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1 About this quick start guide

This short instruction manual contains important chapters from the comprehensive manual. In addition to an introduction, safety instructions and an overview of the instrument, you will also find information about installing and operating the 940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/LPG as well as information regarding the warranty. The comprehensive manual can be downloaded as a PDF file from the Internet.

Downloading the manual

You can find the detailed manual on the Internet under <http://www.metrohm.com/>:

1. Enter the order number for your instrument as the search term (e.g. **2.940.1450**).
2. Click on **Documents**.
All available documents for the instrument will be displayed.
3. Click on the PDF link to download the desired manual.

2.1 Instrument description

- Its intelligence: All of the functions are monitored, optimized and documented in an FDA-compatible manner. Intelligent components, such as iColumns, save important data onto a chip.
- Its compact design: It has a small footprint.
- Its modularity: It provides flexibility for use in various applications. It can hold up to three modules for different functions in its three drawers. Individual modules can be swapped or added as needed.
- Its transparency: All components are easily accessible and located for simple visibility and can be monitored during operation through a large window.
- Its safety: The design separates the wet end and the electronics, thereby preventing liquids from coming into contact with the electronics to a large extent. A leak sensor is integrated into the wet end.
- Its environmental compatibility.
- Its low noise emissions.
- The intelligent MaqIC Net software

The 940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/LPG consists of the following modules:

The sturdy housing contains the instrument's electronic components, including their interfaces and three connections for separation columns (two of which are built into the installed column thermostat). In addition, the housing provides space for two detectors (conductivity detectors or amperometric detectors) and up to three plug-ins with different functions. Capillaries and cables can be fed into and out of the instrument through several openings.

Leak sensor

The leak sensor detects leaking liquid that collects in the instrument's base tray. Liquid that leaks in the instrument is routed to the base tray using drainage tubing and detected there.

Column thermostat

The column thermostat regulates the temperature for the separation columns and the eluent, thereby providing stable measuring conditions. The interior of the column thermostat can be heated and cooled. There are two column holders with chip readers in the column thermostat.

Eluent degasser

The eluent degasser removes gas bubbles and dissolved gases from the eluent.

High-pressure pump

The intelligent and low-pulsation high-pressure pump pumps the eluent through the IC system. It is equipped with a chip where its technical specifications and "life history" (operating hours, service data, etc.) are stored.

Inline filter

Inline filters protect the separation column reliably from potential contamination from the eluent. The filter pads with 2 µm pore size can be replaced quickly and easily. They remove particles from the solutions, such as bacteria and algae.

Pulsation absorber

The pulsation absorber protects the separation column from damage caused by pressure fluctuations, e.g. when the injection valve is switched, and reduces interfering pulsations during highly sensitive measurements.

Injection valve

The injection valve connects the eluent path to the sample path. By a quick and precise switching of the valve, a quantity of sample solution defined by the size of the sample loop is injected and flushed to the separation column with the eluent.

Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

The chemical suppressor MSM consists of the suppressor drive, a rotor and, where applicable, an adapter. The suppressor drive gives you the flexibility to use different rotors according to the principle "one drive – many rotors". Suppression rotors with different capacities and construction or a rotor for sample preparation (SPM Rotor) are readily interchangeable with appropriate adapters as needed. The rotors are not included in the

instrument's scope of delivery. The rotor required for the application and any adapter that is required must be ordered separately.

Metrohm CO₂ Suppressor (MCS)

The Metrohm CO₂ Suppressor (MCS) removes the CO₂ from the eluent stream. This lowers the background conductivity, improves detection sensitivity, and minimizes the injection peak and the system peak.

Detector

Metrohm offers a series of different detectors for various analysis tasks. A suitable detector type must be ordered as a separate device.

Sample degasser

The sample degasser removes gas bubbles and dissolved gases from the sample.

Low-pressure gradient

Up to three different eluents can be mixed using the low-pressure gradient. They are mixed in the low-pressure section, i.e., before the eluent is fed to the high-pressure pump.

Separation column

The intelligent separation column separates different components according to their interactions with the column. Metrohm separation columns are equipped with a chip where their technical specifications and history (start-up, operating hours, injections etc) are stored.

2.2 Accessories and additional information

Additional information is available on the Metrohm website (<https://www.metrohm.com>):

- Product family
- Product versions
- Accessories
- Documents about the product

Downloading the accessories list



NOTE

The accessories list is a part of the product documentation. Download the accessories list and store it as a reference.

1. Use the search function to search for the product.
2. Open the desired product version.

3. Download the accessories list.

2.3 Symbols and conventions

The following symbols and formatting may appear in this documentation:

(5- 12)	Cross-reference to figure legend The first number refers to the figure number, the second to the instrument part in the figure.
1	Instruction step Perform the steps one after the other.
Method	Dialog text, parameter in the software
File ► New	Menu or menu item
[Continue]	Button or key
	WARNING This symbol draws attention to a possible life-threatening hazard or risk of injury.
	WARNING This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to electrical current.
	WARNING This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to heat or hot instrument parts.
	WARNING This symbol draws attention to a possible biological hazard.
	WARNING Warning of optical radiation
	CAUTION This symbol draws attention to possible damage to instruments or instrument parts.
	NOTICE This symbol highlights additional information and tips.

3.1 Intended use

NOTE

3.2 Responsibility of the operator

The operator must ensure that basic regulations on occupational safety and accident prevention in chemical laboratories are observed. The operator has the following responsibilities:

- Instruct personnel in the safe handling of the product.
- Train personnel in the use of the product according to the user documentation (e.g. install, operate, clean, eliminate faults).
- Train staff on basic occupational safety and accident prevention regulations.
- Provide personal protective equipment (e.g. protective glasses, gloves).
- Provide suitable tools and equipment to carry out the work safely.

The product may be used only when it is in perfect condition. The following measures are required to ensure the safe operation of the product:

- Check the condition of the product before use.
- Remedy defects and malfunctions immediately.
- Maintain and clean the product regularly.

3.3 Requirements for operating personnel

Only qualified personnel may operate the product. Qualified personnel are persons who meet the following requirements:

- Basic regulations on occupational safety and accident prevention for chemical laboratories are known and complied with.
- Knowledge of handling hazardous chemicals is present. Personnel have the ability to recognize and avoid potential dangers.
- Knowledge regarding the application of fire prevention measures for laboratories is available.
- Safety-relevant information is communicated and understood. The personnel can operate the product safely.
- The user documentation has been read and understood. The personnel operate the product according to the instructions in the user documentation.

Protection against electrostatic charges



WARNING

Electronic components are sensitive to electrostatic charges and can be destroyed by discharges.

Do not fail to pull the power cord out of the power socket before you set up or disconnect electrical plug connections at the rear of the instrument.

The device is to be operated only with the door closed.

3.4.3 Tubing and capillary connections



CAUTION

Leaks in tubing and capillary connections are a safety risk. Tighten all connections well by hand. Avoid applying excessive force to tubing connections. Damaged tubing ends lead to leakage. Appropriate tools can be used to loosen connections.

Check the connections regularly for leakage. If the instrument is used mainly in unattended operation, then weekly inspections are mandatory.

3.4.4 Flammable solvents and chemicals



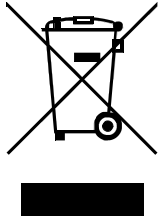
WARNING

All relevant safety measures are to be observed when working with flammable solvents and chemicals.

- Set up the instrument in a well-ventilated location (e.g. fume cupboard).
- Keep all sources of flame far from the workplace.
- Clean up spilled liquids and solids immediately.
- Follow the safety instructions of the chemical manufacturer.



3.4.5 Recycling and disposal



Properly dispose of chemicals and of the product to reduce negative effects on the environment and public health. Local authorities, waste disposal companies or dealers provide more detailed information on disposal. Observe the WEEE EU directive (WEEE = Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) for the proper disposal of waste electronic equipment within the European Union.

