

CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrators

and Cold Traps







Overview

- What is a Concentrator?
 - Evaporator that uses centrifuge motion, vacuum and optional heat to concentrate a liquid sample to dryness or a wet pellet.
- Applications that relate to current events
 - Paternity testing Anna Nicole Smith trial
 - Drugs of abuse testing Steroid use in athletes
 - Drug development New drug discovery, diabetes, cancer, etc.





Definition: Centrifugal Concentrator

A device that uses centrifugal force and vacuum (and optionally heat), to concentrate a selected solute from solution. Also called a vacuum concentrator.











Definition: Centrifugal Force

 The component of apparent force on a body in curvilinear motion, as observed from that body, that is directed away from the center of curvature or axis of rotation.







Definition: Low Vacuum Pressures

Low vacuum pressures help vaporize solvents. The rate of evaporation of the solvent increases because there is a decrease in vapor pressure, which encourages the solvent molecules to pass from the liquid phase to the gaseous phase.







Evaporation and Sublimation



- Evaporation occurs when a liquid transforms into a vapor
- Occasionally, at low pressure and temperature, a sample will freeze and undergo sublimation
- Sublimation occurs when a solid transforms directly to a vapor without going through the liquid phase





Evaporation

- The rate of evaporation can be increased by reducing the system pressure and by heating the solvent.
- Low system pressure decreases the vapor pressure, and that encourages the solvent to go from liquid to gaseous phase.
- Increasing the temperature will increase the movement of the molecules, which also encourages the solvent molecules to enter the gaseous phase.
- By increasing the surface area, the rate of evaporation increases.







As the rotor turns, centrifugal force moves the solvent and solute to the bottom of the tube. This prevents foaming and/or bumping during the concentration process







- By connecting a vacuum pump to the centrifugation chamber, the vapor pressure is reduced, increasing the speed of concentration.
- If the solvent is liquid, then it evaporates; if it is solid, sublimation occurs.







Placing a cold trap in the vacuum line allows the user to collect the solvent.





A secondary chemical trap placed after the cold trap, physically traps acids, moisture, radioisotopes, or solvents to protect the vacuum pump.





Solute Recovery

The solvent is removed from the solute by evaporation and/or sublimation. Solvent recovery is 99%. The remaining sample pellet is nearly pure solute.







History

- First manufactured in 1991
- Most recent redesign 2005
- New Products Refrigerated CentriVap and Acid Resistant CentriVap introduced 2006





Overview of Products

Features Common to All Concentrators





CentriVap[®] Control Panel





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator

Control Panel





- Heat and run times are each set
 separately from 1 to 999 minutes so
 heat can be programmed to shut
 down, protecting samples from
 excessive heat exposure as they dry
- LCD display prompts user to set program parameters and displays current program





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator

Control Panel



- → Quick-StartTM One Button Start Up activates the rotor, heater, timers and vacuum pump with one button*
- Preheat button activates the heater to begin elevating to set point temp
- Memory stores 9 user-set programs*
- Audible alarm signals completion of set point run time





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator Common Features

- Lid latch with safety sensor
- Built-in vacuum delay prevents bumping
- Variety of rotors available
- Automatic vacuum release valve
- Epoxy-coated aluminum chamber, Teflon coated as an option







CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator Common Features

- Heat BoostTM for extra heat controllable in 1° C increments through sidewalls of chamber*
- Larger chamber
- Quick-Stop System
- Rear vacuum port





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator





Lightbulb feature! **CentriZap**TM

- Optional accessory allows viewing samples while rotor is turning.
 Samples appear to be standing still
- Plugs into outlet on back of CentriVap and holster attaches with two fasteners to side of cabinet

*Exclusive feature





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator



Accessories

- Glass lid provides additional protection from solvents and corrosives that attack acrylic
- Secondary Chemical Traps remove vapors and liquid that may be exhausted from the vacuum pump and into the laboratory
- Digital Electronic Vacuum Gauge



CentriVap[®] DNA Centrifugal Concentrator



Incorporates a built-in diaphragm vacuum pump

- →DNA rotor included for 0.5 2ml tubes
- Two 177 ml glass traps protect vacuum pump and environment*
- ✤ Rotor accommodates up to 60 each 1.5 ml and 72 each 0.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes
- Accessory Microtiter Plate Rotor holds four standard 96-well plates or two deep well plates
 Lightbulb feature!





