Thermo Scientific Dionex OnGuard II Sample Pretreatment Cartridges and Workstation

The Thermo Scientific[™]Dionex[™] OnGuard[™] II line of disposable sample pretreatment cartridges is designed to remove matrix interferences such as phenols, metals, cations, anions, or hydrophobic substances that are encountered in many ion chromatography applications. These cartridges have wide pH stability and allow low-level ion analysis.



Solve Tough Applications Problems

- Facilitate better separations
- Increase lifetimes of analytical columns
- Solve major matrix problems
- Achieve reproducible trace-level
 determinations in concentrated matrices

Optimized Design and Manufacture

The Dionex OnGuard II hardware, illustrated in Figure 1, is designed with Luer inlets for easy and secure connections. The cartridge design eliminates leaks and channeling. The unique sample distribution frit maximizes complete resin bed usage. The cartridge hardware is optimized for the best possible performance in matrix removal or concentration applications.

Guaranteed Performance

All Dionex OnGuard II cartridges are shipped with a Certificate of Analysis verifying product capacity, performance, and cleanliness.

Convenient and Easy to Use

Samples are easy to process. Samples can be passed through the cleanup cartridge directly into the LC injector valve loop using a Luerstyle syringe. Alternatively, samples can be processed in parallel using the Dionex OnGuard Sample Prep Station shown in Figure 7.

Versatile Selection of Resins

- Dionex OnGuard II A
- Dionex OnGuard II Ag
- Dionex OnGuard II Ba
- Dionex OnGuard II H
- Dionex OnGuard II Na
- Dionex OnGuard II M
- Dionex OnGuard II P
- Dionex OnGuard II RP
- Dionex OnGuard II Ag/H
- Dionex OnGuard II II Ba/Ag/H



The Dionex OnGuard II family of sample pretreatment cartridges are available in a wide range of packings and in two sizes (1-cc and 2.5-cc) to fit your sample pretreatment needs. In addition, resins are available in the Thermo Scientific[™] Dionex[™] Auto OnGuard[™] syringe barrel format for robotic processing as custom order products. Table 1 summarizes the Dionex OnGuard products and their typical applications.

Cartridges can be used singly or in series depending on the matrix interferences to be removed. Figure 3 illustrates the Dionex OnGuard Ba, OnGuard Ag, and OnGuard H cartridges used in series to remove sulfate, chloride, and carbonate from a water sample prior to trace-level determination of bromate.

Solve Your Matrix Problems

Dionex OnGuard II A

For the removal of:Inorganic anions

- Strong organic acids
- Low pH (neutralize)

The Dionex OnGuard II A cartridge contains styrene-based strong anion-exchange resin in the bicarbonate form. This cartridge is ideal for the removal of anionic contaminants from sample matrices. It is also effective for the neutralization of highly acidic samples.

Figure 2 demonstrates the use of a Dionex OnGuard II A, 1-cc cartridge for the neutralization of an acid-preserved water sample prior to determination of Group I and Group II cations and ammonium by cationexchange chromatography with suppressed conductivity detection.

Dionex OnGuard II Ag

For the removal of:

- Chloride
- Bromide
- lodide

The Dionex OnGuard II Ag resin is a styrenebased sulfonic acid resin in the silver form. This cartridge easily removes chloride, bromide, and iodide from concentrated sample matrices such as brines. Samples treated with the Dionex OnGuard II Ag cartridge should be passed through a Dionex OnGuard II H cartridge to remove silver counter ions. As an alternative, a Thermo Scientific[™] Dionex[™] MetPac[™] CC-1 chelating column can be used to remove silver counter ions online in an IC system.

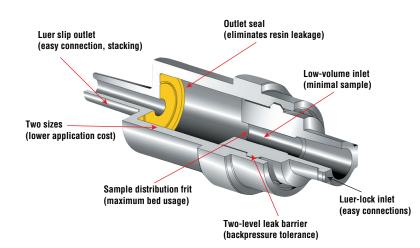


Figure 1. Dionex OnGuard II cartridge hardware design.

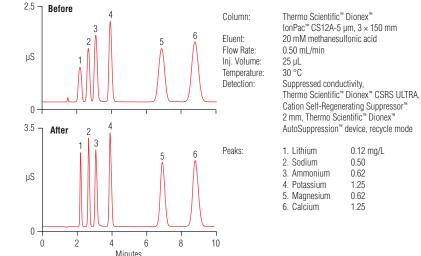


Figure 2. Pretreatment of low-pH samples for cation analysis using the Dionex OnGuard II A cartridge.

