

ORCA Bioreactor™

Operator's Manual





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Symbols Used

Symbol	Definition	
	Date of Manufacture	
SN	Serial Number	
REF	Catalogue Number	
	Warning: This action will have a direct impact on the patient	
	Caution: This action will have an impact on the product or operator	
	Manufacturer	
CE	This device complies with Directive 2006/95/EC relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits; this device also complies with Directive 2004/108/EC relating to electromagnetic compatibility.	

Overview



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The company is uniquely positioned to develop advanced instrumentation to accelerate regenerative medicine, tissue engineering and cell therapy experimentation. From the beginning, in 1901, Harvard Bioscience companies worked closely with leading global researchers to produce products with the highest levels of performance, quality and support necessary for the new challenges of your life science research.

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- Physiological macro to nano fluidics infusion pumps
- Animal to cell electrophysiological monitoring systems
- Organ to cell perfusion bath and chambers to mimic physiological conditions to study drug, nutrient, gene and cell therapies
- Live cell imaging and perfusion chambers to better understand the affect of shear force, drugs, nutrition on cells and tissues
- Cell engineering tools from electroporation to pneumatic injectors

Chapter 1: Introduction

The ORCA Bioreactor is the first system designed to meet the needs of the modern regenerative medicine research scientist. The system is able to address the needs of both the decellularization and recellularization processes of various organs. **Physiological conditions** can be mimicked through control algorithms that regulate flow rates, profiles, and pressures. Critical readings can be taken from both inside the organ as well as in the support environment through the use of **sensors**. The **Concurrent Method Development software** logs all modifications and operator entries along with the result that was measured with the system sensors, allowing a complete review of an experiment and direct translation into a research method. A **method storage system** makes it easy to reproduce methods and conditions across multiple experiments. The **image capture software** allows for images to be captured in real time from cameras monitoring visible, IR, UV, and fluorescence; other systems such as ultrasound / ECHO are supported.



1.1 Warning and Caution Statements

The use of a **WARNING** statement in this User Manual alerts you to a potential safety hazard. Failure to observe a warning may result in a serious injury to the user.

The use of a **CAUTION** statement in this User Manual alerts you to where special care is necessary for the safe and effective use of the product. Failure to observe a caution may result in minor injury to the user or damage to the product or other property.

1.2 Intended Use

The ORCA Bioreactor is a system used for the purposes of monitoring and studying an isolated organ; it is intended for research use only.



WARNING:

Use of this device in non-research settings must be conducted under local Regulatory requirements; consult your local Regulatory Authority.

Chapter 2: Getting Started

The following conditions must be met prior to using the In-Breath Bioreactor:

2.1 General Safety Requirements



WARNING:

The ORCA Bioreactor should only be used by qualified personnel who have been trained by the manufacturer or other Authorized Representative. Unauthorized use of this device is not recommended.



WARNING:

To prevent contamination, aseptic procedures must be followed and personal protective equipment must be worn at all times when handling and using the Bioreactor.



WARNING:

Wherever blood products are used, Universal Precautions must be followed.

Facility Requirements

Assure that the facility is able to provide a clean, safe, and suitable area for aseptic cell processing. It is recommend that all manipulations of the unit once sterile are performed in a biological safety cabinet (laminar flow hood).



WARNING:

Failure to provide a means to conduct aseptic cell processing may result in harmful contamination.

2.2 Equipment Components

- 1) Store the ORCA Bioreactor in a cool, dry place, free from dust and other potential contaminants until ready to use.
- 2) Assure that the ORCA Bioreactor package was received completely and without damage; if the package arrived as damaged contact your local technical support group.
- 3) Ensure that all parts of the ORCA Bioreactor package and its peripheral devices are in good condition. Do not use damaged parts.

Overview of Main ORCA Bioreactor Components



- (A) Heater Reservoir & Temperature Control System
- **(B)** Peristaltic Pumps
- (C) Organ Chamber
- (D) Pulsatile Pump

Heater Reservoir



The heater is used to maintain temperature throughout the system to **emulate physiological conditions**.

The reservoirs hold a volume of **0.25L to 4L** of media.

The reservoir has **built-in ports** for interaction with the oxygenator and the organ chamber, as well as a port for a temperature monitoring probe.

There are different sizes of bottles (large and small flow) that have different size ports to accommodate a wide variety of tubing and flows.



Pumps

Pumps are selected according to the organ and protocol requirements. The ORCA controller along with your pumps of choice address the needs of the **decellularization** and **recellularization** processes of various organs. Several types of pumps may be controlled, including peristaltic, pulsatile and syringe.

A maximum of four pumps are used simultaneously on a system. The ORCA controller may be configured to control either four peristaltic pumps <u>or</u> three peristaltic pump heads and a pulsatile blood pump. Both configurations typically include **two** single channel dual head peristaltic pumps. A 4th pump may be added to the four unit controller to serve as a spare unit. Pump head configurations may be altered at any time to meet the most demanding protocols.

Selection of the pulsatile pump normally occurs when pulsatile flow rates in excess of 2L/min are required. This selection must be made at the time of purchase. If the "four peristaltic pump controller" is chosen, the fourth pump may be added at any time. A fourth peristaltic pump adds flexibility to accommodate elaborate protocols but is not required and can be added at a later time.

These configurations can be used to accommodate protocols that require a perfusion pump, ventilation pump and a pump that will provide flow to the oxygenation system and a gas monitoring system. Exterior medium feed and waste bags can also be accessed using channels on the double head double channel pump.











Pumps—Peristaltic



One Single-channel Head {881001}



Two Singlechannel Heads {881003}



Four Single-channel Heads {881010}

Peristaltic pump heads are available in **single** and **dual channel** versions.

Up to four (4) heads may be used on each peristaltic pump to provide flexibility in flow range as well as the number of channels required for the most challenging protocols.





One Dual-channel Head {881002}

Two Dual-channel Heads {881004}

One each Single- and Dual-Channel Heads {881005}

High Capacity: Up to 1200mL/min/head

Mid Capacity: Up to 500mL/min/head

Additional Part Numbers:

- {881011} Mounting Screw for Two pump heads
- {881012} Mounting Screw for Three pump heads
- {881013} Mounting Screw for Four pump heads

Pumps—Pulsatile



The pulsatile pump is used in some large animal systems to emulate ventricular action of the heart.

It allows for minimal hemolysis and is ideal for moving emulsions, suspensions, and blood.

Chambers

Solid Organ Chambers



Solid organ chambers are autoclavcable and are suitable for multiple species and sizes of organs. Tubing sets can be changed to accommodate the wide range of flow rates.

The layout of the chamber and use of clear materials allows for easy visibility of the organ being studied. Chamber orientation can be adjusted depending on the decellularization and cellularization procedures.

Chamber access ports are built in for removal and addition of media. Numerous sampling ports are included, and the built-in windows allow for manual access to an organ.

Hollow Organ Chambers







{880403}

The rotating double chamber is specifically designed for cell seeding and culturing both surfaces of a tubular matrix. The **intraluminal** and **extraluminal** flow paths may be connected or maintained separately. The hollow organ chambers allow seeding and culturing of different cells types on either side of the tubular structure, providing homogeneity. The design allows for enhanced oxygenation and mass transport between the medium and cells.

Large and small animal versions are available.

Chapter 3: Assembly Instructions

3.1 Identifying Components

This is a typical system. Actual components will vary according to the system ordered. Please check your order and shipping manifest for an exact list of components.

Pumps



Laptop



Laptop and power cables will vary depending on the order

Pump Cables {5155720}

Pump Drive {881000} with appropriate heads. The type and number of heads will vary with each system.

Pressure Transducers



4 channel controller cable {880366}

Transducers {880360} are shipped in sealed sterile packaging



Pressure Calibrator {734479}

Controller



Communication cable

Power Cable {511301 US; 5113010 Euro} (see parts list for other countries)

ORCA Controller {880404}



Heater & Reservoir





Reservoir Types 880406 (4L) -880421 (500mL) 880436 (1L)-880437 (2L)

3.2 Assembling Components

1. Place power cord into controller and electric source.



- **2.** Connect laptop power cord to the laptop and electric source.
- **3.** Connect communication cord to Laptop and ORCA Controller. Cable color may vary.



4. Connect pump communication cord to the back of the pump and the ORCA Controller. It may be easier to identify the pumps if a label is attached to the drive motor identifying the ORCA pump port.







