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Research & Development Technology



Armfield can provide a complete solution to your requirements, offering not just the equipment but processing line advice, planning, installation, commissioning and training.

This range includes industry rated equipment for research and development, small scale pilot, batch production, educational teaching and vocational training, for applications in the following fields:

- **Dairy**
- **Ingredients**
- Flavours & fragrances

- **Edible & essential oils**
- **Liquid foods**
- **Beverages**

- Cosmetics
- **Pharmaceuticals**
- **Nutraceuticals**



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HTST/UHT System

The Armfield FT74XA is a miniature-scale HTST/UHT processing system optimised for rapid product development. Tubular or plate heat exchangers can be mounted and it can be used with a sterile filler (FT83). It is highly flexible with a range of options to configure to the user's specific requirements.

Options include:

Homogenisation, Variable Holding Tube, Magnetic Product Flow Meter, Suction Feed, CIP Pump, Data Logging and Static Mixers which will allow you to configure the unit to suit most laboratory needs.

Features / benefits

Compact, mobile, easy to install

UHT throughputs up to 20 l/h

Can form part of a complete processing line (aseptic and non-aseptic)

Process temperatures up to 150°C

Built in Clean In Place (CIP) and Sterilisation In Place (SIP) facilities

Two-stage cooling options

Pasteurisation throughputs up to 50 l/h (plate heat exchanger)

Interchangeable pressed chevron plate heat exchanger and tubular heat exchanger

Applications

Plant-based Beverages

Beverages

Milk

Cream

Ice cream

Yoghurts

Fruit Juices

Culture Media



Modular Miniature Scale HTST/UHT Process System

The Armfield FT174XA offers direct heating (steam injection) and/or indirect heating/cooling (using a combination of tubular, plate or scraped surface heat exchangers), aseptic processing, upstream or downstream homogenisation and additional chilling.

Along with many other options, it enables multiple modules to be included in the same system, giving high process adaptability by reconfiguration of flexible product hoses using quick-release connections.

Features / benefits	
High degree of user configuration	Clean in Place (CIP) Capability
Standard throughputs from 10-60 L/h	Maximum product temperature setting of 150°C
Links directly to sterile filling bench	Direct and/or indirect heating
Rapid start-up and shut down	Hot water option available
Automatic DSI Vacuum chamber level control	

Applications	
Baby foods	Yoghurts
Beverages	Desserts and puddings
Condiments	Fruit and vegetable purées
Cream	Fruit juices and cordials
Ice cream	Sauces and soups



Sterile Filling System

The Armfield FT83XA is the most cost-effective solution for R&D departments to produce sterile packaged samples requiring an excellent shelf life.

As well as a working chamber with a controlled, clean environment, the unit includes the facilities to enable all the product paths to be sterilised and for the filling to be controlled in a simple manner.



Applications

Extended shelf-life products achievable

Foot pedal operation - Hands free control

Large working area

Low-oxygen filling facility as standard

UVC lamp option



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HTST/UHT Mini Pilot System

The Armfield FT94LT HTST/UHT Mini Pilot System is the best cost effective alternative to running product trials on full scale systems.

The flow rate and heat transfer of this unit as well as the accessory options available give the user a wide range of processing options and flexibility.

Features / benefits

Suitable for producing large batches of material for extensive product testing

Rapid start up

Throughputs from < 20 to > 100 l/h (dependent on product)

Process temperatures up to 150°C

Touch screen control for ease of use

Continuous operation

Hygienic connections

Built in Clean In Place (CIP) and Sterilisation In Place (SIP) capabilities

USB data logging option

Suction feed with in-line level sensor



HTST/UHT Mini Pilot System

The Armfield FT94X HTST/UHT Mini Pilot System extends the range of continuous operation scaled-down units offered by Armfield to 200 l/h (30-100 l/h for the standard FT94X).

The unit combines full flexibility with comprehensive instrumentation demanded of research and development equipment.

The FT94X is designed for operation as both a stand-alone unit and also for seamless integration in to a full processing system with the capability of aseptic packaging of processed product.

