

## Operating Instructions for Oscillating Mill MM400



# Notes on these operating instructions

These operating instructions for the oscillating mill, type MM400, give all the necessary information on the areas mentioned in the contents.

They instruct the target group(s) for each of the defined areas, in order to ensure safe handling of the MM 400 when used for the intended purpose. Knowledge of the relevant section is an essential precondition for safe, proper use of the machine.

This technical documentation is a reference work and also a set of teaching instructions. The individual sections are complete in themselves.

These operating instructions do not include instructions for repairs. In case of possible defects or necessary repairs please contact your suppliers or Retsch GmbH direct:

Retsch GmbH, www.retsch.de/

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### Safety

Target group: All persons concerned with the machine in any way

The MM 400 is a modern, highly efficient product of Retsch GmbH, corresponding to state of the art. If the machine is used according to the intended purpose with a knowledge of this technical documentation it is completely safe and reliable to operate.

#### Safety instructions

As the operating authority it is your duty to ensure that all persons charged with working on the MM 400:

- have read and understood all the instructions on safety,
- before beginning work know all the instructions and regulations for the target group relevant to their work,
- have access to the technical documentation for this machine at all times, without problems.
- New personnel should be familiarized with safe, proper handling of the machine before beginning work on the MM 400, either by verbal instruction from a competent person or through this technical documentation.
- Improper operation can cause injury to persons or damage to the equipment. You are responsible for your own safety and that of your employees.
- Ensure that no unauthorised persons have access to the MM 400.

For your own protection have your employees confirm that they have been instructed in operation of the MM 400. The draft of a suitable form is given at the end of the section on safety.



We exclude any claims for damages of any kind for injury to persons and damage to equipment arising from non-observance of the following safety instructions.

#### Warning signs

Warnings are given by the following signs:



## **Injury to persons**

## Damage to equipment



## **Observe instructions for use**

#### Repairs

These operating instructions do not include repair instructions. For your own safety repairs must be carried out only by Retsch GmbH or an authorised agent (service technicians).

#### In this case please contact:

The Retsch agency in your country
Your supplier
Retsch GmbH directly

#### Your service address:



#### Safety instructions





Note also that the properties, and therefore the hazardous nature of your sample, can change during the milling process.

#### Safety instructions for handling liquid nitrogen



Always wear protective goggles and protective gloves when handling liquid nitrogen.

Liquid nitrogen has a temperature of  $-196^{\circ}$ C and can cause frostbite or injury similar to burns if it comes into contact with the skin or eyes.



Follow the safety regulations of the cooling liquid supplier.

Retsch GmbH accepts no liability whatsoever arising from the use of liquid nitrogen or similar materials.

#### **Cleaning**



Do not clean the MM 400 under running water. Danger to life through current surge. Use only a cloth moistened with water. Cleaning agents and solvents should not be used – not for cleaning the milling tools either.

#### Accessories for the MM 400

Do not make any alterations to the machine and use only spare parts and accessories approved by Retsch.

Otherwise the Declaration of Conformity with European directives made by Retsch will lose its validity. Furthermore this will also lead to the loss of any guarantee claims.

#### Wearing parts



These operating instructions do not include any repair instructions. For your own safety repairs should be carried out only by Retsch GmbH or an authorised agent (service technicians).

#### Confirmation

I have taken note of the sections "Notes on these operating instructions" and "Safety"

Signature of operating authority

Signature of service technician

## **Technical data**

**Target group:** Operating authority, operator **Machine type designation:** MM 400

#### Use according to the intended purpose

The MM 400 is a laboratory machine and is suitable for milling and homogenising soft, fibrous, hard and brittle materials in the wet and dry state.

The MM 400 is designed for use with screw-type milling cups with a steel casing and a milling set with clamping centerings of dia. 36 mm and a min. clamping length of 60 mm. It is used for fast, super fine milling of 2 samples simultaneously. Ceramic milling cups without a complete steel casing must not be used.

