

**USER MANUAL** 

# Bead Ruptor™ 96

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- Use this product only for its intended purpose.
- Keep this product away from heated surfaces.
- DO NOT attempt to modify any part of this product.
- DO NOT allow the machine to be submerged in any liquid.
- DO NOT use in any setting other than an indoor laboratory.
- DO NOT use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
- **DO NOT** operate the product if it is damaged in any way.
- DO NOT operate the product with the safety ground disconnected.
- **DO NOT** modify the plug or cord that is provided.

**WARNING:** Reduce the risk of unintentional starting; make sure the machine is OFF before plugging into a power supply.

**WARNING:** Damaged or worn power cords should be repaired or replaced immediately by a qualified electrician.

**WARNING:** Improper connection of the equipment can result in a risk of electric shock.

**WARNING:** The processing chamber of the Bead Ruptor<sup>™</sup> 96 homogenizer is enclosed by a strong covering lid.

Starting of the machine is possible only with the lid closed. If the lid is open, message "LID" appears on the display, when the START/STOP key is pressed. When message "LID" appears on display, the lid must be closed and the error message cleared by pressing the START/STOP key. The instrument can then be started by pressing the START/STOP key again. If the lid is opened during operation, the machine stops rapidly and message "Er3" appears on display. When message "Er3" appears on display, the machine cannot be restarted by pressing the START/STOP key. The main POWER switch must be turned to OFF and then ON again, to clear the message before instrument operation can proceed.

## Milling Jar Requirements

**WARNING:** The sample quantity must not be less than 25 % of the milling jar capacity. The milling balls may otherwise damage the milling jars. The milling jars and milling balls must be the same material. Otherwise the milling jar could be damaged.

**WARNING:** The instrument must be balanced prior to operation. Do not operate the instrument with only one milling jar or one well plate adapter installed in a single milling jar holder. Both milling jar holders must have either a milling jar (filled with equivalent mass) or well plate adapters. If not balanced damage to the lid is possible.

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## **Proper Equipment Operation**

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove the cover. No user serviceable parts are inside. Refer to qualified service personnel if help is required.

Use this product only in the manner described in this manual. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

#### Cleaning

Follow internal laboratory process for cleaning and decontamination using 70% ethanol followed by a disinfecting wipe, then a final rinse with ethanol.

#### **Preventative Maintenance**

Normal use: 12 month interval.

Heavy use may require a 6 month interval.

## **Operating Environment**

 $5^{\circ}$ C to  $40^{\circ}$ C /  $41^{\circ}$ F to  $104^{\circ}$ F, Humidity: 5% to 85% RH. Internal use only

## **Electrical Supply**

100-230V, 50/60 Hz

#### **FCC**

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC (United States Federal Communications Commission) Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## CE/UKCA

This device complies with all CE and UKCA rules and requirements.

Changes or modifications to this equipment not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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# **Table of Symbols**

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Caution. Refer to the User documentation (ISO 7000-0434B)		On (power). (IEC 60417-5007)
	Hazardous voltage; risk of electric shock. (IEC 60417-6042)	O	Off (power). (IEC 60417-5008)
<u> </u>	Warning; Hot surface		Warning; Hand Crush
	Fuse. (IEC 60417-5016)	i	Consult Instructions for Use. (ISO 7000-1641)
	WEEE symbol (EN50419:2005)	CE	CE Compliance Mark
RoHS	RoHS 2002/95/EC, 2011/65/EU, 2015/863 Compliant	FC	FCC Compliance
UK	UKCA Certification Mark		

## **Safety Information**

Before using the instrument, make sure to read and understand this manual thoroughly. Keep the manual close to the instrument, easily accessible to all the users. Improper operation can cause injury to persons or damage to the equipment

Claims for damages in any form whatsoever, for injury to persons or damage to the instrument, caused through non-observance of the following safety instructions, are excluded.

## Use according to the intended purpose

Do not make any alterations to the instrument and use only approved spare parts and accessories. Otherwise the Declaration of Conformity will lose its validity and this will also lead to the loss of any guarantee claims.

