

# User's Manual

## FreeZone<sup>®</sup> Plus<sup>™</sup> 4.5 Liter Cascade Freeze Dry Systems

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of a Labconco FreeZone® Freeze Dry System, which is designed for laboratory lyophilization procedures. The refrigerant used in the refrigeration system is CFC-free so it will not endanger the environment. The unit is easy to install and maintain. Proper care and maintenance of this product will result in many years of dependable service.

### Freeze Dry Process

Freeze drying is an important process in sample preparation and for the preservation and storage of biologicals, pharmaceuticals and foods. Of the various methods of dehydration, freeze drying (lyophilization) is especially suited for substances that are heat sensitive. Other than food processing (e.g., coffee, whole dinners), freeze drying has been extensively used in the development of pharmaceuticals (e.g., antibiotics) and preservation of biologicals (e.g., proteins, plasma, viruses and cell lines). The nondestructive nature of this process has been demonstrated by the retention of viability in freeze dried viruses and microorganisms.

Freeze drying is a process whereby water or other solvent is removed from frozen material by converting the frozen water directly into vapor without the intermediate formation of liquid water. The basis for this sublimation process involves the absorption of heat by the frozen sample in order to vaporize the ice; the use of a vacuum pump to enhance the removal of water vapor from the surface of the sample; the transfer of water vapor to a collector; and the removal of heat by the collector in order to condense the water vapor. In essence, the freeze dry process is a balance between the heat absorbed by the sample to vaporize the ice and the heat removed from the collector to convert the water vapor into ice.

## Freeze Dry Rates

The efficiency of the freeze drying process is dependent upon the surface area and the thickness of the sample, the collector temperature and vacuum obtained, the eutectic point and solute concentration of the sample. It is important to remember these factors when trying to obtain efficient utilization of your freeze dry system. A listing of selected materials and their approximate drying times are shown in Table 1 for your reference.

**Table 1**

SAFE TEMPERATURE AND DRYING TIMES FOR SELECTED MATERIALS			
Material 10mm Thick	Safe Temperature °C	Collector Temperature °C	Hours (Approx.)
Milk	-5	-40	10
Urea	-7	-40	10
Blood Plasma	-10 to -25	-40	16
Serum	-25	-40	18
Vaccinia	-30 to -40	-50	22
Influenza Vaccine	-30	-50	24
Human Tissue	-30 to -40	-50	48
Vegetable Tissue	-50	-80	60

\*Total sample quantities are contingent on various freeze dryer capacities.

Up to the point of overloading the system, the greater the surface area of the sample, the faster the rate of freeze drying. By contrast, for a given surface area, the thicker the sample the slower the rate of freeze drying. This is based on the fact that the heat of sublimation is usually absorbed on one side of the frozen sample and must travel through the frozen layer to vaporize water at the other surface. In addition, as the sample is freeze dried, the water vapor must travel through the layer of dried material. The thicker the sample, the greater the chance that the dried layer may collapse, which would cause an additional decrease in the rate of freeze drying.

The surface area and thickness of the sample can usually be ignored when each sample contains only a few milliliters. However, for larger volumes, the samples should be shell frozen to maximize the surface area and minimize the thickness of the sample. The volume of the freeze dry flask should be two to three times the volume of the sample.

In order for lyophilization to occur, ice must be removed from the frozen sample via sublimation. This is accomplished by the collector and the vacuum pump. The collector, which should be at least 15 to 20°C colder than the eutectic temperature (melting temperature) of the sample, traps vapor as ice. Since the vapor pressure at the collector is lower than that of the sample, the flow of water vapor is from the sample to the collector. Since this vapor diffusion process occurs very slowly under normal atmospheric conditions, a good vacuum is essential to maintain an efficient rate. In many applications, the maintenance of a vacuum of 0.133 mBar or less is recommended.

The rate of freeze drying is directly proportional to the vapor pressure and the vapor pressure is dependent upon both eutectic temperature and solute concentration of the sample. For example, a solution of sodium chloride and water would freeze dry at a slower rate than pure water. The eutectic temperature of a sodium chloride solution is about -21°C and at this temperature the vapor pressure is about 1/16 that of water at 0°C. Although the eutectic temperature is not dependent upon the concentration of sodium chloride, the vapor pressure of the water would decrease as the concentration of sodium chloride increased. This is due to the fact that as the solute concentration increases, less of the surface area of the frozen sample is occupied by water. In general, most solutions or biological samples will have a eutectic temperature of -10 to -25°C. However, if the sample contains a simple sugar such as glucose or if the sample is animal or plant tissue, the eutectic temperature may be as low as -30° to -50°C.

## **Freeze Dry Capacity**

The volume of a sample that can be freeze dried at one time is related to factors discussed previously and the size and design of the freeze dry system. With any given instrument, the capacity is based on the surface area of the sample; the eutectic temperature and concentration of the sample; and the rate and amount of heat transferred to the frozen sample. Of these factors, the eutectic temperature is the most important factor in determining the amount of sample that can be freeze dried at one time, particularly when flasks are used. This is because as the eutectic temperature decreases, the vapor pressure decreases but the rate of heat absorption by the sample does not change. This tends to promote melting of the sample, which leads to a marked increase in vapor pressure and ultimately overloads the collector and vacuum pump. Samples that have eutectic temperatures of -20°C or lower should be placed on the freeze dry system one flask at a time so that the vacuum in the system may recover before adding another sample to the system. If the vacuum does not recover, the capacity of the freeze dry system has been exceeded and the sample should be removed.

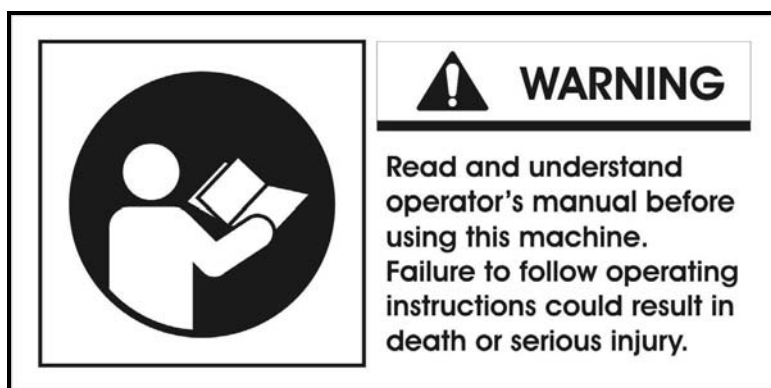
If there is a problem with a particular type of sample melting when placed on the freeze dry system, dilution of the sample with more water or providing some insulation around the flask to decrease the rate of heat absorption by the sample may help. If the eutectic temperature of the sample is  $-40$  to  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the freeze dry system selected for use must be equipped with cascade type refrigeration so that the collector temperature can be cooled to below  $-75^{\circ}\text{C}$ , or a dry ice/solvent trap may be used between the collector and the vacuum pump.

## Samples Containing Volatile Substances

In certain cases the solvent in a sample to be freeze dried may contain volatile components such as acetonitrile, methanol, acetic acid, formic acid or pyridine. In addition to these substances having an effect on the eutectic temperature, they may increase the vapor pressure at the surface of the sample. Also, compared to water, they will require the absorption of less heat for sublimation to occur. Hence, samples that contain volatile substances will have a greater tendency to melt, particularly when placed in flasks or exposed to room temperature. If a sample containing a volatile substance tends to melt when placed on a freeze dry system, dilution of the sample with more water will help keep the sample frozen. For example, a 0.2M solution of acetic acid is much easier to freeze dry than a 0.5M solution.

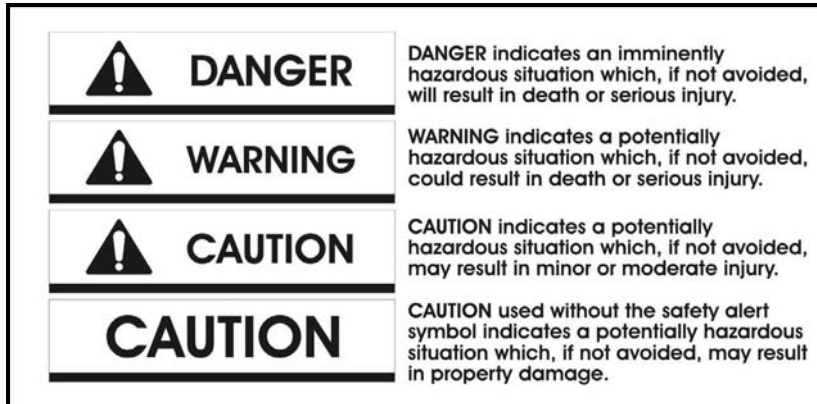
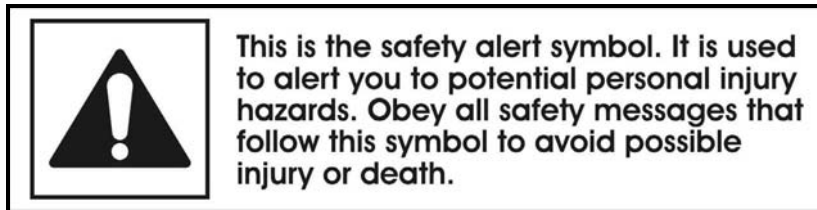
## Safety Symbols

Your freeze dry system was designed with safety in mind, however conditions may exist that could be hazardous.





Throughout this manual potentially hazardous conditions are identified using the following words and symbols.



It is important that you understand the warnings listed throughout this manual before you operate the freeze dry system.

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# CHAPTER 2

## PREREQUISITES

Before you install your freeze dryer, you need to prepare your site for installation. Carefully examine the location where you intend to install your freeze dryer. You must be certain that the area is level and of solid construction. An electrical source must be located near the installation site.

Carefully read this chapter to learn:

- the electrical supply requirements.
- the vacuum pump requirements.

Refer to *Appendix C: Freeze Dryer Specifications* for complete freeze dryer electrical and environmental conditions, specifications and requirements.

### Electrical Requirements

The freeze dryer requires a dedicated electrical outlet. This outlet requires a 20 Amp circuit breaker or fuse for models rated at 115V (60 Hz). An outlet equipped with a 15 Amp circuit breaker or fuse is required for models rated at 230V (50/60 Hz). See Freeze Dryer Components in Chapter 3 for detail plug specifications. If the plug supplied with the Freeze Dryer does not match the available receptacle, remove this plug and replace it with an approved plug of the suitable style.

### Location Requirements

The freeze dryer should be located in an area that provides an unobstructed flow of air around the cabinet. This air cools the refrigeration system. The refrigeration system draws air through the rear panel and exhausts it through the sides. A minimum of 3" must be allowed between the back and both sides of the freeze dryer and adjacent wall surfaces. Restriction of airflow during operation could adversely affect performance.

Refer to *Appendix C: Freeze Dryer Specifications* for dimensional drawings of the Freeze Dryer. The space for benchtop models must be large enough to accommodate the vacuum pump, which will be used with the freeze dryer.

## **Vacuum Pump Requirements**

A vacuum pump must be provided by the user. A vacuum pump with a displacement of 86 liters per minute and 0.002 mBar ultimate pressure is adequate for most samples. The inlet fitting on the vacuum pump must be suitable for 3/4" ID vacuum hose, which is provided. It is recommended that the vacuum pump is equipped with an exhaust filter to minimize oil mist exhausting from the vacuum pump. The operating vacuum level may be set on the freeze dryer. The higher the pressure is set, the more likely it is that oil mist will be exhausted.

Vacuum pumps used with 115V models should be equipped with a 115V, 15 Amp NEMA 5-15P plug. Vacuum pumps used with 230V models should be equipped with a reverse IEC plug. This plug is included with 230V models. This will allow the vacuum pump to be plugged into the receptacle on the back panel of the freeze dryer. See *Appendix D: Freeze Dryer Accessories* for vacuum pumps available from Labconco.

## **Chamber or Manifold Requirements**

A 12-port drying chamber is included with the unit. This allows samples to be attached to the freeze dryer. See *Appendix D: Freeze Dryer Accessories* for available chambers and manifolds.

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# **CHAPTER 3**

## **GETTING STARTED**

Now that the site for your freeze dryer is properly prepared, you are ready to unpack, inspect, install and test your freeze dryer. Read this chapter to learn how to:

- unpack and move your freeze dryer.
- set up your freeze dryer.
- connect the electrical supply source to your freeze dryer.
- properly exhaust your freeze dryer.
- safely use solvents with your freeze dryer.

## Unpacking Your Freeze Dryer

Carefully unpack your freeze dryer and inspect it for damage that may have occurred in transit. If your freeze dryer is damaged, notify the delivery carrier immediately and retain the entire shipment intact for inspection by the carrier.

The Benchtop FreeZone Plus Cascade 4.5 Liter Freeze Dry System weighs over 125 lbs. (57 Kg). The Console FreeZone Plus Cascade 4.5 Liter Freeze Dry System weighs over 176 lbs. (80 Kg). If you must lift the freeze dryer manually, use at least two (2) persons and follow safe lifting guidelines.

If your freeze dryer was damaged in transit, you must file a claim directly with the freight carrier. The United States Interstate Commerce Commission rules require that claims be filed with the delivery carrier within fifteen (15) days of delivery. Labconco Corporation and its dealers are not responsible for shipping damage.

