

INTEGRA



VACUSAFE

Operating instructions



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Description	Models
VACUSAFE	158300, 158310, 158320

comply with:

EU Directives (DoW: Date of Withdrawal)	Before DoW	DoW	After DoW
Low Voltage Equipment	2006/95/EC	20.04.2016	2014/30/EU
Electromagnetic Compatibility	2004/108/EC	20.04.2016	2014/35/EU
Restriction of Hazardous Substances	2011/65/EU		
Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment	2012/19/EU		

EU Regulations

Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)	1907/2006
Ecodesign - Power supplies	278/2009

Standards for EU

Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - General requirements.	EN 61010-1: 2010
Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements.	EN 61326-1: 2006

Standards for Canada and USA

Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - General requirements.	CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1
Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - General requirements.	UL 61010-1

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.	Part 15 of the FCC Rules
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1 Introduction

1.1 Intended use

VACUSAFE is a vacuum-based system for aspiration of non explosive aqueous solutions, such as biological buffers and media. It is intended for laboratory use, not for medical use.

1.2 Safety notes



WARNING

Read these operating instructions carefully before use and pay particular attention to sections containing this symbol.

- 1) Do not carry out any conversions and alterations on the device.
- 2) Defective parts may only be replaced with original INTEGRA Biosciences spare parts according to the INTEGRA Biosciences operating or service instructions.
- 3) Do not use VACUSAFE in an atmosphere with danger of explosion. Also, do not aspirate highly flammable liquids such as acetone or ether.
- 4) When handling dangerous substances, comply with the material safety data sheet (MSDS) and with all safety guidelines such as the use of protective clothing and safety goggles.
- 5) Prolonged exposure of VACUSAFE to UV-light can cause discoloration and/or yellowing of the plastic housing. However, this will not affect the performance of the device in any way.

Regardless of the listed safety notes, additionally applicable regulations and guidelines of trade associations, health authorities, trade supervisory offices, etc. must be observed. Please visit our website www.integra-biosciences.com on a regular basis for up to date information regarding REACH classified chemicals contained in our products.

2 Description of the device

Please determine which VACUSAFE model you have purchased as it will simplify the reading of these operating instructions. Find the part number of your model on the main packaging label and note it here: 158____.

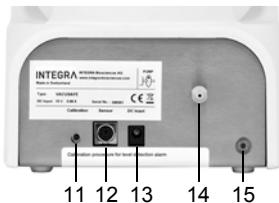
2.1 Scope of delivery

- Base (housing with integrated bottle stand)
- Bottle
- Lid with openings for tubing
- Tubing and filter
- Cable for level sensor (models 158300, 158310)
- Mains adapter
- VACUBOY hand operator

2.2 Overview of the VACUSAFE



- 1 Housing
- 2 Bottle for liquid collection
- 3 Lid with openings for tubing
- 4 Bottle handle (except model 158300)
- 5 VACUBOY hand operator
- 6 Tubing for connection of hand operator to bottle
- 7 Tubing for connection of base to bottle
- 8 On/off switch with indicator lamp
- 9 Knob for vacuum regulation
- 10 Level sensor



Rear view

- 11 Button for calibration of level sensor
- 12 Socket for level sensor cable
- 13 Mains connection socket
- 14 Filter port (air inlet)
- 15 Air outlet with screwed air outlet connector

3 Installation

3.1 Operating environment

The VACUSAFE has been designed for use in a laboratory. It shall be installed in a level, dry and dust-free location with a temperature of 5–40°C and a maximal (non-condensing) relative humidity of 80%.

3.2 Power supply

Insert the mains adapter cable into the VACUSAFE mains connection socket (13) and plug it into the power source.

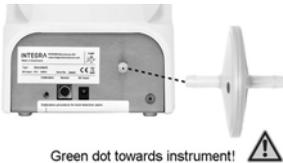


WARNING

Use an original INTEGRA Biosciences mains adapter only (see “6.1 Specifications” on page 12 for voltage requirements)

3.3 Set-up

3.3.1 Connecting the filter



Insert the hydrophobic filter into the filter port with the green dot facing the instrument (see “Rear view” on page 5) in order to guarantee that the hydrophobic side of the filter is facing the liquid collection bottle



WARNING

The VACUSAFE should never be used without a filter.

