

ABSTRACT

An ion elution unit generates metal ions by applying a voltage between electrodes.

Terminals are formed integrally to the electrodes. The terminals protrude downward through the bottom wall of the casing of the ion elution unit. The space between the electrodes

5 becomes narrower from the upstream side to the downstream side along with the water current flowing through the inside of the casing. The casing has a water inlet and a water outlet, the cross-sectional area of the water outlet is smaller than that of the water inlet. The water outlet is disposed at the lowest level in the inner space of the casing. The cross-sectional area of the inner space of the casing gradually decreases from the upstream side to the

10 downstream side.