5. Identify any extra pump heads and mounting screws that have been ordered. These may not be immediately needed for the system but should be kept in a safe place.



Pump heads (either single or dual channel)

Pump head **mounting screws** (mounting hardware for either 2,3 or 4 pump heads).

6. Connect heater power cord to the ORCA controller. Add liner to heater and wrap it over the top of the heater.



7. Attach the temperature probe to the appropriate connector 1-4. Up to 3 can be used with an ORCA 3+1 controller (system with a pulsatile blood pump).



8. Mark the cables on the connector with the number of the channel that they represent. This will make for easier identification later. Connect the pressure transducer cable to the ORCA controller.





9. When the system is to be used the connectors (labeled 1-4) will be connected to the pressure transducers (see Operations section for calibration procedure).



Note: Make sure to clean transducers thoroughly before use. Pressure transducers are NOT autoclavable. Some media types have proteins and other materials that can nonspecifically bind to the pressure sensor and adversely affect the pressure readings. One technique used to minimize this effect is to inject 3 mL of sterile water through the swabble port. This provides an insulating fluid between the transducer and the medium without a negative effect on the pressure readings.

Note: While not required, it is a good idea to line up the Harvard Apparatus logo sticker with the front of the chamber before screwing on the chamber lid.

10. Place ball on bubble trap base, then place bubble trap head on base.

The actual location of the bubble trap(s) may vary according to the system being used. The location of the bubble trap (and number required) as well as the right angle fittings may vary depending on the protocol being implemented.

Note: In order to install the right angle fittings the bottom fitting must first be disassembled in order to fit through the Lid hole.







11. There are two fittings on the bottom of the chamber that allow filling and draining of the chamber. Add Quick Disconnects to facilitate the connections using an appropriate size of tubing from the chamber fitting.



12. The level of liquid in the chamber can be determined by cutting the rigid tubing inside the chamber to the desired height.



Note: A piece of tubing may be added to test the unit without an organ in place.



13. Add Temperature probe to reservoir.





14. Add appropriate size and length of tubing to the reservoir inlets. **Note:** It is recommended that commonly used sizes of tubing are glued to a plastic **clip board.** Take a one inch piece and glue laterally and a ¼" piece glued so that the internal ID of the tubing is easily displayed. This is useful because otherwise it is sometimes difficult to tell the correct size tubing needed at a glance, particularly when differentiating between PharMed #17 and #18. See next page for a reference guide.



15. Seal the 1/2 inch Barb Fittings that are not in use with caps. {30603} This is to maintain the system's sterility.



Tubing Pathway Setup

Key

Pumps

Head Config.	Typical Function
Two Single Channel Heads Combined by a Y	Perfusion into organ for smooth high flow rate Empty chamber to reservoir
Four Single Channel Heads Combined by a Y	Highest flow rate
Two Dual Channel Heads (4 channel)	Flow to Oxygenator Flow to Pre O_2 sensor Flow to O_2 ,CO ₂ ,pH sensor
3 rd Head	May be added to the pump with two dual channel heads to allow addition and removal of reservoir medium.

Flow Paths



Tubing

Sizing	PharMed Opaque, flexible	Tygon Clear, flexible	Teflon Translucent, more rigid
1/8″	L/S #16 (1.6mm ID) {720963}	1/8" ID {721259}	1/8" OD {30358}
3/16″	U L/S #25 (4.8mm ID) {720964}		
1/4″	L/S #17 (6.4mm ID) {720965}	1/4" ID {721256}	1/4" OD {30345}
3/8″	L/S #18 (7.9mm ID) {720967}	3/8″ ID {721270}	3/8" OD {30346}
1/2″	(12.7mm ID) {720970}	1/2″ ID {721268}	1/2" OD {30347}

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L	$^{1}/_{8}$ " clamp	30497
Ň	$^{1}/_{4}$ " clamp	721670
N	³ / ₈ " clamp	721671
0	1/2" clamp	30495

Fittings

V	Luer Lok Fitting	30259
AA	Fitting, Right Angle	30420

≺	Y Barbs	
Х	³ / ₁₆ " Y barb	721587
Ý	³ / ₈ " Y barb	30350

Connectors

P	¹ / ₈ " connector	30357
Q	¹ / ₄ " connector	30370
R	³ / ₈ " connector	721577
5	1/2" connector	30496
AK	Connector, ³ / ₈ NPT - ³ / ₈ " Barb right angle	30511
AM	Connector, ³ / ₈ NPT - ³ / ₈ " Barb	30526

Misc

2	Bubble Trap ¹ / ₂ "	30430
<u>A'A</u>	Right Angle Trap	xxxxx
AB	¹ / ₂ " plug	30410
AC	¹ / ₄ " Barb—1/2" NPT	30401
AD	¹ / ₈ " Barb— ¹ / ₄ "-28 UNF	30407
AE	Bubble Trap 1/4"	30450
AF	¹ / ₄ " barb - ¹ / ₈ " Right angle	30514
AG	Valve, 1/x" Diastolic after load pressure	880427
AH	¹ / ₄ " barb - ¹ / ₄ " NPT	30494
AI	¹ / ₈ " pipe - ¹ / ₈ NPT Adapter	30325
AU	Female Luer 1/4-28	30472
<u>AL</u>	Valve, 1/2" Diastolic after load pressure	880426
W	Swabble Port	880434
AP	Pulsatile Pump head	XXXXX
AR	Reducing Connector, $^{3}/_{8}$ barb $-^{1}/_{4}$ " Barb	30371

PharMed Tubing Reference Guide

The following is intended to be a quick reference guide for deciding what size of PharMed tubing is currently being used. As previously mentioned, it is recommended that tubes of the sizes that your lab commonly uses are glued to a plastic clip board, allowing for even simpler comparison.

PharMed Tubing #	Front View	Tubing size	Lateral View
#13	\odot	5/32" (4.0mm) OD 0.03" (0.8mm) ID	
#14	\odot	3/16" (4.8mm) OD 0.06" (1.6mm) ID	
#16	\bigcirc	1/4" (6.4mm) OD 0.12" (3.1mm) ID	
#25	\bigcirc	5/16" (7.9mm) OD 0.19" (4.8mm) ID	
#17	\bigcirc	3/8" (9.5mm) OD 0.25" (6.4mm) ID	
#18	\bigcirc	7/16" (11.1mm) OD 0.31" (7.9mm) ID	
#82*		3/4" (19.1mm) OD 0.5" (12.7mm) ID	

* Used for connections-not for use in the peristaltic pump

Note: When feeding the tubes through a peristaltic pump, it is recommended that you set a convention for flow direction that you follow for all pumps (i.e. forward flow is always designated as flow from left to right). This will help avoid potential confusion.

3.3 Chamber-Specific Flow Path Setup

Large Animal Organ System 14" Chamber

Note: The following is a diagram representing a configuration for the bioreactor for a *large animal lung system*. This diagram is not a replacement for your laboratory's protocols; be sure to follow your individual experimental procedures. Your individual laboratory's setup may differ from what is depicted below.



Large Animal Organ System 10" Chamber





Chamber Quick Connect Fill {30607}



Chamber Quick Connect Drain {30607}

Large Animal Organ System 10" Chamber (cont)



Large Animal Organ System 10" Chamber (cont)

Note: The following is a diagram representing a configuration for the bioreactor for a *large animal lung system*. This diagram is not a replacement for your laboratory's protocols; be sure to follow your individual experimental procedures. Your individual laboratory's setup may differ from what is depicted below.



Large Animal Organ System 10" Heart Chamber





1/2" Diastolic after load pressure valve







Small Animal Organ System 5.5" Chamber

Note: The following is a diagram representing a configuration for the bioreactor for a *small animal lung system*. This diagram is not a replacement for your laboratory's protocols; be sure to follow your individual experimental procedures. Your individual laboratory's setup may differ from what is depicted below.





5.5" Chamber Lid top





5.5" Chamber Lid (continued)







Chapter 4: Operating Instructions

Prior to Starting

Assure that all the requirements identified in Chapter 2 have been successfully met.

Personnel using the ORCA Bioreactor should read through this manual in its entirety prior to using the device.



WARNING:

Failure to follow aseptic techniques and failure to train on all processes and procedures prior to using the bioreactor may result in critical delays, contamination, and other harmful events.

