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*FIELD INSTALLATION
INSTRUCTIONS*

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Varian Field Instruction Sheet

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Preface

Documentation Standards

This manual uses the following documentation standards:

NOTE



Notes contain important information.

CAUTION



Cautions appear before instructions, which if not followed, could cause damage to the equipment or data loss.

WARNING



Warnings appear for a particular procedure or practice which, if not followed correctly, could lead to serious injury or death.

Hazard and Safety Information

The common international symbols used in this manual and on the equipment are defined below.



OFF Supply (Power)



Earth (Ground) Terminal



ON Supply (Power)



Caution, Hot Surface



AC – Alternating Current



Caution, Risk of Electrical Shock



Warning, Risk of danger



Protective Conductor Terminal



Frame or chassis Terminal



Operators and service personnel must be aware of all hazards associated with this equipment. They must know how to recognize hazardous and potentially hazardous conditions, and know how to avoid them. The consequences of unskilled, improper, or careless operation of the equipment can be serious. Every operator or service person must read and thoroughly understand operation/maintenance manuals and any additional information provided by Varian. All warning and cautions must be read carefully and strictly observed. Consult local, state, and national agencies regarding specific requirements and regulations. Address any safety, operation, and/or maintenance questions to your nearest Varian office.

Solvents

WARNING



The mechanical components of leak detectors may be cleaned with one of the recommended solvents. When heated, sprayed, or exposed to high-temperature equipment, these solvents become flammable and explosive, causing serious injury or death. Do not use these solvents near a high-temperature source. Ventilate the working area with a blower and work in a large, well-ventilated room.

Solvents are irritants, narcotics, depressants and/or carcinogens. Their inhalation and/or ingestion may produce serious side effects. Prolonged or continued contact with the skin results in absorption through the skin and moderate toxicity. Always ensure that cleaning operations are carried out in large, well-ventilated rooms, and wear eye shields, gloves, and protective clothing.

Due to the effective cleaning nature of VacuSolv solvent and its residue-free properties, Varian' Component and Spectrometer Cleaning Kit (Part Number 670029096), used in accordance with the kit instructions, is recommended for cleaning spectrometer components. The kit can also be used for fine cleaning of other parts in the leak detector's vacuum system such as valves and fittings. No rinsing steps or high-temperature drying is required following cleaning with VacuSolv. Although appropriate precautions are advised, VacuSolv is compatible with most materials and does not contain toxic chemicals or CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons). Other acceptable solvents are isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or Dow Corning® OS-20.

To clean the leak detector plastic enclosure, the LCD display and Front Panel buttons, use only a soft cloth slightly dampened with water or a mild soap.

Do NOT use excess water or cleaning solvents of any kind.

Avoid splashing any cleaning solvents into the unit through the ventilation openings or Front Panel buttons. Wipe the surface with a dry lint-free cloth.

Vacuum Equipment and Cleanliness

Cleanliness is vital when servicing the leak detector or any vacuum equipment. There are some techniques that are more important in leak detector servicing than in general vacuum work:

CAUTION



Wear non-powdered, ESD-safe Nitride or equivalent gloves to prevent skin oils from getting on spectrometer internal components.

O-ring Care

When removing, checking or replacing O-rings, keep in mind the following:

NOTE



Varian recommends replacing all O-rings during routine maintenance or during any maintenance procedure requiring that O-rings be removed.

CAUTION



Remove O-rings carefully with your fingers. Do not use metal tools for this task; this prevents scratching of any sealing surfaces.

- Wipe all O-rings clean with a lint-free cloth before installation to ensure that no foreign matter is present to impair the seal.
- Do not use grease or any other substance on O-rings that will come in contact with the vacuum surfaces.
- Do not use alcohol, methanol or other solvents on O-rings. Doing so causes deterioration and reduces their ability to hold a vacuum.
- Varian does not recommend the use of vacuum grease. If applicable, apply a small amount of Apiezon® L grease and wipe the O-rings shiny dry.

Metal Seal Care

CAUTION



Metal Seals must be replaced any time a spectrometer is opened. All fasteners must be installed and torqued per assembly procedure specifications. Remove Metal Seals carefully with your fingers or a soft tool. Metal tools scratch sealing surfaces.

