

3M™ Emphaze™ AEX Hybrid Purifier



One step to increase efficiency.

The 3M™ Emphaze™ AEX Hybrid Purifier is a synthetic, single-use chromatographic purifier used for biopharmaceutical clarification. It delivers consistent, high-purity clarified process fluid by reducing negatively charged DNA, HCP, endotoxin, and cell debris through a chromatographic mechanism.

Integrating Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier in the clarification stage can improve product purity and yield early in the process and may reduce the total cost of ownership for the mAb purification process.

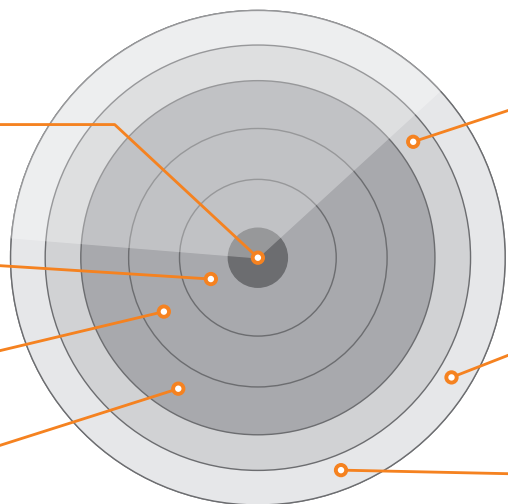
One product performing multiple actions.

DNA reduction
4 logs

HCP reduction
20-40%

Sanitizable
with **NaOH**

Turbidity reduction
<100 → 5 NTU



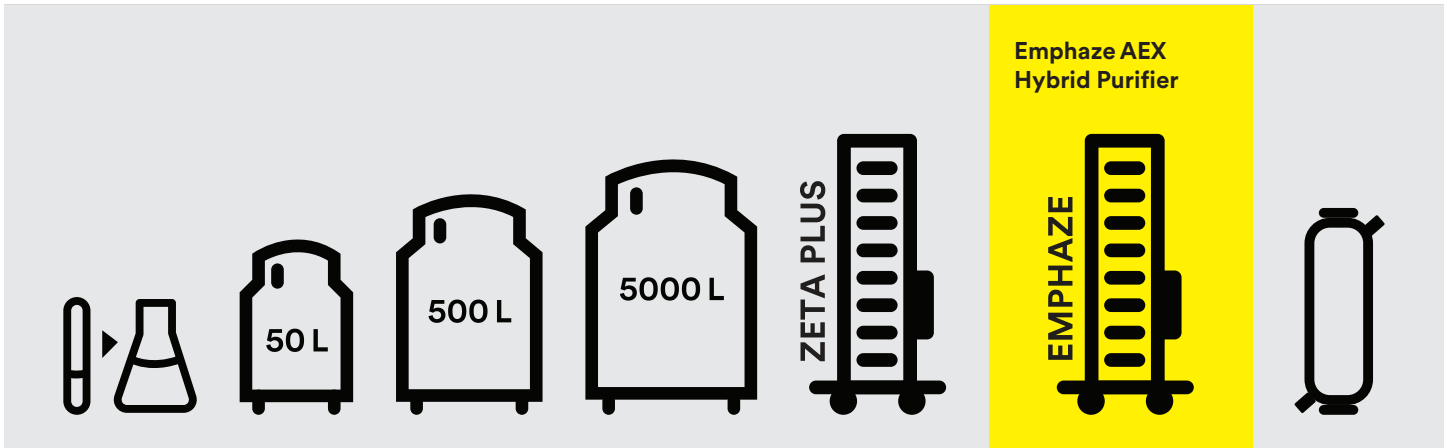
Protein A Column Protection by reduced fouling and shorter regeneration times

Excellent mAb Recovery
> 95% mAb

Sterilizable by Autoclaving

3M™ Emphaze™ AEX Hybrid Purifier for Monoclonal Antibody Processing

In a representative monoclonal antibody (mAb) manufacturing process, when used in combination at the clarification stage with a depth filter and membrane filters, the Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier increases process efficiency and protein purity post Protein A.