4 Overview of the instrument

4.1 Front

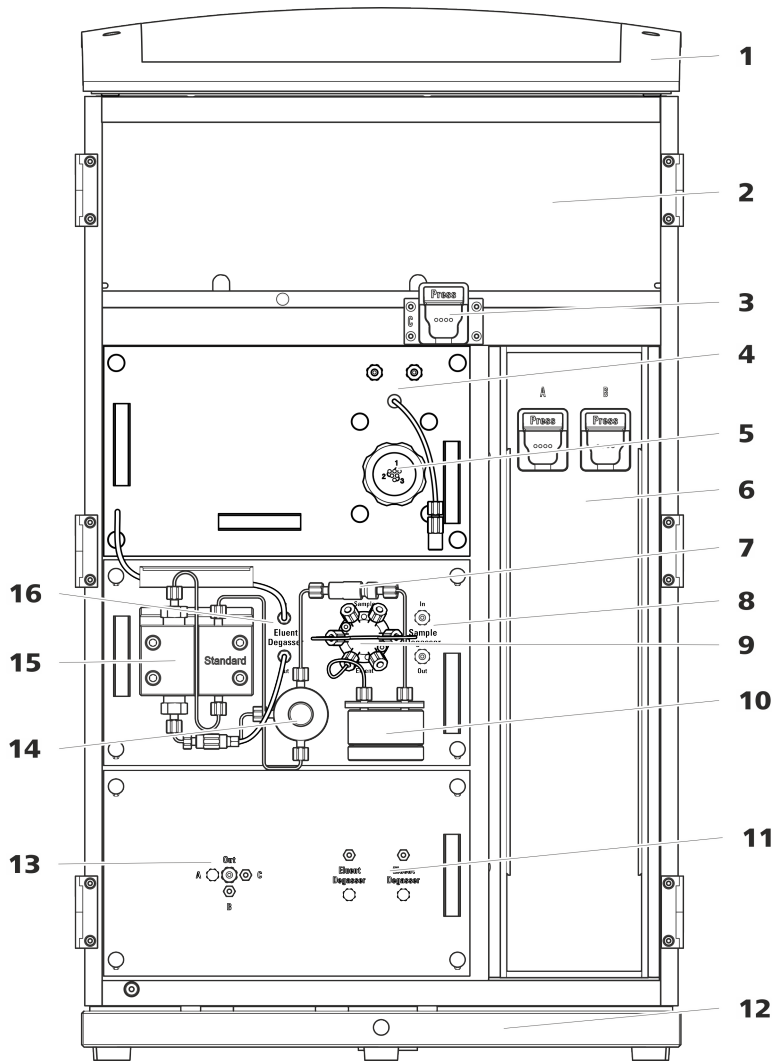


Figure 1 Front

1 Bottle holder Offers space for the eluent bottle(s) and additional accessories.	2 Detector chamber Offers space for two embedded detectors and additional accessories.
3 Column holder For a third separation column outside the column thermostat.	4 Metrohm CO₂ Suppressor (MCS)

4.2 Rear

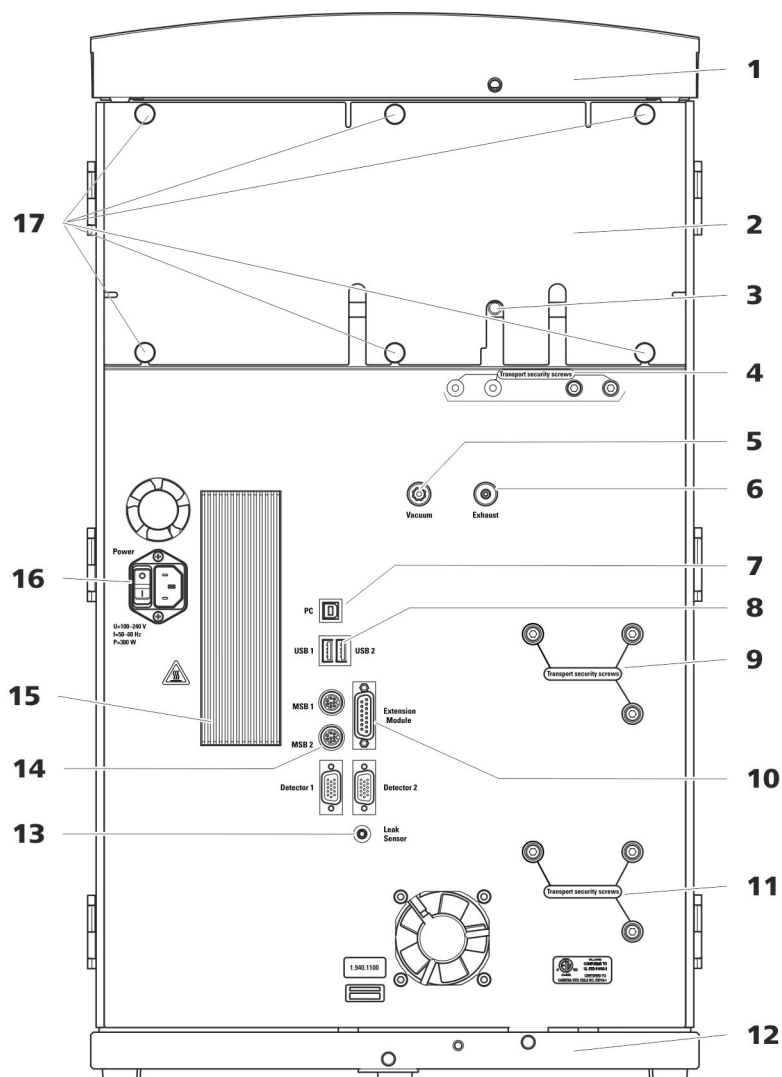


Figure 2 Rear

1 Bottle holder

Offers space for the eluent bottle(s) and additional accessories.

3 Drainage tubing connection

For connecting the drainage tubing, which guides escaped liquids away from the detector chamber.

2 Back panel

Removable. Enables access to the detector chamber.

4 Transport locking screws

For securing the vacuum pump(s) when transporting the instrument. Up to two vacuum pumps can be installed in an instrument. Only two transport locking screws are used if just one vacuum pump is installed.

5 Vacuum connection

For connecting an Extension Module that has a degasser but not its own vacuum pump. This connection has to be firmly sealed with a stopper when not in use.

7 PC connection socket

For connecting the instrument to the computer with the USB cable (6.2151.020).

9 Transport locking screws

For securing the high-pressure pump (in the middle plug-in) when transporting the instrument.

11 Transport locking screws

For securing the high-pressure pump (in the bottom plug-in) when transporting the instrument. These screws are only installed if a plug-in with a high-pressure pump is used in the bottom slot.

13 Leak sensor connection socket

Labeled *Leak Sensor*. For connecting the leak sensor connection cable coiled up in the base tray.

15 Cooler

For cooling the power supply unit. May become hot!

17 Knurled screws

For fastening the removable back panel.

6 Exhaust opening

Labeled *Exhaust*. For extracting the air from the vacuum chamber.

8 USB connection sockets

Labeled *USB 1* and *USB 2*. For connecting USB devices.

10 Extension Module connection socket

Labeled *Extension Module*. For connecting the cable (6.2156.060) used for connecting the instrument to the Extension Module.

12 Base tray

With leak sensor and leak sensor cable.

14 MSB connection sockets

Labeled *MSB 1* and *MSB 2*. For connecting MSB devices.

16 Power socket

Power socket for connecting the power cable and power switch for switching the instrument on and off.

5.1 Setting up the instrument

The instrument is supplied in protective packaging together with the separately packed accessories. Keep this packaging, as only this ensures safe transportation of the instrument.

Immediately after receipt, check whether the shipment has arrived complete and without damage by comparing it with the delivery note.

The instrument has been developed for operation indoors and may not be used in explosive environments.