Do not return goods without the prior authorization of Labconco. Unauthorized returns will not be accepted.

Do not discard the carton or packing material for your freeze dryer until you have checked all of the components and installed and tested the freeze dryer.

## Freeze Dryer Components

Locate the model of FreeZone Plus Cascade 4.5 Liter Freeze Dry System you received in the following table. Verify that the components listed are present and undamaged.

Catalog #	Description	Volts	Hz	Teflon Coated Chamber	Power Cords				
					1336400	1336500	1342100	1332601	1332701
7386020	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	115	60		X				
7386021	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	115	60	X	X				
7386030	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50			X			
7386031	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X		X			
7386040	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	60				X		
7386041	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	60	X			X		
7386060	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50					X	
7386061	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X				X	
7386070	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50						X
7386071	4.5L Benchtop Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X					X

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					1336400	1336500	1342100	1332601	1332701
7387020	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	115	60		X				
7387021	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	115	60	X	X				
7387030	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50			X			
7387031	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X		X			
7387040	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	60				X		
7387041	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	60	X			X		
7387060	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50					X	
7387061	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X				X	
7387070	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50						X
7387071	4.5L Console Cascade Freeze Dryer	230	50	X					X
7382020	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	115	60		X				
7382021	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	115	60	X	X				
7382030	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50			X			
7382031	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50	X		X			
7382032	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50					X	
7382033	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50	X				X	
7382034	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50						X
7382035	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	50	X					X
7382040	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	60				X		
7382041	4.5L -105C Benchtop Freeze Dryer	230	60	X			X		

Plus the following:

Part #	Component Description
7387900	User's Manual
7373450	Vacuum Hose
1488800	Hose Clamps (2)
7395801	Chamber Lid
7395800	Lid Gasket
7522800	Drying Chamber (12-port)
1291000	Plug

If you did not receive one or more of the components listed for your freeze dryer, or if any of the components are damaged, contact Labconco Corporation immediately for further instructions.

## Setting Up Your Freeze Dryer

After you verify receipt of the proper components, move your freeze dryer to the location where you want to install it. Then, follow the steps listed below.

### Vacuum Pump Connection

A vacuum pump as described in *Chapter 2: Prerequisites* is required to operate your freeze dry system properly. The freeze dryer is equipped with a 3/4" ID, heavy wall, vacuum hose for connecting the collector chamber to the vacuum pump.

Place the vacuum pump near the benchtop freeze dryer models. For console models, from the back of the unit, place the vacuum pump on the floor of the cabinet.

Connect the vacuum pump power cord to the receptacle on the back of the cabinet labeled "vacuum pump." If the vacuum pump has an off/on switch, turn the switch on. The vacuum pump will be controlled by the freeze dryer. Connect the vacuum pump inlet port to the vacuum tube on the back of the cabinet with the vacuum hose and clamps provided. If necessary, cut the hose to proper length to allow for gentle bends without kinks.

Models rated for use on 230V have a reverse IEC connector for attaching the vacuum pump power cord. A plug is supplied that can be installed on the vacuum pump power cord if necessary. Make certain that the oil in the vacuum pump is at the proper level.

### Electrical Connection

Plug the power cord into the receptacle on the back of the freeze dryer and plug the other end into a suitable power receptacle.

### Drying Chamber or Drying Manifold Installation

Install the clear lid with 3.0 inch hole on top of the collector chamber.

The supplied drying chamber or drying manifold, which may be purchased separately, may be positioned directly above the 3-inch hole in the collector chamber lid. Center the rubber gasket that came with the chamber over the hole in the lid. Then place the chamber over the gasket. When vacuum is applied to the system, the chamber will be held securely in place.

## Chemical Resistance of Freeze Dryer Components

The FreeZone Freeze Dry System is designed to be chemically resistant to most compounds that are commonly used in freeze drying processes. However, by necessity, the freeze dryer is comprised of a number of different materials, some of which may be attacked and degraded by certain chemicals. The degree of degradation is dependent on the concentration and exposure duration. Some of the major components of the FreeZone Freeze Dry System that are susceptible to degradation are as follows:

Component	Material	Acids			Buffers		Solvents						
		Acetic Acid 20%	Formic Acid	Trifluoroacetic Acid (TFA)	Calcium Chloride	Sodium Phosphate	Acetone	Acetonitrile	Carbon Tetrachloride	Cyclohexane	Dioxane	Methyl t-Butyl Ether (BTBE)	Pyridine
Valve Stem	Acetal (Delrin)	C	D	D	D		D						
Collector Lid	Acrylic			D			D	D	D				
Hoses, Gaskets & Valve Bodies	Neoprene	C	D	D			C	C	D	D	D	C	D
Flask Top	Silicon Rubber		C	D		D			D	D	D	C	D
Chamber & Fittings	Stainless Steel				C								

C – Moderate degradation; Limited use

D – Severe degradation; infrequent use recommended; immediate thorough cleaning required.

- Most common compounds used in freeze drying processes, if allowed to enter the vacuum pump, will degrade the oil and cause damage to the vacuum pump.
- Sugars and proteins typically will have minimal negative effect on any of the materials of construction.

When using compounds in the freeze dryer that are hostile to the materials of construction, it is imperative the equipment is thoroughly cleaned after use.

- Rubber and plastic components that have been exposed to damaging compounds should be removed and flushed with water.



- The oil in the vacuum pump should be checked often. It must be changed if it is cloudy, shows particles or is discolored. The useful life of vacuum pump oil can be extended if the vacuum pump is operated for an extended period of time after a freeze dry run. This allows contaminants to be purged from the hot oil. This must be done with the inlet to the pump blocked off to prevent air from free flowing through the pump. If the pump is operated at an elevated vacuum level ( $> 10\text{mBar}$ ), oil may be expelled from the pump and damage could occur.

Another way to extend the life of the vacuum pump is to install an optional secondary trap in the line between the freeze dryer and the vacuum pump. Contact Labconco for ordering information.

With prudent maintenance the FreeZone Freeze Dry System will provide years of service. Warranty on the affected parts will be voided if maintenance has been obviously neglected. If you have questions about using specific compounds in the freeze dryer, contact Labconco Technical Service at 1-800-821-5525 or 816-333-8811 or e-mail: [labconco@labconco.com](mailto:labconco@labconco.com).



## Solvent Safety Precautions

**Solvents used in the freeze dryer may be flammable or hazardous to your health. Use extreme caution and keep sources of ignition away from the solvents. When using flammable or hazardous solvents, the vacuum pump must be vented to or operated inside a fume hood.**

**Hazardous materials such as strong acids or bases, radioactive substances and volatile organics must be handled carefully and promptly cleaned up if spilled. If a sample is spilled in the collector chamber it must immediately be cleaned up.**

**NOTE: The disposal of substances used in connection with this equipment may be governed by various Federal, State or local regulations. All users of this equipment are urged to become familiar with any regulations that apply in the user's area concerning the dumping of waste materials in or upon water, land or air and to comply with such regulations.**

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# CHAPTER 4

## USING YOUR FREEZE DRYER

After your Freeze Dryer has been installed as detailed in *Chapter 3: Getting Started*, you are ready to begin using your Freeze Dryer. Read this chapter to learn how to:

- operate the controls.
- understand the display.
- connect samples.

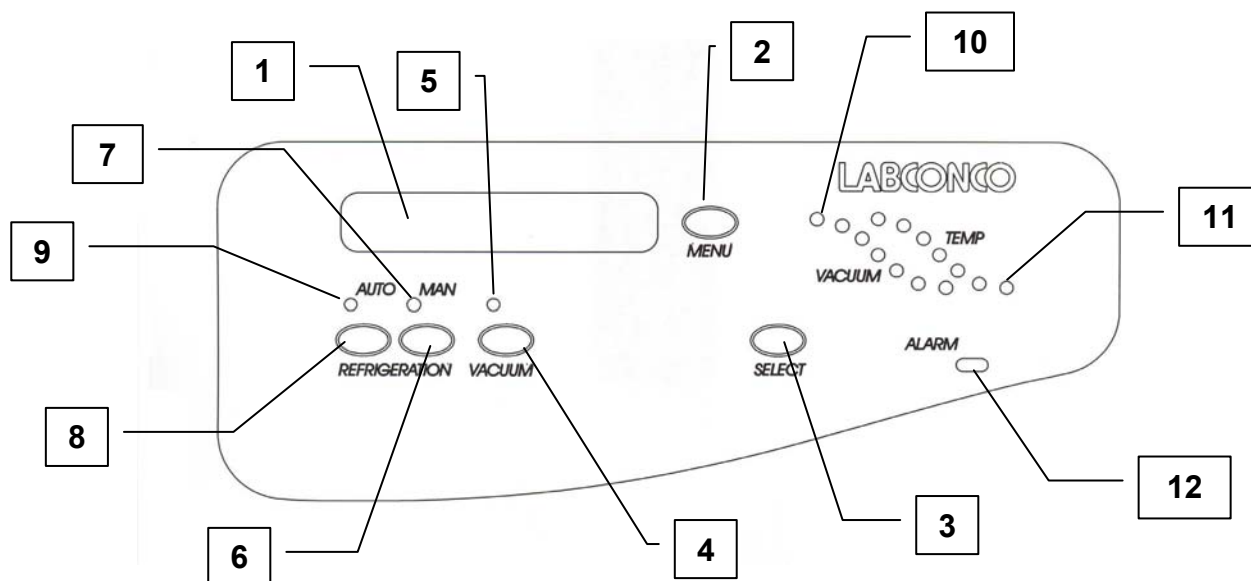


### WARNING

**Do not use the freeze dryer in a manner not specified by the manufacturer (refer to *Appendix C: Freeze Dryer Specifications*). The electrical protection properties of the freeze dryer may be impaired if the freeze dryer is used inappropriately.**

## Freeze Dryer Controls

The control panel for the freeze dryer is shown below with a description about its function.



1. LCD Display – Displays system operating parameters, set-up parameters and alarm messages.
2. Menu Switch – This switch is used to change the display from operating system parameters to set-up parameters.
3. Select Switch – Used to select set-up parameters.
4. Vacuum Switch – Used to start or stop the vacuum pump when operating in manual start-up mode.
5. Vacuum Indicator – This green LED indicates that power is being supplied to the vacuum pump receptacle on the back of the freeze dryer.
6. Manual Refrigeration Switch – Used to start only the refrigeration module.
7. Manual Operation Indicator – When lit, the green LED indicates the freeze dryer is being controlled manually by the operator. Each function must be started by the operator.
8. Auto Mode Switch – Used to start or stop the refrigeration and the Auto Mode process.
9. Auto Mode Indicator – When lit, the green LED indicates that the freeze dryer is in Auto Mode. In this mode, the vacuum pump will start when the collector temperature reaches  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
10. Vacuum Graph Display – This display indicates the relative system vacuum level. The highest LED indicates that the vacuum level is above 2.0 mBar. The indicators will sequence down when the vacuum level reaches 2.0, 1.0, 0.8, 0.6, 0.45, 0.12 mBar. The lower green LED flashes when the system vacuum level is 0.45 to 0.12 mBar and illuminates steadily below 0.133 mBar.

11. Collector Temperature Graph Display – This display indicates the temperature of the collector. The highest LED indicates the collector temperature is warmer than 10°C. The indicators will sequence down when the temperature reaches 10, 0, -10, -20, -30, -40°C (-10, -20, -30, -40, -50, -60 for Models 73820xx). When the collector temperature is -40°C (-60°C for Models 73820xx) or lower the green indicator will light.
12. Alarm Indicator – This red LED indicates that a system alarm has occurred. Press the Menu Switch to display the alarm message on the LCD display.
13. Main Power Switch – Turns the freeze dryer on or off. (Not shown, located on the left side of the cabinet).

## Operation Checklist

The following checklist should be followed prior to each use of your freeze dryer:

1. Wipe the interior of the collector chamber with a soft cloth or paper towel to remove any accumulated moisture.
2. Check the collector chamber drain hose to ensure that the hose is free of moisture and that the drain plug is securely installed. The freeze dryer will not start if moisture is detected.
3. Using a soft, lint-free cloth or paper towel, wipe the collector chamber lid gasket to remove any dirt and contaminants that could cause a vacuum leak. Vacuum grease is not required on the lid gasket to obtain a proper vacuum seal.
4. Remove the drying chamber or accessory manifold from the connection port and using a soft, lint-free cloth or paper towel, wipe the port gasket and sealing surfaces of the drying chamber/manifold to remove any dirt and contaminants that could cause a vacuum leak. Reinstall the drying chamber or manifold on the port. Vacuum grease is not required on the port gasket to obtain a proper vacuum seal.
5. Check that each sample valve is closed or in the “vent” position.

## Vacuum Pump Ballast Setting

Most vacuum pumps are equipped with a gas ballast mechanism. The freeze dry process requires high vacuum. Therefore, it is recommended that the gas ballast be closed during the operation of the freeze dry system. If the gas ballast is left open for extended periods of operation, the oil can be pumped out the exhaust, causing the pump to fail.

