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Chapter 1 ***Safety Practices and Hazards***

The VK 100 has been carefully designed so that when used properly you have an accurate, fast, flexible, and safe instrument.

If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Operation of a VK 100 involves the use of aqueous liquids. Unskilled, improper, or careless use of this instrument can create shock hazards, fire hazards, or other hazards which can cause death, serious injury to personnel, or severe damage to equipment and property.

Information on safety practices is provided with your instrument and operation manuals. Before using your instrument or accessories, you must thoroughly read these safety practices.

Observe all relevant safety practices at all times.

Electrical Hazards

The VK 100 contains electrical circuits, devices, and components operating at dangerous voltages. Contact with these circuits, devices, and components can cause death, serious injury, or painful electric shock.

Panels or covers that are retained by fasteners which require the use of a tool for removal may be opened only by Varian-trained, Varian-qualified, or Varian-authorized service engineers. Consult the manuals or product labels supplied with the VK 100 to determine which parts are operator-accessible.

Application of the wrong supply voltage, connection of the instrument to an incorrectly wired supply outlet, or lack of proper electrical grounding can create a fire hazard or a potentially serious shock hazard and could seriously damage the instrument and any attached ancillary equipment.

Always use a three-wire outlet with ground connection which is adequately rated for the load. The installation must comply with local, state, and federal safety regulations.

Do not connect the instrument to the main power supply until you have made sure that the operating voltage is correctly set for the main power supply in the specific outlet in your laboratory to which the equipment will be connected.

Other

Other specific warnings and cautions appear in the manuals where appropriate and detail the specific hazard, describe how to avoid it, and specify the possible consequences of not heeding the warning or caution.

Warning

A 'Warning' message appears in the manual when failure to observe instructions or precautions could result in death or injury. Symbols depicting the nature of the specific hazard are also placed alongside warnings.

These symbols may be used on warning labels attached to the instrument. When you see one of these symbols you must refer to the relevant operation or service manual for the correct procedure referred to by that warning label.

The meaning of the symbols that appear alongside warnings in this manual are as follows:



Electrical shock



Caution

Refer to accompanying documents

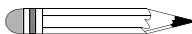
Read all warnings and cautions carefully and observe them at all times.

Caution

A 'Caution' message is used when failure to observe instructions could result in damage to equipment (Varian supplied and / or other associated equipment).



A 'Note' appears in the manual to give advice or information.



Information Symbols



Switches main power on



Switches main power off



Indicates single-phase alternating current



Indicates the product complies with the requirements of one or more European Union (EU) directives



Indicates specific equipment meets consensus-based standards of safety to provide assurance, required by OSHA, that these products are safe for use in the workplace for North America



Indicates that this product must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste (see “WEEE Directive” on page 13)

General

CE Compliant Products

The VK 100 has been designed to comply with the requirements of the Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive and the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) of the EU.

Varian, Inc. has confirmed that each product complies with the relevant directives by testing a prototype against the prescribed European Norm (EN) standards.

Proof that a product complies with the directives is indicated by:

- the CE marking appearing on the rear of the product.
- the documentation package that accompanies the product containing a copy of the declaration of conformity. This declaration is the legal declaration by Varian, Inc. that the product complies with the directives and also shows the EN standards to which the product was tested to demonstrate compliance. The declaration of conformity is signed by the representative of the manufacturing plant.

cTUVus - U.S. and Canadian Product Approvals

The VK 100 has been designed to comply with North American safety requirements.

This product has been tested and certified for the North American market by TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. The TUVus mark signifies that this product has been tested to U.S. standards and certified for the U.S. market. The cTUV mark signifies that this product has been tested to Canadian standards and certified for the Canadian market. When the two marks are coupled, the cTUVus mark signifies that this product has been tested to standards and certified for both markets.

WEEE Directive

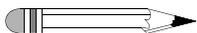
All Varian products that are subject to the WEEE directive shipped after August 13, 2005 are compliant with the WEEE marking requirements. Such products are marked with the “crossed out wheelie bin” WEEE symbol shown on page 12 in accordance with European Standard EN 50419.

This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

For more information on collection, reuse, and recycling systems, please contact your local/regional waste administration, your local distributor, or Varian, Inc.

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Chapter 2 *Introduction*



Note

This manual applies to both the 115 and the 230 voltage VK 100. Read this manual thoroughly before using the VK 100. It contains all information necessary for the safe and reliable operation of this precision instrument.

The VK 100 is designed to provide versatility and reliability, while meeting all current USP testing requirements. Its three basket positions can be programmed to dip together or independently, allowing up to three different tests to be run at the same time. In addition to the standard six-tube USP-approved basket rack, a variety of optional basket racks are available for large and bolus tablets. The VK 100 is used for disintegration testing in accordance with current USP requirements. The optional built-in Report Center Printer provides hard-copy documentation of the instrument operation for the highest degree of confidence.

The VK 100 is available in two models: single basket and three basket. The three-basket apparatus is fully programmable by simply entering the time duration of the test. The baskets automatically lift from the beaker at the end of the test in the pass / fail mode. The three-basket model has individual digital time displays for each basket. The water bath

temperature is displayed continuously on the front panel. Both models include accessories.