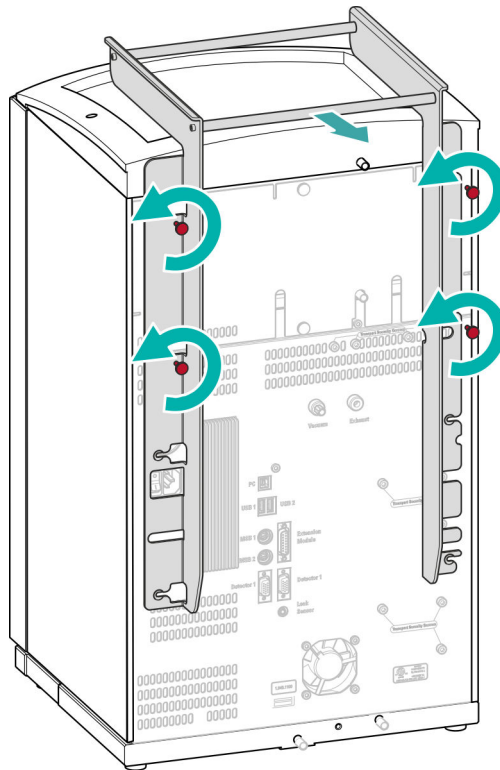
Place the instrument in a location of the laboratory which is suitable for operation and free of vibrations and which provides protection against corrosive atmosphere and contamination by chemicals.

The instrument should be protected against excessive temperature fluctuations and direct sunlight.

The instrument is equipped with a handle in order to make it easier to transport. The handle can be removed once the instrument is in place in the lab.

You do not need any accessories for the following work steps.

Removing the handle



5.3 Removing transport locking screws

To avoid damage to the drives for the high-pressure pump and the vacuum pump during transport, the pumps are secured with transport locking screws. These are located at the rear of the instrument and labeled with **Transport security screws**.

Remove these transport locking screws before the initial start-up.

Accessories

For this step you need:

- 4 mm hex key (6.2621.030)

1 Transport locking screws

2 Transport locking screws

3 Transport locking screws

For an additional high-pressure pump in the bottom drawer.

Store the transport locking screws in a safe place. Reinsert the transport locking screws each time you transport the instrument a significant distance.



CAUTION

The pumps may be damaged if you transport the instrument without inserting the transport locking screws.

5.4 Connecting the drainage tubing and leak sensor

The leak sensor detects leaking liquid that collects in the instrument's base tray. Liquid that leaks in the bottle holder or in the detector chamber is conveyed to the base tray using drainage tubing and is detected there.

If the leak sensor detects a leak in the IC system, the IC instrument is switched off. The software displays a warning.

The leak sensor functions properly only if the following preconditions are met:

- The drainage tubing is connected.
- The leak sensor connection cable is inserted into the leak sensor connection socket.
- The 940 Professional IC Vario is switched on.
- The leak sensor is switched to **active** in the software.

5.4.1 Installing the drainage tubing

Liquid that leaks in the bottle holder or detector chamber flows to the rear of the instrument. Openings on the bottle holder and in the detector chamber allow the liquid to drain. The drainage tubing has to be mounted at these openings. This drainage tubing guides the leaking liquid to the base tray where the leak sensor is located.

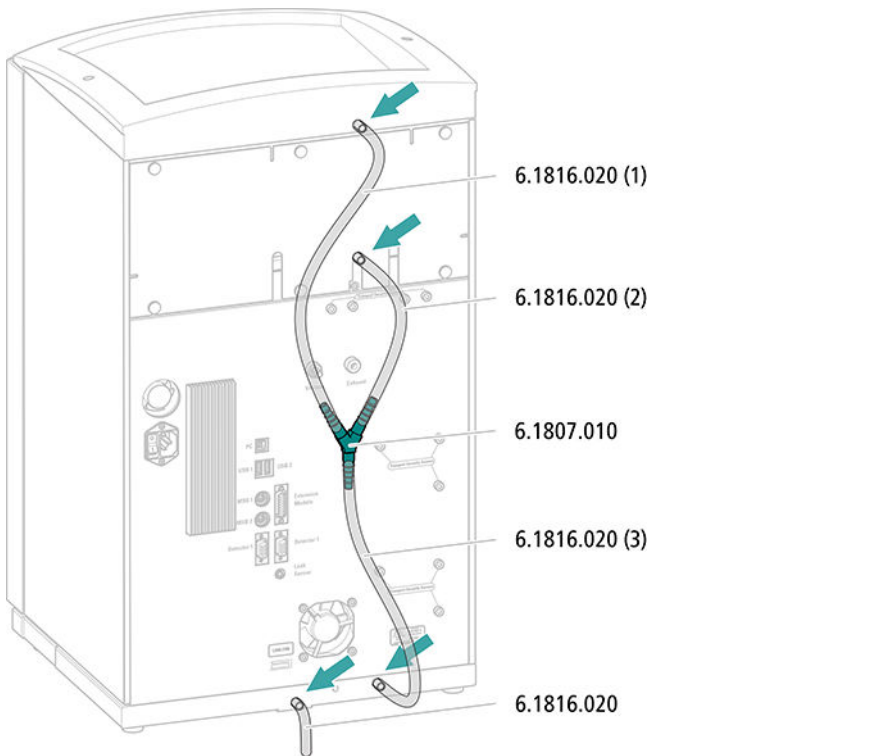
Accessories

For this step you need the following parts from the accessory kit: Vario/
Flex Basic (6.5000.000):

- 2 x silicone tubing (6.1816.020)
- Y connector (6.1807.010)

You also need scissors.

