

# 942 Extension Module Vario



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### Manual

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Instrument description

942 Extension Module Vario are extension modules used to expand existing 940 Professional IC Vario devices with additional functions. Each 940 Professional IC Vario device can be expanded with up to 3 942 Extension Module Vario devices.

The **942 Extension Module Vario Prep 2** can be used to expand a 940 Professional IC Vario by adding sample preparation options, such as matrix elimination with transfer method or standard addition with preconcentration.

The 942 Extension Module Vario is operated using **MagIC Net** software, just like the IC device. If a 942 Extension Module Vario is connected to a 940 Professional IC Vario device, MagIC Net automatically detects the 942 Extension Module Vario and checks its functional capability. It controls and monitors the entire IC system including all connected devices; it evaluates the measured data and manages it in a database.

The 942 Extension Module Vario Prep 2 consists of the following components:







### **Peristaltic pump**

The peristaltic pump is used for pumping sample and auxiliary solutions. It can rotate in both directions.

### **6-port valve**

The 6-port valve mimics the injection valve in its design. It is used during sample preparation. The 6-port valve serves as a switch-over point between two different liquids, such as switching between sample and auxiliary solution during Inline Matrix Elimination.



<b>1</b>	<b>Instruction step</b> Carry out these steps in the sequence shown.
<b>Method</b>	<b>Dialog text, parameter</b> in the software
<b>File ► New</b>	Menu or menu item
<b>[Next]</b>	<b>Button or key</b>
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible life-threatening hazard or risk of injury.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to electrical current.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible hazard due to heat or hot instrument parts.
	<b>WARNING</b> This symbol draws attention to a possible biological hazard.
	<b>CAUTION</b> This symbol draws attention to possible damage to instruments or instrument parts.
	<b>NOTE</b> This symbol highlights additional information and tips.

## 1.4 Safety instructions

### 1.4.1 General notes on safety



#### WARNING

Operate this instrument only according to the information contained in this documentation.

This instrument left the factory in a flawless state in terms of technical safety. To maintain this state and ensure non-hazardous operation of the instrument, the following instructions must be observed carefully.

### 1.4.2 Electrical safety

The electrical safety when working with the instrument is ensured as part of the international standard IEC 61010.



## WARNING

Only personnel qualified by Metrohm are authorized to carry out service work on electronic components.



## WARNING

Never open the housing of the instrument. The instrument could be damaged by this. There is also a risk of serious injury if live components are touched.

There are no parts inside the housing which can be serviced or replaced by the user.

## Supply voltage



## WARNING

An incorrect supply voltage can damage the instrument.

Only operate this instrument with a supply voltage specified for it (see rear panel of the instrument).

### 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.

### 1.4.3 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.

### 1.4.4 Flammable solvents and chemicals

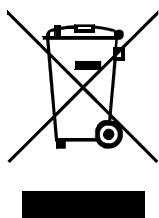


#### WARNING

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.