Features / benefits

From cold start to steady state operation in seconds

Links directly to sterile filling bench or sealed bag filling systems

Continuous and batch operation

Standard throughputs from 30 to >100 l/h (dependent on conditions)

Units available to 200 l/h

Preheating by hot water (indirect)

Heating by steam (indirect)

Plate and tubular heat exchanger options

Built in Clean In Place (CIP) and Sterilisation In Place (SIP) facilities

Two-stage cooling option















Cheese Vat

The Armfield FT20 Cheese Vat and its comprehensive range of optional accessories have been developed to prove the different aspects of cheese making theory.

Each accessory to the FT20 is supplied as a complete piece of equipment needing no additional service items.



Features /	

Makes all well known types of cheese	Bench mounted with small footprint
Economical with raw materials	Ease of use
1kg batch provides adequate material for sampling	Touch-screen controls for vat temperature and paddle speed
10 or 20 litre capacity stainless steel jacketed vat available	Range of cheese making accessories
Water heater fitted in console	Simple controls
Integrated data logging	Range of cheese making accessories





Scale



Microwave UHT add-on

The Armfield FT84 can be used with an Armfield FT74XA and FT174XA to provide a rapid microwave final heating stage.

The non-contact heating prevents fouling, precipitation, discolouration and prevents damage of delicate products; particularly useful for high protein products.

Applications	
Baby foods	Gelatine products
Beer	Health products
Condiments	Milk
Cream	Nutritional products
Culture media	Pharmaceuticals
Custards	Puddings
Desserts	Sauces and soups
Fruit purées	Yoghurts



Sterile Vessel

The Armfield FT85 Sterile Vessel can store UHT processed product for sterile filling at a later point. It eliminates product wastage associated with pilot-scale continuous-operation filling systems that lack buffering capacity.

The vessel is sited between Armfield's UHT processing units and the FT83XA Sterile Filling System and is available with vessel sizes from 30 litres as standard (other sizes on request). It is designed for operation with Armfield systems, but can be operated with other equipment. Sterile product can be stored until required.

Features / benefits

Self sterilising

Compact and mobile

Full colour touch screen

Removable side panels for easy washing

Associated equipment

FT174XA - Modular Miniature-scale HTST/UHT Process System

FT94X - HTST/UHT Mini Pilot System

FT83XA - Sterile Filling System

UOP10 – Laboratory Steam Generator



Carbonator/Filler/Capper (Counter Pressure Filling Station)

The Armfield FT102XA is a combined carbonator, filler and capper. Designed primarily to enable R&D technologists to prepare small quantities of beverages with reproducible characteristics and replicating the final product.

Now with an integrated chiller for improved efficiency and performance.

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Soft drinks

Beer

Milk

Juices and cordials

Health and nutritional products

FT102XA Optional Accessories

Crown seal capper

Screw cap sealer

Filling head for cans

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Vacuum system for bottles

Syrup dosing system

PET bottle neck support

Wide neck bottle filling possible

Features / benefits

Easy to use: many functions automated

Cost saving: for small test batches no production line is required

Throughputs up to 60l/h achievable (2l bottles) on FT102XA

Higher throughputs possible with twin filling head system

Wide range of cans or bottles can be used from 0.15l to in excess of 2l

CO₂ content of 12g/l can be realised

Premix and postmix capability

Fills non-carbonated drinks

Carbonates foaming products



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Homogenisation

Homogenisation Subsystems

The Armfield FT90 & FT91 are complete in-line homogenisation subsystems for use with Armfield miniature-scale food processing equipment.

They have been specifically optimised for this application in the dairy, liquid foods and condiments industries.



Technical specifications	FT91	FT90
Homogeniser	Niro Twin Panda 600	APV 1000
Throughput: Adjustable	10-30 l/h	8-22 l/h
Max 1st stage homogenisation pressures	600 Bar	1000 bar
Homogenisation temperature	90°C max	105°C max
Max sterilisation temperature (30 mins)	140°C	130°C
Pump power	1.5 kW	3 kW
No of pistons	2 off	1 off

Features / benefits

In-line homogenisation for trial quantities and miniature-scale processing

Uses scale-down valve technology which ensures the results are representative of production-scale processing

Two stage homogenisation with adjustable pressure (600bar)

Can be used as stand alone

Pulsation dampers included

Can be sterilised and used in an Aseptic system

FT90/FT91

Requirements





Scale



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Mixing Vessels

The Armfield FT140X range comes in three models (see table), each configuration is available in 50l and 100l volumes.

All models have an internal surface made of AISI 316 stainless steel. These tanks have been designed for industrial applications and are ideal for product storage and formulation in factory and pilot plant environments.

