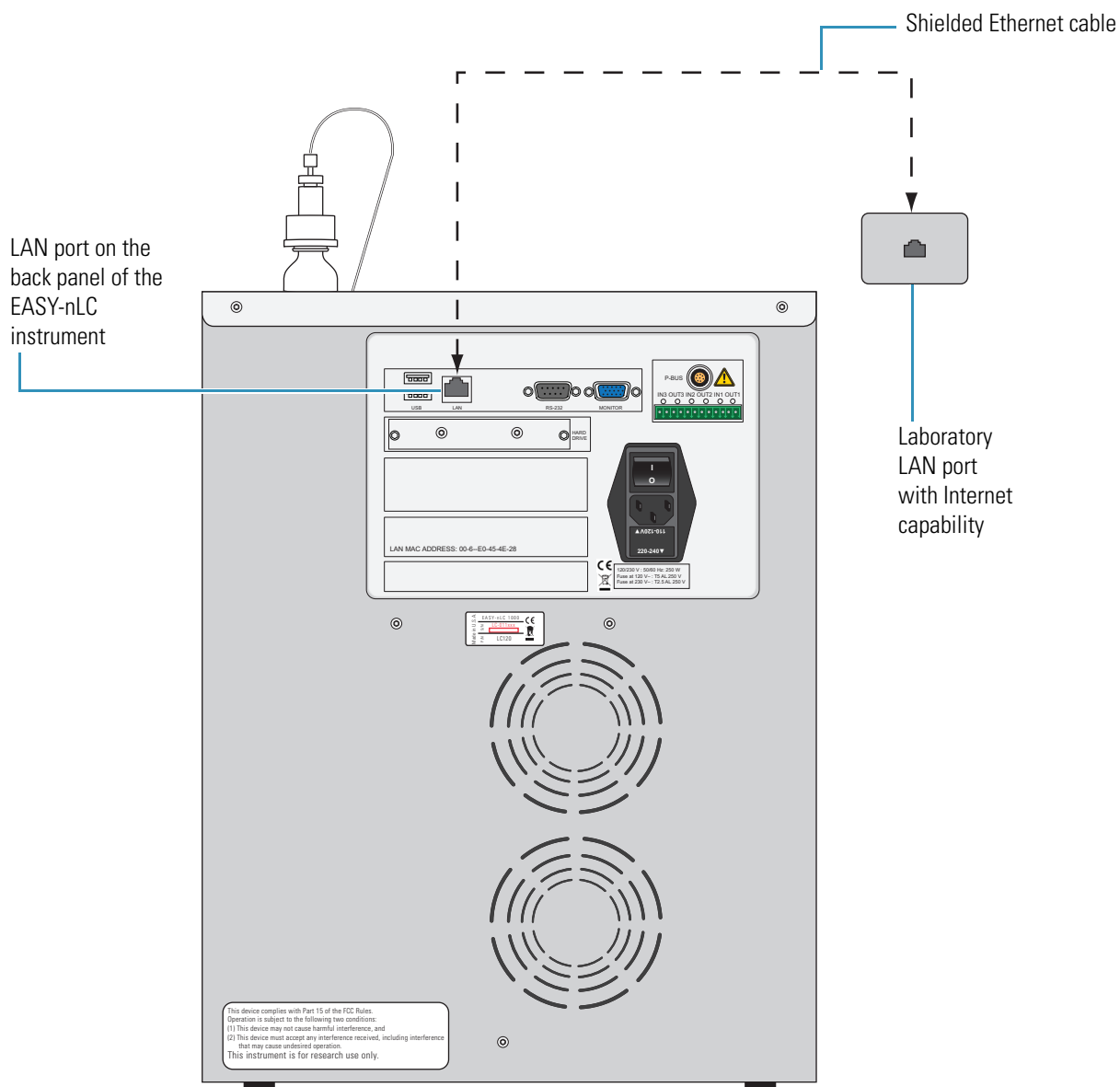
When you request a connection to the support server by using the EASY-nLC instrument's touch-screen controls, the SSH program on the EASY-nLC instrument opens a connection to the support server. This connection includes an SSH tunnel through which the remote support software and a Thermo Fisher Scientific technical support engineer can connect back to the EASY-nLC instrument to perform various operations on the EASY-nLC instrument.

To use the remote support feature, the firewalls for your local network must allow outgoing TCP/IP traffic from the EASY-nLC instrument to the support server at IP address 195.41.108.93, port 22.

