



CAPILLARY FLOW POROMETRY THROUGH-PORE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Capillary Flow Porometry (CFP) — also known as Gas Liquid Porometry (GLP) is a fast, reliable method to determine the size and relative abundance of throughpores in sheets and membranes. This pressure-based technique measures the minimum diameter of a pore, averaging over a significant test area, without the need for model-fitting or image processing. Measurements are fast, sample preparation takes less than 30 seconds, and no mercury is involved.



SAMPLE PREPARATION

Sample is wetted with a special fluid that fills every pore.



WET CURVE

Gas pressure is applied to force the wetting fluid from the pores. Larger pores open at lower pressure. Increasing pressure opens more, smaller pores, increasing gas flow rate through the sample.



DRY CURVE

After all pores are opened and all of the wetting fluid has been expelled from the sample, flow across the un-wetted dry film is measured.





KEY MEASUREMENTS

BUBBLE POINT, LARGEST PORE: The lowest pressure at which flow occurs.

MEAN FLOW PORE:

Intersection of the wet curve with the dry curve divided by two — the half-dry curve.



Increasing Pressure

Differential

Pore Diameter

SMALLEST PORE:

Intersection of the wet curve with the dry curve.

PORE SIZE DISTRIBUTION:

A continuous distribution of the differential and cumulative pore size reveals the overall structure of pores in a membrane.



Flexible easy-to-use sample chamber

for simple sample loading including samples from 13 mm to 47 mm diameter.

High-speed control, collection, and data processing

provides the most accurate pressure control, highest curve resolution, and most detailed pore size distribution by processing measurements at up to 20 Hz.

Auto-switching gas supply

reduces cost of operation by using low pressure compressed air when suitable, allowing high pressure bottled gas tanks to last longer.

Convenient USB access for data transfer or peripheral device integration. Even more ports at the back of the instrument.

Intuitive Breeze Interface

makes it easy to measure samples and review results with or without a PC.

MIC Net

empowers your lab to operate as one by synchronizing results and methods across AccuPore instruments. Laboratory network connection provides simple data retrieval and LIMS integration.

BETTER MEASUREMENTS WITH SMARTFLOW

The AccuPore features SmartFlow, an advanced flow control system that guarantees the **most precise pressure control**, highest sensitivity, and lowest signal noise. High-resolution 24-bit electronics operated at 20 Hz for optimal signal quality and system response. With eight complementary transducers and controllers, SmartFlow delivers the most responsive and stable performance, even during rapidly changing conditions such as pore opening.

THE MOST ACCURATE BUBBLE POINT

SmartFlow also enables direct measurement of true bubble point through a proprietary flowcontrolled method that provides unmatched accuracy and repeatability. Conventional estimates of bubble point from pressure ramps lack sensitivity and can underestimate the largest pore diameter. SmartFlow ensures precise bubble point measurements, typically much better than $\pm 1\%$.

First Bubble Point Size (µm)				
Measurement	Track-etched membrane A	Track-etched membrane B	Track-etched membrane C	Track-etched membrane D
1	1.153	0.309	0.092	0.055
2	1.151	0.309	0.092	0.055
3	1.170	0.308	0.092	0.054
4	1.164	0.309	0.091	0.054
5	1.162	0.308	0.092	0.054
6	1.180	0.308	0.091	0.054
7	1.166	0.309	0.091	0.054
8	1.178	0.310	0.091	0.054
9	1.175	0.308	0.090	0.054
10	1.165	0.309	0.090	0.054
Average	1.166	0.309	0.091	0.054
Relative standard deviation	0.83%	0.22%	0.72%	0.54%

EXCLUSIVE PRESSURE RAMP AND STEP CAPABILITY

The SmartFlow system provides precision control for porosimetry in either pressure ramp or step modes. The option to perform measurements in either mode ensures the correct measurement is available from routine qualification to detailed characterization.

PRESSURE RAMP

Increasing pressure at a steady rate shortens measurement time, provides a highly repeatable measurement, and produces data points tightly spaced in pressure.



Routine operation, producing high resolution, highly repeatable data, in a short time.

FAST REPEATABLE

DETAILED PORE DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT CURVE FITTING

High resolution, low noise pressure-flow curves enable highly detailed pore size distributions that reflect physical pore architecture **WITHOUT** curve fitting or post-processing.



PRESSURE STEP

- Pausing at each pressure for equilibration allows
- all pores of a given diameter to fully empty before moving to the next pressure, regardless
- of pore length or tortuosity.



Highest possible resolution and absolute pore size accuracy especially for complex pores and thick sheets.

DETAILED **ABSOLUTE**



CAPABILITIES 7

ULTIMATE SAMPLE SIZE FLEXIBILITY

The flexible design of the AccuPore CFP makes it simple to move between sample diameters: 13 mm, 25, mm, 47 mm **all within the same sample chamber**. A selection of sample supports provide reliable measurements to the highest pressures, even for thin or weak membranes while also reducing gas consumption by up to 95%.