Warning

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FIGURE 1. VK 100 Single-basket Model

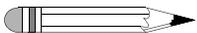


Caution

Panels or covers that are retained by fasteners which require the use of a tool for removal may be opened only by Varian-trained, Varian-qualified, or Varian-authorized service engineers.

Conventions Used in this Manual

- Items you are asked to press are in bold. For example, “press **ENTER** on the key pad”.
- Key sequences you are asked to press appear like this: **CLEAR > 0**.



Note

Remember to return the warranty card supplied with this manual. Completing and returning the card ensures your right to protection under the terms and conditions of your warranty. It also enables us to better assist you in the event of any problems. Additionally, it guarantees you will be informed of any issues arising concerning your equipment, such as upgrades, retrofits, or regulatory changes.

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Chapter 3 **Setup**

Unpacking Your VK 100

- Step 1. Open each carton and check the contents for damage which may have occurred during shipping. Shipping damage rarely occurs, but if it does contact both the carrier who delivered the instruments and the Dissolution Systems Service Department. Though claims for damage should be filed with the carrier, we can help you file a claim.
- Step 2. Carefully remove the VK 100 from its shipping carton. Hold the unit firmly to prevent it from dropping.



Warning

Hold the unit only by the base. Do not hold by the reciprocating shafts to avoid damage.

- Step 3. Check for items which may have come loose during shipping. Be sure to remove all parts before discarding or storing the packaging.

- Step 4. Place the unit on a clean, dry, level section of the bench top or table. At least four inches of space should be open for the rear panel power connections and for access to the rear panel power switch.



Warning

The electrical connection at the back of the apparatus is the primary disconnect for the instrument. The apparatus should be positioned to allow accessibility to the power cords for easy disconnection.

Setting up the Water Bath

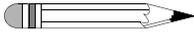
- Step 1. Ensure the VK 100 is not plugged in.
- Step 2. Place the water bath on the VK 100 with the lower quick-connect fitting positioned on the left side of the apparatus. Use the locator holes on the water bath and the locator pins on the VK 100 to ensure proper placement.
- Step 3. Locate the two tubes with quick-connect fittings and insert them into the appropriate quick-connect fittings on the VK 100 water bath (see Figure 2, "Water Bath Connections," below).

FIGURE 2. Water Bath Connections



- Step 4. Ensure the cover is in place on the water bath with the small hole toward the front. Ensure the disintegration beakers are not in place in the cover.
- Step 5. Fill the water bath through any one of the three beaker holes in the cover.

Note



Initially fill the water bath no higher than 2.5 inches (6.4 cm) from the top, to allow for displacement by the beakers when they are inserted.

- Step 6. Check the water bath and all connecting tubing for leaks. When satisfied that no leaks are present, proceed to "Installing the Temperature Probe" on page 23.

Initial Power Up

Electrical Connections

Warning

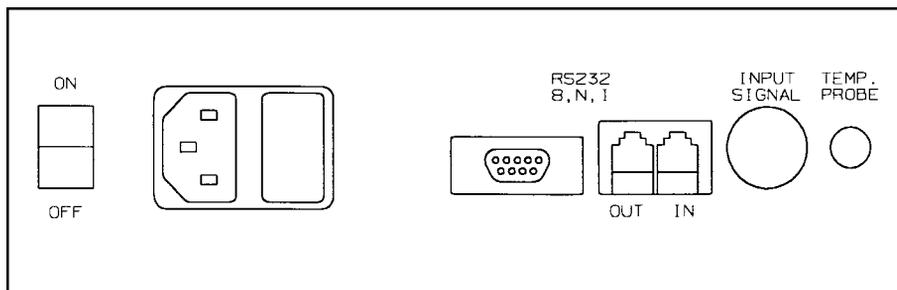


Before plugging the VK 100 into any power outlet, ensure the instrument is configured for the voltage provided. Check the serial number tag on the rear panel to confirm the voltage requirement.

The electrical connection at the back of the apparatus is the primary disconnect for the instrument.

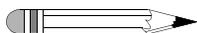
See Figure 3, "VK 100 Rear Panel," on page 22 to complete the steps that follow.

FIGURE 3. VK 100 Rear Panel



- Step 1. Ensure the power is off.
- Step 2. Connect the power cord between the AC power connector and an AC power receptacle of the appropriate voltage.
- Step 3. Turn on the VK 100. The three position screens and the temperature screen on the front panel illuminates immediately. You will hear the circulator working as it begins to pump the bath water through the system. Bubbles may appear at the water bath inlet as air is expelled from the system.

Note



Make a final check for leaks. Allow the circulator to run for five minutes, then check the bath, tubing, connectors and the bench area immediately surrounding the apparatus. If any water leaks are seen, turn off the power immediately and remove the power cord. Locate and fix the source of the leak before proceeding.

- Step 4. Place the disintegration beaker(s) through the holes in the top cover of the water bath.
- Step 5. As the water circulates, there may be a slight drop in the water bath level as the internal tubing fills. Wait until the beakers are in place before adding additional water as required to bring the level back to within no more than 2.5 inches of the top of the water bath. Replace the cover, if removed.

Installing the Temperature Probe

The VK 100 is shipped with a factory-installed temperature probe inside the heater / circulator tank and an external probe to be placed directly in the water bath. Both probes are necessary and the temperature readings must remain within 5 °C of each other or the VK 100 will not operate. If either probe is not functioning or not installed, the alarm sounds and the keypad is inactive.