- Metal Seals are supplied in pre-cleaned condition. No cleaning is required. If necessary, Metal Seals can be cleaned using the recommended solvents. Wipe Metal Seals clean with a lint-free cloth before installation to ensure that no foreign matter impairs the seal.
- Do not use grease or any other substance on Metal Seals that will come in contact with the spectrometer.

Spectrometer

CAUTION



Store the Ion Source/Preamplifier sub-assembly in a cool, dry area in a tightly sealed, ESD protected container. Wear non-powdered, ESD-safe Nitride or equivalent gloves when handling the spectrometer. Wash hands thoroughly after handling the spectrometer filaments and especially before smoking or eating.

The spectrometer and PCB's are static sensitive devices. Wear a grounding strap when performing any maintenance on these units and especially when performing maintenance of static sensitive parts.

CAUTION



The spectrometer operates at a very high vacuum produced by the high vacuum turbomolecular pump. Service of the spectrometer requires that this vacuum be vented to the atmosphere.

Equipment Required

- Extended Length M5 Allen Wrench
- Metric Allen Wrench Set (Range 1.5 mm to 10 mm)
- Needle nose pliers or tweezer
- M3 Phillips Head Screw Driver
- 1.5 mm Hex Driver
- 5 mm Hex Driver
- Torque Wrench (must be adjustable to 45 in-lbs (5.0 N-m) and 90 in-lbs (10.2 N-m))
- Digital Multimeter (Fluke 187 or equivalent)

Installation Procedure

NOTE



Inspect the new ion source kit for deformation, damage and filament coating flaking prior to installation. Do not install if damaged. Touching the filament under any condition will cause damage.

For clarity, some items have been omitted from views.

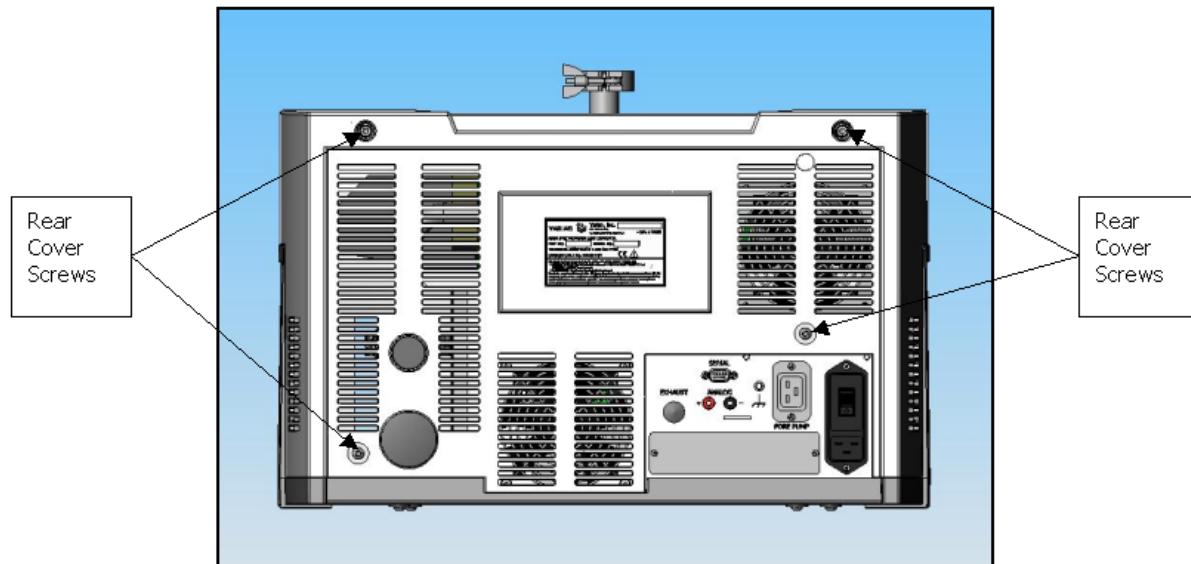


Figure 1: Rear Screws

1. Turn off the power switch located on the back of the unit and unplug.
2. Wait 30 seconds for the high voltage to dissipate.
3. Using an extended length M5 Allen wrench, remove the four screws holding the rear plastic cover (Figure 1: Rear Screws).
4. Detach the rear plastic cover from the unit.