### 1.4.5 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.

## 2 Overview of the device

## 2.1 Front

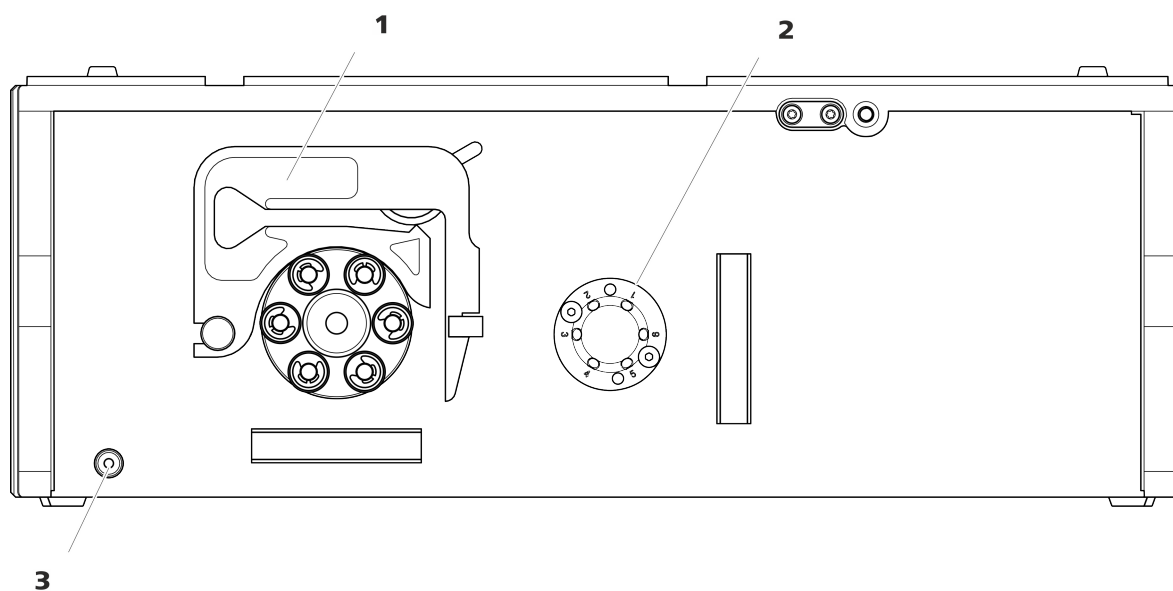


Figure 1 Front

- ## 1 Peristaltic pump

- ## 2 Switching valve

- ### 3 Standby indicator

## 2.2 Rear

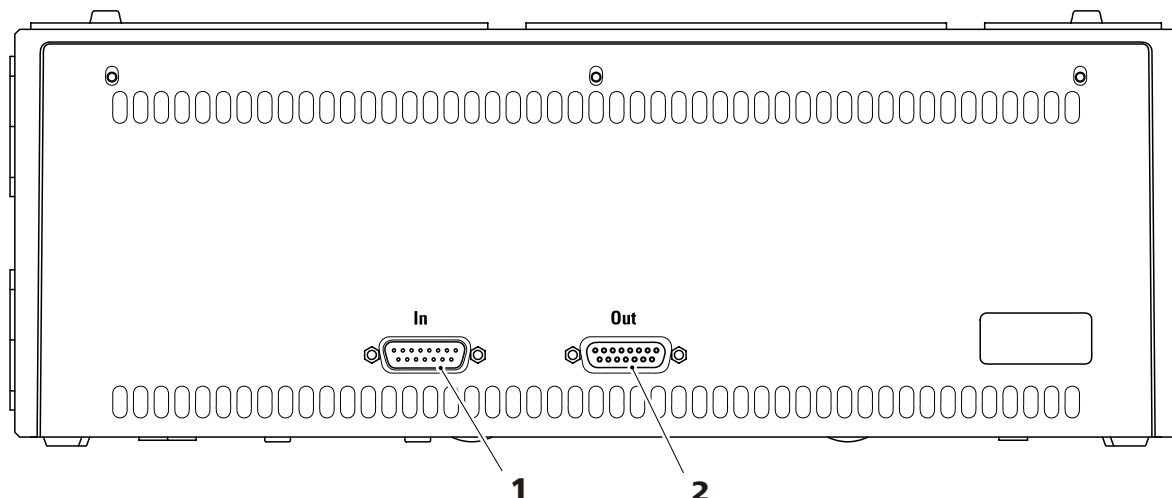


Figure 2 Rear

### 1 In connection

To connect the Extension Module to the IC instrument or to a previous Extension Module.

### 2 Out connection

To connect an additional Extension Module.

## 2.3 Extension Module and 940 Professional IC Vario

The 942 Extension Module Vario units are fitted directly to the 940 Professional IC Vario and connected to it via the connection cable provided. Extension modules have no power supply of their own, but rather draw the electricity they require from the instrument to which they are connected.

Extension modules can be placed in 3 different ways:

- Installed between the instrument and bottle holder (3-**A**).
- Installed between the instrument and base tray (3-**B**).
- Stacked next to the instrument (3-**C**). In this case, we recommend ordering a separate base tray (6.2061.110) and a separate bottle holder (6.2061.100) for the stack.





