

# Cleaning your BFM® fabric connectors:

## LM3, LM4, Teflex, FM1 filterbag



Avoid using sharp objects to remove the BFM® connector from the spigot as these may damage the connector material. Regularly check and clean the inside of the ring profile of the BFM® spigot to remove e.g. product residue.

### Manual cleaning of woven connectors:

- Agitate connector in bath of warm water, mild detergent and disinfectants.
- If contaminant is milk powder or protein based, soak overnight in 0,5% enzyme based detergent.
- Rinse with low pressure hose or fresh water bath.
- If sanitation is required, you may need to immerse in a sanitation solution.
- Drain BFM® and air dry thoroughly before reusing.

### Manual cleaning of filter bags FM1:

- BFM® filterbags can be washed (as per above) but it is not recommended. The media has a dust release surface which helps keep it efficient and aids dust release and this will deteriorate making it less effective each time it is washed.
- It is best to either blow an airgun through (in reverse and not too close), use a vacuum or shake / brush any dust from the breather bag.

### CIP / WIP:

Woven connectors are permeable and likely to leak liquids, especially when under pressure, so CIP / WIP is not generally recommended. However, if you do wish to use CIP / WIP with a woven connector and you are purely using detergents, there will not be a problem.

If the process involves chemicals, the same guidelines as for the Seeflex connectors shall be followed. Recommended max. concentration levels:

Caustic: no more than 1.5%

Acids: no more than 0.8%

Always make sure all chemicals are removed from the BFM® snap band area, both inside and out as well as the inside of the BFM® spigot before snapping it back in place.

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