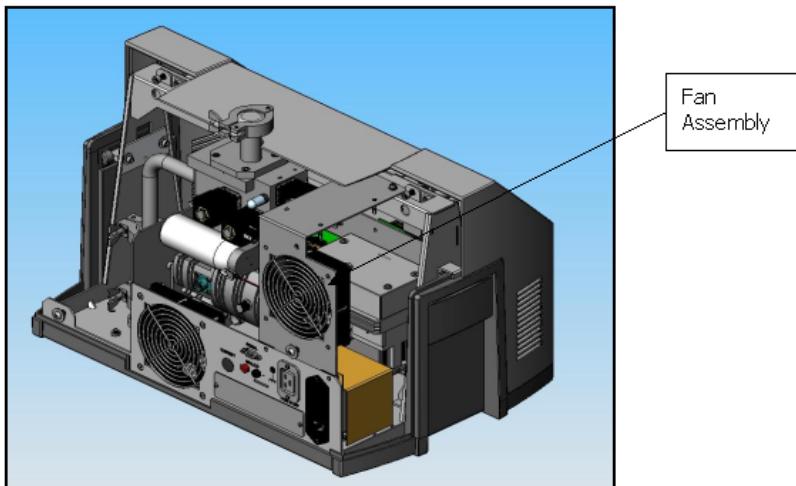


Figure 2: Fan Assembly

5. Disconnect the fan cable and remove the fan assembly by unfastening two wing nuts and one M4 socket head cap screw (Figure 2: Fan Assembly).

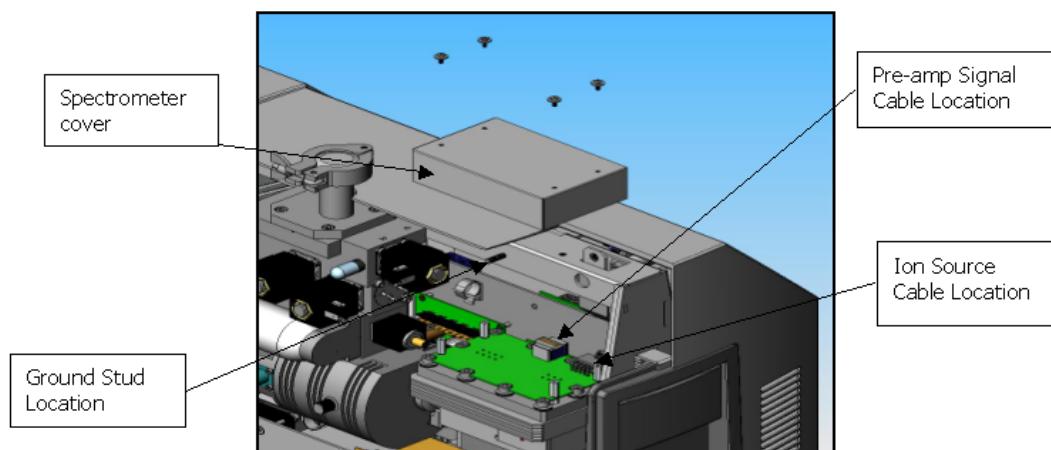


Figure 3: Cable Locations

CAUTION



Static sensitive device, ensure that personnel are properly grounded before proceeding.

6. Disconnect the spectrometer ground cable, the preamp signal cable and the ion source cable from the spectrometer (Figure 3: Cable Locations).

NOTE

Cables not shown for clarity.