When installing the EASY-nLC instrument, your local Thermo Fisher Scientific field service engineer sets up the instrument to use dynamic IP addresses through a local DHCP server, or gives it a fixed IP address (probably through your IT system administrator).

Figure 2 shows the EASY-nLC instrument connected to a laboratory LAN port with Internet capability by way of a shielded Ethernet cable.

Figure 2. Laboratory LAN port connection



Operating Environment

Attention to the operating environment will ensure continued high performance of your EASY-nLC instrument. Any expenditures for air conditioning are more than offset by good sample throughput and reduced repair costs.

You are responsible for providing the operating environment necessary for proper operation of the EASY-nLC instrument.

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Temperature and Humidity

The air conditioning system must be capable of maintaining a temperature range of 5 to 30 °C (41 to 86 °F) with minimum temperature fluctuations. Temperature fluctuations greater than ± 5 °C (± 9 °F) can adversely affect chromatographic performance of the LC instrument.

IMPORTANT As the laboratory temperature increases, instrument reliability decreases. All electronic components generate heat while operating. For the components to continue to operate reliably, ensure that this heat is dissipated to the surrounding air.

There must be a good flow of room air around the instrument, and the air conditioning system must be capable of maintaining a constant temperature in the immediate vicinity of the instrument.

IMPORTANT To maintain instrument performance, do not place the EASY-nLC instrument under an air duct, near windows, or near heating or cooling sources.

3 Operating Environment

Air Conditioning Load

Maintain the relative humidity of the operating environment between 20 to 80% with no condensation.

Operating an EASY-nLC instrument in an environment with very low humidity can cause static electricity to accumulate and discharge, which can shorten the life of the electronic components. Operating the instrument in an environment with high humidity can cause condensation, oxidation, and short circuits. It can also cause dust to accumulate, which can block filters on cooling fans.

To ensure that your laboratory is always within the required temperature and humidity specifications, Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends that you equip your laboratory with a temperature/humidity monitor.

Air Conditioning Load

The typical air conditioning load for an EASY-nLC instrument is approximately 125 W.

Vibration

Keep floors free of vibration caused, for example, by nearby equipment.

Lighting

For comfort and safety in performing LC instrument operations, make sure that your laboratory provides excellent lighting.

Particulate Matter

Ensure that the air in your laboratory is free from excessive dust, smoke, or other particulate matter in excess of 5 μm —that is, fewer than 3 500 000 particles per cubic meter (100 000 particles per cubic foot).

Dust can clog the air filters, which causes reduced air flow around electronic components. Dust on electronic components can act as an insulating blanket, which reduces the transfer of heat from the components to the surrounding air.

Electrostatic Discharge

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage the electronic components of your LC/MS system.

The discharge of static electricity is not perceptible to humans until the potential is at least 4000 V. However, a discharge of electrostatic potential as small as 50 V can damage many electronic components. While ESD damage can be catastrophic and cause your system to cease functioning, more commonly, ESD damage might cause latent problems that are detrimental to sensitive electrical components, causing premature failures.

The LC/MS system is designed to withstand electrostatic discharges up to 4 kV (air discharge) and 4 kV (contact discharge) with all panels in place. However, removing the panels and handling the printed circuit boards (PCBs) without proper precautions might damage the electrical components or cause them to fail prematurely.

Static electricity can develop in a variety of ways. Some examples follow:

- Walking across a carpet in a room that is at 20 percent relative humidity can generate as much as 35000 V of electrostatic potential on the surface of your body. A similar trip in a room at 80 percent relative humidity generates about 1500 V of electrostatic potential.
- Sitting and working in a chair padded with polyurethane foam in a room at 20 percent relative humidity can cause as much as 18000 V of electrostatic potential to develop on your skin. At 80 percent relative humidity, the electrostatic potential can be as much as 1500 V.
- Working in a laboratory coat and clothing made of synthetic fibers can cause static electricity to accumulate on your skin.
- Using Styrofoam™ cups and packing materials results in a considerable electrostatic charge.

Because of ESD, Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends the following precautions, especially when operating your LC/MS system at the lower end of the relative humidity specification:

- Use a static-dissipating floor covering (such as tile or conductive linoleum) in the room that houses your instrument.
- Use laboratory chairs covered with natural fibers or other static-dissipating material.
- Wear a laboratory coat and clothing made of natural fiber or other static-dissipating material when you are operating the instrument.
- Keep Styrofoam cups or packing materials away from the instrument.

