

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Mini-Fast Sub

cat. # MGU-303

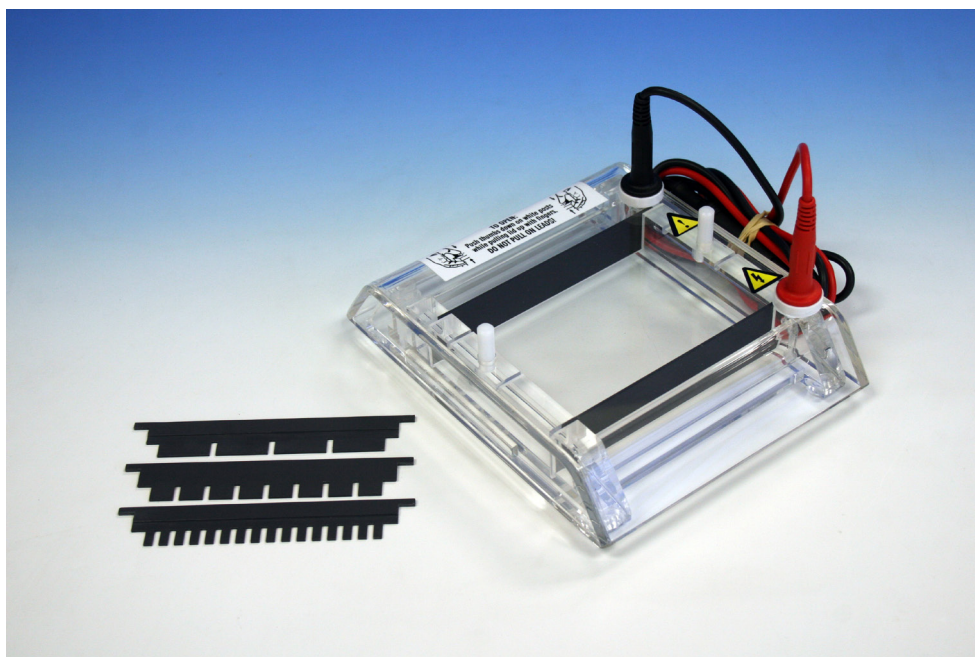


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This Instruction Manual will explain how to use this product safely and effectively. Please read and carefully follow the instruction manual in its entirety.



The triangle/exclamation mark symbol alerts the user of the product to important operational, maintenance, and/or warranty requirements.



The triangle/lighting bolt symbol alerts the user of the product to potentially hazardous electrical exposure.



Failure to adhere to the instructions could result in personal and/or laboratory hazards, as well as invalidate any warranty. Always turn off the DC power source prior to disconnecting power cords from the product. Disconnect power cords from the power source first, and then from the product. For maximum safety, always operate this system in an isolated, low traffic area, not accessible to unauthorized personnel. Never operate damaged or leaking equipment.

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Si preghi di leggere e seguire con cautela le istruzioni di ogni parte di questo manuale.</p> <p> Il triangolo contenete il simbolo di un punto esclamativo avverte l'utente di importanti requisiti relativi al funzionamento, manutenzione e/o garanzia del prodotto.</p> <p> Il triangolo contenete il simbolo di un lampo avverte l'utente del prodotto della possibilità di pericoli dovuti a corrente elettrica.</p> <p> La mancata osservanza delle istruzioni può essere causa di pericolo alla propria persona ed al laboratorio, oltre a poter annullare la garanzia. Prima di distaccare il cordone d'alimentazione dal prodotto, spegnere sempre la sorgente di corrente continua. Distaccare i cordoni d'alimentazione prima dal lato della sorgente di tensione e poi dal lato del prodotto. Per maggior sicurezza, mettere sempre in funzione il prodotto in un'area isolata con poco traffico che non sia accessibile al personale non autorizzato. 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SECTION 1 General Information

1.1 Introduction

The Mini-Fast Sub, cat. #MGU-303, features a simple and safe design. Gel casting is easily accomplished by inserting the precision fit dams and comb into the grooves provided in the body of the unit. The gel bed dimensions are 8cm (l) x 10cm (w). This uniplanar design has a buffer chamber only slightly longer than the gel itself, minimizing the amount of buffer required.

