

Introduction



The SilTite FingerTite® fittings system will allow you to install and remove a column without using a wrench. The SilTite FingerTite system is designed to be self installed, the instructions below are written in easy to follow steps.

Packing list

- 1 x Adapter injector (longer adapter)
- 1 x Adapter MS (shorter adapter)
- 5 x SilTite FingerTite nuts female
- 10 x 0.4 mm SilTite FingerTite ferrules
- 2 x MS blanking ferrules
- 1 x SilTite FingerTite ferrule install tool

Instructions

Injector adapter installation

Cool all areas that will receive the new FingerTite adaptors including the injector and the transfer-line. Vent the mass spectrometer per the manufacturer's instructions.

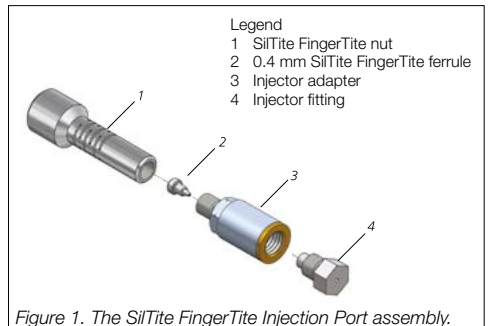


Figure 1. The SilTite FingerTite Injection Port assembly.

1. Remove the column and column nut (if attached).
2. Locate the adapter interface (3) and ensure that the seal (3a) is in place. The seal is pre-assembled but may have come loose during transit.

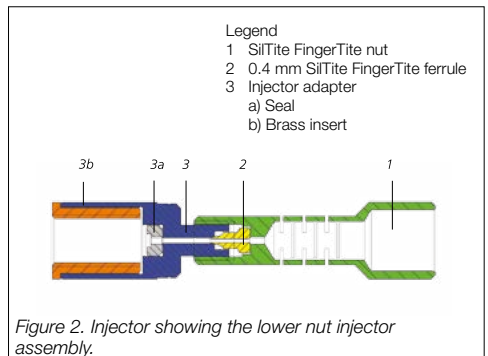
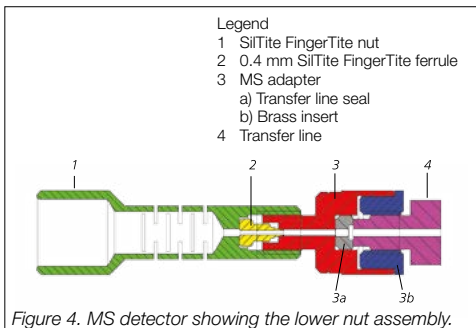
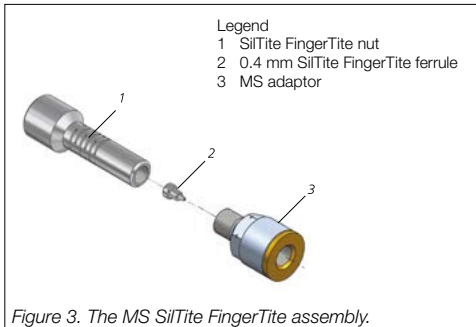


Figure 2. Injector showing the lower nut injector assembly.

3. Using fingers screw the injector adaptor (3) (brass end – 3b) onto the injector until it stops. Using a wrench tighten a further 30° to ensure a good seal. Do not attempt to tighten further as this may damage the injector interface.

MS adapter installation



1. Locate the adapter MS interface (3) and ensure that the seal (3a) is in place. The seal is pre-assembled but may have come loose during transit.
2. Using fingers screw the MS interface adapter (3) (brass end – 3b) onto the transfer line until it stops. Using a wrench tighten a further 30° to ensure a good seal. Do not attempt to tighten further as this may damage the mass spectrometer interface.

Column installation



1. First, slide a SiITite FingerTite nut (1) onto the column, followed by a SiITite FingerTite ferrule (2). The flat base of the ferrule aligns with the nut and the cone points to the MS transfer line or injector.

2. Using the SiITite FingerTite install tool displayed in Figure 5, push approximately 20 mm more column than required through the install tool. Tighten the nut, using your fingers only to seat the ferrule onto the column – there is no need to use excessive force, once the seal is made the tubing will be held firm and will not move. The distances for column insertion into the Varian/Bruker instruments are in Table 1 and are calculated from the back of the ferrule. Use a rule to mark the column insertion distance, then cut the column.
3. Insert the pre-assembled nut and ferrule into the injector and screw in the nut using finger force only – again, there is no need to use excessive force to make a seal. You cannot break the capillary column if you over tighten the ferrule although an over tightened ferrule may stick to the cone of the adapter. **Remember that the ferrule will be the temperature of the Injector or Transfer-line and may be HOT!!** To remove an over tightened ferrule we recommend gently levering between the shoulder of the ferrule and the relevant adapter. **Under no circumstances are wrenches or pliers to be used on these fittings.** The ferrules will seal for many uses as long as the length of the column into the Injector or transfer-line is not changed.
4. For MS installation push the column approximately 15 mm past the end of the install tool. Tighten the nut using your fingers only, to seat the ferrule onto the column – there is no need to use excessive force, once the seal is made the column will be held firm and will not move. The column can now be inserted into the MS detector. Alternatively follow the manufacturers instructions for column insertion, found in the hardware guide.

Injector/Detector	Distance (mm)
Split/Splitless injector	9 - 9.5

Table 1. Column measurements for correct assembly.

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