Line Power

The quality of line power delivered to your EASY-nLC instrument can affect its performance and longevity. To ensure that your LC instrument performs optimally and is not damaged by line power fluctuations, verify that your laboratory electrical supply complies with all power quality requirements.

You are responsible for providing a power source of acceptable quality to operate your LC instrument.

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Quality of Power

The quality of power supplied to your EASY-nLC instrument is very important. The line voltage must be stable and within the specifications listed in this guide. The line voltage must be free of fluctuations due to slow changes in the average voltage, surges, sags, or transients.

Table 4 contains definitions for the three most common voltage disturbances.

Table 4. Common voltage disturbances

| Voltage disturbance | Definition |
|------------------------|--|
| Slow average | A gradual, long-term change in average root mean square (RMS) voltage level, with typical durations greater than 2 seconds |
| Sags and surges | Sudden changes in average RMS voltage level, with typical durations between 50 microseconds and 2 seconds |
| Transients or impulses | Brief voltage excursions of up to several thousand volts with durations up to 50 microseconds |



CAUTION Constant high line voltage, impulses, or surges in voltage can cause overheating and component failures. Constant low line voltage or sags in voltage can cause the system to function erratically or not at all. Transients, even a few microseconds in duration, can cause electronic devices to fail catastrophically or to degrade and eventually shorten the lifetime of your system. For these reasons, make sure that you establish the quality of the line voltage in your laboratory before installing an EASY-nLC instrument.

Power Monitoring Devices

Monitor the quality of your line power with a power line disturbance analyzer.

This type of device provides a continuous record of line performance by analyzing and printing out information on three types of voltage disturbances: slow average, sag and surge, and transient. The Dranetz™ power line disturbance analyzer is a device capable of detecting and recording most types of line power problems.¹ You can rent power line analyzers from electrical equipment suppliers.

Monitor the power line 24 hours a day, for seven consecutive days. If inspection of the printout indicates disturbances, take corrective action.

Power Conditioning Devices

You can correct a line voltage problem using various line voltage conditioning devices. If you have good regulation but the power line disturbance analyzer shows transient voltages, then an isolation/noise-suppression transformer can resolve the problem. If there are both transient and regulation problems, consider power conditioners that can control these problems.

When the line voltage is free from voltage sags, surges, and impulses but is more than 10 percent outside of the voltage specifications, a buck/boost transformer can lower (buck 10 percent) or raise (boost 10 percent) the line voltage.

Each buck/boost transformer is encased in a metal housing approximately 13 × 13 × 26 cm (5 × 5 × 10 in.) and is equipped with a 2 m (6 ft) power cable. To order the buck/boost transformer kit (P/N OPTON-01460), contact Thermo Fisher Scientific San Jose, and then have your electrician install the buck/boost transformer before a Thermo Fisher Scientific field service engineer installs your LC system. The transformer kit includes the installation instructions.



CAUTION For compliance and safety, recognized domestic and international organizations (for example, UL, CSA, TÜV, and VDE) must certify your uninterruptible power supply (UPS) devices.

¹ Thermo Fisher Scientific does not endorse any power monitoring company, nor does it endorse products other than its own. Companies and products listed in this guide are given as examples only.

Electrical Outlets

Before you install an EASY-nLC instrument, plan your power system. See [Table 5](#) for an example of the number of power outlets that your laboratory might require. A stand-alone EASY-nLC instrument requires one outlet. A Thermo Scientific MS detector and its associated data system hardware require two fourplex outlets. The nanospray ion source requires three power outlets.

Note For information about the power requirements for a Thermo Scientific mass spectrometer, refer to its preinstallation requirements guide or getting connected guide.

Locate the electrical outlets within reach of the workbench where you plan to install the LC/MS system. For information about the power cords supplied with the EASY-nLC system, see [“Power Supply Cords”](#) on [page 18](#).

Table 5. Laboratory power outlets for an LC/MS system with an EASY-nLC instrument

| Item | Outlets |
|--|---------|
| EASY-nLC instrument | 1 |
| Data system for the MS detector and optional control of the EASY-nLC instrument | |
| • CPU | 1 |
| • Monitor | 1 |
| • Printer | 1 |
| • Ethernet switch | 1 |
| MS detector and ion source | |
| • Mass spectrometer | 1 |
| • Nanospray ion source | 3 |
| (Optional) High-intensity lamp: For help in instrument maintenance. | 1 |
| (Optional) Laboratory stereoscope: For inspecting fused-silica parts, used when performing nanoflow or microfluidic experiments. | 1 |
| Total outlets required for this configuration | 9 to 11 |

Note Additional power outlets might be required for test and cleaning equipment, such as an ultrasonic bath. Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends that there be several additional power outlets close to the workbench space within your laboratory.

