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About this document

This operation manual is applicable for all variants of the instrument.

Read this operation manual before operating the instrument and follow the instructions to ensure safe and trouble-free operation.

Keep this operation manual for later use and pass it on to any subsequent user or owner.

BÜCHI Labortechnik AG accepts no liability for damage, faults and malfunctions resulting from not following this operation manual.

If you have any questions after reading this operation manual:

► Contact BÜCHI Labortechnik AG Customer Service.

https://www.buchi.com/contact

1.1 Connected devices

In addition to these operating instructions, you should also follow the instructions and specifications in the documentation for the connected devices.

1.2 Warning notices in this document

Warning notices warn you of dangers that can occur when handling the device. There are four danger levels, each identifiable by the signal word used.

Signal word	Meaning
DANGER	Indicates a danger with a high level of risk which could result in death or serious injury if not prevented.
WARNING	Indicates a danger with a medium level of risk which could result in death or serious injury if not prevented.
CAUTION	Indicates a danger with a low level of risk which could result in mi- nor or medium-severity injury if not prevented.
NOTICE	Indicates a danger that could result in damage to property.

1.3 Symbols

The following symbols may be displayed in this instruction manual or on the device:

1.3.1 Warning symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	General warning
	Breakable items
<u>x</u> t	Device damage

1.3.2 Mandatory directive symbols





Wear protective clothing

Meaning

Heaver Heaver

Heavy load, do not lift without assistance

1.3.3 Mark-ups and symbols



NOTE

This symbol draws attention to useful and important information.

- ☑ This character draws attention to a requirement that must be met before the instructions below are carried out.
- ▶ This character indicates an instruction that must be carried out by the user.
- ⇒ This character indicates the result of a correctly carried out instruction.

Mark-up	Explanation
Window	Software Windows are marked-up like this.
Tab	Tabs are marked-up like this.
Dialog	Dialogs are marked-up like this.
[Button]	Buttons are marked-up like this.
[Field names]	Field names are marked-up like this.
[Menu / Menu item]	Menus or menu items are marked-up like this.
Status	Status is marked-up like this.
Signal	Signals are marked-up like this.

1.4 Trademarks

Product names and registered or unregistered trademarks that are used in this document are used only for identification and remain the property of the owner in each case.

2 Safety

2.1 Proper use

The Lyovapor[™] L-200 is used for freeze-drying solid materials in ampoules, vials, dishes, round-neck or wide-neck flasks and trays is exclusively intended for that purpose. The Lyovapor[™] L-200 can be used in laboratories for the following tasks:

• Sublimating and re-sublimating water

2.2 Use other than that intended

Use of any other kind than that described in the section Chapter 2.1 "Proper use", page 9 and any application that does not comply with the technical specifications (see Chapter 3.6 "Technical data", page 17) constitutes use other than that intended.

In particular, the following applications are not permissible:

- Use of the instrument in an environment with a potential risk of explosion or areas which require explosion-safe apparatus.
- Use of the instrument for processing substances outside of research and development.
- Production and processing of substances that can lead to spontaneous reactions, such as explosives, metal hydrides or solvents that can form peroxides.
- Processing with explosive gas mixtures.
- Use of acids and alkalis without first checking material compatibility.

Damage or hazards attributable to use of the product other than as intended are entirely at the risk of the operator alone.

2.3 Staff qualification

Unqualified persons are unable to identify risks and are therefore exposed to greater dangers.

The device may only be operated by suitably qualified laboratory staff.

These operating instructions are aimed at the following target groups:

Users

Users are persons that meet the following criteria:

- They have been instructed in the use of the device.
- They are familiar with the contents of these operating instructions and the applicable safety regulations and apply them.
- They are able on the basis of their training or professional experience to assess the risks associated with the use of the device.

Operator

The operator (generally the laboratory manager) is responsible for the following aspects:

- The device must be correctly installed, commissioned, operated and serviced.
- Only suitably qualified staff may be assigned the task of performing the operations described in these operating instructions.
- The staff must comply with the local applicable requirements and regulations for safe and hazard-conscious working practices.
- Safety-related incidents that occur while using the device should be reported to the manufacturer (quality@buchi.com).

BUCHI service technicians

Service technicians authorized by BUCHI have attended special training courses and are authorized by BÜCHI Labortechnik AG to carry out special servicing and repair measures.

2.4 Location of warning signs on the product

The following warning symbols are present on the instrument.



Fig. 1: Location of warning signs on the product

General warning

2.5 Residual risks

The device has been developed and manufactured using the latest technological advances. Nevertheless, risks to persons, property or the environment can arise if the device is used incorrectly.

Appropriate warnings in this manual serve to alert the user to these residual dangers.

2.5.1 Faults during operation

If a device is damaged, sharp edges or exposed electrical wires can cause injuries.

- Regularly check device for visible damage.
- If faults occur, switch off the device immediately, unplug the power cord and inform the operator.
- ▶ Do not continue to use devices that are damaged.

2.5.2 Damage to the ice condenser

Damage to the ice condenser leads to coolant leakage and failure of the instrument.

- ▶ Wait until the ice is completely thawed.
- ▶ Do not use mechanical means to remove ice from the ice condenser.

2.5.3 Glass and acrylic breakage

Broken glass and acrylic can cause severe cuts.

Damaged glass and acrylic components may implode if subjected to a vacuum.

Minor damage to the ground joints impairs the sealing effect and may therefore diminish sublimination capacity.

- Handle the flask and other glass and acrylic components carefully and do not drop them.
- Always place the flasks in a suitable holder when they are not mounted on the Lyovapor[™].
- Always visually inspect glass and acrylic components for damage every time they are to be used.
- ▶ Do not continue to use glass and acrylic components that are damaged.
- ▶ Always wear protective gloves when disposing of broken glass and acrylic.

2.5.4 Low internal pressure

Evacuating the system reduces the pressure in the drying chamber. This reduced pressure can cause glass and acrylic components to implode.

▶ Make sure that all glass and acrylic components are free of damage.

2.5.5 Cold and hot surfaces

The condenser coil and probes can be extremely cold. Heatable shelf areas can be extremely hot. If touched, hot and cold surfaces can cause skin burns.

▶ Do not touch cold or hot surfaces or liquids and/or wear suitable protective gloves.

2.6 Personal protective equipment

Depending on the application, hazards due to heat and/or corrosive chemicals may arise.

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as safety goggles, protective clothing and gloves.
- Make sure that the personal protective equipment meets the requirements of the safety data sheets for all chemicals used.

2.7 Modifications

Unauthorized modifications may impair safety and lead to accidents.

- ▶ Use only genuine BUCHI accessories, spare parts and consumables.
- Technical modifications to the device or accessories should only be carried out with the prior written approval of BÜCHI Labortechnik AG and only by authorized BUCHI technicians.

BUCHI accepts no liability whatsoever for damage arising as a result of unauthorized modifications.

3 Product description

3.1 Description of function

The Lyovapor[™] is a freeze-dryer in which frozen preparations can be gently dried.

The basis of freeze-drying is sublimation. Sublimation refers to the process whereby a substance transforms directly from the solid to the gaseous state.

The physical process of sublimation can be explained using the solvent water as an example.

- The water is frozen.
- The frozen water is transformed into the gaseous state under vacuum at a pressure below the triple point.
- The vacuum prevents the ice melting when heat is applied to the preparation.

Thus, freeze-drying takes place in three phases:

- 1. **Freezing phase:** the preparation is frozen at atmospheric pressure.
- 2. **Main drying phase:** heat is applied to the frozen preparation under a vacuum. The frozen water is removed by sublimation.
- 3. Secondary drying phase (only possible with heatable shelves): the trace levels of water remaining are removed by heating.

The Lyovapor[™] consists of an ice condenser and various top-mount drying racks. The top-mount drying racks can be chosen to suit the availability of the preparation being dried and the requirements of the end product.

The following top-mount drying racks can be used:

- Non-heatable and heatable shelves in rack
- Trays in rack
- Top-mount rack with manifold valves

3.1.1 Freezing phase

In the freezing phase, the aqueous preparation is transformed to a solid state. Freezing takes place under atmospheric pressure using a separate freezer, a liquid nitrogen bath, or a mixture of dry ice and alcohol.

The end of the freezing phase is reached as soon as the water contained in the preparation has fully crystallized.

3.1.2 Main drying phase

In the main drying phase, the ice crystals are removed from the preparation by sublimation. Sublimation in the Lyovapor[™] takes place under a vacuum with the addition of thermal energy.

To create the vaccum, the pressure is lowered to the level required for sublimation.

For water that is: less than 6.11mbar.

As the ice condenser is colder than the preparation being dried, the vapour pressure in the area of the ice condenser is lower than in the area of the preparation. The water vapour escaping from the preparation therefore flows towards the ice condenser. The water vapour condenses on the coil of the ice condenser.

If a manifold-valve rack is used, heat transfer takes place by convection and radiation from the surroundings. Control of the thermal energy transferred is then difficult.

If using a drying chamber with heatable shelves, heat transfer takes place by direct contact. The temperature of the heatable shelves is controllable. Control of the thermal energy transferred is then possible.

Controlling the heat transfer prevents the following critical temperatures for amorphous and crystalline materials to be reached:

- the glass transition temperature T_{α}' of the frozen preparation
- the collapse temperature T_c.
- the eutectic temperature T_{eu}.

Above the glass transition temperature and the collapse temperature, the viscosity of the frozen preparation increases. The increased viscosity leads to the collapse of the preparation's matrix structure.

Above the eutectic temperature, the preparation melts.

During the main drying phase, the product temperature must remain below the collapse temperature for amorphous materials in the preparation.

Sublimation of the ice crystals progresses downwards from the surface of the product. Above the sublimation boundary, the product is dry ("freeze-dried cake"), while further inside the product is still frozen.

The end of the main drying phase is reached when all ice crystals have been removed from the preparation.

After the main drying phase, the remaining fluid content in the preparation can still be between 5 to 10%.

3.1.3 Secondary-drying phase

In the secondary-drying phase, the unfrozen water is removed from the preparation by desorption. The secondary-drying function is performed by the heatable shelves in the drying chamber of the Lyovapor[™].