Note

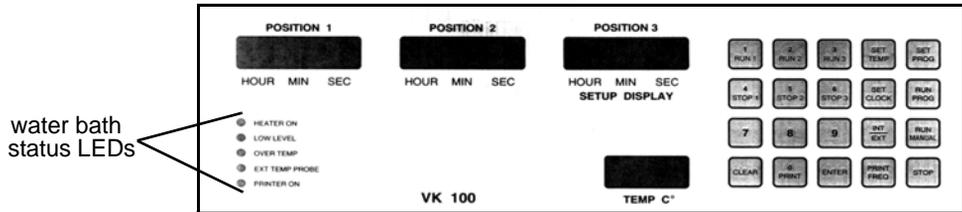
No installation or positioning is necessary for the internal temperature probe.

To install the external temperature probe, complete the following steps:

- Step 1. Plug the temperature probe into the jack labelled TEMP. PROBE on the rear panel.
- Step 2. Insert the metal tip of the probe into the small hole in the water bath cover.
- Step 3. Ensure the small hole and temperature probe are toward the front of the water bath.
- Step 4. Press **INT/EXT** to view the temperature readings for each probe. When the external probe reading displays, the Ext Temp Probe LED illuminates.

Water Bath Status LEDs

FIGURE 4. VK 100 Keypad

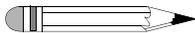


The Heater On LED flashes to indicate heater activity. When the heater is on continuously, as will occur when the water bath is cold, the LED remains illuminated. As the target temperature is approached, the LED flashes indicating the heater is cycling on and off.

The Over Temp LED illuminates

- if the temperature of the water of the water bath exceeds 65 °C. Check for obstructions and low water if this condition occurs. The over temp condition clears automatically when the temperature cools below 55 °C. Press **CLEAR** to reset if the temperature is between 55 and 65 °C.
- if the external temperature probe is not in the water bath or is not connected.
- if the temperature probe readings are more than 5 °C higher than the set temperature.

The Ext Temp Probe LED illuminates when the external temperature probe reading displays in the temperature screen. Otherwise the internal probe reading displays.



Note

If the external temperature probe is not connected, the temperature display reads 4.4. This is normal and changes as soon as the probe is installed.

The Printer On LED illuminates when the Report Center Printer has been enabled.

Setting the Date / Time Clock

If you are using the built-in Report Center Printer to document the test conditions, you must set the correct date and time. This information displays on all printouts.

To set the date and time, complete the following steps:

- Step 1. Press **SET CLOCK**. The position 3 screen flashes the date.
- Step 2. If the date is correct, press **ENTER**. Otherwise, enter the correct date in mm/dd/yy format and press **ENTER**. The time flashes.
- Step 3. If the time is correct, press **ENTER**. Otherwise, enter the correct time in 24-hour format and press **ENTER**.

Mounting Baskets and Filling Beakers

- Step 1. Ensure the water bath cover is in place on the water bath.
- Step 2. Place one, two, or three 1000 mL USP disintegration beakers through the water bath cover holes so they are suspended in the water bath.
- Step 3. Hold the beaker(s) down and pour 900 mL of the required disintegration medium in each beaker. When full, the beakers sit securely in the cover and do not float.
- Step 4. Place one, two, or three basket racks onto the horizontal basket supports.
- Step 5. Verify the water level in the water bath is above the media level of all beakers. If not, either add additional water or drain excess water until the proper working level is reached.

Draining the Water Bath



Warning

Disconnect the VK 100 from the AC power receptacle *before* draining the tank.

- Step 1. Disengage the quick-connect fitting on the left side of the tank and attach the supplied drain hose.
- Step 2. Open the drain valve and drain the water bath into an appropriate receptacle or sink.
- Step 3. Use a clean paper towel or damp cloth to wipe out the water bath and remove any remaining water from the bottom of the tank.

Hidden Key Functions

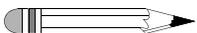
The following seldom-used operations can be performed by pressing and holding **CLEAR** and then pressing the number on the keypad and releasing both keys at the same time. Refer to Figure 4, "VK 100 Keypad," on page 24.

Key Sequence	Function
CLEAR > 0	Use this key sequence to set the communication port identification numbers. Enter the identification number and press ENTER .
CLEAR > 2	Use this key sequence to enable or disable alarm function.
CLEAR > 5	Use this key sequence to toggle between 1 and 2 decimal places for the temperature display. Two decimal places is used to calibrate the temperature.
CLEAR > 8	Use this key sequence to select the baud rate. This key combination toggles among 1200, 2400, 4800, and 9600. When the correct baud rate displays, press ENTER .

Chapter 4 *Operation*

Setting Water Bath Temperature

To set the water bath temperature, press **SET TEMP**. Enter the desired water bath temperature and press **ENTER**.



Note

It may be necessary to set the water bath temperature up to 0.5 °C higher than the desired temperature of the medium in the beakers to compensate for heat loss through the walls of the beakers.

Setting Print Frequency for the Report Center Printer

If your VK 100 is equipped with a Report Center Printer and you want an automatic periodic printout of test conditions, enable the built-in Report Center Printer and indicate the desired automatic print interval.