These topics describe the line voltage, maximum load capacity, and grounding requirements for the electrical outlets:

- [Line Voltage](#)
- [Grounding Requirements](#)
- [Maximum Load Capacity for Each Fourplex Outlet](#)

Line Voltage

The EASY-nLC system is equipped with an auto-ranging power entry module and can operate within the range of 120/230 Vac \pm 10% 50/60 Hz; 250 VA.

Grounding Requirements

Installing an EASY-nLC instrument requires a minimum of one outlet. The electrical outlet must be earth ground hard-wired to the main panel.

If you are using the EASY-nLC instrument as an inlet to an MS detector, the LC/MS system might require two or more fourplex outlets. The interconnected electrical outlets for the LC instrument, the MS detector, and the data system computer must have a common point to one ground connector.

CAUTION When using the EASY-nLC instrument as an inlet to an LC/MS system, the LC instrument, the MS detector, and the (optional) data system hardware must have a common ground.



Connecting the hardware to external grounds at different potentials can do the following:

- Create a ground loop that causes noise and interference.
- Damage the EASY-nLC instrument's built-in computer.



CAUTION Improper grounding of the EASY-nLC instrument creates an electrical safety hazard.

Maximum Load Capacity for Each Fourplex Outlet

Do not exceed the electrical outlet specifications. The maximum load for a 115 Vac fourplex outlet is typically 20 A, and the maximum load for a 230 Vac fourplex outlet is typically 16 A.

The maximum current drawn by the EASY-nLC instrument depends on the line voltage:

- For 115 Vac line power, the EASY-nLC instrument draws up to 5.0 A.
- For 230 Vac line power, the EASY-nLC instrument draws up to 2.5 A.



CAUTION Never connect an MS detector and an EASY-nLC instrument to the same electrical outlet circuit. Connect the EASY-nLC instrument and the MS detector to separate electrical outlets.

Power Supply Cords

Each EASY-nLC instrument comes with a 2.5 m (8.2 ft) long power cord.

The data system hardware components that come with each Thermo Scientific MS detector are approximately 1.8 m (6 ft) long.

Uninterruptible Power Supply

If your local area is susceptible to corrupted power or power disruptions, install an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) in your laboratory.



CAUTION For compliance and safety, your uninterruptible power supply (UPS) devices must be certified by recognized domestic and international organizations (for example, UL, CSA, TÜV, and VDE).

Technical Assistance

Occasionally, you might encounter line power sources of unacceptable quality that adversely affect the operation of the EASY-nLC instrument. Correcting line power problems is your responsibility. Contact your local office for Thermo Scientific products for assistance in monitoring the line voltage in your laboratory and in selecting a line conditioner.

Specifying power conditioning equipment is a complex task that is best handled by a company or consultant specializing in that field. Contact your local Thermo Fisher Scientific office for assistance in locating a power consultant in your area.

Waste and Ventilation

The waste and exhaust arrangements for your EASY-nLC instrument can affect the proper performance of the instrument. You must collect and dispose of solvent wastes properly.

You are responsible for providing the proper waste disposal and ventilation systems required to operate your LC/MS system.

Waste solvent from the needle wash and purge steps collects in the waste bottle within the EASY-nLC instrument. The solvent from the pre-column equilibration step routes to the waste beaker within the EASY-nLC instrument. The maximum flow rate for a purge cycle is 300 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$.

In addition to providing a proper waste disposal system, you must also ensure that your laboratory is adequately ventilated to prevent the buildup of solvent fumes.

Solvents

You are responsible for providing the high-purity solvents required to install and operate the EASY-nLC instrument.

The installation solvents for the EASY-nLC instrument are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Solvent A: | 0.1% formic acid in water |
| Solvent B: | 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile |
| Wash solvent 3: | 0.1% formic acid in water |

To prepare these solutions, order the appropriate LC/MS-grade solvents or the pre-blended solutions. [Table 6](#) lists the solvents that you can order from Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Table 6. Solvents

| Solvent/reagent | Specification |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Water | LC/MS grade |
| Acetonitrile | LC/MS grade |
| Formic acid (99.5%) | LC/MS grade |
| 0.1% formic acid in water | LC/MS grade |
| 0.1% formic acid in acetonitrile | LC/MS grade |

IMPORTANT Do not filter solvents. Filtering solvents can introduce contamination.