In the secondary-drying phase, the temperature of the heatable shelves is raised and held for several hours.

The end of the secondary-drying phase is reached when the residual moisture in the preparation is between 1% and 5%.

3.2 Configuration

3.2.1 Front view



Fig. 2: Front view Lyovapor™ L-200

- Connections for heated shelves (Lyovapor[™] L-200 Pro only) (48 V, max. 2 A)
 - Ventilation slots

User interface

- 2 Ice condenser
- 4 On/Off master switch

3.2.2 Rear view

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Fig. 3: Rear viewLyovapor[™] L-200

- 1 Connections on the rear side (See Chapter 3.2.3 "Connections on the rear side", page 15)
- 2 Drain hose for condensate

3 Ventilation slots

3.2.3 Connections on the rear side



Fig. 4: Connections on rear panel

- 1 Vacuum pump connection
- 3 Type plate
- 5 Main valve connection $(24 \text{ V}, \le 0.4 \text{ A})$
- 7 Aeration valve connection (24 V, ≤ 0.4 A)
- 9 (24 V, max. 0.125 A)
- 11 LAN port
- 13 Power supply connection
- 15 Fuse

- Vacuum connection 2
- **Refrigerant details** 4
- Pressure regulating valve connection 6 (24 V, ≤ 0.4 A)
- Spare 8 (24 V, ≤ 0.4 A)
- External pressure sensor connection 10 Internal pressure sensor connection (5 V, max. 0.125 A)
 - 12 COM port $(24 \text{ V}, \le 0.4 \text{ A})$
 - 14 Fuse

3.2.4 **Control panel**



Fig. 5: Control panel

- View 1
- 3 Navigation control

Function buttons 2

3.2.5 Pro control panel



Fig. 6: Pro control panel

- 1 Touch-screen display
- 2 Navigation control

3.3 Type plate

The type plate identifies the instrument. The type plate is located on the rear of the instrument.



Fig. 7: Type plate

- 1 Company name and address
- 3 Serial number
- 5 Frequency
- 7 Year of manufacture
- 9 Approvals

- 2 Instrument name
- 4 Input voltage range
- 6 Power consumption maximum
- 8 Product code
- 10 Symbol for "Do not dispose of as household waste"

The following instrument names are possible:

- L-200
- L-200 Pro

3.4 Scope of delivery

NOTE



The scope of delivery depends of the configuration of the purchase order.

Accessories are delivered as per the purchase order, order confirmation, and delivery note.

3.5 Refrigerant Specification

The refrigerant details are shown on the back of the instrument.



Fig. 8: Refrigerant details

- 1 Instrument name
- 3 Filling capacity

- 2 Refrigerant details
- 4 Global warming potential
- 5 High-pressure system design pres- 6 sure
- 6 Low-pressure system design pressure

3.6 Technical data

3.6.1 Lyovapor[™] L-200

Specification	L-200 for 50Hz	L-200 for 60Hz
Dimensions without drying attach- ments (W x D x H)	460 × 585 × 510 mm	460 × 585 × 510 mm
Weight	75 kg	75 kg
Minimum clearance on all sides	300 mm	300 mm
Connection voltage	220-240 VAC	208-230 VAC
Power consumption (rated)	1200 W	1200 W
Power consumption (maximum)	1800 W	1800 W
Lug	10 A/250 V	10 A/250 V
Frequency	50 Hz	60 Hz
Overvoltage category	II	II
Protection rating	IP20	IP20
Pollution degree	2	2
Condensing capacity at 20 °C ambient temperature	≥ 6 kg / 24 h	≥ 6 kg / 24 h
Lowest condenser temperature	-55 °C	-55 °C
Temperature divergence	± 1.0 °C	± 1.0 °C

Specification	L-200 for 50Hz	L-200 for 60Hz
Condenser capacity	≤ 6 kg	≤ 6 kg
Condenser surface area	1410 cm ²	1410 cm ²
Number of compressors	1	1
Refrigerant	R507 CFC-free	R507 CFC-free
Refrigerant quantity	485 g	467 g
Drying shelf temperature	up to 60 °C	up to 60 °C
Inert gas pressure	1.1 - 1.2 bar (max. 2 bar)	1.1 - 1.2 bar (max. 2 bar)
Drying shelf temperature tolerance	± 1.0 °C	± 1.0 °C
Cooling capacity compressor	1.97 kW	2.33 kW
Vacuum generation time to 0.1 mbar*	Typically ≤ 10 min	Typically \leq 10 min
Volume-based leakage rate*	Typically ≤ 0.001 mbar x L/sec	Typically ≤ 0.001 mbar x L/sec
Minimum system vacuum*	Typically ≤ 30 mTorr	Typically ≤ 30 mTorr
Optimum control range vacuum*	50 to 500 mTorr	50 to 500 mTorr

* With Pfeiffer Duo 6 vacuum pump / without samples

3.6.2 Ambient conditions

For indoor use only.

Max. altitude above sea level	2000 m
Ambient temperature	15 - 30°C
Maximum relative humidity	80 % for temperatures up to 30°C
Storage temperature	max. 45°C

3.6.3 Materials

Component	Materials	
Lyovapor™ housing	Steel 1.4301/304 with powder coating	
Vacuum chamber and components	Steel 1.4301/304	
Main connector	PE-UHMW 1000	
Drying chamber tube and cover	PMMA GS	
Seals	FKM	
Manifold drying rack	Steel 1.4301/304	
Manifold valves	Natural rubber, PP	
Cooling medium circuit	Copper for freezing applications to EN 12735-1	
Vacuum clips	Aluminium	
Condensate drain tube	Silicone	
Condensate drain, ventilation and control valve	Brass with EPDM seal	
Main valve	Aluminum with FKM seal	

4 Transport and storage

4.1 Transport

NOTICE

Risk of breakage due to incorrect transportation

Make sure that the instrument is fully dismantled.

Pack every instrument components properly to prevent breakage. Use the original packaging whenever possible.

Avoid sharp movements during transit.

- ► After transporting, check the instrument and all glass components for damage.
- ▶ Damage that has occurred in transit should be reported to the carrier.
- ► Keep packaging for future transportation.

4.2 Storage

- Make sure that the ambient conditions are complied with (see Chapter 3.6 "Technical data", page 17).
- ▶ Wherever possible, store the device in its original packaging.
- After storage, check the device, all glass components, seals and tubing for damage and replace if necessary.

4.3 Lifting the instrument



Danger due to incorrect transportation

The possible consequences are crushing injuries, cuts and breakages.

- ▶ The instrument should be transported by four persons at the same time.
- ► Lift the instrument at the points indicated.



Fig. 9: Lifting the instrument

1 Instrument

- 2 Feet
- Equipment trolley 4 Castor brakes on trolley

Precondition:

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- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Make sure that the castor brakes on the equipment trolley are locked on.
- Lift the instrument this requires four persons each lifting at one of the points indicated on the front and rear of the instrument.
- Set the instrument down on the equipment trolley.

5 Installation

5.1 Installation site

NOTICE

Instrument damaged if switched on too early.

After transporting, wait twelve hours before switching on the instrument. The fluid in the cooling system requires twelve hours to collect in the refrigerant compressor.

The installation site must meet the following requirements:

- Firm, level surface
- Minimum space requirement: 520 mm x 645 mm x 510 mm (W x D x H).
- Take into account the maximum product dimensions and weight.
- Take into account the 1100 mm operating height of the drying attachments.
- Clearance on each side of the instrument must be at least 30 cm. This clearance ensures air circulation and prevents the instrument from overheating.
- Do not place loose papers or cloths below or to the sides of the instrument, as these could impede the air circulation if drawn in.
- Operate the instrument at an ambient temperature of +15°C to +30°C.
- Do not expose the instrument to any external thermal loads, such as direct solar radiation.
- When installing the instrument, make sure that the feet do not bend.
- When mounting on an instrument cart, place the feet of the instrument into the supports on the instrument cart.

NOTE

Make sure that the power supply can be interrupted at any time during an emergency.

5.2 Securing against earthquakes

The Lyovapor™ L-200 has an earthquake fixing point to protect the device against falling.



Fig. 10: Lyovapor™ L-200

- 1 Lashing mount
- ▶ Tie the lashing mount to a fixed point using strong cord or a wire.

5.3 Putting the instrument in operation

NOTICE

Instrument damaged if restarted too early

Wait ten minutes before restarting the instrument. The oil in the refrigerant compressor requires ten minutes to return to the collection tank.

5.3.1 Preparing the instrument

- Clean the instrument with a damp cloth before commissioning.
- Check all sealing surfaces for scratches, dust, and cleanliness.

5.3.2 Establishing electrical connections



NOTE

Observe the legal requirements when connecting the instrument to the power supply.

 Use additional electrical safety features (e.g., residual-current circuit breakers) to comply with local laws and regulations.

The power supply must fulfil the following conditions:

- 1. Provide the mains voltage and frequency specified on the type plate of the instrument.
- 2. Be designed for the load imposed by the instruments connected.
- 3. Be equipped with suitable fuses and electrical safety features.
- 4. Be equipped with proper earthing.

NOTICE

Risk of property damage and diminished performance due to use of unsuitable power cables.

The power supply cables supplied with the product by BUCHI precisely match the requirements of the device. If other power cables that do not meet those requirements are used, the device may be damaged and/or its performance diminished.

- ► Use only the power supply cables supplied with the product or ordered separately from BUCHI.
- If using any other power supply cables, make sure that they match the specifications on the type plate.
- ▶ Make sure that all connected devices are earthed.
- If an extension lead is required, make sure that it is earthed and has a suitable power rating.
- ▶ Make sure that the power plug is freely accessible at all times.
- Plug the power cable into the connection labelled **Power IN** on the back of the instrument.
- Plug the mains plug into the power socket.

5.3.3 Fitting the advanced vacuum control unit

► Fit the 90° elbows onto the cross-pipe.



▶ Fit the aeration valve onto the 90° elbow.



Precondition:

- ☑ The arrow is pointing in the direction of the vacuum pump.
- Fit the main valve onto the cross-pipe.





5.3.4 Manual switch on the main valve

Use the main valve manual switch to set the vacuum control mode.