## Operating the Freeze Dryer

### Set-Up

The freeze dryer may be configured to automatically start the vacuum pump when the collector temperature reaches  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The display units for vacuum may be selected to be mBar, Pascal (Pa) or Torr and the temperature may be displayed as  $^{\circ}\text{F}$  or  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The run time of the refrigeration system and the vacuum pump may be monitored.

To configure your freeze dryer, turn the main power switch ON and press MENU. The display shows:

VACUUM UNITS		
mBar	Pa	Torr

- Press SELECT until the desired units are flashing.
- Press MENU.
- The display shows:

VACUUM SET POINT	
XXXX	YYY

Where YYY is the units selected above.

- Press SELECT until the desired vacuum operating level is displayed. See “Setting the Operating Vacuum Level” for guidelines.
- If “0” is selected, the vacuum control is disabled and the vacuum level in the freeze dry system will be determined by the capabilities of the vacuum pump.
- Press MENU.
- The display shows:

TEMPERATURE UNITS	
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$^{\circ}\text{F}$

- Press SELECT until the desired units are flashing.
- Press MENU.
- The display shows:

REFRIG TOTAL HOUR: XXXX  
SERVICE HOUR: XXXX

- To reset the SERVICE HOUR to 0 press SELECT. This allows you to keep track of the time the refrigeration system operated since it was serviced.
- The display shows the refrigeration system hours.

REFRIG TOTAL HOUR: XXXX  
RESET SERVICE HOUR: ?

- To reset the service hours to 0, continue to hold SELECT 5 seconds until hours are reset.
- TOTAL HOUR cannot be reset.
- Press SELECT.
- The display shows the vacuum pump hours.

VACUUM TOTAL HOUR: XXXX  
SERVICE HOUR: XXXX

- To reset the SERVICE HOUR to 0, press SELECT.
- The display shows:

VACUUM TOTAL HOUR: XXXX  
RESET SERVICE HOUR: ?

If you want to reset the service hours to 0, continue to hold SELECT five seconds until hours are reset.

- Press SELECT.
- The display shows the RS-232 data transmission rate.

RS-232 TRANSMISSION RATE

10 SECONDS

- To change the rate press and hold SELECT until the desired time interval is shown. The time between data transmissions may be set to occur at 10, 30, 60, 300 or 600 second intervals.
- Press SELECT to return to display operating parameters or after a short delay, the display will automatically switch to show operating parameters.

### Automatic Start-Up

To run the Auto Mode, press the panel switch labeled REFRIGERATION AUTO. The green LED above the switch illuminates and the refrigeration system starts. When the collector reaches  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the vacuum pump will start. The Temperature and Vacuum Graph indicate collector temperature and system vacuum. The LCD display shows the actual temperature of the collector. When the vacuum in the system is above 5 mBar the vacuum display indicates “HI.” At 5 mBar and below, the display shows the actual vacuum.

When the system vacuum is between 0.450 and 0.133 mBar, the lower green vacuum graph LED will flash. When the system vacuum level is  $<0.133$  mBar, the green LED will be lit steadily indicating that most samples may be added.

### Manual Start-Up

To manually run the freeze dry process press the REFRIGERATION MAN switch. This starts the refrigeration system. The green LED above the switch illuminates. When the collector temperature reaches  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the vacuum pump may be started by pressing the VACUUM switch. The Temperature and Vacuum Graph indicate collector temperature and system vacuum. The LCD display shows the actual temperature of the collector. When the vacuum in the system is above 5 mBar the vacuum display indicates “HI.” At 5 mBar and below, the display will show the actual vacuum.

When the system vacuum is between 0.450 and 0.133 mBar, the lower green vacuum graph LED will flash. When the system vacuum level is  $<0.133$  mBar, the green LED will be lit steadily indicating that samples may be added.

## Setting the Operating Vacuum Level

The vacuum level may be set by the user to optimize the freeze dry process. Normally, the sublimation rate will increase if there is less vacuum (a higher pressure) in the freeze dryer. A good starting place is to set the vacuum so its level is equivalent to about 10°C colder than the eutectic or collapse temperature of the sample. Adjustments to the vacuum level must be made for various freeze drying conditions. Factors that must be considered are whether the sample is freeze dried on heated shelves or in glassware attached to manifold valves, the volatility of the sample itself, the size of the sample and the heat energy supplied to the sample.

Some guidelines for setting the freeze dryer are shown below. These show pre-freezing temperatures and vacuum levels. Exact protocols must be determined by the user for the specific samples that are being freeze dried.

When the vacuum control is set to operate at less vacuum, the ice holding capacity of the collector may be decreased.

<b>Material</b>	<b>Solidification/Eutectic Temperature</b>	<b>Pre-Freeze Temperatures</b>	<b>Vacuum Set Point</b>
Bacteria, Virus	-40°C and Colder	-50°C & Colder	0.040 mBar & Lower
Milk	-5 to -13	-15 to -23	1.65 to 0.77
Fungi	-40 and Colder	-50 & Colder	0.04 and lower
Vegetable Tissue	-25 to -50	-35 to -60	0.22 to 0.01
Human Tissue	-30 to -40	-40 to -50	0.12 to 0.04
Blood Plasma	-10 to -25	-20 to -35	1.03 to 0.22
Vaccine	-30 to -40	-40 to -50	0.12 to 0.04

## Pre-Freezing Samples

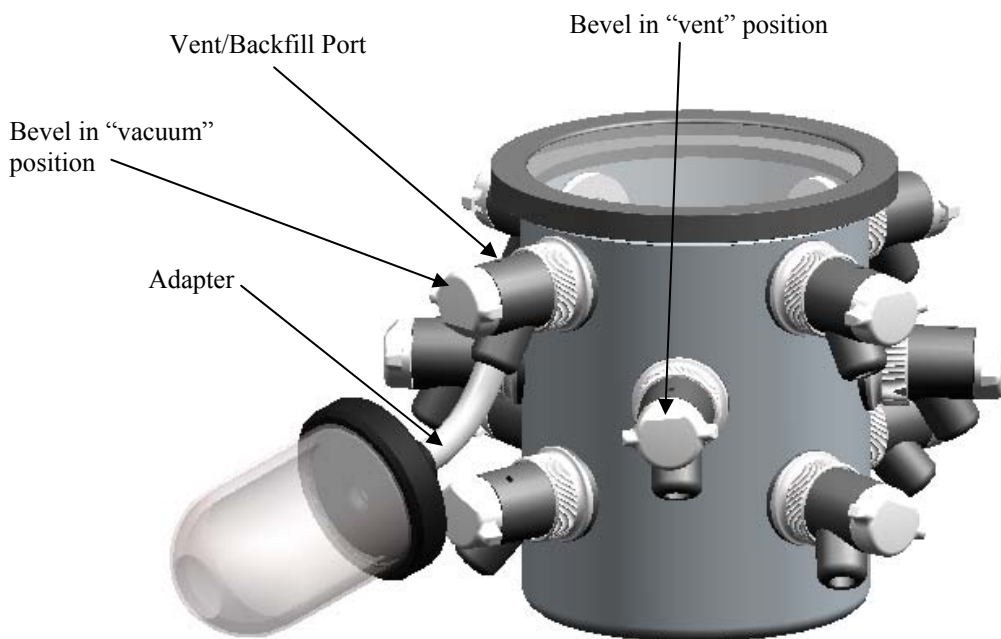
Appropriate containers for freeze drying include ampules, serum bottles, and wide-mouth freeze drying flasks. Shell freezing of samples is recommended for wide-mouth freeze drying flasks. Smaller samples in ampules and serum bottles may be frozen in a freezer or in the center of the collector chamber. The sample container size should always be at least two to three times the sample size (i.e., 40 ml samples should be prepared in 80 ml containers or larger). The temperature required for pre-freezing is dependent on the characteristics of the sample. Pre-freezing temperature typically is at least 10° to 20°C below the eutectic or collapse temperature of the sample.



## Adding Sample

The following procedure should be followed when using sample valves in the freeze dry process:

1. Connect a pre-frozen sample to a sample valve on the drying chamber or manifold using an adapter. Turn the plastic valve knob to the “VACUUM” position to open the valve, which connects the attached sample to system vacuum. The bevel on the knob should be positioned toward the sample port to apply vacuum to the sample.



2. Before adding another sample, allow system vacuum to return to 0.133 mBar or lower. Any combination of valves and sample sizes may be utilized at one time provided that the system vacuum and collector temperature remain sufficiently low to prevent melting of the frozen sample.
3. When all the frost has disappeared from the outer surface of the sample container and no cold spots can be detected by handling the container, the sample is nearly dry. To be certain of low final moisture content, dry the sample for several hours past this point.
4. To remove a container after drying is complete, turn the plastic knob on the valve to the “VENT” position, which closes the valve and vents the container. Should backfilling with an inert gas be required, connect the gas supply line to the vent port on the valve before turning the plastic knob on the valve to vent position. The sample container may now be removed. In the vent position the bevel on the valve knob should point away from the sample port.

5. Ampules may be flame sealed while connected to a valve by using a sealing torch. Care must be taken not to burn the valve. An insulation material placed between the valve and the torch is recommended.

## Shut Down

At the end of a run or when a sufficient amount of condensate accumulates on the collector coil to obstruct the flow of vapor to the collector chamber, the Freeze Dryer should be defrosted. First, release system vacuum by turning the plastic knob on a valve to the open position or by pulling the collector chamber drain plug out of the drain hose. Now press the Vacuum Switch on the control panel to turn the vacuum pump OFF. Press the Refrigeration Switch next to the illuminated LED to turn OFF the refrigeration system. Turn OFF the Main Power Switch on the right hand side of the cabinet.

## Defrosting

The following procedure should be followed when defrosting the collector coil:

1. Pull the collector chamber drain hose out from the right hand side of the freeze dryer and remove the drain plug. Place the drain hose in a suitable container to collect the condensate that will melt off the collector coil.
2. Remove the collector chamber lid and allow ambient room air to melt the ice. Dispose of the liquid appropriately.
3. Flush the collector chamber with water and wipe chamber dry.
4. If rapid defrost is desired, pour warm water over the collector coil. **Do not** allow the liquid to enter the vacuum port on the upper rear of the chamber.
5. Reinstall the drain hose plug and slide drain hose back into the side of the cabinet. Dispose of the liquid appropriately.

**Utilization of acid requires immediate cleaning and neutralization after defrost or physical damage to the collector chamber and collector coil will result.**

**Do not attempt to chip ice from the collector coil as damage may occur to the coil.**

**Never attempt to start the vacuum pump when there is liquid in the collector chamber. This could result in damage to the vacuum pump.**

## Alarms

A number of unusual events may occur during a lyophilization procedure that can adversely effect the operation of the freeze dryer. If an event occurs, the alarm indicator flashes and the beeper sounds.

The beeper automatically mutes itself after one minute. The specific alarm can be identified by pressing MENU. Pressing MENU multiple times displays multiple alarms if they have occurred. The following “out of specification” conditions initiate an alarm:

### Power Failure

If a power failure occurs during a freeze dry process, the vacuum control valve allows air to bleed into the freeze dryer system. If the failure is of a short duration and the collector does not warm up excessively, when power is restored the freeze dryer restarts and resume operation of the refrigeration and vacuum systems. If the power failure lasts for a longer duration and the collector warms above safe limits, when the power is restored, the freeze dryer will not automatically restart. This prevents melted sample from being drawn into the collector and prevents liquid from being sucked into the vacuum pump.

When power is restored, the alarm indicator flashes and the alarm beeper sounds. When the MENU button is pressed the display shows:

POWER FAIL  
HOLD SELECT TO CLEAR IT

Press and hold SELECT for five seconds until the error message is cleared from the display.

### Line Voltage Out of Range

If the voltage supplied to the freeze dryer varies beyond allowable limits, the alarm will be activated. When an alarm occurs, press MENU and the display shows:

LINE VOLTAGE ERROR

The alarm self-cancels when the proper voltage is restored. The high and low alarm points are preset at the factory to correspond to the normal allowable voltage variations based on the nominal voltage specified for the freeze dryer. Some models may be operated outside the normal voltage limits. See *Appendix C*. If necessary, the high and low alarm points may be adjusted for these models. See *Chapter 8*.

## Temperature Out of Range

An alarm activates if the collector temperature rises above  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  for Models 73820xx). If this occurs, the display shows:

COLLECTOR TEMPERATURE  
HOLD SELECT TO CLEAR IT

Press and hold SELECT for five seconds until the error message is cleared from the display.

## Service Vacuum Pump

The vacuum pump normally plugs into the vacuum pump electrical receptacle on the back of the freeze dryer. When the freeze dryer has accumulated a total of 1000 operating hours, the alarm indicator will flash. Press MENU to display the alarm:

CHANGE VACUUM OIL  
HOLD SELECT TO CLEAR IT

Press and hold SELECT for five seconds until the error message is cleared from the display.

This resets the 1000 hour timer. It may be necessary to service the vacuum pump more frequently than every 1000 hours depending on the operation of the freeze dryer. The pump oil should be regularly monitored to verify that it is clean.