The closed milling system guarantees complete recovery of the samples. Owing to the extremely short milling time and the high final fineness of the material to be milled the MM 400 is also ideally suitable for sample preparation for all spectral analyses.

Final finenesses of down to 1  $\mu$ m can be achieved, depending on the milling time and the specific properties of the sample material. The optimum milling cup filling is as a rule 1/3 of the milling cup volume.

Exceptions to this are voluminous materials, such as wool, leaves, grasses and suchlike. In these cases a filling level of 70-80% is necessary.

$\nabla$	The sample quantity should not be less than 25% of the milling cup volume.
v	The milling ball/s may otherwise damage the milling cups.
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	European directives by Retsch loses its validity.
	Futhermore this will result in the loss of any kind of guarantee claim.
$\nabla$	Do not clamp any ceramic milling cups of the MM 2/200 or any milling cups without a complete steel casing.
V	Clamping by the metallic components of the milling cup holder of the MM 400 can cause damage to the ceramic parts.



Do not use ceramic or natural stone milling cups for milling graphite or graphite mixtures.

The high lubricating properties of graphite cause high milling ball speeds, the energy of which cannot be absorbed by the material owing to its low density.

For this reason there is a danger that the ceramic or natural stone inserts of the milling cups will be destroyed by the ball/s.

For further information our application laboratory will be pleased to assist you.

#### **Protective equipment**

The milling chamber of the laboratory mill MM 400 is enclosed by a strong covering hood.

Starting the machine is possible only with the hood closed.

#### Emissions

Noise characteristic values :

The noise characteristic values are also influenced by the properties of the material to be milled.

#### Example 1:

Intensity of sound  $L_{WA} = 71.4 \text{ dB}(A)$ 

Emission value related to workplace  $L_{pAeq} = 61 \text{ dB}(A)$ 

#### Operating conditions:

Container:	2 steel milling cups of 25 ml
Milling organ:	1 steel ball 20 mm
Material charged:	Quartz crushed pebbles approx. 4.0 – 6.0 mm
Charged quantity:	8ml

#### Example 2:

Intensity of sound  $L_{WA} = 76 \text{ dB}(A)$ 

Emission value related to workplace  $L_{pAeq} = 65 \text{ dB}(A)$ 

**Operating conditions:** 

Container:	2 steel milling cups of 5 ml
Milling organ:	2 tungsten carbide balls 8 mm
Material charged:	Quartz crushed pebbles approx. 1.0 – 1.5 mm
Charged quantity:	1.5ml

#### **Protective systems** IP30

#### **Rated power:**

150 Watt

#### **Machine dimensions**

Height: Width: Depth:	266 mm up to appro 371 mm 461 mm	x. 524 mm with hood opened
Weight:	approx. 26 kg	without milling cups

#### **Required floor space**

400 mm x 500 mm; no safety distance required.

## **Transport and installation**

**Target group:** operating authority, transporter, operators

#### Packing

Packing is adapted to the transport route and conforms to generally applicable packaging guidelines.



Please keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period since if there is a complaint and the machine is returned with inadequate packing your guarantee claim will be at risk.

#### Transport



The MM 400 must not be knocked, shaken or thrown during transport. Otherwise the electronic and mechanical components can become damaged.

#### Temperature variations



If temperature variations are high (e.g. during air transport) the MM 400 must be protected against condensed water. Otherwise the electronic components can become damaged.

#### Intermediate storage

Ensure that the MM 400 is also stored dry during intermediate storage.

#### Conditions for the place of installation

Ambient temperature:

5°C to 40°C



If the ambient temperature drops below or exceeds these values the electronic and mechanical components can become damaged and performance data are changed to an unknown extent.

Atmospheric humidity:

Maximum relative humidity 80% at temperatures up to 31°C,

decreasing linearly down to 50% relative humidity at 40°C.



