Instructions

StarFish™
Water & Gas/Vacuum Distribution Manifolds
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Thank you for purchasing your StarFish Distribution Manifold

Please read this Instruction Manual thoroughly before operating your unit.

Introduction

The StarFish Distribution Manifolds form part of the StarFish family of products that enable you to perform productive heating and stirring experiments using existing glassware and stirring hotplates.

The versatile Distribution Manifolds allow a coolant or a gas / vacuum to be evenly distributed to up to five vessels simultaneously.

Space saving.....
Innovative compact design saves space.

Safe working......
Separate and easily identifiable Water and Gas / Vacuum Manifolds to prevent incorrect connection of fluid and gas supplies

Productivity.....
Quick release connectors on inlet and outlets for quick and easy connection to vessels

Versatility.....
All connectors feature leak proof shut off valves that automatically close when the couplings are parted, allowing manifolds to be used with up to 5 condensers without daisy chaining.
Safety Information

The following symbols are intended to assist the user in the safe and efficient operation of the StarFish.

![Safety Symbols]

**Warning**
Applies when there is a possibility of personal injury.

**Important Note**
Alerts the user to important facts.

### Important WARNINGS

Please read these instructions completely before using your Distribution Manifold.

**Operate only in a fume cupboard with protective safety sash.**

To avoid the build up of lime scale in the Water Distribution Manifold, please avoid the use of hard water.

The Manifolds are only suitable for the distribution of water (505-81030-00) or inert gas/vacuum (505-81040-00).

The Distribution Manifold should only be operated by trained and competent personnel.

As with all chemistry, care should be taken to monitor your experiment at all stages.

The Manifold should not be left unattended unless in a supervised area.

**Important Note**
Water Manifold 505-81030-00 is fitted with a female inlet/outlet connector, whilst the Gas/Vacuum Manifold 505-81040-00 is fitted with a male inlet/outlet connector. This prevents incorrect connection of fluid and gas supplies.

**Warning**
The manifold can be used for both vacuum and gas purging.

The maximum operating pressure is 0.2mbar above atmospheric pressure and a vacuum of approximately 150 to 125mbar.

**Important Note**
All of the connectors feature leak-proof shut-off valves that are automatically closed when the couplings are parted. This enables the manifold to be used with any number of vessels (up to five) without daisy-chaining.

**Warning**
Acetal Quick release fittings may be adversely affected by direct exposure to chemical solutions or vapours.
### Products & Accessories

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Set-Up & Operation - Water Distribution Manifolds

Water Distribution Manifold

Water Distribution Manifolds have been designed to allow coolant from a single source to be evenly distributed to up to five condensers and then the flow re-combined to one outlet pipe. Two manifolds are used in each system, one to distribute water to the condensers and one to collect coolant for recirculation or to drain.

1. Confirm that the manifolds are Water Manifolds rather than Gas/Vacuum Manifolds. The Water Manifold is identified by the label and fitted with a female connector on the side of the manifold body.

   Important Note
   Water Manifold is fitted with a female inlet/outlet connector, whilst the Gas/Vacuum Manifold is fitted with a male inlet/outlet connector. This prevents incorrect connection of fluid and gas supplies.

2. Place both Water Manifolds over the top of support rod and slide down to the desired position and fix with the thumbwheel. (It does not matter which way up the manifolds are fitted to the support rod). The Manifold will accept support rods up to a maximum of 12mm OD.

3. Push the the large barbed connector (supplied with the Water Manifold) into your water inlet tubing. (For suitable tubing please order - 8mm x 15m clear Tygon Tubing).
   
   NB. The connector has a 9.6mm OD barb with an 6.4mm bore and accepts flexible tubing with an 8mm ID.

4. Now the tubing is connected to the connector, insert it into the female connector on the side of the lower of the two Water Manifolds. It will click in place.

5. Repeat the procedure with the water outlet/drain tubing. Connecting it to the connector on the upper of the two Water Manifolds.

6. Connect the tubing from each of your condenser inlets to a right-angled connector are supplied with each Water Manifold. (For suitable tubing please order - 6.4mm x 15m clear Tygon Tubing).
   
