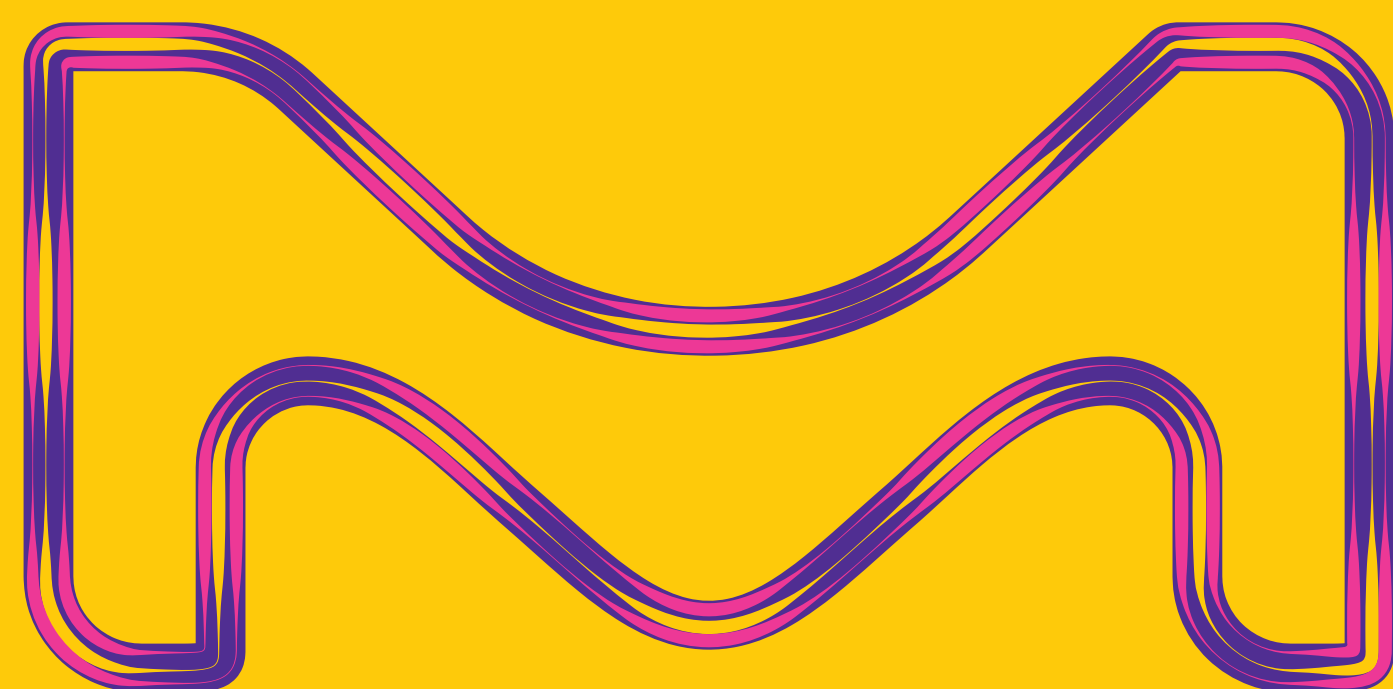


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Formulation, Filtration, Filling

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# Single-use components, excipients, filters and validation services

Reduce risk and increase efficiency with a fully assembled ready-to-use system:

- Let us help you design a process to meet your specific needs.
- What are the risks you are facing?
- What are your set-up and system issues to consider?



One-stop-shop to ensure component and process fit



Reduced risk of cross contamination and enhanced operator safety



Offering embedded in the Emprove® Program to facilitate regulatory compliance



Increase efficiency by reducing process and changeover time



Flexible manufacturing through:

- Reduced and flexible footprint allowing more free capacity
- Dedicated product and service offering



Quick link to technical and quality related solutions

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# Parenteral manufacturing process



## Formulation



- Selecting high quality excipients
- Mixing of ingredients
- Monitoring critical parameters

## Filtration



- Assure sterility of the drug product
- Contamination-free and closed sampling
- High recovery and low cost of goods

## Filling



- Improve manufacturing flexibility
- Increase productivity
- Meet evolving manufacturing needs

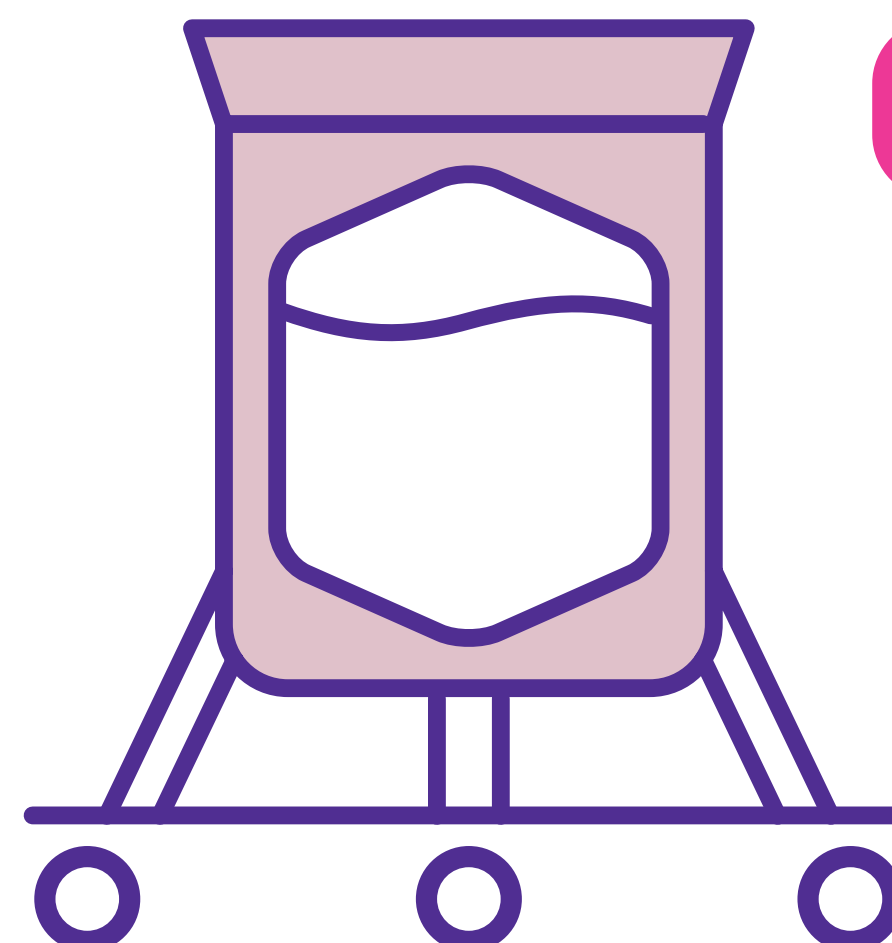
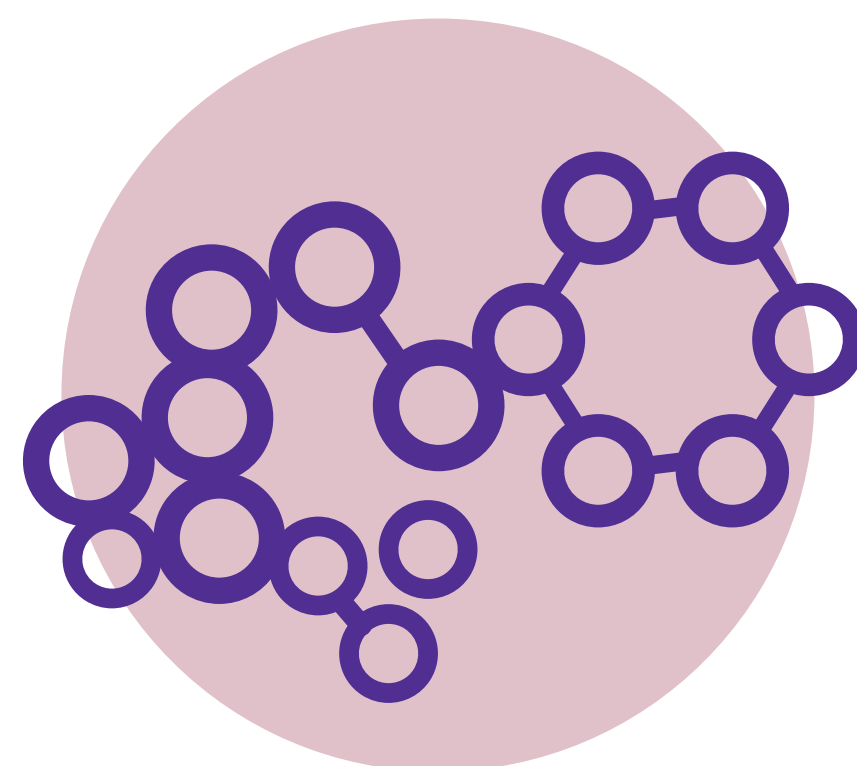


# Key steps for formulation

## Select excipients



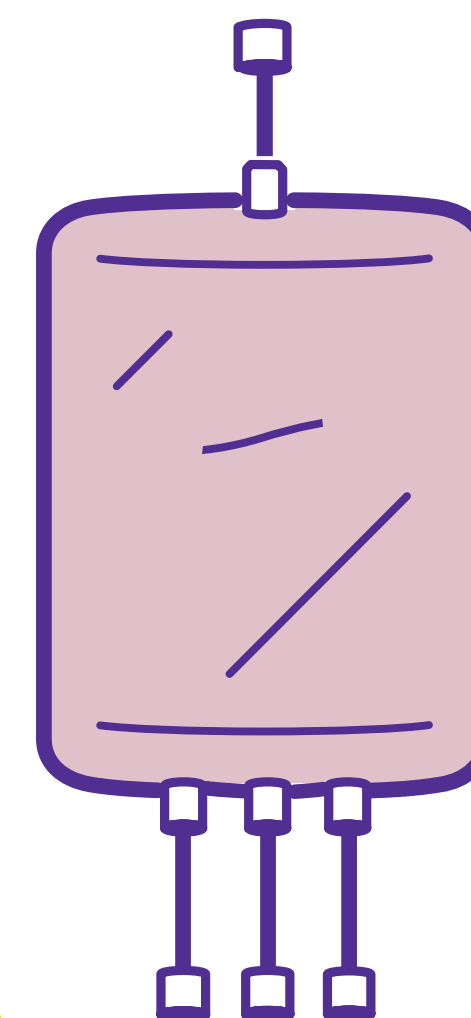
- Specifications and quality attributes designed for liquid formulations
- Reduce risk and simplify processes
- Reliable performance
- Ensure speed to market



## Mixing



- Ensure mixing performance
- Gain flexibility through various working volumes and movability
- Choice for closed processing or open liners



## Sterile sampling



- Improve operator safety
- Assure process sterility
- Sample representativity
- Ease of use



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## Choosing the right **excipients** for reliable performance and quality

Considerations

Delivering State  
of the API

Ensuring Reliable  
Performance of the  
Final Drug Product

Market  
Readiness

Handling Powdered  
Raw Materials

Process Design

Solution

Assess delivered state of API

- Aqueous
- Non-aqueous
- Co-solvent based

Delivery system

- Sustained release
- Increased bioavailability, stability and solubility

- IPEC-GMP products assure consistent quality
- Reliable supply
- Biodegradable polymers for a sustained release profile
- Lipids with optimized characteristics for pharma applications

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Choose

- Buffers
- Mineral salts & tonicity
- Preservatives
- Solvents
- Surfactants
- Antioxidants
- Stabilizers

- Comprehensive product portfolio
- Broad range of IPEC-GMP products
- Support during development, scale-up and commercial production
- Batch-to-batch consistency

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- Meeting quality requirements
- Ensuring speed to market
- Documentation for regulatory approval

- Reduce risk and simplify processes through **the Emprove® Program** ▶
- **Low Bioburden, Endotoxins and Reducing Sugars** ▶
- IPEC-GMP Manufacturing
- Multicompendial

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- Minimized product contamination risk
- Increased personnel and facility safety

- Paper free packaging to control the particulate matter ▶
- Packaging system to minimizes product caking ▶
- Granulated excipients for better processing and handling



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## How does the Emprove® Program help you

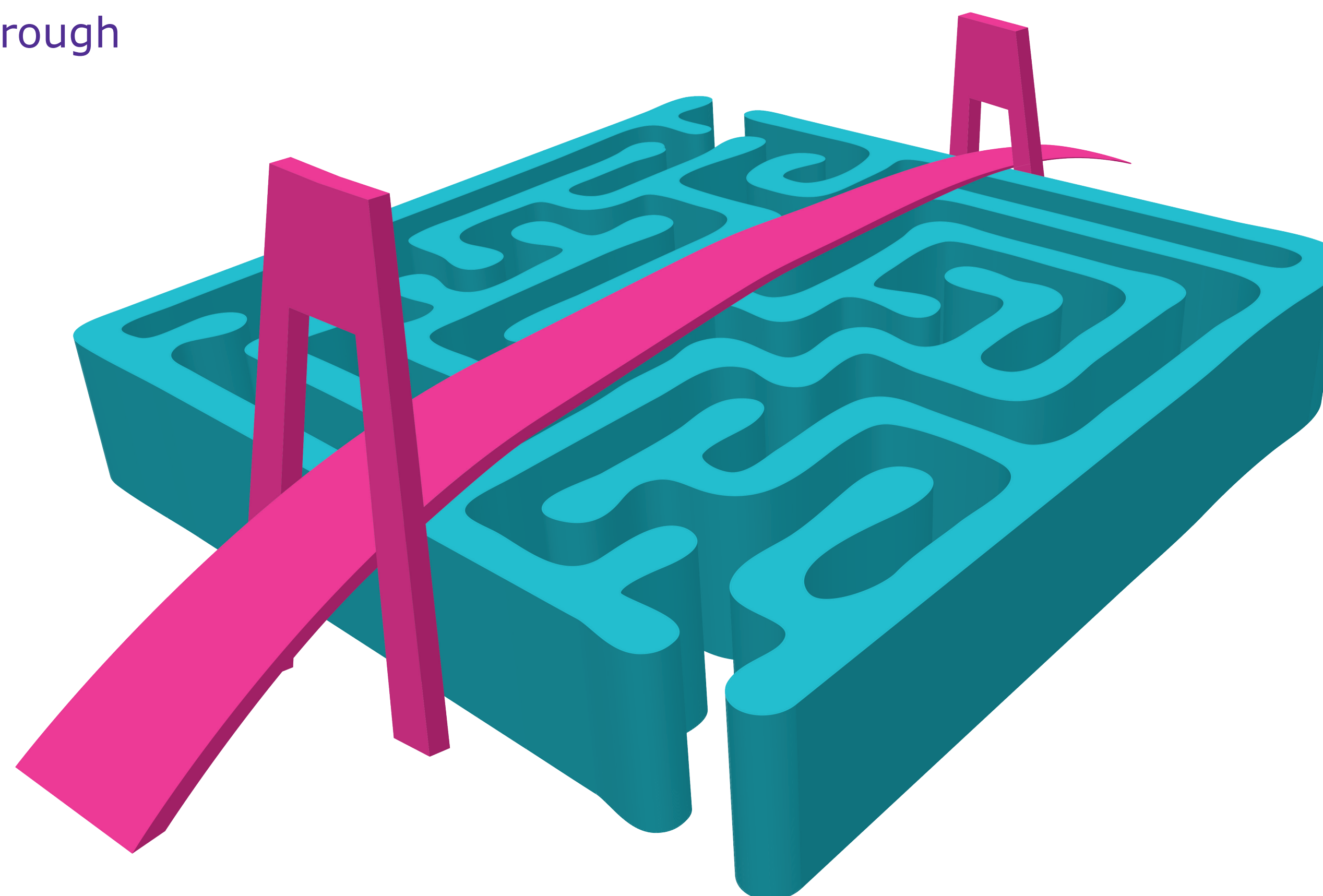
### Qualification, risk assessment, and process optimization

The Emprove® Program contains over 400 raw and starting materials as well as 20 filter and single-use product families. Each product portfolio is supported with Emprove® Dossiers which provide comprehensive and up-to-date documentation to help you navigate regulatory challenges, manage risks, and improve your manufacturing processes.

Emprove® Dossiers are available exclusively through the Emprove® Suite subscription.

### Emprove® Dossiers

- Material Qualification
- Quality Management
- Operational Excellence



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## Exemplary specification parameters of two of our stabilizers

Reducing sugars are normally incompatible with the primary amine. That leads to discoloration of the solution and reduction of the potency.

Endotoxins are the most significant pyrogens in parental drugs and the cause of strong immune responses.

To control the reducing sugars and the endotoxin levels in the raw materials, we offer lower limits than Pharmacopeia specifications.

### Sucrose

low in endotoxins  
 $\leq 0.3$  I.U./g

	Endotoxins (I.U./g)		Reducing Sugars (%)	
	SAFC®	Ph Eur, USP	Merck	Ph Eur, USP
Sorbitol	$\leq 1$	$< 2.5$	$\leq 0.11$	$\leq 0.2$
Mannitol	$\leq 1$	$< 2.5$	$\leq 0.05$	$\leq 0.1$



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# Packaging

## Handling

DRYPOUR™ – offers triple protection of the material: against moisture and contamination from outside and absorption of moisture present in the material

- Polyethylene (PE) drum with tamper-evident seal
- Polyethylene inliner with integrated desiccant bags
- Tyvek® inliner



## Dispense

Increase product and operator safety with bulk powder transfer packaging

- Direct dispense solution
- Customizable quantity
- Ergonomic design



## Packaging

Most raw materials are available in paper-free packaging including

- Pails
- Drums
- Pre-packs
- Double PE bags
  - Specially-designed for clean-room manufacturing
  - Removal of the outer bag outside of the clean room
  - Labelled inner bag to minimize handling risks





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## Choosing the right mixers for homogenous and effective formulations

Considerations

Application  
Requirements

Operator Friendly  
Solutions

Facility Needs

Validation

Process Design

Solution

- Sensitive formulation
  - Small molecule: cytotoxic and hormonal drugs
  - Peptides and protein solutions
- Low to high concentrations
- Difficult to mix solutions
  - Polymers
  - Oil-based formulation

- Low shear gentle mixing (liquid-liquid mixing) ▶
- High mixing strength creating vortex (solid-liquid mixing) ▶
- Optimization, technical and process support by team available
- Live demonstration in the M Lab™

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Plant specific requirements

- Convenient powder delivery
- In-process measurement options
- Representative sampling
- Direct filtration

- In process measurements parameters: ▶  
pH, weight, temperature, conductivity
- Powder delivery system
- Closed, sterile, zero-dead-leg sampling system ▶

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The conceptual design

- Process economics
- Flexibility for product change-over
- Purpose of facility
- Ease of process validation

Benefits of single use mixing systems:

- Decreased risk of contamination
- Reduced downtime and costs for cleaning validation
- Reduced capital
- Faster turn-around
- Flexibility to change scale or process
- Closed processing for critical applications or open liners for lower value applications

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- Validation team experts ▶
  - To help you choose and conduct the appropriate validation services for your mixing process
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## How is the Mobius® Power MIX different than the Mobius® MIX?

### Mobius® MIX

Gentle mixing of  
drug products  
throughout entire  
process.

### Mobius® MIX

#### Levitating, magnetically driven impeller

- Low shear impeller design
- No particle shedding
- Mixing from 10 L – 1000 L

### Mobius® Power MIX

Forms a vortex for  
powerful mixing  
of difficult-to-mix  
solutions.