WETTING FLUIDS

Micromeritics wetting fluids meet the analytical challenges of new material characterization and support the requirements of legacy methods. Galwik is often preferred for its low surface energy and vapor pressure: filling pores completely and resisting evaporation during analysis. Porewik is also available for legacy method compatibility and specific demanding applications.

PEACE OF MIND WITH CERTIFIED SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

Install and operate the AccuPore with confidence, knowing it has been designed and tested to the highest standards for EMC compliance and operator safety.

> Vented pressure cap seal Real time pressure indicator CB-scheme UL/CSA 61010-1, -2-081





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ACT AS ONE WITH MIC NET

Never hunt for a past result or worry that your method settings are out of date. MIC Net is an instrument-to-instrument network that shares and stores results and methods across devices.





RUN, REVIEW, REPORT – AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The intuitive **Breeze** touch interface gives you everything you need at your fingertips. Perform a measurement, review past results, send a report to print or to LIMS (PDF, text, or Excel) with the touch of a finger. Save space in your lab by eliminating a PC from the bench.

Prefer to work from a PC nearby or in your office? You can do that too! Execute measurements, view status of multiple instruments, or review results...anywhere.

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of detailed test data
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via network or USB

MEASURE RIGHT, WITHOUT QUESTIONS

Different materials require specific operating conditions. Whether measuring bubble point, routine pore size distribution, or detailed structure analysis, the AccuPore simplifies it all. With SmartFlow pressure control, it doesn't take an expert to operate. Fewer settings and adjustable parameters make method development fast and worry-free. Use the **Method Library** to define, store, and recall your methods easily, so you always measure the same way — the right way.





CUT COSTS WITH SMART GAS SELECTION

Reduce operational costs with intelligent gas source selection. The AccuPore uses a compressor for low-pressure operations (bubble point measurement and large pores) and switches to high-pressure bottled gas for analysis of small pores. This reduces the need for expensive highpressure gas, lowering your recurring costs.

MOVE QUICKLY FROM DATA TO DECISION WITH MICROACTIVE **ANALYSIS AND REPORTING**

MicroActive software streamlines data processing, offering detailed plotting, analysis and reporting, including statistical process control charts and results overlays. Gas-liquid CFP is a direct complement to mercury intrusion porosimetry (MIP), providing a rich description of pore architecture. Only with MicroActive can you easily co-plot results from the AccuPore CFP and AutoPore MIP to fully describe the pore characteristics of a material.



SPECIFICATIONS CAPABILITIES

Performance Specifications		
Technique		
Measurement Method		
Pore Size Range		
Max Pressure		
Max Flow Rate		
Analysis Gas Supply		
Operational Modes		
Physical Dimensions		
Curve Resolution		
Sample Sizes		

*Depending on wetting fluid

Features

- Capillary Flow Porometry ASTM F316 Pressure Ramp
- Pressure Step
- 0.013 µm to 500 µm*
- 500 psi / 35 bar
- 200 L/min
- Air or N₂
- **Bubble Point (Direct Measure)** Capillary Flow Porometry by: Dry/Wet, Wet/Dry, Wet/Calculated Dry
- 57 cm Wide x 61 cm Deep
- >1000 data points per run 20 Hz internal data processing speed
- 25 mm diameter standard Adapters available for 13 mm, 47 mm diameter
- Automatic gas source selection reduces cost of operation
 - Built-in Breeze touchscreen UI with full standalone instrument control and data analysis
- Remote PC control and data analysis over network connection
 - MicroActive software: Advanced analysis and reporting, coplot with complementary porosity data
 - Data transfer via USB and wired (ethernet) or wireless (Wi-Fi) network communication
- Network printing including wireless via Airprint for simple report creation

RELEVANT **APPLICATIONS**



BATTERY AND FUEL CELL SEPARATORS AND MEMBRANES

Optimize the rate of ion transport and physical separation to ensure device safety. Precision sample supports and advanced pressure control enable accurate measurements up to high pressure for small pores and thin membranes.



Predict and ensure size-based selectivity and mass-transfer rate by optimizing the number and size of pores.



Often characterized by a broad distribution of pore sizes due to their production methods. These are common choices for filtration media. In-plane porosity and irregular pore shapes make steady flow determination of bubble point especially important.



METAL AND CERAMICS

Preferred for thermal, physical, and chemical resistance, these materials often have highly porous structures. The three-dimensional porosity of these materials makes it especially important to measurement porosity in the direction of intended flow.

APPLICATION SUPPORT

Micromeritics' team provides industry-leading, high-quality application support and training to assist scientists, engineers, and analysts in the field of material characterization. Our application support team is composed of scientists and engineers to help users obtain the highest quality data and information about their material from Micromeritics Instruments. The Micromeritics team is dedicated to helping users successfully use their Micromeritics Instruments for the life of their instrument.

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