Fig. 11: Manual switch on main valve

1 Main valve

2 Manual switch on main valve

Manual switch positions

Manual switch po- Meaning

sition



Precondition:

- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Pressure-regulating valve and venting valve are connected.
- The vacuum is regulated by the pressure-regulating valve and venting valve.

Precondition:

- Pressure-regulating valve and venting valve are not connected.
- The vacuum is regulated by the main valve.

Precondition:

- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ The main valve manual switch is depressed.
- As long as the main valve manual switch is depressed, vacuum regulation is deactivated.



The vacuum is not regulated.

5.3.5 Connecting the inert gas (optional feature)

Precondition:

- ☑ Make sure that the pressure of the inert gas matches the technical specifications. See Chapter 3.6 "Technical data", page 17
- Fit the inert gas tube onto the gas connection on the pressure regulating valve.
- ► Fix the inert gas tube with the tube clip.



5.3.6 Assembling pressure sensor PPG010 (optional accessory)

The pressure sensor measures the pressure in the ice condenser.

To protect against damage in transit, the pressure sensor is supplied pre-calibrated in the original packaging.



Fig. 12: Fitting the pressure sensor

- 1 Pressure sensor PPG010
- 3 Seal, ISO-KF 16

- 2 Clamp, ISO-KF 16
- 4 Connection, ISO-KF 16
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.
- ▶ Remove the shipping cap from the connection (4).
- ► Fit the pressure sensor (1) and seal (3) to the connection (4) and fix with the clamp (2).
- Plug the pressure sensor electrical connection into the socket marked Internal Vacuum Sensor.
- Select the sensor from the submenu [Settings] on the control panel.

5.3.7 Assembling the alternative pressure sensor (optional accessory)

Instead of the standard pressure sensor, an alternative pressure sensor can be used.



Fig. 13: Fitting alternative pressure sensor

- 1 Connection, ISO-KF 16
- 2 External pressure sensor connection
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.
- ▶ Remove the blanking cap from the connection (1).
- Connect the pressure sensor to the connection (1).
- Plug the pressure sensor connecting lead into the socket marked External Vacuum Sensor (2).
- Select the sensor from the submenu [Settings] on the control panel.

5.3.8 Fitting the drain valve strainer

Place the drain valve strainer in the waste outlet in the base of the ice condenser.



5.3.9

Risk of scalding by hot water

Preparing the condensate drain hose

▶ Make sure the condensate drain hose is not loose.

NOTICE

Contamination of the device

Escaping condensate can contaminate the instrument.

- ► Fit the condensate drain hose with a downward slope. Make sure that the drain hose is not immersed in the condensate.
- Seal the condensate drain hose with the end plug as soon as cleaning of the instrument is completed.



Fig. 14: Condensate drain hose

- 1 Rubber ring
- 3 End plug

2 Drain hose for condensate

The condensate drain hose is on the side of the instrument. The drain hose is sealed with an end plug. The condensation is drained off through this drain hose after completion of the freeze-drying process.

- Pull the drain hose (2) together with end plug (3) out of the side panel of the instrument.
- Remove the end plug.
- ▶ Direct the drain hose into a waste outlet or place a container underneath it.

5.4 Commissioning the vacuum pump

The vacuum pump evacuates the top-mount drying rack during the freeze-drying process.



NOTICE

Closed gas ballast valve when using solvent.

A closed gas ballast valve when using solvents can cause damage to the instrument.

▶ When using solvents, keep the gas ballast valve open.



NOTE

To increase the service life of the vacuum pump, operate the vacuum pump with an open gas ballast valve.



NOTE

Prepare the vacuum pump according to the manufacturer's instructions. See relevant documentation.



Fig. 15: Connections for vacuum pump

- 1 Vacuum pump connection
- 2 Vacuum tube connection, ISO-KF 25
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.
- Connect the vacuum pump vacuum tube to the vacuum tube connection (2).
- Plug the vacuum pump electrical connection into the socket marked Vacuum Pump.

5.5 Establishing LAN connection

5.5.1 Requirements for local network settings

- The following port has to be enabled in the firewall settings on the internet gateway:
- TCP (HTTPS) traffics through remote port 443

In order to use the BUCHI Cloud a DNS server must be configured on the instrument.



NOTE

If there is no DNS server available enter the IP address for the BUCHI Cloud connection manually.



NOTE

If there is no DHCP server available enter the IP address, gateway subnet mask and DNS server manually.

5.5.2 Preparing the instrument for app using

NOTICE! Do not unplug the LAN cable while the device is connected to the BUCHI Cloud Services

 Connect the instrument with the LAN network.



Navigation path

- ► Navigate to the action [Network].
- Enable the function [DHCP].

 \Rightarrow The instrument is prepared.

5.5.3 Enabling BUCHI Cloud access

Enable access to BUCHI Cloud in order to use the BUCHI Monitor App.

Navigation path



- ► Navigate to the action [[BUCHI Cloud]] via the navigation path.
- Select the option [Yes].
 - \Rightarrow The instrument is connected to the BUCHI Cloud.

5.6 Insert SD card (Pro control panel only)



NOTE

Only insert or remove the SD card in Standby mode.

► Fold the control panel forward.



▶ Insert the SD card on the underside.



- Switch on the instrument.
 - ⇒ The status bar shows the SD card symbol.

The following data is stored on the SD card:

- Numbering
- Date
- Time
- Set pressure
- Current pressure in the ice condenser
- Inlet temperature of the ice condensers
- Set drying shelf temperature
- Current temperature of the drying shelves
- Current sample temperatures

6

Operating the control panel

This section describes the operation of the instrument using the control panel.



Risk of injury from glass splinters

Sharp objects can damage the display.

► Keep sharp objects away from the display.

6.1 Layout of the control panel



Fig. 16: Layout of the control panel

No.	Description	Function
1	Status bar	Shows the current status of the instrument.
2	Menu bar	Shows symbols representing the menus.
3	Content area	Shows current settings, submenus or actions depending on current operation.
4	Function bar	Shows functions that can be performed ac- cording to the current operation.
5	Navigation control	Used for navigating the user interface. Pressing the control performs the assigned function on the function bar.
6	Function buttons	Pressing a function button performs the as- signed function on the function bar.

6.2 Function bar

The function bar shows available functions according to the current operation.

The functions on the function bar are executed by tapping the relevant function buttons or pressing the navigation control.

General function buttons

Symbol	Description	Meaning
\bigcirc	[Back]	The display reverts to the previous view.
ESC	[Cancel]	Cancels an operation.
➡ ☆	[Add to favourites]	Adds the selected item to the [[Favourites]] menu.
REM0\/E	[Remove from favourites]	Removes the selected item from the [Favourites] menu.
OK	[Confirm]	Confirms an entry.
EDIT	[Edit]	Allows the selected item to be edited.
MENU	[Menu]	Allows selection of a menu from the menu bar using the navigation con- trol.
SAVE	[Save]	Saves the setting.

Process control function buttons

Symbol	Description	Meaning
₩	[Defrost]	Defrosts the ice condenser.
AERATE	[Aerate]	Vents the system.
🔆 OFF	[Shut down]	The instrument shuts down.
START	[[Start]]	Starts the freeze-drying process.
י≵' ON	[Start conditioning]	Starts the conditioning phase.
SKIP	[[Skip]]	Skips the current process.

6.3 Menu bar

The menus are represented by symbols on the menu bar. Navigation through the menus is by input controls.

The following menus are available:

Menu sym- bol	Meaning	Submenu/Action
	[Start] menu	 Process control parameters
\sum	<i>[Favourites]</i> menu	Bookmarks for individual entry points

Menu sym- bol	Meaning	Submenu/Action
ዮ፫ን	[Configuration] menu	Process settings
		Settings
		Servicing
		Service
		System information
	[Messages] menu	Notifications
		Logbook

6.3.1 Start menu

On the [Start] menu, parameters can be set manually.

Changing parameters

- Select a parameter by turning the navigation control.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in green.
- ► Tap the function *[Edit]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in black.
- To increase or decrease the figure, turn the navigation control clockwise or anticlockwise.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The setting is saved.

6.3.2 Favourites menu

The [Favourites] menu allows you to define submenus and actions as bookmarks.

Adding a favourite

- Navigate to a submenu or action.
- ► Tap the function [Add to favourites] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The user interface switches to the [Favourites] menu and displays the favourite created.

Removing a favourite

- ▶ On the [Favourites] menu, navigate to the favourite you wish to remove.
- ► Tap the function [*Remove from favourites*] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The favourite is removed.

6.3.3 Configuration menu

On the *[Configuration]* menu, you can enter a variety of settings and retrieve information.

Process settings submenu

The submenu [Process Settings] contains functions for automatic process control.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Vacuum test after conditioning]	Off/On	Automatic vacuum test after the con- ditioning phase

Settings submenu

The submenu [Settings] contains system settings for the instrument.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Mobile connection password]	View	The control panel shows a password for entry in the BUCHI Monitor app.
[Mobile connection QR code]	View	The control unit shows a QR code for reading by the BUCHI Monitor app.
[Language]	Choice of display lan- guage on the control panel	The following languages are avail- able: English/German/French/Italian/ Spanish/Russian/Portuguese/Japa- nese/Chinese/Indonesian/Korean
[Temperature unit]	Choice of unit for indi- cation of temperatures	The following units are available: °C (Celsius)/°F (Fahrenheit)/K (Kelvin)
[Pressure unit]	Choice of unit for indi- cation of the vacuum	The following units are available: HPa (hectopascals), mbar (mil- libars), torr (= torr), mTorr (= milli- torr), mmHg (millimetres of mercury)
[Date]	Date input	Enter in sequence: Day, month, year. Apply the settings by pressing <i>[Save]</i> .
[Time]	Time input	Enter in sequence: Minutes, hours. Apply the settings by pressing <i>[Save]</i> .
[Pressure sensor]	Pressure sensor selec- tion	The following pressure sensors are available: None, Inficon PPG010, Inficon Porter CDG020D, Inficon PSG 550
[Vacuum pump oil change]	Enter value	Enter the oil change interval recom- mended by the manufacturer.
[Button tone]	Off/On	Setting for audible signal in re- sponse to input controls.
[Display brightness]	Enter setting	Display illumination level in %: 0 - 100
[Network]	Enter value	The following parameters can be edited: Device name/MAC address/DHCP/ System IP address/Subnet mask/ Gateway/DNS server/BUCHI Cloud/ Server IP address
[Delete app con- nection]	Confirmation question	Resets external connections to the instrument.