## Moisture in Collector

If there is liquid in the collector chamber and either a REFRIGERATION button or the VACUUM button is pressed, neither function will start and an alarm will be activated. When MENU is pressed, the display shows:

MOISTURE IN COLLECTOR

When the collector is drained, the alarm self-cancels.

This feature prevents the inadvertent start of the vacuum pump when liquid is in the collector and thereby can extend the life of the vacuum pump.

A few drops of liquid may remain in the drain hose after draining. When the vacuum pump is started these drops may be sucked into the collector chamber. This is normal.

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# CHAPTER 5

## MAINTAINING YOUR FREEZE DRYER

Under normal operation, the freeze dryer requires little maintenance. The following maintenance schedule is recommended:

**As needed:**

1. Clean up all spills; remove liquids from the chamber.
2. Clean lid and gasket using soft cloth, sponge or chamois and a mild, non-abrasive soap or detergent.
3. Check oil level of the vacuum pump. It should be between MIN and MAX. If the oil level is less than an inch (25.4 mm) above MIN, add oil to proper level.
4. If oil shows cloudiness, particles or discoloration, drain the pump and replace with fresh oil.
5. **Utilization of acids requires immediate cleaning and neutralization after a run or physical damage to the collector chamber and collector coil will result.**
6. Check the collection chamber for condensed or frozen solvents and dispose of appropriately. Completely empty the collector chamber before the next run or before attempting to start the vacuum pump.
7. If sample valves leak or stems become difficult to turn, pull the stem out of the rubber valve body and apply a thin coat of vacuum grease to the stem. Reinsert the stem into the valve body.

### **Monthly:**

1. The rubber components on the freeze dryer may eventually deteriorate and require replacement. The effective life of rubber parts depends upon both their usage and the surrounding environment. Check all rubber hoses and gaskets and replace any that show signs of hardening, permanent set or deterioration.
2. Using a soft cloth, sponge or chamois and a mild, non-abrasive soap or detergent, clean the acrylic chamber lid.
3. Using a soft cloth, sponge, or chamois and a mild, non-abrasive soap or detergent, clean the exterior surfaces of the freeze dryer. Liquid spray cleaners and polishes may be used on the exterior surfaces. Do not use solvents to remove stains from the exterior surfaces as they may damage the finish.

### **Annually:**

1. Every 12 months, or more often if the freeze dryer is operated in a dusty environment, the refrigeration system condenser should be cleaned. Using a vacuum cleaner with brush attachment, clean the condenser to ensure proper airflow for peak performance.

### **Front Access Panel Removal (Console Models)**

The front stainless steel panel can be removed by placing a flat blade screwdriver in the rectangular hole in the center of the kick panel. Pivot the handle downward to disengage the latch and simultaneously pull the bottom edge of the lower panel forward. The lower panel is installed by first sliding the top edge under the lip on the plastic control panel. Pivot the bottom inward and push until the latch is secure.

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# **CHAPTER 6**

# **USING THE RS232**

# **RECEPTACLE**

The operation of the freeze dryer can be monitored using a computer when it is connected to the RS232 receptacle on the rear panel. The computer cannot control the operation of the freeze dryer. The monitored parameters are the collector temperature in °C and vacuum in microbars.

## **Computer Connection for Computer Interface**

Check your computer to see which type of serial port is provided, then use a connecting cable below:

1. Computers with a 25 pin D-sub male serial connector should use Connect Cable, Labconco part number 7537801, to connect a computer to the freeze dryer.
2. Computers with a 9 pin D-sub male serial connector should use Connect Cable, Labconco part number 7537800, to connect a computer to the freeze dryer.

The purpose of the RS232 interface is to send data to a data logging computer to monitor the state and activity of the freeze dryer. This data is half duplex data. The data properties are as follows:

1. Data Rate 2400 Baud
2. 8 Bit word length
3. 1 Start bit, 1 Stop bit
4. No parity is transmitted
5. Standard ASCII character set

The time between data transmissions may be varied by the user to occur at 10, 30, 60, 300 or 600 second intervals. Press the MENU button until the RS232 screen appears on the display.

RS-232 TRANSMISSION RATE	
10	SECONDS

Press select until the desired time interval is shown.

The format of the transmitted message is as follows:

B<T= -48 V= 18 SF = 999 C=999 PG=9 >

Where:

- B = Base Unit
- T = Collector Temperature
- 48 = Collector Temperature in °Celsius
- V = Vacuum
- 18 = Vacuum Level in Micro Bars
- SF = Shell Freezer Temperature (not available on 4.5L models)
- 9 = Feature not installed or out of range
- C = Vacuum Chamber Temperature(not available on 4.5L models)
- PG = Purge (not available on 4.5L models)

There are several commercially available software packages, which can read RS232 data and enter the data into a computer program, such as a word processor (to create a text file) or spreadsheet (to tabulate and plot the data). Consult your laboratory supply dealer regarding the latest software available. The following describes how to use an IBM compatible computer with Hyper Terminal™ software (included with Windows® 95, 98, XP or 2000 operating systems) to collect the RS232 data from your freeze dryer:

1. Make sure that the freeze dryer is properly connected to the communication port on the computer.
2. Open Hyper Terminal™ software.

i) Windows® 95 or 98 use:  
START/PROGRAMS/ACCESSORIES.

ii) Windows® 2000 use:  
START/ROGRAMS/ACCESSORIES/COMMUNICATIONS

The first time Hyper Terminal™ is opened a dialogue box requesting an area code and phone number appears. Enter the appropriate numbers and continue.



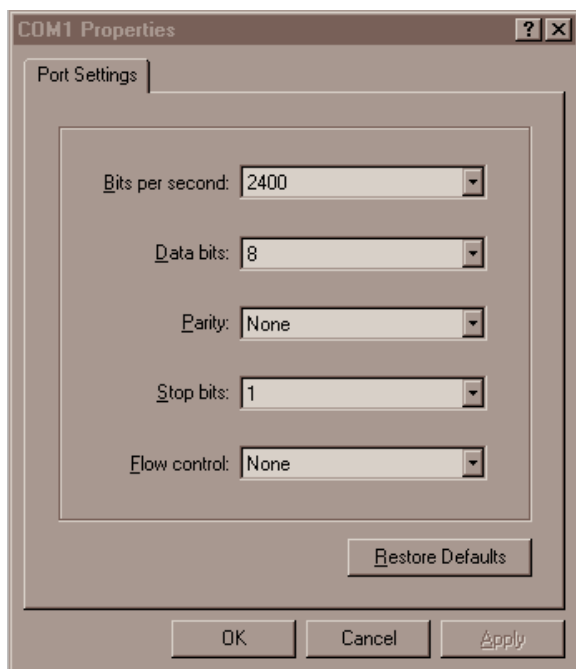
3. The “Connection Description” dialogue box opens. Type in a user defined name and select an icon for the new connection. Press “OK.”



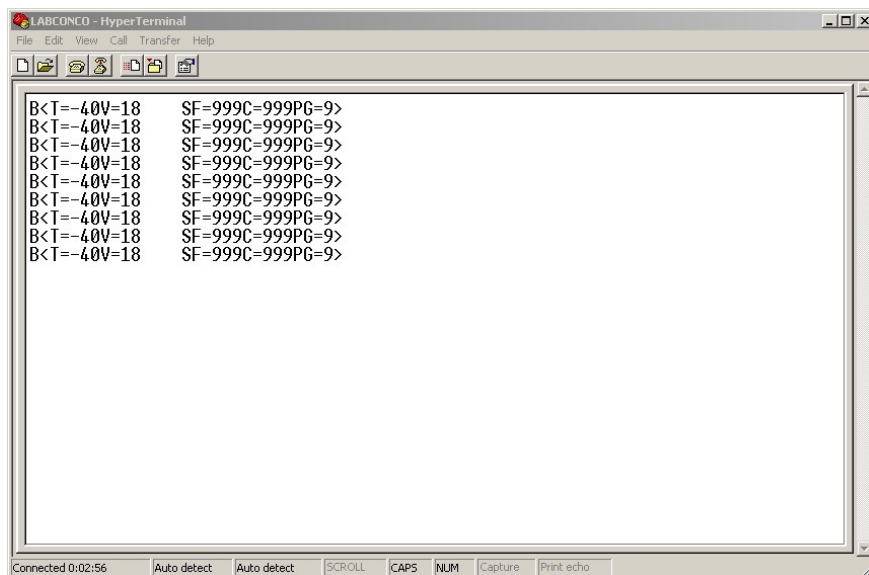
4. The “Connect To” dialogue box opens. Using the down arrow selection button, select the communication port to which the cable has been connected. Press “OK.”



5. The “Com X Properties” dialogue box opens. Enter the appropriate data properties and press “OK.”



6. When the freeze dryer main power switch is on, the data is transmitted and updated at the time intervals selected by the user.



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# CHAPTER 7

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Refer to the following if your freeze dryer fails to operate properly. If the suggested corrective actions do not solve your problem, contact Labconco for additional assistance.

FreeZone Freeze Dry Systems that are clean, dry and without samples attached should reach a vacuum of 0.133 mBar within 10 minutes and should achieve an ultimate vacuum of 0.033 mBar within 18 hours when the refrigeration is operating. If the freeze dryer does not obtain a satisfactory vacuum, perform the following maintenance tests.

### I. Vacuum Pump

First make sure that the vacuum pump operates. If it fails to operate, check the electrical connections of the freeze dryer to the power source and then check the electrical connection of the vacuum pump to the freeze dryer. If the vacuum pump has a power switch, make sure that it is turned on. If the vacuum is not adequate when the vacuum pump is operating, proceed with the following steps:

1. Check the oil and ensure it is clear and clean. If the oil looks cloudy or has any particulates, replace the pump oil. Sometimes it may be necessary to flush the pump with clean oil several times. To flush the pump, run the pump 5 to 10 minutes to allow the oil to warm up. Drain the oil and refill with clean oil. Repeat as necessary.
2. Check the oil level in the pump. Ensure it is filled to the correct level.
3. Check vacuum hose connections from the pump to the freeze dryer and try running the unit.

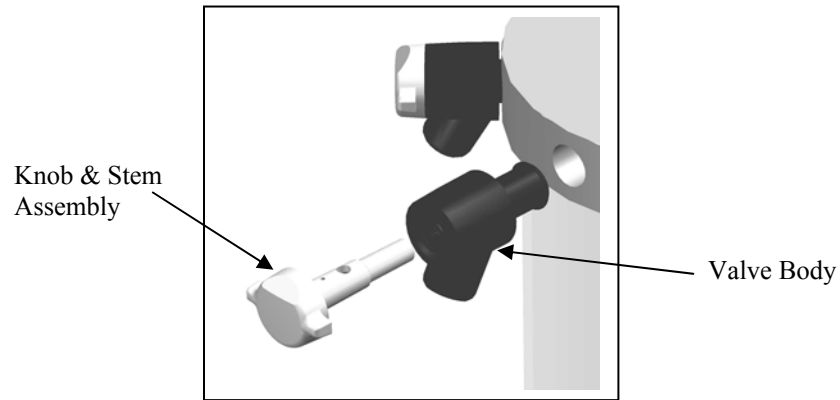
If vacuum problems continue, consider obtaining a second vacuum gauge capable of reading a vacuum of 0.010 mBar. It is often useful in determining if the vacuum pump is operating properly and the vacuum sensor reading is accurate.

4. Isolate the pump by disconnecting the vacuum hose from the freeze dryer. Deadhead the pump by inserting the vacuum sensor from a secondary vacuum gauge into the end of the vacuum hose and observe the vacuum reading obtained. Confirm that the pump is capable of achieving an ultimate vacuum less than 0.010 mBar or approximately 10 microns. If an inadequate vacuum reading is obtained, the pump has most likely failed and may need to be replaced or rebuilt.

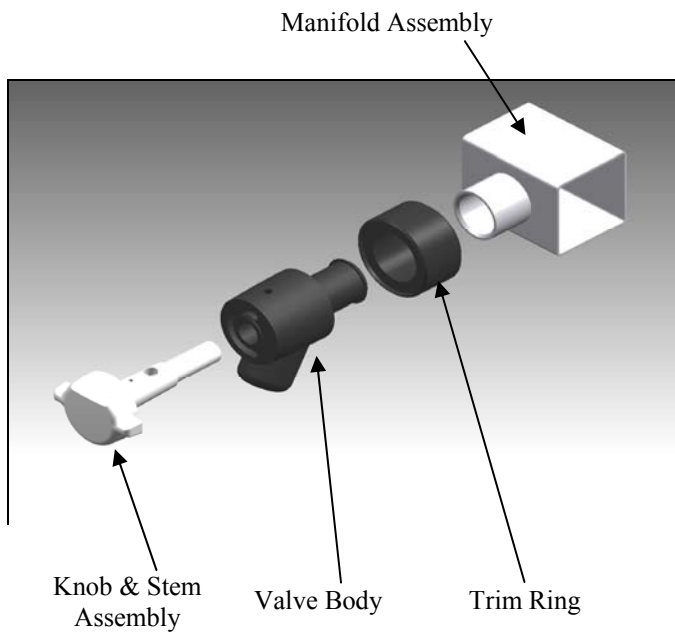
## II. Gaskets, Tubing, Connections, Sample Valves

1. Check all sample valves on the drying chamber/manifold and ensure all valves are closed or in the vent position. Check to ensure all fittings are tight and sealed properly against the chamber. Inspect valves for cracks or cuts.
2. Inspect gasket(s) for cracks or defects. Ensure the gasket is clean. Apply a thin coat of vacuum grease to the gasket. Keep in mind too much vacuum grease can actually cause leaks.
3. Check the drain line and ensure the drain plug is installed and the tube appears to be in good condition.
4. Check all rubber vacuum tubing for signs of deterioration or cracking.
5. Check all connections and make sure they are secure and leak tight.
6. When checking the sample valves, pull as much vacuum as possible. If a vacuum indication is displayed, wiggle or rotate the valves and watch the gauge for any fluctuations. Fluctuations can indicate a potential vacuum leak. If the valve seems to be in good condition, remove the valve and apply a thin coat of vacuum grease to the stem and the outside sealing surface of the valve body, and reinstall the valve. **DO NOT APPLY VACUUM GREASE TO THE SAMPLE VALVE GASKETS, WHICH SEAL TO THE WALL OF THE DRYING CHAMBER.** If the valve still seems to be the source of the problem, remove the valve and stopper the hole with a rubber stopper. Continue checking the other valves.
7. Make sure that the sample valve bulkhead nuts are tight. Either tighten by hand or use the wrench supplied with chambers. To use the wrench, first remove the knob and stem assembly and also the valve body. The pins on the wrench fit into the round holes of the nut. The nut should be snug but avoid over tightening. Replace the valve body and knob and stem assembly.