At higher atmospheric humidity the electronic and mechanical components can become damaged and performance data are changed to an unknown extent.

Installation height:

max. 2000 m above sea level

#### Installation

Mount the MM 400 on a firm, stable laboratory bench since otherwise vibrations can be transmitted.

Remove transport safeguard:

A transport safeguard, which is marked with an arrow, is located on the underside of the MM 400.

- Unscrew the screw and remove.
- Keep the transport safeguard device for transport at a later date.



Operation **with** the transport safeguard or transport **without** the transport safeguard can cause damage to the mechanical components.

#### **Electrical connection**

- The voltage and frequency for the MM 400 are given on the type plate.
- Ensure that these values correspond to the available power supply system.
- Connect the MM 400 to the power supply system using the supplied connection cable.



• Protection by external fusing is to be used when connecting the mains cable to the power supply, according to the regulations at the place of installation.



If the values on the type plate are not observed this can result in damage to the electrical and mechanical components.

Operation Target group: operators

## Operating elements and operation Graphical representation



Plan view



Front view



### Rear view

#### General table

Element	Description	Function
A	Display and operating unit: for explanation see below	Time preselection, frequency preselection, programme and starting / stopping the machine
В	Hood	Closes the milling chamber
С	Milling cup holder - left	Holds the milling cup
D	Milling cup holder - right	Holds the milling cup
E	Switch ON / OFF	For switching the MM 400 on and off
F	Fuse compartment	Takes two visible type fuses
G	Machine socket	Connection for power cable of machine
н	Interface RS232	Enables operating software to be updated
I	Sign - Caution! unplug mains plug	Safety instruction
J	Type plate	Information on the machine and connected loads
к	Sign – Follow operating instructions	Safety instruction

### Display and operating unit



Element	Description	Function
L	Memory , operating mode and stand-by	The various operating modes, such as on, programme and stand-by are displayed here.
	PROG	Calls the stored programmes
	SET	Stores the set milling parameters
м	Frequency display	The frequency can be set continuously from 3 to 30 Hz here.
	Frequency – minus button	In the on mode and in the operating mode: Reduction of the set frequency by 0.1 oscillaltions. Continuous pressing switches on the digits fast running.
	Frequency – plus button	In the setting mode and operating mode: Increase of the set freugency by 0.1 oscillations. Continuous pressing switches on the digits fast running.
N	Time display	Shows the set milling time or, during operation, the milling time still remaining. Setting range: 10 seconds to 99 minutes.
	Time – minus button	In the on mode and operating mode: Reduction of the set milling time by one second. Continuous pressing switches on the digits fast running.
	Time – plus button	In the on mode and operating mode: Increase of the set milling time by one second. Continuous pressing switches on the digits fast running.
Р	Start – button	Starts the milling operation
	Green LED	Indicates milling operation
0	Stop – button	Interrupts or ends the milling operation,
	Red LED and ON	Puts the machine into stand-by mode





Switch on the MM 400 with switch D

#### Preselect time:

- Set required milling time with + / buttons N+ and N-
- Short pressing of N+ or N- adjusts the time by one second or one minute. When pressed for longer the display runs continuously without a pause.

If 99.0 minutes is exceeded the display L shows 0.10 seconds again.



- Press the stop button **O**.
- Pressing once interrupts the milling process, for example in order to assess the milled material. The milling time still remaining is still visible in the display **N**. By repressing the start button the mill continues to run until the milling time has completely elapsed.
- Pressing the stop button twice stops the milling process. The machine is now in the stand-by mode.
- Pressing the start button reactivates the display and the milling time is reset to the last starting value.

During the milling process the time can be adjusted by pressing the  ${\bf N+}$  or  ${\bf N-}$  button.

When the milling time has elapsed the milling process is automatically ended. The display is reset to the last started value.





Storing or calling the preselected milling parameters can be carried out only in the  ${\bf on}$  mode.