1.2 Specifications

Constructions

Buffer chamber, lid	Acrylic, UVT
Electrodes	Platinum wire .012" diameter
Power cords	FR Urethane, rated 7500V, 200mA, 65° C
Casting dams	PVC
Combs	PVC
Safety Certification	EN61010-1-1993 (IEC1010-1)

	MGU-303
Shipping weight	3lbs
Overall Size (l)x(w)x(h)	17cm x 14cm x 8cm
Gel Size	7.5cm x 10cm
Recommended buffer volume mls	50ml
Distance between electrodes	9.5cm
Voltage limit	100VDC

1.2 Safety



Power to the MGU-303 unit is to be supplied by an external DC voltage power supply that must be ground isolated so that the DC voltage output floats with respect to ground. For any power supply used, the maximum specified operating parameters for the units are:

Maximum Limits

100VDC voltage
50 watts power
50 mA current
55°C ambient temperature



Current to the unit, provided from the external power supply, must enter the unit through the lid assembly, providing a safety interlock to the user. Current to the unit is broken when the lid is removed. **Do not attempt to use the unit without the safety lid. Always turn the power supply off before removing the lid, or when working with the unit in any way. Follow safety precautions specified by the power supply manufacturer.**

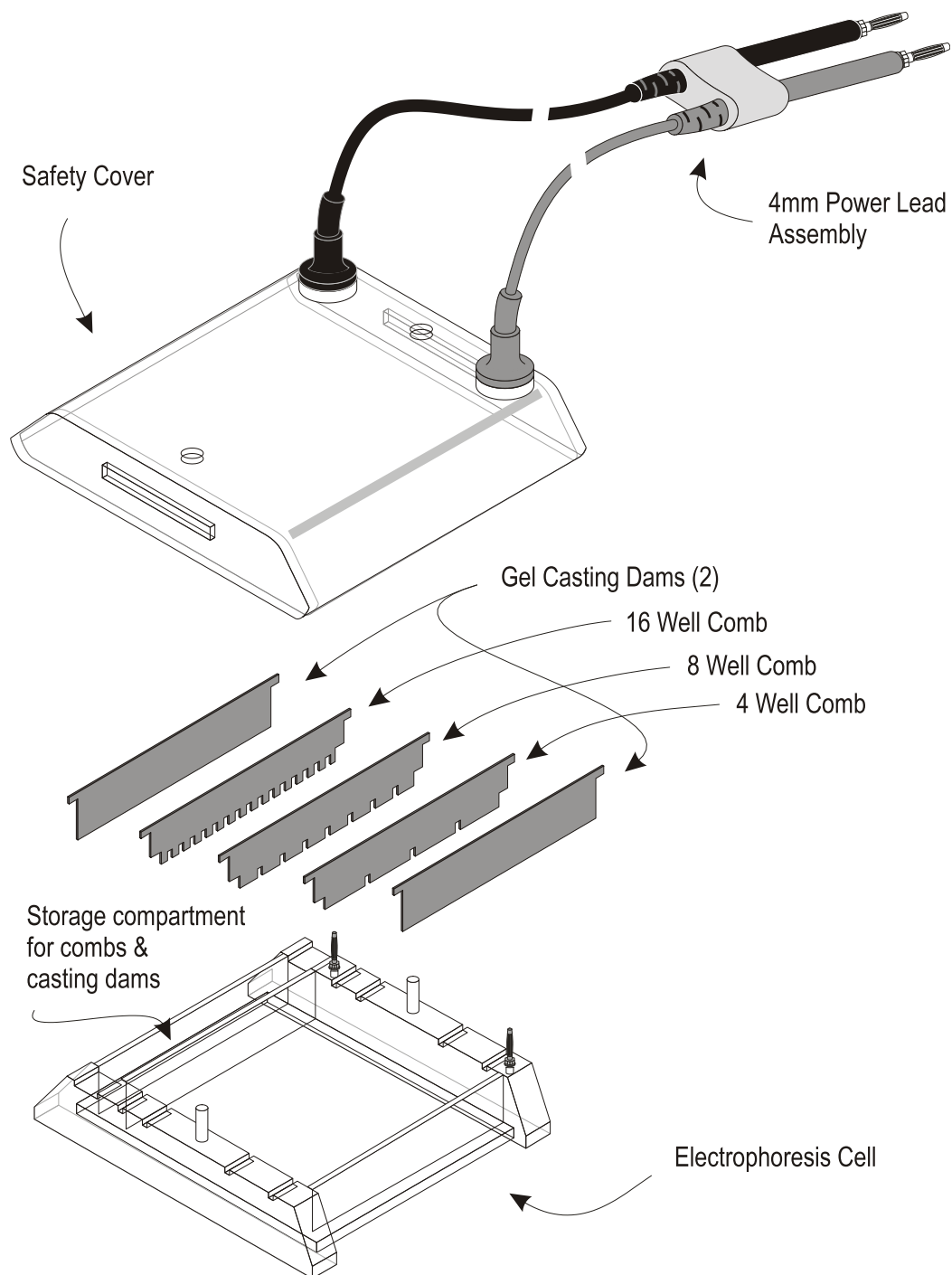
SECTION 2 Description of Parts

2.1 Unpacking

Please verify that your MGU-303 unit comes complete with the following components:

- Mini-Horizontal electrophoresis unit
- Gel Casting dams (2)
- Safety cover with attached DC power cords
- Combs, 1 of each 4 well, 8 well, and 16 well in 1mm or 2mm thickness

2.2 Components/Assembly



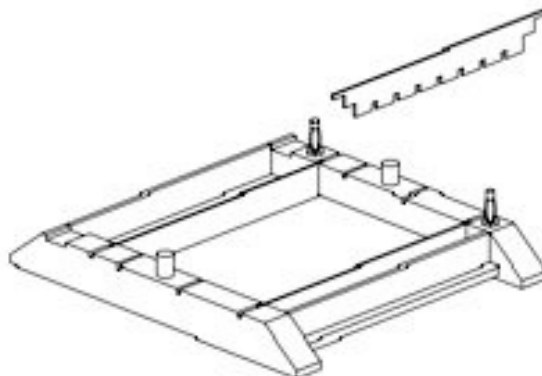
SECTION 3

Instructions for Use



3.1 Mini-Gel Unit Preparation and Gel Casting

Place Mini-Gel unit on a level work surface in an authorized work area. Insert the gray dams directly into the pre-machined slots located at each end of the unit within the electrophoresis chamber. Ensure the fit for each dam is snug. The addition of agarose plugs or any other sealing method is not required; the precision fit dams will ensure a leak-free agarose gel cast. Insert the comb of choice.