Impact of Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier on Clarification step and Protein A performance

- 10X less HCP post-Protein A
- 1,000X DNA reduction post-Protein A
- 10X less residual contaminants on Protein A column
- Significant reduction in filter surface area of sterilizing filters
- Consistent output turbidity (<5 NTU)
- Nominal 20-40% HCP reduction pre-Protein A

Figure 1. HCP concentrations in CHO harvest or centrate (1), clarified fluid (2), protein A eluate (3), and clean-in-place fluid (4) when CHO harvest/centrate was clarified using either 3M Depth Filtration Clarification (grey) or Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier (orange).

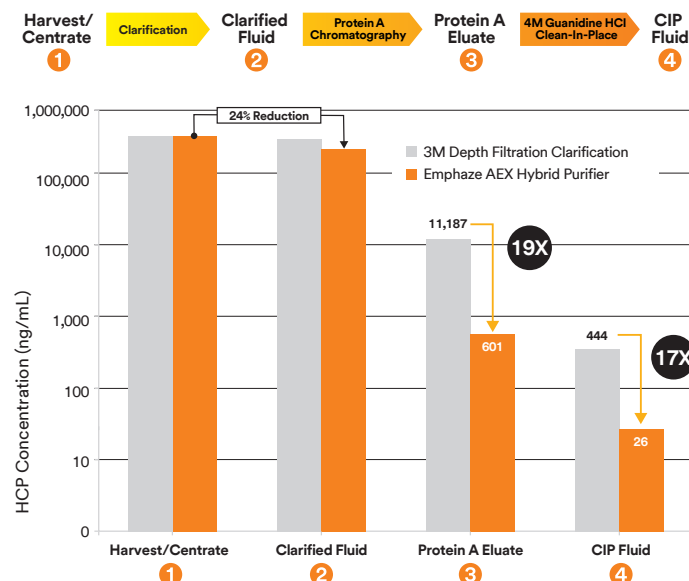
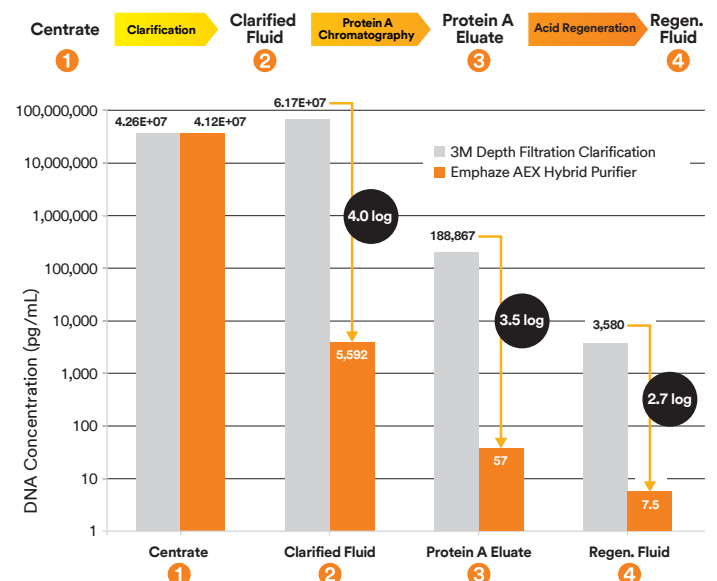


Figure 2. DNA concentrations in CHO centrate (1), clarified fluid (2), protein A eluate (3), and acid regeneration fluid (4) when CHO centrate was clarified using either 3M Depth Filtration Clarification (grey) or Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier (orange).



Reference: 3M Tech Note 01 - Performance of Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier in monoclonal antibody (mAb) purification process.

Excellent contaminant reduction coupled with Protein A chromatography

Figure 3: HCP concentration in Protein A eluate over multiple chromatography cycles