After switching on the **MM 400 "on"** appears in the display **L**.

By pressing the button **PROG** the next programme position **P1** to **P9** can be obtained. After programme position **P9 "on**" reappears in the display. In the **PROG** mode all buttons, apart from **PROG**, **START** and **STOP** are blocked.

• When the display shows **on** 

the frequency **M** and time **N** are freely adjustable.

• When the display shows **P1** to **P9** 

milling parameters can be stored and called

 Start = the milling process is started with the selected programme or the parameters freely selected under "on".

#### Allocating the storage location

- Press button **PROG** once or several times until the required storage location **P1-P9** has been reached.
- Press **SET** button all displays flash.
- Set frequency **M** and time **N**.

The programming mode can be discontinued by pressing the button **PROG** – the values are not stored.

• Press **SET** button – the values are stored.

Flashing of the display stops, the adjustment interlock is activated and the milling parameters are stored.

#### **Operating hours display**

If the buttons described below are pressed in the stand-by mode the complete running time of the machine is shown in hours and minutes.

#### Display operating hours :

 Press buttons - "frequency 1/s" (- M) and SET simultaneously and keep pressed.

"bS" appears in the display "memory".

PROG SET		
	hhh	hhh

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#### Leave operating hours :

• Press **STOP** button.



#### **Operating software display**

When the buttons described below are pressed in the stand-by mode the actual software version is displayed.

#### **Display operating software:**

 Press buttons + "frequency 1/s" (+ M) and SET simultaneously and keep pressed.

**"S**" appears in the display **"memory**" and the actual software version appears in the display "**frequency 1/s**".

#### Leave operating software display :

• Press STOP button.

#### **Replacing the machine fuses**

The following visible type fuses are required for the MM 400:

2 MT 3.15 A fuses

#### Replacing the fuses

- Unplug mains plug from the machine socket A
- By pressing the locking devices on the side of the fuse compartment **B** these are released and can be pulled out.
- Replace fuses
- Insert fuse holder **B** so that it engages.

## **Working instructions**

Target group: operators

#### General

The MM 400 is an ultramodern, high performance product from Retsch GmbH.

Owing to the large selection of accessories the oscillation mill, type MM 400, is a machine with many different application possibilities in laboratories in industry and research. It is used mainly in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors and in mineralogical and biological applications etc.



#### The milling process

Clamp the machine filled with material to be milled, together with the milling ball/s in the milling cup holder as described.

- Close the hood.
- Set the milling parameters.
- Start the MM 400.

Do not open the hood during the milling process.

Although the milling cups are brought to a standstill immediately by the built-in brake, the milling process can no longer be continued with the remaining running time.

The MM 400 must be restarted and the initial parameters are then again available.



Do not open the plexiglass hood during the milling process.



Although the milling cups are brought to a standstill immediately by the built-in brake, the milling process can no longer be continued with the remaining running time.

The MM 400 must be restarted and the initial parameters are then again available.

#### Quantities of milling material and grain sizes

Milling cup volume in ml	Milling material quantity in ml	ор	filling tional	max. charging grain size in mm
	min – max	Number	dia. in mm	
25	4 - 10	1	15	6
35	6 - 15	1	20	6
50	8 – 20	1	25	8



Milling of materials which can cause a fire or explosion in the MM 400 is prohibited.



Please take any necessary measures to prevent danger to persons, depending on the dangerous nature of your sample.



Please note that the properties, and therefore the dangerous nature of your sample, can change during the milling process.





### Safety instructions for handling liquid nitrogen



The MM 400 is also designed for cryogenic milling.

As an accessory for cold milling we also supply a cryo kit for cooling the milling cups with liquid nitrogen.

Cryo kit order number: 22.354.0001.



When handling liquid nitrogen always wear protective goggles and protective gloves.

Liquid nitrogen has a temperature of – 196°C and can cause injury similar to burns or frostbite in contact with the skin or eyes.