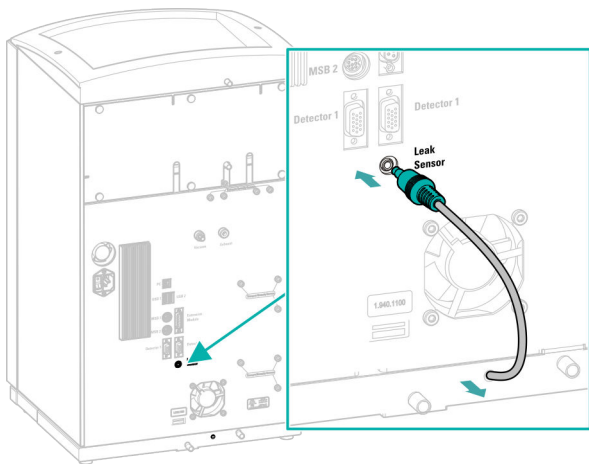
Connecting the drainage tubing



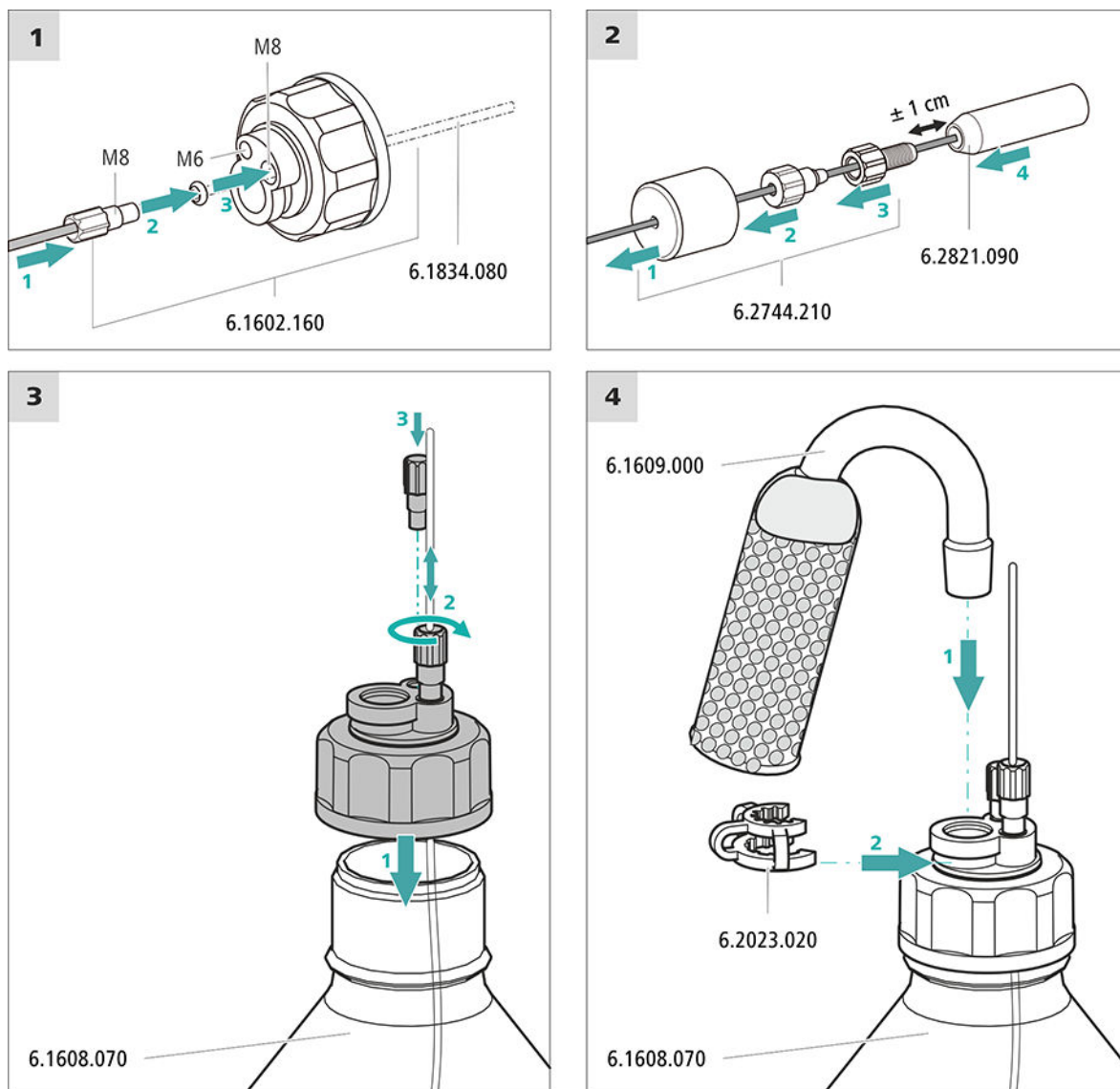
5.4.2 Connecting the leak sensor

Plugging in the leak sensor connection cable

The leak sensor connection cable is coiled up in the base tray.



Connecting the eluent aspiration tubing



1 Pre-rinsing the aspiration filter



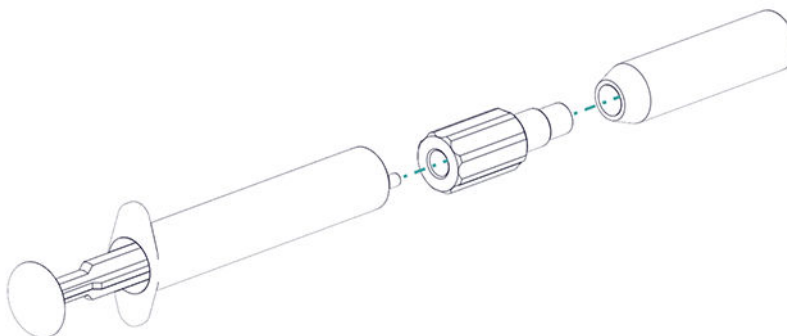
NOTE

Always wear gloves when handling the aspiration filter.

In order to avoid air bubbles after the installation of the aspiration filter, we recommend pre-rinsing the aspiration filter with ultrapure water or eluent.

For pre-rinsing, you will need the adapter Luer inner, M6 outer (6.02744.050), a syringe and a vessel with ultrapure water or eluent.

- Screw the adapter to the aspiration filter.
- Insert the syringe into the adapter.



- Immerse the aspiration filter tin a vessel with ultrapure water or eluent.
- Fill the syringe completely with ultrapure water or eluent 3 times and then empty it again each time.

2 Mounting the aspiration filter



NOTE

Always wear gloves when handling the aspiration filter.

- Place the loose end of the eluent aspiration tubing into the aspiration filter.
The end of the tubing should reach approximately to the center of the aspiration filter.
- Tighten the aspiration filter to the filter holder.

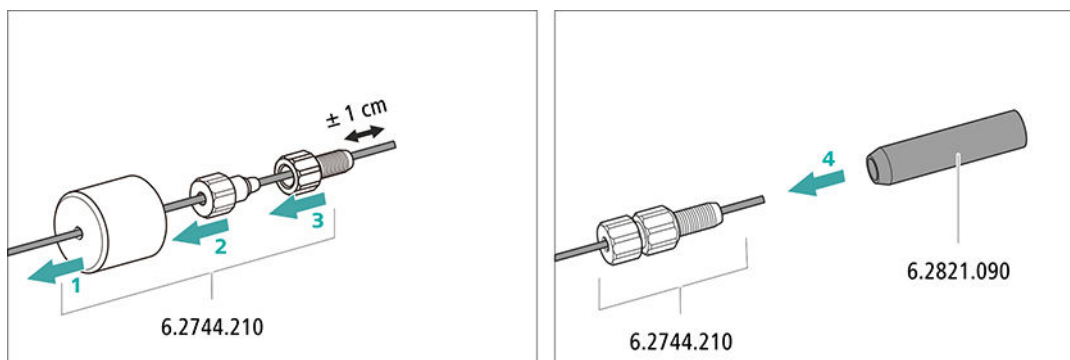


Figure 4 Installing the tubing weighting and aspiration filter

5.7 Connecting the eluent degasser

The eluent degasser is completely connected. No installation work is required.

5.8 Installing the high-pressure pump

If the high-pressure pump is used to pump a low-pressure gradient, then the input for the high-pressure pump has to be connected to the low-pressure gradient module. Follow the instructions *in chapter Installing the low-pressure gradient, page 33*.

5.9 Installing an inline filter

The inline filter is completely connected. No installation work is required.

5.10 Installing the pulsation absorber

The pulsation absorber is installed between the high-pressure pump and the injection valve. It protects the separation column from damage caused by pressure fluctuations, e.g. when the injection valve is switched, and reduces interfering pulsations during highly sensitive measurements.

The pulsation absorber is completely connected. No installation work is required.

5.11 Injection valve

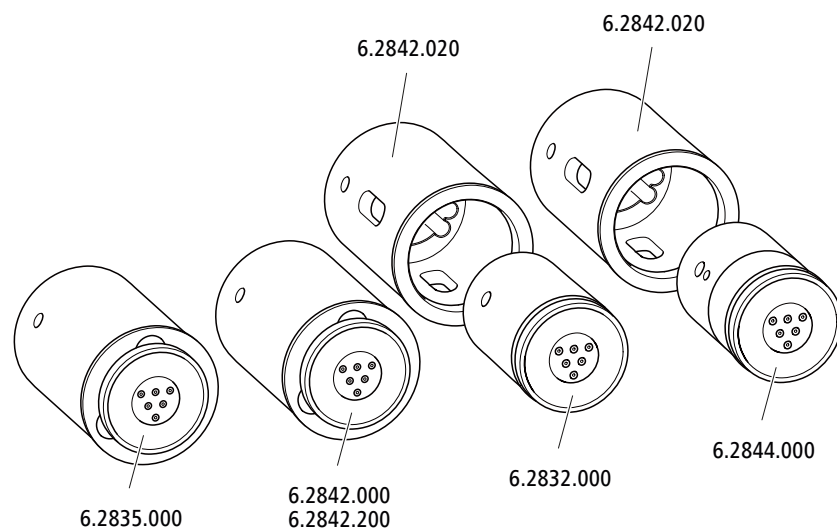
The injection valve is completely connected. No installation work is required.

5.12 Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

The suppressor drive of the 940 Professional IC Vario can hold various rotors. The large rotors, such as the SPM Rotor A (6.2835.000), the MSM-HC Rotor A (6.2842.000) and the MSM-HC Rotor C (6.2842.200) can be inserted directly.

The small rotors, such as the MSM Rotor A (6.2832.000) and the MSM-LC Rotor A (6.2844.000), must first be fitted into the adapter (6.2842.020), which can then be inserted into the suppressor housing.

A connecting piece (6.2835.010) is used for all rotors for connecting the Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM) to the IC system.



NOTE

The instruments are supplied without rotor and without adapter.
The suitable rotor and the adapter, if required, must be ordered separately.