4.1 Sterilization

Sterilization can be performed using EtO or by autoclaving. **It is strongly recommended that all fittings be loosened prior to sterilization procedure.** Tubing has a tendency to form around the barb during an autoclave cycle and can become loose and allow leaks.

One possible sterilization procedure would involve assembling the tubing set as it is to be used in the bioreactor and placing it into a sterilization bag to be autoclaved; the chamber could **then be sterilized in a separate sterilization bag. Be sure to follow your laboratory's individual** sterilization protocols.

It is also strongly recommended that PharMed tubing be used throughout the system. It has shown to be the most resilient to the intense heat and pressure of the autoclave.

Tygon tubing is very susceptible to warping after autoclavation. If the flow path is autoclaved and has Tygon tubing, check all barb connections. In many cases Tygon tubing will become soft and may slide off the barb after autoclaving when pressure is applied. If the tubing is soft on the barb, it is recommended that the portion of the tubing that was on the barb is cut and discarded and that fresh tubing is slid onto the barb. Ty-wraps may also be used on barb fittings.

4.2 Reservoir Bottle Fittings & Typical Usages

Note: The reservoir bottle for the ORCA Bioreactor comes in a variety of configurations. The various models are all displayed in the next few pages of this manual. Please find the model that **was included in your laboratory's particular bioreactor package.**

Large Animal

Note: This diagram depicts a typical usage for each of the reservoir bottle ports in a large animal system. Be sure to follow your laboratory's individual protocols.



- 1) 3/4" tube; Pulsatile for trachea
- 2) 1/8" tube; Polestar transducer
- **3)** 3/8" rigid tube; PA on lung or pressure control for valve peristaltic
- 4) 3/8" tube; PA on lung or pressure control for valve peristaltic
- 5) 1/8" rigid tube; Polestar transducer
- 6) 1/4" rigid tube; chamber circulation
- 7) 1/4" tube; chamber circulation
- 8) 1/4" rigid tube; oxygenator circulation
- 9) 1/4" tube; oxygenator circulation
- **10)** 1/8"; thermocouple
- 11) 1/2" tube; Pulsatile for trachea

Small Animal

Note: This diagram depicts typical sizing & usage for each of the reservoir bottle ports in a small animal system. Be sure to follow your laboratory's individual protocols.



- 1) 1/8" tube
- 2) 1/8" rigid tube; Polestar transducer
- **3)** 1/4" rigid tube; PA on lung or pressure control for valve peristaltic
- 1/4" rigid tube; PA on lung or pressure control for valve peristaltic
- 5) 1/8" tube; Polestar transducer
- 6) 1/4" rigid tube; chamber circulation
- 7) 1/4" rigid tube; chamber circulation
- 8) 1/4" rigid tube; oxygenator circulation
- **9)** 1/4" rigid tube; oxygenator circulation
- **10)** 1/8"; thermocouple
- 11) 1/8" rigid tube

Cap mounting Plastic Bottle Large Animal





Manifold allowing multiple feeds or return lines may be created as necessary. Add the number of Slip Luer T-fittings as required.

Polycarbonate products are autoclavable. They must be thoroughly rinsed before autoclaving because detergent residues cause crazing and spotting. Autoclaving cycles should be limited to 20 minutes at 121°C. PC shows some loss of mechanical strength after repeated autoclaving and therefore may not function well under high-stress applications, such as centrifugation.



Inlet/Outlet Adaptor

ORCA Controller Software

Operation Instructions

The operation software allows for control of flow rate and gives temperature, pressure, and flow rate readouts over time. The user can control a maximum of four pumps at once; both pulsatile and peristaltic pumps can be utilized.

IMPORTANT Note: Before use of the software, be sure to turn off Windows auto-updates, which could cause the computer to restart whilst running an experiment.

Before running the software for the first time, locate the folder "Harvard Data" on the desktop and copy/paste it into the My Documents folder as a backup. This ensures that a backup copy is available in case the program is ever shut down incorrectly.



Running & Terminating the Program

To run the program, select the initiation icon from the Desktop.

It is important to shut down the ORCA controller software in the following manner:

Close the program using CTRL+Q or the "Stop" option.

WARNING: Shutting down the program by shutting off the PC or using any other method may result in a corrupted CONFIGURATION FILE and not allow the program to initiate properly the next time it is used. As a result, the red X button normally found in the upper right corner of the screen has been disabled.
The Main Screen





Starting Pump Programs

The green icon starts the programs of all active pumps and begins data logging. Before data logging begins, the user is prompted to either create a new file or append.

If the "create" option is chosen but the file name has already be taken, the program will issue a warning.

The disk icon indicates that you are collecting data.



Experiment Log

All data will be continuously entered into the experiment log until the user stops the run.



Experiment Notes

Clicking on the Notepad icon allows the user to enter an experiment note.

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Enable/Disable Pump

This primes a pump for use or deactivates a pump when not in use.

Start/Stop Run

Starts or stops the corresponding pump.

Flow Rate Control

These up/down arrows manually adjust the flow rate while the run takes place. The flow rate can also be altered by clicking on "x.xx ml/min" just below the pump icon and entering a value.

Flow Direction

Changes the direction that the pump rotates; a right arrow indicates clockwise.

Create Step

Use this to create a Step. See "Step Creation" for additional info.

Select Step

Use this to select a Step. See "Step Creation" for additional info.

Green Light

Glows when pump is on.

Step Mode

See "Step Mode" for additional info.

Start Mode

See "Start Mode" for additional info.

Stop Mode

See "Stop Mode" for additional info.

Repeat Mode

See "Repeat Mode" for additional info.

Pump Selector

Choose from peristaltic, syringe, pulsed blood, or ventilator modes.

Step Creation/Modification

In these windows, you are able to create a new step or update an existing one. The program asks for the user to input a step name and description for each new step or updated step. You can see the step in graphical form using the Step Viewer/Selector.

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When the step parameters have been selected, a new yellow gear with a green cross will pop up.

You must press on this gear and save the step for it to be implemented. Otherwise any changes made will be discarded upon leaving the window.

Pump Calibration

To access the pump calibration menu, click on the image of the pump that you wish to calibrate. From this menu, the head configuration and the correct tubing size can be selected. The calibration factor can also be adjusted.

Head Configuration: Select from single, double, triple, or quadruple head configurations. Note: The max speed of the motor is 300rpm.

Tubing Size: Select the PharMed tubing size that you wish to use. See table below for a description of the available tubing sizes and their corresponding flow constraints. When you have selected a particular tubing size, the minimum and maximum flow rates for the selected tubing will automatically be displayed below.

CAUTION: The user must know the tubing size being utilized for each pump head and verify that the correct tubing size is selected. The pump cannot verify this for the user.

Calibration Factor: The number set for this parameter is the inverse of the variance of the liquid delivered. The calibration factor is selected based on the deviation from optimal flow rate.

The user may wish to run their perfusate at a specified rate into a graduated cylinder in order to test the actual volume delivered. If the volume delivered is less than the expected amount, the calibration factor can be set at a value greater than one to compensate for this deviation.

Pump 1		
Please select Head C	onfiguration, Tubing Siz	e and/or add on Calibration Factor
Head Configuration	Tubing Size	Calibration Factor
Single Head	L/S 17	1 🔅
	Flow Rates:	
	Min: 0.8 ml/min	
	Max: 840 ml/min	
	or 1	

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	Specifica	ations for	Pharme	d tubing			
Tubing Size	#13	#14	#16	#25	#17	#18	#82 *
ml / min	0.018 - 18	0.63 - 63	0.24 - 240	.51 - 510	0.8 -840	1.1 - 1,140	.02 — 13L
ID in. (mm)	.03″ (0.8)	.06″ (1.6)	.12″ (3.1)	.19″ (4.8)	.25″ (6.4)	.31″ (7.9)	.5 (12.7)
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Max Pressure-continuous psig (bar)	25 (1.7)	25 (1.7)	25 (1.7)	20 (1.4)	15 (1.0)	10 (0.7)	10 (0.7)
Max Pressure-periodic psig (bar)	40 (2.7)	40 (2.7)	40 (2.7)	35 (2.4)	20 (1.4)	15 (1.0)	15 (1.0)
Use in Dual Channel Head	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Part Number (25 foot roll) (7.6m)	720958	720960	720963	720964	720965	720967	720970

* Used for connections-not for use in the peristaltic pump

Operation Mode

On this screen, Run Mode, Flow Rate, and Flow Direction can be controlled.

