



Processing of 8-well strips on BioRobots®

User manual
Starter Set B

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2 Product description

The Starter Set B is designed for the automated use of the NucleoSpin® 8-well strips on Qiagen BioRobot® 9600/9604/3000. The standard vacuum chamber top for processing the 96-well plates is used, not the one for the Qiagen 8-well strips.

The set contains one Column Holder B to hold the NucleoSpin® 8-well strips on top of the vacuum chamber, one Column Holder D to hold the NucleoSpin® 8-well strips inside the vacuum chamber, and NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips to close the unused rows of the Column Holder B.

It allows flexible processing of the NucleoSpin® 8 kits by using one to six strips per run.

Note that the column holders are not symmetrical, they have one thicker side which has to be on the left side of the vacuum manifold.



Figure 1: Column Holder B
(note top left mark for correct orientation)



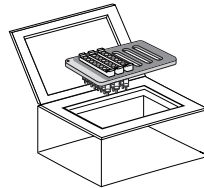
Figure 2: Column Holder D
(note top left mark for correct orientation)

3 Handling

The desired number of 8-well strips is placed in the Column Holder B. Unused rows of the Column Holder are closed with NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips. The Column Holder is then inserted into the manifold top and the lid is closed to press down the strips to the gasket (Figure 4).

If using a kit with filter and binding strips (e.g., NucleoSpin® 8 Plasmid), the binding strips are inserted into the Column Holder D inserted in the manifold base. The manifold top is put in place, and the Column Holder B with the appropriate number of filter strips is inserted. Close unused rows of the Column Holder B with NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips. The manifold lid is then closed to press the strips against the gasket (Figure 3). After the filtration, the binding strips are transferred to the Column Holder B and are placed in the manifold lid for binding, washing and elution (Figure 4).

NucleoSpin® Filter Strips inserted in Column Holder B in manifold top of the BioRobot® 9600 / 9604 / 3000.
Unused rows have to be closed with NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips.



NucleoSpin® Binding Strips inserted in Column Holder D in manifold base of the BioRobot® 9600 / 9604 / 3000.

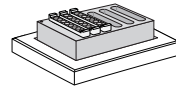
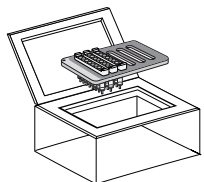


Figure 3: Filtration of crude lysate during the NucleoSpin® 8 Plasmid procedure

NucleoSpin® Binding Strips inserted in Column Holder B in manifold top of the BioRobot® 9600/9604/3000. Unused rows have to be closed with NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips.



MN Wash Plate or Elution Plate is rested on MN Frame.



MN Frame is placed in manifold base of the BioRobot® 9600 / 9604 / 3000.

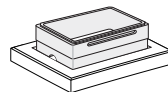


Figure 4: Binding / washing / elution during the NucleoSpin® 8 Plasmid procedure

Elution is also possible into a Rack of Tube Strips. The MN Frame is not used, and the Rack of Tube Strips is inserted directly into the manifold base. Make sure that the Tube Strips are properly aligned under the outlets of the NucleoSpin® Binding Strips. As manifolds might show small tolerances in dimensions, it might be necessary to remove the bottom of the rack to be able to close the manifold again properly.



Figure 5: NucleoSpin® Plasmid Binding Strips inserted into Column Holder D placed in the manifold bottom on the Qiagen BioRobot® 9600.



Figure 6: NucleoSpin® Plasmid Filter Strips inserted into Column Holder B placed in the manifold top on the BioRobot® 9600.
The lid will press down the strips into the gasket to seal the vacuum chamber.

4 Appendix

4.1 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause and suggestions
Vacuum not sufficient	<p><i>Strips not inserted properly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that the strips are properly attached to the Column Holder and that the small gaskets sealing the strips are clean and intact.
	<p><i>Column Holder not inserted properly.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check gasket of the vacuum chamber and clean if necessary. Insert the Column Holder properly.

4.2 Ordering information

Product	REF	Pack of
Starter Set A (for processing NucleoSpin® 8-well strips on NucleoVac 96 Vacuum Manifold)	740682	1 set
NucleoSpin® Dummy Strips	740685	6
NucleoVac 96 Vacuum Manifold	740681	1
Replacement parts for the NucleoVac 96 are available on request		
NucleoVac Vacuum Regulator	740641	1
Rack of Tube Strips (1 set consists of 1 rack, 12 strips with 8 tubes each, and 12 Cap Strips)	740637	5 racks
Square-well Block	740481	4
	740481.24	24
Self-adhering PE Foil	740676	50 sheets
Gas-permeable Foil	740675	50 sheets

Visit www.mn-net.com for more detailed product information.

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