7. Using an M3 Phillips screw driver, remove the spectrometer cover.

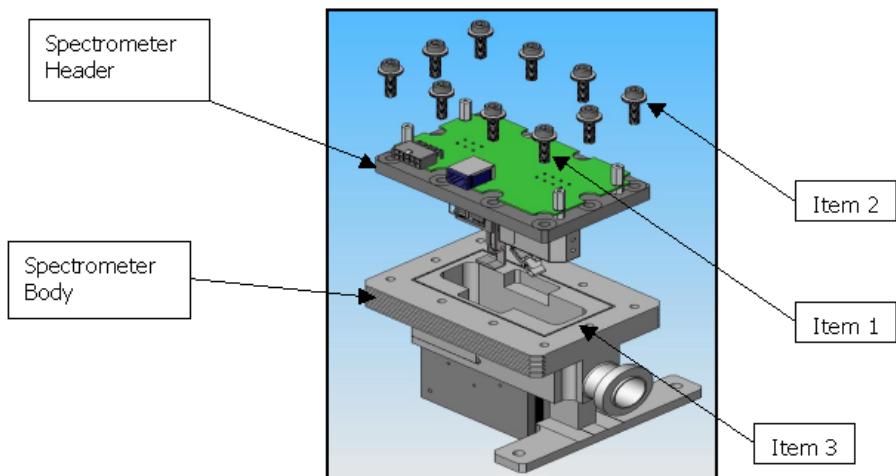


Figure 4: Spectrometer Exploded View

CAUTION



Wear non-powdered, ESD-safe Nitride or equivalent gloves (not included in kit) to prevent skin oils from getting on vacuum surfaces. Ensure that personnel are properly grounded before proceeding.

8. Use an M5 allen wrench to loosen screws (item 1) and carefully remove the spectrometer header from the body. The vacuum system vents to atmosphere as the screws are loosened. Retain the socket head cap screws (item 1) and the Belleville washers (item 2). See line item 21 for correct orientation of the Belleville washers (Figure 10: Direction of Cone).
9. Remove the metal gasket (item 3) and discard. Do not scratch the mating surface when removing the gasket. Do not attempt to reuse the gasket (Figure 4: Spectrometer Exploded View).
10. Examine the spectrometer cavity for discolored areas. If present, refer to the service manual for cleaning instruction.

CAUTION



This is a static sensitive device, ensure that personnel are properly grounded before proceeding.

11. Use an M1.5 Allen wrench to unscrew the six coupler screws and the collimator screw (Figure 5: Ion Support Assembly).