Add exactly 40mls of molten agarose directly into the chamber. Allow the gel to cool, uncovered; slab will become opaque when properly set. Gently pull out the gray dams used to form the sides of the agarose gel slab.

3.2 Running the Gel

1. Add buffer: minimum volume is 40mls; maximum volume is 60mls. Add enough buffer to fill both reservoirs and overflow the surface of the gel to a depth of 2-3mm. Gently, remove gel comb; flush out any bubbles in wells with a pipette. Flush out any air bubbles in the wells. Load the samples into sample wells. Place the safety cover on the unit. **NOTE: DO NOT FORGET TO LOAD DNA SIZE STANDARD.**



2. Connect the leads to the power supply, matching the color-coded red to red and black to black. **See Section 4.1 for recommended power conditions.**

3. Begin separation by electrophoresis.



3.3 Removing the gel

Turn the power supply off and disconnect the leads from the power supply. Remove the safety cover from the Mini-Gel unit by placing thumbs on white posts next to red & black connectors, then pushing down while pulling up with fingers under lid. **DO NOT pull on power cords.**

Gently lift the gel from the unit. **Always wear gloves, eye protection and protective clothing** if buffer and/or gel contain Ethidium Bromide. Ethidium Bromide is a powerful mutagen, gloves, eye protection and protective clothing should always be worn when handling the gel or buffer solutions. See Material Data Safety Sheets.

View separated fragments under UV light, using proper protection for eyes and skin (see manufacturer's instructions).

3.4 Maximum Well/Comb Volumes

NOTE: To calculate sample well volume expressed in millimeters (mm) of height, divide maximum volume by tooth depth.