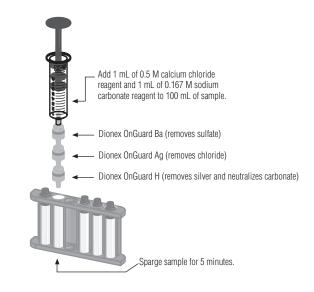


Figure 3. Used in series, the Dionex OnGuard Ba, OnGuard Ag, and OnGuard H cartridges successfully remove sulfate, chloride, and neutralizes carbonate from a drinking water sample prior to the determination of bromate.

Table 1. Dionex OnGuard II cartridge chemistries and typical applications.

Cartridge	Functionality	Capacity (meq/ cartridge)		Solvents	pH Stability	Mode of Use
		1-cc	2.5-cc		Stability	
OnGuard A	Anion-exchange bicarbonate form	0.7	1.75	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of anions; pH adjustment of acidic samples
OnGuard Ag	Cation-exchange silver form	2.0-2.2	5.0-5.5	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of chloride, bromide, iodide by precipitation
OnGuard Ba	Cation-exchange barium form	2.0-2.2	5.0-5.5	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of sulfate by precipitation
OnGuard H	Cation-exchange hydronium form	2.0-2.2	5.0-5.5	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of alkaline earth and transition metals; pH adjustment of basic samples
OnGuard Na	Cation-exchange sodium form	2.0-2.2	5.0-5.5	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of alkaline earth and transition metals
OnGuard M	Iminodiacetate ammonium form	0.4	1.0	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14*	Concentration of transition metals by chelation (2.5-cc format); removal of transition metals (1-cc format)
OnGuard P	Polyvinylpyrrolidone	6.0	Format not available	0–100% HPLC solvents	1–10	Removal of phenols, azo dyes, humic acids by complexation
OnGuard RP	Polydivinylbenzene	0.3 g resin	0.75 g resin	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of surfactants, high MW carboxylic acids, aromatic dyes by adsorption
OnGuard Ag/H	Cation-exchange silver form; cation- exchange hydronium form	Format not available	4.6 (Ag) 0.8 (H)	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of chloride, bromide, iodide by precipitation; removal of alkaline earth and transition metals; pH adjustment of basic samples
OnGuard Ba/Ag/H	Cation-exchange silver form; cation- exchange barium form; cation-exchange hydronium form	Format not available	2.2–2.6 (Ba) 2.2–2.6 (Ag) 0.8 (H)	0–100% HPLC solvents	0–14	Removal of chloride, bromide, iodide by precipitation; removal of alkaline earth and transition metals; pH adjustment of basic samples; removal of sulfate by precipitation

* Resin shrinks in acid form.

Dionex OnGuard II H

For the removal of:

- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- High pH (neutralizes)

The Dionex OnGuard II H cartridge contains sulfonated polystyrene resin in the hydrogen form. This resin is designed to have very high selectivity for polyvalent cations such as calcium and transition metals. The cartridge is ideal for the removal of high levels of alkaline earth metals and transition metals from sample matrices. It is also used for the neutralization of highly alkaline samples such as sodium hydroxide or sodium carbonate. Carbonate can be reduced to very low levels following this pH reduction by sparging the sample.

Dionex OnGuard II Na

For the removal of:

- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals

The Dionex OnGuard II Na cartridge contains 16% crosslinked, styrene-based, sulfonic acid in the sodium form. The Dionex OnGuard II Na cartridge is used to remove alkaline earths and transition metals from sample matrices without acidifying the sample. This attribute ensures good recovery of acid labile analytes such as nitrite. This resin is designed to have very high selectivity for multivalent cations such as calcium, magnesium, and transition metals.

Dionex OnGuard II Ag/H

For the removal of:

- Chloride
- Bromide
- lodide
- · Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- High pH (neutralizes)

The Dionex OnGuard II Ag/H is a layered cartridge that contains Dionex OnGuard II Ag and H resins. The Dionex OnGuard II Ag/H cartridge contains a styrene-based sulfonic acid resin in the silver form that easily removes chloride, bromide, and iodide from concentrated sample matrices such as brines.

The Dionex OnGuard II Ag/H cartridge also contains sulfonated polystyrene resin in the hydrogen form that has a very high selectivity for polyvalent cations such as calcium and transition metals. The cartridge is ideal for the removal of alkaline earths and transition metals from sample matrices, for the neutralization of caustic samples, and for the removal of carbonate.