Protective goggles also protect the eyes against serious injuries through flying glass splinters, which may be caused through bursting of glass containers as a result of low temperature tension.



## Please follow the safety regulations of the cooling liquid supplier.

Retsch GmbH excludes any liability claims whatsoever which may arise through the use of liquid nitrogen or similar materials.

	Safety functions and fault displays Safety functions
	F01 - Overloading
F01	In order to avoid overloading of the drive motor and resulting endangerment to the user the MM 400 is fitted with a load monitoring device.
	In case of overloading the monitoring function switches the machine off in good time.
	At the end of the cooling time it is only necessary to switch the machine off and on again in order to be able to operate it normally again.
	F02 – Speed recognition, zero speed
F02	If the drive does not start up after pressing the start button there is a fault in the system. Possible causes: drive blocked, motor or speed sensor defective.
	F03 – Speed recognition, overspeed
F03	If the specified frequency is exceeded after starting, "F3" appears in the display and the machine is switched off. Possible cause of fault: defective speed sensor.
	F04 – Hood open
F04	The drive must not run when the hood is open. This serves to protect the operator against injury. If the hood is opened when the machine is running the control unit switches the drive off immediately and "F04" appears in the display. If the start button is pressed with the hood open in order to start the milling process "F04" is also displayed and the drive is not started.
	This alarm can be cancelled by pressing the stop button.
	F05 –Keyboard monitor
F05	If one or more buttons are pressed for longer than 15 seconds the control unit switches the drive off and displays "F05".
	This function is intended to prevent unintentional faulty operation if any object accidentally presses on the keyboard.
	In order to cancel this fault alarm switch the machine off and on again once.
	F06 – Magnetic speed monitoring sensor
F06	If one of the magnets that monitors speed is missing or defective, this will be detected by the control, which will then switch off the machine. "F06" will appear in the display. To eliminate this fault, it must be repaired by authorised Retsch service technicians.
	F07 – Magnetic switch – hood monitoring
F07	If the magnetic switch which monitors hood opening has a defect in the supply line this is recognised by the control unit and causes the machine to be switched off. "F07" appears in the display. To eliminate this fault repair by an authorised Retsch service agent is necessary.

## General

#### Cleaning



Do not clean the MM 400 with running water.

#### Danger to life through current surge

Use only a cloth moistened with water. Cleaning agents and solvents must not be used – not for cleaning the milling tools either.

#### Maintenance

The MM 400 is maintenance-free. When used properly no maintenance and setting work need be carried out.



Do not make any alterations to the machine and use only spare parts and accessories approved by Retsch.

Otherwise the declared conformity with the European directives by Retsch will lose its validity. Furthermore this will lead to loss of any kind of guarantee claims.

#### Wear

The milling tools can become worn, depending on the frequency of the milling operation and the material to be milled. The milling cups and ball(s) should be regularly checked for wear and replaced if necessary.

#### Wearing parts



These operating instructions do not include instructions for repair. For your own safety repairs should be carried out only by Retsch GmbH or an authorised representative (service technicians).

#### Checks

Correct functioning of the hood switch must be checked regularly:

- Switch on the machine with switch **E.**
- Start milling operation with start button P.
- Lift the hood.
- If there is an opening gap of a few cm the machine is switched off and **F4** appears in the display.
- Cancel **F4** with stop button **O**.

If this switching off function does not take place the MM 400 must be checked immediately by Retsch service.

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#### Alterations

Subject to technical alterations without notice.

