# **Instruction Manual**

# BeadBlaster™ 24 D2400 Homogenizer





# Foreword

Thank you for purchasing a BeadBlaster<sup>™</sup> 24 Homogenizer. This manual contains instructions for the proper operation and care of this instrument. Please read it carefully before operation and keep it available for future use.

Prior to initial operation:

Please check the instrument and the accessories against the packing list when you first open the shipping carton. Report any damage, discrepancy, or missing items to the supplier immediately.

# **Safety Warnings and Guidelines**

#### 1. Important operation information:

Read this manual carefully before attempting to operate the instrument.



Read this manual prior to powering up the instrument. Pay special attention to the guidelines and directions below and be familiar with all safety warnings and guidelines.

### 2. Safety:

3. The operation, maintenance and repair of the instrument should comply with the basic guidelines and safety warnings below. Noncompliance may interfere with the useable life of the instrument and safety protection and may void the warranty.



Use this product indoors. Do not operate in a damp or wet environment.



Before using the instrument, read the manual carefully. This instrument is designed for use in laboratory environments and must be operated by skilled personnel with the appropriate training.



Do not attempt to open the casing or repair the instrument. Disassembly will void the warranty. If there is a service issue with the instrument, please contact the supplier.



Before operation, check to see that the voltage rating on the instrument matches your local voltage. The rated electrical load of the outlet should not be lower than that of the instrument's demand. If the power cord is damaged, it should be replaced. Do not place the power cord where it will have objects placed on it or where it will be walked on. When unplugging the instrument, do not pull the plug out of the socket by the cord.



Install the instrument in a cool, dry location free from dust, direct sunlight or strong lights. The instrument should be placed away from corrosive gasses, strong magnetic fields, and heat sources. Allow at least 4 inches on all sides of the instrument for proper air circulation. Be sure that the air vent at the back of the instrument is not blocked. If using two instruments, they should be placed at least 3 feet apart.



The power switch is located on the rear of the instrument. After use, the power to the instrument should be turned off. If the instrument will not be used for a long period of time, it should also be unplugged and covered with a cloth or plastic to keep it free of dust.



If samples are processed for an extended time period, many cycles or without a pause between cycles, thermal breakdown of the sample tube may occur. Be sure to follow manufacturers guidelines for lysing kits and tubes.

The instrument should be unplugged immediately and the supplier contacted in the event of:

- > Liquid leaking into the instrument
- Smoke or fire
- > Abnormal operation ie sound or smell
- > The instrument has been dropped or outer housing damaged
- Instrument function changes

#### 4. Maintenance

The tube holder should be cleaned with a cloth dampened with a small amount of alcohol. The outside of the unit can be cleaned with a damp cloth or mild detergent if required.



Always disconnect power to the unit before any cleaning procedure. Do not apply cleaning solutions directly to the tube holder or chamber. Do not use corrosive agents while cleaning. Do not submerge the instrument.

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# **Chapter 1 Introduction**

The BeadBlaster<sup>™</sup> 24 is a homogenizer for biological samples. It features high speed, three-dimensional vibration and has a capacity for 24 samples.

#### Features:

- Can break and crack most biological samples (animal and plant tissue, soils, yeast, spores, microorganisms, etc.)
- > Processes 24 samples in a minimal amount of time.
- > On board memory for 50 programmed runs.
- > Run stops automatically if the cover is opened.

# **Chapter 2 Specifications**

#### 1. Normal operating conditions:

Ambient temperature:  $5^{\circ}C \sim 35^{\circ}C$ The relative humidity:  $\leq 70\%$ Power: AC100-240V $\sim$  50-60Hz

#### 2. The basic parameters and characteristics

| Type<br>Parameter | D2400                                  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Display           | OLED                                   |  |
| Speed             | 4.00m/s~7.00m/s, in 0.05m/s increments |  |
| Cycle duration    | 1s~ 1min 30s, in 1s increments         |  |
| Pause             | 1s~ 2min, in 1s increments             |  |
| Number of Cycles  | 10                                     |  |
| Programs          | 50                                     |  |
| Sample Size       | 24 X 2.0ml tubes                       |  |
| Acceleration time | <2s                                    |  |
| Deceleration time | <2s                                    |  |
| Noise             | <68db                                  |  |
| Power             | 600W                                   |  |
| Dimension(WXDXH)  | 280mm × 360mm × 385mm                  |  |
| Weight (kg)       | 25.0kg                                 |  |

# **Chapter 3 Basic instructions**

This chapter focuses on the structure, operation keys and display of the instrument, as well as preparatory work before starting. Please read this chapter before initial operation.

#### 1. Structure overview



#### 2. Operation panel



**Prog.** Use in conjunction with  $\blacktriangle \lor$  to select the desired program.

**Set** Set speed, run time, cycle and pause time for the current program.

|       | Modify parameters |
|-------|-------------------|
| Start | Run program       |

Stop Stop program

# 3. Display

| PROG: | 01           | 28°C | 0 '          |
|-------|--------------|------|--------------|
| 6.50  | SPEED<br>M/S | 03   | CYCLE        |
| 0:30  | TIME<br>M:S  | :30  | INTER<br>M:S |

## **Chapter 4 Operation Guide**

#### 1. Loading Tubes

1.1 Disengage the locking latch (as shown below), turn the knob counter-clockwise and remove the tube retainer.



1.2 The tube holder may be filled in or out of the instrument. To remove, simply lift off the shaft. Place sample tubes into the tube holder and press down until seated. If less than 24 samples are used, they should be evenly distributed in the tube holder. If removed, the tube holder can then be replaced, making sure the two bumps on the holder line up with the indentations on the shaft.