3.3.2 Connecting the tubing for the air outlet

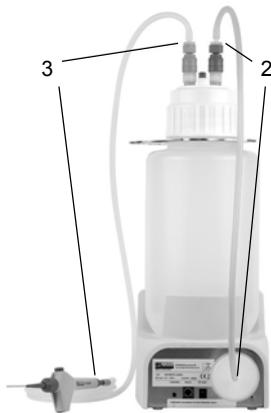


- 1) If not installed, screw the air outlet connector (#158 427) on the air outlet of the pump (15).
- 2) Fix the silicon tubing, ID 4 mm (e.g. #158332), on the screwed air outlet connector.

3.3.3 Connection of the bottle and hand operator



- 1) Place the bottle without lid in the base of the instrument. Insert the bottle handle into the neck of the bottle by screwing it in place. Close the bottle with the lid fitted with tubing openings and make sure that the lid is screwed on tightly.



- 2) Connect one end of the blue tubing to the filter and the other end either to the fitting on the lid marked "PUMP" (model 158 320) or to the blue tubing coupling (models 158300, 158 310).
- 3) Connect the long transparent tubing to the fitting on the lid marked "HAND" (model 158320) or to the red tubing coupling (models 158300, 158 310). Insert the VACUBOY hand operator into the other end of the long tubing.

3.3.4 Connection and calibration of the level sensor



- 1) Plug the level sensor cable into its socket at the back of the instrument and connect it to the bottle lid (models 158300, 158310). Make sure that the sensor pins inside the lid are dry and unsoiled.
- 2) Switch on the VACUSAFE. A double beep confirms correct connection of the level sensor.
- 3) Press the “CALIBRATION” button on the back of the VACUSAFE base until a short beep is emitted.

In case of failed calibration (indicated by continuous beeping and blinking of the switch indicator lamp), repeat the calibration after cleaning the sensor pins inside the lid and checking that the level sensor cable is fully inserted in the lid and base.

4 Operation

4.1 Vacuum activation and notes on use

Switch on the VACUSAFE to start the vacuum pump (the switch indicator lamp lights). Wait a few seconds until the air from the collection bottle is evacuated. To increase or decrease aspiration speed, turn the knob for vacuum regulation to the right or left, respectively (see [“2.2 Overview of the VACUSAFE”](#) on page 5).

Aspirate liquid by pressing the green button of the VACUBOY hand operator fitted with a suitable tip. Check the level of liquid in the bottle frequently, especially when working without level sensor, and make sure that there is enough space left for the liquid that needs to be aspirated.

To open the bottle, first release the vacuum by opening the venting port on the lid (open the sealing screw or remove the sealing cap). Alternatively you can aspirate air with the VACUBOY. When closing the bottle for use, screw the lid on tightly. The seal in the lid needs to be adequately compressed in order to function. Also make sure the venting port is closed.

Prevent liquid or foam overflow from the collection bottle into the filter. In case the filter gets accidentally wetted or soiled, exchange it immediately or otherwise the retention of further liquid cannot be guaranteed. Note that the hydrophobic filter holds back aqueous solutions, whereas retention of apolar liquids is limited. To prevent the build-up of foam, we recommend the use of an anti-foaming agent (e.g. Antifoam A from Sigma).

**WARNING**

When working with dangerous substances, you must comply with the material safety data sheet (MSDS) and the additionally applicable regulations of trade associations, health authorities, supervisory offices, etc. In addition, when working with hazardous volatile substances or biohazardous agents, either place the VACUSAFE inside a biosafety cabinet or connect the instrument's air outlet (15) to a safety ventilation by means of a tube and of a connector (Part No. 158427).

4.2 Use of the level sensor

When the VACUSAFE bottle is full, the level sensor prevents foam or liquid from overflowing and accidentally soaking filter and instrument. As soon as foam or liquid is detected, the pump switches off (models 158300, 158310) to avoid overfilling of the bottle. Additionally, an audible alarm is activated and the switch indicator lamp starts blinking.