Submenu Maintenance

The submenu [Maintenance] contains tests for maintaining the instrument.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Vacuum test]	Perform vacuum test	See Chapter 9.2 "Performing a vac- uum test", page 79

Action	Option	Explanation
[Leak test]	Perform leak test	See Chapter 9.3.1 "Performing a leak test with a drying chamber", page 80

Submenu Service



NOTE

While freeze-drying is in progress, no settings can be changed on the Service submenu.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Refrigerant circuit]	View	The following information on the re- frigerant circuit is available:
		Hours of duty
		Compressor
		Ice condenser inlet temperature
		Ice condenser outlet temperature
		 High-pressure safety cut-out
		 Low-pressure safety cut-out
[Vacuum system]	View	The following information on the vac- uum pump is available:
		 Pump hours of duty
		 Pump oil hours of duty
		Pressure in the ice condenser
		Main valve
		Vacuum pump
		Venting valve
		 Regulating valve
[Defrosting system]	Display/entry of figures	The following information on the de- frosting system is available:
		Hours of duty
		 Drain valve open/closed

Submenu System Information

The submenu [System information] contains details of the connected components and information on network connection diagnosis.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Control panel]	View	The following information on the control panel is available:
		Serial number
		 Firmware version
		Hours of duty
		Status
		PCB Temperature
		 24V power supply
		 5V power supply
Action	Option	Explanation
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[L-200]	View	The following information on the L-200 is available:
		Serial number
		Firmware version
		Hours of duty
		Status
		PCB Temperature
		 48V power supply
		 24V power supply
		 5V power supply
		• 3.3V power supply
[Network diagnos- tics]	View/Enter settings	The following network diagnosis in- formation is available:
		 Network interruptions
		Event list

6.3.4 Messages menu

The *[Messages]* menu shows the current instrument messages and the instrument's message history.

The following message types are possible:

- I = Information
- W = Warning
- E = Error

Submenu Notifications

The submenu [Notifications] shows a list of unacknowledged and unresolved notifications together with date and time in each case.

Submenu Logbook

The submenu [Logbook] shows the instrument's message history.

Logbook:

- List of the last 100 messages.
- Every occurrence is shown with date and time.

The following status types are possible:

Symbol	Description	Meaning
x	Acknowledged	The message has been be processed and acknowledged.
<	Sent	The message initiator is no longer present.
>	Received	The display shows a message.

6.4 Status bar

The status bar shows the status of the instrument.

The following statuses are possible:

View	Status
Unload / Load	Before the freeze-drying process: Load the top-mount drying rack with a frozen sample.
	After the freeze-drying process: Remove the dried sample from the top-mount drying rack.
Aerating	The system is venting.
Shutting down	 The instrument is shutting down. The aeration valve and the drain valve are closed. The status bar shows the remaining time.
Defrosting	 The instrument is defrosting. The aeration valve and the drain valve are open. The status bar shows the remaining time. Manual defrosting with water possible.
Standby	The instrument is in energy-saving mode.
Conditioning	The instrument is starting up.
Warming up pump	The vacuum pump is being brought up to operat- ing temperature.
Vacuum Test	The instrument is performing a vacuum test.
Leak Test	The instrument is performing a leak test.
Manual Drying	The instrument is in the course of a manual freeze-drying process.
Recovering	The system is in the process of recovering from a power failure. The current parameters of the freeze-drying process are being re-established.
Reconditioning	The instrument is restarting after a temporary power failure.

Indication on status bar

Symbols on the status bar

Symbol	Status
↓	The instrument is connected to the BUCHI Cloud.
₩ .	The instrument is defrosting.
*	The instrument is starting up.
0	The instrument is in energy-saving mode.

Symbol	Status
<u>LT</u>	Before the freeze-drying process: Load the top-mount drying rack with a frozen sample.
	After the freeze-drying process: Remove the dried sample from the top-mount drying rack.
V	The system evacuates to the set pressure.
Т	The instrument is performing a vacuum test or a leak test.

6.5 Carrying out freeze-drying

6.5.1 **Preparing the instrument**

Time	approx.	
re-	30min	
quired:		

To minimize the condensation of moisture from the air in the condenser, place a drying rack.

Navigation path

→ Start

- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Start conditioning] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The temperature in the ice condenser decreases to operating temperature.
 - \Rightarrow The vacuum pump is brought up to operating temperature.
 - ⇒ After completion of the conditioning phase, the status bar shows the status Unload / Load.

6.5.2 Starting freeze-drying



▲ CAUTION

Risk of skin burns from touching parts of the ice condenser after completion of conditioning.

Wear protective gloves when working on the instrument after the conditioning phase.

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The instrument has been prepared.

Fit a top-mount drying rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65.

- ► Load the top-mount drying rack with frozen samples.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- Enter the required settings for the process parameters.
- ► Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The freeze-drying process starts.
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the *Start* menu with a black background.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows a clock counting up and the status **Manual Drying**.
 - \Rightarrow The system evacuates to the set pressure.

6.5.3 Editing parameters while the process is running

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The freeze-drying process has been started.

- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ▶ Navigate to the desired parameter using the navigation control.
- ► Tap the function *[Edit]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in white.
- Turn the navigation control to increase or decrease the parameter setting.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The setting is saved.

6.5.4 Ending freeze-drying

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- \boxdot The sample is dry.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Aerate] on the function bar.
- Answer **YES** to the confirmation question.
 - \Rightarrow The system is vented.
 - ⇒ The status bar shows the status **Aerating**.
- As soon as the status bar shows the status Unload / Load, remove the dried sample from the drying rack.

6.5.5 Shutting down the instrument

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Time 40min
re-
guired:
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NOTICE

Do not use force to remove the ice from the ice condenser.

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- \boxdot The freeze-drying process has ended.
- Position the condensate drain hose so that the condensate can be drained off. See Chapter 5.3.9 "Preparing the condensate drain hose", page 27
- ► Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Shut down] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The instrument is shutting down.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Defrosting**.
 - ⇒ After the instrument has shut down, the status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Shutting down**.

6.5.6 Switching off the instrument

Precondition:

- ☑ The instrument has been shut down. See Chapter 6.5.5 "Shutting down the instrument", page 40
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.

7

Operating Pro control panel

This section describes the operation of the instrument using the Pro control panel.



Risk of injury from glass splinters

Sharp objects can damage the display.

► Keep sharp objects away from the display.

7.1 Layout of Pro control panel



Fig. 17: Layout of Pro control panel

No.	Description	Function
1	Status bar	Shows the current status of the instrument.
2	Menu bar	Shows symbols representing the menus.
3	Content area	Shows current settings, submenus or actions depending on the current operation.
4	Function bar	Shows functions that can be performed ac- cording to the current operation
5	Navigation control	Used for navigating the user interface. Press- ing the control performs the assigned func- tion on the function bar.

7.2 Function bar

The function bar shows functions that can be performed according to the current operation.

The functions on the function bar are executed by tapping the relevant function buttons or pressing the navigation control.

General function buttons

Symbol	Description	Meaning
	[Back]	The display reverts to the previous view.

Symbol	Description	Meaning
ESC	[Cancel]	Cancels an operation.
	[Add to favourites]	Adds the selected item to the [[Favourites]] menu.
REM0\/E	[Remove from favourites]	Removes the selected item from the [Favourites] menu.
OK	[Confirm]	Confirms an entry.
EDIT	[Edit]	Allows the selected item to be edited.
MENU	[Menu]	Allows selection of a menu from the menu bar using the navigation con- trol.
SAVE	[Save]	Saves the setting.

Process control function buttons

Symbol	Description	Meaning
₩.	[Defrost]	Defrosts the ice condenser.
AERATE	[Aerate]	Vents the system.
🔆 OFF	[Shut down]	The instrument shuts down.
START	[[Start]]	Starts the freeze-drying process.
יX , ON	[Start conditioning]	Starts the conditioning phase.
MANUAL	[Manual]	Switches to manual freeze-drying.
METHOD	[Method]	Switches to freeze-drying with pro- grammable parameters.
NEW	[New]	Creates a new method
>	[Right]	Moves the selection to the right.
<	[Left]	Moves the selection to the left.
, All	[Progression]	Graphical display of method pro- gression showing pressure and tem- perature details.
ACTIVATE	[Activate]	Confirms selection of a method.
SKIP	[[Skip]]	Skips the current process.
DELETE	[Delete]	Deletes the selected method or step.

Symbol	Description	Meaning
COPY	[Copy]	Copies the selected method.

7.3 Other symbols on the control panel

Symbol	Description	Meaning
-	[Closed]	The assigned method is active and cannot be changed.

7.4 Menu bar

The menus are represented by symbols on the menu bar. Navigation through the menus is by the input controls.

The following menus are available:

Menu sym- bol	Meaning	Submenu/Action
	Start menu	 Process control parameters
\sum	Favourites menu	 Bookmarks for individual entry points
	Method menu	 For saving freeze-drying methods Editing and activating freeze-drying method
τ <u>ζ</u> γ	Configuration menu	 Process settings Settings End point determination Maintenance Service System information
	Messages menu	NotificationsLogbook

7.4.1 Start menu

On the [Start] menu, parameters can be set manually.

Setting parameters using the navigation control

- Select a parameter by turning the navigation control.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in green.
- ► Tap the function *[Edit]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in black.
- To increase or decrease the figure, turn the navigation control clockwise or anticlockwise.

- Press the navigation control.
 - ⇒ The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the new setting in green.

Setting parameters using the touch-screen

- Select the parameter by tapping the control panel screen.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a dialog box with a numeric input box.
 - ⇒ The control panel highlights the selected parameter in black.
- Enter the value in the numeric input box.
- ► Tap the function *[Save]* on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the new setting in green.

7.4.2 Favourites menu

The [Favourites] menu allows you to define submenus and actions as favourites.

Adding a favourite

- ▶ Navigate to a submenu or action.
- ► Tap the function [Add to favourites] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The user interface switches to the [Favourites] menu and displays the favourite created.