The agitators are manufactured with alternately rotating racks, making these vessels ideal for preparing and mixing dense products like creams, soups and broths.

Features / benefits

Electronic control speed for mixing motor (20-60 rpm)

Rotor with two direction paddle

Turbo emulsifier with electronic control speed (200-900 rpm) in CCT option

Interchangeable Teflon scrapers

Datalogging to record process data

CIP spray ball

VPN connection

Vessel Type	Description
CFC	Non-jacketed vessel with variable speed agitator
CFCR	Jacketed vessel with variable speed agitator, heaters and temperature controller
ССТ	Jacketed vessel with variable speed agitator, high shear emulsifier, heaters and temperature controller



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Mixing

Multifunction Laboratory Mixer

The Armfield FT141 is a multifunction batch process system designed for the hygienic processing either 10 litres or 20 litres depending on the unit and option selected. Emulsification, through mixing and temperature control can be used to prepare many variations of recipes.

Many available options to augment your system:

- Double knife (high viscosity products)
- Extra funnel for dosing liquids or powders
- PLC and touch screen with over 100 recipes

Features / benefits

10 or 20-litre product capacity

Simultaneous high shear mixing and sidewall agitation

Fast emulsifying for improved dissolving of powders

Full compatibility with existing Armfield UHT systems

Technical Specifications

Maximum Temperature: FT141 - 100°C Service Side



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Multifunction Laboratory Mixer

The Armfield FT142 is a multifunction batch process system designed for the hygienic processing either 10 litres or 20 litres of high viscosity or combination products. Emulsification, through mixing and temperature control can be used to prepare many variations of recipes.

Many available options to augment your system:

- Automatic vacuum control (sub 100°C evaporation)
- pH titration equipment
- · Direct steam injection

Features / benefits

10 or 20-litre product capacity

Simultaneous high shear mixing and sidewall agitation

FT142 has UHT capability: 140°C, 3 bar

Fast emulsifying for improved dissolving of powders

Full compatibility with existing Armfield UHT systems

Technical Specifications

Maximum Temperature: FT142 - 140°C



Crystallisation System 20BAR

The Armfield FT25XA Scraped Surface Heat Exchanger System is utilised for the development of fat crystallisation and ice cream freezing. The unit can be run as a continuous process or a batch system, if required, and has been tested with success on many fats and emulsions.

Batches as small as a few litres up to hundreds of litres can be run on this unit, all under the continuous conditions that are representative of a production plant.

Options available allow for a combination of 1 or 2 SSHE barrels and the addition of a pinworker and/or air incorporation if required.

The refrigerant circuit allows the operator to have precise control over the temperature change of the product, vital in the control of the crystal formation

Other parameters such as the flow rate, system pressure, pinworker, scraper speed can be controlled to vary the nature of your product.

Features / benefits

Datalogging to record process data

Duplicates full-scale process

Fast, accurate new product development

All process parameters under operator control for maximum flexibility.

Full control of barrel speeds up to 1400rpm

Temperature control system incorporated as standard

Hygienic design

Resting tube option for margarines

Standard working pressure of up to 20 bar



Crystallisation System 40BAR

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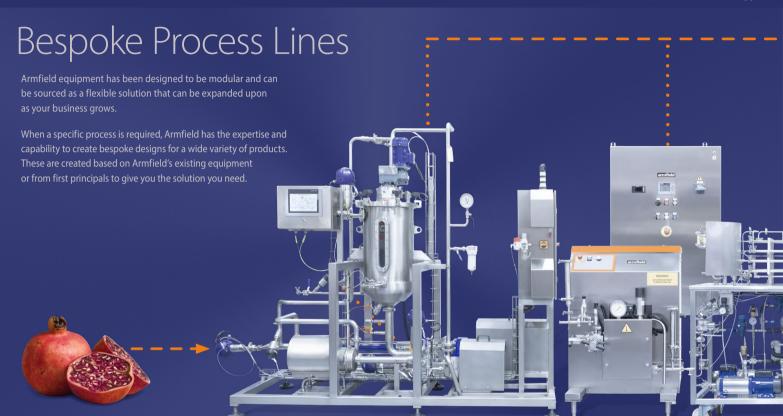
Hygienic design