5.12.1 Inserting the rotors

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- For suppression: MSM Rotor A (6.2832.000) or MSM-HC Rotor A (6.2842.000), MSM-LC Rotor A (6.2844.000) or MSM-HC Rotor C (6.2842.200) or MSM-HC Rotor C (6.2842.200)
- Optional: Adapter (6.2842.020)
- Connecting piece (6.2835.010)

Large rotors can be inserted directly into the rotor housing.



Inserting large rotors



Diagram illustrating the correct and incorrect installation of the 6.2842.020 component. The left side shows the correct installation, with a blue arrow pointing to the component. The right side shows the incorrect installation, with a red arrow pointing to the component, a green checkmark, and a warning triangle.

5.12.2 Connecting the Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)

The 3 entries and exits of the suppressor units, numbered 1, 2 and 3 on the connecting piece, each have 2 permanently installed PTFE capillaries.

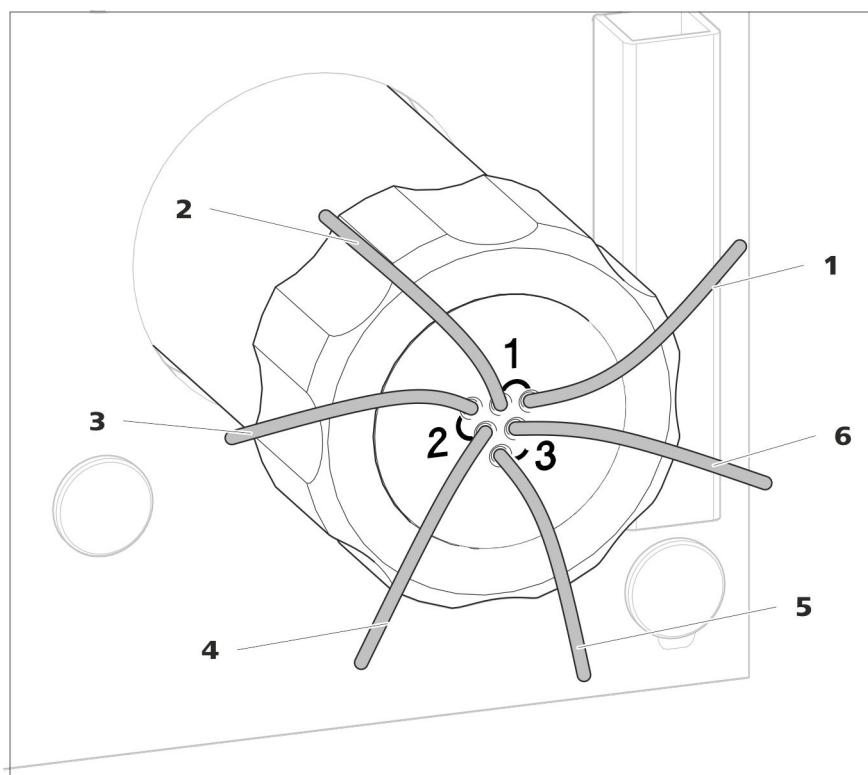
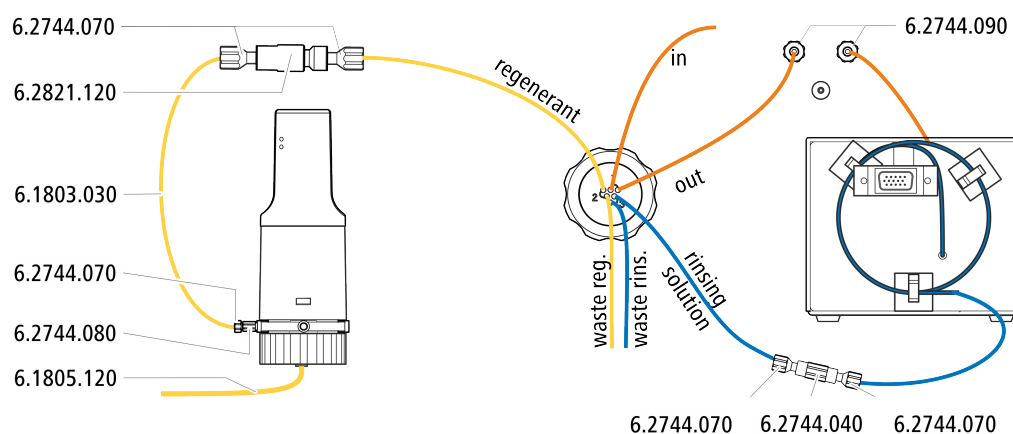
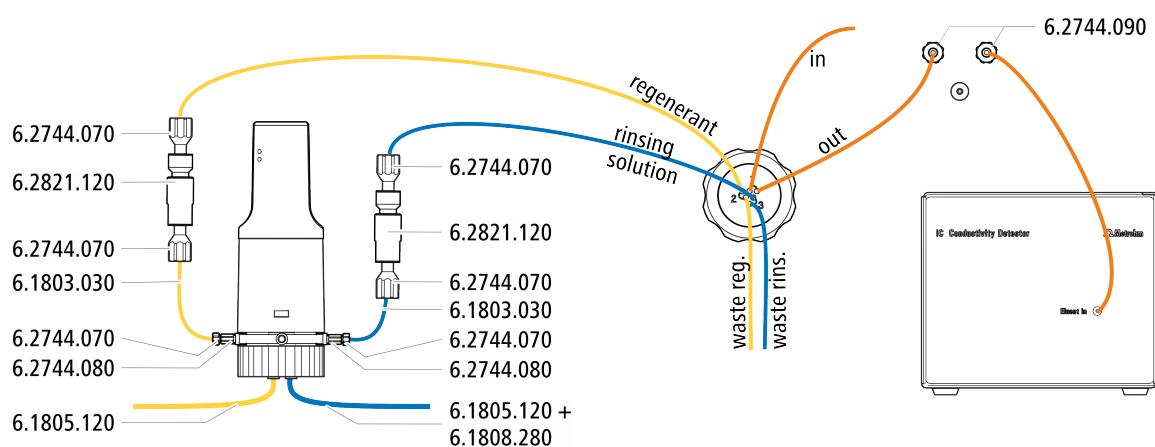


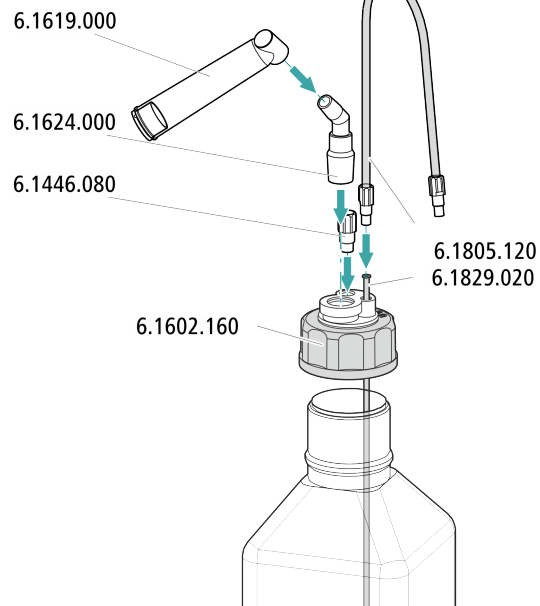
Figure 5 Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM) – Connection capillaries

1 out Outlet capillary for the eluent.	2 in Inlet capillary for the eluent.
3 regenerant Inlet capillary for the regeneration solution.	4 waste reg. Outlet capillary for the regeneration solution; to the waste container.
5 waste rins. Outlet capillary for the rinsing solution; to the waste container.	6 rinsing solution Inlet capillary for the rinsing solution.

Recommended installation**Alternative installation****5.12.2.1 Installing bottles with auxiliary solutions***Accessories*

To connect the bottles of the auxiliary solutions, you will need the following accessories:

- Accessories from the accessory kit: IC Vario/Flex SeS (6.5000.020)
- Accessories from IC equipment: Dosino Regeneration (6.5330.190)



5.13 Metrohm CO₂ Suppressor (MCS)

5.13.1 Connecting the MCS

The MCS is connected between the Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM) and the conductivity detector.