## 3 Installation

### 3.1 Installation diagram

Depending on the application, the peristaltic pump and the 6-port valve of the 942 Extension Module Vario Prep 2 can be installed differently. *Figure 4: Installation diagram – inline matrix elimination* shows an example of how the peristaltic pump and the 6-port valve can be used for inline matrix elimination.

The graphic arrangement of the modules corresponds to the front of the Extension Module. The liquid containers, Sample Processor and IC instrument are not shown in the diagram.

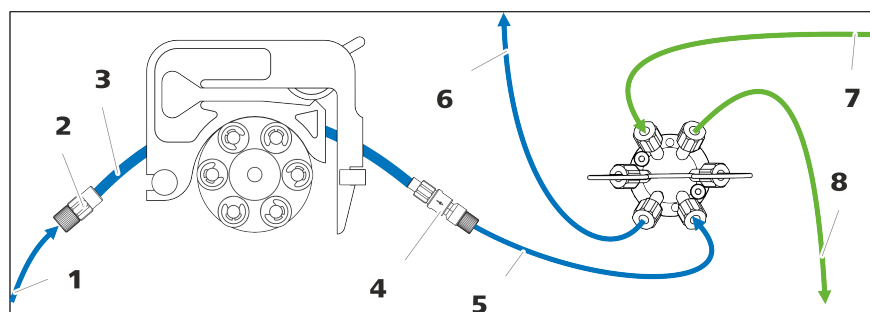


Figure 4 Installation diagram – inline matrix elimination

<b>1</b>	<b>Aspiration capillary for transfer solution</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Tubing olive (6.2744.034)</b> With pressure screw.
<b>3</b>	<b>Pump tubing</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Pump tubing connection with locking nut and filter (6.2744.180)</b> With pressure screw.
<b>5</b>	<b>Transfer solution</b> Connection to 6-port valve.	<b>6</b>	<b>Transfer solution</b> Connection to injection valve on ion chromatograph.
<b>7</b>	<b>Sample</b> Connection to Sample Processor.	<b>8</b>	<b>Sample</b> Connection to waste.



### 3.3.2 Mounting base tray and bottle holder (optional)

The base tray and bottle holder come fully assembled on a new ion chromatograph. If you wished to install an extension module on the ion chromatograph, you would have to remove the bottle holder and put it back on top of the topmost instrument. If you wished to install an extension module below the ion chromatograph, you would have to remove the base tray and set it under the lowest instrument.

#### 3.3.2.1 Removing/mounting the base tray

The base tray must be removed if you want to install another instrument under the IC instrument.



#### CAUTION

Do not allow capillaries or leak sensor cables to be pinched!

Pinches in the leak sensor cable or the capillaries fed through the guide ducts between the base tray and the instrument may lead to malfunctions.

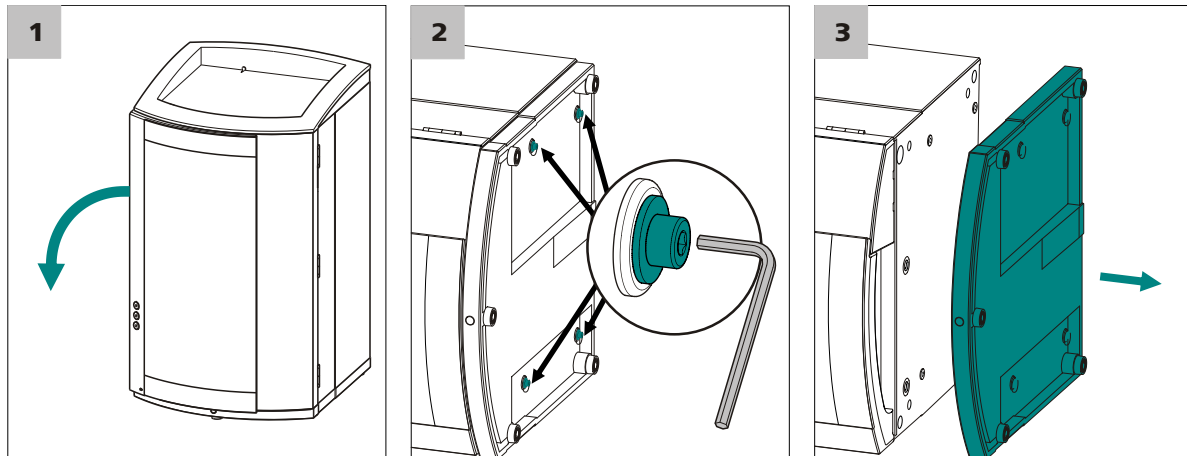
Unplug the leak sensor cable. Remove all of the capillaries from the capillary ducts.

