## A fReactor – Classic Checklist

10 essential steps to get your flow reaction up and running.



- 1. You have checked for <u>chemical incompatabilites</u> (remember the O-ring!)
- 2. Each fReactor lid is <u>fastened securely down</u> onto the O-ring and glass window, with the lid parallel to the base to ensure a good seal, as shown by the uniform gap in the figure on the right.

Oh and there is a stirrer bar in there – important for mixing and heat transfer. Don't get cross by forgetting the cross!

- 3. Each end of pipe has a nut and ferrule (note the direction of the ferrule cone into the fitting!). Pipe fittings (and blanking nuts) are installed "finger-tight".
- 4. The fReactors are sitting on the base, and not twisted off it due to tensions in the pipe. Again important for consistent mixing and good heat transfer.
- 5. The safety shield is installed.
- 6. The <u>base temperature is set appropriately</u> to give your desired temperature in the fReactor module.
- 7. You have filled supply lines, <u>purged the fReactor modules of gas</u> (unless of course you are doing a gas-liquid reaction!) and <u>checked for leaks</u>.
- 8. You have enough starting material to <u>reach steady state</u> and then to create the quantity of material you want.
- 9. Confirm mixing is running, and that you have a flow.
- 10. You have something to do with all that spare time whilst flow chemistry generates your product ! Perhas read up on the <u>science of flow chemistry</u> and spread the word !?

If you are looking at a print copy of this, then the this document and the links are available at <u>freactor.com/getrunning\_fReactorClassic.html</u>

NOTE: This information is intended for guideline purposes only. You should ensure that you have properly risk assessed your chemical reaction and process.