#### **Transport**

Do not knock, shake or throw the Bead Ruptor™ 96 during transport. Otherwise the electronic and mechanical components may be damaged.

## Packing material



Please keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period. In case of a complaint and return of the instrument in unsuitable packing material, your guarantee claim will be lost.

#### **Temperature variations**

If the Bead Ruptor<sup>™</sup> 96 is subjected to high temperature variations, protect it against condensed water. Otherwise the electronic components may be damaged.

#### Ambient temperature

If the temperature drops below 5°C or exceeds 40°C, electronic and mechanical components can be damaged. Performance can be changed to an unknown extent.

#### Atmospheric humidity

If the humidity exceeds 85%, electronic and mechanical components can be damaged. Performance can be changed to an unknown extent.

#### Inserting milling jars

Ensure that the milling jars are inserted correctly in the milling jar holder. Otherwise they can be damaged, when starting the instrument.

Both milling positions must always be used. Otherwise this will cause considerable unbalance.

#### **Materials**

Observe the relevant regulations and directives for handling chemicals and hazardous

Milling of materials, which give a risk of fire or explosion, is prohibited.

#### Repair

For your own safety, repairs must be carried out only by authorized service technicians.



#### **Electrical connection**

If the values for the mains power supply on the name plate are not observed, the electrical and mechanical components may be damaged.

## Cleaning

Do not clean the Bead Ruptor™ 96 under running water. Danger to life through electric shock.



#### Removing and opening hot milling jars

When removing and opening hot milling jars, always wear protective gloves. There is a danger of burning the hands.



## Opening and closing of the lid

When opening and closing the lid, be careful not to drop it uncontrollably, as fingers and hands may get injured if they are in the position where the lid closes.

## **Intended Use**

The Bead Ruptor™ 96 is a laboratory device, which is intended for the milling and homogenizing of soft, fibrous, hard and brittle materials in the dry and wet state. It is used for fast, super fine milling of two or more samples simultaneously.

The closed milling system guarantees complete recovery of the samples. Owing to the extremely short milling time and the high final fineness of the milled material, the Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 is also ideally suitable for sample preparation for all spectral analyses. Final finenesses of down to 1  $\mu$ m can be achieved, depending on the milling time and the specific properties of the sample material.

## **Specifications**

Part Number	27-0001 - 120V
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Power supply	120V ± 10%, 50/60Hz 220V ± 10%, 50/60Hz
Rated power	200 Watts
Fuses	2 x 2.0AT 250V (230V) 2 x 5.0AT 250V (120V)
Homogenization frequency regulation	Digital, from 3 to 30 Hz (180 - 1800 min-1), in 0.1 Hz steps (from 3.0 to 9.9 Hz) and 1 Hz steps (from 10 to 30 Hz)
Timer	5 sec - 99 min, timer HOLD function in 1 sec steps (below 10 min) or 10 sec steps (above 10 min)
Maximum volume of milling jars	50 mL per jar
Dimensions (W x D x H)	W: 15.2" (38.5 cm), D: 16.5" (42.0 cm), H: 9.4" (24.0 cm), 18.3" (46.5 cm) with lid open)
Weight	92 lbs. (42 kg)
Noise Emission (without milling balls)	70 dB(A)
Ambient temperature	5 - 40°C
Relative humidity	Up to 85% RH, non-condensing
Altitude	Up to 2000 m
Warranty	1 Year
Standards Approval	CE and UKCA Approved

## Installation

## Unpacking

The weight of the instrument is 42 kg. To prevent possible injuries, at least two people should lift and carry the instrument by holding it at the bottom from opposite sides.

Before the installation, carefully examine the delivery for possible damage or missing parts.

Open the box and take the instrument out of the box. Check that the instrument has not been visibly damaged during the transport.

Please keep the packing material for the duration of the guarantee period. In case of a complaint and return of the instrument in unsuitable packing material, your guarantee claim will be lost.

Check that the mains cord is compatible with the local standard.