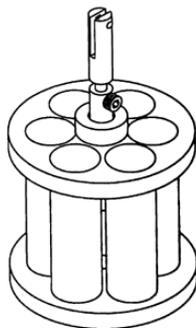
To enable the printer, press **PRINT FREQ.** Enter the desired auto-print interval in mmm format up to 255 minutes and press **ENTER.**

To disable the printer, enter an auto-print frequency of **0** (zero) and press **ENTER.**

Adjusting Basket Height

- Step 1. Lower the basket to the lowest position and measure the distance from the bottom of the beaker to the bottom of the basket. This measurement should be no less than 2.5 cm.
- Step 2. If necessary, adjust the basket height by loosening the screw on the basket hanger with an Allen wrench. Extend or retract the two parts and tighten the screw to achieve the proper distance of not less than 2.5 cm from the bottom of the beaker.

FIGURE 5. Basket Adjustment



Placing Dosage Units in the Baskets

Place one dosage unit in each of the six tubes of the basket. USP fluted disks may be added where specified in the individual monograph.

Selecting Operating Mode

You can select single-basket, multi-basket, or three-basket operation.



Note

The position 3 screen is the display screen for all programming regardless of which position or parameter you are programming.

Single-basket Operation

In single-basket mode, the operation of each basket is set independent of the others. To start a single basket:

- Step 1. Press **RUN #** (where # is the basket number you want to run). The current test time for that position, if any, flashes. For example, the following display indicates that the basket in the selected position is currently programmed to dip for 10 minutes:

POSITION 3

001000

- Step 2. To accept the current test length, press **ENTER**. The basket lowers and begins dipping, lifting automatically at the end of the programmed time period.
- To enter a different dip time value, enter the new value in hhmmss format and press **ENTER** to start the dip cycle.

- Step 3. To stop the dip cycle of a basket before the end of the programmed time, press **STOP #** (where # is the basket number you want to stop). The basket stops dipping and lifts from the beaker immediately.



Note

Press **STOP** to immediately stop *all* baskets.

Multi-basket Operation

There are two benefits of multi-basket mode:

- You can program any combination of baskets to start and stop at exactly the same time. This feature allows the VK 100 to function as a conventional two- or three-basket apparatus.
- You can program the VK 100 to drop the baskets at staggered times and to remove them at the same time. This feature is useful when running different products with different test lengths simultaneously without returning to the apparatus at different times to view the end of each test.

For example, you can position baskets 1 and 3 to start and finish their dip cycles at exactly the same time while position 2 remains idle, or baskets 1 and 2 start and finish while position 3 remains idle. Alternatively, you can have basket 3 start automatically 5 minutes after basket 1, with a test time 5 minutes less than that for basket 1. This causes both baskets to finish at the same time while position 2 remains idle.

The screen under position 3 acts as the display screen for programming the VK 100. Create a programming sequence as follows:

- Step 1. Press **SET PROG**. In the display, the numeral 1 flashes, alternating with the previously programmed test length for that position in hhmmss format. For example, you may see the following alternating displays:

POSITION 3
1

POSITION 3
003000

The example on page 30 indicates the previously programmed test length for position 1 was 30 minutes.

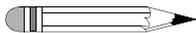
1. To accept the current test length, press **ENTER**.
2. To change it, enter the new value in hhmmss format and press **ENTER**.
3. To disable position 1, enter **000000** for the test length and press **ENTER**.

Step 2. In the display, the numeral 2 flashes, alternating with the previously programmed delay time for position 2 in hhmmss format. The delay time is the amount of time between the start of the program and the start of dipping for position 2. For example, you may see the following alternating displays:



The above example indicates the previously programmed delay time for position 2 was 5 minutes.

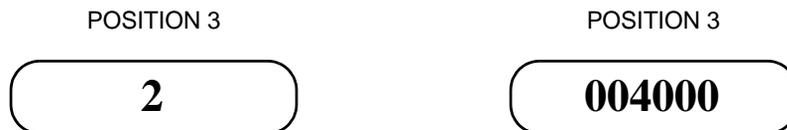
1. To accept the current delay time, press **ENTER**.
2. To change it, enter the new value in hhmmss and press **ENTER**.
3. If no delay is desired, enter **000000** and press **ENTER**.



Note

There is no delay time for position 1.

Step 3. In the display, the numeral 2 flashes again, this time alternating with the previously programmed test length for position 2. For example, you may see the following alternating displays:



The example on page 31 indicates the previously programmed test length for position 2 was 40 minutes.

1. To accept the current test length, press **ENTER**.
2. To change it, enter the new value in hhmmss and press **ENTER**.
3. To disable position 2, enter **000000** and press **ENTER**.

Step 4. In the display, the numeral 3 flashes, alternating with the previously programmed delay time for position 3 in hhmmss format. The delay time is the amount of time between the start of the program and the start of dipping for position 3. For example, you may see the following alternating displays:



The above example indicates the previously programmed delay time for position 3 was 10 minutes.

1. To accept the current delay time, press **ENTER**.
2. To change it, enter the new value in hhmmss and press **ENTER**.
3. If no delay is desired, enter **000000** and press **ENTER**.

Step 5. In the display, the numeral 3 flashes again, this time alternating with the previously programmed test length for position 3. For example, you may see the following alternating displays:

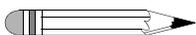


The above example indicates the previously programmed test length for position 3 was 50 minutes.