#### Removing the base tray

Before you can remove the base tray, the following preconditions must be met:

- The instrument is switched off.
- The bottle holder is cleared.
- All of the cable connections on the rear have been disconnected.
- The capillaries are removed from the guide ducts between the instrument and the base tray.
- There are no loose parts in the instrument.

To remove the base tray, you need a 3 mm hex key (6.2621.100).



**1** Tilt the instrument sideways and lay it down flat.

**2** Loosen the four cylinder screws with the 3 mm hex key and remove them and their washers.

**3** Remove the base tray.

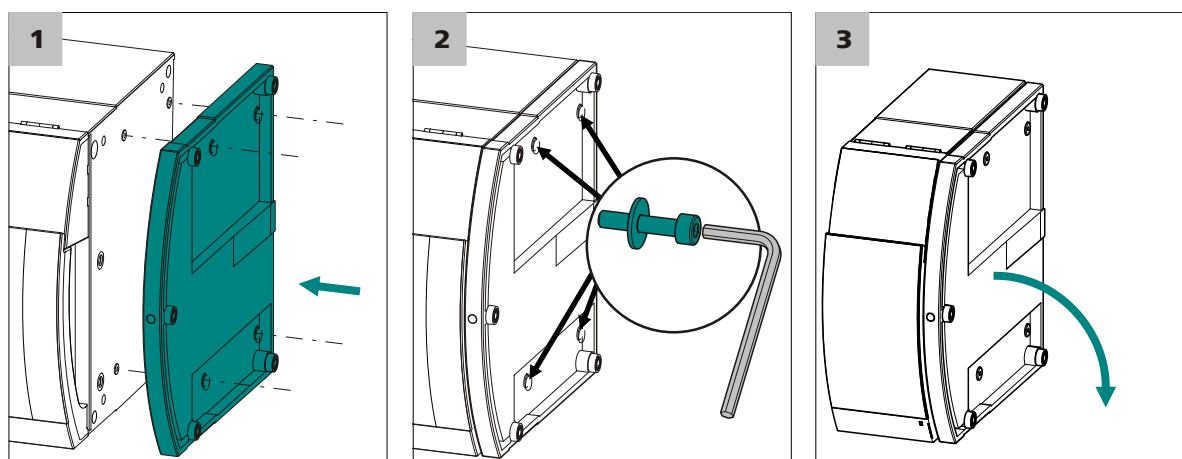
The base tray must always be mounted under the lowermost instrument of the stack.

### Mounting the base tray

Before you can mount the base tray, the following preconditions must be met:

- The instrument is switched off.
- The bottle holder is cleared.
- All of the cable connections on the rear have been disconnected.
- There are no loose parts in the instrument.
- The instrument is lying on its side, and the bottom surface is visible.

To mount the base tray, you need a 3 mm hex key (6.2621.100).



- 1** Place the base tray in such a way that the openings in the base tray match exactly the screw threads in the bottom of the instrument.
- 2** Slide the washers onto the cylinder screws, insert the screws and tighten them with the 3 mm hex key.
- 3** Set the instrument back up on the base tray.

Stack other instruments in the required order. Mount the bottle holder (6.2061.100) onto the topmost instrument on the stack (see "Mounting the bottle holder", page 14).

### 3.3.2.2 Removing/mounting the bottle holder

The bottle holder must be removed if you want to install another instrument onto the IC instrument.