If any kind of damage occurred during transport, immediately make a complaint to the carrier. Any incorrect delivery or missing parts should be reported to the distributor.

The Bead Ruptor™ 96 Homogenizer consists of the following:

Description	Quantity
Bead Ruptor™ 96 Homogenizer Assembly	1
Milling Wrench	2
Power Cord	1
Spare Fuse	1
User Manual	1

#### **Installation Location**

When selecting the right place for the instrument, please consider the following:

- Put the device on smooth, horizontal and stable place.
- Leave enough space beyond the device for normal air circulation, min. 10 cm.
- Leave enough space around the device, that you will easy control and maintain it.
- Don't use the device in surroundings, where there are fast temperature and humidity changes. Also avoid places exposed to direct sunlight and places nearby heating devices.
- Avoid places, where the possibility of shocks and vibrations exists.

**NOTE:** The instrument should not be placed so, that it is difficult to pull out the cord plug from mains power supply.

## **Connecting the Power Cord**

The correct voltage and frequency for the Bead Ruptor™ 96 are given on the name plate. Ensure that these values correspond to the available power supply system.

Fit one end of the power cord, included in the delivery, into the mains socket on the instrument. Connect the other end of the cord to a grounded wall socket.

To avoid interference from noise, surges and spikes, a dedicated line is preferred. If no such line is available, avoid lines to which powerful electric motors, refrigerators and similar devices are connected.

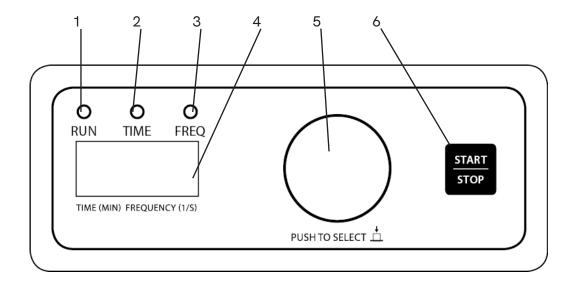
The power can be turned on and off by the main switch, located on the right side of the housing of the instrument. Light in the switch indicates when the power is on.

# **Instructions for Use Overall View**



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Position	Description	Function
1	Lid	Closes the milling chamber
2	Control panel with display	Setting of homogenization frequency, time, cycler, programs and starting/stopping the instrument.
3	Milling jar holder - left	Holds the milling jar
4	Milling jar holder - right	Holds the milling jar
5	Main switch	For switching the Bead Ruptor™ 96 on and off

## **Control Panel Description**



1	Run Signal LED
2	Time Signal LED
3	Frequency Signal LED
4	Display Screen
5	Control Knob
6	Start/Stop Button

- **RUN** Signal light (green) lit when the Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 Homogenizer is running.
- **TIME** Signal light (yellow) lit when the Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 Homogenizer timer selection is active.
- FREQUENCY Signal light (yellow) lit when the Bead Ruptor™ 96 Homogenizer +frequency selection is active. Frequency is defined as number of wave cycles per second (1/s). Measured in Hz.
- **CONTROL KNOB** (rotate / push) rotate right (+) Or left (-) to change the Time or Frequency setting values. Push the Control Knob to switch between Time and Frequency settings.
- START/STOP button press to start or stop the cycle.

WARNING: Only start the Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 Homogenizer with the lid in the closed position. The display will read "LID" if the lid is open when attempting to start. Always start and stop the Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 with the Start/Stop button.

## Opening and Closing the Lid

The lid is equipped with a soft opening and closing mechanism that prevents uncontrolled falling of the lid and reduces the possibility of injury to the user.

When opening the lid, firmly hold the lid handle and carefully lift it to the final position, so that it stands independently on the upper side of the instrument.

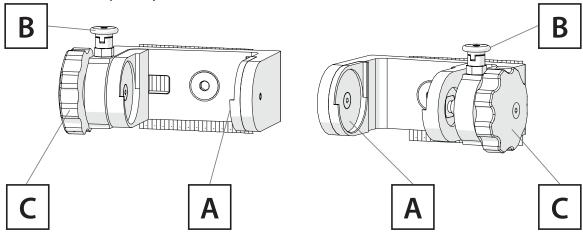
When closing the lid, firmly hold the lid handle and slowly lower it into the closed position.