#### Accessories for MM 400

Accessories for MM	400	
Designation	Material	Article no.
Milling cup 25 ml	Hardened steel	01.462.0237
Milling cup 1.5 ml	Stainless steel	01.462.0230
Milling cup 5 ml		01.462.0231
Milling cup 10 ml		01.462.0236
Milling cup 25 ml		02.462.0213
Milling cup 35 ml		01.462.0214
Milling cup 50 ml		01.462.0216
Milling cup 10 ml	Tungsten carbide	01.462.0235
Milling cup 25 ml		01.462.0217
Milling cup 5 ml	Agate	01.462.0232
Milling cup 10 ml		01.462.0233
Milling cup 10 ml	Zirconium oxide	01.462.0234
Milling cup 25 ml		02.462.0201
Milling cup 35 ml		01.462.0215
Milling cup 25 ml	Teflon	01.462.0238
Milling cup 35 ml		01.462.0244
Milling balls dia. 5,7,9,12,15 mm	Hardened steel	
Milling balls dia. 5,7,9,12,20,25 mm	Stainless steel	
Milling balls dia. 5,7,9,12,15 mm	Tungsten carbide	
Milling balls dia. 5,7,9,12 mm	Agate	
Milling balls dia. 12,15,20 mm	Zirconium oxide	
Milling balls dia. 10,12,20 mm	Teflon with steel core	
Milling balls dia. 5,7,9,12 mm	Polyamide for mixed vessels	

## Further accessories are given in our price list or in internet under www.retsch.de

## Safety regulations for the MM 400 - summary

Subject	Action	Danger
Safety	Danger to persons and damage to the equipment caused through non-observance of the safety instructions	Claims for damages in any form are excluded
Transport	Do not knock, shake or throw the MM 400 during transport	Electronic and mechanical components can be damaged
	Keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period	Complaint and return of the goods in inadequate packing puts your guarantee claim at risk
Temperature variations	Protect the MM 400 from condensed water if there are temperature variations	Electronic components can be damaged
Supply schedule	If the delivery is incomplete and / or there is transport damage you must inform the transporter and Retsch GmbH immediately (within 24 hrs).	Later complaints may possibly no longer be considered.
Ambient temperature	Temperature drops below 5°C	Electronic and mechanical components can be damaged.
	Temperature exceeds 40°C	Performance data are changed to an unknown extent.
Atmospheric humidity	Exceeds 80% at	Electronic and mechanical components can be damaged.
	temperatures up to 31°C	Performance data are changed to an unknown extent.
Electrical connection	Mains power supply does not agree with values on type plate	Mechanical and electronic components can be damaged.
	Fault-current circuit breaker must be incorporated into the power supply.	Prevents electric shock if machine has an electrical defect.
Inserting milling cups	Ensure that the milling cups are positioned correctly in the guides.	Milling cups and holder can be damaged.
Checks	Check hood switch regularly	Danger of injury if defective and machine open during operation.
Cleaning	Do not clean with running water	Danger to life through current surge



#### Translation

## **Mixer MILL MM 400**

Certificate of CE-Conformity according to:

#### EC Mechanical Engineering Directive 2006/42/EC

Applied harmonized standards, in particular: DIN EN ISO 12100 Security of machines

#### EC Directive Electromagnetic Compatibility 2004/108/EC

Applied standards, in particular:

EN 61000-3-2/-3 EN 61236	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) Electrical measuring, operating, controlling and laboratory equipment – EMC- requirements in conjunction with EN 61000
EN 55011	Limit values and measuring procedures for noise suppression of industrial, scientific and medical high frequency devices
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#### Additional applied standards, in particular

DIN EN 61010 Safety prescriptions concerning measuring-, operating-, controlling- and laboratory equipment

#### Authorized person for the compilation of technical documents:

J. Bunke (technical documentation)

#### The following records are held by Retsch GmbH in the form of Technical Documentation:

Detailed records of engineering development, construction plans, study (analysis) of the measures required for conformity assurance, analysis of the residual risks involved and operating instructions in due form according to the approved regulations for preparation of user information data.

The CE-conformity of the Retsch Mixer Mill Type MM 400 is assured herewith.

In case of a modification to the machine not previously agreed with us as well as the use of not licensed spare parts and accessories this certificate will lose its validity.

Retsch GmbH

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