1. To accept the current test length, press **ENTER**.
2. To change it, enter the new value in hhmmss and press **ENTER**.
3. To disable position 3, enter **000000** and press **ENTER**.

- Step 6. Press **RUN PROG**. The programmed sequence displays in the position 3 screen. If correct, press **ENTER**. The program begins.

To stop any individual basket during multi-basket operation, press **STOP #** (where # is the basket number you want to stop). To stop all baskets at the same time, press **STOP** in the lower right corner of the keypad.



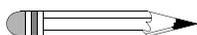
Note

When an individual basket is stopped and the other baskets are dipping, the individual basket can only be restarted in the independent single-basket mode. It cannot be restarted as part of the running program.

Three-Basket Operation

To run all three baskets together, starting and stopping at the same times, complete the following steps:

- Step 1. Press **RUN MANUAL**. The previously set test length (if any) for three-basket operation flashes in the position 3 screen.
- Step 2. Press **ENTER** to accept the displayed values or enter a new test length in hhmmss format and press **ENTER**. All three baskets lower and begin dipping. The baskets stop simultaneously, lifting automatically at the end of the programmed time period.



Note

Press **STOP** to stop all three baskets at any time during the test.

Printer Operation During Manual or Program Operation (Optional)

If your VK 100 is equipped with the optional Report Center Printer, you can generate a printout of the instrument status at any time by pressing **PRINT**. This does not affect automatic printing as set by the PRINT FREQ function.

Chapter 5 ***Maintenance and
Troubleshooting***

Periodic Maintenance



Warning

The apparatus contains electrical circuits, devices, and components operating at dangerous voltages. Contact with these circuits, devices, and components can cause death, serious injury, or painful electric shock.

Periodic maintenance intervals may vary depending on frequency of instrument usage.

Weekly Maintenance

See “Disintegration Basket Care” on page 37 and “Water Bath / Acrylic Care” on page 38 as applicable for additional information on proper maintenance of your equipment.

- Ensure media is removed and the system is wiped with a clean, damp cloth. Inspect the water bath and circulator tubing for algae, other material and cracks / damage. If algae is present, change the bath water and add algaecide.
- If any stainless steel parts show signs of surface discoloration, lightly wipe the surface with a soft cloth or nonabrasive pad to remove it.

Monthly Maintenance

See “Water Bath / Acrylic Care” on page 38 as applicable for additional information on proper maintenance of your equipment.

- Ensure media is removed and the system is wiped with a clean, damp cloth.
- Lightly spray Lube1/ WD40™ onto the shafts and run the machine for a few minutes.
- Change the bath water and add algaecide.

Every Six Months Maintenance

See “Water Bath / Acrylic Care” on page 38 as applicable for additional information on proper maintenance of your equipment.

- Ensure media is removed and the system is wiped with a clean, damp cloth.
- Lightly spray Lube1/ WD40™ onto the shafts and run the machine for a few minutes.
- Change the bath water and add algaecide.
- Inspect the tubing for algae, foreign material, and cracks / damage.

Yearly Maintenance

See “Water Bath / Acrylic Care” on page 38 as applicable for additional information on proper maintenance of your equipment.

- Ensure media is removed and the system is wiped with a clean, damp cloth.
- Lightly spray Lube1/ WD40™ onto the shafts and run the machine for a few minutes.
- Change the bath water and add algaecide.
- Inspect the tubing for algae, foreign material, and cracks / damage.
- Inspect the security of wires and wiring harnesses.
- Inspect the drive motor—ensure no leaking of oil has occurred.

Disintegration Basket Care

1. All of our disintegration baskets are fabricated entirely of commercial grade acrylic, stainless steel, and glass. When using them with corrosive materials such as hydrochloric acid or media containing salts, be sure to rinse them thoroughly with deionized water immediately after each use, and dry thoroughly with a soft towel or cloth.
2. Do not clean with abrasive cleansers or cloths. Use deionized water whenever possible. If you must use a cleanser or solvent, be sure that it is as mild as possible, non-abrasive, and fully compatible with acrylic before use. If in doubt, call the service department for advice before proceeding.

Do not use window-cleaning sprays, kitchen scouring compounds, or solvents such as acetone, gasoline, benzene, alcohol, carbon tetrachloride, or lacquer thinner. These can scratch the material's surface and / or weaken it causing small surface cracks called “crazing”.

Our recommendations include but are not limited to the following:

- Hot water: < 150 °F
- Vinegar (5% Glacial Acetic Acid)
- Ethyl alcohol: maximum 10%

- Isopropyl alcohol: maximum 25%

Please store disintegration baskets properly between uses. Do not simply place disintegration baskets in a drawer. They will be subject to nicks, chips, and scratches as they bump against each other. Place them back into the original shipping containers or other appropriate containers between uses. This will prevent them from coming into contact with each other or anything else in the storage area.

Water Bath / Acrylic Care



Caution

Do not use cleaning compounds containing ammonia or abrasive cleaners on your water bath.

The water bath supplied with the VK 100 Disintegration Apparatus should be maintenance free except for an occasional cleaning. If you use a water bath algacide or clear bath product, ensure it is compatible with PETG and acrylic. The flow paths in the heater / circulator are primarily stainless steel and should tolerate most clear bath formulations. Check with the product manufacturer to be sure the product is safe for your water bath.