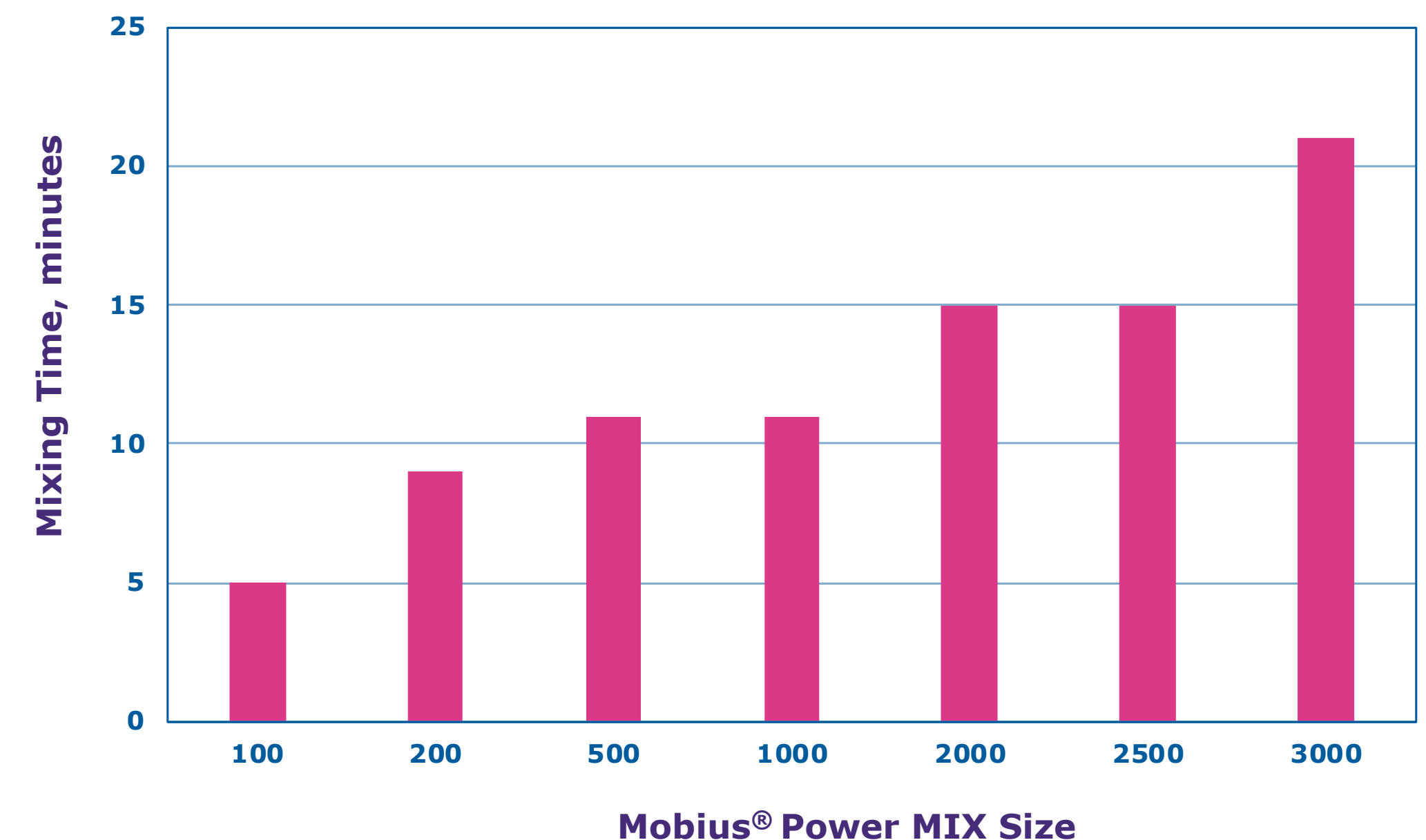
### Mobius® Power MIX

#### Magnetically driven impeller (NovAseptic technology)

- More efficient powder/liquid mixing
- Viscous solutions
- Mixing capabilities from 100 L – 3000 L

### Scalability of mixing

Sinking Powder  
1.5M NaCl





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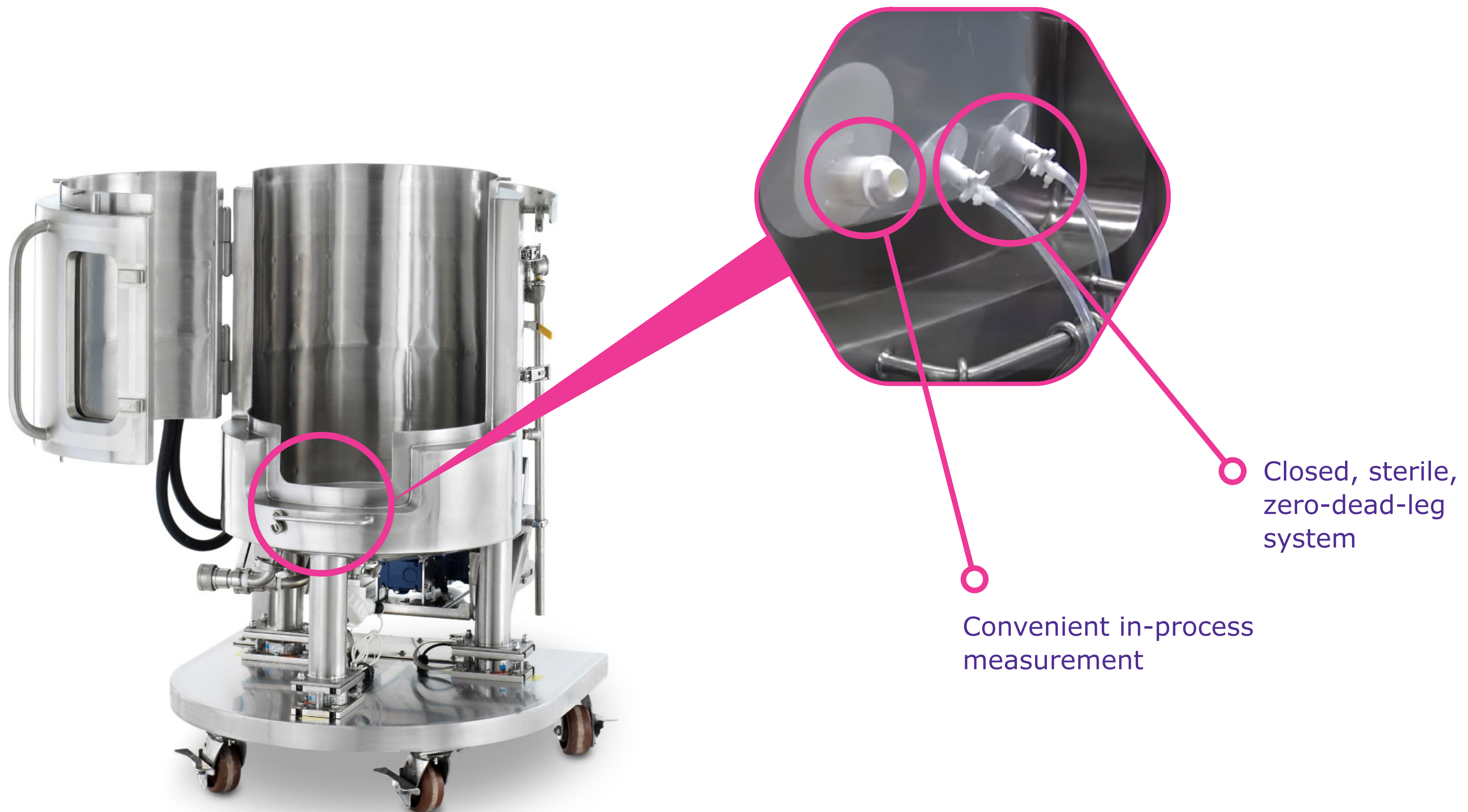
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## Inline measurement and sampling





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## Validation services for mixing bags

### Chemical compatibility

Assess the chemical compatibility based on key characteristics, after prolonged exposure with the drug product. Provide evidence that the process fluids and conditions do not adversely impact the structure of the mixing bag.

### Extractables

Identify and quantify the extractables which may be extracted out from the mixing bag by employing the Model Solvent Stream Approach and worst case test conditions. Analytical methods used are:

NVR: Non-Volatile Residue

TOC: Total Organic Carbon

FTIR: Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

RP-HPLC: Reverse-Phase High-Performance Liquid Chromatography

GC-MS: Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

### Patient safety

Assess the potential impact of the substances that have been detected, identified and quantified on patient safety. This assessment is done by a toxicologist.

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## Mobius® Mixer



### Mobius® Power Mix

### Mobius® Mix

Stainless Steel  
Carrier

- 100 L
  - 200 L
  - 500 L
  - 1000 L
  - 2000 L
  - 2000 L + 500 L Extension
  - 2000 L + 2x 500 L Extension
- Plastic Carrier

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## Choosing the right **sampling** systems to monitor critical parameters across each step

Considerations

Ease of Use

Facility Needs

Meeting Regulation  
Requirements

Validation

Process Design

Solution

- Flexibility and speed
- Safety of operators
- Secure disconnection of sample

- **Solutions for all process steps** ►
- Wide range of sampling containers, available pre-sterilized and pre-assembled
- Preconfigured or configure on site
- No operator training needed

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- No need for additional utilities (pressure, steam, ...)
- Option of sampling from SU and SS
- Limited investment
  - Maintenance
  - Spare parts

- Utilities: only need of crimping tool to disconnect taken sample
- **Sampling from single-use and stainless steel tank possible ►**
- Reduced cleaning needs

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- Right specifications
- Representative samples
- Process risk mitigation
- Accelerate speed to market

- Process integrity
- No dead leg, flush or sample dilution
- Closed and validated sampling system

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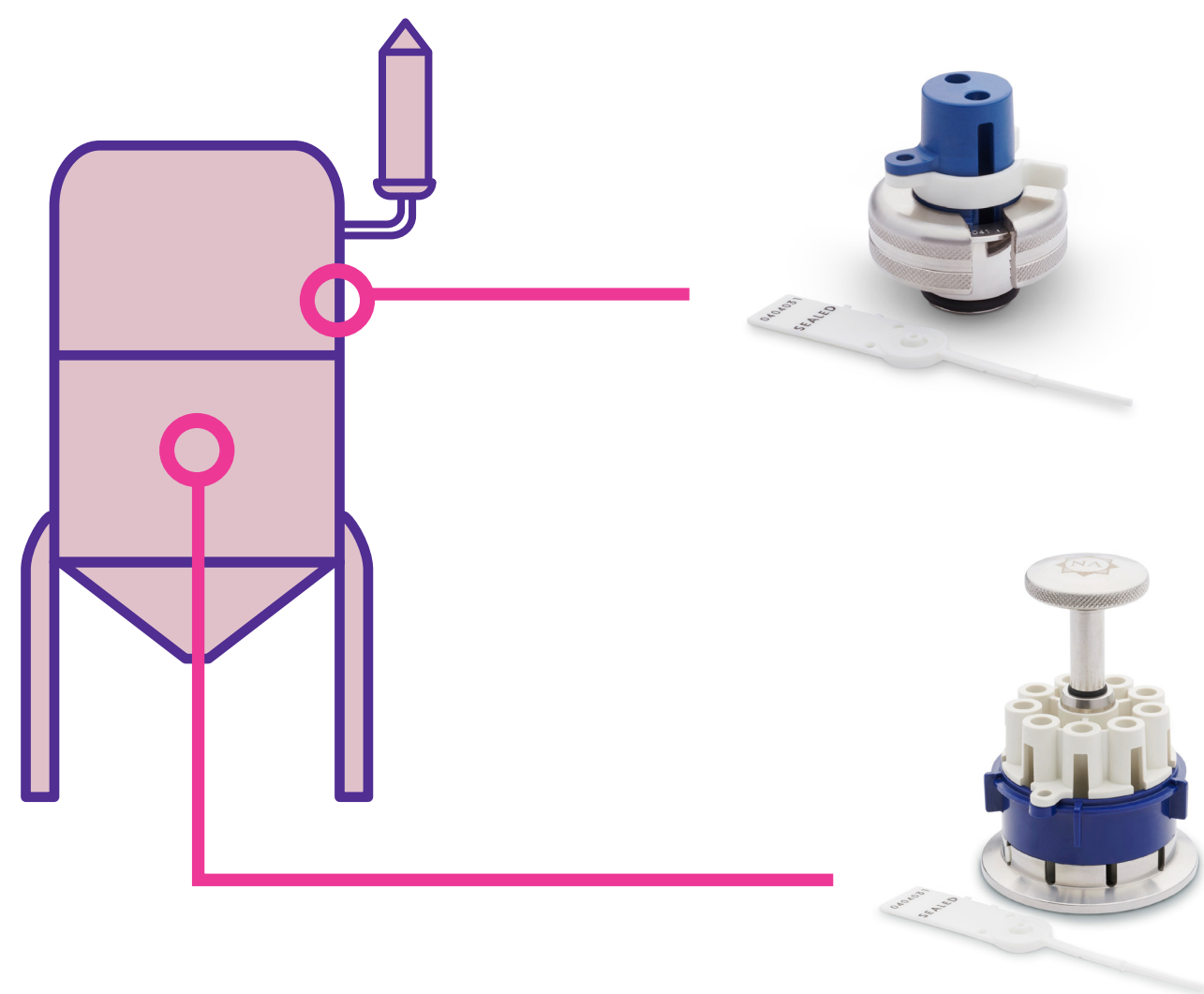
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## Process step options

### Connector for stainless steel tank



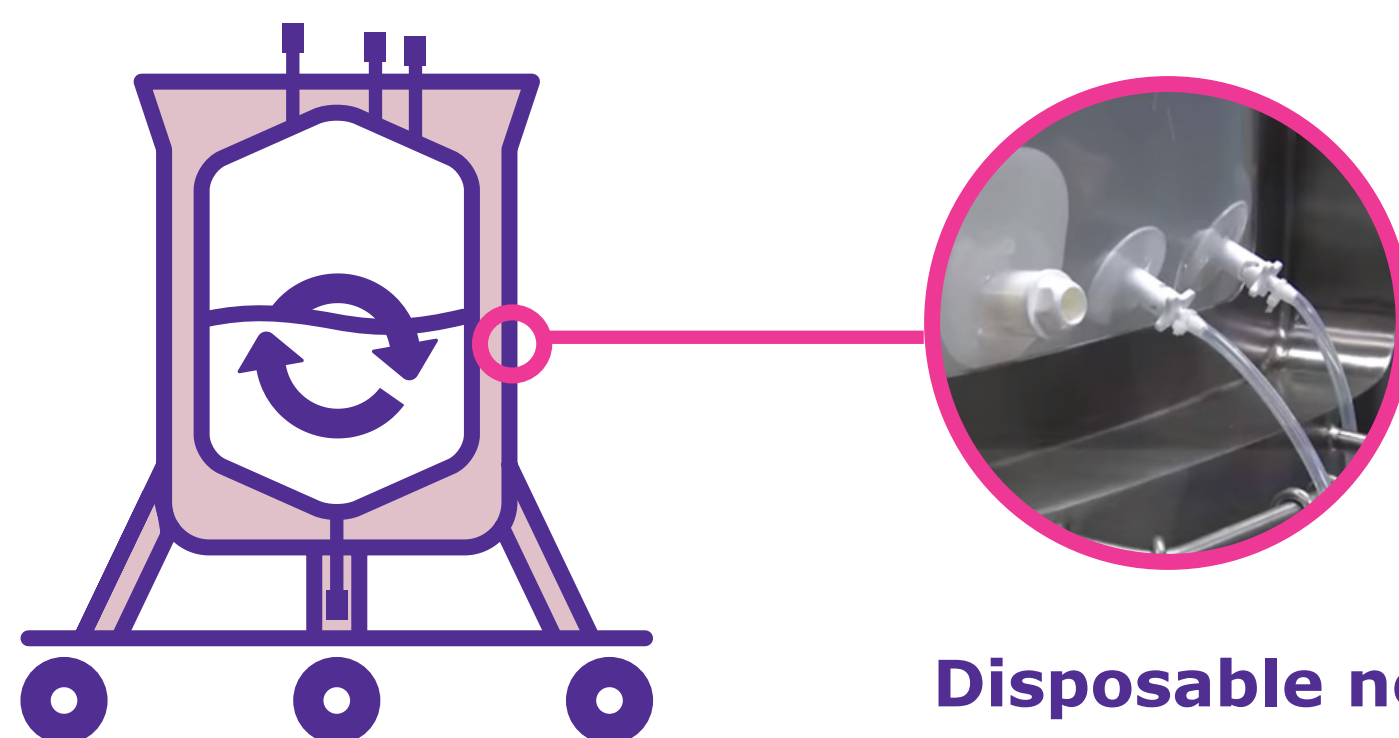
#### Ingold connectors

- Available in any length
- 2 independent points of access

#### TC connectors

- 1/2" to 2" size with up to 10 independent access points
- Also available in single-use format, pre-assembled with the containers of your choice

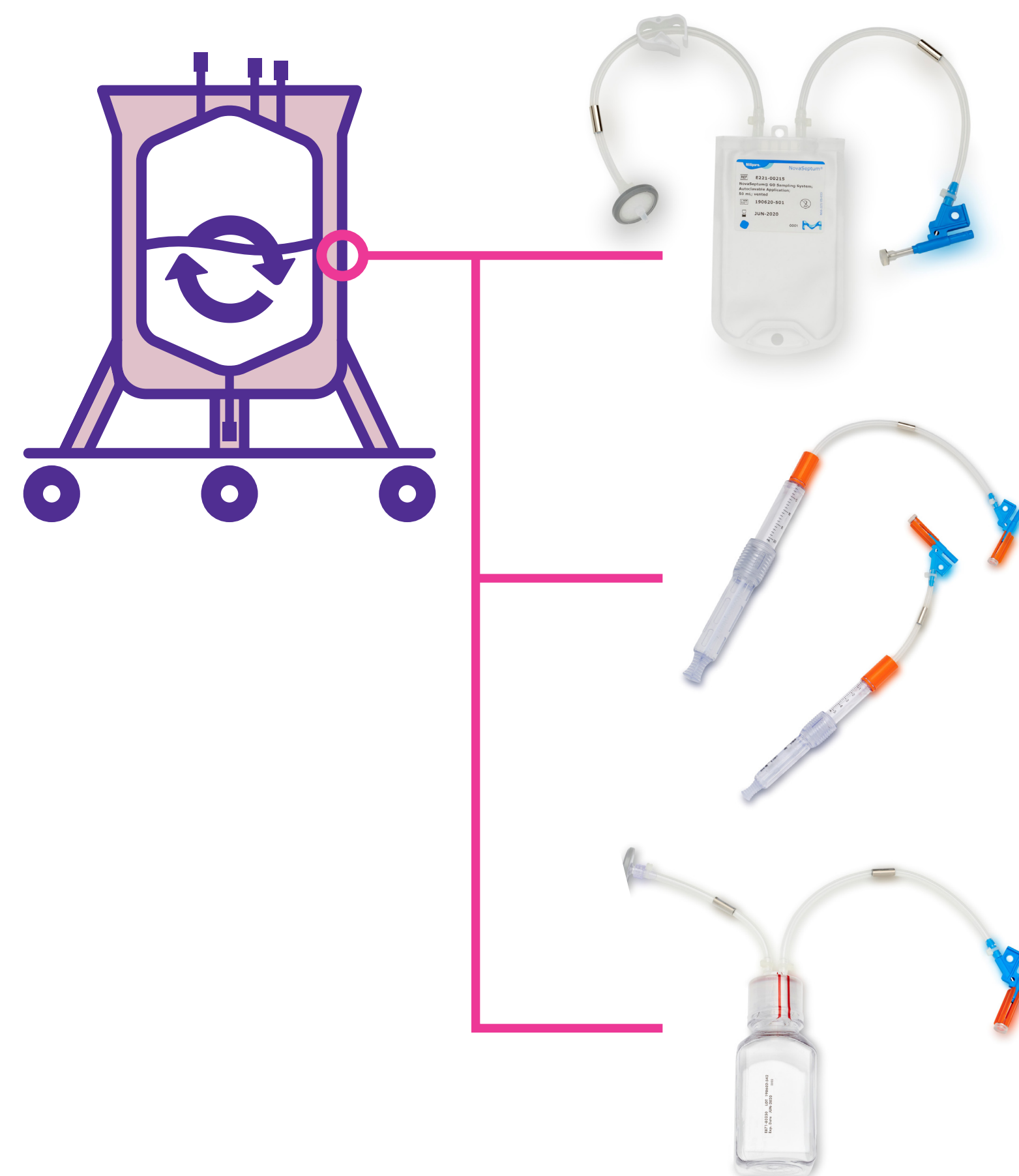
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#### Disposable needle-free valve

- Ideal for sampling from disposable bags
- Welded any place needed

### Sampling containers



#### Autoclave containers

- Bags and syringes ideal for small portable tanks that are fully autoclaved
- Vented to withstand the most aggressive autoclave cycles