## Filling and Inserting Milling Jars

The optimum milling jar filling is as a rule 1/3 of the milling jar volume.

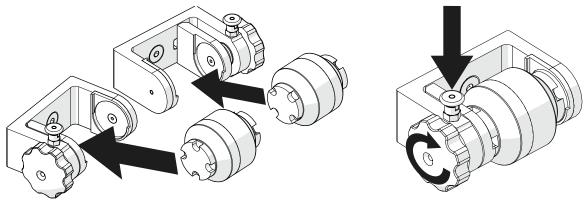
Exceptions to this are voluminous materials, such as wool, leaves, grasses and suchlike. In these cases a filling level of 70-80 % is necessary.

- Fill milling jar with material to be milled. Ensure the two-white o-rings are in place prior to sealing jars.
- Place the milling jars, filled with the material to be milled and milling balls, into the centering points (A) of the clamping devices and clamp firmly.



A. Centering Points B. Locking Pin C. Knob

- Lift the locking pin (B) upwards from the groove and turn it 90° in any direction to unlock.
- Turn the knob (C) counter clockwise all the way to maximize clamping range.
- Turn locking pin 90° and allow it to reengage in locked position.
- Place the milling jar into the milling jar arm and seat it into centering points (A).
- Gently turn knob (C) clockwise until the milling jar fits firmly inside the holder, free of play.
- To remove the milling jar, lift the locking pin (B) and turn it 90° to unlock and turn the knob (C) counter clockwise to loosen. If locking pin is difficult to release turn knob (C) slightly clockwise to release locking pin tension.



WARNING: Always include an O-Ring when a Milling Jar is assembled to run.

**WARNING**: Do not force locking pin (B) open. Turn knob (C) clockwise to release.

WARNING: Milling jars must be inserted and aligned with centering points (A). If this is not done jars may be

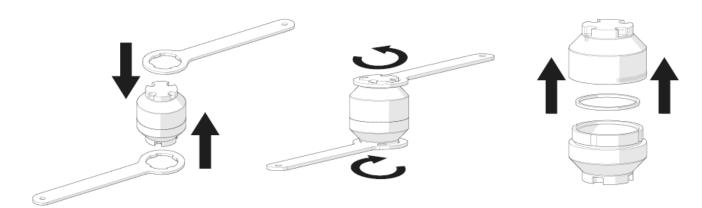
ejected during processing.

**WARNING:** When removing hot or cryogenically cooled milling jars always wear protective gloves.

WARNING: It is unlawful to mill flammable or explosive material

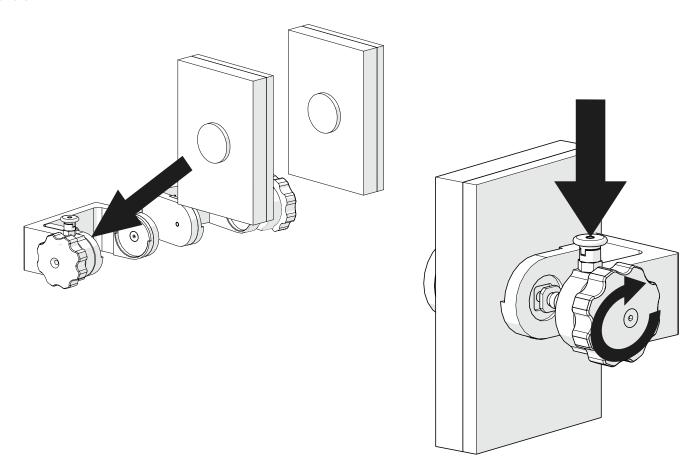
## **Opening and Closing Milling Jars**

- Obtain two milling jar wrenches
- Place one milling jar wrench on each end of the milling jar
- Turn one wrench counterclockwise while securing the other wrench from moving to loosen jar seal.
- Carefully separate the jar halves.



