

INSTRUCTIONS



VACUUM ASPIRATOR COLLECTION SYSTEM

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The Scienceware® Vacuum Aspirator Collector and Pump are ideal for easy and continuous vacuum aspiration of a variety of liquids, including tissue culture media, supernatants, and cell washing solutions, from Petri dishes, microtiter plates, flasks, centrifuge tubes, and more.

The 3.8L (1.0 gallon) collection bottle is made of heavy-wall polypropylene and is chemical and corrosion resistant, while the replaceable hydrophobic filter (included) protects the vacuum pump from fluids. The collection bottle rests in the stand above the vacuum pump housing resulting in a neatly organized and compact design that won't crowd the workspace. The lid on the collection bottle contains a safety release vent that prevents vacuum implosion.

Please review these instructions for Assembly and Operation before using this product. **WARNING: When using this product under vacuum, always use standard laboratory precautions.**

ASSEMBLY:

1. Identify the blue screw cap lid for the collection bottle.
2. Working on the underside of the lid, unscrew one of the two large compression nut fittings and insert forefinger into the threaded end of the nut to hold the compression fitting in place.
3. Identify the 3" length of tubing (i.e. the shortest tubing) amongst the enclosed tubing.
4. Insert the flat end of the tubing through the top hole in the nut. Feed the tubing through so that approximately 0.5" of tubing extends beyond the nut. Push compression fitting back into place if needed.
5. Screw the compression nut (with the now attached tubing) back in place on the underside of the lid. Hand tightening is sufficient; however, pliers or a wrench may be used. Do not over tighten.
6. Working on the topside of the lid, unscrew the compression nut fitting for the same port that you just installed the 3" tubing. Insert forefinger into the threaded end of the nut to hold the compression fitting in place.
7. Identify the 39" length of tubing (i.e. the longest tubing).
8. Insert an end of the tubing through the top hole in the nut. Feed the tubing through so that approximately 0.5" of tubing extends beyond the nut. Push compression fitting back into place if needed.
9. Screw the compression nut (with the now attached tubing) back in place on the topside of the lid. Hand tightening is sufficient; however, pliers or a wrench may be used. Do not over tighten.
10. On the topside of the lid, unscrew the other large compression nut fitting. Insert forefinger into the threaded end of the nut to hold the compression fitting in place. **NOTE:** Do not unscrew the shortest fitting as this contains the vacuum release safety valve.
11. Identify the 18" length of tubing (This tube length has a pre-installed luer-lock at one end).
12. Insert the free end of this tubing through the top hole in the nut. Feed the tubing through so that approximately 0.5" of tubing extends beyond the nut. Push compression fitting back into place if needed.
13. Screw the compression nut (with the now attached tubing) back in place on the topside of the lid. Hand tightening is sufficient; however, pliers or a wrench may be used. Do not over tighten.
14. Screw the lid onto the collection bottle and place bottle atop the vacuum pump housing.
15. Identify the hydrophobic filter and attach to the luer-lock by screwing the locking tabs on the filter into the luer-lock.
16. Press the other end of the hydrophobic filter into place in the small hole located on the vacuum pump housing above the On/Off switch.
17. Identify the transformer and power cables. Insert the round jack into the power connection on the rear of the vacuum pump housing.
18. Connect the other cable to the transformer.
19. Plug the unit into a 120V, grounded outlet.

OPERATION:

20. Insert a Pasteur pipette, regular pipette or a pipettor tip of appropriate diameter into the free end of the aspirator tubing.
21. Flip the On/Off switch to the On position (red light will illuminate) and begin your aspiration process.
22. When the collection bottle is approximately 2/3 full, flip the On/Off switch to Off position.
23. Disconnect the hydrophobic filter from the vacuum pump housing.
24. Remove the collection bottle from the vacuum pump housing.
25. Unscrew the lid, treat, and dispose of the contents in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations.

CAUTION:

The hydrophobic filter protects the vacuum source from fluid contamination. Do not operate the pump without a hydrophobic filter in place as there will be no protection against fluids flowing into the vacuum pump and damaging the pump. Such damage is not covered by the warranty.

Do not allow the collection bottle to overflow as this will cause fluids to flow into the vacuum trap. If fluids overflow the collection bottle and wet the filter it will seal itself and prevent air or liquids from passing through to the pump motor. The pump will continue to run, but suction at the aspirator tip will cease. Should this happen, it is important that you flip the On/Off switch to Off position to avoid burning out the pump motor. A bag of 12 replacement hydrophobic filters are available under part number F19917-0155.

CLEANING:

The vacuum pump housing is made from durable, chemical-resistant polypropylene. It can be wiped with bleach solution or other laboratory disinfectants as needed. All of the supplied tubing is PVC Tubing with a 1/4" I.D. and 3/8" O.D. It can be flushed with bleach solution or other laboratory disinfectants as needed. Autoclaving will turn the clear PVC opaque and may weaken the tubing. The 1.0 gallon collection bottle and compression fittings are made from durable, chemical-resistant polypropylene. They can be wiped with bleach solution or other laboratory disinfectants as needed. Bottle (empty only) and cap may be autoclaved on an as needed basis.



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