<u>Run Mode</u>

There are four options to choose from.

- **Constant Rate**: provides a constant perfusion rate
- **Constant Pressure**: pump #1 alters its flow to maintain constant pressure
- **Pressure Oscillation**: adjusts the flow to bounce between two set pressure points
- Pulsatile Cycle: provides a pulsatile flow

In **Constant Rate** mode, flow is set by the user and maintained at a constant rate. Flow direction may be changed.

In **Constant Pressure** mode, constant pressure is set by the user and the pump varies the flow to maintain the pressure setting.

Max rate is the maximum rate the pump is allowed.

Min rate is the minimum rate the pump is allowed.

PID Setting P Gain is the proportional gain which dictates how fast the pump is allowed to change to obtain the required setting.

PID Setting I Gain is the integral value used to adjust the baseline and fine tune the rate at which the pump is allowed to move to reach the programmed setting.

Users can also choose between Standard Mode and the Average setting.

Standard Mode uses the raw data of each reading. The Average setting takes a rolling average of the last 40 readings. A reading is typically about 20 milliseconds. This setting is often used to smooth out the baseline.



Run Mode	
Flow Rate (ml/min) 100	Flow Direction
OK	Cancel



In Pressure Oscillation Mode, the system

alternates between using the high rate to obtain the high pressure target and using the low rate to obtain the low pressure target.

The pressure targets are in units of mmHg and the rates are in ml/min.

In **Pulsatile Cycle Mode**, the program allows for a pulsatile flow to be provided by the peristaltic pumps.

There are five modes of operation:

- -Standard
- -Set Rate mode
- -Set pressure mode
- -Inverse mode
- -Reverse mode

In Standard Mode, the parameter BPM allows the beats per minute to be set.

Systole % allows the % of the cycle that is delivering to be set. This value is typically about **35% which must be entered as "0.35".**

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In Set RATE Mode, Systole % is the same as in Standard Mode.

Systole rate is the rate (in ml/min) that the pump is allowed to increase to reach the set delivery rate.

Distole rate is the rate (in ml/min) that the pump is allowed to increase to reach the set fill rate.

In Set Pressure Mode, constant pressure is set and the pump varies the flow to maintain the pressure setting.

Max rate is the maximum rate the pump is allowed.

Min rate is the minimum rate the pump is allowed.

PID Setting P Gain is the proportional gain which dictates how fast the pump is allowed to change to obtain the required setting.

PID Setting I Gain is the integral value used to adjust the baseline and fine tune the rate at which the pump is allowed to move to reach the programmed setting.

In Inverse Mode, the setting for the diastole and systole cycles are reversed. Otherwise, the parameters are the same as in Standard Mode.

Please select the	Start Mode you wish.
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Pulsatile Cycl	e Set Rate Mode
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BPM
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Systole %
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In Reverse Mode, the systole is operated on during the delivery phase. The diastole is operated on during the fill phase.

Start Mode

The user has the option to set a time delay before the pump starts running at the rate at which it has **been set, or can opt for the "start immediately"** setting.

Ramp allows the user to select the speed at which the pump will deliver. There are options in increments ranging from very slow to very fast. "None" is also an option for type of ramping.

Note that the maximum flow rate is a constraint set by the type of tubing used.

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OK

Very Fast Fast

Medium Slow

Very Slow Ultra Slow

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Repeat Mode

Four modes of repeat are allowed:

- No repeat
- Repeat until
- Repeat # of times
- Repeat increase N

In No Repeat mode, the step does not repeat.

In Repeat Until (User Stop) Mode, the step will repeat until the user stops the program manually.

The Flip Direction switch allows the flow to be reversed.

In this mode, the step will be repeated for a fixed number of times.

The Count option allows you to set the number of iterations you want (there is no limit).

The Flip Direction switch up allows the flow to be reversed on every other cycle. Ie 10 repeats with flip direction switch up would result in 1/2 (5) the cycles in the forward direction and 1/2 (5) in the reverse direction. Switch down and all cycles in the same direction.

In Repeat/Increase Mode, the speed of the pump increases with every subsequent iteration.

Count allows you to set the number of iterations.

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Change by allows you to set how much to increase the speed of the pump for each time the step is repeated

Max value is the maximum flow in ml/min (this is limited by the tubing)

Keep Pump Running allows the pump to continue to run as the final flow rate is reached

RepeatMode
√ No Repeat Repeat Till (User Stop) Repeat Number of Times

Please select	RepeatMode	
	Repeat Till (User Stop)	Flip Direction





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Notifications

This window allows the user to enter contact information in order to be notified by email when certain events occur.

At present, text messaging is not active so entering the phone number has no effect.

This screen allows you to select specific events for which you will receive notification.



Saving Files

Be certain to create an experiment folder in my documents by naming the experiment (see below **"Experiment_Name". Once you save after naming the experiment a folder will be available in the** computers My Documents Folder and can be copied onto a portable drive and taken to another PC for evaluation.



Reading Data Files

In order to read data logged as an Excel file, the computer that you are using to view the files must have a converter program installed. One such program is TMS Importer which can be obtained from http://zone.ni.com/devzone/cda/epd/p/ id/2944 **or** http://vimeo.com/22639555



Analog Inputs

The ORCA controller allows you to feed in any analog signal and this software can capture, display, and save the traces. This is commonly used with the PoleStar gas monitoring system.



Heater Temperature Control & Pressure Channel Calibration

Heater Temperature Control

Access the Temperature Control menu through *Tools—>Heater.*

Probe to Control allows the user to select between four different probes, labeled TC-1 to TC-4.

Heater Control can be set to either Enabled or Disabled.

SetPoint allows the user to set the temperature in degrees Celsius.

The Pressure Channel Calibration menu can be accessed through *Tools*—>*Calibration*—>*Pressure*.

Pressure Channel Calibration

First, select the desired pressure channel. You can have up to four channels.

The Filter may be set to either Mean or Raw.

The Actual Value is the instantaneous value for the pressure reading.

Average Value is the average reading over a few seconds. The **Average Cycle serves as an "update light" to let the user know** when the average has been updated.

Use the Zero button to zero the actual value reading, and Cal Value along with the Calibration button to calibrate pressure readings. The zero is normally set by opening the transducer to air. Wait until you have a stable reading (one that stays constant for the duration of two flashes of the green light).

WARNING: You must have a pressure measurement device and a way to increase the pressure. IF you press the calibration button and do not have a way to measure the actual pressure you will establish a false reading and not be able to use it (typically 100 mmHg).



Please select the pressure chai	nnel you wish to calib	rate.
Pressure Channel 1 🗢		
Zero		Actual Value 2.4
Calibration	Cal Value	Average Value 2
		Average Cycle



Chart Readouts

Note: In any tab, you may click on the top and bottom numerical values on the y-axis at any time to change the max and min values. Click on the actual high number, it will light up, manually type in the high level you want. Repeat this for the low value of the Y axis. This is done as if you are changing a text value.

Also be sure to check the boxes next to the channels that you would like to have plotted.

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The first tab is for monitoring the temperatures over time of the channels (up to four) that you have in use.

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This is an example pressure readout for the various pumps' flow paths.

The pressures corresponding to pumps 1, 2, and 4 are being displayed.

Note: If you do not see all of the traces that you are expecting, one or more of the traces could be overlaid. In order to remedy this, turn off traces sequentially by unchecking the corresponding **boxes next to "Pressure 1", "Pressure 2", etc.**

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The third tab is for monitoring the flow rates over time of the channels (up to four) that you have in use.



This tab gives the raw and average pressure readings for Pump 2, as well as the flow rate.

Note: UCL and LCL refer to statistical controls that the user develops when a method is validated. They are able to give you a graphic representation so that the user is able to see if there are certain **characteristics in the data, for example a "spike", gradual shift, or sine**-like wave.

4.5 Image Capture System



Camera 0

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There is no real limit to the number of cameras that you have hooked up. Remember you can always utilize the camera on the laptop as well.



Lamps are used with Dino-lite cameras.

This button turns on and off the lights on the camera.