#### Sterile syringes

- Contamination free with patented design
- Ideal to save and store high value product

#### Bottles

- Bio-neutral plastic bottles ideal for all tests
- Offered in multiple sizes



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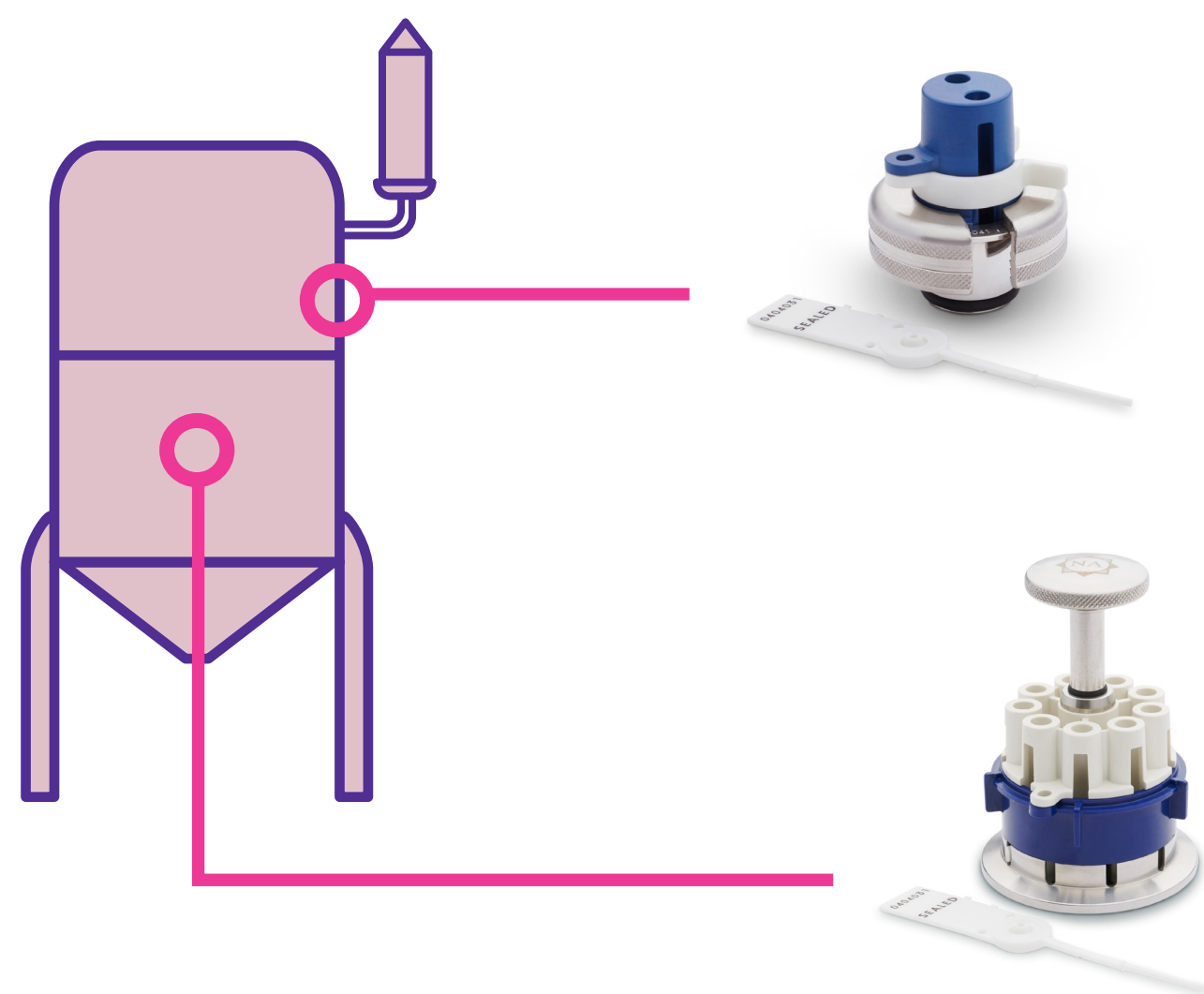
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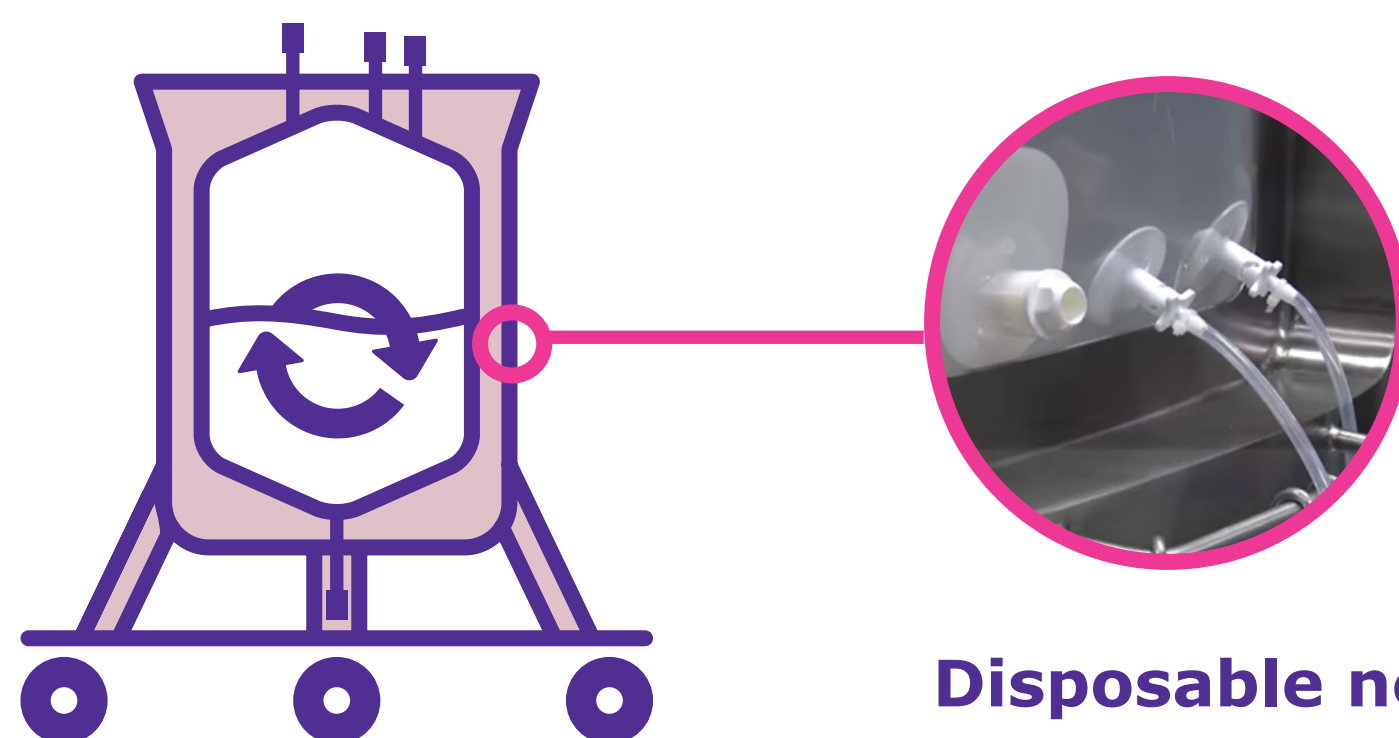
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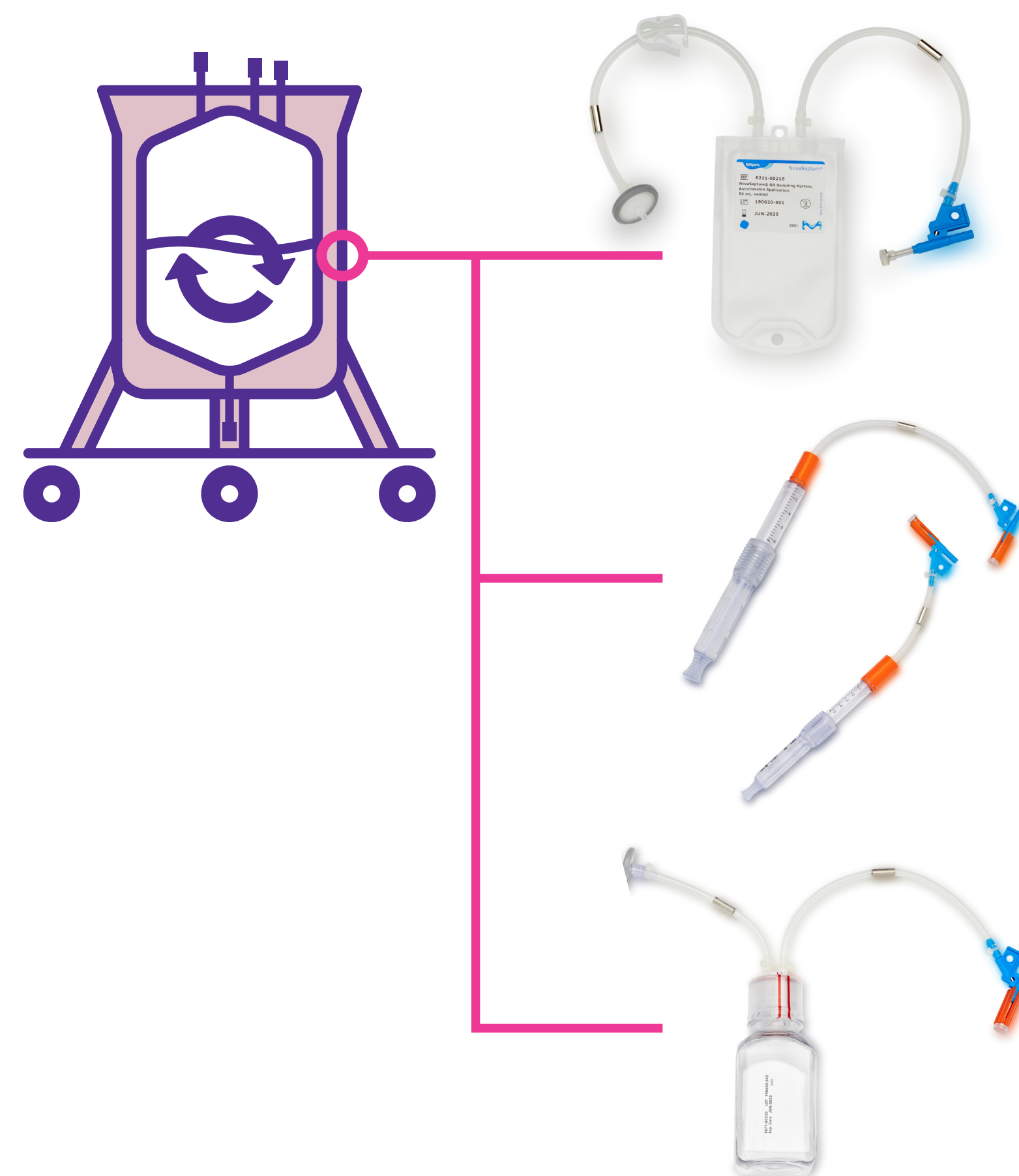
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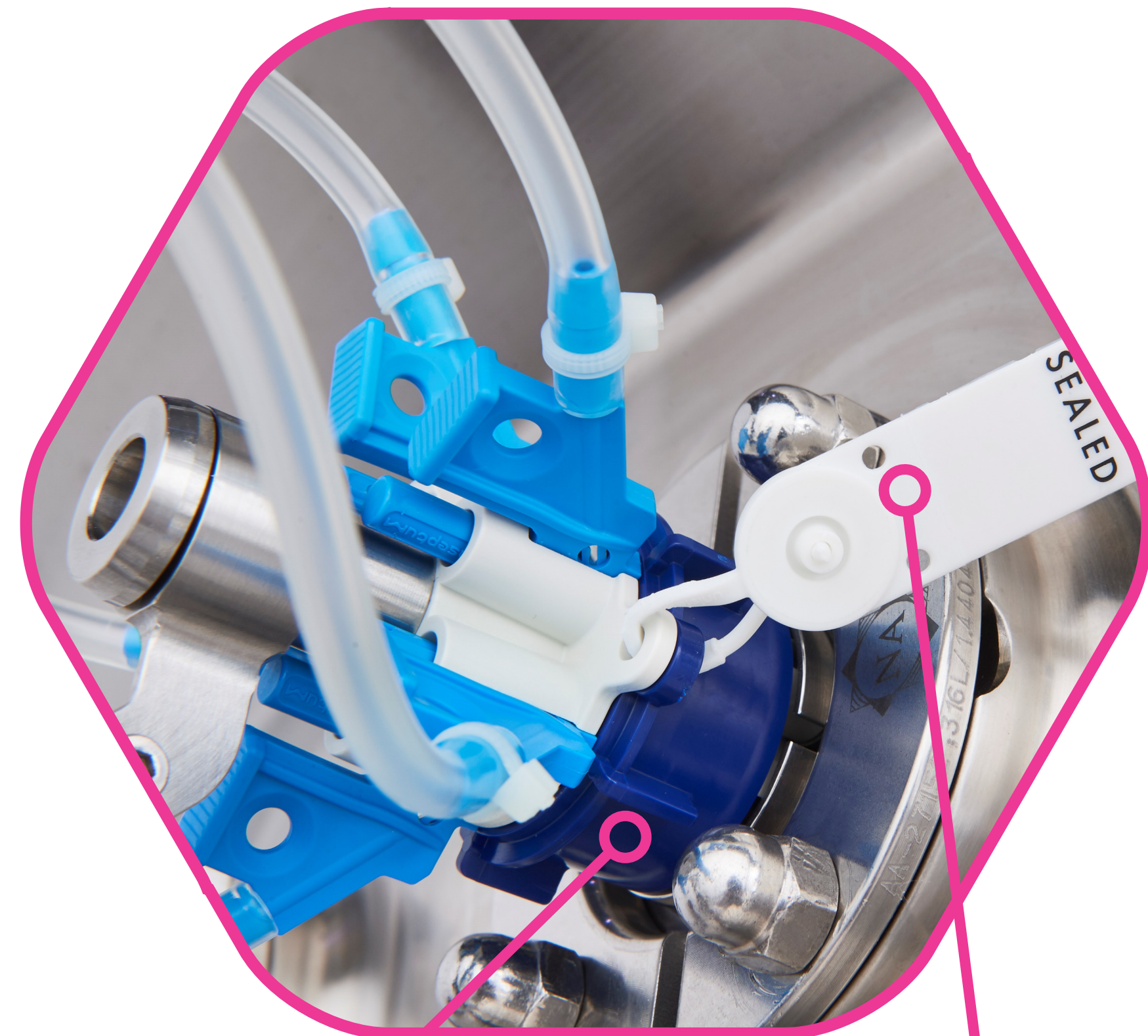
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## Maximum security and reliability

- Eliminating high heat/pressure and glass bottle safety risks
- No steam condensate to dilute sample, avoid requirement for flushing
- “Neutral” containers for accurate testing and storage
- Simple procedure eliminates complexity of training, reducing risk of operator bias
- Eliminating time of steam sterilization and cooling between samples



The safety ring prevents accidental actuation during processing

System locking tag, to demonstrate that no actuation occurred prior to use



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## Validation services for sampling system

### **Chemical compatibility**

Assess the chemical compatibility based on key characteristics, after prolonged exposure with the drug product. Provide evidence that the process fluids and conditions do not adversely impact the structure of the Sampling System

### **Functionality test**

Verify that the sampling element is within the qualified acceptance criteria after product contact & process conditions simulation.

### **Non permeation test for bag**

Demonstrate that the bag is not permeable to disinfectant/ decontamination agent

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## NovaSeptum® GO sterile sampling holders and connectors

### Multi-Use holders for stainless steel

- A fast and easy connection of the sampling solution to the manufacturing process available.



Ingold® Holder



TC Holder

### Single-Use connectors for single-use assemblies

- Reduce labor associated with cleaning or handling.
- with NovaSeptum® single-use connectors.
- The needle-free sampling valve brings capabilities for NovaSeptum® sampling integration into your larger single-use bag assemblies.



Needle-free  
sampling port

### Single-use holder for stainless steel

- Available pre-loaded with high purity or autoclavable bags, bottles or AV syringe





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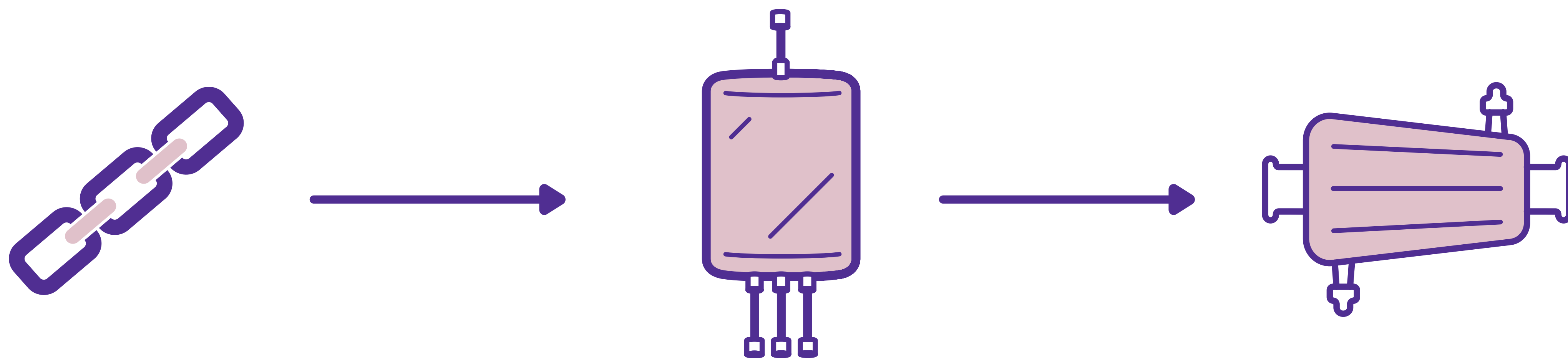


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## Key steps for filtration



### Sterile connection ▶

- Assure the fluid path is not compromised between process steps
- Transition between multi-use and single-use systems

### Sterile sampling ▶

- Improve operator safety
- Maintain process sterility
- Assure representative sampling
- Ease of use

### Sterile filtration ▶

- Filters designed for critical sterile filtration steps
- Expertise in single-use filtration system design

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## Choosing the right **sterile connectors** to maintain an aseptic fluid path

Considerations

Handling

Sterility Assurance

Application

Validation

Process Design

Solution

- Quick and easy connectivity
- Maintain sterile flow-path
- Avoid operator mistakes

- Robust design delivers consistent and reliable performance
- Operator handling training

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- Completely closed fluid path
- Sterile connection could be made in both non-classified and classified area
- Eliminate contamination risk associated with aseptic connections

- 100% air-integrity tested in manufacturing ►
- Aerosolized microbial challenge test – worst case simulation for validation ►

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- Sterile fluid transfer
- Connect sterilized fluid paths, integrate steamable hard-piped connections to disposable fluid paths
- Single and multiple actuations

- Sterile-to-sterile connection
- Steamable hard-piped connection to disposable fluid path
- Multiple connections/disconnections

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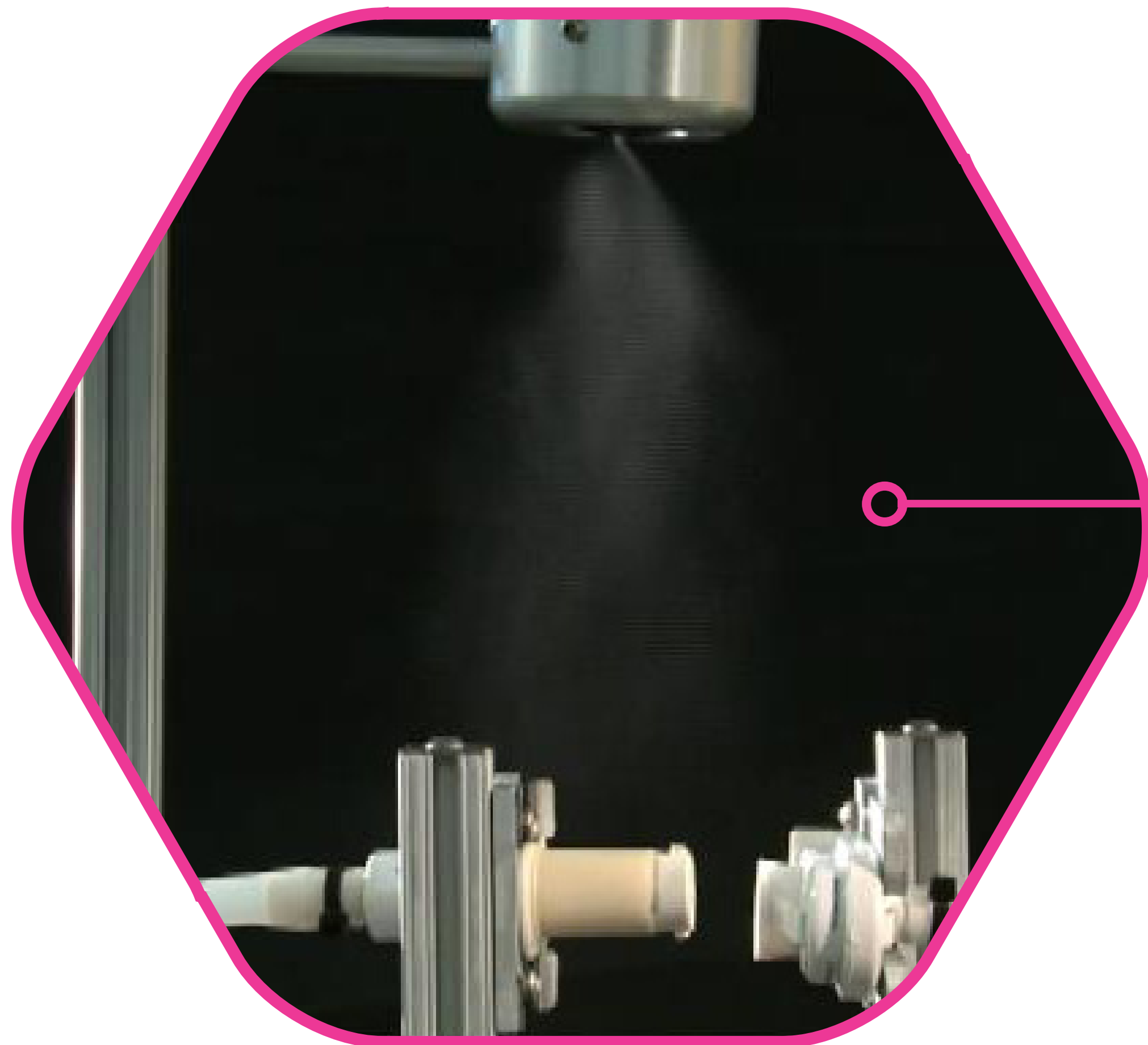
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*Brevundimonas diminuta*,  $>4 \times 10^6$  cfu per connector set

### Sterility assurance during actuation

Two tests were conducted to challenge the ability of Lynx® S2S connectors to prevent ingress of microorganisms in a non-classified area.

