

# Ettan IPGphor Strip Holder

## Cleaning Instructions

Strip holders for the Ettan™ IPGphor™ are made from a thermally conductive aluminum oxide ceramic. They have been surface-treated to minimize adsorption and interaction with proteins. The surface coating is mechanically robust and can withstand temperatures of up to 300°C, however, it can be damaged by prolonged exposure to extremes of pH.

Strip Holder Cleaning Solution has been specifically formulated for removing protein deposits. It will not damage the strip holder. Strip Holder Cleaning Solution (29011927) can be ordered in 1 Litre bottles from Cytiva.

**IMPORTANT**

You must use a neutral pH detergent, to remove residual protein from these strip holders.

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Strip holders may be baked, boiled or autoclaved. Do not expose them to strong acids or bases, including alkaline detergents.

## Cleaning procedure

Clean strip holders after each first-dimension IEF run. Do not let solutions dry in the strip holder. Cleaning may be more effective if the strip holders are first soaked a few hours to overnight in an appropriate concentration of neutral pH detergent in water.

<b>Step</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	First rinse off the strip holder. Use a mild liquid soap to remove any residual IPG cover fluid.
2	Squeeze a few drops of a neutral pH detergent into the strip holder slot. Use a toothbrush and vigorous agitation to clean the strip holder.
3	Rinse well with distilled or deionized water.

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Thoroughly air dry the strip holders or dry well with a lint-free tissue prior to use.

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