CentriVap® DNA Centrifugal Concentrator





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentration Systems

Designed to rapidly concentrate multiple biological samples











CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrators





CentriVap[®] Required Accessories (not included)



Cold Trap

Vacuum Pump





Rotor





CentriVap[®] Mobile Systems



CentriVap Mobile Console

- Only true mobile system available
- Accessory vacuum pump fits inside cabinet
- Accommodates a variety of rotors



*Exclusive feature



CentriVap[®] Mobile Systems



CentriVap Mobile Console includes:

- Concentrator
- -55° C Cold Trap
- ✤ 12 13 mm Rotor
- Clear Canister with Solvent Insert
- New Vacuum Port
- Glass lid





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator Systems

Complete CentriVap Concentrator Systems are available for the following applications:





*All components necessary to begin operation are included except for the vacuum pump, which is sold separately.





Gel Dryer Systems



CentriVap Gel Dryer Systems include the CentriVap Benchtop Concentrator, Cold Trap, Gel Dryer and connecting tubing.

The diaphragm pump shown above is sold separately.





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator Systems



CentriVap Benchtop System includes:

→ -55° Cold Trap

- - Clear Canister

 Chemical Insert*—Moisture, Solvent or Acid

* With Acid System, a glass insert will be included to protect Cold Trap





CentriVap[®] Centrifugal Concentrator Systems

Ultra-Low Cold Trap



Options & Accessories

- Ultra-Low Cold Trap (-85°C)
- Three-Way Valve allows
 connection of other laboratory
 equipment to CentriVap System
- Gel Dryer





CentriVap[®] Cold Traps



Cold Trap

- Epoxy-coated steel housing
- CFC-free refrigeration system with 1/4 hp compressor lowers cold trap to -55° C in less than 15 minutes
- Stainless steel collector
- Ready indicator illuminates when collector coil reaches operating temperature of -40° C
 Lightbulb feature!





CentriVap[®] Cold Traps

Ultra-Low Cold Trap

Specs are same as the -50° Cold Trap with following exceptions:

- Epoxy-coated steel housing and control panel
 - ✤ CFC-free refrigeration system with one 1/4 hp and one 1/3 hp compressor lowers cold trap to -85° C in less than 30 minutes







Acid Resistant CentriVap®



- Uses robust component materials to create corrosion resistant concentrator
- Resists exposure to TFA, HCl, Acetic Acids
- Includes Teflon-coated chamber, and selection of rotors, Hastelloy shaft, ceramic ball bearings and glass lid





Refrigerated CentriVap® Centrifugal Concentrator

- For molecular biology applications with DNA, RNA and proteins
- Only concentrator of its kind!
- Heats to 100°C, cools to –4°C for heat sensitive samples
- Two-step time and temperature programming
- Pre-cooling option





CentriVap[®] Rotors

Anodized aluminum rotors hold tubes at an angle to maximize surface area. Custom rotors can be ordered.

Acid resistant rotors available



Hexagonal Rotor



DNA Rotor





CentriVap[®] Rotors

Rotors are interchangeable. The 12-13 mm Rotor is included with each CentriVap Aqueous, Acid, Solvent, Mobile and Gel Dryer System.







28 mm Rotor

12-17 mm Rotor

12-13 mm Rotor



CentriVap[®] Rotors



Microtiter Plate Rotor hold four standard 96-well plates or two deep well plates







CentriVap[®] Accessories



2-Port Manifold allows freeze

drying of small volume samples in freeze dry glassware Clear Polypropylene Canister holds chemical traps to provide additional protection to the vacuum pump





Glass Trap Protects Cold Trap reservoir and lid from corrosives

Vacuum Controller

provides manual control and monitoring of vacuum levels







Vacuum Pumps





Diaphragm Vacuum Pumps are Teflon-coated for corrosion resistance. Select pump with explosion-proof motor if using flammable solvents.



Rotary Vane Direct Drive Vacuum Pumps are two-stage, oil sealed and sliding-vane. A one liter bottle of pump oil and two inlet adapters are provided.





Applications

Type of Account	Possible Application	Chemicals Used
Molecular Biology	Purification of Oligonucleotides	Ammonium hydroxide Aqueous
Genetics	Purification and concentrator of DNA and RNA	Methanol Ethanol Aqueous
Pharmaceutical	Drug discovery High throughput screening	TFA DMSO DMF



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