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2. Do not clean with abrasive cleansers or cloths. Use deionized water whenever possible. If you must use a cleanser or solvent, be sure that it is as mild as possible, non-abrasive, and fully compatible with PETG and acrylic before use. If in doubt, call the service department for advice before proceeding.
3. Do not use ammonia, window-cleaning sprays, kitchen scouring compounds, or solvents such as acetone, gasoline, benzene, alcohol, carbon tetrachloride, or lacquer thinner. These can scratch the material's surface and / or weaken it causing small surface cracks called "crazing".

4. Our recommendations include but are not limited to the following:
- Hot water: < 150 °F
 - Vinegar (5% Glacial Acetic Acid)
 - Ethyl alcohol: maximum 10%
 - Isopropyl alcohol: maximum 25%

Repairing Leaking Fittings

Complete these steps if any of your water bath fittings are leaking:

- Step 1. Turn off the heater / circulator and drain the water bath completely.
- Step 2. Remove the leaky bulkhead fitting.
- Step 3. Remove the elbow fitting from the bulkhead fitting.
- Step 4. Inspect the bulkhead fitting gaskets for damage and replace them as necessary.
- Step 5. Remove the old Teflon tape from all male fittings. Inspect the threads for damage and replace the fitting as necessary.
- Step 6. Apply new Teflon tape to the male fitting threads.
- Step 7. Reinstall and tighten the bulkhead fitting on the water bath.
- Step 8. Reinstall and tighten the elbow fitting to the bulkhead fitting.
- Step 9. Fill the water bath and turn on the heater / circulator.
- Step 10. Inspect the fitting for leaks. If the fitting still leaks, contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department.

Visual Checks



Caution

Panels or covers that are retained by fasteners which require the use of a tool for removal may be opened only by Varian-trained, Varian-qualified, or Varian-authorized service engineers.

- Step 1. Turn off power to the instrument and remove the power cord.
- Step 2. Remove the six screws located on the right side of the instrument and remove the side cover.
- Step 3. Inspect the drive belt for unusual wear, fraying, and tension.
- Step 4. Check the spindle motor brushes for wear every three months.
- Step 5. Replace the side cover.
- Step 6. Replace the Phillips head screws.
- Step 7. Reconnect the power cord and turn on the instrument.

Water Bath Temperature Probe Accuracy Test

The temperature probe can be tested using a high quality voltmeter capable of at least four digit resolution and a known-temperature bath. Both the voltmeter and the bath temperature must be traceable to a known reference standard such as NIST.

- Step 1. Place the probe into a known-temperature water bath and allow several minutes for the probe to equilibrate.
- Step 2. The resistance is measured by attaching the leads of the voltmeter to the top and shank of the 1/4 inch phone plug.
- Step 3. Refer to the following table to find the resistance value of the probe at the bath temperature. Temperatures between the values listed may be interpolated.
- Step 4. Probes are interchangeable and manufactured with a tolerance of ± 0.2 °C. Probes found to be outside the tolerance of ± 0.2 °C should be replaced.

Temp. Centigrade	Resistance Ohms	Temp. Centigrade	Resistance Ohms	Temp. Centigrade	Resistance Ohms
-5.0	9530	24.0	2354	53.0	724.50
-4.0	9046	25.0	2252	54.0	697.90
-3.0	8586	26.0	2156	55.0	672.50
-2.0	8151	27.0	2064	56.0	648.10
-1.0	7741	28.0	1977	57.0	624.80
0.0	7355	29.0	1894	58.0	602.40
1.0	6989	30.0	1815	59.0	580.90
2.0	6644	31.0	1739	60.0	560.30
3.0	6319	32.0	1667	61.0	540.50
4.0	6011	33.0	1599	62.0	521.50
5.0	5719	34.0	1533	63.0	503.30
6.0	5444	35.0	1471	64.0	485.80
7.0	5183	36.0	1412	65.0	469.00
8.0	4937	37.0	1355	66.0	452.90
9.0	4703	38.0	1301	67.0	437.40
10.0	4482	39.0	1249	68.0	422.50
11.0	4273	40.0	1200	69.0	408.20
12.0	4074	41.0	1152	70.0	394.50
13.0	3886	42.0	1107	71.0	381.20
14.0	3708	43.0	1064	72.0	368.50
15.0	3539	44.0	1023	73.0	356.20
16.0	3378	45.0	983.80	74.0	344.50
17.0	3226	46.0	946.20	75.0	333.10
18.0	3081	47.0	910.20	76.0	322.30
19.0	2944	48.0	875.80	77.0	311.80
20.0	2814	49.0	842.80	78.0	301.70
21.0	2690	50.0	811.30	79.0	292.00
22.0	2572	51.0	781.10	80.0	282.70
23.0	2460	52.0	752.20		

Report Center Impact Printer

The following is helpful information for using your impact printer.

Installing the Cartridge Ribbon

If the printer is used infrequently, the print impression sometimes becomes weak because the ribbon dries out. If the printed material is difficult to read and you suspect this is the cause of the problem, advance to a new section of the ribbon by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *Paper feed* position. If the printing is still faint, replace the cartridge.