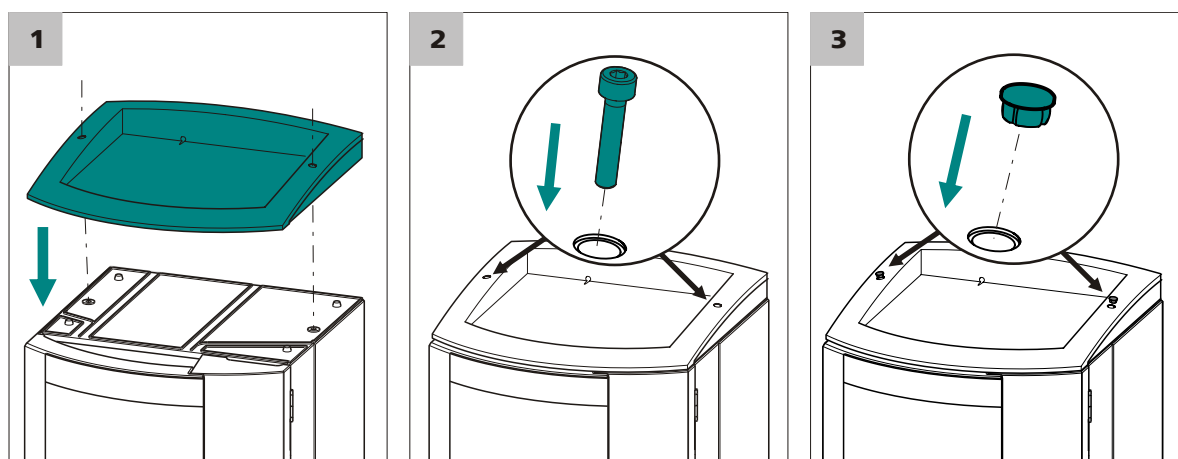
#### Removing the bottle holder

Before you can remove the bottle holder, the following preconditions must be met:

- The instrument is switched off.
- The bottle holder is cleared.
- Drainage tubing is disconnected from the drainage tubing connection of the bottle holder.
- The capillaries are removed from the guide ducts between the instrument and the bottle holder.

To remove the bottle holder, you need a 3 mm hex key (6.2621.100).





- 1** Place the bottle holder onto the topmost instrument in such a way that the openings in the bottle holder exactly match the screw threads on the top surface of the instrument.
- 2** Insert the two cylinder screws and tighten them with the 3 mm hex key.
- 3** Insert both covering stoppers.

After attaching the bottle holder, all connections that were undone at the beginning of the process must be reconnected.



### Restoring the loosened connections

- 1** Plug in all necessary USB cables.
- 2** Plug in all necessary MSB cables.
- 3** Plug in the power supply cable.
- 4** Mount the drainage tubing again (*see manual of the IC instrument*).  
A longer section of silicone tubing (6.1816.020) may have to be cut to size and mounted (*see also the manual for the IC instrument*).
- 5** If one of the instruments in the stack is equipped with a leak sensor connection socket, connect the leak sensor (*see manual of the IC instrument*).
- 6** Restore any capillary connections that may have been removed.





