

## **Grade GF/F**

Binder free glass microfiber filter paper exhibiting very fine particle retention with a medium flow rate and a superior loading capacity compared to membranes of the same retention. Used to develop the EPA TCLP 1311 method and recommended for DNA binding and purification.

## Typical data\*

| Grade:            |                   | GF/F                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Type:             |                   | GF                      |
|                   |                   | Pure borosilicate glass |
| Description:      |                   | microfiber              |
| Composition:      | Fiber type        | 100% glass fiber        |
|                   | Including binder? | No                      |
| Filtration speed: | Fast/medium/slow  | Medium                  |

| Property  | Description  | Data  | Units            |
|---|--|-------|------------------|
| Basis weight  | Weight of 1 sq meter of filter paper   | 75    | g/m²             |
| Air flow rate (Gurley)  | Time taken for a defined volume of air to pass through a defined area of filter paper under constant pressure                      | 19    | s/100 mL/1 sq in |
| Typical thickness   | Thickness under a defined pressure and contact area  | 420   | μm @ 53 kPa      |
| Typical water flow rate   | Volume of water filtered through the filter paper using a defined area, pressure and time  | 40    | mL/min           |
| Maximum operating temperature   | The maximum temperature the product can withstand for 1 hour   | 550   | °C               |
| Dry burst   | The maximum pressure dry filter paper can withstand using an exposed area of 1 sq inch   | 64    | kPa              |
| Water breakthrough pressure   | The water pressure required before water penetrates through the paper filter in a 1 sq inch challenge area, 4.7 cm diameter holder | N/A   | inches H₂O       |
| Autoclavability   | Capability of withstanding treatment under 121 $^{\circ}\!\!\mathbb{C}$ and steam for 20 min                                       | Yes   | N/A              |
| Air retention efficiency  | Retention efficiency of filter in air using 0.3 $\mu$ m particles at a flow rate of 32 L/min using an area of 100 cm <sup>2</sup>  | N/A   | %                |
| Pressure drop   | Pressure drop of filter paper under constant air flow rate (32 L/min) using an area of 100 cm <sup>2</sup>                         | N/A   | mm H₂O           |
| Bacterial retention efficiency in air   | ASTM F2100 (ASTM F2101 and Mil-M-36954C) and EN14683 under flow rate of 28.3 L/min   | N/A   | %                |
| Viral retention efficiency in air  ASTM F2100 (ASTM F2101 and Mil-M-36954C) and EN14683 under flow rate of 28.3 L/min |  | N/A   | %                |
| Particle retention efficiency in liquid   | Particle retention rating of filter at 98% efficiency in liquid  | 0.7   | μm               |
| Wet burst   | The maximum pressure wet filter paper can withstand using an exposed area of 1 sq inch   | 9     | inches H₂O       |
| Wet burst - applicational use   | The maximum vacuum pressure the filter paper can withstand during use in 100 mm diameter Büchner funnel                            | 346.3 | inches H₂O       |

<sup>\*</sup>Typical data only and does not represent a product specification

## **Trace element composition - ppm**

| Silver    | (Ag) | 0.007   | Aluminum   | (AI) | 1.7×10 <sup>4</sup> |
|-----------|------|---------|------------|------|---------------------|
| Arsenic   | (As) | 4.8     | Sodium     | (Na) | 5.0×10 <sup>4</sup> |
| Beryllium | (Be) | 0.1     | Magnesium  | (Mg) | 876.5               |
| Cobalt    | (Co) | 0.036   | Potassium  | (K)  | 2.4×10 <sup>4</sup> |
| Chromium  | (Cr) | 8.1     | Calcium    | (Ca) | 9.2×10³             |
| Copper    | (Cu) | 0.5     | Iron       | (Fe) | 309.2               |
| Mercury   | (Hg) | < 0.005 | Strontium  | (Sr) | 132.9               |
| Lithium   | (Li) | 1.9     | Titanium   | (Ti) | 38.0                |
| Manganese | (Mn) | 3.6     | Zirconium  | (Zr) | 233.5               |
| Nickel    | (Ni) | 0.6     | Barium     | (Ba) | 1.9×10 <sup>4</sup> |
| Antimony  | (Sb) | 0.3     | Zinc       | (Zn) | 3.3×10 <sup>4</sup> |
| Lead      | (Pb) | 0.6     | Phosphorus | (P)  | 14.7                |
| Boron     | (B)  | 3.3×10⁴ | Silicon    | (Si) | 3.8×10⁵             |

**Note:** Samples were digested with 6 mL HNO<sub>3</sub>, 1 mL  $H_2O_2$  and 3 mL HF and then tested by ICP-MS

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