

CAPILLARY OUTLET SPLITTER - VSOS

The VSOS allows for the analytes from a capillary column to be split between two different detectors (Anal. Chem. 1982. 54. 2265-2270). The ratio of flow to each is controlled by adjusting the lengths of splitter tubing. The basis of the splitter function is the pressure drop across each of the splitter tubes.

As a general rule in selecting splitter tubing for capillary columns, the combined internal areas of the splitter tubing should be approximately 70 % – 80 % of the internal area of the capillary column. Once this criteria has been satisfied, the lengths of the splitter tubing should be as short as possible to minimize the overall pressure drop.

INSTALLATION

Fixed Split Ratio

- A. Install the VSLNU-005 on a bracket in a convenient place in the chromatograph close to the detectors. A locknut (SSLN-16) and washer are provided.
- B. Cut two lengths of fused silica tubing from the material provided to provide the desired split ratio.

NB: Make sure that the shorter of the two pieces will reach from the union across to and right up inside the detector fitting.

- **C.** Insert two lengths of fused silica through the 1/16" stainless steel nut and into the tapered end of the two hole ferrule.
- **D.** Make sure that the tapered end sits well down in the nut and that the tubing just protrudes through the flat side of the two hole ferrule.
- E. Identify the coned out end of the union and connect the nut with the two fused silica tubes at this end.
- F. Connect the capillary column at the flat end of the union using the 1/16" stainless steel nut (1.2 mm hole) and graphite vespel ferrule (0.5 mm ID).

NB: The fused silica column should be inserted right through the union and located inside the cone area of the union, but not touching the 2 hole ferrule. Glass capillary columns as used in Purge and Trap Environmental Analysis may be butt connected to the GLT at the column end of the union with the graphite vespel ferrule (0.5 mm ID) drilled out to suit the glass column.

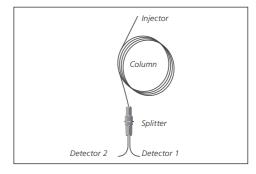


Figure 1. Outlet Splitter for Capillary Columns

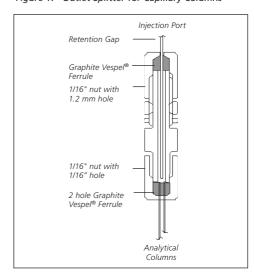


Figure 2.

G. Connect the fused silica lines to the respective detectors.

NB: Some detectors will be optimised for quite high flows of carrier gas. Electron Capture Detectors may require use of a scavenge gas. In both cases this may be added at the end of the fused silica plumbing at the point where it enters the detector. The fitting required to accomplish this is SGE detector connector DC-4 (1/4") or DC-8 (1/8").

The kit consists of the following:

Packing List

Description	Qty	Part Number	
VSLNU 005 - Union	1	1236300	
SSLN-16 - Locknut	1	-	
SSNE-16 - Nut	1	103408	
SSNE-16-012 - Nut	1	103405	
1/16" Graphite Vespel® Ferrule (0.8 mm ID)	2	072655	
1/16" Graphite Vespel [®] Ferrule (0.5 mm ID)	5	072654	
1/16" Graphite Vespel [®] Ferrule 2 Hole Ferrule (0.4 mm ID)	5	072662	
VSD/220 - Deactivated Fused Silica Tubing 0.22 mm I.D	5	062447	

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