Tests were performed to confirm that the Lynx® S2S connectors showed no ingress of the challenge organism, *B. diminuta*.

#### Bacterial aerosol

The connector was connected and actuated in the presence of a bacterial aerosol at a minimum concentration of  $1 \times 10^6$  cfu/connector.

#### Direct bacterial soiling

*B. diminuta* was applied to the mating surfaces of the male and female Lynx® S2S connector lumen plugs, followed after a setting time, by connection and actuation.

All Lynx® S2S connectors met the acceptance criteria for the Bacterial Aerosol Test and the Direct Bacterial Soiling test, assuring a sterile connection can be made in non-classified areas.



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### Patient safety

Assess the potential impact of the substances that have been detected, identified and quantified on patient safety. This assessment is done by a toxicologist.

### Extractables

Identify and quantify the extractables which may be extracted out from the connectors by employing the Model Solvent Stream Approach and worst case test conditions. Analytical methods used are NVR, TOC, FTIR, RP-HPLC and GC-MS (when applicable).

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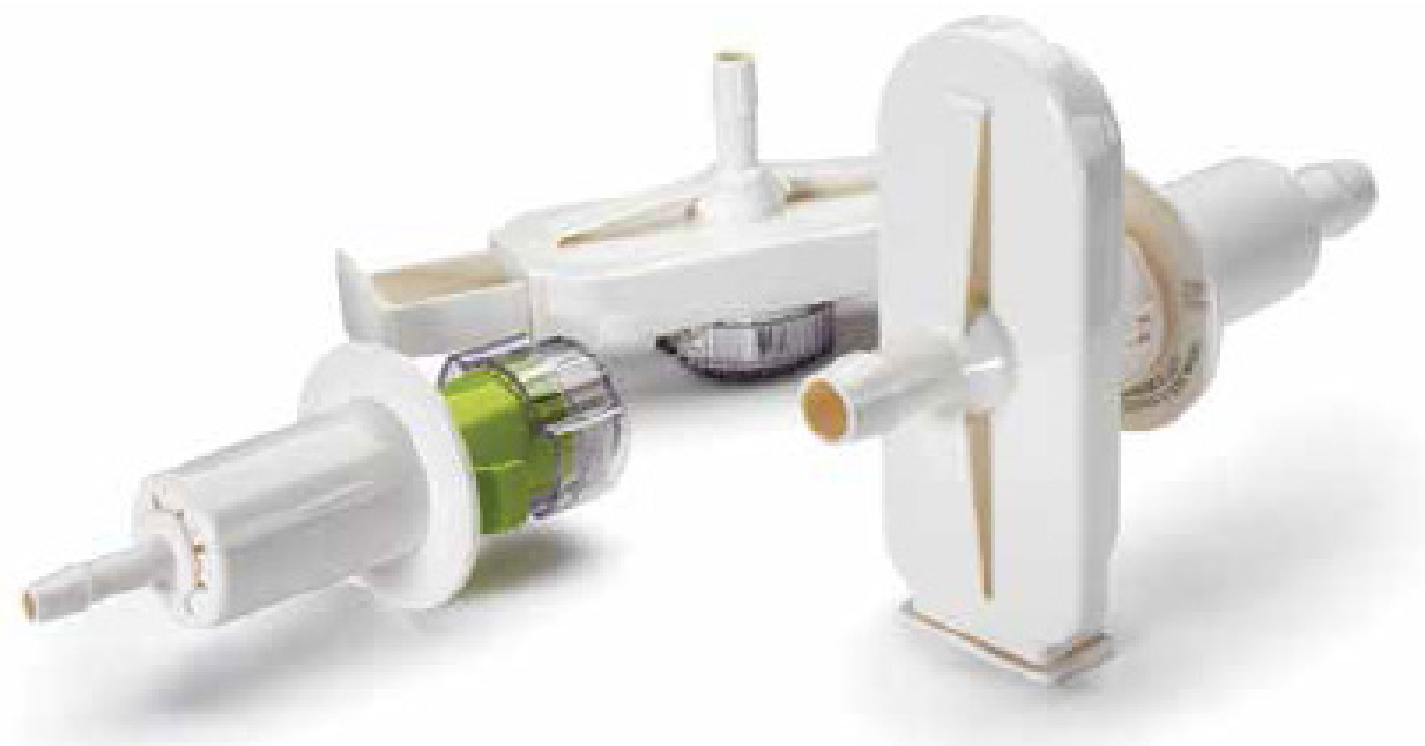
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## Lynx® product family



### Lynx® S2S

Sterile-to-Sterile Connector

A single actuation, disposable device for connecting sterilized disposable flow paths



### Lynx® ST

Steam-To Connector

Designed to connect steamable hard-piped processing systems to sterilized disposable flow paths



### Lynx® CDR

Connect, Disconnect,  
Reconnect

Offers multiple sterile connections, disconnections, and reconnections wet, and under pressure



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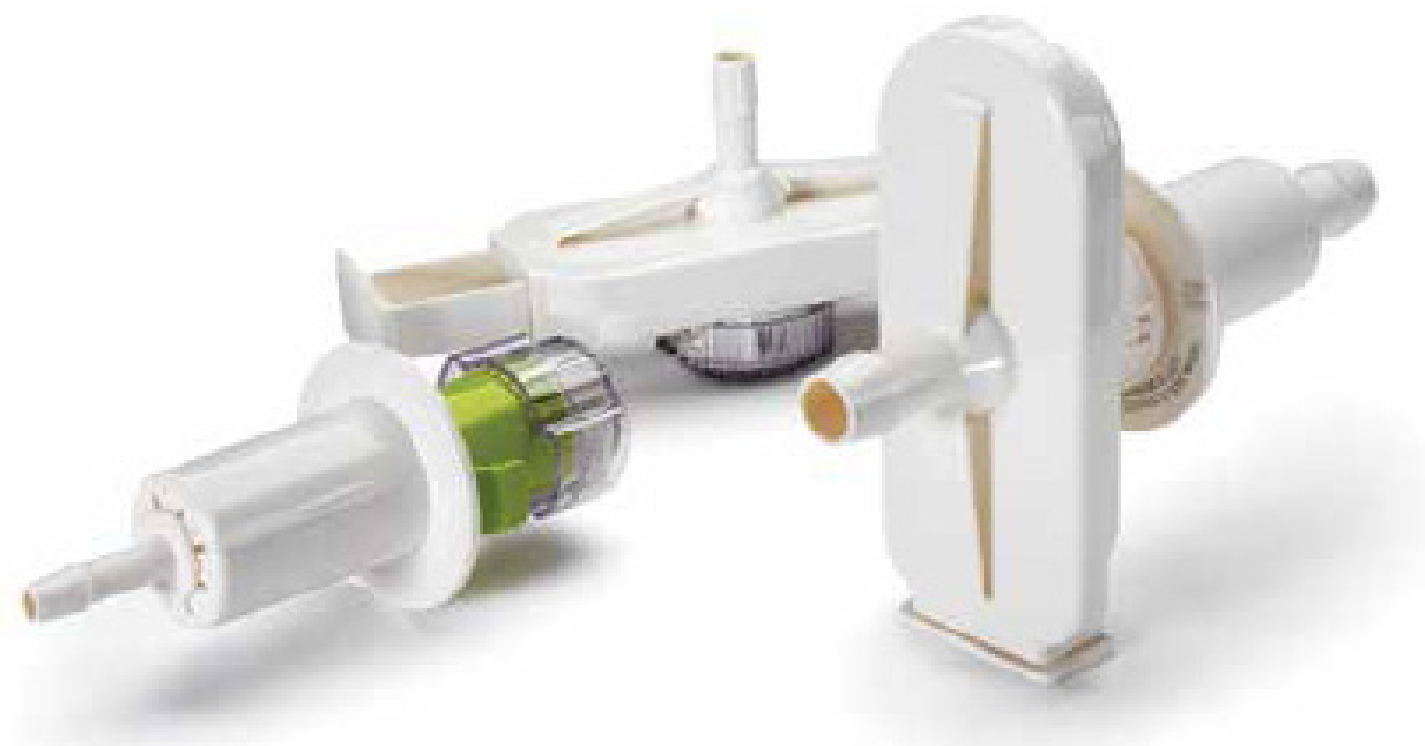
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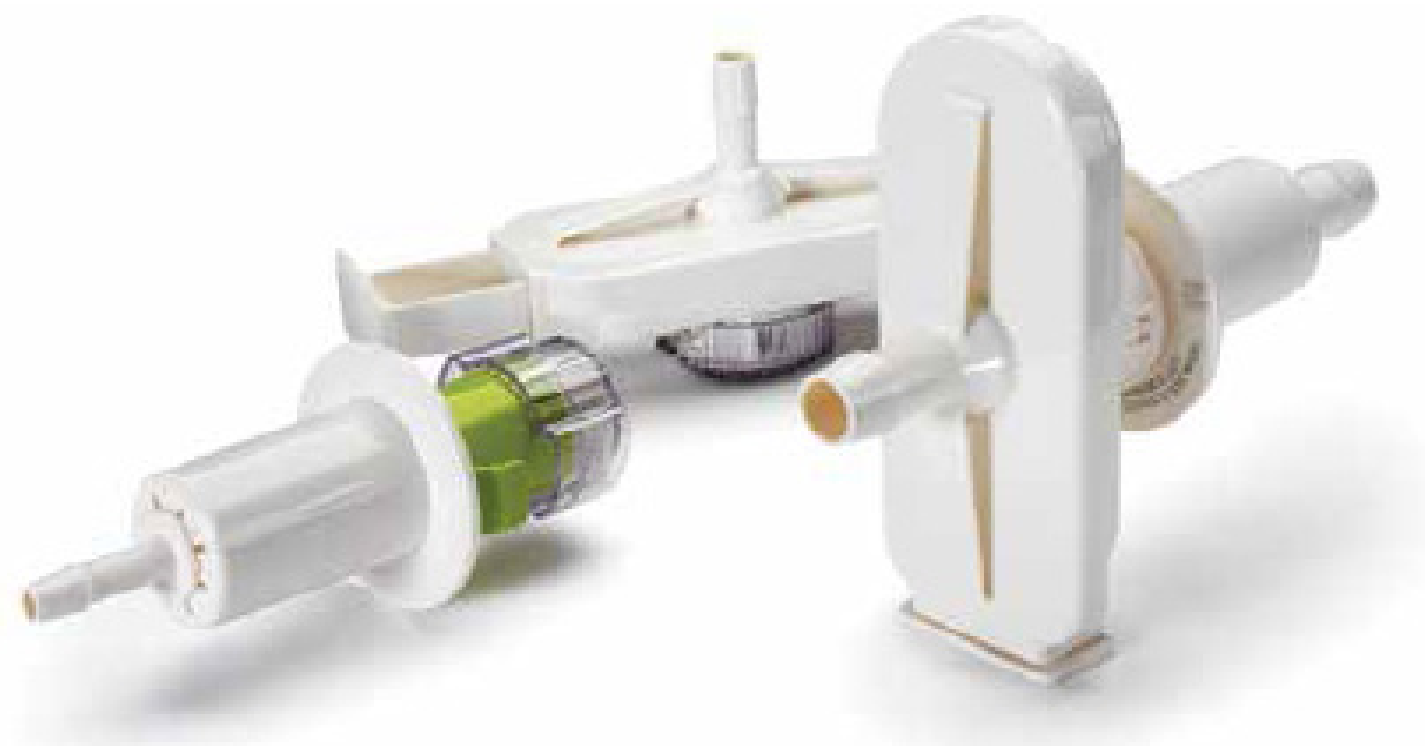
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## Choosing the right **filters** to sterilize your product

Considerations

Filter design

Filtration System  
Setup

Line Flushing  
Integrity Testing

Validation

Process Design

Solution

- Maximizing yield, minimize loss
- Ease of use
- Membrane selection (sterility assurance level, low adsorption, flow rates, capacity, chemical compatibility)
- Maintain sterility of flow path

- Streamlined single-use assembly
- Truly closed systems
- Reliable sterile filtration of small volume and high value solutions ►

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- **Single - Dual - Redundant Filtration** ►
- Line orientation (vertical, sloped, or horizontal)
- **Sterile Filter placement** (inside or outside of the isolator) ►
- PUPSIT implementation (Pre-use-post-sterilization-integrity-test)

- Support in risk evaluation
- Expertise in filtration system design equipment characterization
- Dedicated Mlab Collaboration Center to meet with our experts

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- Maintain a closed system
- Optimum flushing volume (to mitigate E&L risk and adsorption phenomenon)
- Filter integrity test method

- Certification training for operators
- Options to maintain a closed system through **flush bags or barrier filter** ▶
- Single-use system design expertise to simplify PUPSIT implementation