1.3 Place tube retainer on top of the tube holder. Tighten the knob clockwise and push the locking latch inwards. A click will indicate that the latch is in place. If the latch cannot be pushed inwards, turn the knob 5 degrees and try again.

Note: The locking latch must be pushed in the "LOCK" position.



1.4 Close the cover and engage the cover latch. Operation can then begin.

### DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OPERATE THE UNIT WITHOUT THE TUBE RETAINER IN PLACE!

## 2. Program selection



50 onboard programs are available. To access the programs, press and hold the "Prog." key, and then use " $\blacktriangle$ " or " $\blacktriangledown$ " keys to scroll through the programs. To change m/s to rpm, press " $\blacktriangle$ " and " $\blacktriangledown$ " key simultaneously.

## 3. Program setting

Step 1: Press "Set" key once, SPEED in display flashes, then press " $\blacktriangle$ " or " $\blacktriangledown$ " to adjust the speed.

Step 2: press "Set" key again, CYCLE in display flashes, then press "▲" or "▼" to set the number of cycles.

Step 3: press "Set" key again, TIME in display flashes, then press "▲" or "▼" to set the run time.

Step 4: press "Set" key again, INTER in display flashes, then press " $\blacktriangle$ " or " $\blacktriangledown$ " to set the pause time.

Values will be automatically be saved after 3 seconds.

### 4. Running and stopping programmed operation

Press "Start" to begin operation. Press "Stop" to end operation.

Note: Before beginning operation, be sure that the tube retainer is in the proper position and locked in place.

If there is abnormal noise during operation, press "Stop" at once to stop running, or turn off using the On/Off switch on the back of the instrument directly.



### 5. Motor over-temperature protection

An over temperature sensor protects the motor against damage. The display shows the temperature of the motor. If the temperature goes above 65°, the unit will shut down until the temperature has dropped below 60°C. The display of the motor temperature can be turned on or off. Press the "Prog" and "Set" keys simultaneously to display the following screen:

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Press " $\blacktriangle$ " or " $\blacktriangledown$ ", to toggle between ON and OFF. Press start to confirm the selection. If set to "ON" the temperature of the motor will appear in the screen.

# 6. Bead selection

| Triple-Pure Zirconium |     |         |     | Stainless Steel   |     |
|-----------------------|-----|---------|-----|---|-----|
| 0.1                   | 0.5 | 1       | 1.5 | 3   | 2.8 |
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#### **Bead Ordering Information**

All beads are sold in prefilled, 2.0ml tubes, packs of 50

Standard Glass Beads, acid washed

D1031-01 0.1mm

D1031-05 0.5mm

D1031-10 1.0mm

Triple pure Zirconium Beads, acid washed, heat treated and tested to be nuclease free

| D1032-01 | 0.1mm  |
|----------|--|
| D1032-05 | 0.5mm  |
| D1032-10 | 1.0mm  |
| D1032-15 | 1.5mm  |
| D1032-30 | 3.0mm  |
| D1032-SK | Starter kit containing 10 tubes each of 0.1mm, 0.5mm, 1.0mm, 1.5mm and 3.0mm |
|          |  |

Standard Stainless Beads, acid washed D0133-28 2.8mm

#### 7. Sample preparation

As heat generated by grinding process can cause damage to the sample, it is recommended that the samples be added to the tube containing the beads and then stored for 12 hours at low temperature (below -60 $^{\circ}$ C), to achieve the best results

# Chapter 5 Troubleshooting Guide

#### Problems and actions

| No. | Common problem                                 | Possible cause                           | Action(s)   |
|-----|--|--|---|
|     |  | No power                                 | Check power supply and that unit is plugged in properly |
| 1   | No display on the screen                       | On/Off switch broken                     | Change switch   |
|     |  | Faulty fuse                              | Change fuse (5X20 250V 10A)                             |
|     |  | Others                                   | Contact supplier  |
| 2   | " <b>Error: lid</b> " displayed, audible alert | Faulty button - protection cover         | Contact supplier  |
| 3   | " <b>open</b> " displayed, audible alert       | Motor over temp protection- open circuit | Contact supplier  |
|     |  | Motor temp above 65°                     | Wait for temp to drop below 60°                         |
| 4   | Instrument does not run                        | Faulty Controller<br>Faulty Motor        | Contact supplier  |
| 5   | Abnormal running noise                         | Tube retainer not locked in place        | Place tube retainer in place and lock down properly     |
| _   |  | Faulty bearing                           | Contact supplier  |
| 6   | Keys don't work                                | Plug connector loose                     | Contact supplier  |
|     |  | Faulty key                               | Contact supplier  |

# Memo