The Dionex OnGuard H resin is placed after the Ag resin residual to trap silver and other cations in the sample. This two-layer cartridge can be used in place of two single cartridges used in series and has the added advantage of the higher silver-capacity.

Dionex OnGuard II Ba

For the removal of:

- High concentrations of sulfate from sample matices
- Sample prep in analysis of tracelevel bromate

The Dionex OnGuard II Ba resin is a styrenebased sulfonic acid resin in the barium form for the removal of high concentrations of sulfate from sample matrices. For reproducible, quantitative determinations in low-ionic-strength samples, the Dionex OnGuard II Ba cartridge should be activated with a calcium chloride solution. Samples treated with a calcium chloride-activated cartridge should be passed through a Dionex OnGuard II Ag cartridge to remove the chloride from the activating solution and then passed through a Dionex OnGuard II H cartridge or a Dionex MetPac CC-1 chelating column to remove silver counter ions.

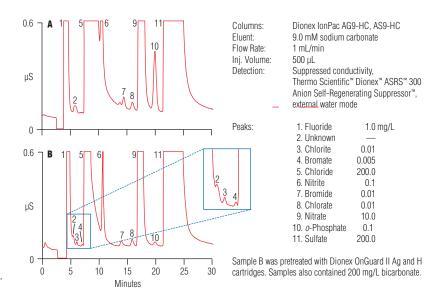


Figure 4. Following the Dionex OnGuard sample matrix removal shown in Figure 3, bromate can easily be quantified at 5 ppb.

Cartridges can be used in series to remove multiple matrix interferences. Figure 3 demonstrates the use of the Dionex OnGuard II Ba, Ag, and H cartridges in series to remove sulfate, chloride, and carbonate (respectively) from a water sample prior to trace-level determination of bromate. Figure 4 illustrates the determination of trace-level bromate following Dionex OnGuard cartridge matrix elimination by using anion exchange chromatography with suppressed conductivity detection.

Dionex OnGuard II Ba/Ag/H

For the removal of:

- Chloride
- Bromide
- lodide
- · Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- High pH (neutralizes)
- High concentrations of sulfate from sample matrices
- Sample prep in analysis of tracelevel bromate

The Dionex OnGuard II Ba/Ag/H is a layered cartridge that contains Dionex OnGuard II Ba, Ag, and H resins. The Dionex OnGuard II Ba/Ag/H cartridge contains a styrene-based sulfonic acid resin in the barium form for the removal of high concentrations of sulfate from sample matrices, a styrene-based sulfonic acid resin in the silver form for the removal of chloride, bromide, and iodide from concentrated sample matrices such as brines, and a 16% crosslinked, styrene-based, sulfonic acid resin in the hydrogen form with very high selectivity for polyvalent cations such as calcium and transition metals.

The cartridge is ideal for the removal of high levels of alkaline earths and transition metals from sample matrices, for the neutralization of caustic samples, and for the removal of carbonate. The Dionex OnGuard II H resin is placed at the outlet of the three-layer cartridge to trap soluble silver and other cations in the sample. This three-layer cartridge can be used in place of three single cartridges used in series and has the added advantage of the higher silver capacity.

Dionex OnGuard II M

For the removal of:

- Transition metals
- Matrix elimination of alkali and alkaline earth metals

The Dionex OnGuard M cartridge contains iminodiacetate resin in the ammonium form. This resin is designed to have very high selectivity for polyvalent cations such as transition metals. The cartridge is ideal for the removal or concentration of high levels of transition metals from sample matrices.

The Dionex OnGuard II M cartridges are shipped in the ammonium form, pH 5.5 and are ready to use for either matrix elimination or for transition metal concentration. For matrix elimination of transition metals, samples should be buffered to pH greater than 4. This technique allows the recovery of alkali and alkaline earth metals while retaining the transition metals on the Dionex OnGuard II M cartridge. The 1-cc cartridge is best suited for this application.

For concentration of transition metals, the transition metals are concentrated at pH greater than 4 and eluted at pH 2. High purity 2.0 M nitric acid (P/N 033442) and 2.0 M ammonium acetate (P/N 033440) are available from Thermo Fisher Scientific for pH control. The 2.5-cc cartridge is ideal for concentrating transition metals for quantification by chelation IC or by ICP-MS. Metal chelating agents such as EDTA will interfere with transition metal concentration on the Dionex OnGuard II M cartridge. These samples must be digested using EPA Method 200.8 to achieve good recoveries of transition metals such as cadmium, copper, cobalt, iron, nickel, lead, titanium, vanadium, and zinc. Manganese and chromium (as chromate) are not recovered.