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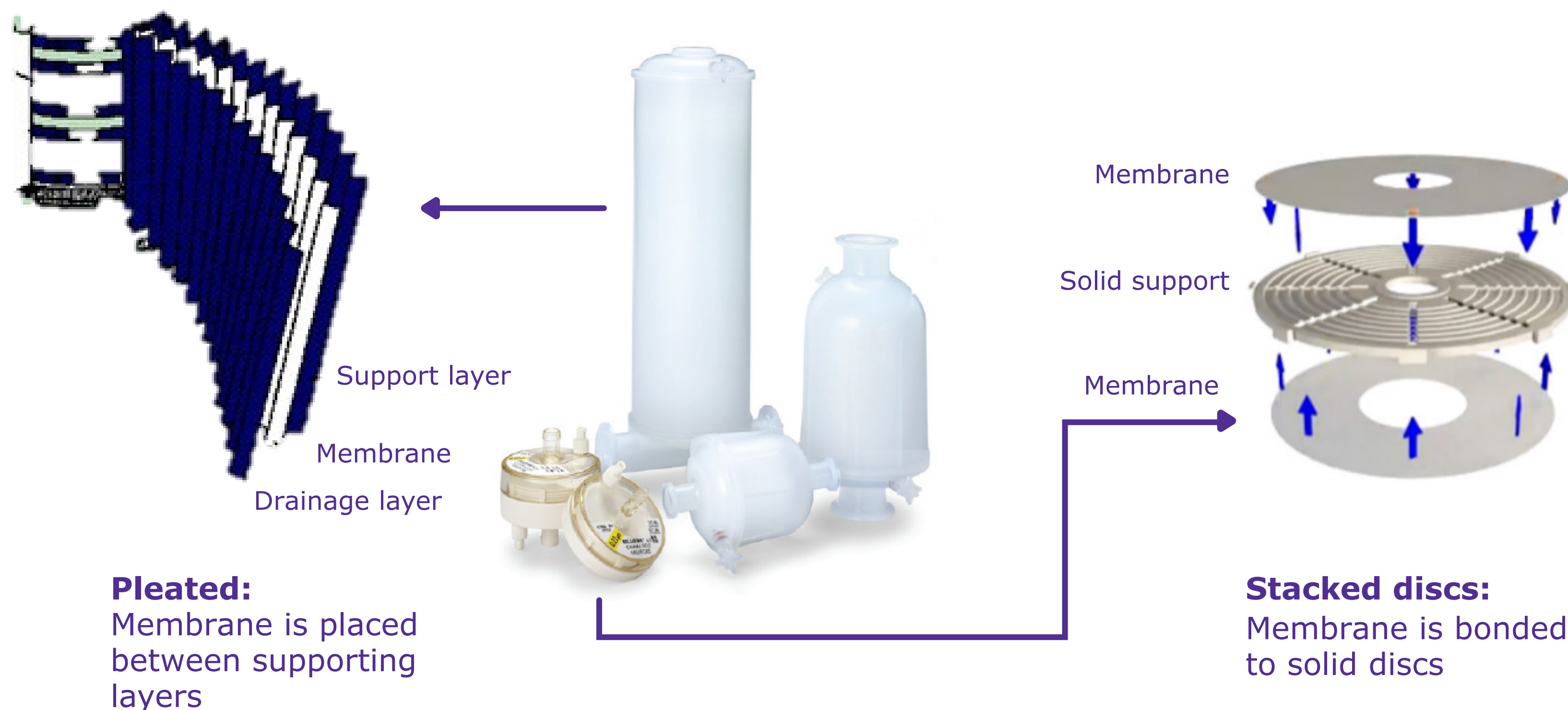
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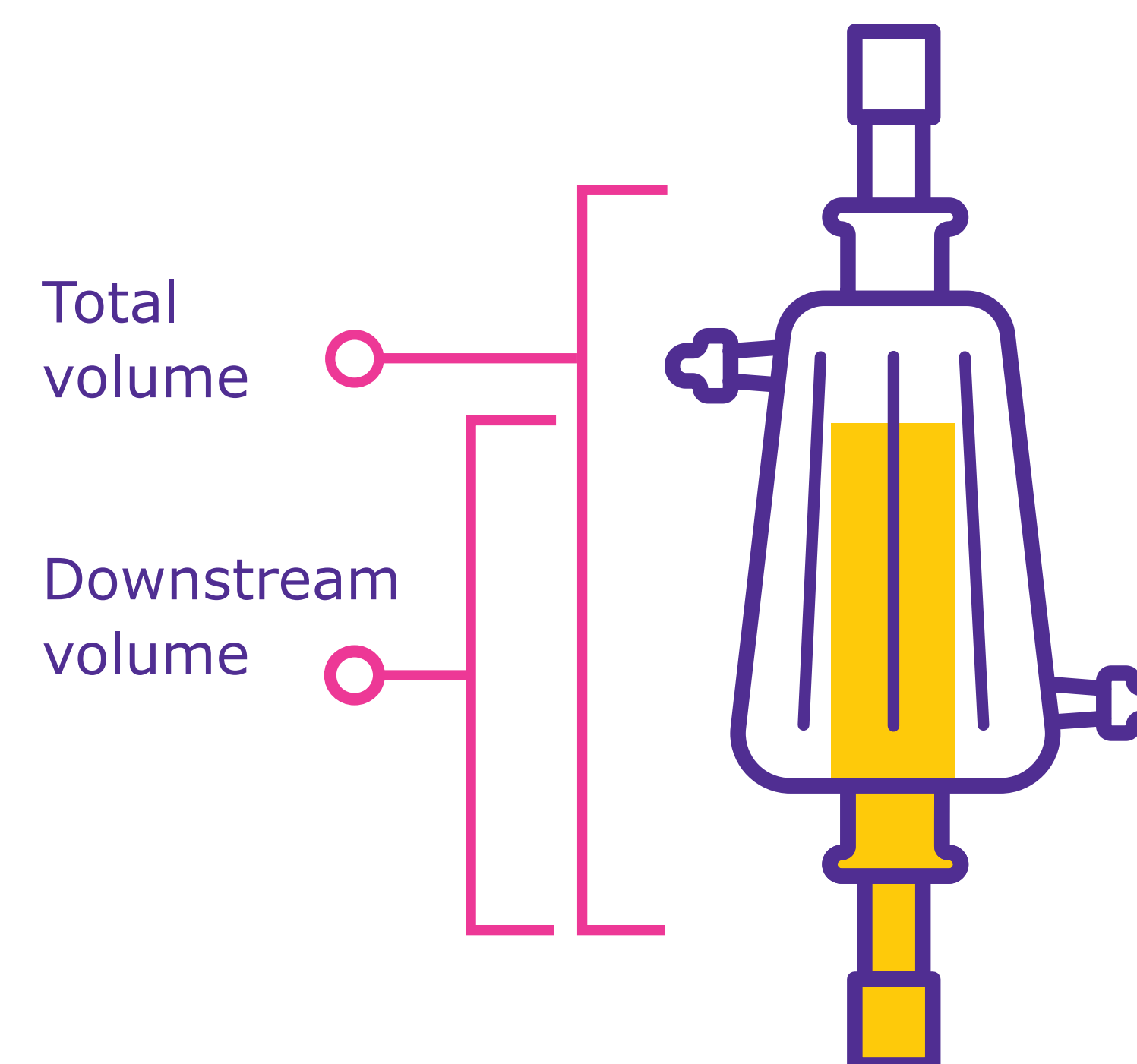
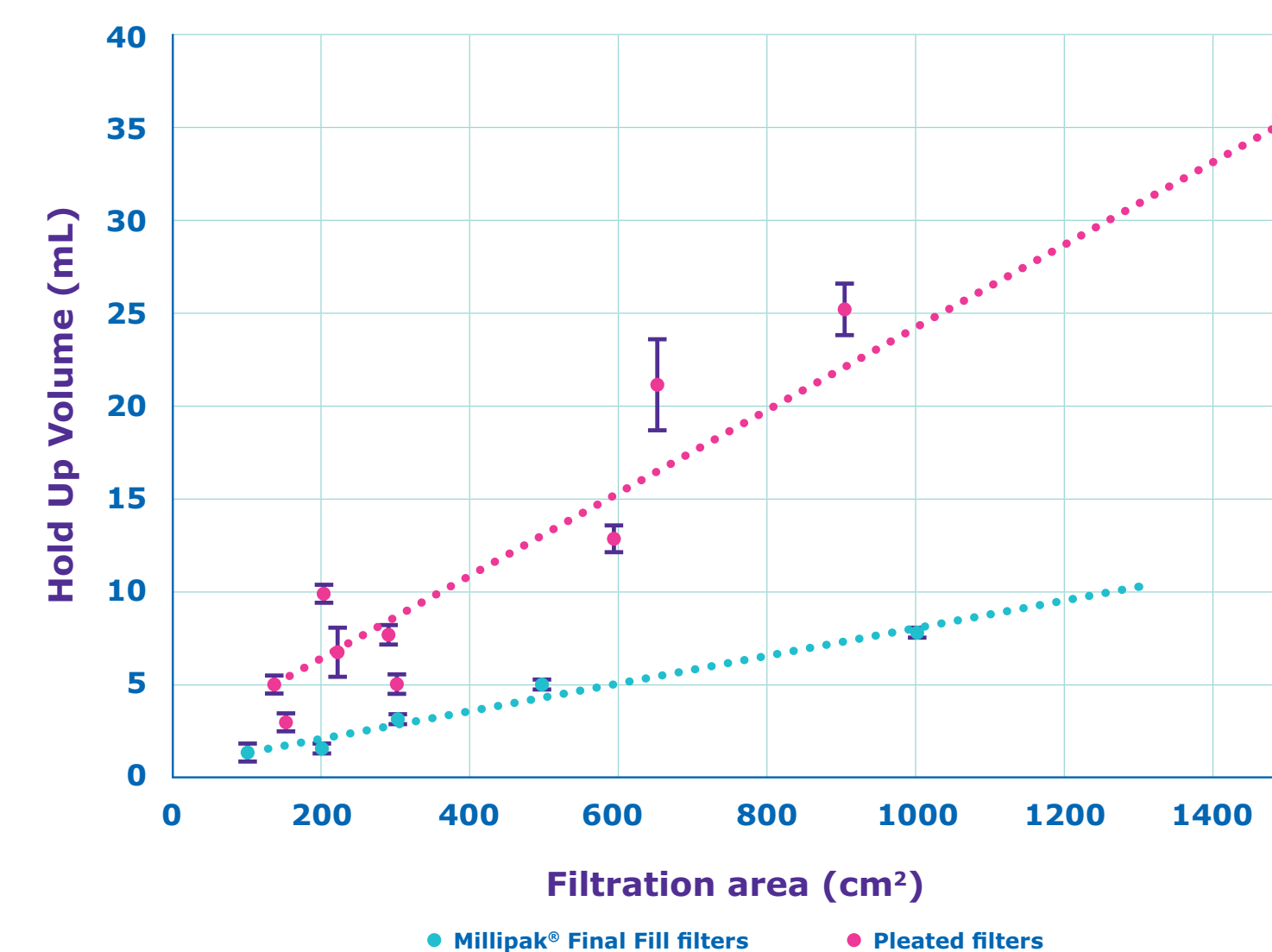
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## Minimize hold-up volume with stacked disc design



Flat disc filters minimize hold-up volume



	Filtration area	Total void volume	Downstream volume	Hold up volume
Millipak® FF 20 filter	100 cm²	38 mL	6.4 mL	1.1 mL
Millipak® FF 200 filter	1,000 cm²	145 mL	38 mL	7.7 mL
Opticap® XL 2 capsule	900 cm²	225 mL	30 mL	15 mL



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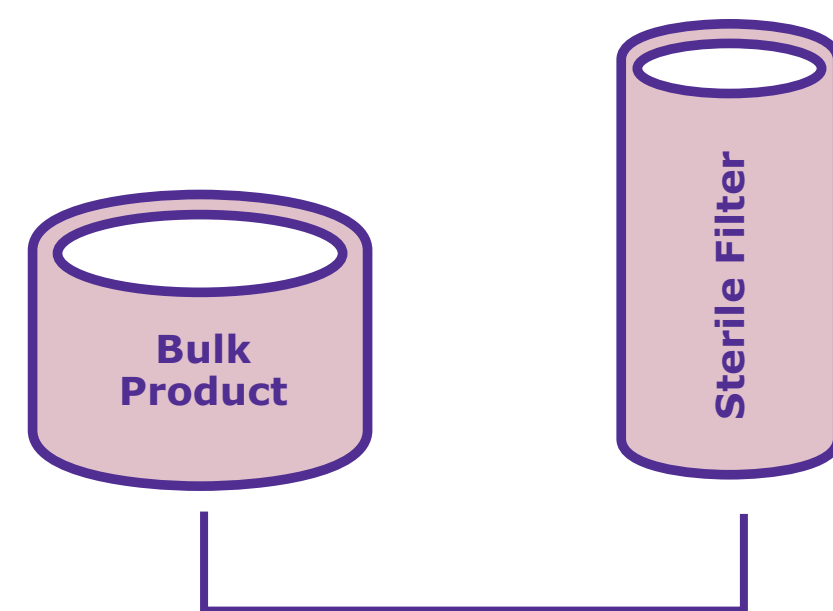
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## Design options



**Filter Configurations**  
**Single Filter**  
Sterile Filtration

Single filter ►

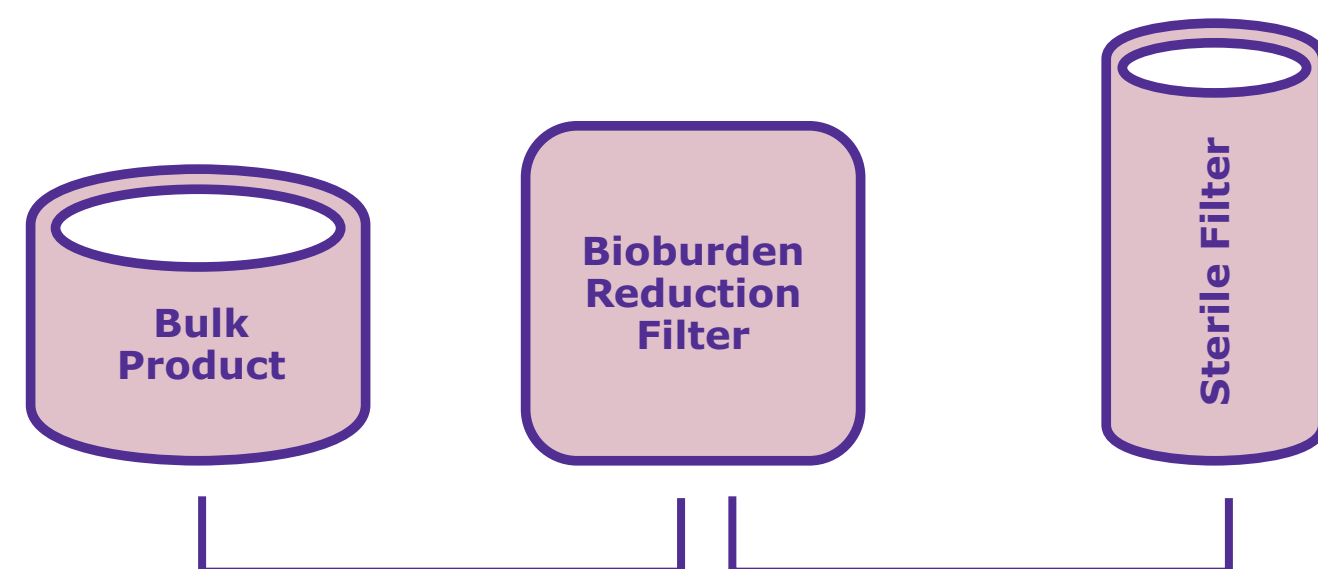
**Sterile Filtration**

### Advantages

- Minimum hold-up volume
- Minimum flushing requirements
- Ease of handling and operation
- Lower filter cost

### Disadvantages

- No back-up in the event of primary filter failure
- Filter plugging



**Dual Filters**  
Bioburden/Sterile  
Filtration

Dual filter ►

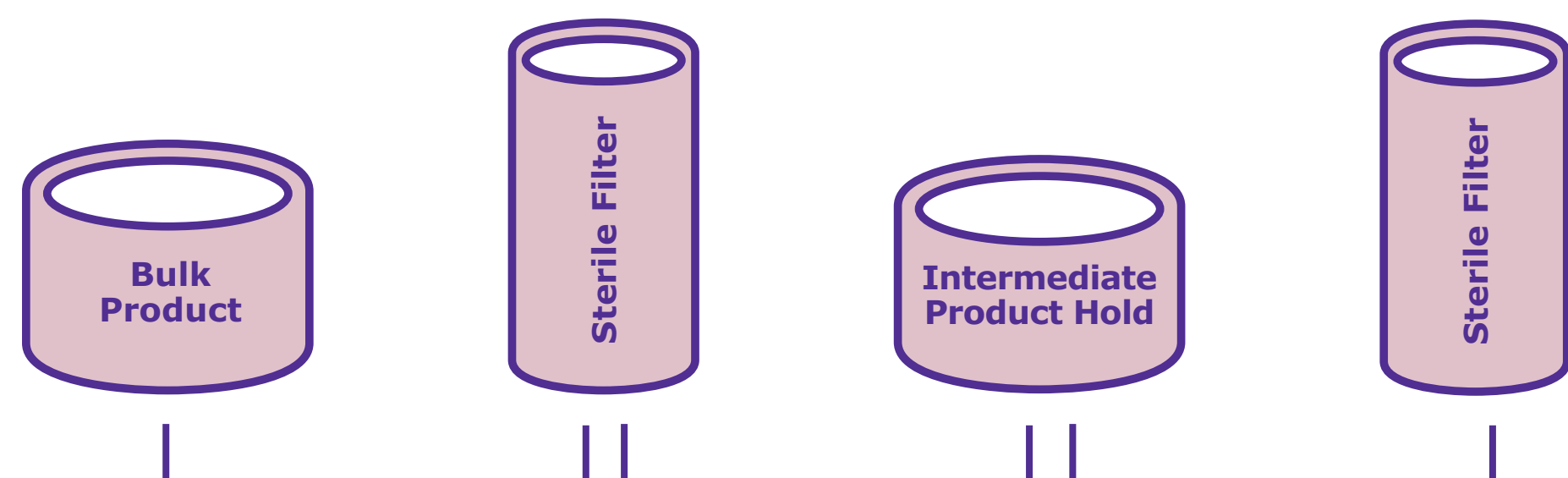
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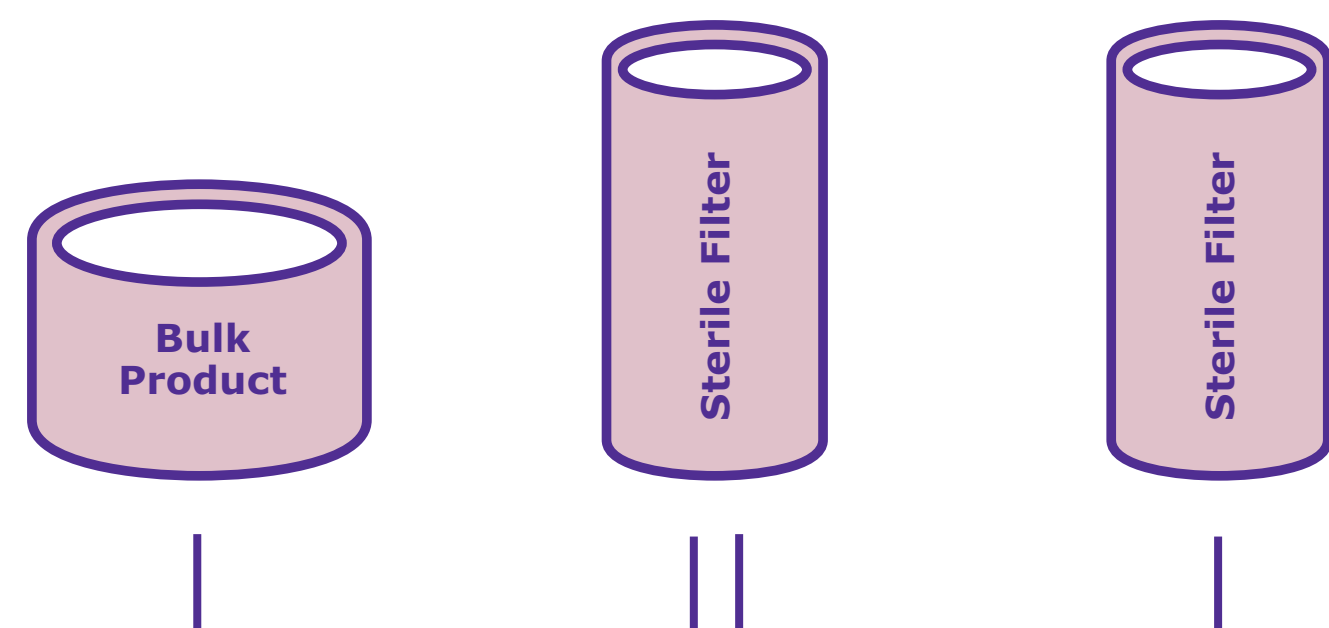
### Disadvantages

- No back-up in the event of primary filter failure
- Higher hold up volume
- Higher cost than single filter
- Higher system complexity than single filter



**Dual Filters**  
Sterile Filtration  
- Hold - Sterile  
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**Sterile – Hold -  
Sterile Filtration**



**Redundant  
Filters**  
Sterile  
Filtration

Redundant ►

**Sterile Filtration**

### Advantages

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- Potential batch recovery if one filter fails IT

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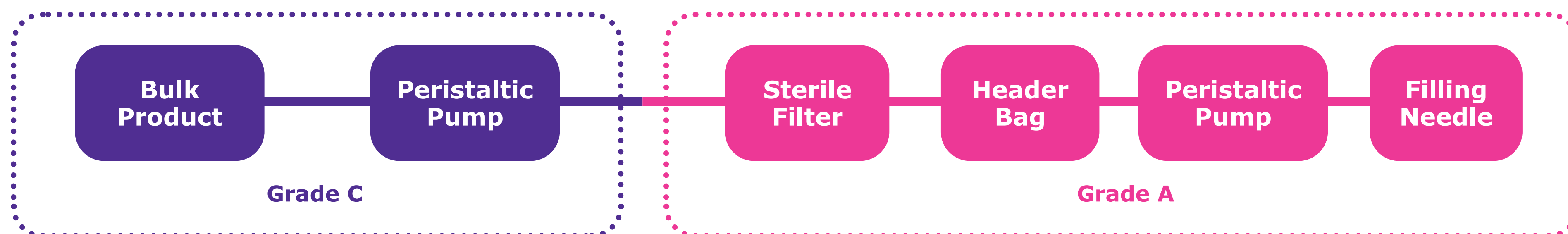
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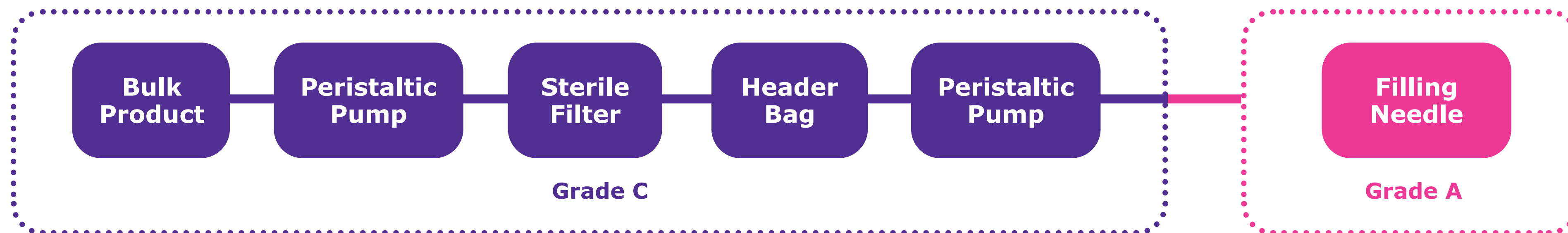
# Sterile filter placement

**Sterile filter placement considerations:** Inside or Outside the Isolator/RABS

## Sterile filter in Grade A/ISO 5/Class 100 space



## Sterile filter in Grade C/ISO 7/Class 10,000 space



### Complete SUS transferred to Grade A

#### Benefits

- Low risk of fluid path contamination with majority of operations (venting, connections, etc.) occurring inside isolator/RABS

#### Considerations

- Sterile environment risk if performing open venting
- Handling challenges
- Large number of components to transfer from Grade C into Grade A
  - Pre-use integrity testing challenge

### Only filling needles transferred to Grade A

#### Benefits

- Majority of operations (instability, flushing, etc.) occur outside isolator/RABS
- Potential to replace filter if integrity test fails

