



C⁴D Amp (Model EA120) Contactless Conductivity Detector



- Plug and play installation
- Compatible with **e-corder** or PowerChrom 281 units
- Compatible with Agilent, Beckmann, and Prince CE systems
- Standard with ET120 C⁴D Head for CE. Compatible with 365 μm OD capillary tubing
- Can be supplied with alternative ET121 Microfluidic Platform headstage for microchannel electrophoresis.

Description

Capacitively-coupled contactless conductivity detection (C⁴D) systems apply a high voltage AC waveform to a transmitter electrode adjacent to a tube or channel in which electrophoretic (or chromatographic) flow is occurring. The AC signal capacitively couples into the sample, which conducts the signal to a second receiver electrode. The received, much attenuated, AC signal is demodulated to provide a DC signal which is dependent on the conductivity of the sample between the electrodes. This process occurs inside a headstage, which outputs a signal to the C⁴D Amp. The C⁴D Amp removes signal offset, amplifies and filters the signal, and also generates the excitation waveform that is sent to the headstage.

The CE or IC capillary tube is passed through the C⁴D Head where the AC signal is applied and received.

Specifications

Connector:	8 pin DIN socket
Headstage gain:	0.2 or 1.0 mV/nA
C ⁴ D Amp signal gain:	$\times 1$, $\times 10$, $\times 100$
Signal resolution:	16 bits, 0.0015% of range (Chart software) up to 24 bits (PowerChrom software)
Maximum input signal:	3 V
Excitation frequency:	50 – 1200 kHz
Excitation amplitude:	1 – 100 V AC pp, sinusoidal
Offset resolution:	20 bit
Low pass filters:	10 Hz with PowerChrom software 10, 5, 2, 1 Hz, with Chart software
Output signals:	K_{raw} 0 – 2 V; ΔK 0 to ± 2 V

Compatibility

Supplied ready for use with **e-corder**, or model ER281 Powerchrom, with either Chart or PowerChrom software. Windows 2000, XP, VISTA, or Macintosh OS X computer, with USB interface required. The C⁴D Head will fit capillary tubing with an outside diameter of 360 – 365 μm .

Applications

The C⁴D Amp can be used with CE or microchannel electrophoresis or with ion chromatography systems. Order with ET121 C⁴D Microfluidic Platform for microchannel electrophoresis.

For a list of chemical applications see over.

I ² C input and output:	Male and female DB-9 pin connectors. Provides control and power.
Power requirements: (supplied by e-corder or PowerChrom 281 unit)	± 17 V DC, ~ 20 mA $+8$ V DC, ~ 20 mA ~ 3 W
Dimensions (h x w x d):	60 x 150 mm x 200 mm (2.4 x 5.9 x 7.9")
Weight:	0.8 kg (1.8 lb)
C ⁴ D Head Dimensions (h x w x d):	28.5 x 25.2 x 10.0 mm (1.1 x 1.0 x 0.39")
Operating temperature:	0 to 35 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 0 to 90% humidity (non-condensing)
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WARRANTY: eDAQ Hardware units are supported by a one year warranty

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Applications cont'd

Contactless conductivity detection can be used for virtually all charged species: inorganic anions and cations, as well as organic ions, such as carboxylic acids, amines, amino acids, peptides, proteins, DNA fragments, antibiotics and many other pharmaceutical compounds. Tagging or other modification of the analytes is usually NOT required, while limits of detection are often comparable to, or sometimes even better, than UV-visible absorption techniques.

The C⁴D Amp is based on a design originally conceived by Professor Peter Hauser and co-workers at the University of Basel. Application areas are described in the research papers below:

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High-voltage contactless conductivity detection of underivatized amino acids in capillary electrophoresis. Jatisai Tanyanyiwa, Karin Schweizer, and Peter C. Hauser, *Electrophoresis*, **24**, 2119–2124, 2003.

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