Resting tube option for margarines

Standard working pressure of up to 40 bar



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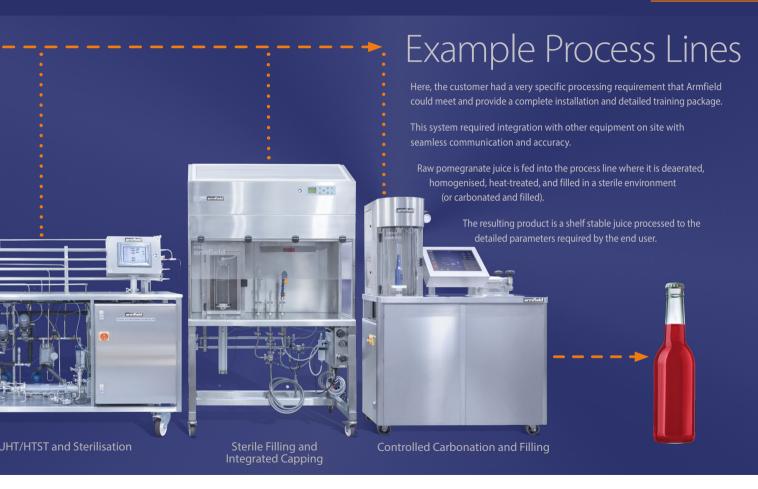


Continuous and Batch Deaeration

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Oil Preparation & Processing

Armfield is proud of its unique oils preparation and refining line of processing equipment. Using this equipment, you can take a raw seed from the plant, extract the oil and refine it to the purity you desire.

These units can create oils that are ready for sale or further downstream processing in various forms depending on your requirement.



Batch Solvent Extraction and Desolventising Unit

The Armfield FT29 is a floor standing, self contained 25 litre batch process unit demonstrating a variety of solid/liquid extractions.

The unit is particularly suitable for 'leaching' edible oils from oil-bearing seeds and desolventising both the extracted solids and the miscella.



Features / benefits

Improved extraction efficiency

Wide variety of oils from nuts, seeds and vegetables

ATFX Rated

High temperatures possible

Pulsation dampers included

Controlled & monitored parameters ensure easy scale up



Neutraliser/Washer/Bleacher

The Armfield FT66 Neutraliser/Washer/Bleacher is a floor-standing batch processing vessel capable of performing these stages on small quantities of crude edible oils and facilitates practical research and development.

Features / benefits

Small quantities of oil can be processed

25 litre vessel compliant with PED

Capabilities

Effect of variation of operating parameters such as temperature, vacuum and degree of agitation

Selection of the correct amount and strength of caustic solution for the particular oil

Selection of the type and quantity of adsorbent for the bleaching operation

Optimization of operation of a pressure leaf filters

Description

The main reactor vessel, reagent vessels, filter pump and filter are constructed from stainless steel and are mounted within a floor-standing, stainless steel framework.

A variable speed agitator, electrical heating element, cooling coil and observation port are incorporated in the reactor, which is a vertical cylindrical vessel designed to process a 25 litre batch of oil.



Hydrogenation Unit

The Armfield FT67 Hydrogenation unit is a floor-standing batch processing vessel, which is used to adjust the degree of saturation of 25 litre batches of edible oils. Increasing the saturation improves the stability and lengthens the shelf-life of the product.

Samples taken from line test



Features / benefits	
Safe and easy to use	Reusable filter mesh
Temperatures up to 180°C	Air driven agitators
Pressure leaf filters	Windows for safe viewing
Accurate control of hydrogen addition	Integral steam heating coil and cooling coil
Line sampling capabilities	Easy to install and maintain



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Oil Processing

Deodorising Unit

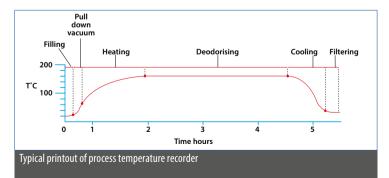
The Armfield FT68 Deodorising Unit is a safe and easy to use floorstanding batch processing vessel suitable for steam stripping of volatile aromatic compounds from edible oils.

Applying steam to agitate and heat the oil while under very near vacuum reduces aromatic compounds contained in the product.

Features / benefits

Very low vacuum levels possible (<5mm Hg, 7mBorA)

Easy to install and operate with meaningful and repeatable results





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Armfield's Trial Laboratory

Armfield's trial laboratory is fully flexible and available for your next trial!