#### Considerations

- More potential points for microbial ingress
- Demonstration of assembly integrity more critical



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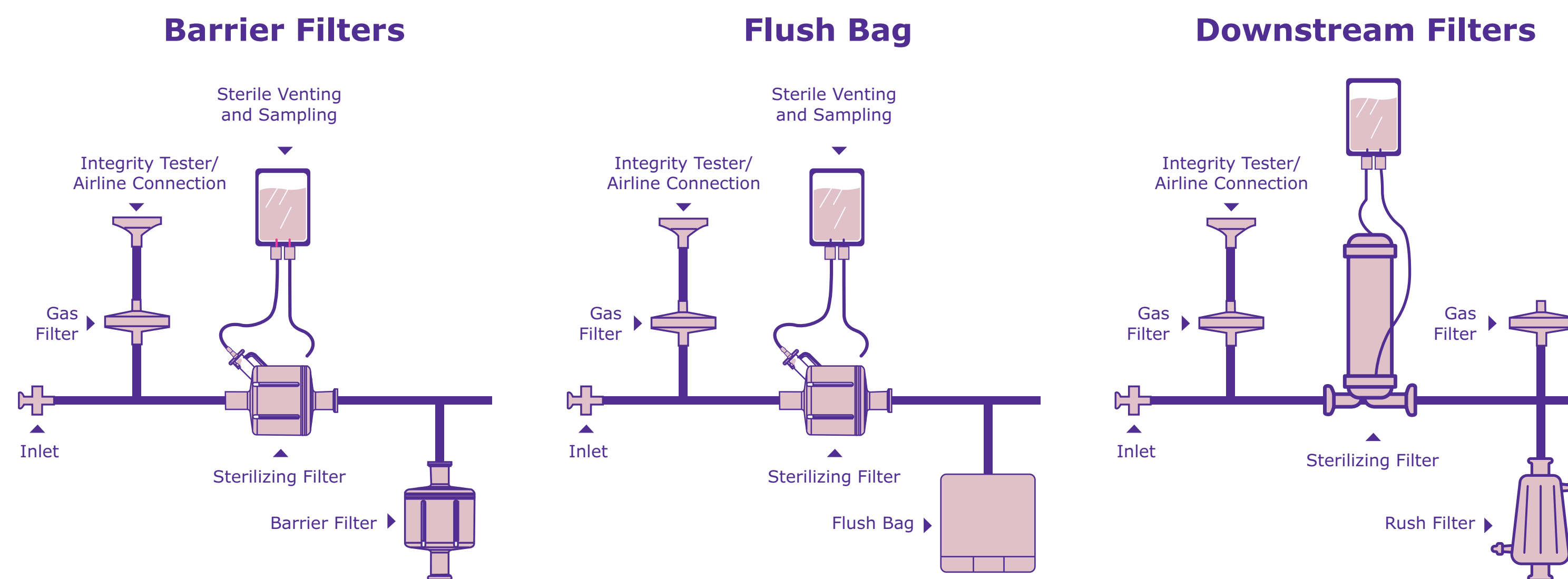
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## Maintaining a closed system

### Details about barrier filter

- Millipak® Barrier filters simplify in-line pre-use, post-sterilization integrity testing (PUPSIT) of single or redundant liquid filtration systems.
- Separate layers of hydrophobic and hydrophilic 0.22 µm Durapore® sterilizing-grade membranes allow the sterile flow of liquid and gas.
- Simplify wetting, flushing and integrity testing of upstream sterile filters in filtration assemblies while removing the constraint of a flush bag or can.



	Barrier Filter	Flush Bag	Downstream Filter
Ability to Retest	Yes	No	Yes
Ability to Dry the Product Filter	Yes	No	Yes
Simple Design	Yes	Yes	No



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## Validation services for filtration

### Extractables

Identify and quantify the extractables which may be extracted out from the filter by employing the Model Solvent Stream Approach and worst case test conditions.

### Bacterial retention validation

Validate the performance of your sterilizing grade filter by simulating your product and process conditions. *B. diminuta* is used as the standard challenge microorganism.

### Bubble point/diffusion determination

Provide a product-specific bubble point/diffusion value.

### Patient safety assessment

Assess the potential impact of the substances that have been detected, identified and quantified on patient safety.



### Leachables

Identify and quantify the leachables which leach out from the filter with the use of your actual product under normal processing conditions.

### Particle shedding

Provide particle shedding data with the drug product and using actual and scale-down customer worse-case filtration conditions.

### Binding study

Show that the filter does not remove unacceptable amounts of stream compounds.

### Compatibility study

Assess the chemical compatibility based on key characteristics and provide evidence that the process fluids and conditions do not adversely impact the structure of the filter device.

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- Stacked disc design
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## Choosing the right **sampling** systems to monitor critical parameters across each step

Considerations

Ease of Use

Facility Needs

Meeting Regulation  
Requirements

Validation

Process Design

Solution

- Flexibility and speed
- Safety of operators
- Secure disconnection of sample

- **Solutions for all process steps** ▶
- Wide range of sampling containers, available pre-sterilized and pre-assembled
- Preconfigured or configure on site
- No operator training needed

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- No need for additional utilities (pressure, steam, ...)
- Option of sampling from Single-Use and Stainless Steel
- Limited investment
- Maintenance & spare parts

- Utilities: only need of crimping tool to disconnect taken sample
- **Sampling from Single-Use and Stainless Steel tank possible ▶**
- No cleaning needs

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- Right specifications
- Representative samples
- Process risk mitigation
- Accelerate speed to market

- Process integrity
- No dead leg, flush, or sample dilution
- Closed and validated sampling system
- Sampling actuation evidence and control ►

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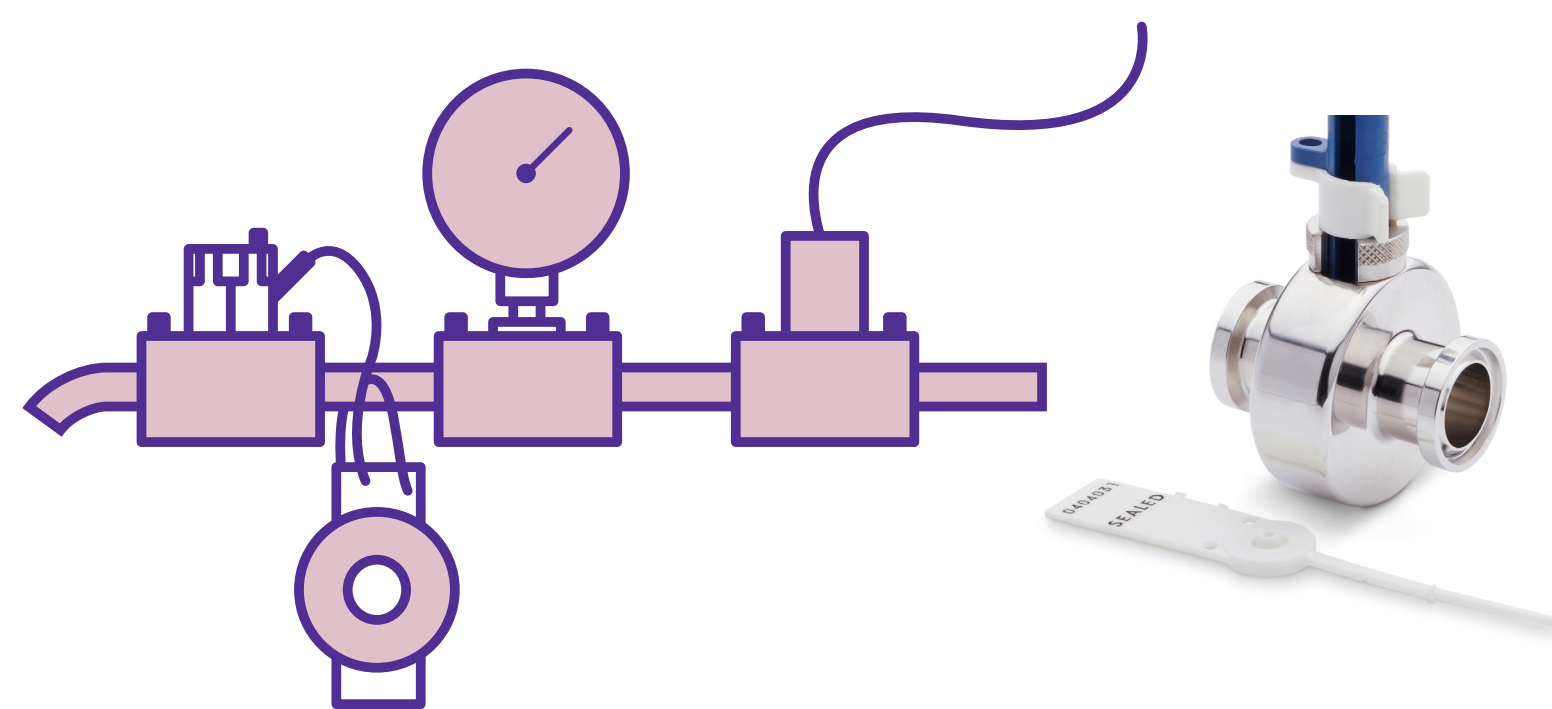
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# Process step options for sampling before sterilizing filtration

## Connector for Stainless Steel tank



### In-line connectors

- Ideal to collect numerous samples between equipment
- Yields a representative sample from your process stream

## Sampling containers

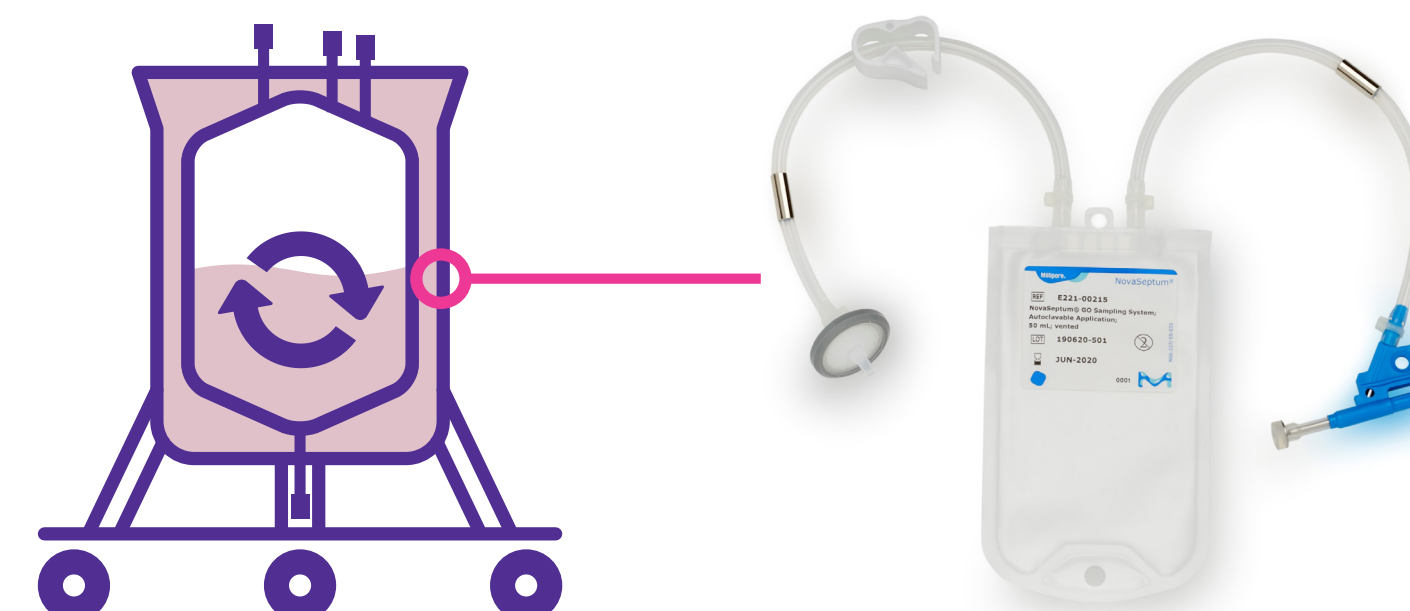


### Bottles

- Bio-neutral plastic bottles ideal for all tests
- Offered in multiple sizes

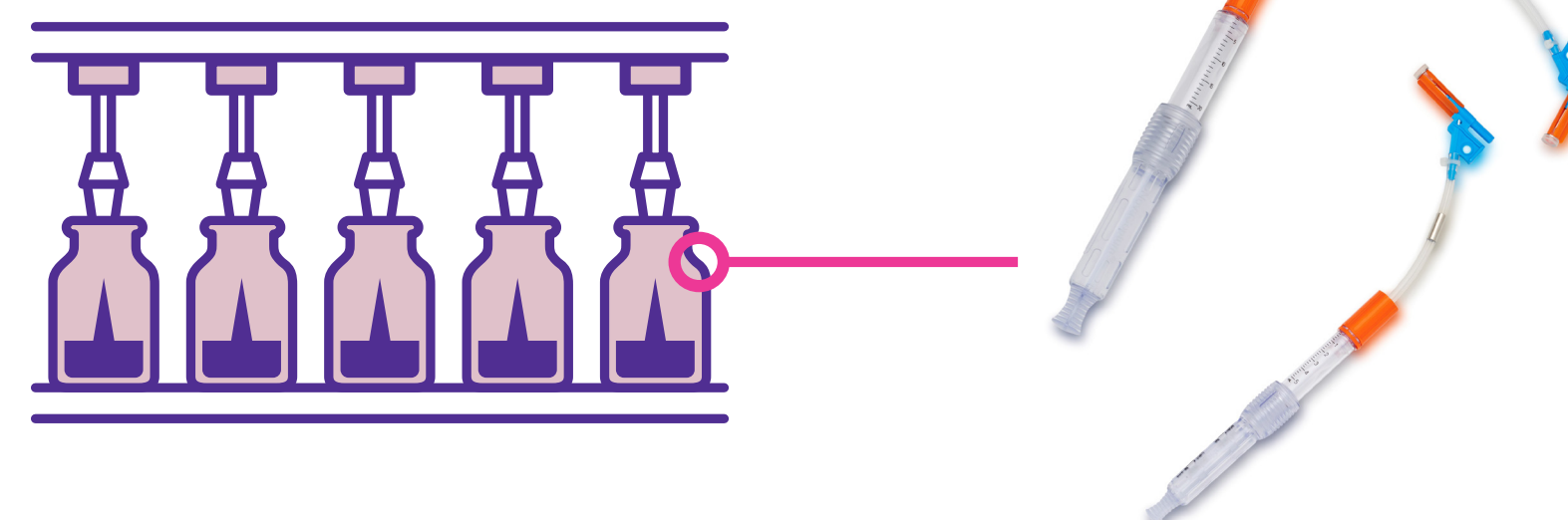
### Without Connector

- Directly at the filtration assembly
- Directly at the Final Fill Filter



### Autoclave containers

- Bags and syringes ideal for small portable tanks that are fully autoclaved
- Vented to withstand the most aggressive autoclave cycles



### Sterile syringes

- Contamination free with patented design
- Ideal to save and store high value product



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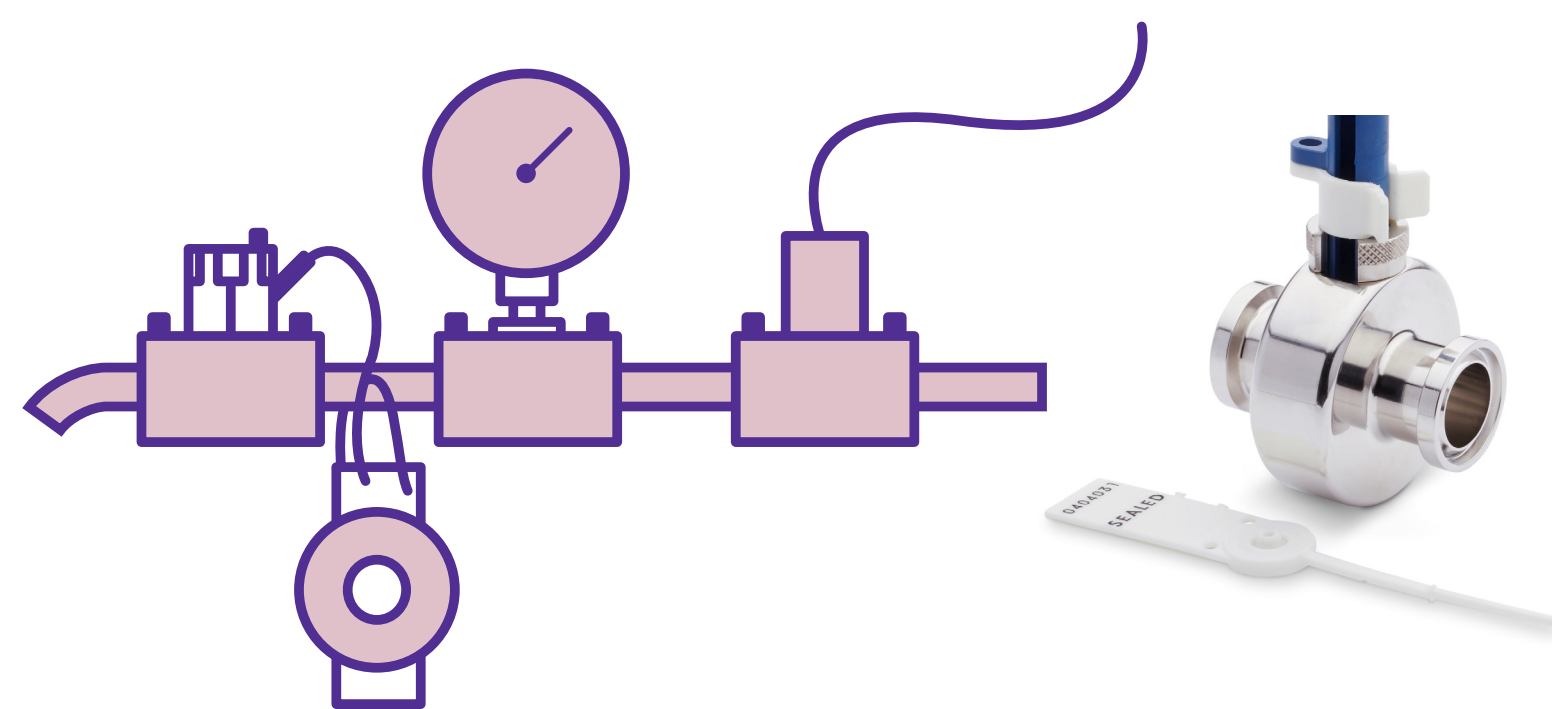
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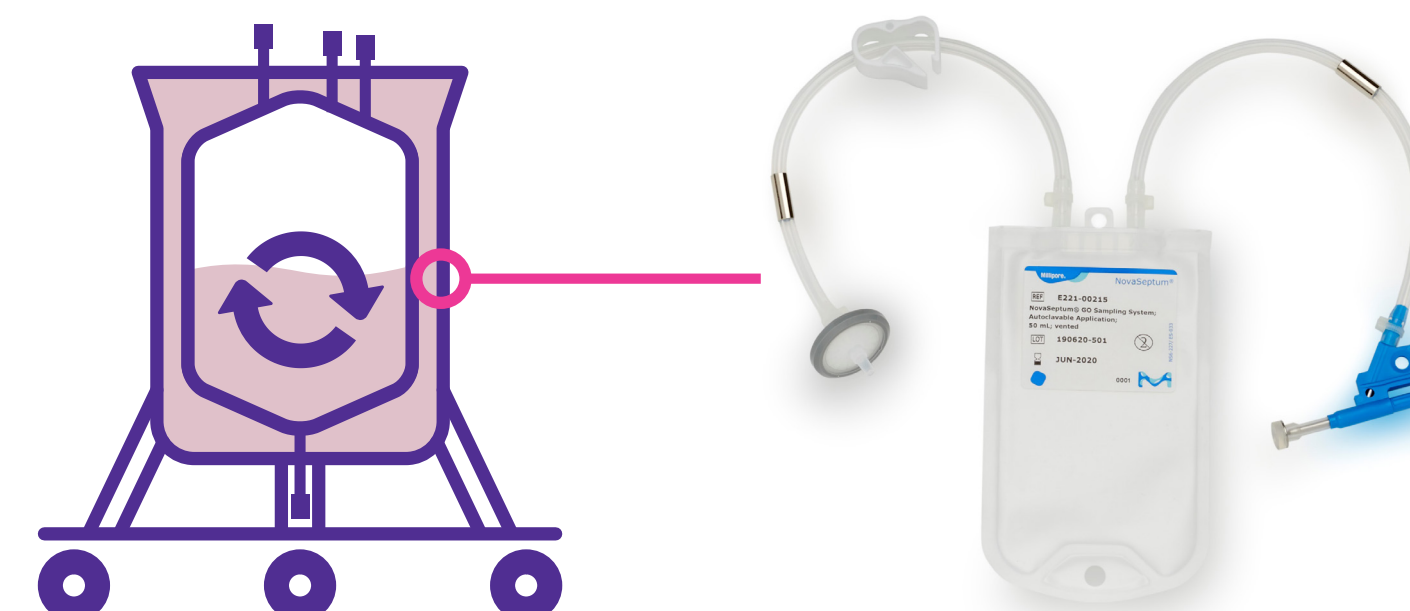