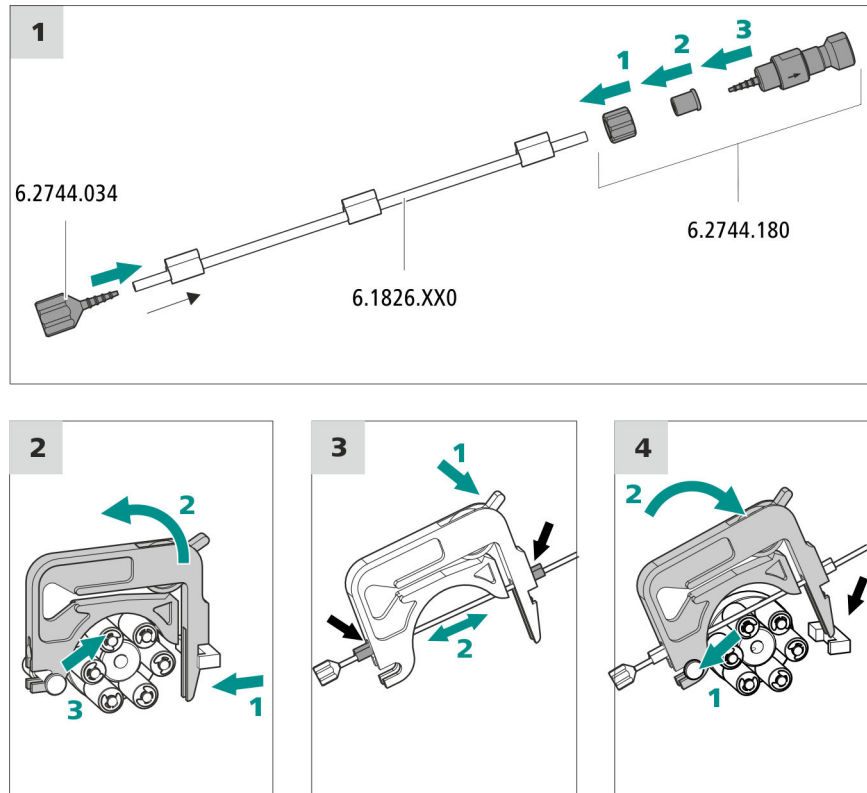
Table 2 Pump tubing and suitable adapters

Pump tubing	Adapter
6.1826.310 (orange/green)	
6.1826.320 (orange/yellow)	
6.1826.330 (orange/white)	
6.1826.340 (black/black)	
6.1826.360 (white/white)	
6.1826.380 (gray/gray)	
6.1826.390 (yellow/yellow)	
6.1826.420 (orange/yellow)	

## Installing the pump tubing

For this step, you need the following accessories:

- Tubing cartridge (6.2755.000)
- Pump tubing (6.1826.XXX)
- Coupling olive/UNF 10/32 (6.2744.034)
- Pump tubing connection with locking nut and filter (6.2744.180): Includes a locknut, 3 adapters and a tubing olive with filter holder.
- 2 × pressure screw, short (6.2744.070)



## 1 Connecting the pump tubing

- Attach the coupling olive/UNF 10/32 (6.2744.034) to the pump tubing entry. Push the end of the pump tubing over at least the second notch of the olive so that the pump tubing is firmly in place.
- Assemble the pump tubing connection with locking nut and filter (6.2744.180) at the pump tubing exit:
  - Push the locknut onto the pump tubing.
  - Push the appropriate adapter onto the pump tubing.
  - Place the tubing olive with the filter holder into the pump tubing so that the pump tubing is firmly in place; push the end of the pump tubing over at least the second notch of the olive.
  - Tighten it using the union nut.

## 2 Removing the tubing cartridge

- Press in the tubing cartridge's snap-action lever.
- Tilt the tubing cartridge upwards.
- Unhook the tubing cartridge from the mounting bolt.

### 3 Inserting the pump tubing

- Press the tubing cartridge's contact pressure lever down all the way.
- Place the pump tubing in the tubing cartridge. Fit the tubing cartridge between two stoppers. The stoppers must snap into the corresponding holder of the tubing cartridge.

### 4 Inserting the tubing cartridge

- Hang the tubing cartridge in the mounting bolt and press it in the cartridge holder until you hear the snap-action lever snap in.

### Setting the flow rate

The flow rate of the peristaltic pump depends on many factors:

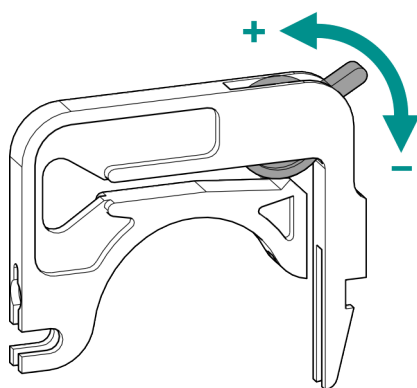
- The inner diameter of the pump tubing
- The rotational speed of the drive
- The contact pressure of the tubing cartridge



#### NOTE

Pieces of pump tubing are consumables. The service life of the pump tubing depends on the contact pressure, among other factors.