We have a broad range of equipment available for testing your products on many different scales including a mini pilot line for sterile UHT and HTST processing.



- Homogenisation
- UHT and HTST Processing
- Sterile Filling
- **▶** Filtration



Our subsidiary Armfield Inc in New Jersey, USA, also has a trials facility for UHT/HTST processing and carbonation, filling and capping.







Contact us to find out more about developing your future successes: ift@armfield.co.uk

- Carbonation, Filling & Capping
- Spray Drying
- Solvent Extraction
- Crystallisation
- **▶** Ice Cream Freezing



Cross Flow Membrane Filtration

The Armfield FT17 is a lab-scale system for both evaluating membranes in a cross flow filtration application and enabling rapid determination of cross flow filtration performance with small product volumes (1 litre).

Applications	
Fruit juices	Water treatment
Dairy	Medical applications
Fermented foods	Biofuels
Pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical	Soft and alcoholic beverages

Features / benefits

Variable retentate cross flow velocity over the filtration membrane

Data logging of filtration pressure, permeate mass, retentate flow rate, retentate temperature

Buffer addition / Diafiltration capabilities

Optional retentate temperature control (FT17-15) with operating temperature range of 5-60 $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$

Small-scale, only one litre of material is required

Simple cleaning and maintenance protocols

Suitable for microfiltration, ultrafiltration, nanofiltration and reverse osmosis membranes and pressures. Pressure operating range 0-40 bar



FT17 Requirements



Scale



Modular Cross Flow Filtration

The Armfield FT18-MkII is a pilot-scale cross-flow filtration system designed to operate with a range of membrane module configurations

It is the perfect tool to use, following on from flat sheet membrane trials with the FT17, for further process development and scale-up.

Features / benefits

- Four membrane module options:
 - Ceramic
 - Spiral wound
 - Hollow fibre
 - Tubular
- Capable of:
 - Microfiltration
 - Ultrafiltration
 - Nanofiltration
 - Reverse Osmosis

Maximum filtration pressure of 50 bar

Clean-in-place capability

Backpulsing option (suitable for certain modules)



Benchtop Rapid Extractor

The Armfield FT110DP Benchtop Rapid Extractor is used to extract the active constituents from small (<1 litre) samples of materials.

This new Dual-Piston (DP) system has an increased efficiency of solvent extraction, reducing the time of each cycle and increasing the active ingredient extraction in each cycle.

The three phases of operation are pressurisation, relaxation and dynamic percolation. This forces the solution in to the biomass. dissolves the active ingredient and recovers the solution in to a separate vessel.



Applications	
Natural food flavours	Tinctures and infusions
Fruit flavours	Herbal extracts and homoeopathy
Herbs and plant extracts	Cosmetics
Spirit liquors	Pharmaceuticals

Features / benefits

Two 5-litre vessels for solvent recirculation and recovery

Touchscreen for total process control

FT110DP Requirements









Laboratory-Scale Rapid Extractor

The Armfield FT111X Laboratory-Scale Rapid Extractor is ideally suited to product development purposes, used to extract the active constituents from materials in pilot-scale batch sizes.

The Armfield FT111X uses high pressure and a combination of both static and dynamic extraction phases to achieve a rapid extraction of the active materials with minimum degradation to the product. In the dynamic phases, the solvent is passed through the material providing a forced percolation and agitation.

Features / benefits

Small-scale, 5, 10 and 20 litre options

Simple cleaning and maintenance procedures

Uses ethanol, glycerol, water or similar safe (polar) solvents

High pressure, room temperature extraction, excellent for sensitive materials

Highly flexible extraction parameters

Heated tank option

Applications	
Natural food flavours	Tinctures and infusions
Fruit flavours	Herbal extracts and homoeopathy
Herbs and plant extracts	Cosmetics
Spirit liquors	Pharmaceuticals



FT111X Requirements











Tall Form Spray Dryer Tall Form Spray Chiller

The Armfield FT80 Tall Form Spray Dryer and FT81 Tall Form Spray Chiller have been purpose-designed to enable laboratory quantities of products to be processed.