Removing a favourite

- On the [Favourites] menu, navigate to the favourite you wish to remove.
- ► Tap the function [*Remove from favourites*] on the function bar.

 \Rightarrow The favourite is removed.

7.4.3 Method menu

The *[Method]* menu allows freeze-drying processes with multiple phases and steps to be saved. See Chapter 7.6 "Editing a method", page 50

7.4.4 Configuration menu

On the *[Configuration]* menu, you can enter a variety of settings and retrieve information.

Process settings submenu

The submenu [Process Settings] contains actions for automatic process control.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Vacuum test after conditioning]	Off/On	Automatic vacuum test after the con- ditioning phase
[Leak test after conditioning]	Off/On	Automatic leak test after the condi- tioning phase

Settings submenu

The submenu [Settings] contains system settings for the instrument.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Mobile connection password]	View	The control panel shows a password for entry in the BUCHI Monitor app.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Mobile connection QR code]	View	The control unit shows a QR code for reading by the BUCHI Monitor app.
[Language]	Choice of display lan- guage on the control panel	The following languages are avail- able: English/German/French/Italian/ Spanish/Russian/Portuguese/Japa- nese/Chinese/Indonesian/Korean
[Temperature unit]	Choice of unit for indi- cation of temperatures	The following units are available: °C (Celsius)/°F (Fahrenheit)/K (Kelvin)
[Pressure unit]	Choice of unit for indi- cation of the vacuum	The following units are available: HPa (hectopascals), mbar (mil- libars), torr (= torr), mTorr (= milli- torr), mmHg (millimetres of mercury)
[Date]	Date input	Enter in sequence: Day, month, year. Apply the settings by pressing [Save].
[Time]	Time input	Enter in sequence: Minutes, hours. Apply the settings by pressing [Save].
[Pressure sensor]	Pressure sensor selec- tion	The following pressure sensors are available: None, Inficon PPG010, Inficon Porter CDG020D, Inficon PSG 550
[Vacuum pump oil change]	Enter value	Enter the oil change interval recom- mended by the manufacturer.
[Button tone]	Off/On	Setting for audible signal in re- sponse to input controls.
[Display brightness]	Enter setting	Display illumination level in %: 0 - 100
[Network]	Enter value	The following parameters can be edited: Device name/MAC address/DHCP/ System IP address/Subnet mask/ Gateway/DNS server/BUCHI Cloud/ Server IP address
[Delete app con- nection]	Confirmation question	Resets external connections to the instrument.

Submenu End point determination

Action	Option	Explanation
[Pressure differ-	View	 Actual and specified settings
ence test]		Result
[Temperature dif-	View	 Actual and specified settings
ference test]		Result

Submenu Maintenance

The submenu [Maintenance] contains tests for maintaining the instrument.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Vacuum test]	Perform vacuum test	See Chapter 9.2 "Performing a vac- uum test", page 79
[Leak test]	Perform leak test	See Chapter 9.3.1 "Performing a leak test with a drying chamber", page 80

Submenu Service



NOTE

While freeze-drying is in progress, no settings can be changed on the Service submenu.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Refrigerant circuit]	View	The following information on the re- frigerant circuit is available:
		Hours of duty
		Compressor
		Ice condenser inlet temperature
		Ice condenser outlet temperature
		 High-pressure safety cut-out
		 Low-pressure safety cut-out
[Vacuum system]	View	The following information on the vac- uum pump is available:
		Pump hours of duty
		 Pump oil hours of duty
		Pressure in the ice condenser
		Main valve
		Vacuum pump
		Venting valve
		 Regulating valve
[Defrosting system]	Display/entry of figures	The following information on the de- frosting system is available:
		Hours of duty
		 Drain valve open/closed
[Drying shelves]	View	Switches heating for the individual shelves on and off (where available).

Submenu System Information

The submenu [System information] contains details of the connected devices and information on network connection diagnosis.

Action	Option	Explanation
[Control panel]	View	The following information on the control panel is available:
		Serial number
		Firmware version
		Hours of duty
		 Finitiwate version Hours of duty Status PCB Temperature 24V power supply 5V power supply 5V power supply The following information on the L-200 is available: Serial number Firmware version Hours of duty
		PCB Temperature
		 24V power supply
		• 5V power supply
[L-200]	View	The following information on the L-200 is available:
		Serial number
		Firmware version
		Hours of duty
		Status
		PCB Temperature
		 48V power supply
		 24V power supply
		 5V power supply
		• 3.3V power supply
[Network diagnos- tics]	View/Enter settings	The following network diagnosis in- formation is available:
		Network interruptions
		Event list

7.4.5 Messages menu

The *[Messages]* menu shows the current instrument messages and the instrument's message history.

The following message types are possible:

- I = Information
- W = Warning
- E = Error

Submenu Notifications

The submenu [Notifications] shows a list of unacknowledged and unresolved notifications together with date and time in each case.

Submenu Logbook

The submenu [Logbook] shows the instrument's message history.

Logbook:

- List of the last 100 messages.
- Every occurrence is shown with date and time.

The following status types are possible:

Symbol	Description	Meaning
x	Acknowledged	The message has been be processed and acknowledged.
<	Sent	The message initiator is no longer present.
>	Received	The display shows a message.

7.5 Status bar

The status bar shows the status of the instrument.

The following statuses are possible:

Indication on status bar

Unload / Load	Before the freeze-drying process: Load the top-mount drying rack with a frozen sample.
	After the freeze-drying process: Remove the dried sample from the top- mount drying rack.
Aerating	The system is venting.
Shutting down	The instrument is shutting down.
	• The aeration valve and the drain valve are closed.
	 The status bar shows the remaining time.
Defrosting	The instrument is defrosting.
	• The aeration valve and the drain valve are open.
	 The status bar shows the remaining time.
	Manual defrosting with water possible.
Standby	The instrument is in energy-saving mode.
Conditioning	The instrument is starting up.
Reconditioning	The instrument is restarting after a tem- porary power failure.
Warming up pump	The vacuum pump is being brought up to operating temperature.
Vacuum Test	The instrument is performing a vacuum test.
Leak Test	The instrument is performing a leak test.
Manual Drying	The instrument is in the course of a man- ual freeze-drying process.
Recovering	The system is in the process of recover- ing from a power failure. The current parameters of the freeze- drying process are being re-established.

Hold	The instrument is in the holding phase.
Primary drying	The instrument is in the primary drying phase.
Secondary drying	The instrument is in the secondary dry- ing phase.
Tempering shelves	The instrument is modulating the heat- able shelves to the set temperature.
Stoppering	The instrument is ready for stoppering.

Symbols on the status bar

Symbol	Status
<i>₩</i> .	The instrument is defrosting.
0	The instrument is in energy-saving mode.
<u>~</u>	The instrument is in the course of a freeze-drying process using a method.
**	The instrument is starting up.
	The instrument is in the course of a manual freeze-drying process.
↓	The instrument is connected to the BUCHI Cloud.
↓ ↑	Before the freeze-drying process:
	Load the top-mount drying rack with a frozen sample.
	After the freeze-drying process:
	Remove the dried sample from the top-mount drying rack.
Т	The instrument is performing a vacuum test or a leak test.
V	The system evacuates to the set pressure.
SD	The memory card has been inserted.

7.6 Editing a method

The Pro control panel can save up to 35 methods. The methods enable the freezedrying process to be automated.

7.6.1 Creating a new method

There are two possible ways of creating a new method:

Creating a new method

Navigation path

→ Method

▶ Navigate to the *[Method]* menu via the navigation path.

- ► Tap the function *[New]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The new method is created.

Creating a new method by copying an existing method

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the name of the method that you wish to copy.
- ► Tap the function [Copy] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The new method is created.

7.6.2 Changing the name of a method

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [Information].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the action Information.
- ► Tap the setting [Name].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a blank box with an alphanumeric input box.
- Enter a name for the method.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The new name is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.

7.6.3 Setting the sample collapse temperature

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [General].
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the action [General].
- ► Tap the setting [Sample collapse temperature].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a dialog box with a numeric input box.
- Enter the value in the numeric input box.

- ► Tap the function *[Save]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.

7.6.4 Setting the gas type

Navigation path

→ Method

- Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [General].
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the action [General].
- ► Tap the setting [Gas type].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a dialog box with an alphanumeric input box.
- ▶ Enter the gas type.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.

7.6.5 Setting the shelf loading temperature

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [General].
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the action [General].
- ► Tap the action [Shelf load temp.]
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a dialog box with a numeric input box.
- Enter the value in the numeric input box.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.

7.6.6 Setting the steps of a method

The Pro control panel can save up to 30 steps for each method.

NOTE

The maximum heating rate is 3 °C/min.



NOTE

The settings for the action Steps affect a single step in each case.

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - ⇒ The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [Steps].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the action Steps.

The following settings are available for each step:

Setting	Option	Meaning
[Step phase]	Primary drying/Sec- ondary drying	Sets the type of step phase.
[Term]	Enter value	Sets the duration of the step in minutes.
[Shelf temperature]	Enter value	Set the temperature of the heat- able shelves in one step.
[Pressure zone]	Regulated/Minimum	Regulated: the settings for pres- sure and pressure limits are ap- plied.
		Minimum: The maximum vac- uum is applied to reach the low- est possible pressure.
[Pressure]	Enter value	Sets a target value for the regu- lated pressure.
[Pressure limit]	Enter value	Absolute value for divergence from the set pressure before the sample protection function is ac- tivated.
[Pressure duration]	Enter value	Sets the period of time that the pressure is allowed to exceed the pressure limit before the sample protection function is ac- tivated.

Editing a step

- Use the function [Right] or [Left] on the function bar to navigate to the step that you wish to edit.
- ▶ Using the navigation control, navigate to the setting that you wish to change.
- ► Tap the function [Edit] on the function bar.
- Edit the setting as required.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.

 \Rightarrow The setting is changed.

Add step

- ▶ Use the function [*Right*] or [*Left*] on the function bar to navigate to the position at which you wish to add a step.
- ► Tap the function *[New]* on the function bar.

 \Rightarrow The new step is created.

Delete step

- ► Use the function [*Right*] or [*Left*] on the function bar to navigate to the step that you wish to delete.
- ► Tap the function [Delete] on the function bar.