It is possible to deactivate the level sensor by simply disconnecting the sensor cable (confirmed by a double beep).

Instrument, sensor cable and bottle lid constitute an assembly and they must be calibrated to match one another (see [“3.3.4 Connection and calibration of the level sensor” on page 8](#)). If you have several lids, sensor cables and instruments and swap them, you have to recalibrate the newly formed assemblies. Depending on the degree of soiling of the sensor pins inside the lid, it may be necessary to clean them and to calibrate the level sensor periodically.

4.3 Troubleshooting

Problem	Probable cause	Remedy
Device not running.	Level sensor has been activated.	Empty the bottle.
	No electrical power.	Plug the mains adapter in the power source and in the device.
	Device is switched off.	Switch on the device (switch indicator lamp must light).
Aspiration is very low and/or pump never stops running.	Aspiration speed is set to minimum.	Turn the knob for vacuum control clockwise to increase speed.
	External vacuum source is too weak.	Increase strength of your external vacuum source.
	Leak in the vacuum system.	Close the venting port by closing the sealing screw or sealing cap. Close the bottle lid tightly. Check tubing and filter for leaks. Reduce the residual flow of the VACUBOY hand operator by closing the screw opposite the operator button (see the VACUBOY operating instructions).
	Liquid overflowed thereby blocking filter.	Empty the bottle and exchange the filter
	Tubing is blocked.	Clean or exchange the tubing.
Level sensor activated erroneously (bottle is not full).	Sensor cable is connected incorrectly.	Fully insert the sensor cable with the correct orientation in the lid and base sockets.
	Foam activates the level sensor.	Use an anti-foaming agent (e.g. Antifoam A from Sigma)
	No or incorrect calibration.	Calibrate following the instructions (see “ 3.3.4 Connection and calibration of the level sensor ” on page 8).
	Soiled sensor pins.	Clean pins inside the lid and recalibrate.
	Electromagnetic interferences disturb level sensor.	Eliminate or inactivate the source of electromagnetic interference.

5 Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning

**WARNING**

Always switch off the VACUSAFE and disconnect it from the mains when carrying out maintenance work.

To clean the VACUSAFE housing use a cloth moistened with soapy water or a 70% ethanol solution.

It is recommended to change the hydrophobic filter regularly, at least once a year. Exchange the filter immediately if liquid has entered.

When working with solvents and other hazardous materials always rinse the hand operator and tubing with water followed by 70% Ethanol.

5.2 Autoclaving and chemical sterilization

5.2.1 Autoclaving

All parts contacting the liquid can be autoclaved: waste collection bottle, lid with tube fittings, silicone tubing. Recommendation regarding autoclaving: polypropylene bottle for at least 60 min, glass bottle for at least 20 min at 121 °C.

The bottle lid has to be always unscrewed and kept loosely on the bottle during autoclaving. The tubing couplings made of PVDF have to be always disconnected during autoclaving.

Silicone may become brittle after extensive autoclaving. Replace the tubings if they are damaged.

**WARNING**

The VACUBOY can be autoclaved sporadically for decontamination, however it is not recommended to autoclave it regularly. The filter and the instrument itself cannot be autoclaved.

5.2.2 Chemical sterilization

Two methods for chemical inactivation of biohazardous agents are commonly used:

- A suitable disinfectant is added to the full collection bottle and left to react for the recommended time. Any disinfectant can be used, provided that it is compatible with the bottle material (glass or polypropylene).
- The disinfectant is added to the empty bottle so that the aspirated liquid gets sterilized as it accumulates in the bottle. Use disinfectants that are free of chlorine or other corrosive agents, especially when corrosive vapors are generated and aspirated.

5.3 Equipment disposal



The VACUSAFE device must not be disposed of with unsorted municipal waste.

Dispose the VACUSAFE device in accordance with the laws and regulations in your area governing disposal of devices.