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The camera button lets you take a snap shot and save it on the right screen while still displaying the left screen as live image

- Overlay notes allow you to add notes to the picture before you save it
- Note to overly allows you to add in notes

Chapter 5: Care & Maintenance

Cross-Contamination Prevention, Biohazardous Waste, and Product Disposal

Cross-Contamination Prevention / Universal Precautions

All blood products or products potentially contaminated by blood or other body/animal fluids should be treated as potentially infectious materials. Personal protective equipment should be worn at all times when using the In-Breath Bioreactor to protect personnel from becoming contaminated as well as to help prevent cross-infection and cross-contamination.

Bench tops, equipment, and other potentially contaminated surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected according to the manufacturers' and/or the facility's procedures. Any article used to clean potentially contaminated surfaces should be disposed of as Biohazardous Waste.



CAUTION:

Failure to use the manufacturers' cleaning and disinfecting procedure could result in damage to the surface or equipment.

Biohazardous Waste

Dispose of biohazardous waste according to local Regulatory requirements.

Accessories



Manual Pressure Calibrator 73-4479

Cleaning

Standard Laboratory protocols may be used. In general we recommend the following steps prior to autoclaving:

- A. Flushing with deionized water
- B. Washing with 70% IPA
- C. Flushing with deionized water
- D. Washing with a mild detergent
- E. Flushing with deionized water

Stainless steel parts may be sonicated.

Parts List

Part	Part Number	
Adapter 1/8" pipe - 1/8 NPT	30325	
Blanket Heater Asmbly, 14" chamber	30751	
Bubble Trap Ball 14" chamber 1" PolyPro ball	30609	
Bubble Trap Ball 10" chamber 3/4" PolyPro ball	30564	
Bottle Large Animal fittings 4,000 mL	880406	
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Cable ORCA Power Ireland	0680009201	
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Cable ORCA Power Israel	0680009601	
Cable ORCA Power Italy	0680009701	
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Clamp, $1/\delta$ (3.16mm)	30497	
Clamp, $1/4$ (0.55)((1))	721070	
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Connector $1/8^{\circ}$ (2.19mm)	30497 20257	
Connector $1/4$ " (6.35mm)	3U357 20270	
Connector 3/8" (9.53mm)	3U3/U 701577	
Connector $1/2$ " (12.7mm)	30/06	
Ouick Connector (Chamber Fill & Drain)	30430	
Connector 1//"Barb_1/0" NDT	30532	
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Liner for Heater (25 each)	880440
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Nut Luer Green	722732
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Nut Thumb for Chambers	30245
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Appendix A: PoleStar Setup and Operation

Application Instructions Polestar Fluorescence-based Optical Biosensors Harvard Apparatus



Written primarily for applications involving isolated organ and tissue. See manufacturer's manual for details regarding use in standard applications. This guide is NOT a replacement for the manufacturer's manual.

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1 Introduction, Supplier's detail

These Operating Instructions describe the function and use of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor. This manual is to be considered part of the system for its proper use and operation and should be kept close to the system at all times. The information provided on the DSP4000 has to be read in conjunction with the remaining system documentation for the application to which it is being put to use.

All the information contained in these instructions has been drawn up after careful examination but does not represent a warranty of product properties. Alterations in line with technical progress are reserved.

This DSP4000 unit is manufactured by:

POLESTAR TECHNOLOGIES and supplied to you by HARVARD APPARATUS. All inquiries regarding this system addition/application should be directed to Harvard Apparatus or to the Harvard Apparatus Authorized Distributor from whom this unit was purchased.

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2 Safety Note

Warning:

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the equipment is designed for use in general laboratories, light industrial and office environments. Operation in hazardous areas and/or in a flammable atmosphere is not permitted.

3 General Description, Application

The DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor can be configured for 1, 2, 3, or 4 Channels

(defined by the number of LED modules present in the system). Units are identical in functionality

though the total sensor capacity may differ. In the descriptions below all configurations will be referred to as the "DSP4000."

The DSP4000 is an Optical Process Monitor designed to emit and sense light in a specific range of wavelengths for the purpose of determining the concentration of the presence of the parameter(s) for which the connected sensor(s) is (are) configured (pH, O_2 , CO_2).

The sensors are supplied in a range of configurations to meet the various application specifications of the end users. Most frequently researchers who purchase the system from Harvard Apparatus will be utilizing flow-through sensors for use in one of the many perfusion systems available; however, in vivo applications are also common in which a puncture probe may be used. General purpose probes can also be used and immersed in any fluid. O2 and CO2 sensors can operate with fluid or with gas and therefore a wide variety of applications is possible.

The DSP4000 can be configured for 1, 2, 3, or 4 channels for one, two or all three of the parameters currently available (pH, O_2 , CO_2). A dual channel system can be configured for measurement of 2 of the same parameters (requiring only one purchase of the firmware for that measurement) or 2 different parameters (as long as the firmware for the parameters of interest are both purchased) or 3 different parameters, with only 2 of the 3 sensors connected at any one time. This manual supplement is primarily designed to guide researchers utilizing the system for isolated perfused organ and tissue applications or who will be calibrating their sensors in the ranges outlined in section 3.1 of this document.

3.1 Measurement Specifications

Oxygen

Measurement ranges available:

High: 0-500% Air Sat

Low: 0-20% Air Sat

Units of Measurement available:

O2 % O2 % Air Sat O2 PPM (or PPB, or SUB-PPB) O2 mmHg O2 deg

pН

Measurement ranges available:

Low Physiologic: 4 - 7 Mid Physiologic: 5.5 – 10

Carbon Dioxide

Measurement range:

0-30 %

Units of measurement available:

CO2 % CO2 mmHg SMR

4 Initial Setup of DSP4000 Unit/Quick-start Guide

Please refer to the Quick Start Guide that was supplied with your DSP4000 unit. It is especially important to do the following upon initial setup:

* Open the door to the unit (loosen screws with fingers or screwdriver) and do the following:

- Remove the USB Key and plug it into your PC and copy the contents to your Desktop (or preferred location on your computer). Take special note of the manual (recommended to print a copy if desired). Return the USB Key to the Unit

- Verify that the toggle switch (next to USB KEY) is in the "OFF" Position before plugging in the AC Power Adapter (See Figure 2-3 of DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual)

* Turn "ON" the DSP Monitor by flipping the toggle switch. The Monitor should warm up for

30 minutes before first time use and at any time when powering on from a full shut down

(where the toggle switch inside the unit is in the "off" position). Generally the unit can be left in Standby Mode (the Main Menu is displayed) between uses unless one of the following requires a full shut down:

• You are connecting I/O as described in Section 4 ("Electrical Connections") in the DSP4000 User's Guide

• You need to upgrade the operating system to a new version. The DSP4000 will prompt you to upgrade the software when you restart the system (see Figure 2-12)

• There will be an extended period between uses

* Refer to Quick Start Guide for connection of Fiber Optic Cables. NOTE: You must align the small tab on the ST Connector on your sensor with the notch in the Fiber Optic cable or the fitting will not connect.

* Recommended not to re-screw lid until your setup is complete and the unit is fully calibrated and ready to use

* **NEVER use a Power Strip to power on and off your DSP Unit.** This results in a "fuzzy" power cutoff that interferes with the memory and proper functioning of the unit.



Proper methods for powering down the DSP4000:

Go to Main Menu and select "Turn Off DSP4000." This allows you to put the unit into standby and avoid having to wait for a 60 minute warm-up period at the next use
If you wish for a full power shutoff, then after the above step, open the DSP4000 and flip the toggle switch to "OFF."

Note: Saving the Log file is optional. If you have performed a calibration procedure or changed any other setting, or recorded measurement data onto the log file, it is advisable to save the log file.

4.1 USB Key

* It is important to identify which sensor was assigned to each channel in order to match the sensor/fiber optic cable and channel with the correct parameter, units and calibration data that were used during testing. Instructions on how to do this are described in section 2.4 of the DSP4000 **Optical Process Monitor User's Manual. You can change the assignments later by loading each**

sensor's calibration file to a different channel, as discussed in Chapter 3, "Managing Configuration Files."

