NGC Chromatography Systems
Comprehensive Solutions for Protein Purification
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BUILT BY BIO-RAD.

NGC Medium-Pressure Chromatography Systems

The NGC instrument is an automated liquid chromatography system focused on biomolecule purification at the research, process development, and laboratory-scale levels. At the core of the NGC platform is a truly customizable and scalable system combined with a single, intuitive software package for system control and evaluation. Together, the NGC Systems provide a total laboratory solution.

A single solution that aligns to your needs today and expands to support your future discoveries and throughput requirements.

A flexible system that adapts to your requirements and can be easily customized to suit your application needs.

An intelligent design that ensures functional simplicity and guides you from experimental setup to analysis and support.
NGC Quest System
Designed for the easy, dependable, and all-purpose purification of biomolecules with accurate gradients and high-resolution separations.

**Base system includes:**
- Single-wavelength (UV) and conductivity detection
- ChromLab Software, for fast and easy automated and manual control — a single platform compatible with all NGC Systems

NGC Quest Plus System
Designed for the all-purpose purification of biomolecules and simultaneous detection of proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, and other chromogenic molecules.

**Includes NGC Quest capability, plus:**
- Multi-wavelength (UV/Vis) detection of up to 4 wavelengths simultaneously

NGC Scout System
Designed for quick, reliable separation of proteins and peptides. Enables rapid scouting of protein purification conditions with automated gradients and buffer preparation.

**Includes NGC Scout capability, plus:**
- Buffer blending valve for automated inline buffer preparation
- pH valve to monitor buffer pH and separation by pH gradients

NGC Scout Plus System
Designed for the simultaneous detection of proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, and other chromogenic molecules with expanded automation and scouting.

**Includes NGC Scout capability, plus:**
- Multi-wavelength (UV/Vis) detection of up to 4 wavelengths simultaneously

NGC Discover System
Designed for higher throughput, rapid and secure methods, and process development. Provides expanded scouting options with the simultaneous detection of proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, and other chromogenic molecules.

**Includes NGC Scout Plus capability, plus:**
- Integrated sample pump, 100 ml/min
- Inlet valves
- Column switching valve, 10 ml or 100 ml options

NGC Discover Pro System
Designed for higher throughput, rapid and secure methods, and process development.

**Includes NGC Discover capability, plus:**
- Sample inlet valve
- Outlet valve

**Options**
- Tandem purification with additional column switching valve
NGC SYSTEM CAPABILITIES

System Pumps

Pump selection of up to 10 ml/min or 100 ml/min flow rates with the option to switch out pumps to meet your application requirements.

F10 Pumps
- Flow rate of 0.001–10 ml/min at 3,650 psi (25.2 MPa)
- Ideal for small-scale preparative purifications
- Can also be used for analytical HPLC separations

F100 Pumps
- Flow rate of 0.01–100 ml/min at 1,450 psi (10 MPa)
- Flexible flow rate range
- Ideal for scale-up applications

Sample Pump

For automated sample application with the ability to load large sample volumes. Includes an integrated pressure sensor. Add a sample inlet valve or connect a third-party autosampler with a signal import module for increased automated sample loading capabilities.

Mixer

Homogenizes buffers from two system pumps and can accommodate varying volumes (different sized barrels are available). Includes a mixer motor and integrated pressure sensor.

Detectors

Ensure accurate detection of biomolecules such as proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, and chromophores. Include an integrated conductivity monitor (0.01–999 mS/cm) and an optional pH monitor (pH 1–14).

Single-Wavelength (UV) Detector
For the detection of standard proteins (280 nm) or nucleic acids (255 nm).

Multi-Wavelength (UV/Vis) Detector
For greater sensitivity and flexible detection of any biomolecules and chromophores (190–800 nm). Simultaneous multi-wavelength (UV/Vis) detection of up to four wavelengths.

Connect external detectors to the NGC System via the signal import module.

Air Sensors

Detects end of buffer and sample to protect against column damage. Air sensor mapping and real-time status displays on fluidic scheme. Air sensor extension enables use of up to four additional air sensors (eight total).

Valves

Sample Inject Valve
For accurate sample loading (µl to L volumes) with a low internal volume for minimal sample loss.

Buffer Blending Valve
For fast pH scouting with automated inline buffer preparation and the ability to double the fluid output to 20 ml/min or 200 ml/min.

pH Valve
For accurate inline pH monitoring (pH 1–14). Includes integrated bypass valve and calibration port for in situ calibration.

Buffer Inlet Valve
Automated switching between buffers (up to eight inlets per valve) for accelerated method development, column cleaning, and regeneration. Option to include two inlet valves, one for each system pump.