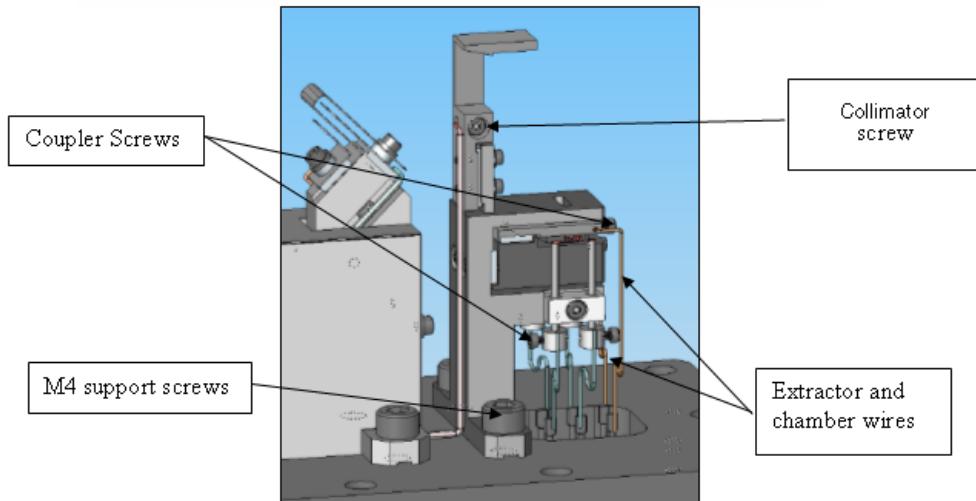


Figure 5: Ion Support Assembly

12. Remove the two M4 support screws (Figure 6: M4 Screws).

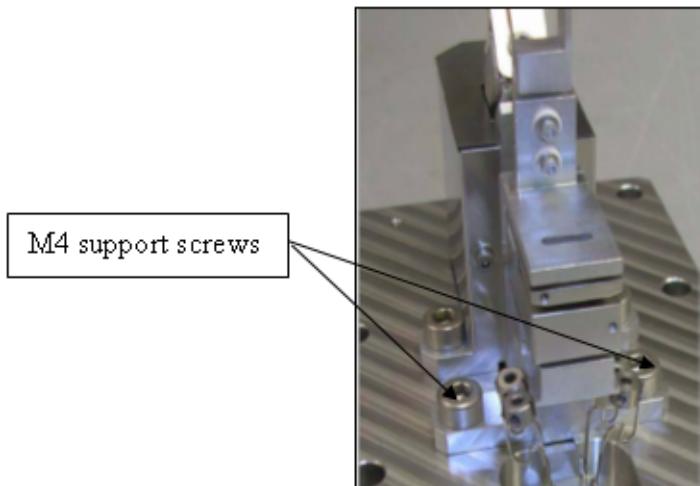


Figure 6: M4 Screws

13. Gently remove the ion assembly from the spectrometer header (Figure 7: Partial Pressure Plate).

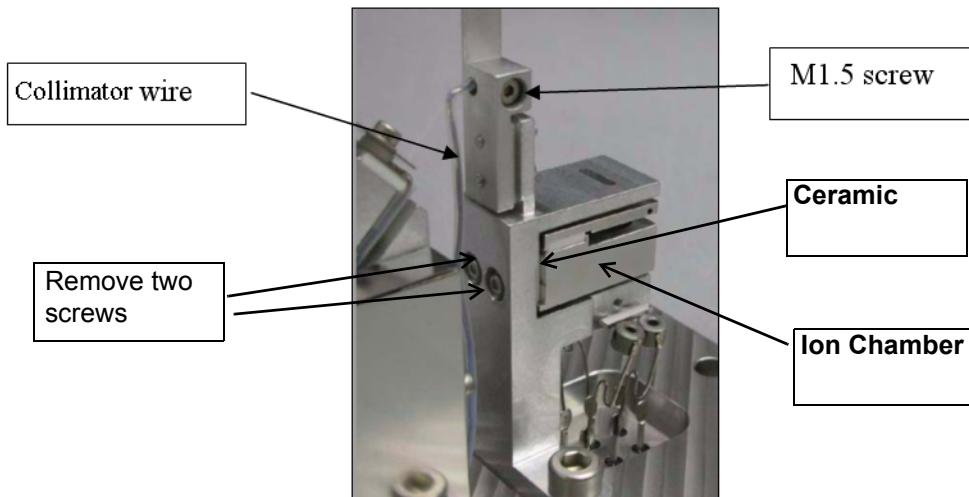


Figure 7: Partial Pressure Plate

14. Loosen the two screws on the rear and slide the ion chamber out.

15. Slide in the new ion chamber, aligning the ceramic spacer with the chamber. Tighten the two screws.

CAUTION

Ensure that no damage is done to the filaments.



16. Position the ion support assembly onto the spectrometer header and align.

17. Secure to the spectrometer header using two M4 support screws.

18. Connect the collimator wire to the collimator plate using an M1.5 screw (Figure 7: Partial Pressure Plate).

19. Insert the chamber and extractor wires into the ion support assembly (Figure 8: Extractor Plate).

CAUTION

Do not cut the wires by over tightening. Ensure that wires are contacting the assembly where required and that no short circuit exists.