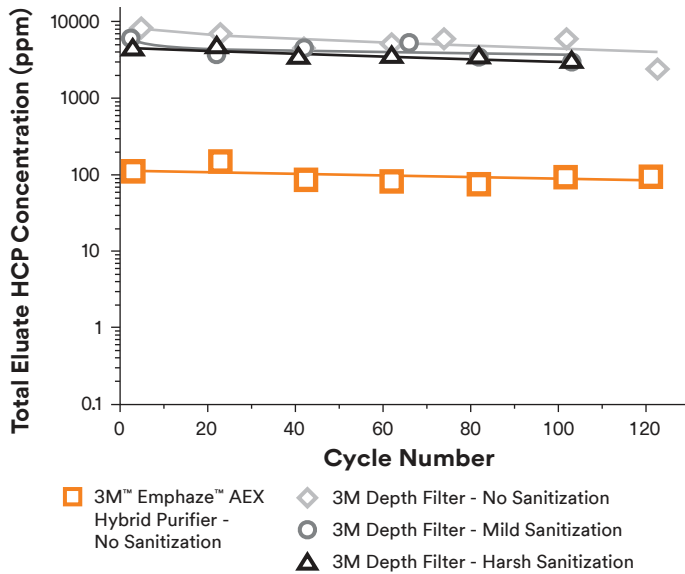
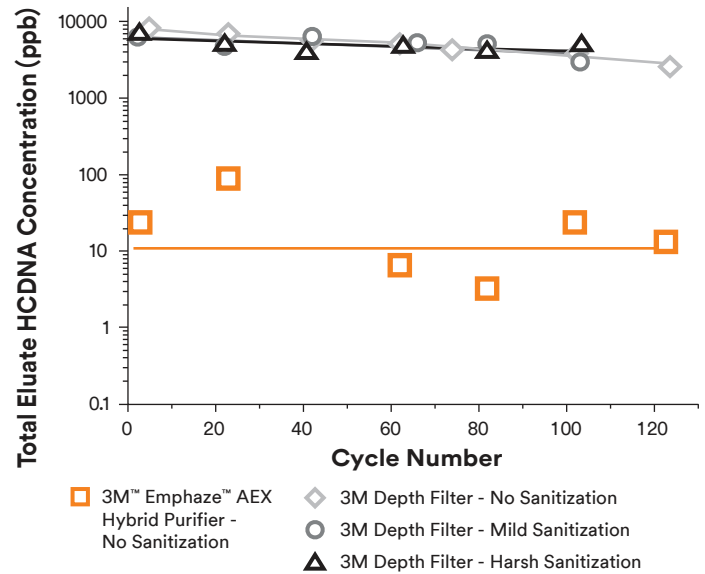
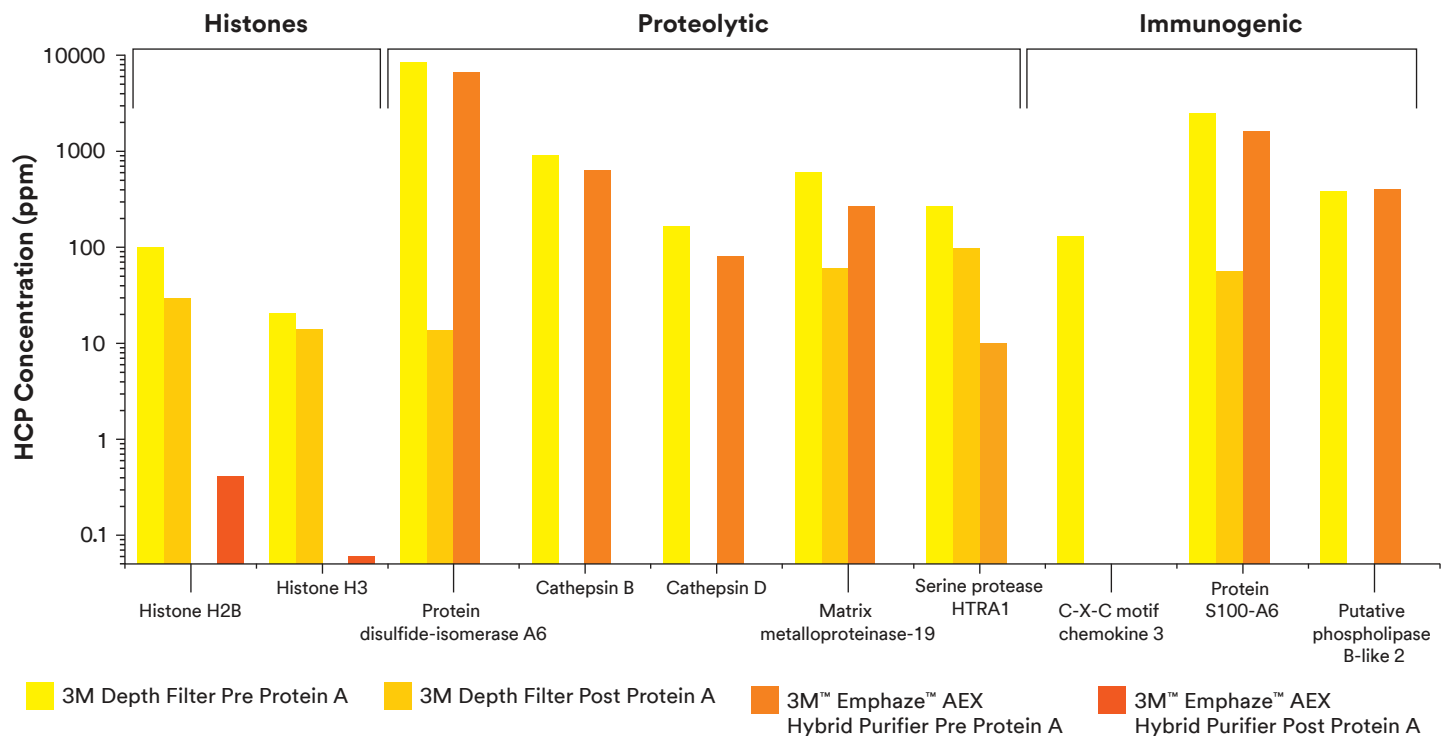