Column Switching Valve and Reverse Flow
Automated column/media scouting of up to five columns without replumbing. Includes reverse flow for rapid elution, sample concentration, and column cleaning. Internal bypass allows automated system priming and cleaning with integrated pressure sensors that measure pre- and delta-column pressures.

Outlet Valve
For enhanced automated fraction collection of large volume fractions with up to 12 vessels.

Accessories

NGC Fraction Collector (catalog #17002070)
Provides automated collection options for discovery to small-scale batch production at flow rates up to 200 ml/min. It supports multiple rack and vessel collection combinations from microplates and tubes to bottles and carboys.

BioFrac Fraction Collector (#7410002)
Reliable fraction collection from analytical to preparative scale with versatile capability to collect from 96-well plates to 30 mm tubes.
PERSONALIZE AND EXPAND YOUR SYSTEM CAPABILITIES TO SUIT YOUR APPLICATION NEEDS AND WORKFLOW

Touch screen
Enables manual control for on-the-fly editing, real-time status updates, and calibration. Can be tethered to the left or right side

Tier Rotate Feature (3rd and 4th tiers)
Flexible system design enables optimal placement of valves and detectors to minimize hold-up volume

Magnetic column holders for optimal column placement

Add a tier for more capabilities

Buffer blending valve

Inlet valve — buffer

Inlet valve — sample

System gradient pumps, 10 ml/min or 100 ml/min

Real-time status display

pH valve

UV/Vis and conductivity detector

Outlet valve

Sample pump, 100 ml/min

Inlet valve — buffer

Column switching valve with reverse flow

Buffer blending valve

System gradient pumps, 10 ml/min or 100 ml/min

Mixer

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Powerful ChromLab Software control, transferable across all NGC Systems, enables minimal training and fast setup to analysis.

1. Select Fluidic Scheme
   Guided fluidics selection allows application-based system setup

2. Plumb System
   Point-to-Plumb lighting provides step-by-step LED-guided setup for easy plumbing and eliminates the potential loss of precious sample or waste of expensive columns

3. Design Experiment
   Quick and easy method setup and design using the powerful, intuitive ChromLab Software

4. Control Experiment
   Real-time flow path display controls buffer, sample, and valve position for easy identification of system status

5. Analyze Data
   Integrated data analysis with easy integration of multiple peaks and runs

6. Confirm Purification and Separation
   Stain-Free technology allows protein separation, gel imaging, and analysis in less than 30 min
Select Fluidic Scheme

Select the fluidic scheme that best fits your application, set a default path, and optimize your module placement.

Choose new modules to add to your system capabilities (for example, add a sample pump for loading large sample volumes)

Click for more options

Scroll, select, and customize each component of your fluidic scheme to fit your unique application

Click to edit or adjust your fluidic scheme

Make a selection that fits your application

To view the complete module library, see bulletin 6326 or the NGC System Tour at bio-rad.com/NGCSystems

Plumb System

Point-to-Plumb intuitive graphical indicators for simple, guided LED plumbing setup

Click on each step in the flow path to guide system plumbing. Then, appropriate LEDs will light up to guide plumbing (as shown above).
QUICK EXPERIMENT SETUP AND OPERATION

Design Experiment

The ChromLab Method Editor enables confident, automated walk-away purification

Control Experiment

Manual controls, conveniently located for quick and easy access, provide total graphical user control of the NGC System with a coldroom-compatible touch screen or a computer

For further details see the NGC System Tour at bio-rad.com/NGCSystems
ANALYSIS MADE EASY

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Analyze Data

Comprehensive data analysis that enables fast, accurate data comparison

Stain-Free technology allows protein separation, gel imaging, and analysis in less than 30 min

Visual confirmation of chromatography results using Stain-Free gels and imaging. A, isolation of a histidine-tagged green fluorescent protein (GFP) from a crude Escherichia coli lysate by affinity chromatography using an IMAC column. B, purification was confirmed by SDS-PAGE using a Criterion TGX Stain-Free Gel run for 20 min and directly visualized on the Gel Doc EZ Imaging System without the need for Coomassie staining. Samples in lanes 2 (crude E. coli lysates), 3 (flowthrough from the IMAC column), 4 (10% imidazole column wash), and 5 (purified histidine-tagged GFP) were compared against Precision Plus Protein Unstained Standards (lane 1).
Intelligent design that guides your setup and operation

Preplumbed System
Quality control (QC)–validated performance optimized for low hold-up volume translates to more reproducible results and sharper peaks.

Module Replacement Service
User-replaceable modules eliminate lengthy downtime and costly service visits.

Open Platform
Compatible with all medium-pressure columns and ChromLab Software, includes method templates with column libraries.

Real-Time Status Displays
Provide immediate status of important parameters for clear diagnostics of key NGC instrument modules.