   NB. The right-angled connector has a 6.4mm OD barb with an 3.2mm bore and accepts flexible tubing with an 6.4mm ID.

7. Now the tubing is connected to the right angled connector, insert it into any one of the five female connectors on the top of the lower Water Manifold. It will click in place.

8. Repeat the procedure with the upper Water Manifold, connecting each of the condenser outlets to the manifold. For best results coolant should always enter the bottom of you condenser and exit at the top.

9. A water flow rate of at least 1.5 litres per minute should be used to maintain even distribution to each condenser.

   Important Note
   All of the connectors feature leak-proof shut-off valves that are automatically closed when the couplings are parted. This enables the manifold to be used with any number of condensers (up to five) without daisy-chaining.

   Important Note
   To avoid the build-up of lime scale in the Water Distribution Manifold, please avoid the use of hard water.
Set-Up & Operation - Gas/Vacuum Distribution Manifold

Gas/Vacuum Distribution Manifold

Gas/Vacuum Distribution Manifolds have been designed to allow gas or a vacuum from a single source to be evenly distributed to up to five vessels.

1. Confirm that the manifold is Gas/Vacuum Manifold rather than a Water/Coolant Manifold. The Gas/Vacuum Manifold is identified by the label and fitted with a male connector on the side of the manifold body.

2. Place the Gas/Vacuum Manifold over the top of support rod and slide down to the desired position and fix with the thumbwheel. (It does not matter which way up the manifold is fitted to the support rod). The Manifold will accept support rods up to a maximum of 12 mm OD.

3. Push the the large barbed connector (supplied with the Gas/Vacuum Manifold) into your gas inlet tubing. (For suitable tubing please order - 8mm x 15m clear Tygon Tubing).

   NB. The connector has a 9.6mm OD barb with an 6.4mm bore and accepts flexible tubing with an 8mm ID.

4. Now the tubing is connected to the connector, insert it into the male connector on the side of Gas/Vacuum Manifold. It will click in place.

5. Connect the tubing from each of your vessels to a right-angled connector (5 are supplied with each Gas/Vacuum Manifold). (For suitable tubing please order - 6.4mm x 15m clear Tygon Tubing).

   NB. The right-angled connector has a 6.4mm OD barb with an 3.2mm bore and accepts flexible tubing with an 6.4mm ID.

6. Now the tubing is connected to the right angled connector, insert the connector into any one of the five female connectors on the top of the Gas/Vacuum Manifold. It will click in place.

Warning

The manifold can be used for both vacuum and gas purging.

The maximum operating pressure is 0.2mbar above atmospheric pressure and a vacuum of approximately 150 to 125mbar.

Important Note

All of the connectors feature leak-proof shut-off valves that are automatically closed when the couplings are parted. This enables the manifold to be used with any number of vessels (up to five) without daisy-chaining.
Warranty & Liability

Warranty

Heidolph Instruments provides a three-year warranty on the products described here (with the exception of glass and consumable parts) if registered with enclosed warranty card or via internet (www.heidolph.com). Warranty starts with the date of registration. Without registration warranty starts according to serial number. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship.

Transit damage is excluded from this warranty.

To obtain such warranty service, contact Heidolph Instruments (phone: +49 – 9122 - 9920-68)

or your local Heidolph Instruments Dealer. If defects in material or workmanship are found, your item will be repaired or replaced at no charge.

Misuse, abuse, neglect or improper installation are not covered by this warranty promise.

Alterations to the present warranty promise need Heidolph Instruments’ consent in writing.

Exclusion of liability

Heidolph Instruments cannot be held liable for damage from improper use or misuse.

Remedy for consequential damage is excluded.

Questions & Repairs

If any aspect of installation, operation or maintenance remains unanswered in the present manual, please contact us at the following address:

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For equipment repair jobs please call Heidolph Instruments (phone: +49 – 9122 - 9920-68) or your local authorised Heidolph Instruments dealer.

Important Note

Please return instruments to the above address only. Returning instruments is subject to prior approval.

Important Note

When returning instruments for repair that have come in contact with hazardous substances, please:

- Provide precise information on the relevant medium.
- Take protective measures to ensure the safety of our receiving and maintenance personnel.
- Mark the package as appropriate for hazardous materials.