Figure 4: DNA concentration in Protein A eluate over multiple chromatography cycles



Problematic host cell protein reduction pre- and post-Protein A

Figure 5: Removal of selected problematic HCPs during primary clarification through Protein A chromatography



Reference: Modified from Gilgunn et al. 2019. Identification and tracking of problematic host cell proteins removed by synthetic, highly functionalized nonwoven media in downstream bioprocessing of monoclonal antibodies. Journal of Chromatography A. DOI: 10.1016/j.chroma.2019.02.056

Bacterial Lysate Processing

In a representative bacterial lysate process, a decrease of soluble contaminants and increase of process robustness may be achieved by using 3M™ Emphaze™ AEX Hybrid Purifier.

High Performance Clarification Process

- Endotoxin reduction
- DNA reduction
- HCP reduction

Impact Downstream of Clarification

- Reduced impurities may lead to chromatography column protection (e.g., IMAC, CEX)

Figure 6: Representative process for clarification and purification of products from bacterial lysate.

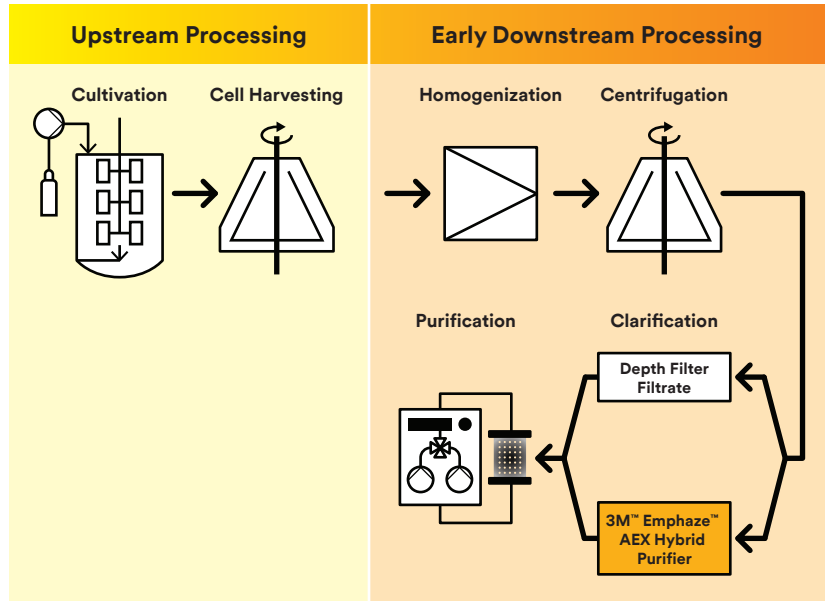
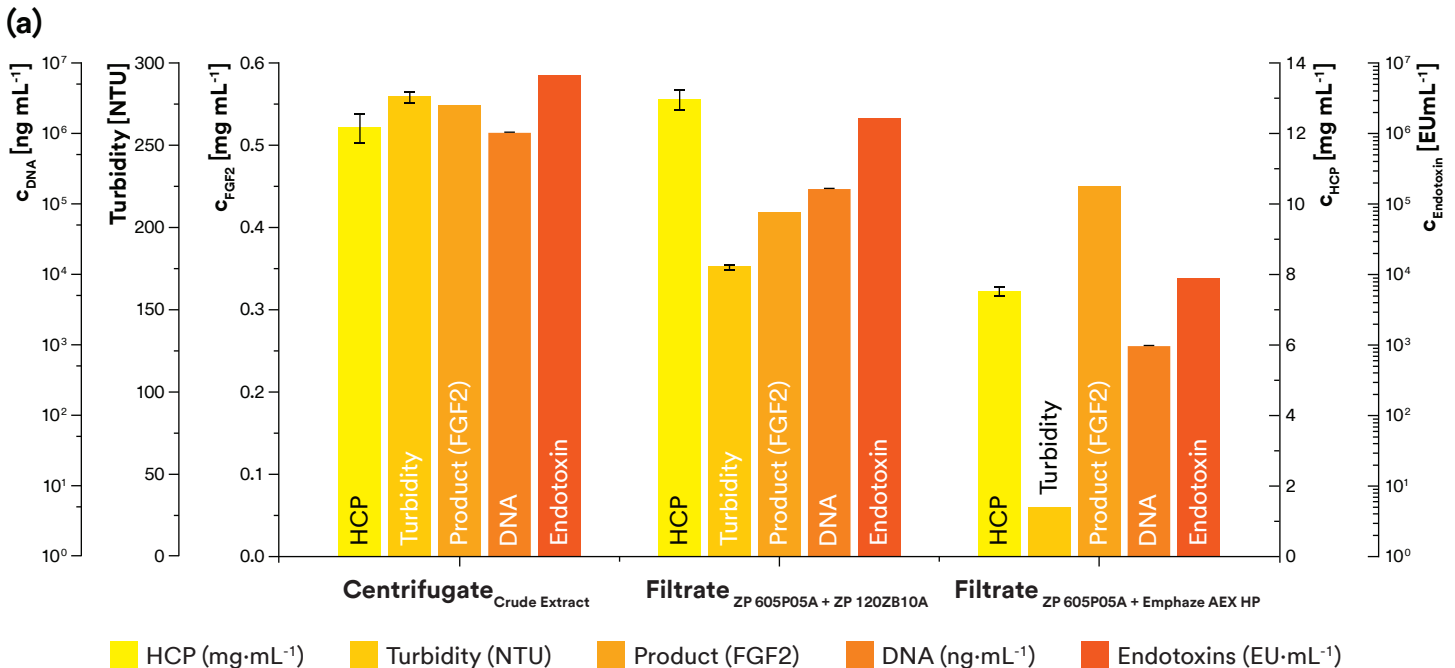


Figure 7. Proof-of-concept: comparison of a conventional depth filtration and an adsorptive filtration. (a) Analyte/impurity concentration comparison of the crude pool against depth filter filtrate and an adsorptively clarified filtrate.



Reference: Modified from Metzger et al. 2019. Adsorptive filtration: A case study for early impurity reduction in an *Escherichia coli* production process. Biotechnology Progress. DOI: 10.1002/btpr.2948

Laboratory, Pilot, And Production Capsules

Product Selection/Specification

(NOTE: R after product and model name indicates the sterilization/sanitization compatible products)