CAUTION Store and handle all chemicals in accordance with standard safety procedures.

❖ **To order LC/MS-grade solvents from Thermo Fisher Scientific**

Click this icon,



–or–

Go to: www.FisherLCMS.com, and click the **Solvents** tab.

Installation

Before installation, make sure that all preparations described in the previous chapters are complete.

When you have completed your laboratory site preparation, the EASY-nLC Installation Request Form has been mailed or faxed to your local office for Thermo Scientific products, and the instrument has been delivered, call your local Thermo Fisher Scientific office to arrange for an installation date.

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Spare Parts

Table 7 lists the spare parts supplied with the EASY-nLC II instrument and Table 8 lists the spare parts supplied with the EASY-nLC 1000 instrument.

Note The EASY-nLC instrument comes with a contact closure cable for a Thermo Scientific MS detector. If you plan to connect the nanoflow LC instrument to a non-Thermo Scientific MS detector, order the appropriate contact closure cable (see Table 11 on page 27).

Table 7. Spare parts shipped with the EASY-nLC II instrument

| Description | Part number |
|--|-------------|
| Autosampler vials with caps (24) | N/A |
| Adapter, 8 × 12 microtiter plate | LC191 |
| Cable, contact closure, Thermo Scientific MS detector | LC160 |
| Cables, Ethernet | N/A |
| Column, test, pre-column | SC001 |
| Column, test, analytical | SC200 |
| Cord, Power | N/A |
| Fuses | |
| 110 V, 5 A | LC157 |
| 230 V, 2.5 A | LC158 |
| Microtiter plates, 8 × 12 (2) and silicone mats (2) | N/A |
| Solvent bottles | LC186 |
| Wash bottles (6) | LC182 |
| Wash insert (1) | LC184 |
| Wrench, 1/4 in. | N/A |
| Union, leak test, stainless steel, 1/32 in. ID, 15 000 psi rated | SC600 |

Table 8. Spare parts shipped with the EASY-nLC 1000 instrument

| Description | Part number |
|---|-------------|
| Autosampler injection needle | LC251 |
| Autosampler vials with caps (24) | N/A |
| Adapter, 8 × 12 microtiter plate | LC191 |
| Cable, contact closure, Thermo Scientific MS detector | LC160 |
| Cables, Ethernet (2) | N/A |
| Cord, Power | N/A |
| Fuses | |
| 110 V, 5 A | LC157 |
| 230 V, 2.5 A | LC158 |
| Microtiter plates, 8 × 12 (2) and silicone mats (2) | N/A |
| Seal, valve rotor (1) | LC228 |
| Seals, piston (4) and installation tool | LC510 |
| Solvent bottles | LC186 |
| Tubing, column out | LC560 |
| Wash bottles (6) | LC182 |
| Wash insert (1) | LC184 |
| Wrench, 1/4 in. | N/A |
| Union, leak test and HPLC, stainless steel | SC900 |

Common Replacement Parts

For proper maintenance of your EASY-nLC instrument, Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends that you maintain an inventory of replacement parts.

Table 9 lists the annual consumption of common replacements parts for the EASY-nLC II instrument.

Table 9. Common replacement parts for the EASY-nLC II instrument

| Description | Part number | Annual consumption |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Pump Piston Seal Replacement Kit (contains four piston seals and the piston seal tool) | LC210 | 4 piston seals (1/pump) |
| Valve rotor seal for valve serial numbers V-009999 and below (contains one rotor seal) | LC224 | 8 rotor seals (2/valve) |
| Valve rotor seal for valve serial numbers V-010000 and above (contains one rotor seal) | LC228 | 8 rotor seals (2/valve) |
| Column Out solvent line | LC260 | 2 |
| Waste In solvent line | LC262 | 1 |
| Autosampler needle, ASA model | LC251 | 1 |
| Autosampler needle, ASC model | LC302 | 2 |
| Valve to flow sensor line (contains two flow sensor lines) | LC222 | 2 |
| Replacement filter discs (contains two 10 µm filter discs) | LC232 | 2 filter discs (1/solvent bottle) |

Table 10 lists the annual consumption of common replacement parts for the EASY-nLC 1000 instrument.