- ► When asked to confirm, press [OK].
 - \Rightarrow The step is deleted.

7.6.7 Setting the phases of a method



NOTE

The settings in the Phase view affect all steps of a phase.

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the action [Phase].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the Phase view.

The following phases of a method are available:

Phase	Setting	Option	Meaning
[Primary drying]	[Pressure ac- tion]	None/Sample protection/ Message	None: no action is carried out.
			Sample protection: if the pressure is too high, heating of the shelves is paused.
			Message: if the pressure is too high, the control panel displays a mes- sage.
	[Temp. action]	None/Sample protection/ Message	None: no action is carried out.
			Sample protection: if the tempera- ture is too high, heating of the shelves is paused.
			Message: if the temperature is too high, the control panel displays a message.
	[Safety temper- ature]	Enter value	Maximum divergence from the set collapse temperature before the sample protection function is activated.
	[Safety temp. Time]	Enter value	Time as of which sample protection is inactive. The value relates to the time before completion of primary drying.
	[End point defi- nition]	More settings	See Chapter 7.8 "Setting end point definitions", page 56

Phase	Setting	Option	Meaning
[Sec- ondary drying]	[Pressure ac-	None/Sample protection/ Message	None: no action is carried out.
	tion]		Sample protection: if the pressure is too high, heating of the shelves is paused.
			Message: if the pressure is too high, the control panel displays a mes- sage.
	[Temp. action]	None/Sample protection/ Message	None: no action is carried out.
			Sample protection: if the tempera- ture is too high, heating of the shelves is paused.
			Message: if the temperature is too high, the control panel displays a message.
	[Safety temper- ature]	Enter value	Maximum divergence from the set shelf temperature before the sample protection function is activated.
	[End point defi- nition]	More settings	See Chapter 7.8 "Setting end point definitions", page 56
[Stopper- ing]	[Pressure zone]	Regulated/Min- imum	Regulated: the settings for pressure and pressure limits are applied.
			Minimum: The maximum vacuum is applied to reach the lowest possible pressure.
	[Pressure]	Enter value	Sets a target value for the regulated pressure.
	[&Mode]	None/Manual	None: no action is carried out.
			Manual: sealing is performed manu- ally.
[hold]	[Pressure zone]	Regulated/Min- imum	Regulated: the settings for pressure are applied.
			Minimum: The maximum vacuum is applied to reach the lowest possible pressure.
	[Pressure]	Enter value	Sets a target value for the regulated pressure.
	[Shelf tempera- ture]	Enter value	Specifies a temperature for the shelves.

Editing the settings for a phase

- ► Tap the phase that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected phase in green.
- ► Tap the setting that you wish to edit.
- ► Edit the setting as required.

- Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The setting is changed.

7.7 Deleting a method

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ► Tap the function [Delete] on the function bar.
- Select [Confirm] to confirm the action in response to the confirmation question.
 - \Rightarrow The method is deleted.

7.8 Setting end point definitions

The end of a phase can be automatically set for each preparation by defining an end point.

The end point can be defined by means of the temperature difference test or the pressure difference test.

7.8.1 Connect the sensors for pressure difference test (optional feature)

- Fit the pressure sensor, seal to the connection and fix with the clamp.
- Plug the pressure sensor electrical connector into the socket marked Internal Vacuum Sensor.



- Fit the pressure sensor, seal to the connection and fix with the clamp.
- Plug the pressure sensor electrical connector into the socket marked External Vacuum Sensor.
- On the control panel, select the sensor Inficon Porter CDG020 D on the [Settings] submenu.



7.8.2

Pressure difference test (optional feature)

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NOTE

The pressure difference test can only be carried out with a pressure difference test kit. See Chapter 12.1.1 "Accessories", page 87

The pressure difference test establishes the difference between the readings from two pressure sensors in the drying chamber. If the difference between the two sensor readings is below a threshold, the freeze-drying phase can be ended.

Navigation path

→ Method

Precondition:

- ☑ A vacuum test has been carried out with a pressure equal to the pressure during the subsequent freeze-drying process. See Chapter 9.2 "Performing a vacuum test", page 79
- ☑ The sensors for the pressure difference test have been fitted. See Chapter 7.8.1 "Connect the sensors for pressure difference test (optional feature)", page 56
- ☑ The offset value has been determined. See Chapter 7.8.4 "Determining offset value", page 59
- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ▶ Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - ⇒ The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ▶ Tap the action [Phase].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the action Phase.
- ► Tap the setting [End point definition].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the setting End point definition.
- ► Tap [Pressure difference test].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the pressure difference test.

The following settings are available:

Setting	Option	Explanation
[Pressure dif- ference test]	Yes/No	Switches the pressure differ- ence test on or off.
[Start time]	Enter value	Sets the time from which the pressure difference test is to be performed. The value relates to the time before completion of the primary drying phase.
[Pressure dif- ference limit]	Enter value	Specifies the difference between the two sensor readings below which the end point is reached.
		The threshold must be greater than the offset value from the vacuum test. See Chapter 7.8.4 "Determining offset value", page 59
[Term]	Enter value	Specifies the length of time for which the pressure difference test is to be carried out.
[Continue]	Yes/No	Yes : the method switches to the next phase.
		No: the phase is ended when the set levels are reached.

Setting	Option	Explanation
[Message]	Yes/No	The control panel shows or does not show a message as soon as the pressure difference test is passed.

7.8.3 Temperature difference test



NOTE

The temperature test is successfully completed if all drying shelves are below the threshold.

The samples on a drying shelf have different drying times. Take account of the different drying times in the *[Duration]* setting.

The temperature difference test establishes the difference between the readings from the temperature sensor for the heatable shelf and the temperature sensor in the sample. If the difference between the two sensor readings is below a threshold, the freeze-drying phase can be ended.

Navigation path

→ Method

Precondition:

- ☑ The heatable shelves are fitted in the rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65
- ☑ The optional temperature sensor has been installed. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65
- ▶ Place the optional temperature sensor in the sample.
- ▶ Navigate to the *[Method]* menu via the navigation path.
- Tap the name of the method that you wish to edit.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected method in green.
- ▶ Tap the action [Phase].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the action Phase.
- ► Tap the setting [End point definition].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the setting End point definition.
- ► Tap [Temperature difference test].
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows the temperature difference test.

The following settings are available:

Setting	Option	Explanation
[Temperature difference test]	Yes/No	Switches the temperature differ- ence test on or off.
[Start time]	Enter value	Sets the time from which the temperature difference test is to be performed. The value relates to the time before completion of the primary drying phase.
[Temperature difference limit]	Enter value	Specifies the difference between the two sensor readings below which the end point is reached.

Setting	Option	Explanation
[Term]	Enter value	The period of time during which the difference is not to be ex- ceeded. If the threshold is not exceeded for the full period of time, the temperature difference test is passed.
[Continue]	Yes/No	Yes : the method switches to the next phase.
		No: the phase is ended when the set levels are reached.
[Message]	Yes/No	The control panel shows or does not show a message as soon as the temperature difference test is passed.

7.8.4 Determining offset value

Navigation path

- \rightarrow Configuration \rightarrow End point determination \rightarrow Pressure difference test
- ► Navigate to the Pressure Difference Test view via the navigation path.
 - \Rightarrow The control unit shows the offset figure.

7.9 Performing freeze-drying using a method [Pro control panel]

7.9.1 **Preparing the instrument**

Time	approx.
re-	30min
quired:	

NOTE

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To minimize the condensation of moisture from the air in the condenser, place a drying rack.

Navigation path

→ Start

- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Start conditioning] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The temperature in the ice condenser decreases to operating temperature.
 - \Rightarrow The vacuum pump is brought up to operating temperature.
 - ⇒ After completion of the conditioning phase, the status bar shows the status Unload / Load.

7.9.2 Selecting a method

Navigation path

→ Method

- ▶ Navigate to the [Method] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Method] on the function bar.

- ► Tap the method that you wish to use.
- ► Tap the function *[Activate]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the method activated.

7.9.3 Starting freeze-drying



Risk of skin burns from touching parts of the ice condenser after completion of conditioning.

Wear protective gloves when working on the instrument after the conditioning phase.



NOTE

The freeze-drying process can be cancelled by tapping the functions [Manual] and [Aerate] on the [Start] menu.

Navigation path

→ Start

If a gas is being used

Precondition:

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ The instrument has been prepared.

- \square A method is selected.
- Fit a top-mount drying rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65.
- ► Load the top-mount drying rack with frozen samples.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
- Make sure that the specified gas is being used.
- Answer **YES** to the confirmation question.
 - \Rightarrow The freeze-drying process starts.
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the *Start* menu with a black background.
 - \Rightarrow The system carries out the selected method.

If a gas is not being used

Precondition:

 $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ The instrument has been prepared.

- \boxdot A method is selected.
- ► Fit a top-mount drying rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65.
- Load the top-mount drying rack with frozen samples.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.

- ► Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The freeze-drying process starts.
 - ⇒ The control panel shows the *Start* menu with a black background.
 - \Rightarrow The system carries out the selected method.

7.9.4 Ending freeze-drying

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- \square The status bar is showing the status **Hold**.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Aerate] on the function bar.
- Answer **YES** to the confirmation question.
 - \Rightarrow The system is vented.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the status **Aerating**.
- ▶ Wait until the status bar shows the status Unload / Load.
- ► Remove the dried preparation from the top-mount drying rack.

7.9.5 Shutting down the instrument

Time	40min
re-	
auired:	

NOTICE

Do not use force to remove the ice from the ice condenser.

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- \square The freeze-drying process has ended.
- Position the condensate drain hose so that the condensate can be drained off. See Chapter 5.3.9 "Preparing the condensate drain hose", page 27
- Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ▶ Tap the function [Shut down] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The instrument is shutting down.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Defrosting**.
 - ⇒ After the instrument has shut down, the status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Shutting down**.

7.9.6 Switching off the instrument

Precondition:

- ☑ The instrument has been shut down. See Chapter 7.9.5 "Shutting down the instrument", page 61
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.

7.10 Performing freeze-drying manually [Pro control panel]

7.10.1 Preparing the instrument

Time approx. re- 30min quired:



NOTE

To minimize the condensation of moisture from the air in the condenser, place a drying rack.