### Setting the contact pressure correctly



- 1 ▪ Fully loosen the contact pressure lever, i.e. press it all the way down.
- In the software, activate the drive of the peristaltic pump with the desired speed.
- Raise the contact pressure lever one step at a time until liquid flows.

- When liquid starts flowing, raise the contact pressure lever by an additional two ratchet increments.

The contact pressure is now set optimally.

### 3.4.2 Mode of operation for the peristaltic pump

The peristaltic pump is used for pumping sample and auxiliary solutions. It can rotate in both directions.

The peristaltic pump pumps liquids based on the principle of displacement. The pump tubing is clamped between the rollers (5-**5**) and the tubing cartridge (5-**2**). During operation, the peristaltic pump drive rotates the roller hub (5-**6**), so that the rollers (5-**5**) advance the liquid in the pump tubing.

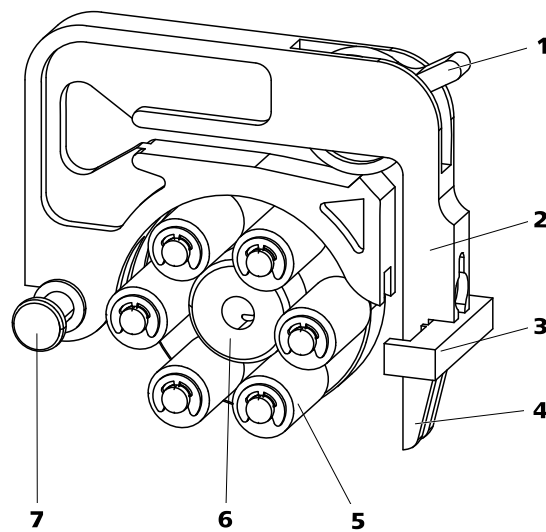


Figure 5 Peristaltic pump

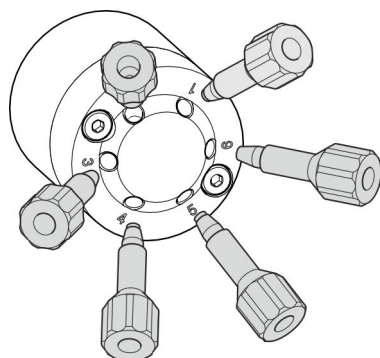
<b>1</b>	<b>Contact pressure lever</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Tubing cartridge (6.2755.000)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Cartridge holder</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Snap-action lever</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Rollers</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Roller hub</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Mounting bolt</b>		

## 3.5 Installing the 6-port valve

During sample preparation, the 6-port valve is used as a switch between two different flows.

### Connectors

The 6-port valve (like the injection valve) has six connections that can be connected together depending on the application.



### Connecting the 6-port valve

- 1 Connect all capillaries using PEEK pressure screws (6.2744.010).

### Valve positions

The 6-port valve (see figure 6, page 21) can have two valve positions: **Filling** and **Injecting**. Switching is used to connect two different connections together in each case.

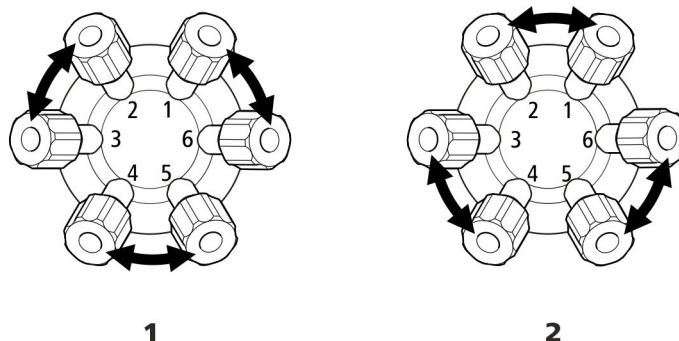


Figure 6 6-port valve – Positions

#### 1 Fill

##### Filling

##### Injecting

#### 2 Inject

Ports 2 and 3, 4 and 5 as well as 6 and 1 are connected together in the **Filling** position.

Ports 1 and 2, 3 and 4 as well as 5 and 6 are connected together in the **Injecting** position.