To install the cartridge:

- Step 1. Toggle the printer off line by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position. When the printer is off line, the Ready LED does not illuminate.
- Step 2. Four small grooves are embossed on the printer cover. Gently push on these grooves to tilt the cover. When the printer cover is tilted up, you can lift it off completely.
- Step 3. Push down on the right side of the ribbon cartridge (marked PUSH) and remove the old cartridge.
- Step 4. Install the new cartridge. If there is already paper in the printer, hold the cartridge between your thumb and index finger, slide it over the paper and into the printer compartment. Ensure the paper is between the ribbon cartridge and the ink ribbon. Ensure the ink cartridge is inserted firmly to prevent weak or irregular printing. The cartridge must be properly seated and aligned for the best printing.
- Step 5. Turn the cartridge knob (marked by an arrow) clockwise to stretch the ribbon taut.
- Step 6. Replace the cover.

- Step 7. Toggle the printer online by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position. The Ready LED illuminates.
- Step 8. Replace the paper if necessary.

If you get ribbon ink on the printer's plastic cover, remove it immediately. Once dried, it is difficult to remove.

Replacing the Paper Roll

- Step 1. Toggle the printer off line by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position. When the printer is off line, the Ready LED does not illuminate.
- Step 2. Grasp the paper roll cover firmly by the grooves on the side and the front edge. Pull outward to remove the cover.
- Step 3. Press the printer toggle switch to *Paper feed* to advance the paper approximately one inch beyond the paper cutter.
- Step 4. Using scissors, cut the paper feeding to the printer and remove the paper roll.
- Step 5. Pull the remaining paper through the printer mechanism. *Pull the paper from the front (paper cutter side)*. Pulling the paper out of the back of the printer will damage the print mechanism.
- Step 6. Unroll several inches of paper on the new roll.
- Step 7. If it is jagged, cut a straight edge on the paper roll to facilitate the entry of the paper into the printer.
- Step 8. Slide the paper through the slot connecting the paper compartment and the printer compartment. You can slide it in approximately 1/4 inch before it stops.

- Step 9. While holding the paper in place, press the printer toggle switch to the *Paper feed* position and hold until approximately one inch of paper has emerged from the top of the printer.



Caution

Ensure the roll of paper feeds squarely. If it does not, the paper can jam and possibly damage the printer mechanism.

- Step 10. Release the printer toggle switch.
- Step 11. Turn the paper roll to take up any slack in the paper feeding to the printer.
- Step 12. Place the paper roll into the paper compartment.
- Step 13. Replace the paper roll cover. If the cover is difficult to remove or replace, the left and right edges can be trimmed or shaved with a utility knife allowing the cover to slide easier.
- Step 14. Toggle the printer online by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position. The Ready LED illuminates.

Toggle Your Printer Online

Complete these steps to toggle your printer online:

- Step 1. Toggle the printer online by pressing the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position. When the printer is off line, the Ready LED does not illuminate.
- Step 2. Release the switch and it returns to the center position. The Ready LED illuminates and a READY message prints if the PRINT READY command has not been turned off. See "Printer Configuration" on page 47 for

instructions on turning on and off the PRINT READY command. When you first turn on the instrument, it prints a READY message to assure you that the built-in microprocessor is operating properly.

When you turn off the printer, wait at least three seconds before turning it on again.

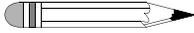
Printer Self Test

You can test the print head and ribbon only *after* inserting paper. Do not attempt to print without paper. Follow these steps to perform a printer self test:

- Step 1. Turn off the VK 100.
- Step 2. Press and hold the printer toggle switch in the *Paper feed* position.
- Step 3. Turn on the VK 100.
- Step 4. Hold the printer toggle switch until printing begins. The printer prints a list of the current configuration settings and performs a continuous print test.
- Step 5. Press the printer toggle switch to the *OnLine / Off Line* position to stop the printing operation.
- Step 6. The printer is ready to resume normal operation.

Printer Configuration

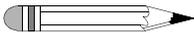
Note



The printer configuration is set by the factory. This procedure should be performed only if the printer displays erroneous characters. Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance, if necessary.

- Step 1. Turn off the VK 100.
- Step 2. Press and hold the printer toggle switch in the *OnLine / Off Line* position while turning on the instrument. Hold the printer toggle switch in the *OnLine / Off Line* position for six seconds after the instrument is turned on, then release the switch.
- Step 3. The printer should print: ***** SETUP MENU ***** and **CONFIGURE... [NEXT/OK]**. If this message does not print, repeat steps 1 through 3.
- Step 4. The printer toggle switch is used to complete the configuration. Pressing the left side of the printer toggle switch selects **NEXT** to advance to the next menu item. Pressing the right side of the printer toggle switch selects **OK** to accept what is stated on this line of the menu item. Each time the switch is pressed, another part of the menu prints. Allow the printer to finish printing before pressing the switch again. See the table of commands on the following page.

Note



The printout is easier to read if the printer cover is removed.

*** SETUP MENU***		
CONFIGURE	[NEXT/OK]	Press NEXT to avoid configuration
CUSTOM	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK to enter custom mode
CUSTOM MENU		
PRINT CUSTOM SETUP	[NEXT/OK]	Press NEXT
AUTO SEQ = NO	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
ZERO = Ø	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
POUND SIGN = #	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
_(UNDERSCORE)	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
ONLINE/OFFLINE = YES	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
EXT CH SET = NO	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
PRINT READY = YES	[NEXT/OK]	Press NEXT
PRINT READY = NO	[NEXT/OK]	Press OK
READY...		