## **Inserting Well Plate Adapters**

- Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96 Homogenizer well plate adapters can hold 1 x 2 mL deep well plate, 2 x 1 mL deep well plates or 3 x standard well plates per processing arm.
- 96 well 2D barcode storage tube adapters can hold 1 x 1.1 mL or 1 x 1.4 mL plates per processing arm.
- Place samples and beads in the well plate.
- Fully seal the well plate with well plate mat. Care must be taken to ensure the well plate is properly sealed.
- A silicon mat is recommended.
- If processing multiple well plates, stack the well plates bottom to top.
- Place the well plate adapters on the top and bottom of the well plate stack. Ensure the adapter extensions are aligned.
- Lift the locking pin (B) upwards from the groove and turn it 90° in any direction to unlock.
- Turn the knob (C) counter clockwise all the way to maximize clamping range.
- Turn locking pin 90° and allow it to reengage in locked position.
- Place the well plate adapter into the milling jar arm and seat it into centering points (A).
- Gently turn knob (C) clockwise until the well plate adapter fits firmly inside the holder, free of play.
- To remove the well plates, lift the locking pin (B) and turn it 90° to unlock and turn the knob (C) counter clockwise to loosen. If locking pin is difficult to release, turn knob (C) slightly clockwise to release locking pin tension.



**WARNING:** Do not force locking pin (B) open. Turn knob (C) clockwise to release.

**WARNING**: Well plates and adapters must be inserted and aligned with centering points (A). If this is not done the well plates may be ejected during processing.

**WARNING:** Milling arms must be balanced prior to operation. You must always operate with two well plate adapters. One in each arm.

WARNING: The Bead Ruptor™ 96 only accepts SBS format plates less than 49.25 mm high.

## **Operational Best Practices**

## Recommended Jar Filling Levels

Recommended values are indicated, but due to the different samples and milling conditions, minor deviations are permitted.

Milling Jar Volume	Milling Jar Sample Amount	Maximum Sample Grain Size	Maximum Milling Balls Diameter
25 mL	10 mL	6 mm	15 mm
50 mL	20 mL	8 mm	25 mm

## **Recommended Frequencies and Timing**

If you are using the instrument at frequencies above 20 Hz, it is recommended that run times are not longer than 10 minutes. Otherwise overheating of the jars and instrument parts may occur, which may lead to damaging of the jars and/or instrument. If 10-minute runs at 20 Hz or above are not enough, then you should consider pre-treatment to the sample, like cooling it with liquid nitrogen.

If these measures are not applicable, the milling should be done in several runs of 10 minutes or less, with long enough pauses in-between (at least 5 minutes) to provide for cooling time.

## **Cooling with Liquid Nitrogen**

Materials that are difficult to mill at normal temperatures must be milled cold.

Pre-embrittlement with liquid nitrogen improves the fracture behavior of elastic and tough sample materials like thermoplastics, rubber products, fatty foods, pharmaceuticals, etc. Pre-embrittlement of sample materials must be done indirectly. Use only milling jars and milling balls made of stainless steel or hardened steel for cooling with liquid nitrogen. The sample materials must be filled into milling jars together with the milling balls and then the milling jars must be tightly closed. Then immerse the tightly closed milling jars with appropriate tools in a bath of liquid nitrogen until it stops bubbling. Then the sample materials inside the milling jars are also cooled and ready for milling.

WARNING: Always wear protective gloves and googles when working with liquid nitrogen. Liquid nitrogen has a temperature of -196°C and will cause severe burns and frostbite with skin or eye contact.

# Milling Jar Usage and Washer Replacement

The following procedure shows an example for preparing and using of one milling jar. As you always must use two milling jars, use the same procedure also for the second milling jar.