High-quality results with reproducible separations. Eleven overlaid separations of a Bio-Rad size exclusion standard — composed of thyroglobulin, γ-globulin, ovalbumin, myoglobin, and vitamin B$_12$ — performed on the NGC Quest System with a 10 x 300 mm size exclusion column.

Completed transferable applications. Identical comparisons of a Bio-Rad Gel Filtration Standard (#1511901) performed on a Superdex 200 10/300 GL Size Exclusion Column with separations performed on the NGC Quest (→), ÄKTApurifier (←), and ÄKTA avant (→) Systems.
## SELECTION GUIDE

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- **Standard**: Indicates that a system comes with a valve module.
- **Optional**: More than one dot indicates that a system comes with more than one valve module.

**Note**: All NGC Systems include a touch screen and NGC Fittings Kit (#7884017) and are compatible with the NGC Fraction Collector and BioFrac Fraction Collector.

### Specifications

#### System Specifications

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<td>Dimensions (W x D x H)</td>
<td>49 x 61 x 56 cm (NGC Quest and NGC Scout Systems) 49 x 61 x 74 cm (NGC Discover System)</td>
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<td>Weight (excluding computer)</td>
<td>41–46 kg (NGC Quest and NGC Scout Systems) 64 kg (NGC Discover System)</td>
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#### Single-Wavelength

- **Wavelength**: 255 nm (nucleic acids) 280 nm (proteins)
- **Absorbance range**: 0 to >2.8 AU*  
- **Linearity**: 0 to 2 AU within ±5%
- **Operating pressure**: 750 psi (5.2 MPa)
- **Flow cells**: Preparative: 2 mm (volume: 20 µl) Analytical: 5 mm (volume: 16 µl) Analytical: 10 mm (volume: 18 µl)
- **Conductivity reading range**: 0.01–999.9 mS/cm
- **Accuracy**: ±2%
- **Operating pressure**: 0–800 psi (0–5.5 MPa)
- **Flow cell volume**: 6 µl
- **Temperature monitor range**: 4–60°C
- **Temperature monitor accuracy**: ±2%

* For 5 mm and 10 mm flow cells.

#### Multi-Wavelength II

- **Wavelength**: 190–800 nm
- **Absorbance range**: 0 to 3.0 AU
- **Linearity**: 0 to 2.5 AU within ±5%
- **Operating pressure**: 700 psi (4.8 MPa)
- **Flow cells**: Preparative: 2 mm (volume: 140 µl) Analytical: 5 mm (volume: 51 µl) Analytical: 10 mm (volume: 24 µl)
- **Conductivity reading range**: 0.01–999.9 mS/cm
- **Accuracy**: ±2%
- **Operating pressure**: 0–700 psi (0–4.8 MPa)
- **Flow cell volume**: Included in flow cell volume
- **Temperature monitor range**: 4–60°C
- **Temperature monitor accuracy**: ±2%

#### pH Monitor

- **pH reading range**: 0 to 14
- **Accuracy**: ±0.1 pH unit within pH 2–12
- **Operating pressure**: 0 to 70 psi with pH probe inline and 0–500 psi in bypass mode
- **Flow cell volume**: 100 µl (210 µl including internal flow paths)

#### NGC Fraction Collector

- **Collection modes**: Collect All, Threshold, and Time/Volume windows
- **Flow rate**: 0.01–200 ml/min
- **Collection rack options**: (each NGC Fraction Collector can accommodate 4 racks)
- **Dimensions (W x D x H)**: 42 x 60 x 54.5 cm

#### Note:
All NGC Systems include a touch screen and are compatible with the NGC Fraction Collector and BioFrac Fraction Collector.
Specifications (cont.)

BioFrac Fraction Collector

Collection modes
- Time: 0.02–99,999 min
- Volume: 0.02–99,999 ml
- Flow rate: 0.01–100 ml/min

Collection rack options
- 180 x 12–13 mm tubes, 120 x 15–16 mm tubes, 80 x 18–20 mm tubes, 168 x 1.5 ml microtubes, 24 x 30 mm tubes, 4 x 96-, 48-, 24-, or 12-position microplates, 4 x 250 ml bottles, and 20 x unlimited volume prep-rack adaptors

Operating temperature
- 4–40°C

Dimensions (W x D x H)
- 44.5 x 35.6 x 38.7 cm

NGC System Modules and Accessories
All NGC pumps, detectors, and valves include necessary tubing and fittings.