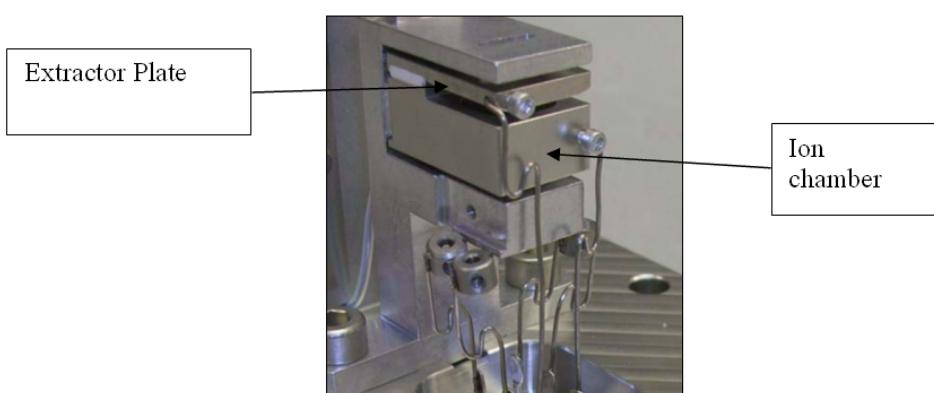


Figure 8: Extractor Plate



20. Clean the mating surfaces of the spectrometer body and header with Isopropyl alcohol and a clean lint free wipe.

NOTE

**Varian recommends that you use the Vac-u-solv spectrometer cleaning kit
(PN: 670029096).**



21. Center replacement metal gasket inside the bolt pattern and outside of the body cavity. To prevent scratching of any sealing surface do not use metal tools for this task.

22. Guide the spectrometer header into pocket with the detector housing closest to the inlet (Figure 9: Spectrometer Alignment).

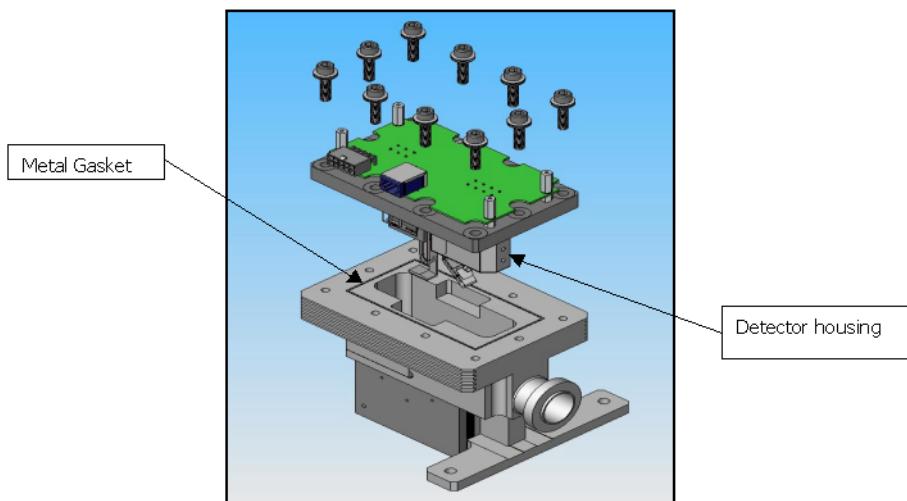


Figure 9: Spectrometer Alignment

23. Insert a screw with three Belleville washers into each hole and finger tighten (Figure 10: Direction of Cone).

NOTE

The cones of the Belleville washers should all point to the head of the screw.

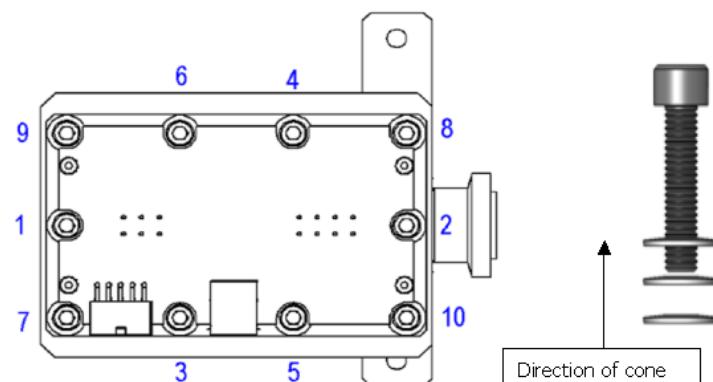
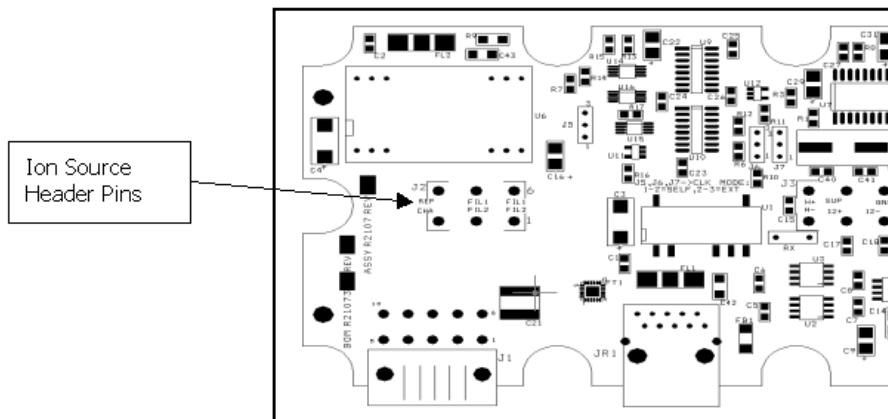