Connecting the MCS

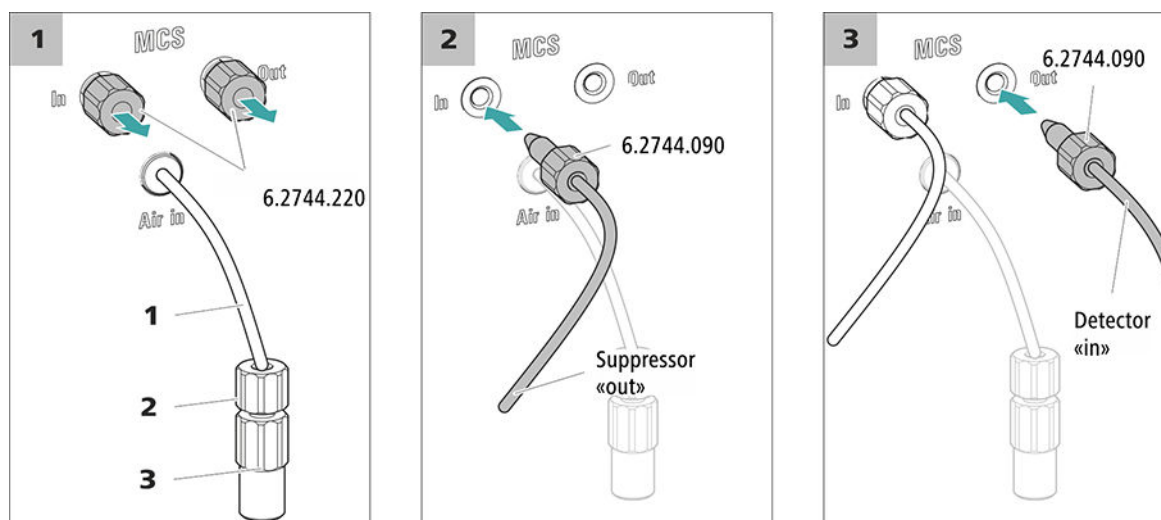


Figure 6 Connecting the MCS

1 Air aspiration capillary

For aspirating air with low CO₂ content (via the CO₂ Absorber).

2 Pressure screw, short (6.2744.070)

Installed on the air aspiration capillary.

3 Luer coupling (6.2744.120)

Mounted on the air aspiration capillary with a pressure screw (6.2744.070).



CAUTION

If the MCS is not used, then the inlet and outlet must be sealed with the threaded stoppers (6.2744.220).

5.13.2 Installing the CO₂ Absorber

The aspirated air must have the lowest CO₂ content possible in order for the CO₂ to be removed from the eluent efficiently. In order to achieve this, the air is aspirated through the CO₂ Absorber (6.2837.100).

Accessories

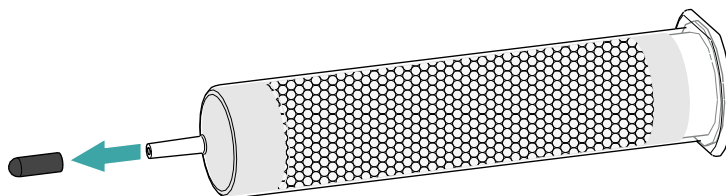
For this step, the following accessories are required:

- CO₂ Absorber (6.2837.100)
The CO₂ Absorber is in the accessory kit: Vario/Flex SeS (6.5000.020).

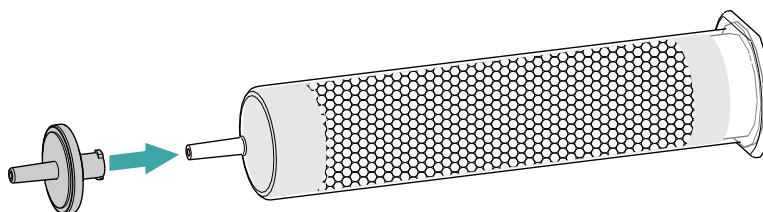
Preparing the CO₂ Absorber

Prepare the CO₂ Absorber for use as follows:

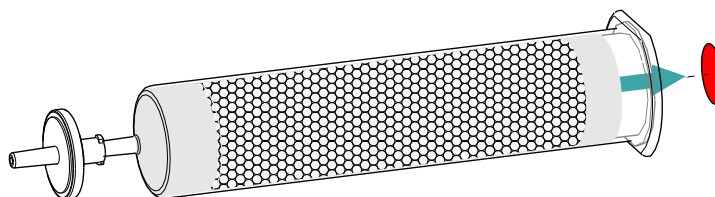
- 1** Remove the protective cap from the tip of the CO2 Absorber.



- 2** Attach the dust filter to the tip of the CO2 Absorber.



- 3** Remove the label from the lid of the CO2 Absorber.



As a result, the small opening in the lid of the CO₂ Absorber is opened, through which the air is then aspirated.

The CO2 Absorber is now ready for installation.



NOTE

The new CO₂ Absorber (6.2837.100) works **without** upstream H₂O adsorber cartridge.

Installing the CO2 Absorber

Accessories

- Prepared CO2 Absorber (6.2837.100)

**CAUTION**

The following preparatory steps absolutely must be carried out for CO₂ suppression to operate correctly.

Install the CO₂ Absorber as follows:

5.14 Installing the conductivity detector

The 940 Professional IC Vario provides enough space for two detectors and additional accessories in the detector chamber. The detectors are available as separate devices and are supplied with separate manuals.

Placing the detector in the instrument

Follow the instructions in the chapter *Inserting the detector* in the manual for the detector.

Connecting the detector to the eluent path

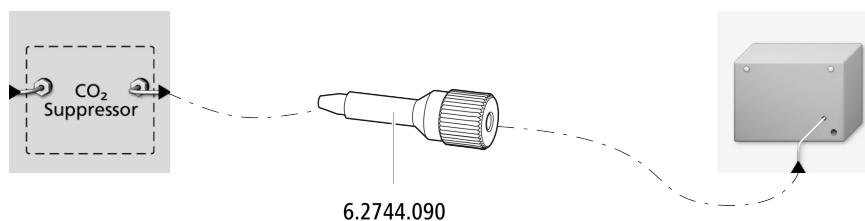
**NOTE**

The separation column is not inserted into the instrument until it is being started up for the first time. Until then, the detector inlet capillary has to be connected to the *out* outlet of the MCS using a long pressure screw (6.2744.090).

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- Pressure screw, long (6.2744.090)



5.15 Installing the amperometric detector

The 940 Professional IC Vario provides enough space for two detectors and additional accessories in the detector chamber. The detectors are available as separate devices and are supplied with separate manuals.

Placing the detector in the instrument

Follow the instructions in the chapter *Inserting the detector* in the manual for the detector.

5.16 Connecting the sample degasser (optional)

Gas bubbles in the sample lead to poor reproducibility, as the amount of sample in the sample loop is not always the same. Therefore, we recommend degassing samples that contain gas before injection.



NOTE

The sample degasser does not have to be connected. We recommend only using the sample degasser if the application requires it.

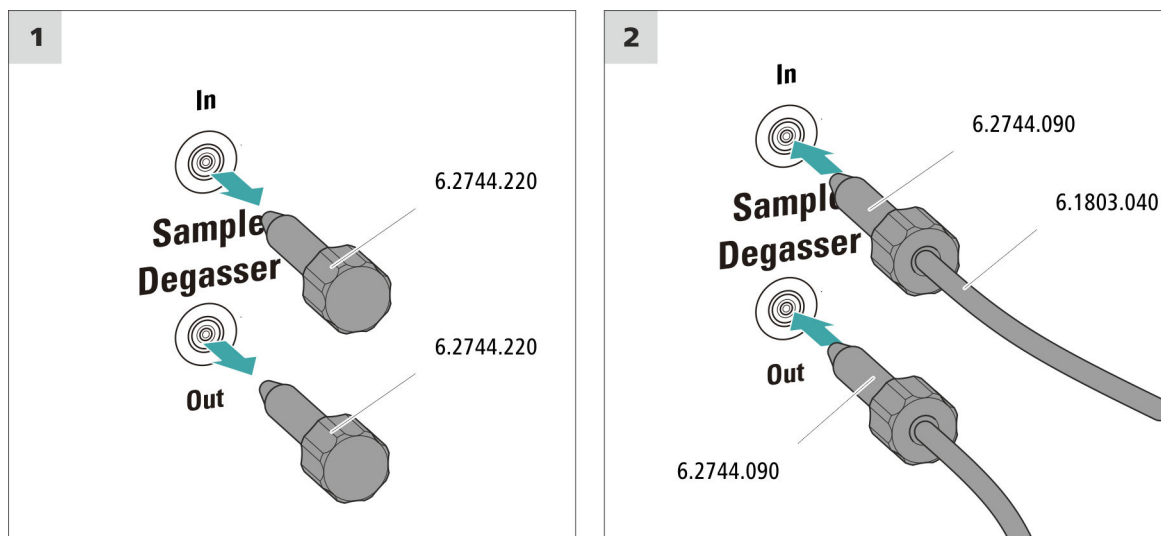
The rinsing time increases by at least two minutes when the sample degasser is connected.