Product Name		BV0.3R	BV1R	BV8R		BV60R	BV120R	BV360R	BV800R	BV5600R
Model Name		EMP101AEX020R	EMP201AEX020R	EMP301AEX020R	EMP303AEX020R	EMP503AEX020R	EMP513AEX020R	EMP533AEX020R	EMP710AEX020R	EMP770AEX020R
Height x Diameter		4.8 × 4.3 cm (1.9 × 1.7 in.)	5.9 × 4.3 cm (2.3 × 1.7 in.)	4.5 × 7.7 cm (1.7 × 3.0 in.)	8.8 × 7.7 cm (3.5 × 3.0 in.)	10.3 × 21.6 cm (4.1 × 6.5 in.)		15.2 × 21.6 cm (6.0 × 6.5 in.)	5.7 × 45.2 cm (2.2 × 17.8 in.)	20.3 × 45.2 cm (8.0 × 17.8 in.)
Dry Weight		9.0 g	14.5 g	71 g	77 g	1.0 kg	1.1 kg	1.6 kg	3.4 kg	9.5 kg
Weight Wet Post Blow Down		9.5 g	16.0 g	80 g	85 g	1.1 kg	1.2 kg	2.1 kg	4.1 kg	14.2 kg
Fill Volume ¹		2.0 mL	5.5 mL	13 mL	16 mL	0.55 L	0.55 L	1.4 L	3.4 L	10.6 L
Hold up Volume Post Blow Down ²		0.5 mL	1.5 mL	9 mL	9 mL	0.10 L	0.15 L	0.46 L	0.70 L	4.7 L
Capsule Material		Polypropylene		Polypropylene, Glass Filled Polypropylene		Polypropylene, Glass Filled Polypropylene, Polysulfone, Fluorocarbon			Polypropylene, Glass Filled Polypropylene, Glass Filled Polyphenylene Oxide/ Polystyrene, Silicone	
Autoclave Cycle	Sterilization Pre-Use	121°C, 30 min	121°C, 30 min	121°C, 30 min		121°C, 30 min	121°C, 30 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min
	Sterilization Post-Use	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min		121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min	121°C, 40 min
Alkaline Resistance	Pre-Use	1M NaOH soak for 1 hour at ambient temperatures followed by gravity drain to remove excess base; Do not blow down								
	Post-Use	Capsule soak for 1 hour with 1M NaOH or 5% NaClO (bleach)								
Inlet/Outlet Connections		Luer-Lok			3/4 in. Sanitary Connectors				1-1/2 in. Sanitary Connectors	
Maximum Inlet Pressure ³		3.4 bar		2.8 bar		3.1 bar			3.4 bar	
Maximum Differential Pressure		2.4 bar		2.4 bar		2.4 bar	2.4 bar	2.4 bar	2.4 bar	2.4 bar
Maximum Temperature		40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)	40°C (104°F)
Required Preconditioning Flush Volume ⁴		6.5 mL	22 mL	130 mL		0.9 L	1.8 L	5.5 L	12 L	85 L
Recommended Use Flow Rate		0.4 mL/min	1.4 mL/min	8 mL/min		50 mL/min	100 mL/min	300 mL/min	680 mL/min	4700 mL/min
Storage Conditions		Controlled indoor temperatures: 0–30°C (32–86°F) in original sealed packaging								
Shelf Life		Up to 2 years from date of manufacture @ 30°C maximum storage								

A full support package is available for the 3M™ Emphaze™ AEX Hybrid Purifier. This package includes Installation and Operation Instructions, Certificate of Quality or Certificate of Lot Conformance, and a Regulatory Support File.

1. Capsule Fill Volume is defined as the volume of liquid that is required to fill the capsule.
2. Post Blow-Down Hold-Up Volume is defined as the volume of the residual liquid after air/gas blow down.
3. Do not use this product for continuous service with compressed gasses. The use of compressed gas is permissible for integrity testing and blow down purposes.
4. A Preconditioning Flush is required for the product to be compliant with USP Biological Reactivity Tests, including USP <87> and <88> Class VI 70C minimum. The flush solution can be a buffer or 25–150 mM sodium chloride solution. Refer to Installation and Operation Instructions for complete instructions on how to perform the preconditioning flush.

Additional References and Literature

- 3M Tech Note 01 - Performance of Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier in monoclonal antibody (mAb) process in mammalian cell cultures
- 3M Application Note 02 - Endotoxin removal by Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier
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For more information about the Emphaze AEX Hybrid Purifier, contact your local sales rep by calling 1-800-443-1661, option 4, or visit us at [3M.ca/bioprocessing](https://www.3m.ca/bioprocessing)

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