With drying temperatures upto 250°C, and by controlling and monitoring various parameters, including RH, you can produce powder comparable to large-scale production dryer capability. Both systems offer unparalleled flexibility with separate, individually controlled inlet and outlet fans, together with variable nozzle positions and selection of co- or counter-current flow configurations. This flexibility is enhanced by an unsurpassed range of options,

With the appropriate accessories it is possible to change from spray-drying to spray-chilling configurations in a matter of minutes, thus adding further unique experimental capability.

purpose-designed for laboratory and research use.

Applications

Dairy

Liquid Foods

Pharmaceuticals

Nutraceuticals

Flavours and Fragrances





Laboratory Drum Dryer

The Armfield FT32 is a laboratory-scale drum dryer, designed for food, chemical and pharmaceutical research. It can be used for both process development and new product research demonstrating the many drum drying applications.



Feed roll assembly

Technical specifications		
Drum size:	300mm diameter x 300mm long	
Drying duty:	Max material feed rate 45 kg/h Max water evaporated 30 kg/h Steam consumption 40 kg/h @ 6 bar	
Max Operating temperature:	162°C	
Single or Double drum options		



Evaporation

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Rising Film Evaporator

The Armfield FT22 Rising Film Evaporator condenses aqueous solutions by removing water and forming a concentrate. This is performed under gentle heating and controlled vacuum conditions

The two streams of products are separately collected for recycling, further processing or packaging.

To reduce the footprint, a single, wider column is fitted and consecutive process runs allow for multistage process simulation.

2-10 litre batches can be processed in a single run, and short turn-around times mean many The **FT22** is perfect for making products like evaporated milk



















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Laboratory Process Chiller

The Armfield FT63 is a recirculating process chiller, providing a continuous supply of refrigerated liquid to serve as the chilling media when used with an Armfield miniature-scale processing unit.

Features / benefits Low refrigerant charge Low running costs Easily cleaned and maintained Temperature controller on chilled liquid outlet enables stable processing

Mobile unit

Simple ON/OFF control

Compatible equipment:

- ► FT74XA
- ► FT81
- ► FT94LT
- ► FT18-MKII
- ► FT174XA







Large Laboratory Process Chiller

The Armfield FT64 is a recirculating process chiller, providing a continuous supply of refrigerated liquid to serve as the chilling media when used with an Armfield miniature-scale processing unit.

The FT64 is particularly suitable for larger cooling duties and for use with:

- ► FT174XA
- ► FT94IT
- ► FT94X

Often used to reduce outlet temperatures to below ambient, for cold storage preperation.

Features / benefits

Low refrigerant charge

Low running costs

Easily cleaned and maintained

Below sound safety thresholds

Simple ON/OFF control





Continuous In-line Deaerator

The Armfield FT51 deaerator unit has been designed to enable small quantities of food and other liquid products to be processed conveniently in the laboratory. It can be used as a standalone batch deaerator or in-line with one of the Armfield continuous processing systems, such as the FT74XA or the FT174XA.

The unit is designed to mirror the industrial processes of vacuum deaeration.

Applications	Performance
Baby foods	Continuous throughput typically up to 20 l/h
Beverages	
Cream	Batch volume 2-10l
Desserts and puddings	Vacuum level to – 950 mbar (product dependent)
Fruit and vegetable purees	
Fruit juices and cordials	Features / benefits
Gelatine products	Deaeration capabilities of down to 0.5ppm dissolved O_2 (batch mode with N_2 degassing)
Gravies	
Health and nutritional products	Nitrogen degassing facility
Milk	Clean In Place (CIP)
Pharmaceuticals	Touchscreen control
Sauces and soups	Full compatibility with existing Armfield UHT systems
Yoghurts	



Clean In Place Unit

The Armfield FT52 has been designed to provide additional cleaning performance for Armfield Food Technology (FT) units and other equipment. It consists of a high flow rate stainless steel centrifugal pump mounted on a mobile frame.

Features / benefits

Mobile unit with small footprint providing local CIP capability for pilot scale equipment

Produces cleaning velocities in excess of the industry standard 1.5 m/s in Armfield systems

Capable of flow rates up to 4.0 m³/h

Simple on/off pump control

Stainless steel pump motor splash cover

High pressure hygienic flexible hoses and fittings for quick connection to Armfield equipment

5L stainless steel hopper for cleaning solutions

Overall dimensions		
Height:	1.10m	
Length:	0.90m	
Depth:	0.45m	
Packed and crated shipping specifications		

 $0.45 m^{3}$

30kg



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Volume:

Gross weight:

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