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- 2 x pressure screw, long (6.2744.090)
- PTFE capillary (6.1803.040)

Connecting the sample degasser



CAUTION

If the sample degasser is not used, the inlet and outlet **must** be sealed with threaded stoppers (6.2744.220).

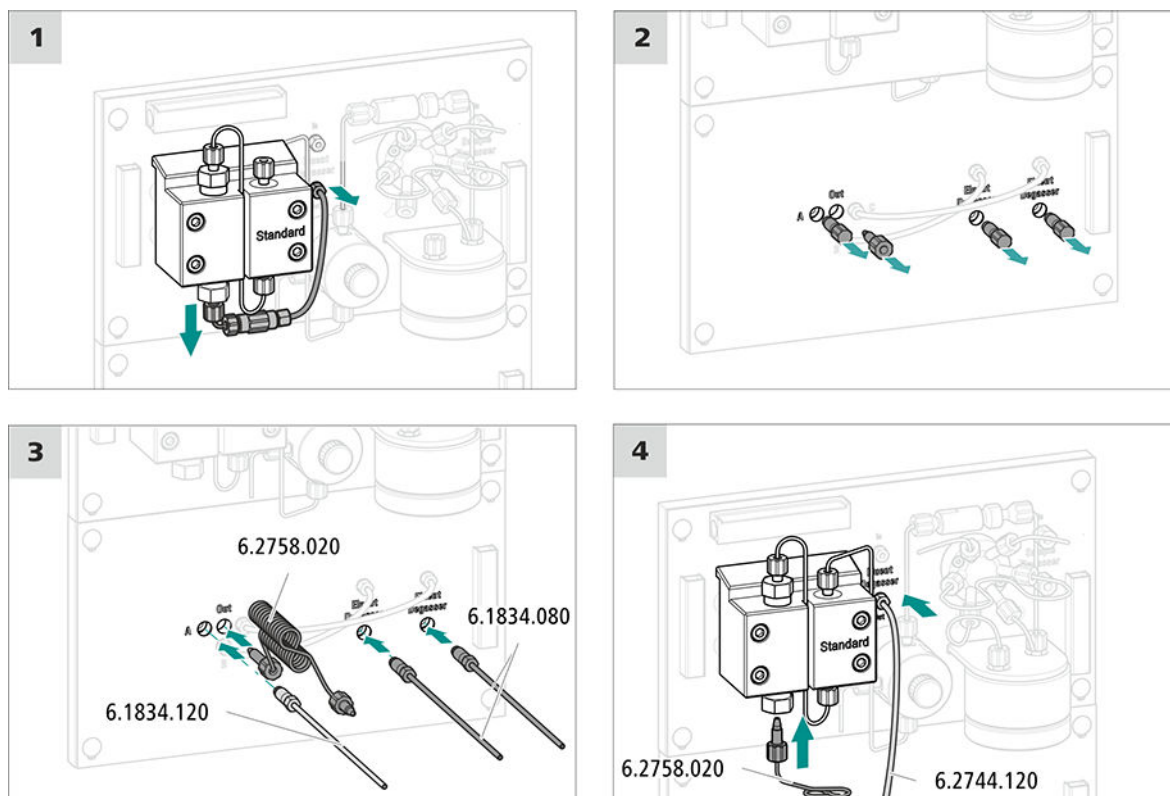
5.17 Installing the low-pressure gradient

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- Mixing coil for low-pressure gradient (6.2758.020)
- 2 × aspiration tubing, 2 m (6.1834.080)
- Connection tubing Mixing valve – Eluent degasser (6.1834.120)

Installing the low-pressure gradient



Next steps

- Connect the two aspiration tubings (6.1834.080) to an eluent bottle (see chapter 5.6, page 20).

5.18 Connecting the instrument to a computer



NOTE

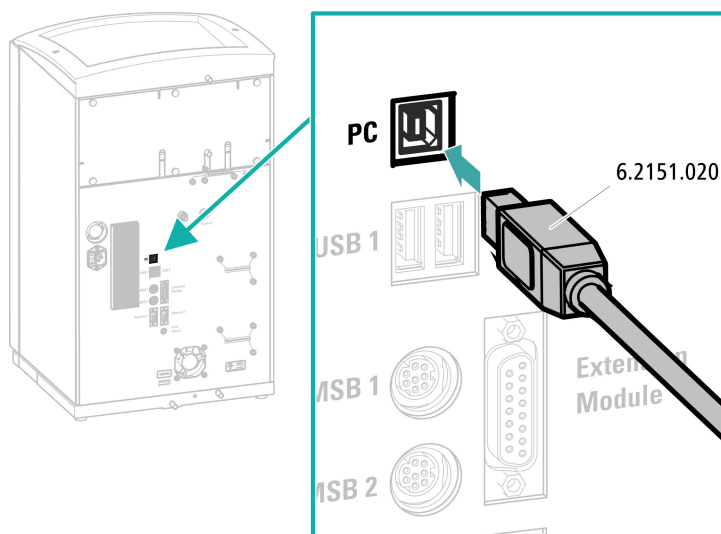
If the instrument is connected to the computer, then it must be switched off.

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- USB connecting cable (6.2151.020)

Connecting the USB cable



5.19 Connecting the instrument to the power grid



WARNING

Electric shock from electrical potential

Risk of injury by touching live components or through moisture on live parts.

- Never open the housing of the instrument while the power cord is still connected.
- Protect live parts (e.g. power supply unit, power cord, connection sockets) against moisture.
- Unplug the power plug immediately if you suspect that moisture has gotten inside the instrument.
- Only personnel who have been issued Metrohm qualifications may perform service and repair work on electrical and electronic parts.

Connecting the power cord

Accessories

Power cord with the following specifications:

- Length: max. 2 m
- Number of cores: 3, with protective conductor
- Instrument plug: IEC 60320 type C13
- Conductor cross-section 3x min. 0.75 mm² / 18 AWG

- Power plug:
 - according to customer requirement (6.2122.XX0)
 - min. 10 A



NOTE

Do not use a not permitted power cord!

1 Plugging in the power cord

- Plug the power cord into the instrument's power socket.
- Connect the power cord to the power grid.

5.20 Initial start-up

Even before the guard column and separation column are installed, the entire system must be completely rinsed with eluent for the first time.

Rinsing the IC system



CAUTION

The separation column and the guard column are not permitted to be installed at the time of the initial start-up.

Make sure that a coupling (6.2744.040) is being used instead of the columns.

1 Preparing the software

- Start the **MagIC Net** computer program.
 - Open the **Equilibration** tab in MagIC Net: **Workplace ► Run ► Equilibration**.
 - Import (or create) a suitable method.
- Also see: *MagIC Net Tutorial* and online help.

2 Preparing the instrument

- Ensure that the eluent aspiration tubing is immersed in the eluent and that there is enough eluent in the eluent bottle.