Table 10. Common replacement parts for the EASY-nLC 1000 instrument

| Description | Part number | Annual consumption |
|---|-------------|--|
| Pump Piston Seal Replacement Kit (contains four piston seals and the piston seal tool) | LC510 | 4 piston seals (1/pump) |
| Valve rotor seal (contains one rotor seal) | LC228 | 8 rotor seals (2/valve) |
| Column Out solvent line | LC560 | 2 |
| Waste In solvent line | LC562 | 1 |
| Autosampler needle, ASC model | LC302 | 2 |
| Flow sensor filters (contains four flow sensor filters) | LC542 | 4 flow sensor filters (2/flow sensor) |
| Replacement filter discs (contains two 10 µm filter discs) | LC232 | 2 filter discs (1/solvent bottle) |

Additional Installation Peripherals

To install the EASY-nLC instrument as an inlet to an MS detector, do the following:

- Order the appropriate ion source.
Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends that you use the Thermo Scientific Nanospray Flex ion source.
- Ensure that the mass spectrometer and ion source are on site before the scheduled installation date.
- If necessary, order a contact closure cable compatible with your MS detector.

Table 11 lists the contact closure cables that Thermo Fisher Scientific supplies for the EASY-nLC instrument.

Table 11. Contact closure cables

| MS detector | Part number |
|---|-------------|
| Thermo Scientific (supplied with the EASY-nLC instrument) | LC160 |
| ABI/MDS/Sciex™ | LC161 |
| Bruker™/Agilent™ | LC162 |
| Waters™/Micromass™ | LC163 |
| Varian™ | LC164 |

Training

When your new EASY-nLC instrument is on site and ready for installation, a Thermo Fisher Scientific field service engineer will install it.

During the installation, the field service engineer demonstrates the basics of equipment operation and routine maintenance. You are responsible for ensuring that the appropriate personnel are present for this training session.

Do not plan to use your new instrument for sample analysis until the installation is complete and you have signed the acceptance form.

Preventive Maintenance

Routine and preventive maintenance of the EASY-nLC instrument is your responsibility.

Regular preventive maintenance is essential. It increases the life of the instrument, maximizes the uptime of your instrument, and provides you with optimum instrument performance. For more information on maintenance procedures, refer to the user guide for the EASY-nLC instrument.

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Electronic equipment carriers that specialize in the handling of delicate machinery ship the EASY-nLC instrument to your site. Occasionally, however, equipment is damaged in transit.

Take the following precautions when receiving material:

- Check carefully for obvious damage or evidence of rough handling.
- Note any apparent external damage on all copies of the receiving documents and describe briefly the extent of the damage. Have the driver sign (or initial) next to your comments to signify agreement with your observations.
- To report the damage, contact your local service office, as listed in “[Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry Offices](#)” on [page v](#).

Note Freight insurance requires that obvious damage be noted on the receiving documents.

U.S. and Canadian Shipments

For shipments to the United States and Canada, instruments are shipped by one of two methods:

- Local Distribution Center
- Free On Board (FOB) San Jose, CA, U.S., or FOB destination

If the instrument is damaged in transit, the method of shipment determines who has responsibility for filing a claim against the carrier. If the instrument shipping container, Shock Watch, or other indicators show evidence of damage or mishandling during shipment, do NOT open the container. Call your Thermo Fisher Scientific representative for further instructions.

Most instruments are shipped FOB San Jose, CA, and any damage incurred in shipment is the responsibility of the purchaser and the carrier. However, Thermo Fisher Scientific will assist with claims filing and (billable) repairs if necessary.

If the instrument is shipped FOB destination and is damaged, Thermo Fisher Scientific files a claim against the carrier.

Note For U.S. and Canadian shipments, Thermo Fisher Scientific does not accept liability for damage if materials are received with obvious damage AND the damage is not recorded on the receiving documents.

When your instrument arrives, move it to a protected location indoors. If you have questions about moving your instrument, contact your local office for Thermo Fisher Scientific products. The preface of this guide and the contact information following the Installation Request Form list telephone and fax numbers for service offices.

International Shipments

International shipments—from Denmark directly to the customer—are usually shipped Carriage and Insurance Paid (CIP) to their destination unless specified differently. If the instrument is shipped CIP destination and if any damages are incurred in shipment, Thermo Fisher Scientific files a claim against the carrier.

Note For international shipments, Thermo Fisher Scientific does not accept liability for damage if materials are received with obvious damage AND the damage is not recorded on the receiving documents.

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