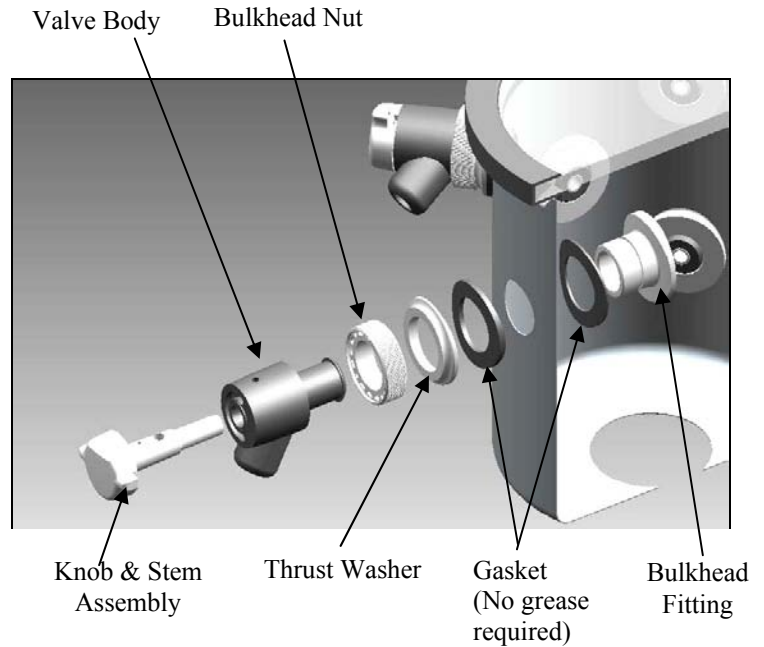
The illustrations below show how the sample valve installs on a chamber and a manifold.



**Valve Assembly (Clear Chamber with Valves)**



**Valve Assembly (Manifold)**

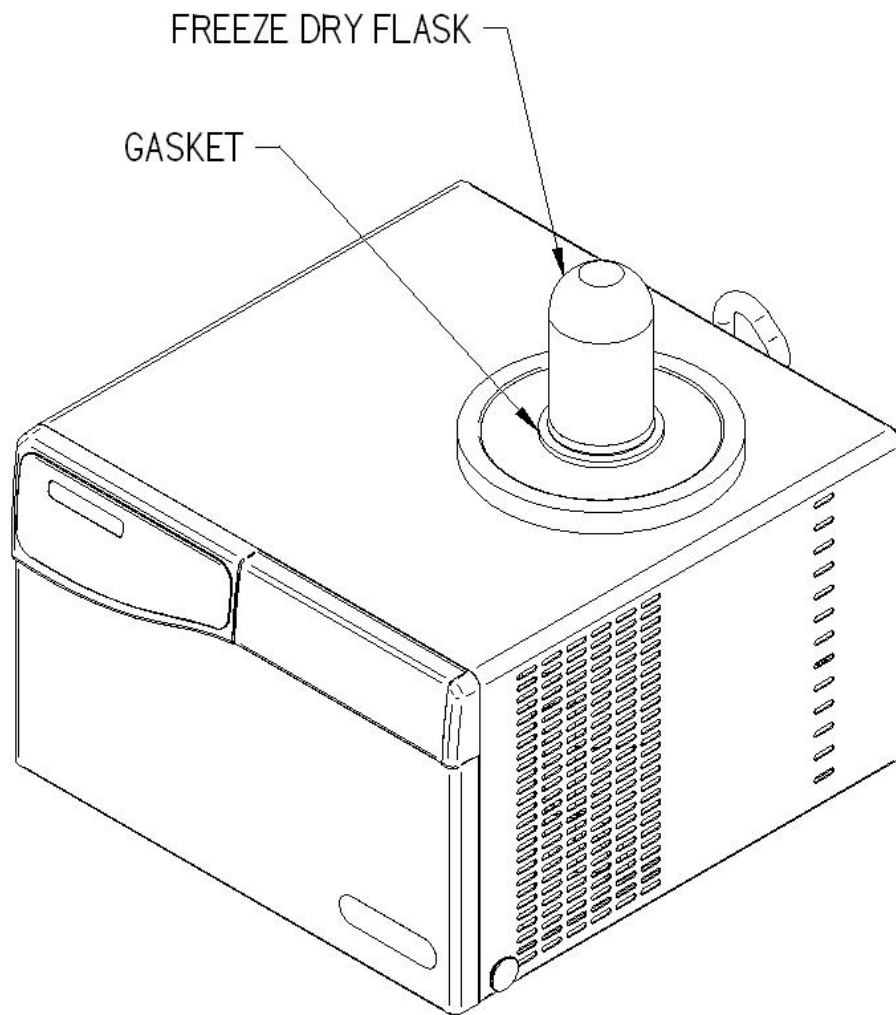


**Valve Assembly (Stainless Steel Chamber)**

### III. System Components and Collection Chamber Isolation

This test determines if the source of a leak is in the drying chamber.

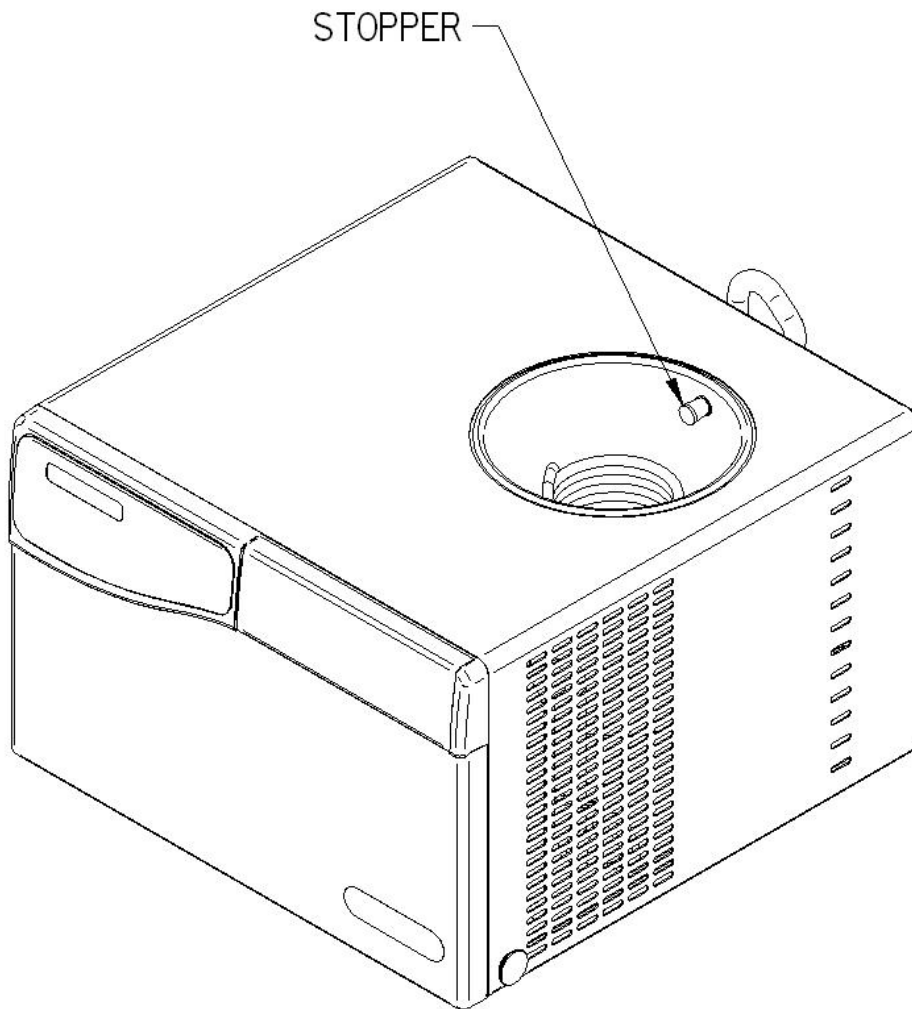
1. Remove the drying chamber or manifold.
2. Leave the gasket on and turn a large freeze dry flask upside down to cover the connection port.
3. Start the freeze dryer and observe the vacuum indication. If the vacuum indication is good, then the problem is in the drying chamber or manifold and you should return to *Section II, Gaskets, Tubing, Connections, Sample Valves*.



**Isolating the freeze dryer from the accessory chamber/manifold**

The following test determines if a vacuum leak is in the collection chamber.

1. Insert a rubber stopper in the small hole in the rear of the collector chamber and another in the drain port in the bottom.
2. Start the freeze dryer and observe the vacuum indication. If the vacuum is good, the problem is in the collection chamber. If it is bad, the problem is in the plumbing connections from the collection chamber to the vacuum pump.
3. If the leak is in the chamber, check the bulkhead fittings where the collection coil passes through the bottom of the chamber.
4. If the leak is in the plumbing connections, check all rubber parts, the drain hose, the drain plug, fittings and clamps.



**Checking the connections to the pump and the vacuum tube**

## Refrigeration Module Operation

Under a no-load condition, FreeZone Plus Cascade Freeze Dry Systems should achieve a collector temperature of  $-84^{\circ}\text{C}$  (models 73860xx and 73870xx) or  $-105^{\circ}\text{C}$  (models 73820xx) or lower when the vacuum pump is operating. If the collector temperature does not reach the design temperature within 30 minutes, then the refrigeration module is not functioning properly.

Cascade Systems consist of two vapor-compression refrigeration systems in series connected together via a heat exchanger. Each system has a compressor, condenser, capillary tube metering device and an evaporator. During the operation the evaporator of the “high stage” system refrigerates the condenser of the “low stage” system. This takes place in the heat exchanger. The low stage and high stage systems are balanced by design, however, sometimes that balance can be disrupted during operation and the unit will not function properly. If the unit is overloaded, or if the unit is defrosted and restarted in a short time interval, system unbalance is possible. If system unbalance occurs, turn the freeze dryer off and allow the unit to stabilize at ambient temperature for 2 to 4 hours.

If any repairs are required on the refrigeration module, contact your local laboratory supply dealer. If your laboratory supply dealer is unable to provide assistance, please call Labconco. Repairs should only be undertaken by a refrigeration technician or through an authorized Labconco service agency.



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# CHAPTER 8

## MODIFYING YOUR FREEZE DRYER DISPLAY

Your freeze dryer has been carefully calibrated and tested before shipping, however under certain circumstances it may be necessary to adjust the calibration of the temperature and/or vacuum display or to modify alarm points. Adjustments may be necessary if the freeze dryer requires service or if it is operating on a line voltage outside the voltage range at which the alarm was preset. This DOES NOT mean that the freeze dryer may be operated at a voltage outside the ranges shown in Appendix C.

### Temperature and Vacuum Display

An offset may be added to the collector temperature or vacuum display. Use an accurate traceable known reference to compare the readings.

Temperature offset may be varied  $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  in  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  increments.

Vacuum offset may be varied  $\pm 0.020$  mBar in 0.001 mBar increments.

### Line Voltage Alarm Points

The freeze dryer is designed to alarm if the line voltage varies more than  $\pm 10\%$  from nominal line voltage. Models rated to operate on 115V are preset to alarm if the voltage drops below approximately 103V or rises above approximately 127V. Models rated to operate on 230V will alarm if the voltage drops below approximately 206V or rises above approximately 254V. Some models are designed to operate below these ranges (see Appendix C). In these cases it is permissible to lower the low voltage alarm point to prevent nuisance alarms from occurring.

Low line limit may be lowered in 5 increments of approximately 2 to 3V increments for 115V models or disabled.

Low line limit may be lowered in 5 increments of approximately 4 to 5V increments for 230V models or disabled.

High line limit may be raised in 5 increments of approximately 2 to 3V increments for 115V models or disabled.