# of wells	Tooth width (mm)	Spacing Between teeth (mm)	Overall length (mm)	Tooth depth (mm)	1.0mm thickness volume per tooth microliters (ul)	2.0mm thickness volume per tooth microliters (ul)
4	20.2	2.35	88.26	5.37	108.47	216.94
8	8.88	2.28	88.26	5.37	47.69	95.38
16	3.27	2.16	88.26	5.37	17.56	35.12

SECTION 4

Running Conditions

4.1 Recommended Power



The recommended power conditions for optimal resolution are 50VDC / 25mA ≤ 60 minutes. Constant power is not a necessity, but it produces uniform heat throughout the run. Be sure the polarity is correct i.e. that the DNA is loaded near the cathode (black electrode) to run toward the anode (red terminal).

Agarose gels may be stored for several days at 4°C wrapped in plastic wrap. Seakem Agarose (FMC) is used (normally) for preparative and analytical gels. Other types of agarose can be used for special purposes.

4.2 Recommended Buffers

TBE	5X - 54 gm Tris base	0.5X - 0.045M Tris-borate
(Tris-borate)	27.5 gm boric acid	0.001M EDTA
	20 ml 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0)	

10X - Loading Buffer (DNA)*

0.25% Bromophenol blue

0.25% Xylene cyanol

20 % Ficoll Type 400

0.1M EDTA, pH 8.0



Ethidium Bromide Staining

One can add to the buffer only, the agarose gel solution only (after the solution has been made molten and the temperature has dropped to 55°C), or can be added after the electrophoresis run and the gel stained separately. Use at a final concentration of 0.1µg/ml from a 1mg/ml stock solution. Ethidium bromide is a Mutagen. ALWAYS wear gloves. Dispose of solutions in accordance with the safety regulations of your institution.

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SECTION 5

Maintenance of Equipment

5.1 Care and Handling



The plastic components of the Mini-Horizontal units are fabricated from acrylic and polycarbonate. Electrodes and connectors are made from pure platinum, stainless steel, and chrome plated brass. As with any laboratory instrument, adequate care ensures consistent and reliable performance.

After each use, rinse buffer chamber, gel tray and combs with de-ionized water. Wipe dry with a soft cloth or paper towel, or allow to air dry. Whenever necessary, all components may be washed gently with water and a non-abrasive detergent, and rinsed and dried as above. *Never* use abrasive cleaners, glass cleaning sprays or scouring pads to clean the components, as these will damage the unit and components.

Additional precautions:

- Do not autoclave or dry-heat sterilize the apparatus or components.
- Do not expose the apparatus or components to phenol, acetone, benzene, halogenated hydrocarbon solvents or undiluted alcohol's.
- Avoid prolonged exposure of the apparatus or components to UV light.
- Do NOT treat with diethylpyrocarbonate (DEPC)-treated water for extended periods at 37°C. A brief rinse with DEPC-water is sufficient after a thorough wash.

5.2 Maintenance



The following inspection and maintenance procedures will help maintain the safety and reliable performance of the Mini-Horizontal systems. Replacement parts can be ordered by calling 1 858-755-4959 or by contacting your local distributor.

- Banana plugs and power cords should be inspected regularly. If the banana plugs become loose or do not feel friction tight replace the plugs or power cords.
- Should power cord assemblies (connectors, wire or shrouds) show any signs of wear or damage (e.g. cracks, nicks, abrasions, or melted insulation), replace them immediately.
- The platinum wire is secured to the banana jack by compression between a stainless washer and the jack nut. The nut/washer interface should be tight and free of corrosion.

SECTION 6 Ordering Information

Cat. #	Item
MGU-303	Mini-Fast Sub - CE , Includes interlocking safety cover, 2 gel casting dams and choice of 2 combs
MGU-COMB1	Comb , 1.0mm x 4 wells
MGU-COMB2	Comb , 1.0mm x 8 wells
MGU-COMB3	Comb , 1.0mm x 16 wells
MGU-COMB4	Comb , 2.0mm x 4 wells
MGU-COMB5	Comb , 2.0mm x 8 wells
MGU-COMB6	Comb , 2.0mm x 16 wells
MCD-300	Additional Gel Casting Dams (set of 2)
EPS-300-II	Mini Power Supply , with timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 110V/60Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90 watts
EPS-300-IIV	Mini Power Supply , with timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 220V/50Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90 watts