* Removing the USB Key while unit remains under power (without powering off the DSP4000): For full instructions please refer to DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual section 2.8. This is done when you wish to review the log file or update lot #/calibration information (such as when a new sensor is purchased). Using this method also closes the current log file such that when measurement resumes, you will be recording onto a new log file. **note this does not work with older USB Keys where the software may freeze

4.2 Connecting RTD (Temperature) Probes to DSP4000 and Sensors

If your RTD Probe(s) were not purchased with the system and are purchased as an add-on, they will need to be wired into the DSP4000. (Additional information can be found in Section 4.2 of **the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.)**

Step 1: Remove the three-pronged connector from the end of the RTD Probe (using a very small screwdriver) and carefully unwind the bare wire terminations and straighten them out

Step 2: Power off the DSP4000 unit by turning it off in the menu and then with the toggle switch inside the case. Unplug the unit from the AC Adapter.

Step 3: Using a small flathead screwdriver loosen the metal clamps for the applicable RTD inputs.

Step 4: The four cord grips on the bottom panel enable you to bring connecting wires into the DSP4000 enclosure while maintaining a water-tight seal. To bring the wire into the DSP4000 enclosure:

• Loosen the locking nut on the cord grip and remove the cylindrical metal plug. Figure 4-2 shows a DSP4000 where the left-most and right-most cord grips have already been used for the power cable and an RS-232 connection, respectively. The plug has been removed from the grip next to the RS-232 cable.

Channel	Terminal Labels		
Channel 1	RTD1_Black [1]	RTD1_Red [2]	RTD1_White [3]
Channel 2	RTD2_Black [4]	RTD2_Red [5]	RTD2_White [6]
Channel 3	RTD3_Black [7]	RTD3_Red [8]	RTD3_White [9]
Channel 4	RTD4_Black [10]	RTD4_Red [11]	RTD4_White [12]

• Store the cylindrical plug in a safe place.

Step 5: Insert the bare wires as per the above table. Clamp down using screwdriver. (NOTE: The white wire is now black—the black are interchangeable)

Connect the threaded RTD probe tip into your sensor. The Flowcells and the Tri-fold Flowcells Power In Power In Power In RTDs RTDs RS-232 4-20 mA Inputs Temperature I Pressure 4-20 mA Outputs

both have built-in threaded ports to accommodate the RTD probe.

4.3 Integrating Sensors into System Setup

The Flow cells in the cell mounts have male and female luer terminations.

Make sure that you always use a non-gas permeable or low gas-permeable tubing such as Tygon R-3603 or Tygon S-50-HL. Using a Luer-Barb connector kit, you can fit multiple barb sizes to the luer terminations or connect these to each other end-to-end (for multiple sensor types).

The Tri-fold Flowcell has four threaded holes set in a square configuration (0.20" deep, 10-32 Thread/M5 Thread) to accommodate multiple mounting options. It can also be placed on the lab bench or clamped using rod/clamp system to the relevant portion of the perfusion system.



4.4 Connecting DSP4000 to Data Acquisition System

• If you purchased a DAQ-DSP4000 Interface Cable, this has come preinstalled and configured to work with a standard 0-10V Analog to Digital Data Acquisition System (such as a PowerLab, Dataq, NI-DAQ, iWorx, Biopac, or other). These cables terminate in a Male BNC connector. Utilizing DAQ hardware that has analog inputs other than female BNC requires the use of an adapter to your input type or removal of the BNC connector to bare leads.

• Connect the BNC output cables to the Analog Input BNC connectors on your Data Acquisition System. Please connect to the channel on which you wish the particular reading to be recorded.

Sensor Parameter	Units	4 mA =	20 mA =	
0 ₂	mmHg	0 mmHg	5000 mmHg	
High Level	%	0%	100%	
	% Air Sat	0% Saturation	100% Saturation	
	PPM	0 PPM	5000 PPM	
	Deg	-180	180	
O ₂ Medium Level	PPB Dissolved	0 PPB	5000 PPB	
	PPM Gas Phase	0 PPM	5000 PPM	
	Deg	-180	180	
O ₂ Low Level	PPB Dissolved	0 PPB	5000 PPB	
	PPM Gas Phase	0 PPM	5000 PPM	
	Deg	-180	180	

рН	рH	Scale read for the channel from DSPCALIB.DAT in the USB-KEY (Factor 2 and Factor 3 for channels 2 and 4 in Figure 4-9)	
	SMR	0	3
CO ₂	mmHg	0 mmHg	High scale value
	%	0%	from DSPCALIB.DAT in the USB-KEY (Factor 1 for channel 3 in Figure 4-9)
	SMR	0	3

The output range of the analog output is as follows:

- Minimum measurement (4mA) is 2V output
- Maximum measurement (20mA) is 9.9V

5 Calibrating Sensors, General

Calibration gas and solution:

The DSP4000 typically only requires a 1-point calibration at a value near the range in which you will be measuring:

- pH measurements, use a buffer standard of 8.0.
- When a 95% O2/5% CO2 gas mix is the gas used for aeration and pH maintenance of your perfusion buffer, this gas can be used for the 1 point calibrations of both Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide (gas-saturate a non-bicarbonate buffered solution). If your perfusion system requires buffers to be deoxygenated (such as in lung applications) or use buffer equilibrated with room air, then air-saturated solution (non-bicarbonate buffered) should be used for calibration. In these situations it is common to use some 5% CO2 gas mix for the 1 point calibration of the CO2 sensor (such as 5% CO2) with balance air, or 95% N2/5% CO2.

TECHNICAL NOTE: Oxygen Sensor calibration is always performed based on air saturation and not dissolved oxygen saturation. 20.9% DO = 100% Air Saturation. 95% DO = 454% Air Saturation

If a 2 point calibration needs to be performed, then the following zero/low standards should be used:

pH: buffer pH 5 or lower (this is the minimum output of the Polestar)

CO2: Room Air-equilibrated distilled water, which has a CO2 level of 0% or Nitrogen Gas O2: pO2 zero solution (Catalog Number 73-3812) or Nitrogen gas saturated solution

The optical sensing films consist of fluorescent indicator chemistries immobilized in either hydrophilic (pH sensor) or hydrophobic (DO and CO2 sensors) polymer membranes. The gaseous (O2/CO2) or ionic (H+) species of interest move freely between the solution and interior portions of the sensing membranes to maintain an equilibrium of partial pressure (O2, CO2) or chemical potential (pH). The time to reestablish the equilibrium condition following a change in the

solution is dependent upon the species rate of diffusion through the membrane (faster at 37°C). For the purpose of calibration, it is recommended that the user allow a minimum of 10 minutes exposure of cycling the calibration solution through the sensor to ensure complete equilibration of the sensing film. Note: it is important that the calibration solution flow over the sensor during the calibration process. Failure to use a flowing calibration solution can affect the calibration results (flow through a flow-through sensor or use a magnetic stirrer).

If calibrating with gas, the gas should flow through the sensor for at least 5 minutes.

Application Note: If you wish to scale the OUTPUT of the DSP4000 for higher resolution within a smaller range of the total range of the sensor, use the DSP Configuration Utility (see section 4.6 "Scaling Values in the Calibration File" of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual).

Temperature Influence on CO2 and O2 Measurements:

For accurate calibrations and measurements, the temperature needs to be known and actively compensated. You should have the temperature either manually set at the temperature at which the calibration is taking place (you can put a small temperature probe into the line to measure) or you can use an RTD probe that is wired into the DSP4000 unit. The RTD probe is the preferred method as you will have continuous temperature compensation and therefore will not need to change any temperature settings on the DSP4000 between calibration and measurement.

The DSP4000 can be configured such that a single RTD probe can provide the continuous temperature source for all channels. This is appropriate for a sensor like the Tri-fold Flow Cell. If sensors are located in different areas, then multiple RTD probes can be used. A Channel is instructed to look at either a Common Source RTD (for example, you can designate the RTD Probe on Channel 1 to be the Common Source and the other temperature-dependent sensor on the Tri-Fold Flow cell can be directed to use the Common Source). If another individual sensor is located elsewhere, then a second RTD probe can be installed on that channel and you would then **direct the DSP4000 to use "RTD" as the source for that Channel.**

If an RTD probe is not used, then the temperature can be set manually.

Manual Temperature Input

Manual Input allows you to specify the temperature value to use for compensation. This option should only be considered for applications where there is little or no variation in temperature or where the temperature is well regulated.

To set the temperature manually:

1. Select **Manual Input** in the Temperature Source menu and press ENTER to show the currently set temperature for manual input. The default is 20° C. The range is -20° C to 100° C.

2. Press the up or down arrow to increase or decrease the setting by 0.1° C, or hold the key down to rapidly change the value. Press the left or right arrow keys to change the position of the cursor to the tens, ones, or tenths position.