Figure 10: Direction of Cone

24. Following the pattern shown in Figure 10: Direction of Cone, torque screws to 45 in-lbs (5.0 N-m).
25. Re-torque screws to 90 in-lbs (10.2 N-m) following the same pattern. Go through the entire torque pattern twice to ensure the metal gasket is firmly compressed.
26. Wait a minimum of five minutes then torque the screws shown in pattern (Figure 10: Direction of Cone) to 90 in-lbs (10.2 N-m).
27. On the PCB, use the resistance meter to verify an open circuit between any two of the six ion source header pins (except FIL-1 to FIL-1 and FIL-2 to FIL-2 which should be 0.3 Ohms or less). Also verify an open circuit between the body of the spectrometer and any of the ion source header pins (Figure 11: Ion Source Header Pin Schematic). If there is continuity (short circuit) at any of the points, remove the header and inspect for shorting.



30. Connect the spectrometer ground cable, the preamp signal cable and the ion source cable to the spectrometer cover.

31. Ensure that the vent valve on the turbo molecular pump (if installed) is tightened (Figure 13: Vent Valve).

NOTE

The vent valve is not installed on most turbo pumps.

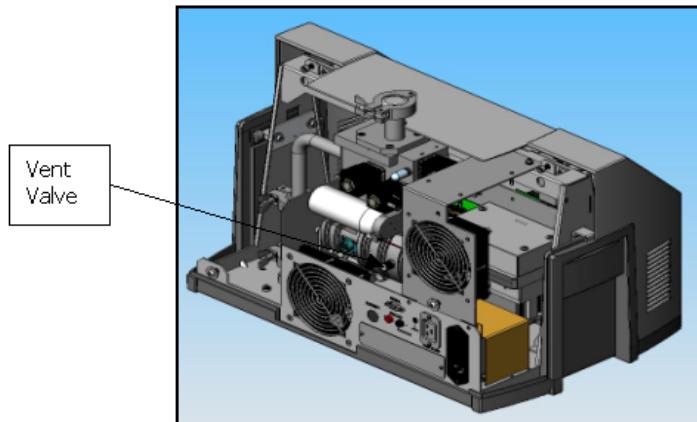


Figure 13: Vent Valve

32. Attach the fan assembly (Figure 2: Fan Assembly) by fastening two wing nuts and one M4 socket head cap screw. Then connect the fan cable to the unit.

33. Leak check the spectrometer to ensure a leak free joint.

34. Attach the rear cover and secure to the unit using existing hardware.

35. Power up the unit.

36. Watch the Home screen to verify that the *Spectube Pressure Wait* message progresses to *Stabilization Wait* and *System Ready* within ten minutes. Refer to the user manual if the system fails to reach the *System Ready* mode. The filament emission current normally operates at 0.8mA.

37. Use the display menus (MENUS, SET-UP, MANUAL TUNING, EMISSION) to set the emission to .8 mA.

NOTE



Varian recommends that you wait a minimum of 30 minutes for the vacuum system to clean up to obtain optimum calibration.

38. Calibrate the system per the user manual. For proper operation the system must be calibrated after opening the spectrometer or changing a filament.

39. If the system fails calibration, adjust the filament emission current as follows:

- If gain is too low, there is too much signal; reduce emission current (by 0.1 - 0.2mA), then calibrate again.
- If gain is too high, there is too little signal; increase emission, then calibrate again.

The permitted emission current range is from 0.5 to 1.5 mA.

When calibration is successful, filament replacement is complete.

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