High line limit may be raised in 5 increments of approximately 4 to 5V increments for 230V models or disabled.

### Moisture Sensor Alarm

The moisture sensor alarm may be disabled. It is shipped enabled as the factory default setting.

### Modifying the Display

To enter an offset or to configure the alarms, perform the following steps:

Press and hold MENU button (approximately 10 seconds) until the display shows:

PRODUCTION MENU  
MASTER RESET?

It is recommended that you do NOT perform a Master Reset because all offsets and configurations that have been entered will be lost. If you must perform a Master Reset, hold SELECT approximately 5 seconds.

This will reset:

- Vacuum units to mBar
- Vacuum set point to 0 mBar
- Temperature units to °C
- Refrigeration total hours to 0
- Vacuum pump total hours to 0
- RS232 transmission rate to 10 seconds
- Temperature offset to 0°C
- Vacuum offset to 0 mBar
- Low line voltage to 0 V offset
- High line voltage to 0 V offset
- Moisture sensor to enabled
- Refrigeration to operate in Manual Mode

The display will default to the main freeze dry display information. If you do not want to restore all factory settings, but want to adjust offsets, press MENU briefly and the display shows:

COLLECTOR TEMP OFFSET:  
O C

Press SELECT until the appropriate offset is shown. Each number represents 1°C

Press MENU and if the drying chamber has been installed, the display shows:

SDC TEMP. OFFSET:  
0 C

Press SELECT until the appropriate offset is shown. Each number represents 1°C.

Press MENU and the display shows:

VACUUM OFFSET:  
0 uBar

Press SELECT until the appropriate offset is shown. Each number represents 0.001mBar.

Press MENU and the display shows:

LOW LINE OFFSET:  
0

Press SELECT until the appropriate offset is shown. If the freeze dryer is operating on nominal 115V, each number represents 2V. If 3 is entered into the display, the low line alarm activates when the voltage drops to approximately 97V, for example  $103 - (2 \times 3) = 97V$ . If the Freeze Dryer is operating on nominal 230V each number represents 4V (if 3 is entered into the display, the low line alarm activates when the voltage drops to approximately 194V, for example  $206 - (4 \times 3) = 194V$ ).

There will be no alarm indicated if DISABLED is selected.

Press MENU and the display will show

HIGH LINE OFFSET:  
0

Press SELECT until the appropriate offset is shown. If the freeze dryer is operating on nominal 115V, each number represents 2V. If 3 is entered into the display, the high line alarm activates when the voltage raises to approximately 133V, for example.

$127 + (2 \times 3) = 133V$ . If the Freeze Dryer is operating on nominal 230V each number represents 4V (if 3 is entered into the display, the low line alarm activates when the voltage drops to approximately 266V, for example.  $254 + (4 \times 3) = 266V$ . There will be no alarm indicated if DISABLED is selected.

Press MENU and the display shows:

DRYING CHAMBER:  
NOT INSTALLED

Press and hold SELECT to change the status.

Press MENU and the display shows:

PURGE VALVE:  
NOT INSTALLED

Press and hold SELECT to change the status.

Press MENU and the display shows:

DEFROST HEATER:  
NOT INSTALLED

Press and hold SELECT to change the status.

Press MENU and the display shows:

MOISTURE SENSOR:  
INSTALLED

Press and hold SELECT if you want to disable the moisture sensor.

Press MENU and the display shows:

SHELL FREEZER:  
NOT INSTALLED

Press and hold SELECT to change the status

Press MENU and the display shows:

HOLD SELECT TO CLEAR  
ALL TOTAL HOURS?

If you want to reset Total Hours, press and hold SELECT until an audible beep is heard. The display defaults to the main freeze dry display information.

If you do not want to set Total Hours, press MENU and the display shows:

PRODUCTION MENU:  
MASTER RESET?

The routine repeats by pressing MENU or wait approximately 10 seconds for the display to default to the main freeze dry information display information.

In order to store offsets in memory, you Must Press and Hold MENU until display shows,

PASSWORD:

Wait approximately 10 seconds and the display defaults to the main freeze dry display information. This can be done anytime throughout the Modifying the Display routine.

# APPENDIX A

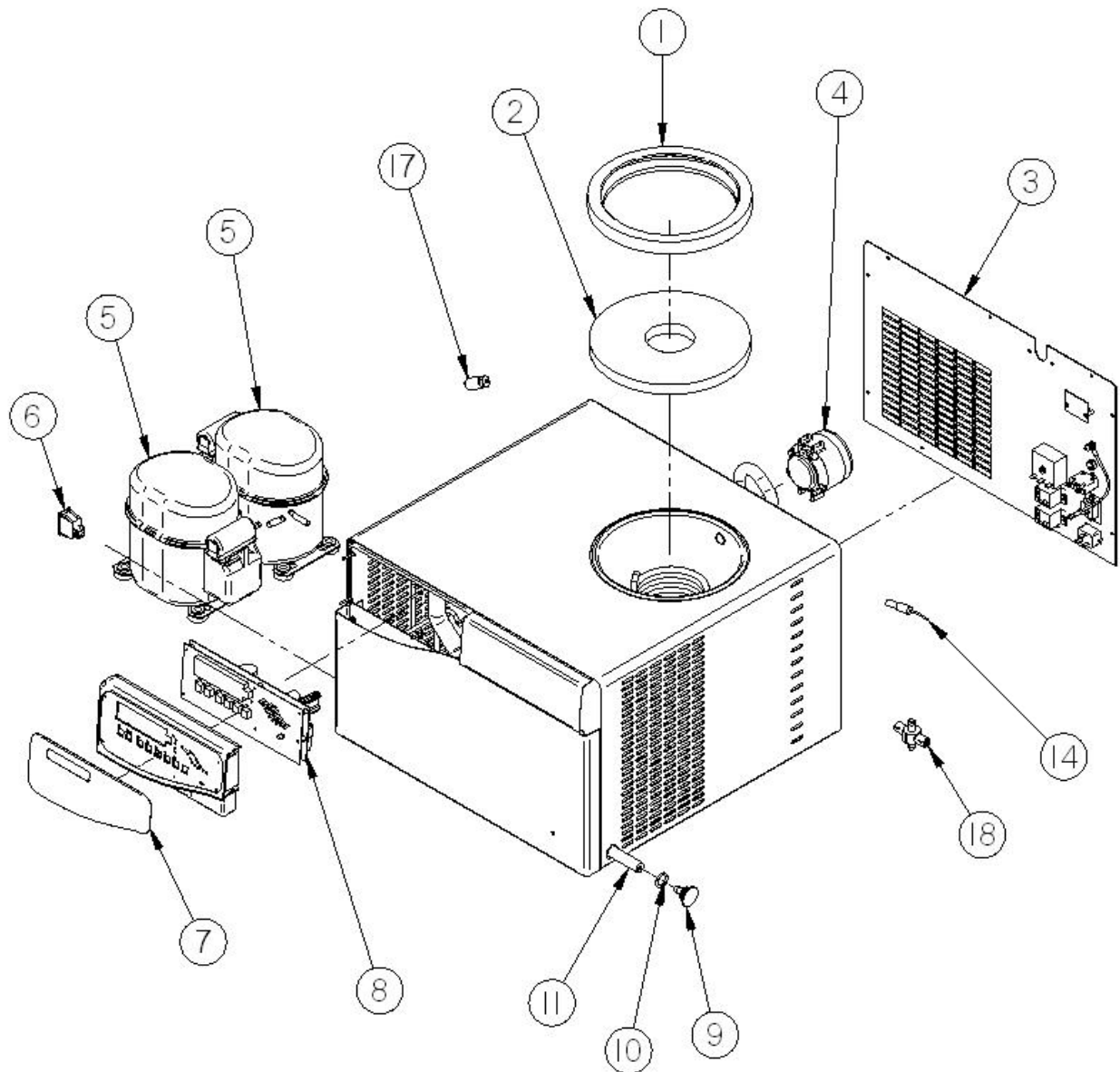
## FREEZE DRYER

### COMPONENTS

The following is a list of components that are available for your freeze dryer. The parts shown are the most common replacement parts. If other parts are required, contact Product Service.

	<b>Models 73860xx, 73870xx</b>	<b>Model 73820xx</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Part No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	7395800	7395800	Lid Gasket
2	7395801	7395801	Lid
3	7388400	7383600	Back Panel Assembly, 115V
	7388401	7383601	Back Panel Assembly, 230V
4	7406600	7383500	Motor Fan, 115V
	7406601	7383501	Motor Fan, 230V, 60 Hz
	7406602	7383502	Motor Fan, 230V, 50 Hz
5	7591805	7382100	Compressor, 115V, 60 Hz Lo Stage
	7591806	7382101	Compressor, 230V, 50 Hz Lo Stage
	7591807	7382102	Compressor, 230V, 60 Hz Lo Stage
	7591805	7382100	Compressor, 115V, 60 Hz Hi Stage
	7591806	7382101	Compressor, 230V, 50 Hz Hi Stage
	7591807	7382102	Compressor, 230V, 60 Hz Hi Stage
6	1302300	1302300	Switch
7	7426000	7426000	Control Panel Label
8	7445500	7445500	Printed Circuit Board
9	7728000	7728000	Drain Plug
10	1643600	1643600	O-Ring
11	7645900	7645900	Drain Hose
12	7373450	7373450	Vacuum Hose (Not Shown)
13	1336400	1336400	Power Cord, 115V (Not Shown) NEMA 5/20
	1342100	1342100	Power Cord, 230V, 60 Hz (Not Shown) NEMA 6/20
	1336500	1336500	Power Cord, 230V, 50 Hz (Not Shown) CEE 7/7
	1332601	1332601	Power Cord, 230V, 50 Hz (Not Shown) BS 1363
	1332701	1332701	Power Cord, 230V, 50 Hz (Not Shown) CH2-16P
14	7445400	7445400	Vacuum Sensor
15	7515300	7515300	Temperature Sensor, Collector (Not Shown)
16	7389402	7383300	Wire Harness, 115V (Not Shown)
	7389403	7382301	Wire Harness, 230V (Not Shown)
17	7432700	7432700	Vacuum Control/Bleed Valve
18	7429700	7429700	Moisture Sensor
19	7389700	7389700	Wire Harness, Control, 115V & 230V (Not Shown)

Models 73860xx and 73870xx



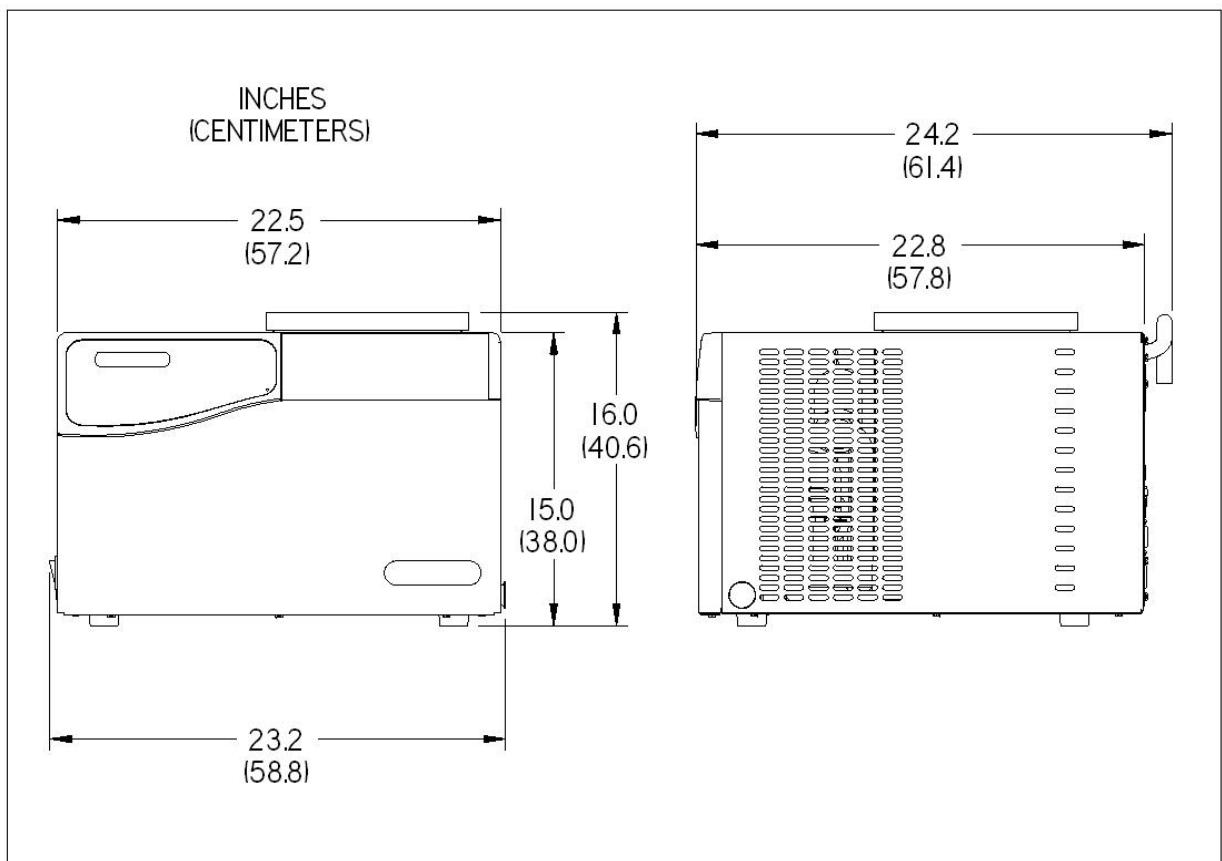
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# APPENDIX B