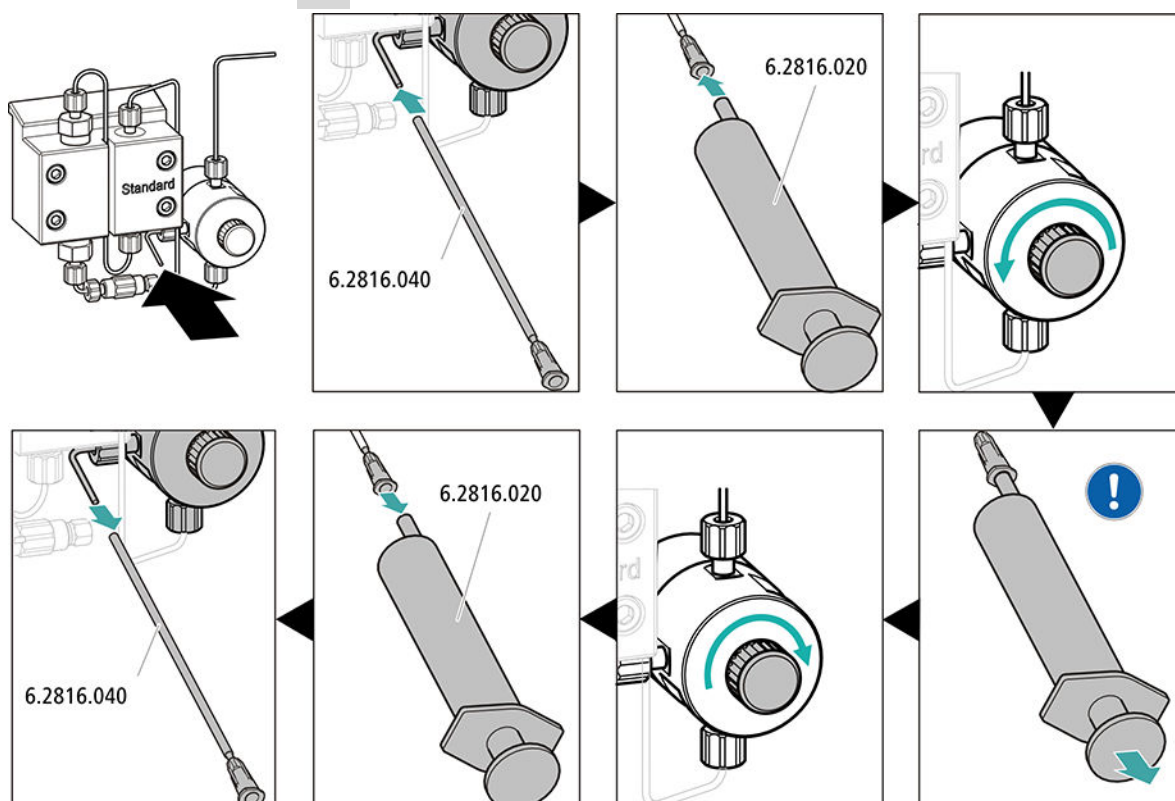
- STREAM method (recommended): Ensure that the aspiration tubing for the regeneration solution is immersed in the solution and that there is enough solution. Check whether the detector outlet capillary is connected to the Metrohm Suppressor Module (MSM)'s inlet capillary for rinsing solution (labeled *rinsing solution*).
 - Alternatively, if 2 bottles are being used for rinsing and regeneration: Ensure that the aspiration tubings for the auxiliary solutions (regeneration solution and rinsing solution) are immersed in the respective solutions and that there is enough solution in both bottles. Check whether the detector outlet capillary is guided into the waste container or is connected with the waste collector.
- Switch on the instrument.

MagIC Net detects the instrument and all of its modules.

3 Starting the equilibration

- Start the equilibration in MagIC Net: **Workplace ► Run ► Equilibration ► Start HW.**

4 Deaerating the high-pressure pump





Use the syringe to aspirate eluent until there are no more air bubbles in the eluent aspiration tubing.

5 Rinsing the instrument without columns

- Rinse the instrument (without columns) with eluent for 10 minutes.

5.21 Connecting and rinsing the guard column



CAUTION

New guard columns are filled with solution and sealed with stoppers or caps on both sides.

Before inserting the guard column, ensure that this solution can be mixed with the eluent being used (follow the information provided by the manufacturer).



NOTE

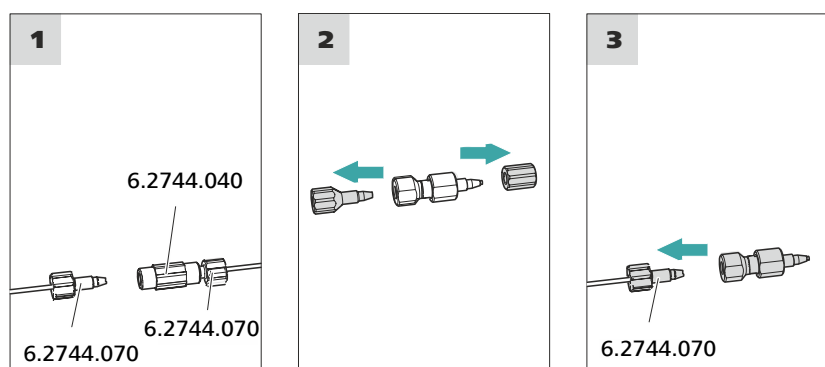
Only connect the guard column after the initial start-up of the instrument (see chapter 5.20, page 36). Until then, replace the guard column and the separation column with couplings (6.2744.040).

Accessories

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- Guard column (suitable for separation column)

Connecting the guard column



Rinsing the guard column

1 Rinsing the guard column

- Place a beaker under the guard column's outlet.
- Start manual control in MagIC Net and select the high-pressure pump: **Manual ► Manual control ► Pump**
 - **Flow: in accordance with column leaflet**
 - **On**
- Rinse the guard column with eluent for approx. 5 minutes.
- Stop the high-pressure pump in the manual control in MagIC Net again: **Off**.

5.22 Connecting and rinsing the separation column



CAUTION

New IC Columns are filled with solution and sealed with stoppers on both sides. Before inserting the column, ensure that this solution can be mixed with the eluent being used (follow the information provided by the manufacturer).



NOTE

Connect the separation column only after the initial start-up of the instrument. Until that point, insert a coupling (6.2744.040) instead of the guard column and separation column.



- Place a beaker under the outlet of the separation column.
- Start manual control in MagIC Net and select the high-pressure pump: **Manual ► Manual control ► Pump**
 - **Flow:** Increase gradually up to the flow rate recommended in the column leaflet.
 - **On**
- Rinse the separation column with eluent for approx. 10 minutes.

- Stop the high-pressure pump in the manual control in MagIC Net again: **Off**.

5.23 Conditioning

In the following cases, the system must be conditioned with eluent until a stable baseline has been reached:

- After installation
- After each time the instrument is switched on
- After each eluent change



NOTE

The conditioning time can lengthen considerably if the composition of the eluent is modified.

Conditioning the system

1 Preparing the software



CAUTION

Ensure that the configured flow rate is not higher than the flow rate permitted for the corresponding column (refer to the column leaflet and chip data record).

- Start the **MagIC Net** computer program.
- Open the **Equilibration** tab in MagIC Net: **Workplace ► Run ► Equilibration**.
- Select (or create) a suitable method.
Also see: *MagIC Net Tutorial* and online help.

2 Preparing the instrument

- Ensure that the column is inserted correctly in accordance with the flow direction marked on the sticker (arrow has to point in the direction of flow).
- Ensure that the eluent aspiration tubing is immersed in the eluent and that there is enough eluent in the eluent bottle.

3 Starting the equilibration

- Start the equilibration in MagIC Net: **Workplace ► Run ► Equilibration ► Start HW**.



- Visually inspect whether all capillaries and their connections from the high-pressure pump to the detector are leak-tight. If eluent is leaking out anywhere, tighten the corresponding pressure screw further, or loosen the pressure screw, check the end of the capillary and shorten it using the capillary cutter if necessary and retighten the pressure screw.

4 Conditioning the system

Continue rinsing the system with eluent until the desired stability level for the baseline has been attained .

The instrument is now ready for measuring samples.

6 Operation

The 940 Professional IC Vario ONE/SeS/LPG is operated solely using the MagIC Net software. You can find information on operating the software in the tutorial for MagIC Net or in the online help.

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