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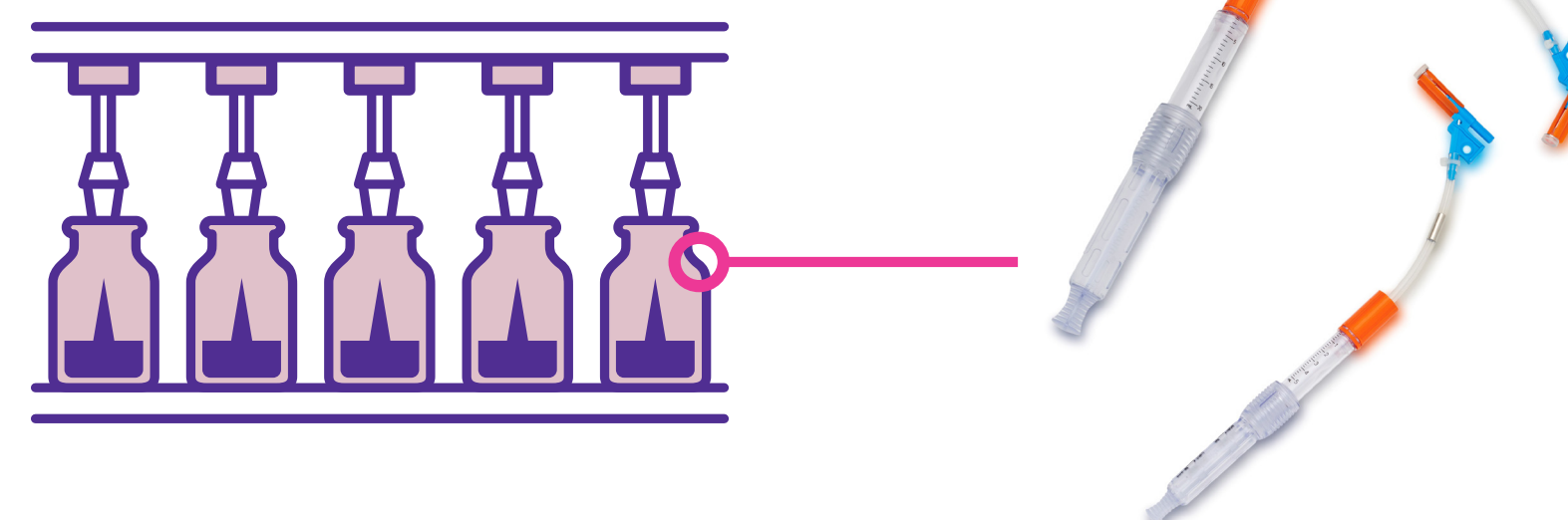
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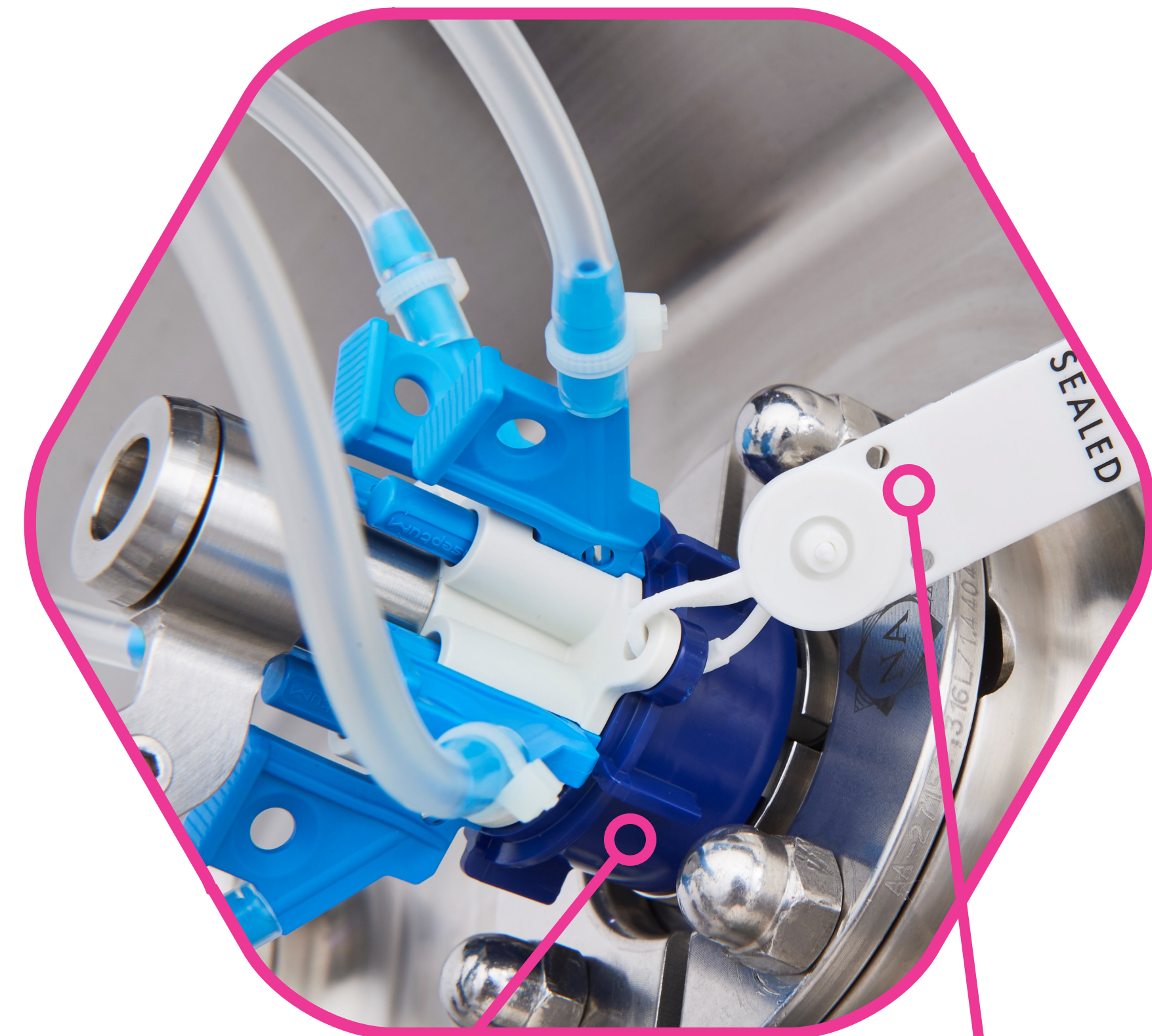
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## Maximum security and reliability

- Eliminating high heat/pressure and glass bottle safety risks
- No steam condensate to dilute sample, avoid requirement for flushing
- “Neutral” containers for accurate testing and storage
- Simple procedure eliminates complexity of training, reducing risk of operator bias
- Eliminating time of steam sterilization and cooling between samples



The safety ring prevents accidental actuation during processing

System locking tag, to demonstrate that no actuation occurred prior to use



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## Validation services for sampling system

### Chemical compatibility

Assess the chemical compatibility based on key characteristics, after prolonged exposure with the drug product. Provide evidence that the process fluids and conditions do not adversely impact the structure of the Sampling System

### Functionality test

Verify that the Sampling element is within the qualified acceptance criteria after product contact & process conditions simulation.

### Non permeation test for bag

Demonstrate the bag is not permeable to disinfectant/decontamination agent

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## NovaSeptum® GO sterile sampling system

### Multi-Use holders

- A fast and easy connecting of the sampling solution to the manufacturing process.
- Available in various designs



In-line



Custom



The NovaSeptum® GO high purity bag single and multi-sampling systems are available from 50 to 1000 mL.



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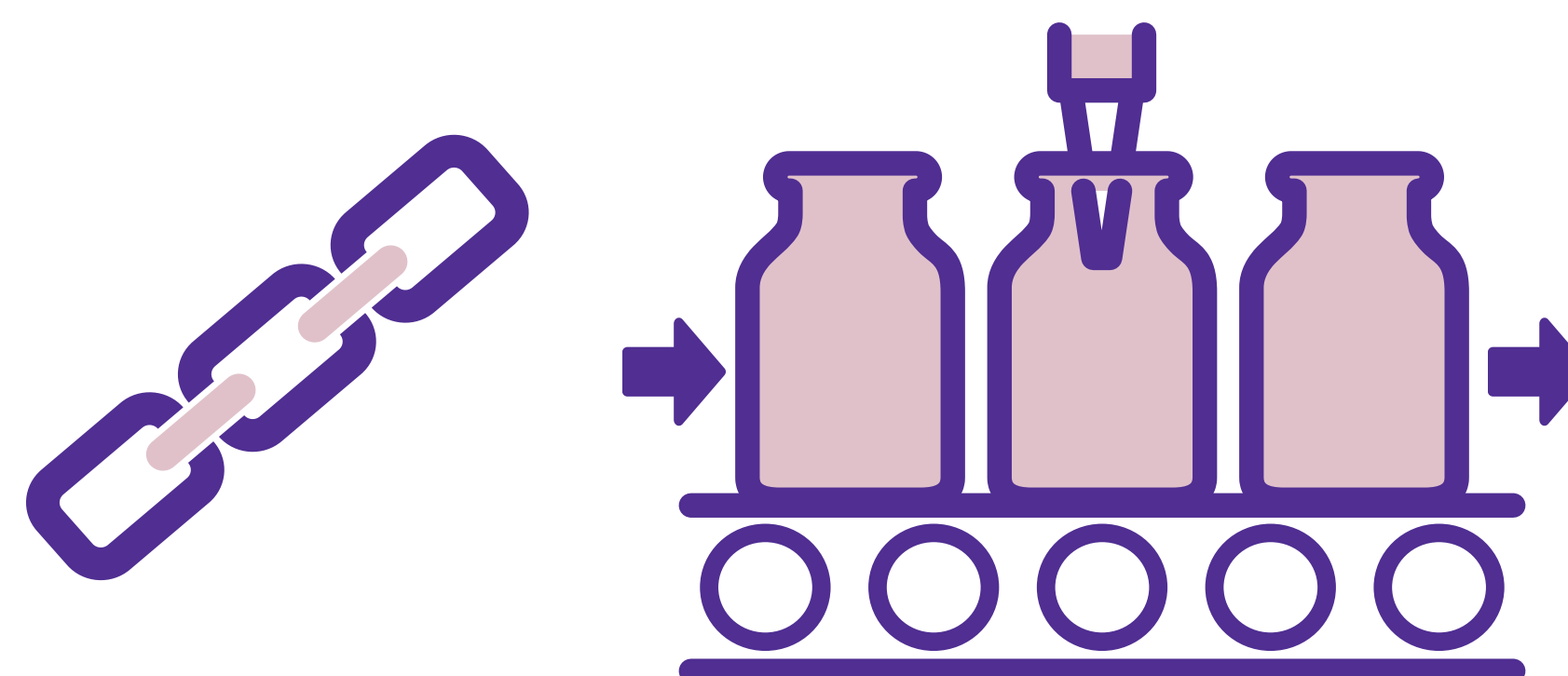


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# Key steps for filling

## Sterile connection ▶

- Robust design delivers consistent, reliable performance
- Completely closed flow path 100% air-integrity tested in manufacturing



## Final fill assemblies ▶

- Extensive library of prequalified components providing flexibility for customized assembly design
- Easy integration with different filling machines
- Extensive technical support in design, risk assessment and testing services

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## Choosing the right **sterile connectors** to maintain an aseptic fluid path

Considerations

Handling

Sterility Assurance

Application

Validation

Process Design

Solution

Quick and easy connectivity to avoid  
operator mistakes

Robust design delivers consistent, reliable  
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- Completely closed flow path
- Sterile connection could be made in both non-classified and classified area
- Eliminate contamination risk associated with aseptic connections

- 100% air-integrity tested in manufacturing ▶
- Aerosolized microbial challenge test – worst case simulation for validation ▶

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- Sterile fluid transfer
- Connect sterilized fluid paths, integrate steamable hard-piped process equipment with disposable sterile fluid paths
- Single and multiple actuations

- Sterile to sterile connection
- Steamable hard-piped connection to disposable flow path
- Multiple connections/disconnections

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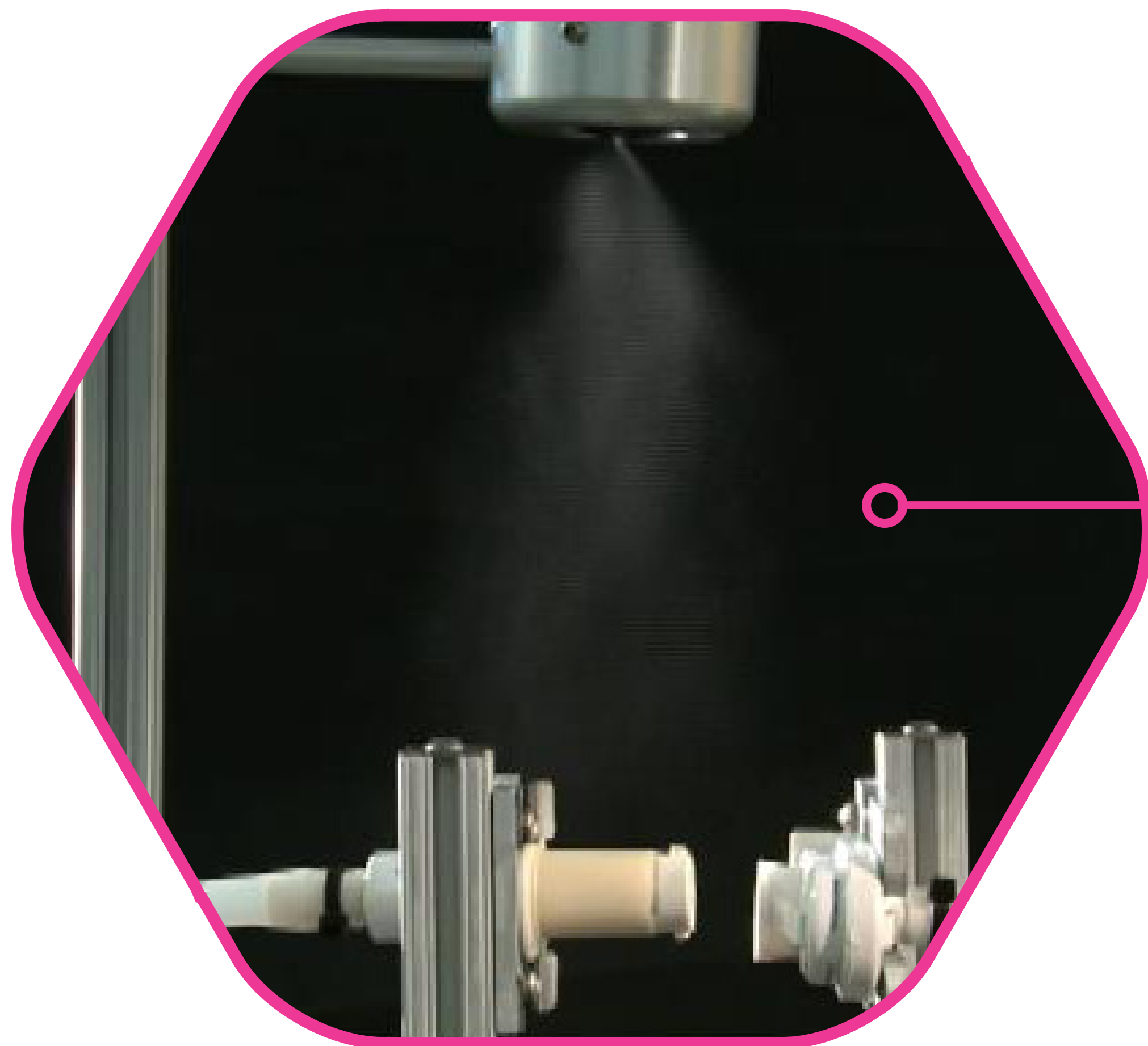
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*Brevundimonas diminuta*,  $>4 \times 10^6$  cfu per connector set

### Sterility assurance during actuation

Two tests were conducted to challenge the ability of Lynx® S2S connectors to prevent ingress of microorganisms in a non-classified area.

Tests were performed to confirm that the Lynx® S2S connectors showed no ingress of the challenge organism, *B. diminuta*.

#### Bacterial aerosol

The connector was connected and actuated in the presence of a bacterial aerosol at a minimum concentration of  $1 \times 10^6$  cfu/connector.

#### Direct bacterial soiling

*B. diminuta* was applied to the mating surfaces of the male and female Lynx® S2S connector lumen plugs, followed after a setting time, by connection and actuation.

All Lynx® S2S connectors met the acceptance criteria for the Bacterial Aerosol Test and the Direct Bacterial Soiling test, assuring a sterile connection can be made in non-classified areas.