## FREEZE DRYER

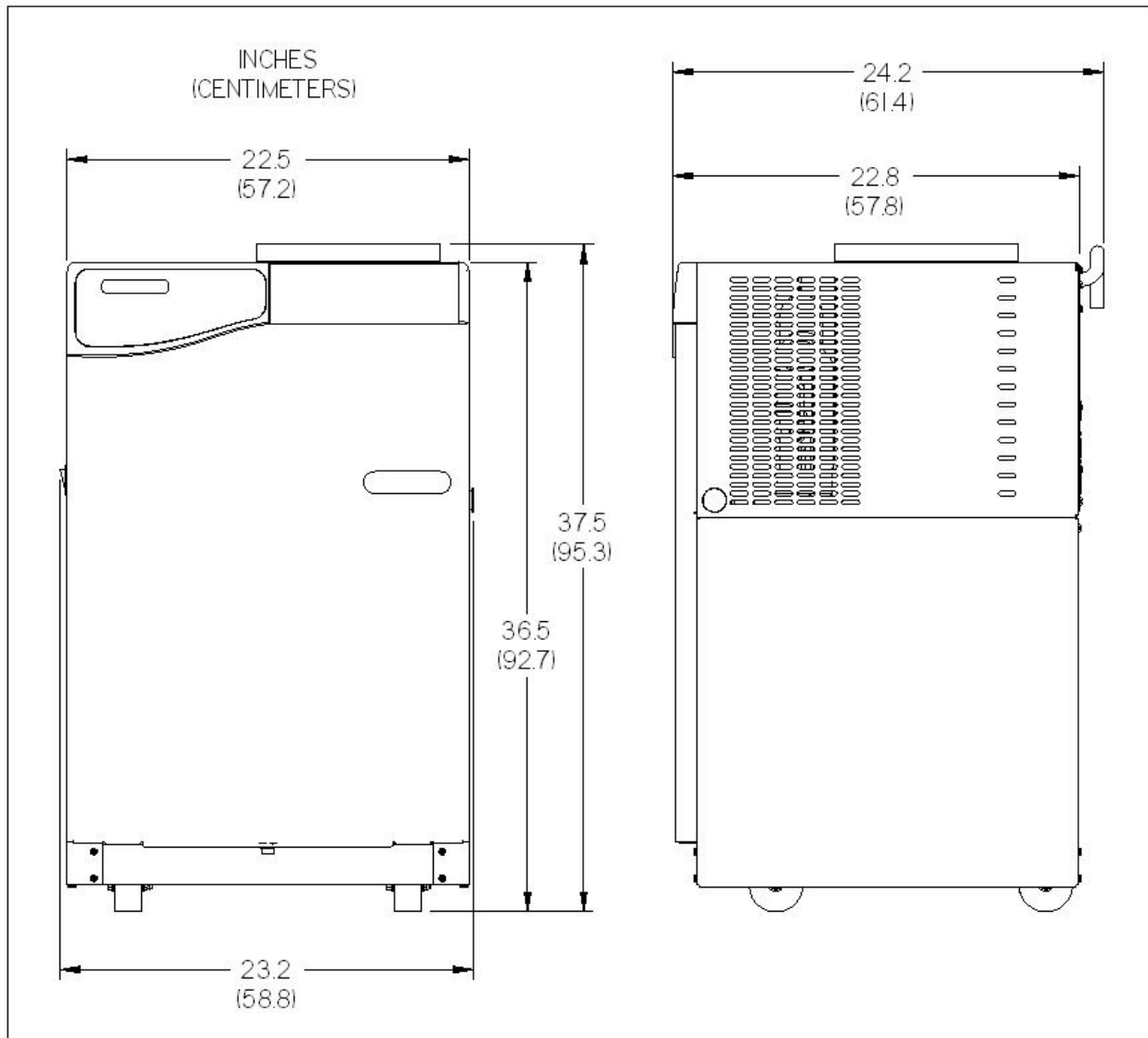
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Model 73860xx

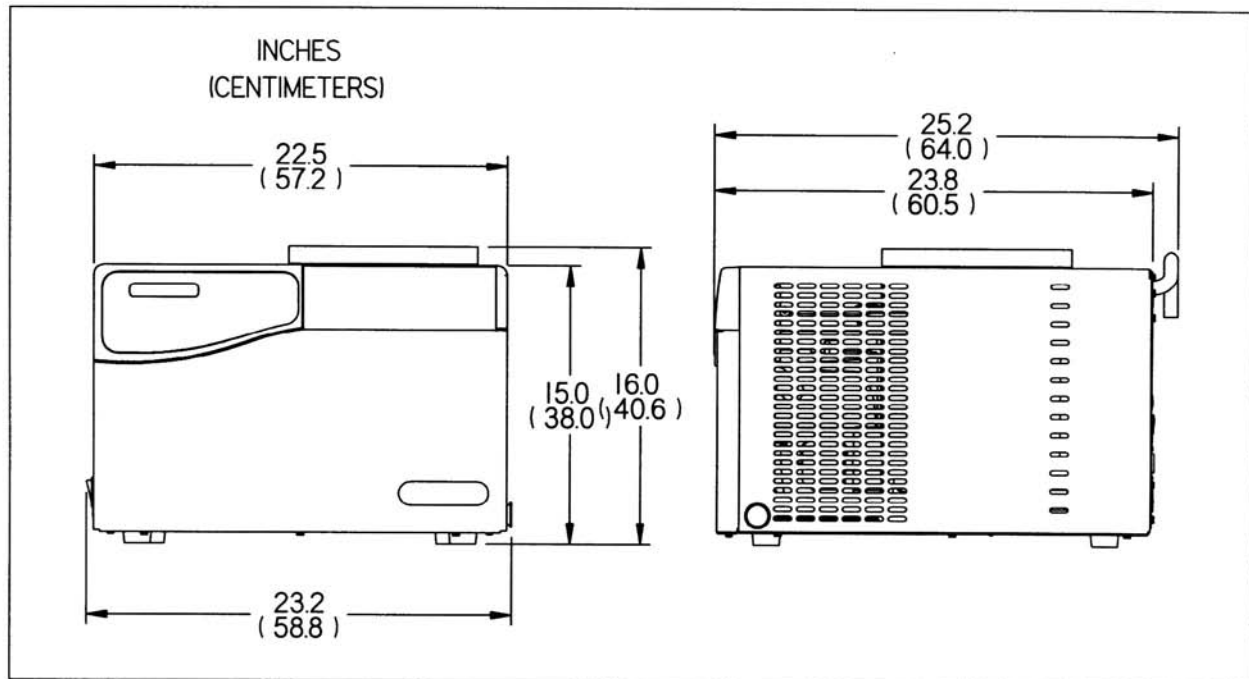




**Model 73870xx**



**Model 73820xx**



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# APPENDIX C

## FREEZE DRYER

## SPECIFICATIONS

This Appendix contains technical information about the freeze dryer including electrical specifications, environmental operating conditions and wiring diagrams.

### Electrical Specifications

Catalog #	Voltage		Frequency	Phase	Amperage	
	Nominal	Operating Range			Nominal w/o Vacuum Pump	Max. with Vacuum Pump
7386020	115V	103-127	60	1	11	16
	100V	90-110	50	1	11	16
7386021	115V	103-127	60	1	11	16
	100V	90-110	50	1	11	16
7386030	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7386031	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7386040	230V	187-253	60	1	5.5	10
7386041	230V	187-253	60	1	5.5	10
7386060	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7386061	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7386070	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7386071	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387020	115V	103-127	60	1	11	16
	100V	90-110	50	1	11	16
7387021	115V	103-127	60	1	11	16
	100V	90-110	50	1	11	16
7387030	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387031	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387040	230V	187-253	60	1	5.5	10
7387041	230V	187-253	60	1	5.5	10
7387060	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387061	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387070	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10
7387071	230V	198-254	50	1	5.5	10

## Appendix C: Freeze Dryer Specifications

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Catalog #	Voltage		Frequency	Phase	Amperage	
	Nominal	Operating Range			Nominal w/o Vacuum Pump	Max. with Vacuum Pump
7382020	115V	103-127	60	1	11.5	16
7382021	115V	103-127	60	1	11.5	16
7382030	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382031	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382032	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382033	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382034	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382035	230V	198-254	50	1	6.3	10
7382040	230V	187-254	60	1	6.3	10
7382041	230V	187-254	60	1	6.3	10

### Environmental Conditions

- Indoor use only.
- Maximum altitude: 6562 feet (2000 meters).
- Ambient temperature range: 41° to 104°F (5° to 40°C).
- Maximum relative humidity: 80% for temperatures up to 88°F (31°C), decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 104°F (40°C).
- Main supply voltage fluctuations not to exceed  $\pm 10\%$  of the nominal voltage.
- Transient overvoltages according to Installation Categories II (Overvoltage Categories per IEC 1010). Temporary voltage spikes on the AC input line that may be as high as 1500V for 115V models and 2500V for 230V models are allowed.
- Used in an environment of Pollution degrees 2 (i.e., where normally only non-conductive atmospheres are present). Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected, in accordance with IEC 664.
- Heat rejected from freeze dryer excluding the vacuum pump: Less than 4320 BTU/HR.

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# APPENDIX D

## FREEZE DRYER

## ACCESSORIES

The following accessories are available for the freeze dryer.

PART #	DESCRIPTION
1472100	<b>Vacuum Pump</b> Two stage direct drive pump, 117 liters/minute. 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase, 4.6 amps. Includes Pump Exhaust Filter 1473400. (Cat. # 1473400)
7739402	<b>Vacuum Pump</b> Two stage direct drive pump, 117 liters/minute. 230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase, 2.4 amps. Includes Pump Exhaust Filter 1473400. (Cat. # 1473400)
1467700	<b>Vacuum Pump</b> Two stage direct drive pump, 195 liters/minute. 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase. Includes Pump Exhaust Filter. (Cat. # 1473400)
7739403	<b>Vacuum Pump</b> Two stage direct drive pump, 195 liters/minute. 230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase. Includes Pump Exhaust Filter. (Cat. # 1473400)
7584000	<b>Vacuum Pump, Chemical-Resistant Hybrid</b> Combination two stage rotary vane pump and two stage chemistry diaphragm pump 98/115 liters/minute. 115 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase.
7584002	<b>Vacuum Pump, Chemical-Resistant Hybrid</b> Combination two stage rotary vane pump and two stage chemistry diaphragm pump 98/115 liters/minute. 230 VAC, 50/60 Hz, single phase.

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<b>PART #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1472200	<b>Pump Inlet Filter</b> Disposable filter that prevents oil back streaming and protects vacuum pump from submicron particles. Fits Vacuum Pumps 1472100 and 7739402.
1473400	<b>Pump Exhaust Filter</b> Disposable filter that removes visible oil mist and odor from vacuum pump exhaust. Fits Vacuum Pumps 1472100 and 7739402.
1473200	<b>Replacement Element, Oil Mist, Pump Exhaust Filter</b> Fits Pump Exhaust Filter 1473400.
1473300	<b>Replacement Element, Odor, Pump Exhaust Filter, package of 5</b> Fits Pump Exhaust Filter 1473400 or Vacuum Pumps 1472100 and 7739402.
1988000	<b>Vacuum Pump Oil, 1 Liter</b> A molecularly distilled hydrocarbon oil with low vapor pressure. For Vacuum Pumps 1472100 and 7739402.
7772000	<b>Soda Acid Trap</b> Secondary trap that prevents migration of corrosive chemicals into vacuum pump.
7772100	<b>Replacement Media for Soda Acid Trap</b>
7772700	<b>Vacuum Pump Oil, 1L</b> A mineral oil with low vapor pressure. For Vacuum Pumps 7438700, 7438800, 7769600, 7769800.
7670400	<b>Replacement Filter Element</b> Disposable filter that removes oil mist from the vacuum pump exhaust. Fits Vacuum Pumps 7438700, 7438800, 7469600 and 7469800.
7584300	<b>Vacuum Pump Oil</b> For Hybrid vacuum pumps 7584000, 7584002.
7772500	<b>Carbon Solvent Trap</b> Secondary trap that prevents migration of organic solvents into vacuum pump.