Dionex OnGuard II P

For the removal of:

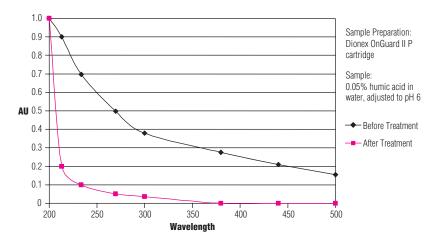
- Phenols
- Humic acids
- Lignins
- Anthocyanins
- Azo dyes

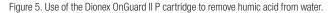
The Dionex OnGuard II P cartridge contains polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) polymer that has very high selectivity for phenolics, azocontaining compounds, aromatic carboxylic acids and aromatic aldehydes. The Dionex OnGuard II P cartridge is recommended for removing the phenolic fraction of humic acids, tannic acids, lignins, anthocyanins, and azo dyes from samples prior to analysis by anion or cation exchange. The Dionex OnGuard II P cartrdige resin has very high selectivity for iodine as the triiodide complex.

Figure 5 illustrates the decrease in absorbance of a ground water containing humic acids after treatment with a Dionex OnGuard II P cartridge.

Dionex OnGuard II RP

- For the removal of:
- Surfactants
- Hydrocarbons
- · High MW carboxylic acids
- Aromatic dyes
- Lipids





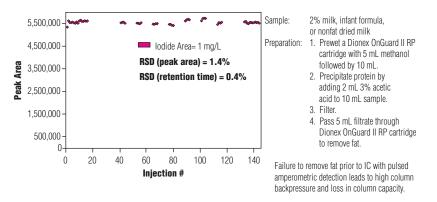


Figure 6. Use of Dionex OnGuard II RP cartridge for the removal of fat from milk.

The Dionex OnGuard II RP cartridge contains macroporous divinylbenzene resin that has a very high selectivity for hydrophobic substances, including unsaturated or aromatic organic substances. The Dionex OnGuard II RP cartridges can be used in the ion-pairing mode to remove high molecular weight ions such as surfactants. Surfactants such as sodium lauryl sulfate can be removed from samples by adding ammonium hydroxide or tetramethyl ammonium hydroxide to the sample. The Dionex OnGuard II RP cartridge is also ideal for the removal of lipids, which can foul ion-exchange columns, from food or physiological samples. Figure 6 illustrates the long-term performance of a method for the determination of iodide in milk using amperometric detection. The blank spaces in the graph correspond to injections of 2% milk and the data points show the reproducibility of iodide standards that were injected among the milk samples. The high reproducibility of the iodide standards shows that electrode fouling was not a problem when sample pretreatment with the Dionex OnGuard II RP cartridge was included in the method.

Failure to remove the fat in milk prior to anion exchange analysis also leads to high column backpressure and loss in column capacity.

Syringe Loading

By using a standard Luer-tip syringe, samples can easily be treated individually. Samples can be injected through the cartridge directly into the LC injector loop or into autosampler vials.

Dionex OnGuard Sample Prep Station

The Dionex OnGuard Sample Prep Station, shown in Figure 7, is a vacuum-driven accessory for simultaneous pretreatment of multiple samples with the Dionex OnGuard sample pretreatment cartridges. The Dionex OnGuard Sample Prep Station has individual stopcock valves for each 5-cc sample reservoir to allow control of individual flow rates.

When used with the 0.5 mL Thermo Scientific[™] Dionex[™] PolyVials[™] and a vacuum source, the Dionex OnGuard Sample Prep Station permits semiautomated pretreatment of up to 12 samples. Samples can be transferred directly to the Thermo Scientific[™] Dionex[™] AS40 Autosampler. The station also allows you to use six 10 mL volumetric flasks as sample collection containers.

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Dionex OnGuard II P, 1cc, Pkg of 12	088358
Dionex OnGuard II RP, 1-cc, pkg of 12	082760
Dionex OnGuard II H, 1-cc, pkg of 12	082761
Dionex OnGuard II Ag, 1-cc, pkg of 12	082762
Dionex OnGuard II Ba, 1-cc, pkg of 12	082763
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Dionex OnGuard II Ag, 1-cc, pkg of 48	057089
Dionex OnGuard II Ba, 1-cc, pkg of 48	057093
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Dionex OnGuard II Na, 1-cc, pkg of 48	062948
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