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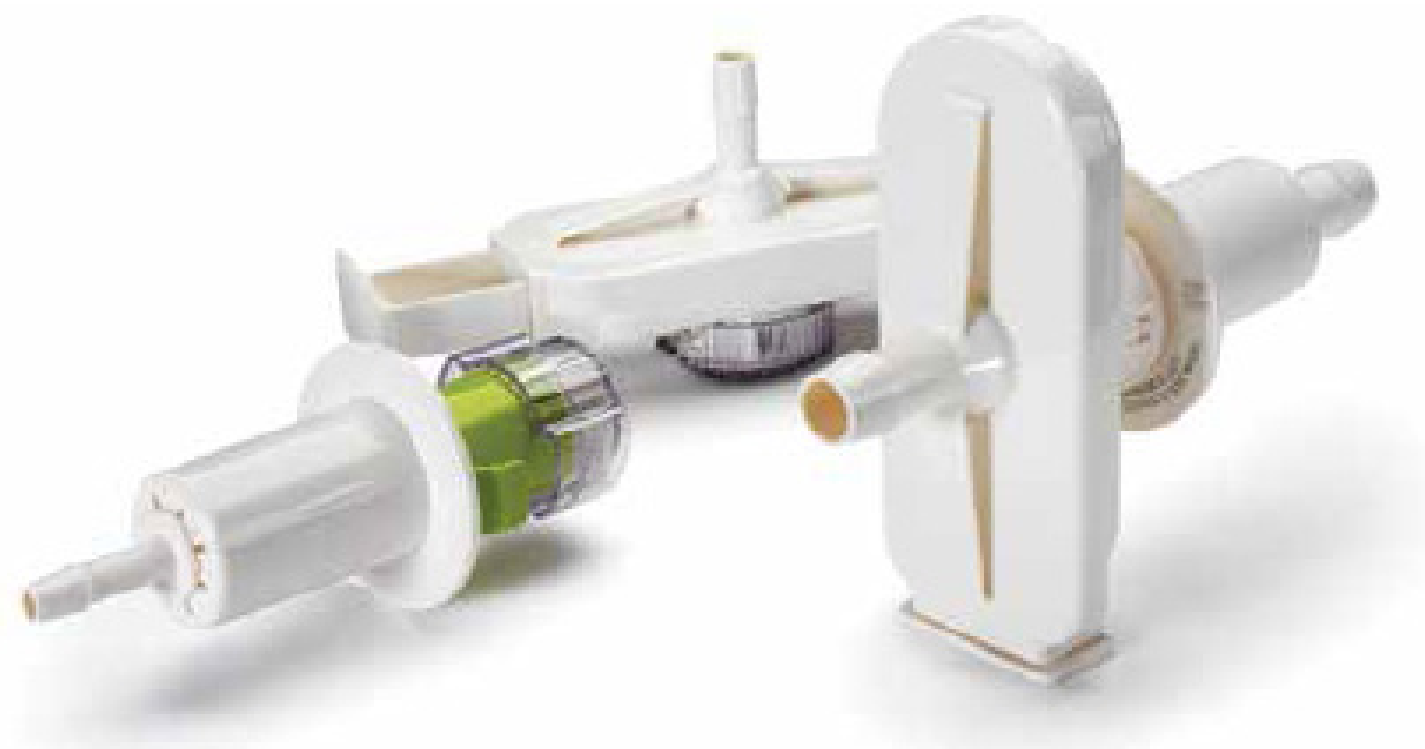
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## Lynx® product family



### Lynx® S2S

Sterile to Sterile Connector

A single actuation, disposable device for connecting sterilized disposable flow paths



### Lynx® ST

Steam-To Connector

Designed to connect steamable hard-piped processing systems to sterilized disposable flow paths



### Lynx® CDR

Connect, Disconnect, Reconnect

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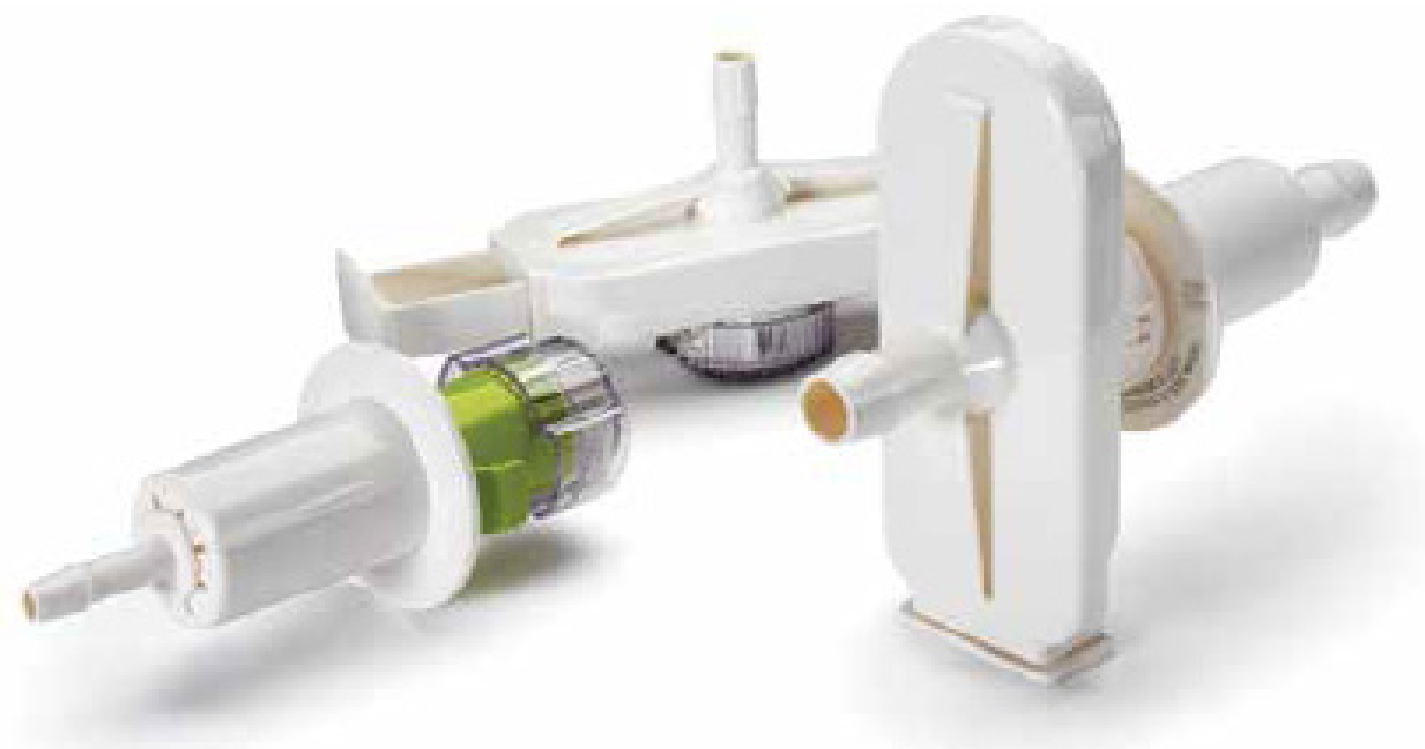
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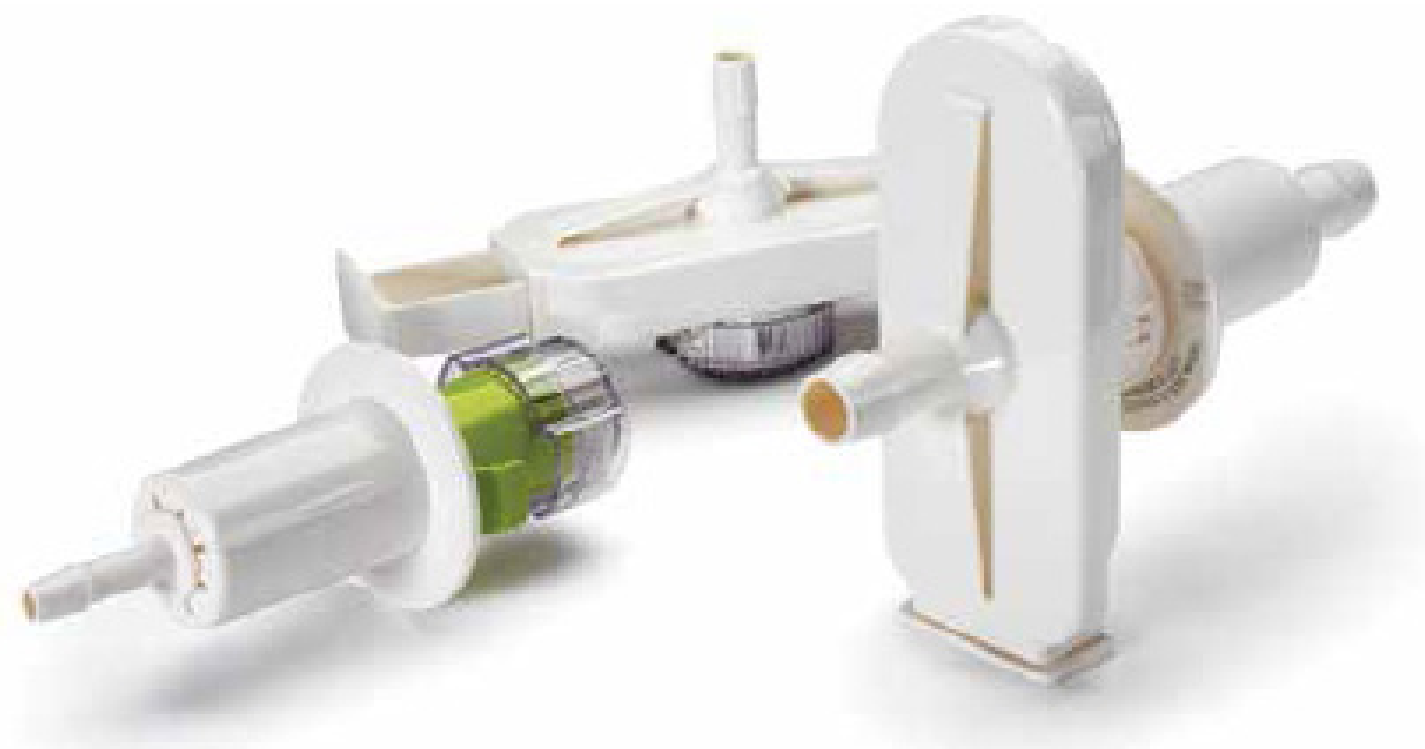
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## Filling assemblies are designed to fit for purpose

Considerations

Customization

Risk Mitigation

Quality

Validation

Enhanced  
Economics

Process Design

Solution

- Full single-use system
- Integrating into various filling machines
- Integrating with isolator / RABS (restricted access barrier system) filling machines

- Extensive single-use component-library
- Pre-qualified components
- Flexibility for customized assembly design
- Expertise to collaborate with machine vendors, to design, integrate and validate single-use assemblies for your filling process

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**Process Design**

- Components placement (pump tubing, header bag, filter) inside/outside of isolator
- Operator's handling and installation challenges

**Solution**

- Expertise to refine system design
- Designed and packaged for ease-of-use
- On-site support during machine qualification steps

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- No particle risks
- Sterility assurance
- Integrity Testing

- Fully sterile assemblies, manufactured in dedicated clean room areas
- Various material and release testing and claims ►

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**Process Design**

- Increase efficiency and minimize downtime
- **Cost effectiveness** ▶
- Reduce cleaning time

**Solution**

Partnership from initial specification to optimization to validation of your single-use system



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## Material and release testing claims

### Criteria:

Gamma compatibility >40kGy

Functional testing

Regulatory statements (Animal Origin, Latex, BPA, etc.)

USP <88> Class VI

USP <85> Endotoxin

USP <788> Particulates

USP <661> Physiochemical

Shelf life > 2 years

Sterility per ANSI/AAMI/ISO 11737

Bacteriostasis/Fungistasis

Bioburden

### Mobius® assembly leak testing

- Gold certified assemblies are 100% tested
- Testing performed using pressure decay method

### Packaging and transport validation

Mobius® packaging protects assemblies from the rigors of typical shipping conditions. Representative Mobius® Final Fill assemblies have been proven to be integral after being subjected to a packaging validation per the International Safe Transit Association (ISTA) 2A Procedure.



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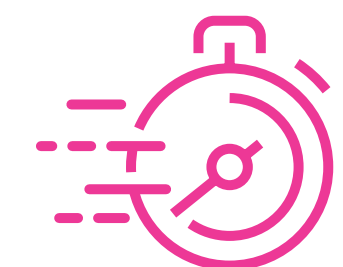
## Efficient and cost effective

### Customer case study:

A filling campaign setup, installation and production time was reduced from 36 to 12 hours by using a Mobius® single-use final fill solution versus a traditional stainless steel system.

#### Features and Benefits:

- Reduced upfront capital investment
- Reduced risk of cross contamination and enhanced operator safety
- Flexibility and increased filling productivity
- Advanced single-use filtration technologies to maximize yields



	Traditional	SU Solution
Clean and Set-up	14 Hours	<1 Hour
Cleaning Validation	Extensive	Zero
Filling Time	24 hours	10 Hours
Average Vials per Hour	3,000	10,000
Aseptic Connections	50	0
Operator Training	2 Weeks	2 Days
Equipment Utilization	35%	82%
CAMPAIGN FILL TIME	36 Hours	12 Hours



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## Assembly product page

### Example of a final fill assembly:

In close collaboration, discussion and review with our technical experts, final fill assemblies are full custom designed, depending on your filling machine design and process needs.

#### Examples of customization are:

- Header bag design and size
- Tubing lengths and materials
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## Your fast track through **regulatory** challenges

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High-quality products, comprehensive documentation, and superior customer support facilitate your efforts in qualification, risk assessment, and process optimization.

Confidently speed your way through the regulatory maze and fast track your new drug to market.

### Emprove® Dossiers for Chemicals ▶

**Emprove® Dossiers for Chemicals** provide three levels of Information Supporting Quality Risk Assessment and Regulatory Requirements

### Emprove® Chemicals Portfolio: Starting and Raw Materials ▶

#### Simplifying the selection process

Our Emprove® Chemicals portfolio contains over 400 raw materials. To address different levels of risk, and to simplify and streamline the selection process, the Portfolio is divided into four categories: Emprove® Evolve, Emprove® Essential, Emprove® Expert, Emprove® API

### Emprove® Dossiers for Filtration and Single-Use ▶

**Emprove® Dossiers for Filters** are grouped according to product families with the same materials of construction, production processes, and packaging components.

**Emprove® Dossiers for Single-Use Components** are available beginning with the most commonly used components in the process. Assembly level information can be developed from the individual dossiers available for components forming the part of the single use assemblies.



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Emprove® Material  
Qualification Dossier

### Material Qualification Dossier

Supports raw material qualification and speeds up drug filing preparation.

In line with CTD chapter 3 quality (adapted for excipients)

- General information
- Manufacturer
- Characterization
- Control of drug substance
- Reference standard
- Materials
- Container closure system
- Stability summary



Emprove® Quality  
Management Dossier

### Quality Management Dossier

Answers questions during quality risk assessment according to ICH Q9 and EU 2015/C95/02.

- Supply chain information
- Product quality self-assessment
- Audit report summary
- Stability data\*\*

*\*\*Available for Emprove® Evolve™, Emprove® Essential and Emprove® Expert products only*



Emprove® Operational  
Excellence Dossier

### Operational Excellence Dossier

Supports process optimization and safety risk assessment activities.

- Elemental impurities information
- Product quality report
- Analytical procedure
- Technically Unavoidable Particle Profile (if applicable)

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## Emprove® Dossiers for filtration and single-use



### Material Qualification Dossier

Supports product qualification and speeds up regulatory filing preparation. Includes content on the manufacturing process, product specifications and various qualification criteria (product validation data), regulatory statements, and more.

- General information
- Manufacturing flow chart
- Product validation and qualification
- Specifications (design and release criteria)
- Materials of construction
- Extractables summary\*\*
- Regulatory statements (Animal origin, e.g. Animal Origin, BPA etc.)



### Quality Management Dossier

Answers questions during quality risk assessment. Provides valuable information on how quality variability attributes are controlled.

- Quality Self-assessments
- Chain of custody
- Supplier and CMO management
- Shelf life testing and results
- Packaging and Sterilization Validation



### Operational Excellence Dossier

Support process optimization and safety risk assessment with detailed extractables profile (BPOG extractables protocol and USP <665> draft chapters and information on elemental impurities (ICH Q3D)).

- Extractables Report\*\*
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Starting and Raw Materials

## Emprove® Evolve

For early stage or (bio-)pharmaceutical manufacturing

Fills the gap between lab-grade and GMP compliant raw and starting materials. This product line provides detailed and transparent supply chain information and documentation to support risk assessments for critical raw materials used in manufacturing processes.

## Emprove® Essential

Moderate Risk Applications

Designed for moderate risk applications, Emprove® Essential products offer compliance to IPEC PQG GMP Guide and/or EXiPACT™ Certification Standard, supply chain transparency and regulatory support designed to assist drug manufacturers' formalized risk assessments. They are produced according to controlled manufacturing processes. Critical parameters such as elemental impurities and residual solvents are characterized by using validated analytical techniques.

## Emprove® Expert

High Risk Applications

Addresses higher risk applications where the lowest microbiological and endotoxin levels are of utmost importance. Along with the risk management features of Emprove® Essential, the Emprove® Expert line goes even further: The cGMP manufacturing processes are designed to yield products with specified low microbiological and endotoxin levels, thus supporting the overall risk mitigation strategy.

## Emprove® API

Support Final Drug Product Compliance with International Standards

Manufactured in Europe to meet the quality and regulatory requirements of active pharmaceutical ingredients, according to ICH Q7 GMP. In order to support final drug product compliance with international standards, our Regulatory Affairs team offers dedicated support with access to extensive documentation including DMFs, CEP and ASMF.

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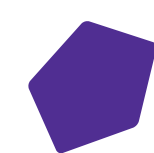
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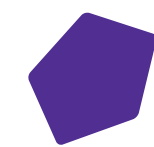
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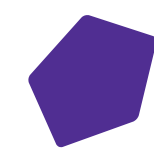
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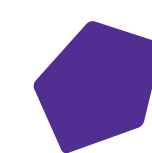
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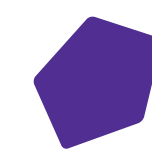
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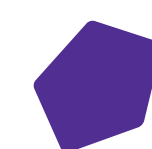
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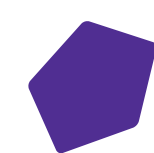
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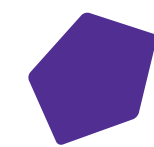
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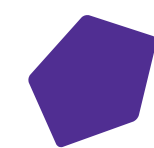
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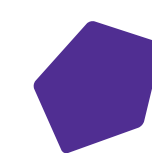
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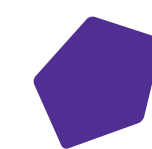
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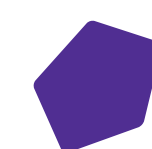
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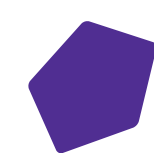
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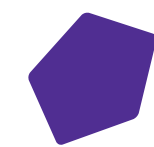
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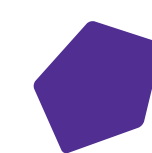
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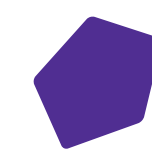
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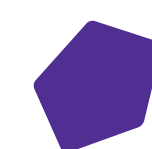
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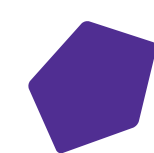
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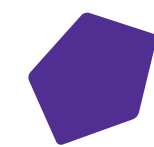
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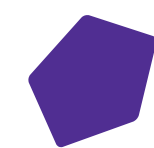
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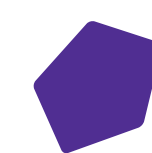
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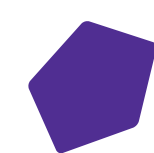
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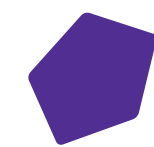
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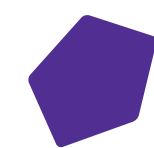
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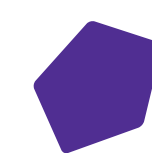
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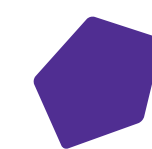
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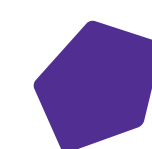
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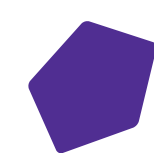
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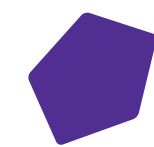
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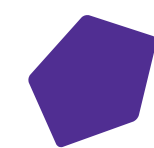
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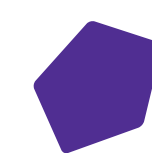
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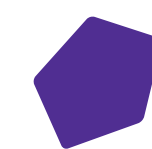
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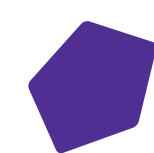
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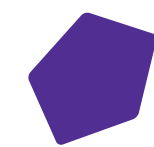
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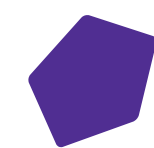
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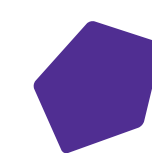
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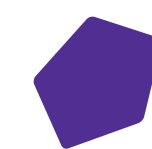
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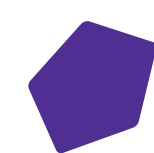
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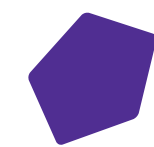
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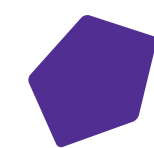
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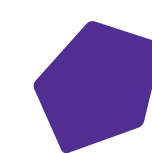
### Patient safety assessment

Assess the potential impact of the substances that have been detected, identified and quantified on patient safety.



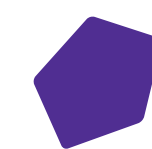
### Bacterial retention validation

Validate the performance of your sterilizing grade filter by simulating your product and process conditions. *B. diminuta* is used as the standard challenge microorganism.



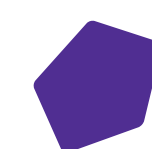
### Bubble point / diffusion determination

Provide a product-specific bubble point/diffusion value.



### Compatibility study

Assess the chemical compatibility based on key characteristics and provide evidence that the process fluids and conditions do not adversely impact the structure of the filter device.



### Binding study

Show the filter does not remove unacceptable amounts of stream compounds.



### Particle shedding

Provide particle shedding data

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