Navigation path

→ Start

- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ▶ Tap the function [Start conditioning] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The temperature in the ice condenser decreases to operating temperature.
 - \Rightarrow The vacuum pump is brought up to operating temperature.
 - After completion of the conditioning phase, the status bar shows the status Unload / Load.

7.10.2 Starting freeze-drying



Risk of skin burns from touching parts of the ice condenser after completion of conditioning.

Wear protective gloves when working on the instrument after the conditioning phase.

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ The instrument has been prepared.
- Fit a top-mount drying rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65.
- ► Load the top-mount drying rack with frozen samples.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Manual] on the function bar.
- Enter the required settings for the process parameters.

- ► Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The freeze-drying process starts.
 - ⇒ The background color of the *Start* menu changes from white to black.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows a clock counting up and the status **Manual Drying**.
 - \Rightarrow The system evacuates to the set pressure.

7.10.3 Editing parameters while the process is running

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The process has been started.

- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ▶ Using the navigation control, navigate to the parameter that you wish to change.
- ► Tap the function [Edit] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel shows a dialog box with a numeric input box.
 - \Rightarrow The control panel highlights the selected parameter in white.
- Enter the value in the numeric input box.
- ► Tap the function [Save] on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The setting is saved.
 - \Rightarrow The dialog box closes.

7.10.4 Ending freeze-drying

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

- \boxdot The sample is dry.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Aerate] on the function bar.
- Answer **YES** to the confirmation question.
 - \Rightarrow The system is vented.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the status **Aerating**.
- As soon as the status bar shows the status Unload / Load, remove the dried sample from the drying rack.

7.10.5 Shutting down the instrument

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Time 40min
re-
quired:
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NOTICE

Do not use force to remove the ice from the ice condenser.

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The freeze-drying process has ended.

- Position the condensate drain hose so that the condensate can be drained off. See Chapter 5.3.9 "Preparing the condensate drain hose", page 27
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Shut down] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The instrument is shutting down.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Defrosting**.
 - ⇒ After the instrument has shut down, the status bar shows the remaining time and the status **Shutting down**.

7.10.6 Switching off the instrument

Precondition:

- ☑ The instrument has been shut down. See Chapter 7.10.5 "Shutting down the instrument", page 63
- Switch the On/Off master switch to Off.

8 Operating top-mount drying racks

8.1 Operating stoppering acrylic drying chamber

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.



 Locate the springs in the holes on the ice condenser.



 Place the intermediate plate on the ice condenser.

Loosen all fixing screws.







 \square The status bar shows the status **Stoppering**.

- Turn the hand wheel, until all samples are sealed.
- Confirm the verification question on the control panel.



8.2 Operating manifold acrylic drying chamber (heatable shelves)

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.
- Place the intermediate plate on the ice condenser.



► Loosen all fixing screws.



► Align the slots for the shelves.

► Tighten the fixing screws.







► Carry out freeze-drying.

8.3 Operating manifold acrylic drying chamber (non-heatable shelf)

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.



 Place the intermediate plate on the ice condenser.



▶ Place the rack on the intermediate plate.

 Locate the cylinder in the groove above the main plate.

 Fit manifold valve onto the connection on the top-mount drying rack.





- Check the O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the O-ring into the groove of the cover.
- Place the manifold cover on the cylinder.





► Carry out freeze-drying.

8.4 Operating acrylic drying chamber (heatable shelf)

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.



 Place the intermediate plate on the ice condenser.




Press the plug onto the shelf connection and turn the ring counterclockwise at the same time.



(option)

- Turn the temperature sensor electrical connector so that the marks on the connector and the heatable shelf are parallel
- Press the temperature sensor electrical connector onto the connection.
- Locate the cylinder in the groove above the main plate.



- Check the O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- ▶ Place the O-ring into the groove of the cover.
- ▶ Place the cover on the cylinder.



► Carry out freeze-drying.

8.5 Operating acrylic drying chamber (on-heatable shelf)

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.
- Place the intermediate plate on the ice condenser.

▶ Place the rack on the intermediate plate.

 Locate the cylinder in the groove above the main plate.







- Check the O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- ▶ Place the O-ring into the groove of the cover.
- ▶ Place the cover on the cylinder.



► Carry out freeze-drying.

8.6 Operating manifold drying rack

- Make sure that the groove above the ice condenser is clean, free of dust and not scratched.
- Check the 300 mm dia. O-ring for damage and grease it with vacuum grease.
- Place the 300 mm dia. O-ring in the groove above the ice condenser.



Fit manifold valve onto the connection on the top-mount drying rack.









► Carry out freeze-drying.

8.7 Operating manifold valves

The lever on a manifold valve can be set to the following positions:



Position	Function
A: Lever pointing up	The connected vessel is evacuated.
B: Lever pointing down	The connected vessel is vented.

Cleaning and servicing 9

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Users may only carry out the servicing and cleaning operations described in this section.

Any servicing and repair work which involves opening up the casing may only be carried out by BUCHI service technicians.

9.1 **Regular maintenance work**

Component	Action	Interval
Vacuum Pump	 Carry out maintenance according to the manufacturer's instructions. See relevant documentation. 	See manufacturer's instructions
Top-mount drying racks	 Wipe down the top-mount drying racks with a damp cloth. If heavily soiled, use a mild detergent. 	Daily
O-ring, dia. 300 mm	 Wipe down the 300 mm O-rings with a damp cloth. Check for scratches and other damage. Replace the 300 mm O-ring if it is damaged. Grease with vacuum grease if necessary. 	Daily
	 Replace the 300 mm O-ring. 	Annually
Seals, ISO-KF 16	 Wipe down the seals with a damp 	Annually
Seals, ISO-KF 25	 cloth. Check for scratches and other damage. Replace seals if they are damaged. 	
Vacuum tubing	 Wipe down the vacuum tube with a damp cloth. Check for scratches and other damage. Replace the vacuum tube if it is damaged. 	Annually
Ice condenser	 Rinse out with water. If heavily soiled, use ethanol or a mild detergent. 	Daily
Drain valve strainer	 Clean the strainer. 	Daily
Casing	 Wipe down the casing with a damp cloth. If heavily soiled, use ethanol or a mild detergent. 	Weekly
Warning symbols	 Check that the warning symbols on the instrument are legible. If they are dirty, clean them. 	Weekly

Component	Action	Interval
Draining valve	 Remove the strainer. Fill ice condenser with water. Open the drain valve manually. Loosen deposits from drain valve using compressed air. 	Weekly
Heat exchanger	Remove dust and foreign objects from the ventilation slots using com- pressed air or a vacuum cleaner.	Monthly
View	Wipe down the display with a damp cloth.	Monthly

9.2 Performing a vacuum test

The vacuum test checks the performance capacity of the vacuum system.

Time max. 10 min

re-

quired:

Navigation path

→ Configuration → Servicing → Vacuum test

Precondition:

 $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Conditioning of the instrument has been completed.

☑ A top-mount drying rack is fitted.

- \boxdot The top-mount drying rack does not contain sample.
- ▶ Navigate to the action [Vacuum Test] via the navigation path.
- Specify a required setting for the vacuum to be achieved.
- ▶ Specify a required time within which the vacuum is to be reached.
- Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The vacuum test starts.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the status **Vacuum Test**.
 - ⇒ If the vacuum pressure is not below 500 mbar after 30 s, the vacuum test automatically aborts.
- ⇒ After completion of the vacuum test, the [Vacuum test] line shows whether the vacuum test has been passed or not.

Troubleshooting after failed vacuum test

Possible cause	Action
Top-mount drying rack not correctly fitted	Fit the top-mount drying rack correctly.
Top-mount drying rack is damaged	Check function of PMMA parts, replace manifold valves, clean drain valve.
O-rings dirty	Wipe down the O-rings with a damp cloth.
O-rings damaged	Check O-rings and replace if necessary.
Groove of O-rings dirty	Wipe groove of O-rings with a damp cloth.
KF clamps not closed	Close the KF clamps.

Possible cause	Action
KF seals dirty	Wipe down the KF seals with a damp cloth.
KF seals damaged	Inspect KF seals and replace as neces- sary.
The pump connected is not delivering sufficient performance	Carry out vacuum test with a different vacuum pump.

9.3 Performing a leak test

9.3.1 Performing a leak test with a drying chamber

The leak test checks the vacuum system for possible leaks.

Time 45 min required:



NOTE

The leak test can be aborted by tapping [Stop] on the function bar.

Precondition:

☑ Conditioning of the instrument has been completed.

- \square A top-mount drying rack is fitted.
- ☑ The top-mount drying rack does not contain sample.
- ▶ Navigate to the action *[Leak test]* via the navigation path.
- ▶ On the *[Ice Condenser]* line, enter a required setting for the vacuum.
- ▶ On the [Shelf temperature] line enter the required shelf temperature.
- On the [Test scope] line select the component to be tested.
- On the [Drying shelf heating] line switch the drying shelf heating on or off.
- ▶ On the [Volume] line enter the actual volume of the components to be tested.

The volume of the system is calculated from the volume of the ice condenser and the top-mount drying rack.



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Acrylic drying chamber (with 4 drying shelves)

Acrylic drying chamber (with 6 drying shelves)

- ▶ Tap the function [Start] on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The leak test starts.
 - ⇒ The status bar shows the status **Leak Test**.
- ⇒ After completion of the leak test, the [Leak test] line shows whether the leak test has been passed or not.

⇒ The leak test is passed if the measured leakage rate is less than the pre-set rate of 10.10 mbar*L/h.

Troubleshooting after failed leak test

Possible cause	Action
Top-mount drying rack not correctly fitted	Fit the top-mount drying rack correctly.
O-rings dirty	Wipe down the O-ring with a damp cloth.
O-rings damaged	Check O-rings and replace if necessary.
Groove of O-rings dirty	Wipe groove of O-rings with a damp cloth.
KF clamps not closed	Close the KF clamps.
KF seals dirty	Wipe down the KF seals with a damp cloth.
KF seals damaged	Inspect KF seals and replace as neces- sary.
Pump oil dirty	Service according to manufacturer's in- structions.
Leaking manifold valves	Replace leaking manifold valve.
(manifold acrylic drying chamber only)	Locate leaking manifold valve. See Chapter 10.3 "Locating leaking manifold valve", page 84

9.3.2 Performing leak test with a manifold drying rack

The leak test checks the vacuum system for possible leaks.