3. Press ENTER to accept the displayed setting and return to the Setup menu.

5.1 Set Barometric Pressure

Measurements taken for CO_2 and O_2 are sensitive to barometric pressure. Unless a pressure monitor is available with a 4-20mA analog output (which can be fed into the DSP unit), an accurate barometric pressure should be read from a NIST certified barometer and manually entered into the unit on a daily basis. Instructions for manual input of pressure are found in section 5.6.1 of the **DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.**

Options for **continuous barometric pressure compensation** are:

RM Young 61302L Barometer with 4-20mA analog output standard

Vaisala BAROCAP® Digital Barometer PTB330

Manual Pressure Input

You can manually enter a pressure value in units of mmHg or PSI. Input values must be absolute pressure, that is, barometric pressure plus gauge pressure. The default value is 14.7 PSI (760 mmHg). To use a manually input value for pressure compensation:

- 1. Select Pressure from the Setup menu and press ENTER to display the current setting, and then press ENTER to show the pressure input options.
- 2. Select one of the manual input options and press ENTER to show the currently specified input.

3. Press the up or down arrow to increase or decrease the setting one unit at a time, or hold down the key to rapidly change the value.

4. Press ENTER to accept the displayed value and return to the Setup menu.



5.2 Units Conversion, Data Acquisition 2-Point Calibration

After the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor has undergone the 1-point calibration(s) for the channel(s) installed, you may proceed with applying the units conversion/calibration to your data acquisition system software.

For units conversion in LabChart, follow these steps:

1. Connect the Analog Output Cables to the Powerlab

 Ensure that the Range is set at 10V on the Input Amplifier. Set up the channel appropriately in the Channel Settings Window or individually on each channel as per LabChart instructions
 Press Start and record the upper calibration value that was used for the 1-point calibration.
 Once the reading is stable and you have your sample captured, proceed to step 4. Make note of the reading on the DSP4000 unit during this trace recording as this will be the value used in your units conversion.

4. Apply the low/zero conditions to the flowcell. For example, for oxygen this may be the upper calibration point of 95% O2 followed by buffer that has been aerated for 30 minutes or which is equilibrated with the aeration gas. Continue recording until the stable phase is reached and you have a suitable trace for calibration. Make note of the reading on the DSP4000 unit during this trace recording as this will be the value used in your units conversion.

5. Highlight the full calibration data trace (high and low point) for one sensor type at a time and **choose "Units Conversion" from the right**-click drop down for that channel. Follow normal calibration procedure using the values obtained from the DSP for the high and low points.

5.3 Oxygen Sensor Calibration

It is recommended to use the 1-point calibration on the DSP4000. When complete, put the DSP4000 into RUN MODE and collect data into LabChart. Switch to the lower oxygen solution (such as aerated buffer), to capture the low value. Once done, stop data recording and highlight the full section of data that includes both the high and low calibration points. Right click on the **range in the channel and choose "Units Conversion" from the drop**-down menu. Use the values displayed on the DSP4000 for the 2 point calibration in LabChart.

5.4 Carbon Dioxide Sensor Calibration

A 1-point calibration should be performed on the DSP4000 when a known gas concentration, e.g. 5%, is not read accurately on the DSP Display. Typically this calibration point is at 5% as that is the concentration of CO2 that is used to maintain proper pH in most bicarbonate buffers used in perfusion systems. When the 1-point calibration is complete, put the DSP4000 into RUN MODE and collect data into LabChart. Switch to the zero gas or solution for 5 or 10 minutes (respectively) (or until the reading has fully stabilized) and continue to collect data for the low point. Once done, stop data recording and highlight the full section of data that includes both the high and low calibration points. Right click on the range in the channel and choose "Units Conversion" from the drop-down menu and use the values that are displayed on the DSP4000 for the 2 point calibration in LabChart.

5.5 pH Sensor Calibration

When the pH reading on the DSP4000 is not accurate, a 1-point calibration can be performed on the DSP4000. A calibration buffer of a value near the pKa of the sensor is used. For a 5.5-10 pH sensor, the pKa, or midpoint of the response curve falls, at 8.2, therefore we choose pH 8 as the preferred calibration buffer for this sensor. When complete, put the DSP4000 into RUN MODE and collect data into LabChart. Switch to pH 6 or other lower pH solution that falls below your optimal area of interest. Calibration Solution for 10 minutes (or until the reading has fully stabilized) and continue to collect data. Once done, stop data recording and highlight the full section of data that includes both the high and low calibration points. Right click on the range in **the channel and choose "Units Conversion" from the drop**-down menu and use the values that are displayed on the DSP4000 for the 2 point calibration in LabChart.

6 Viewing Data on DSP4000

Run Mode will by default show you the channel measurement data for the sensor plugged into that channel. The AUX button changes the display to give current readings of other channel-specific information:

If the AUX button is pressed, it scrolls the screen through displays of temperature/pressure, AGC Value, and Channel Measurements.

6.1 Channel Readings – O2, CO2, pH Parameters

These are displayed as in the image to the left. The channel designation followed by the numerical value and then the units that have been assigned to that channel.

This display is showing a three channel DSP4000 with two channels disabled.

12134 CCCC	26.8 % 02 Disabled Disabled Absent
OPTIC	CAL PROCESS MONITOR

6.2 Channel Readings – Temperature and Pressure Readings

Pressing the AUX key will give you a display that reads the channel designation followed by the temperature/pressure values per channel. These will only show real time data from an actively compensating input source (barometer or RTD probe).

6.3 Channel Readings – AGC Readings

These readings can be useful for feedback regarding sensor effectiveness or placement in regards to the fiber optic cable. High AGC readings indicate a high gain applied to the LED which can be caused by photo-bleaching of the sensor chemistry or by improper alignment of the chemistry in relation to the fiber optic cable.

7 Changing expired sensors

The Status LED in the upper right corner of the DSP4000 front panel provides a visual indication of the AGC or RAGC level during operation. The Status LED is:

- Green when the AGC level is less than 3000 for all four channels
- Yellow when the level for least one channel is between 3000 and 3500
- **Red** when the AGC for one channel exceeds 3500. An AGC or RAGC reading of 3500 or higher indicates a need to replace the sensing element, or an obstruction or break in the optical path.

When the Status light is **red**:

1. Check the AGC level of each channel to identify the channel causing the Status LED

alert. See "AGC Display" Section 5.8 of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual for information on accessing the display from the Setup menu.

2. Inspect the BioProbe connections and the optics on the problem channel to determine whether the high AGC is caused by an obstruction or break in the optic path. See

"Inspection Procedures" in Section 6.1.1 of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.

3. Replace the sensing element if the AGC is still high after resolving any problems with the fiber optic path.

Flow-cells (glass insert with chemistry painted internally):

1. Remove the glass insert by loosening the screw with an allen/hex wrench and sliding the flow cell out.

2. Contact Harvard Apparatus or your Harvard Apparatus Appointed Distributor for the correct re placement part number for the flow cell insert for your measurement (i.e. O2 PPB, O2 PPM, O2 Sub- PPB, CO2, pH 5.5 – 10 or 4 - 7).

Tri-Fold sensor:

- 1. Remove the Fiber Optic cable(s).
- 2. Using a wrench (if unable to remove with fingers), unscrew the ST Connector on the channel that needs a replacement sensing disk.
- Contact Harvard Apparatus or your Harvard Apparatus Appointed Distributor for the correct replacement part number for your sensor type (*i.e.* O₂ PPB, O₂ PPM, O₂ Sub-PPB, CO₂, pH 5.5 10 or 4 7).



Puncture probe:

1. Remove the puncture probe from the fiber optic cable. This sensor is purchased as in the catalog as it has no replacement portions as it is a disposable item.

2. Update the configuration file on the USB-KEY, as described in "Loading the File onto the USB-KEY" Section 3.4 of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.

BioProbe:

1. Unscrew the tip from the BioProbe by twisting it counter-clockwise.

CAUTION: The sensing element is designed to seal when finger-tight. Never use pliers or any other tool to loosen or tighten the sensing element, as the tools can damage the sensing element and probe body.

2. Screw the replacement element onto the end of the probe. Calibration information for the sensing element is contained in a calibration file that includes the sensor type and the calibration factors for all elements in the same manufacturing lot. You can download the calibration file from the Support area on the Polestar Technologies web site.