Your printer is now configured correctly.

Main Power Fuse Replacement

Follow these steps to replace the main power fuse:

- Step 1. Unplug the VK 100.
- Step 2. Press the release tab on the fuse holder in the power connector module with the blade of a small screwdriver or equivalent.
- Step 3. Upon release, slide the holder out of the AC power connector.
- Step 4. Remove the old fuse and insert the new fuse.
- Step 5. Slide the holder back into the AC power connector and push until it locks into place.
- Step 6. Reconnect the unit to the AC power source.



Warning

Never replace a fuse with one of a higher amperage rating. Doing so may compromise the safety margin and could result in damage to the instrument or personal injury.

Troubleshooting

The Dissolution Systems Service Department can assist you if you experience problems or questions concerning your VK 100 Automated Disintegration Apparatus. Many problems can be traced to simple sources and are easily solved.

Following is a troubleshooting guide which may help you. The Dissolution Systems Service Department can be reached at 800.229.1108 (inside the US) or 919.677.1108 (outside the US). Optionally, you can send a fax to 919.677.1138. You can also e-mail the Dissolution Systems Service Department at dissolution.service@varianinc.com.

Symptom	Probable Cause	Possible Solution
The displays do not illuminate.	The unit is not connected to an AC power source.	Connect the VK 100 to a power outlet.
	The fuse is blown.	Replace the fuse.
Dipping does not start immediately at an individual position.	Delay is programmed for the position in question.	Reprogram the delay.
The optional Report Center Printer does not function.	The printer is disabled.	Program a print frequency other than 000.
		Turn on the printer. The Ready LED illuminates.
The Report Center Printer functions, but nothing appears on paper.	The ribbon is exhausted.	Replace the ribbon cartridge.
The water does not circulate.	The tubing or pump is clogged.	Remove the back panel and inspect the tubing from the water bath to the pump. Remove the tubing from the pump and inspect the inlet of the pump for debris.
	The pump is faulty.	Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.

Symptom	Probable Cause	Possible Solution
The OverTemp light remains on.	The water bath level is too low.	Add water to the water bath.
	Air is trapped in the tank or lines.	Attempt to prime the system by raising and lowering the front and rear of the instrument.
	The temperature probe may be in the wrong position or faulty.	Inspect the position and condition of the water bath temperature probe. Ensure the probe is plugged into the VK 100. Check the position of the probe within the water bath and ensure it is fully submerged. The temperature probe should only be used to measure the water bath temperature. Faulty readings occur if you use the probe in any other manner.
Operation is noisy.	Air is trapped in the tank or lines.	Attempt to prime the system by raising and lowering the front and rear of the instrument.
	The pump or motor is faulty.	Inspect the electrical connection from the pump / motor to the main PCB for damage or excessive wear. Replace the pump if necessary. Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.
	Plumbing connections are in the wrong configuration.	Ensure the lower bulkhead fitting tube on the water bath is connected to the pump inlet.

Symptom	Probable Cause	Possible Solution
The water circulates but does not heat.	The temperature setting is incorrect.	Ensure that the correct set temperature has been input.
	The heater relay is defective.	Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.
	The heater elements are degraded or faulty.	For 115 V, the resistance is between 10 and 15 ohms. For 230 V, the resistance is between 48 and 52 ohms. Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.
	The main PCB is faulty.	Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.
The temperature is not stable or is incorrect.	The thermistor is faulty.	Exchange the water bath temperature probe with a known good probe if one is available. If one is not available, see "Water Bath Temperature Probe Accuracy Test" on page 41.
	Instrument requires calibration.	Contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department for assistance.

Chapter 6 *Service and Warranty*

The warranty is provided by Varian, Inc. or one of its authorized representatives.

Service and Warranty Information

Varian dissolution products carry a one-year warranty on parts and labor. The Dissolution Systems Service Department (or one of its representatives) will, at its option, either repair or replace any mechanical and electrical components in your instrument which prove to be defective. During the first year of warranty coverage, there is no charge for the labor to repair your unit. The Dissolution Systems Service Department (or one of its representatives) will determine the best site to repair the unit, either onsite or returned to Varian, Inc. Any onsite warranty services are provided only at the initial installation point. Installation and onsite warranty services are available only in Dissolution Systems service travel areas.

Exclusions and Limitations

Excluded from this warranty are expendable or consumable items such as, but not limited to, paddles, baskets, vessels and acrylic water baths. Also excluded are defects from improper or inadequate maintenance by the customer, user-induced chemical action or contamination, unauthorized modification or misuse, and improper site preparation and maintenance.

Operation of software is not warranted to be uninterrupted or error-free.

Obtaining Warranty Service

To obtain warranty service in the United States, contact the Dissolution Systems Service Department at 800.229.1108 to obtain authorization to return units for repair. At the option of the customer, onsite warranty service is available, but travel charges may be incurred. The customer should prepay all shipping charges for products returned to the Dissolution Systems Service Department (unless otherwise authorized), and Varian, Inc. will pay all charges for return to the customer.

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