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There are two special wrenches included with the Bead Ruptor™ 96, which are used for tightening and loosening of milling jars, when replacing the samples and the milling balls.	Per
To open the milling jar, take one key in the hand, and insert one end of the milling jar into it, so that the grooves fit. Then take the other key and place it on the other end of the milling jar. To loosen the milling jar, turn the upper key in counterclockwise direction to loosen it.	
When the milling jar is loose, put down the upper key, and use the hand to unscrew the milling jar completely.	
Open the milling jar. If you need to replace the washer, follow the next two steps, otherwise skip them	
Follow this step only when replacing the washer. There is a PTFE washer in the groove of contact surface on one side of the milling jar. If the washer becomes worn out, damaged, or the milling jar is leaking, you must replace the washer immediately. Please take it out with your fingers. NOTE: We recommend replacing the washer every 100 closures / openings of the milling jar.	
Follow this step only when replacing the washer. Take a new washer and insert it in the groove on one side of the milling jar. Put your fingers around the washer and push it down in the groove, until it fits in.	
Fill the milling jar with your sample and milling balls and use your hands to screw the milling jar together by turning the upper part in clockwise direction, until it stops.	
Use the keys to firmly tighten the milling jar by turning the upper key in clockwise direction.	

## **Troubleshooting**

Error	Possible Solution
Power Switch is not illuminated when the Bead Ruptor™ 96 Homogenizer is on.	Check the power supply Check fuses and replace if necessary Call for service
Display screen is not working	Call for service
"LID" appears on display	Indicates that the lid is open when the start button was pressed. Close lid and clear message by pressing the Start/Stop button. Press Start/Stop to begin cycle.
Message "Er1" appears on display screen	Motor has over heated. Turn power off and allow motor to cool down.
Message "Er2" appears on display screen	The Bead Ruptor™ 96 Homogenizer is unable to reach the set vibrational frequency. Check Milling Jars for obstructions. Switch Power OFF and ON to clear error message.
Message "Er3" appears on display screen	Lid was opened during operation. The power must be turned OFF and then ON to clear error message before operation can continue.

**NOTE:** When any error message, except "Er Lid oPE Er", appears on displays, instrument stops automatically, and you can't start it again by pressing the START key. You have to turn the main switch OFF and then ON again, to clear the error message and use the instrument again.

## Maintenance

When used properly the Bead Ruptor 96 doesn't need a lot of maintenance or adjustments. Do not make any alterations to the instrument and use only approved spare parts and accessories.

If you disregard the recommended maintenance, some problems may occur, like overheating of the bearings and milling jars, leakages, staining, deformations and thus sluggishness of the threads on the milling jars. All these problems may lead to shortening of the instrument's lifespan.

The milling tools can become worn out, depending on the frequency of the milling operation and the milled material. The milling jars, washers and balls should be regularly checked for wear, mechanical damage, cracks, corrosion, etc., and replaced, if necessary.

## Cleaning the Instrument

For cleaning of the device housing, use a soft cloth moistened with water. If necessary, you can also use a standard non-abrasive household cleaning detergent. Make sure, that no water or detergent gets inside of the instrument. You can also use a vacuum cleaner.

## Cleaning the Milling Jars and Balls

For cleaning of the milling jars and balls, you can use a soft cloth moistened with water. But for better cleaning we recommend the use of the cleaning and degreasing solution TEKTON. You can also clean the milling jars and balls in a dishwasher.

For cleaning of the milling jars, especially of the threads, we recommend the use of a brush and the product TEKTON. We recommend the use of the following brushes. Nylon wire brush: for cleaning of minor impurities. Brass wire brush: for cleaning of medium impurities. Steel wire brush: for cleaning of major impurities.

## Cleaning process:

Before cleaning remove the washer from the milling jar and clean it separately.

Spray the product TEKTON on the milling jar and leave it to take effect for 3 to 15 minutes.

Then use a nylon wire brush for cleaning. When cleaning the threads, move the brush in the direction of the threads.

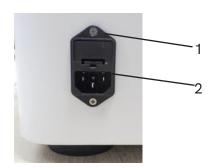
If you can't remove the impurities with nylon wire brush, use brass wire brush. If you can't remove the impurities even with brass wire brush, then use steel wire brush, but be careful, not to damage the milling jar.