### 3.6 Connecting an Extension Module



## CAUTION

The 940 Professional IC Vario **has to be switched off** when connecting the Extension Module!

## Accessories

For this step you need the following accessories:

- 6.2156.060 cable Extension Module - Professional IC, 40 cm  
or
- 6.2456.070 cable Extension Module - Professional IC, 1 m (optional accessory)

The connection sockets are located on the rear of the instrument.

## Connecting the Extension Module to the IC instrument

- 1 Plug the connecting cable (6.2156.060) into the **In** connection socket on the Extension Module and tighten it in place.
- 2 Plug the other end of the connecting cable into the **Extension Module** connection socket on the IC instrument and tighten it in place.

Only one Extension Module can be connected directly to the IC instrument. The second Extension Module has to be connected to the first and the third to the second.

## Connecting an Extension Module to another Extension Module

- 1 Plug the connecting cable (6.2156.060) or the longer connecting cable (6.2156.070) into the **In** connection socket on the second Extension Module and tighten it in place.
- 2 Plug the other end of the connecting cable into the **Out** connection socket on the first Extension Module and tighten it in place.

## 4 Start-up

The 942 Extension Module Vario Prep 2 is put into operation together with the IC device.

The following preconditions must be met before initial start-up:

- The peristaltic pump is installed and connected.
- The 942 Extension Module Vario Prep 2 is connected to the 940 Professional IC Vario.

You can find additional information on carrying out initial start-up in the *Start-up* chapter in the manual for the IC device and the MagIC Net online help.







## Replacing the filter

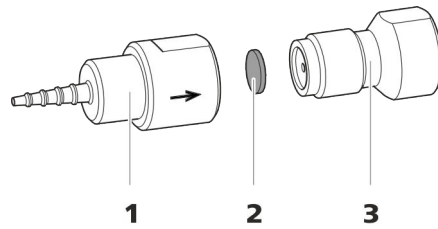


Figure 7 Pump tubing connection – Replacing the filter

- ## 1 Tubing olive

- 2 Filter (6.2821.130)**  
Pack contains 10 pieces.

- ### 3 Filter screw

## 1 Unscrewing the filter screw

- Unscrew the filter screw (7-**3**) from the tubing olive (7-**1**) using the two adjustable wrenches.

## 2 Replacing the filter

- Remove the old filter (7-2) using tweezers.
- Use tweezers to place the new filter (7-2) on the filter screw (7-3) so that it is **flat** and press it firmly into place with the rear of the tweezers.

### 3 Installing the filter screw

- Screw the filter screw (7-**3**) back into the tubing olive (7-**1**) and start by tightening it by hand. Finish tightening it using the two adjustable wrenches.

## 6 Troubleshooting

### 6.1 Problems and their solutions

Problem	Cause	Remedy
<b>The peristaltic pump is pumping too little.</b>	<i>Peristaltic pump – Contact pressure too weak.</i>	Correctly set the contact pressure (see "Setting the contact pressure correctly", page 19).
	<i>Peristaltic pump – Filter blocked.</i>	Replace the filter (see "Replacing the filter", page 26).
	<i>Peristaltic pump – Pump tubing defective.</i>	Replace the pump tubing (see chapter 5.2.2.1, page 25).



## 7.4 Weight

2.942.0020 5.6 kg (without accessories)

## 7.5 Peristaltic pump

Type	2-channel peristaltic pump
Shift direction	Clockwise/counterclockwise
Rotational speed	0 - 42 rpm in 7 levels of 6 rpm each
Pumping characteristics	0.3 mL/min at 18 rpm; with standard pump tubing (6.1826.420)
Pump tubing material	Recommended: PharMed® (Ismaprene)

## 7.6 6-port valve

Actuator switching time	typ. 100 ms
Maximum operating pressure	35 MPa (350 bar)
Material	PEEK

## 7.7 Interfaces

In	1 15-pin D-sub plug (male) Connection to the ion chromatograph or to another Extension Module.
Out	1 15-pin D-sub plug (female) Connection to another Extension Module or to an 891 Professional Analog Out (optional).



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