3. Update the configuration file on the USB-KEY, as described in "Loading the File onto the USB-KEY" Section 3.4 of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.

7.1 Updating Lot Number for New Sensor Calibration

See Chapter 3 ("Managing Configuration Files) of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's

Manual for using the Configuration Utility to assign new lot numbers to the measurement channel. The configuration utility is also used to reassign channels to different measurements.

8 Cleaning and Maintenance

Optical Sensors are not affected by ambient light when in use; however, they are sensitive to light and should be stored in the dark when not in use.

The sensors can be cleaned using MUCASOL, which is preferred when using the sensors in conjunction with a Hugo-Sachs Isolated Organ or Tissue Perfusion System whereby there are wetted components constructed from Plexiglas.

If the fiber optic cables have been detached and stored or if they are otherwise possible dirty you should use a piece of scotch tape to tap on the tip to remove particulate matter.

Additional in-depth maintenance information can be found in Chapter 6 "Care and Maintenance" of the DSP4000 Optical Process Monitor User's Manual.

You will need the following items to inspect and maintain the DSP4000:

- De-ionized water
- Chem Wipe® or soft lint-free cloth
- Scotch tape
- Magnifying glass
- Compressed air or nitrogen
- Adjustable wrench.

All Polestar sensors (including sensing elements, iDots, peel and sticks, and puncture probes) are sensitive to ambient light and will photo-bleach over time unless stored in a dark place between uses. Bright sun light will accelerate the aging process of the sensor. Photo-bleaching affects the useful life of the sensing element, but not the accuracy of measurements.

Troubleshooting Guide

Symptom	Explanation of Problem	Action	
The DSP4000 does not display measurements or menus.	Insufficient or too much power is being applied to the DSP4000.	L. Disconnect power DSP4000.	from the
		 Verify that the volta and the current is Amps. 	age is 24 VDC at least 1.5
		3. Re-connect the po	wer.
The DSP4000 powers up with a USB error.	The USB-KEY is not recognized.	I. Re-seat the USB-K	EY.
		2. Press ENTER.	
The DSP4000 does not go into Run mode, or kicks out shortly after startup. The Status LED is red.	The AGC for at least one channel has reached 4000, the maximum value because: • There is a poor optical connection.	L. Verify all optical co	onnections.
		 Check the AGC for channel. 	each
		 Replace sensing el needed. 	ements as
	 A sensor element is at the end of its life. 		
The Status LED is yellow.	 The AGC for at least one channel has reached 3000 because: Dirt has accumulated on an the optical surface. The sensing element is near the end of its useful life. 	I. Check the AGC for channel.	each
		 Clean the optical s Scotch tape as dus particles may resulted 	urfaces using t and dirt t in signal
		 Replace sensing el needed. 	ements as

If none of the above apply and you are seeing "AGC Limit," please check to make sure that the sensor chemistry is as close to the LED/fiber optic as possible. If using a glass flow-cell, check to make sure that it is seated in the cell mount such that the chemistry is between the light and the perfusate/media.
Ordering Information

88-0258	O ₂ Replacement Kit (sensor, glass window & O-Ring)
88-0260	pH Replacement Kit (sensor, glass window & O-Ring)
88-0261	CO ₂ Replacement Kit (sensor, glass window & O-Ring)
880258	O ₂ Replacement sensor
880260	pH Replacement sensor
880261	CO ₂ Replacement sensor
88-0263	REPLACEMENT QUARTZ O_2 PPB SENSOR INSERT FOR SINGLE QUARTZ FLOWCELL MOUNT
72-8161	BUFFER SOLUTION pH 8.00, 500ml
72-8162	BUFFER SOLUTION pH 7.41, 500ml
72-8163	BUFFER SOLUTION pH 6.00, 500ml
72-8164	BUFFER SOLUTION KIT: pH 6, 7.41, 8, 500ml/EA
880194	Trifold Connections Kits 1/16"
880195	Trifold Connections Kits 1/8"
880196	Trifold Connections Kits 1/4"

Appendix B: Frequently Asked Questions

Hollow Organ Bioreactor

Is the retainer clamp missing from my unit?

The retainer clamp design did not fit as well as it was supposed to, and since it did not seem to be necessary, we have not been shipping it with the product. A new clamp is in the process of being developed to make sure the drive mechanism does not slip and disengage itself.

How does the "seal wash inlet" and outlet work (for hollow organ systems)?

This passage is designed to take a non-salt solution and flush it through a separate space between the two outside orings on the driveshaft. This will prevent any buildup of evaporated salt crystals from forming on the turning shaft during long periods of use. As an example, an intravenous drip bag with water set to between .1 and .5mL per minute to continuously flush the seal wash path could be used.

Should I sterilize using plasma sterilization or does autoclavation work?

The materials of construction are Teflon reservoir, stainless steel baseplate, driveshaft, and valves, silicone rubber orings, Kynar luer fittings, polycarbonate cover, and PEEK arbor components. All of these materials will withstand steam sterilization.

One CAUTION, however.... Please disassemble all the valve and driveshaft parts from the Teflon block before **steam sterilization**. The high temperature may cause the machined holes in the Teflon to become deformed by the parts pressed into them. Reinstall the valves and driveshaft after the Teflon cools down.

The Kynar luer fittings have been installed using silicone adhesive to hold them in place and prevent leaks. It should not be necessary to remove these fittings from the Teflon because of the sterilization process.

Can washing be done with [reagent]?

These materials of construction will withstand virtually all biological reagents and cold sterilization agents (such as Cidex, Cidex OPA, Mucasol, etc).

ORCA Bioreactor

Controller

How many channels can the controller support?

The ORCA 4 controller allows the use of four peristaltic pumps allowing maximal flexibility to support even the most demanding protocols. Typically, three pumps are used and the fourth is available for specialty configurations. Three pumps may be initially purchased and the user may add the fourth pump on later.

Can the software be installed on the computer of my choosing?

The ORCA software is typically run from the laptop provided. It can be run from a standard desktop PC as long as it is configured properly. If you have a desktop, we are able to configure it our laboratory. If you are having an on-site installation, we could also configure it then.

Gas Monitoring System

How are gas monitoring (CO₂, O₂) and pH monitoring typically performed?

The system that Harvard currently uses is purchased from Polestar and performs with a high degree of precision and accuracy. The system provides the ability to monitor CO2 and pH from a single point (typically the reservoir). Another ability is to measure the pre— and post-organ oxygen levels, allowing for easy determination of the oxygen consumption rate of the organ.

Oxygenating System

How are gas levels (CO₂, O₂) controlled?

The typical manner to oxygenate a system is to have media from the reservoir sent through the intraluminal side of an oxygenator using one of the channels of a peristaltic pump. There are a wide variety of oxygenators. The D150 is used for small animal organs as it minimizes the volume and has shown the capacity needed for rodents to rabbits. For large animals, the higher capacity D200 is often used. In the past, we have seen clinical oxygenators such as Maquet, Terumo and Medtronic also used. The life span of the oxygenators are dependent on the medium and additives used and well as individual protocols. The extraluminal space of the oxygenator is typically supplied with 95% air / 5% CO₂. This can be done with a premixed tank of gasses or a gas mixer. The OKO system allows you to feed in CO₂ from a tank and air. The air can be supplied from a tank, from an air compressor, or house air. If house air is used, it is recommended that a moisture trap be added.

Heater

How is temperature regulation achieved?

The medium reservoir is the primary source of heat and temperature maintenance for the smaller chambers (5.5" and 10"). The 14" diameter chamber has a volume of about 38L and as a result, requires a wraparound heater to be used in addition to the reservoir. It is recommended that the user preheats the medium in an incubator to the required temperature before introducing it to the reservoir. The reservoir can be fed from either a bag or a large feed bottle by using one of the dual channel heads of the peristaltic pumps. The slow introduction of medium reduces the chance of contamination since the circuit is rarely opened. The reservoir heater is limited to a maximum temperature of 39.5° C so that the medium is not detoured. If you place medium from a cold room at 4° C, the time required to raise the temperature to 37° C will be very lengthy. The reservoir bottles come in various sizes and with different ports to accommodate your protocols.

How is temperature monitored?

A temperature probe is normally placed in the heater reservoir to control heating functions and heat the medium when the temperature dips below the set point.