<b>PART #</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
7772600	<b>Replacement Activated Carbon Media for Carbon Solvent Trap</b>
7538000	<b>Secondary Vacuum Cold Trap</b> Provides additional protection for the vacuum pump when processing low eutectic samples. 9 ¾" high x 7 7/8" diameter, 304 stainless steel with ¾" vacuum connections. For use with dry ice and solvent. Cools to approximately -75°C.
7509200	<b>Product Heater, 115V</b> For use in chamber 7522800. Provides 3 heated shelves operating at 43°C (110°F).
7509201	<b>Product Heater, 230V</b> For use in chamber 7522800. Provides 3 heated shelves operating at 43°C (110°F).
7443500	<b>Clear Drying Chamber with 8 Valves</b> For bulk drying or drying in flasks.
7442100	<b>Drying Rack- Unheated</b> Provides three shelves. For use in Chambers 7443500 and 7522800.
7442900	<b>Clear Drying Chamber</b> For bulk drying.
7522300	<b>20 Port Manifold</b> 10" high x 27 ½" wide x 8 5/8" deep. Type 304 stainless steel manifold with 20 freeze dry valves.
7868500	<b>48 Port Ampule Manifold</b> 28 5/8" high x 5" wide x 5" deep. Type 304 stainless steel with 48 each ¼" tube stems.
7509600	<b>Sample Valve Kit</b> Includes neoprene valve body, knob and installation parts.
7522900	<b>16 Port Drying Chamber</b> 13" high x 138" diameter, 304 stainless steel with 16 freeze dry valves.

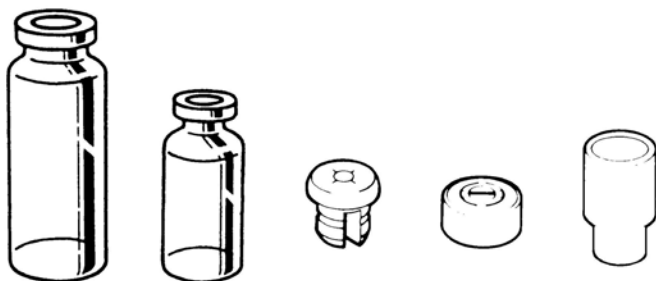
## Serum Bottles and Vials



Perfect for long term storage of freeze dried samples. Labconco Serum Bottles and Treaded Vials are specifically designed for lyophilization applications. Their uniform thin wall construction ensures even freezing and drying. Bottles and vials are ideal containers for use in the FreeZone Stoppering Tray Dryer. Serum bottles also connect to valve ports on drying chambers and manifolds.

### Serum Bottles

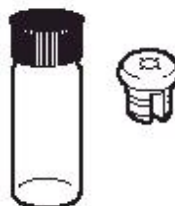
Serum Bottles, Stoppers and seals are supplied in packages of 100.



Size	20 mm Corkage	13 mm Corkage	Split Stoppers	Aluminum Seals	Sleeve-Type Stoppers
2 ml		7575010	7576010	7577010	
3 ml		7575210	7576010	7577010	
5 ml	7573010		7576210	7577110	757710
10 ml	7573210		7576210	7577110	7577510
20 ml	7573410		7576210	7577110	7577510
30 ml	7573610		7576210	7577110	7577510
50 ml	7573810		7576210	7577110	7577510
100 ml	7574010		7576210	7577110	7577510
125 ml	7574210		7576210	7577110	7577510

### Threaded Vials

Stoppers and threaded vials with Screw Caps are supplied in packages of 200.



Size	Vials with Screw Caps	Stoppers
5 ml	7762300	7762200
10 ml	7762600	7762200



### Seal Crimper

Secures tear-away Aluminum Seals.

**7578000 Seal Crimper** for 13 mm corkage.

Shipping weight 3 lbs. (1.4 kg)

**7578100 Seal Crimper** for 20 mm corkage.

Shipping weight 3 lbs. (1.4 kg)



## Fast-Freeze® Flasks



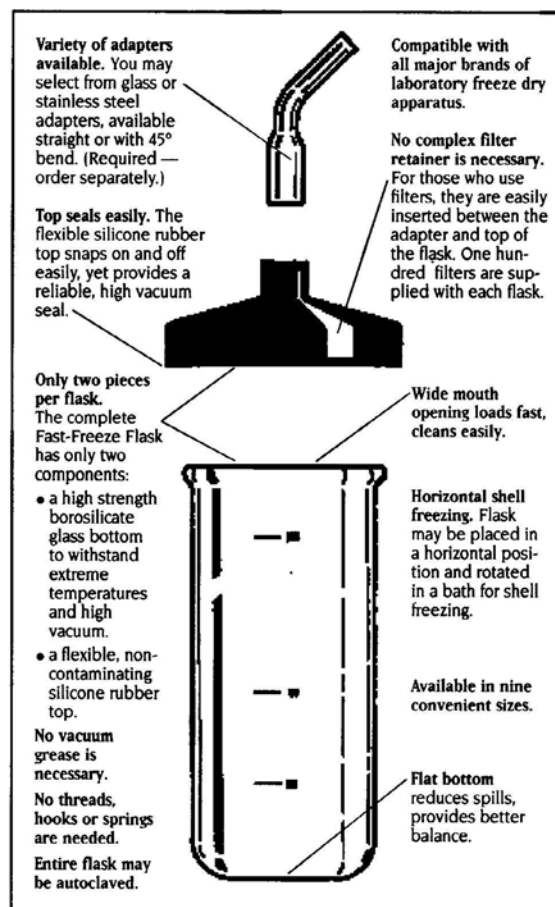
Fast-Freeze Flasks are specially designed to be easier to handle, faster to load and more convenient to use than other freeze dry glassware now in your laboratory. Compatible with all major brands of laboratory freeze dry equipment, Fast-Freeze Flasks eliminate the risk of contamination from vacuum grease, reduce spillage of valuable samples and require no washers, gaskets or retainers.

### How to select Fast-Freeze Flasks for your Freeze Dry System

Select fast-Freeze Flasks based on your sample sizes. Flasks should be filled no more than one-third of their volume so that maximum surface area is achieved and efficient lyophilization is assured. A complete Fast-Freeze Flask includes a rubber top, glass bottom and a supply of filter paper. Tops, bottoms and filter paper are available separately as replacement components. Adapters are required to attach flasks to freeze dry valve ports.

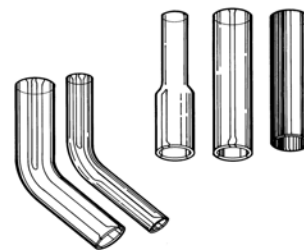
Flask Size	Complete Flask	Flask Bottom	Flask Top	Flask Top Adapter Diameter*	Dimensions/Flask Bottom H x D
40 ml	7540000	7542000	7544000	1/2"	76mm x 34mm
80 ml	7540200	7542200	7544000	1/2"	115mm x 34mm
120 ml	7540300	7542300	7544200	3/4"	68mm x 59.2mm
150 ml	7540400	7542400	7544200	3/4"	85mm x 59.2mm
300 ml	7540600	7542600	7544200	3/4"	145mm x 59.2mm
600 ml	7540800	7542800	7544400	3/4"	135mm x 90.2mm
750 ml	7541100	7542700	7544400	3/4"	162mm x 90.2mm
900 ml	7540900	7542900	7544400	3/4"	190mm x 90.2mm
1200 ml	7541000	7543000	7544400	3/4"	240mm x 90.2mm
2000 ml	7541200	7543200	7544400	3/4"	380mm x 90.2mm

\*Valves on the freeze dry system, drying chambers and manifolds offered in this catalog fit adapters of both 1/2" and 3/4" sizes. Size information is provided for selecting adapters for older Labconco models and other freeze dryers.



### Adapters

Add the adapters for connecting the Fast-Freeze Flasks to the valve ports on your drying chamber or manifold. Choose borosilicate glass or stainless steel adapters in 1/2" and 3/4" diameters.



**7544810 Replacement Filter Paper** 1000 (10 packages of 100). 1" diameter (28mm). Pore size 17 micron. Shipping weight 0.5lb.

## Lyph-Lock® Flasks



Lyph-Lock Flasks simplify your Lyophilization procedures because they have only three pieces per flask – a high strength borosilicate glass top and bottom with a silicone rubber ring seal. The unique wide-mouth design helps you load samples easily and lyophilize efficiently.

### How to select Lyph-Lock Flasks for your Freeze Dry System

Select Lyph-Lock Flasks fast- based on your sample sizes. Flasks should be filled no more than one-third of their volume so that maximum surface area is achieved and efficient lyophilization is assured. A complete Lyph-Lock Flask includes a glass top and bottom and a rubber ring seal. Tops, bottoms and seals are available separately as replacement components. Adapters are required to attach flasks to freeze dry valve ports.



### Adapters

Add the adapters for connecting the Lyph-Lock Flasks to the valve ports on your drying chamber or manifold.

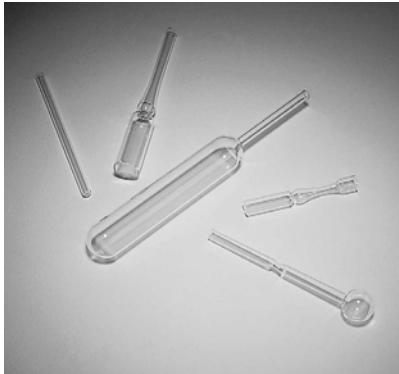


90° Bend Adapter	Description
7568000	Connects 19/38 STj Flask Top to 1/2" valve*
7568200	Connects 19/38 STj Flask Top to 3/4" valve*
7568400	Connects 24/40 STj Flask Top to 1/2" valve*
7568600	Connects 24/40 STj Flask Top to 3/4" valve*

Flask Size	Complete Flask 19/38 STj	Complete Flask 24/40 STj	Flask Top 19/38 STj	Flask Top 24/40 STj	Lyph-Lock Seal	Flask Bottom	Dimensions/ Flask Bottom H x ID
25 ml	7550000	7550000	7552000	7556000	7559000	7557000	37mm x 34mm
50 ml	7550200	7554200	7552000	7556000	7559000	7557200	67mm x 34mm
100 ml	7550400	7554400	7552200	7556200	7559200	7557400	50mm x 59.2mm
250 ml	7550600	7554600	7552200	7556200	7559200	7557600	110mm x 59.2mm
500 ml	7550800	7554800	7552400	7556400	7559400	7557800	103mm x 90.2mm
750 ml	7550900	7554900	7552400	7556400	7559400	7557900	145mm x 90.2mm
1000 ml	7551000	7555000	7552400	7556400	7559400	7558000	187mm x 90.2mm

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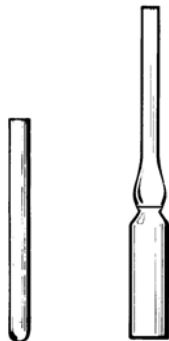
## Ampules



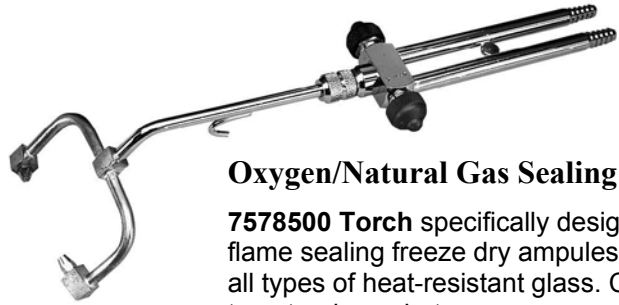
Labconco Ampules are fabricated of highest quality borosilicate glass for strength and durability. They are available in five different configurations to provide the ideal ampule for your specific lyophilization requirements, from tray drying to flame sealing applications.

### Ampules

Ampules are supplied in packages of 100.

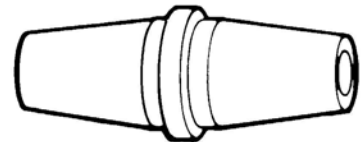


Size	Straight	Pre-Scored Flat Bottom
1 ml	7572710	7570610
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4 ml		
5 ml		7571010
10 ml		7571210
25 ml		
50 ml		



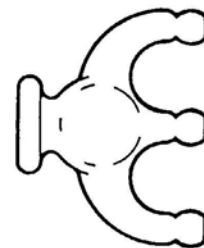
### Oxygen/Natural Gas Sealing Torch

**7578500 Torch** specifically designed for flame sealing freeze dry ampules. Seals all types of heat-resistant glass. Connects to natural gas, butane or propane and oxygen with 1/4" ID hose connectors. Shipping weight 3 lbs. (1.4 kg).



### Ampule Valve Adapters

**7593401 Adapter** connects ampules to valve ports or stainless steel stems. Ten per package. Shipping weight 0.5 lbs. (0.2 kg).



### Trident Adapter

**7762700 Three Way Adapter** permits attachment of three ampules to a single valve port. Ampules are attached using Ampule Valve Adapters or 1/8" surgical tubing (not provided). Cavity in adapter body can be filled with cotton fiber media to help prevent contamination between samples. Shipping weight 3 oz. (0.1 kg).



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Equipment: Laboratory Equipment – FreeZone® Freeze Dryers

Type, Model: 775 followed by two-digit number based on model size; followed by another two-digit number based on options.  
77400 followed by two-digit number based on options.  
79340 followed by two-digit number based on options.  
767 followed by two-digit number based on model size; followed by another two-digit number based on options.  
79600 followed by two-digit number based on options.  
74200 followed by two-digit number based on options.  
738 followed by two-digit number based on model size; followed by another two-digit number based on options.

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EN61010-1  
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2004/108/EC  
2006/95/EC

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