Catalog # Description
System Pumps
- 7884002 NGC F10 Pump Module, pkg of 1, 10 ml/min system pump kit for creating buffer gradients; for use with the buffer blending valve to generate flow rates of up to 20 ml/min
- 7884003 NGC F100 Pump Module, pkg of 1, 100 ml/min system pump kit for creating buffer gradients; for use with the buffer blending valve to generate flow rates of up to 200 ml/min

Sample Pump
- 7884004 NGC Sample Pump Module, pkg of 1, 100 ml/min sample pump kit for automated large-volume sample application via sample inject valve

Detectors
- 7884008 NGC Single-Wavelength Detector Module, pkg of 1, UV/conductivity detector kit for nucleotide and protein detection, salt gradient generation
- 12010343 NGC Multi-Wavelength Detector II Module, pkg of 1, UV/Vis and conductivity detector kit for simultaneous 4-wavelength monitoring of elution fractions between 190 and 800 nm and salt gradient generation

Valves
- 7884010 NGC Buffer Blending Valve Module, pkg of 1, for inline buffer preparation and generating pH gradients for quick pH scouting
- 7884011 NGC Inlet Valve Module, pkg of 1, for automated switching between multiple buffers and samples during method development
- 7884012 NGC pH Valve Module, pkg of 1, kit includes pH valve kit, pH probe, tubing, and fittings, for accurate inline pH measurement
- 7884026 NGC Column Switching Valve Module (10 ml), holds 5 columns or sample loops; for use with F10 systems for quick column scouting, automated multicolumn, and reverse flow applications
- 7884026 NGC Column Switching Valve Module (100 ml), holds 5 columns or sample loops; for use with F100 systems for quick column scouting, automated multicolumn, and reverse flow applications
- 7884013 NGC Outlet Valve Module, pkg of 1, for automated fraction collection of large-volume fractions with up to 12 vessels
- 7884016 NGC Signal Import Module, pkg of 1, enables analog to digital signal conversion and connection to third-party autosamplers and detectors

Air Sensors
- 7885017 NGC Air Sensor Module, pkg of 1, includes 2 large-bore air sensors to detect end of buffer and sample to protect against air entering pumps and columns; supports up to 4 large- and small-bore air sensors
- 7885018 NGC Air Sensor Extension Module, pkg of 1, connects to the base air sensor module to support 4 additional air sensors; does not include any air sensors, optional part
- 7885020 NGC Small Air Sensor, pkg of 1 air sensor to exclude air from system and columns; detects air in small-diameter PEEK Tubing
- 7885021 NGC Large Air Sensor, pkg of 1 air sensor to exclude air from system and columns; detects air in large-diameter PTFE tubing

Ordering Information

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Catalog # Description
NGC Quest Chromatography Systems
For the all-purpose purification of biomolecules:
- 7880001 NGC Quest 10 System
- 7880003 NGC Quest 10 Plus System
- 7880002 NGC Quest 100 System
- 7880004 NGC Quest 100 Plus System

NGC Scout Chromatography Systems
For rapid scouting of proteins, peptides, and nucleic acids:
- 7880005 NGC Scout 10 System
- 7880007 NGC Scout 10 Plus System
- 7880006 NGC Scout 100 System
- 7880008 NGC Scout 100 Plus System

NGC Discover Chromatography Systems
For method development:
- 7880009 NGC Discover 10 System
- 7880011 NGC Discover 10 Pro System
- 7880010 NGC Discover 100 System
- 7880012 NGC Discover 100 Pro System

ChromLab Software
- 12009390 ChromLab Software
- 17000099 ChromLab Software, User Management Edition, allows networking of all NGC systems to a centralized database, 1 license
- 1700098 ChromLab Software, User Management Edition, 3 licenses
- 1700097 ChromLab Software, User Management Edition, 5 licenses

NGC Medium-Pressure Chromatography Systems

Catalog # Description
NGC Column Switching Valve Module (10 ml), holds 5 columns or sample loops; for use with F10 systems for quick column scouting, automated multicolumn, and reverse flow applications
- 7884026 NGC Column Switching Valve Module (100 ml), holds 5 columns or sample loops; for use with F100 systems for quick column scouting, automated multicolumn, and reverse flow applications

NGC Outlet Valve Module, pkg of 1, for automated fraction collection of large-volume fractions with up to 12 vessels
- 7884016 NGC Signal Import Module, pkg of 1, enables analog to digital signal conversion and connection to third-party autosamplers and detectors

NGC Air Sensor Module, pkg of 1, includes 2 large-bore air sensors to detect end of buffer and sample to protect against air entering pumps and columns; supports up to 4 large- and small-bore air sensors
- 7885018 NGC Air Sensor Extension Module, pkg of 1, connects to the base air sensor module to support 4 additional air sensors; does not include any air sensors, optional part

NGC Small Air Sensor, pkg of 1 air sensor to exclude air from system and columns; detects air in small-diameter PEEK Tubing
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