After cleaning, rinse the product TEKTON from the surfaces of the milling jar with warm clean water. Then wipe the milling jar with a clean soft cloth to dry it.

Repeat the cleaning process if necessary. After cleaning, insert the washer in the milling jar

**WARNING:** Wear protective gloves and eye protection when cleaning. If the product TEKTON comes in contact with the eyes, rinse them cautiously with water for several minutes. If eye irritation persists, seek medical attention or care.

## Replacing Fuses



The following fuses are required for Bead Ruptor<sup>TM</sup> 96: 2 x 2AT 250V (230V)

2 x 5AT 250V (120V)

Unplug the mains plug from the mains socket 2.

- By pressing the locking device on the bottom side of the fuse compartment 1, fuse holder is released and you can pull it out.
- Replace fuses.
- Insert fuse holder and push it, until it locks.

## **Accessories**

Part Number	Description
27-004	25 mL Milling Jars & O-Rings (2/pk)
27-006	50 mL Milling Jars & O-Rings (2/pk)
27-203	10 mm Milling Balls (10/pk)
27-206	25 mm Milling Balls (5/pk)
27-250	Milling Jar Wrenches (2/pk)
27-101	Bead Ruptor™ 96 Well Plate Adapters (2/pk)
27-106	Microtube or Screw Cap Tube Holders (2/pk)
27-107	96-Well 2D Barcoded Storage Tube Adapter for Micronic and FluidX Tubes
27-108	96-Well 2D Barcoded Storage Tube Adapter for Thermo Matrix, Micronic and FluidX Tubes
19-6001	2 mL Stainless Steel Lysing/Grinding Cryo Tube
27-1003	50 mL Tube Holders (2/pk)
19-900S	Active Grinding Media (50/pk)
19-6650	50 mL Tubes with Screw Caps (100/pk)

## **Appendix**

## **Equipment Decontamination**

If infectious materials get on the machine, milling jars or accessories, they must be appropriately decontaminated. They may only be decontaminated by hand with soft cloth and liquids, which contain the following ingredients: ethanol, n-propanol, ethyl hexanol. After using disinfectants, remove the disinfectant residue by wiping it with a damp cloth. The surfaces must be dried immediately after disinfecting. You must perform the decontamination before the machine is shipped to the service and before it is sent to disassembly after the end of the life cycle.

## **Transport and Storage**

Transport and storage are only allowed in the original packaging. Remove the milling jars from the machine before transport and storage. The machine is heavy. To prevent possible injuries, be careful when lifting and carrying the machine. Use a transport aid for transferring the machine.

Permissible environmental conditions for transport and storage of the equipment:

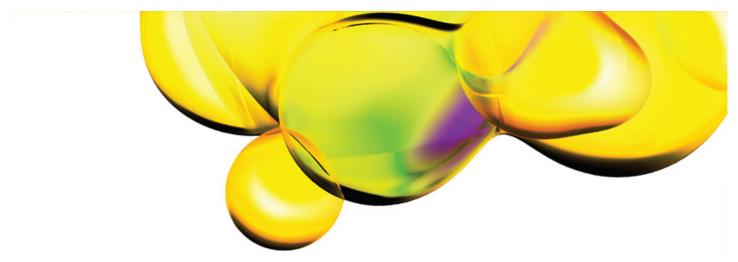
- Temperature from 25 °C to 60 °C
- Relative humidity 10 % to 75 %

## **Equipment Disposal**

This equipment is marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol, to indicate that this equipment may not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste.

It's your responsibility to correctly dispose of your equipment at life-cycle end, by handing it over to an authorized facility for separate collection and recycling of waste equipment. It's also your responsibility to decontaminate your equipment in case of biological, chemical or radiological contamination, and so protect the persons involved in the disposal and recycling of the equipment from health hazards. For more information about where you can dispose of your waste equipment, please contact your local dealer, from whom you purchased the equipment. By doing so, you will help to preserve natural and environmental resources and you will ensure that your equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health.





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