Time	45 min
re-	
quired:	



NOTE

The leak test can be aborted by tapping [Stop] on the function bar.

Precondition:

- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Conditioning of the instrument has been completed.
- Fit the base plate with a KF 40 blind flange, an ISO-KF 40 seal and an ISO-KF 40 clamp.
- ▶ Navigate to the action [Leak test] via the navigation path.
- ▶ On the *[Ice Condenser]* line, enter a required setting for the vacuum.
- ▶ On the [Shelf temperature] line enter the required shelf temperature.
- ▶ On the [Test scope] line select the component to be tested.
- On the [Drying shelf heating] line switch the drying shelf heating on or off.
- ▶ On the [Volume] line enter the actual volume of the components to be tested.

The volume of the system is calculated from the volume of the ice condenser and the top-mount drying rack.



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- ► Tap the function *[Start]* on the function bar.
 - ⇒ The leak test starts.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows the status **Leak Test**.
- ⇒ When the leak test is completed, the [Leak test] tab indicates whether the leak test was successful.
- ⇒ The leak test is passed if the measured leakage rate is less than the pre-set rate of 10.10 mbar*L/h.

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NOTE

To test the leak-tightness of the manifold drying rack, carry out another leak test with the manifold drying rack installed.

Possible cause	Action
Top-mount drying rack not correctly fitted	Fit the top-mount drying rack correctly.
O-rings dirty	Wipe down the O-ring with a damp cloth.
O-rings damaged	Check O-rings and replace if necessary.
Groove of O-rings dirty	Wipe groove of O-rings with a damp cloth.
KF clamps not closed	Close the KF clamps.
KF seals dirty	Wipe down the KF seals with a damp cloth.
KF seals damaged	Inspect KF seals and replace as neces- sary.
Pump oil dirty	Service according to manufacturer's in- structions.
Leaking manifold valves	Replace leaking manifold valve.
(only if manifold drying rack installed)	Locate leaking manifold valve. See Chapter 10.3 "Locating leaking manifold valve", page 84

10 Help with faults

10.1 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause	Action
Compressor fails to start or switches off	No power supply to compres- sor	 Check the power supply and switch on the device.
	Compressor overheated	 Allow the compressor to cool down. Check ambient conditions.
	Circuit-breaker has tripped	Reset circuit of L-200.
Cooling tempera- ture is not achieved	Wrong ambient conditions	Adjust ambient conditions. See Chapter 5.1 "Installation site", page 21
	Too much ice in the ice con- denser	Defrost the ice condenser.

10.2 Faults, possible causes and remedies

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
Instrument does not work	Instrument is not connected to the power supply.	Make sure that the power supply is connected and switched on.
Main valve or vac- uum pump switches over fre- quently	Vacuum system is leaking.	If necessary, replace tub- ing and/or seals.
Main valve does not switch over	Main valve fitted wrong way round.	 Fit main valve correct way round (arrow pointing to- wards vacuum pump).
	Main valve lead not plugged in.	Make sure that the electri- cal lead of the main valve is plugged into the correct socket on the rear of the instrument.

Malfunction	Possible cause	Remedy
Vacuum is not achieved	Vacuum system is leaking.	 Clean the drain valve. Check manifold valve. See Chapter 10.3 "Locating leaking manifold valve", page 84 Check regulating valve and aeration valve. See Chap- ter 10.4 "Finding a leaking regulating valve or aeration valve", page 84 If necessary, replace tub- ing and/or seals.
	Vacuum pump is too weak.	 Use a vacuum pump with a capacity of at least 5m³/h. Carry out maintenance work according to the vacuum pump manufacturer's documentation.
Instrument is not vented	Main valve is incorrectly con- nected.	Connect the main valve properly (see Chap- ter 5.3.3 "Fitting the ad- vanced vacuum control unit", page 23).

10.3 Locating leaking manifold valve

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The system does not evacuate to less than 0.1 mbar.

- ▶ Navigate to the *Start* view via the navigation path.
- ▶ Set the vacuum to 0.5 mbar.
- ► Tap the function *[Start]* on the function bar.
- Turn each manifold valve individually while checking the display to see if the actual pressure changes.
- If the vacuum decreases in the case of one of the manifold valves, then that valve is the one that is leaking.
- ► Tap the function [Aerate] on the function bar.
- ▶ Replace the manifold valve concerned.

10.4 Finding a leaking regulating valve or aeration valve

Navigation path

→ Start

Precondition:

 \boxdot The instrument has been prepared.

- ► Remove regulating or aeration valve.
- ► Seal the opening with KF16 cover.

- ► Fit a top-mount drying rack. See Chapter 8 "Operating top-mount drying racks", page 65.
- ▶ Navigate to the [Start] menu via the navigation path.
- ► Tap the function [Manual] on the function bar.
- Enter the specified settings for the vacuum.
- ► Tap the function *[Start]* on the function bar.
 - \Rightarrow The background color of the *Start* menu changes from white to black.
 - \Rightarrow The status bar shows a clock counting up and the status **Manual Drying**.
 - \Rightarrow The system evacuates to the set pressure.
 - \Rightarrow If the specified setting is not reached, the value is leaking.
- Carry out the instructions for action on the other valve.

11 Taking out of service and disposal

11.1 Disposal

The operator is responsible for proper disposal of the Lyovapor™.

Potential environmental hazard

The device uses refrigerant R507. This refrigerant is toxic and must not be allowed to enter the soil or groundwater.

- Dispose of the appliance properly, if necessary using a professional disposal service.
- When disposing of equipment observe the local regulations and statutory requirements regarding waste disposal.

11.2 Returning the instrument

Before returning the instrument, contact the BÜCHI Labortechnik AG Service Department.

https://www.buchi.com/contact

12 Appendix

12.1 Spare parts and accessories

Use only genuine BUCHI consumables and spare parts in order to ensure correct, safe and reliable operation of the system.



NOTE

Any modifications of spare parts or assemblies are only allowed with the prior written permission of BUCHI.

12.1.1 Accessories

Description	Order no.	Image
Main valve	11062223	
Pressure regulation valve	11064725	
Aeration valve	11064724	
Pirani / Piezo pressure sensor PPG010	11062228	
Capacitive pressure sensor Inficon CDG 020 D	11066564	
PT1000 sample temperature sensor	11064031	

	Description	Order no.	Image
	Set for pressure difference test at L-200 incl. PPG010 and CDG 020D sensors, PMMA top cover, seals and clamps	11067590	
12.1.2	Further accessories		
	Description	Order no.	Image
	Trolley L-200, stainless steel coated	11063692	
	SD-Card 1 GB	11064730	
	Connection cable, for vacuum pump	11064934	
12.1.3	Spare parts		
	Description	Order no.	Image
	User interface	11063580	
	User interface Pro	11063581	
	O-Ring Ø 300 mm	11065367	

Description	Order no.	Image
Vacuum hose, KF 25, L 1000 mm	11066031	
Vacuum clamp KF 16	11064939	
Vacuum clamp KF 25	11063662	
Vacuum clamp, KF 40	11063663	
Vacuum seal KF 16	11063455	Ø
Vacuum seal KF 25	11063457	Ø
Vacuum seal KF 40	11063659	Ø
Vacuum flange adapter, stainless steel, KF 16 to KF 25	11064870	
Blind flange KF 16	11064902	

Description	Order no.	Image
Blind flange KF 25	11063660	
Blind flange KF 40	11063661	

Description	Order no.	Image
Drying chamber tube, PMMA, for 4 shelves	11063278	\bigcirc
L 368 mm, Ø 300 mm		
Drying chamber tube, PMMA, for 6 shelves	11065093	\bigcirc
L 480 mm, Ø 300 mm		\bigcirc
Top cover, PMMA, without sealing	11062912	
Ø 300 mm, H 50 mm		
Top cover manifold, PMMA, with 12 valves, without sealing	11065595	
Ø 300 mm, W 546 mm, H 127 mm		
Top cover stoppering, without sealing	11064314	
only for rack for 4 heatable shelves		
Ø 300 mm, H 330 mm, W 320 mm		
Rack for 4 heatable shelves	11065102	
H 356 mm, Ø 265 mm , shelf distance 30-75 mm		

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Description	Order no.	Image
Rack for 6 heatable shelves H 468 mm, Ø 265 mm, shelf distance 30-75 mm	11065103	
Heatable shelf, aluminum coated, with connection cable Ø 219.5 mm, surface area 376 cm ²	11064095	
Sample tray, stainless steel Ø 220 mm, H 18.5 mm	11061439	
Ferrule, Ø 218 mm, H 40 mm	11065816	
Drying rack manifold, stainless steel, with 12 valves H 340 mm, W 777 mm	11063664	
Drip pan, for manifold	11066358	
Support for rack, stainless steel H 4 mm	11063789	
Baseplate, stainless steel, for manifold rack	11064953	
Baseplate, PMMA, for manifold rack	11065733	

Description	Order no.	Image
Suction nipple	11065819	\sim
For manifold application to create vacuum in sample flasks		
Ampoule adapter for manifold	11065725	
with 19 ampoule connections and cap adapter		
Manifold valve, natural ruber, with SJ 29/32	11062300	
Flask beaker for manifold 100 mL with cap adapter and integrated filter	11066140	
Flask beaker for manifold 200 mL with cap adapter and integrated filter	11066141	
Flask beaker for manifold 600 mL with cap adapter and integrated filter	11066142	
Flask beaker for manifold 800 mL with cap adapter and integrated filter	11069474	
Flask beaker for manifold 1200 mL with cap adapter and integrated filter	11066143	
Manifold flask adapter set with 12 adapters, incl. filter paper	11066144	

Description	Order no.	Image
Manifold flask adapter set with 6 adapters, incl. filter paper	11067334	
Manifold flask adapter set, US joint size with 12 adapters, incl. filter paper	11066171	
Manifold flask adapter set, US joint size with 6 adapters, incl. filter paper	11067333	

12.1.5 Software

	Order no.
Lyovapor™ software licence	11065668
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