6 Technical data

6.1 Specifications

Vacuum range	-300 to -600 mbar, continuously adjustable
Flow rate	Pump: 8 L/min (air); Aspiration: 17 ml/s (liquid, aspiration pipette)
Dimensions (H x W x D)	530 x 180 x 320 mm
Weight	3.4 kg
Electrical data	Mains adapter input: 100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz Mains adapter output: 18 VDC, min. 0.84 A Device: 18 VDC, 0.66 A
Degree of protection	IP21
Ambient conditions	Operation: 5 to 40 °C, max. 80% RH (non-condensing) Storage: -10 to 40 °C, max. 95% RH (non-condensing)

6.2 Chemical compatibility

The table below lists VACUSAFE parts that come into contact with the aspirated liquid or its aerosols and vapors, and rates the compatibility of these parts to a few of the chemicals commonly used in laboratories. To determine the compatibility of a component to a chemical not listed in the table, please consult one of the several tables available on the internet.

Note that the rating refers to soaking in the concentrated chemical; however, more relevant here is the attenuated effect resulting from indirect contact with the diluted chemical. It is recommended to test the compatibility of relevant components to a specific chemical prior to extensive use.

INTEGRA Biosciences AG does not warrant that the information in the table is accurate or complete and that any material is suitable for any purpose.

Chemical compatibility chart

Parts	Materials	Bleach (e.g. NaClO)	Ethanol	Hydrochloric acid	Sodium hydroxide	Acetone	DMSO	Trichlorethylene	Chloroform	Phenol
VACUBOY	Plastic parts	POM	P	G	F	G	G	P	F	F
	O-rings	FPM (Viton)	G	G	G	P	F	G	G	G
	Valve spring	Stainless steel	F	G	P	F	G	G	G	G
Tubing		Silicone	G	G	P	P	G	F	P	P
Bottle + Lid	Bottle/Lid	Polypropylene	G	G	G	G	G	F	F	G
	Tubing couplings	PVDF	G	G	G	P	P	G	G	G
Filter	Membrane	PTFE	G	G	G	G	G	F	F	G
	Housing	Polypropylene	G	G	G	G	G	F	F	G
VACUSAFE base	Pump housing	PPS	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	G
	Pump membrane	FPM (Viton)	G	G	G	P	F	G	G	G
	Valve housing	PPS	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	G
	Valve membrane	PTFE	G	G	G	G	G	F	F	G

Compatibility ratings:

G = Good: no or minor effects (discoloration or slight corrosion).

F = Fair: moderate effects (softening, swelling and loss of strength), not recommended for continuous use.

P = Poor: not recommended.

7 Accessories and consumables

Accessories		Part No.
Bottle	4 liters, polypropylene	158370
	3 liters, safety coated glass	158420
Lid for 4L bottle	with quick couplings (PVDF) + level detection	158401
	with tubing fittings	158372
Lid for 3L bottle	with quick couplings (PVDF) + level detection	158418
4L bottle and lid	comprises part no. 158370 and 158401	158431
	comprises part no. 158370 and 158372	158432
3L bottle and lid	comprises part no. 158420 and 158418	158430
Level sensor cable		158403
Bottle handle	for carrying polypropylene bottle (see “2.2 Overview of the VACUSAFE” on page 5)	158625
Bottle stand	for 4L polypropylene bottle	158630
		
Stand	for PIPETBOY and VACUBOY	155065
		
Mains adapter	100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz	158395
Y-connector	for connection of second VACUBOY hand operator	158354
Air outlet connector	for connection of tubing to the air outlet of the pump	158427
		
VACUBOY	hand operator	155510
VACUBOY set	(see VACUBOY operating instructions)	155500

Consumables		Part No.
Tubing	for connection of hand operator to bottle, 1.8 m, silicone	158332
	for connection of base to bottle, 0.7 m, silicone, blue	158331
Filter	for protection of vacuum source, 0.45 µm, hydrophobic	158015
Tubing set + filter	comprises part no. 158 331, 158 332, 158 015	158342

Quick tubing couplings		Material	Part No.
Coupling plug (linked to tubing)	self-closing, with barbed fitting, white/blue	PVDF	158416
	self-closing, with barbed fitting, white/red	PVDF	158417



Coupling socket (mounted on lid)	self-closing, with O-ring, white/blue	PVDF	158423
	self-closing, with O-ring, white/red	PVDF	158424

