

Instruction Manual

Labnet Spectrafuge 24D Microcentrifuge

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Safety Precautions

- NEVER** use the centrifuge in any manner not specified in these instructions.
- NEVER** operate the centrifuge without a rotor properly attached to the shaft.
- NEVER** fill tubes while they are in the rotor. Liquid spillage may harm unit.
- NEVER** put hands in the rotor area unless the rotor is completely stopped.
- NEVER** move the centrifuge while the rotor is spinning.
- NEVER** use solvents or flammables near this or other electrical equipment.
- NEVER** centrifuge flammable, explosive or corrosive materials
- NEVER** centrifuge hazardous materials outside of a hood or proper containment facility
- ALWAYS** load the rotor symmetrically. Each tube should be counterbalanced by another tube of the same type and weight
- ALWAYS** locate the centrifuge within easy access to an electrical outlet.
- ALWAYS** use only microcentrifuge tubes made from plastic and designed to withstand centrifugal forces of at least 16,500 xg.

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1. General Information

This manual provides important safety information for the Spectrafuge 24D laboratory microcentrifuge. It should be kept near the centrifuge for quick and easy reference.

1.1 Description

The Spectrafuge 24D is a small benchtop centrifuge designed for separation of various research samples. The motor is brushless and requires no routine maintenance. The Spectrafuge 24D is supplied with a 24 x 1.5/2.0ml rotor for micro samples. Adapters are available for tubes smaller than 1.5ml. The Spectrafuge 24D reaches speeds of up to 13,300rpm/16,300 x g.

1.2 Safety precautions

Note: All users of the centrifuge must read the Safety Precautions section of this manual before attempting to operate the unit!



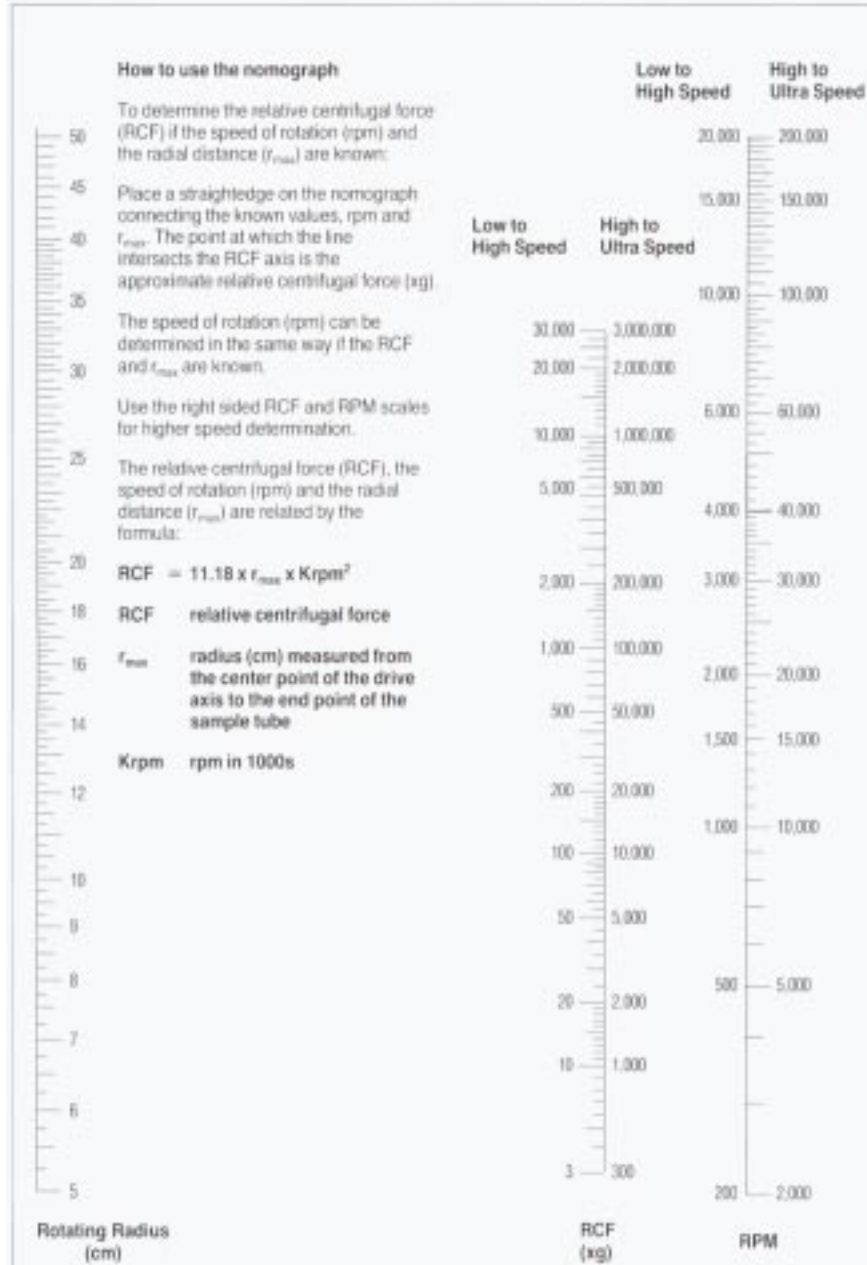
If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Do not operate the centrifuge if any of the following conditions exist:

- The centrifuge has not been installed properly
- The centrifuge is partially dismantled
- Service has been attempted by unauthorized or unqualified personnel
- The rotor has not been installed securely on the motor shaft
- Rotors and accessories not belonging to the standard range are being used without permission being obtained from the manufacturer to use such rotors and/or accessories in the centrifuge
- Exception: Microcentrifuge tubes made of plastic, normally available in the laboratory.
- The centrifuge is located in an explosive atmosphere
- Materials to be centrifuged are combustible and/or explosive
- Materials to be centrifuged are chemically reactive
- The rotor load is not properly balanced

Nomograph

Relative Centrifugal Force



1.3 Technical data

Dimensions	
Width	9.25 inches
Depth	11.5 inches
Height	8.5 inches
Maximum speed	13,300rpm
Maximum RCF	16,300 x g
Maximum volume	24 x 1.5/2.0ml
Admissible sample density	1.2kg/dm ³
Electrical/fuse rating	120V~, 50-60Hz, 1.3A, 2.5 AT 230V~, 50-60Hz, 0.7A, 1.25 AT
Operating temp./humidity	+4°C to 35°C - 80%RH

1.4 Accessories supplied with centrifuge

Each unit is supplied with 1 instruction manual, 1 warranty card 1 power cord, a standard rotor and a rotor removal tool.

1.5 Warranty

This centrifuge has been subjected to thorough testing and quality control. In the unlikely event of a manufacturing fault, our one year warranty (from the date of delivery) covers the centrifuge and the rotor. This warranty becomes invalid in the case of incorrect operation, use of nonstandard spare parts or accessories and unauthorized modification of the rotor or centrifuge.

Labnet reserves the right to make technical modifications. Please see the complete limited warranty statement supplied separately.

2. Installation

2.1 Unpacking the centrifuge

Before unpacking the centrifuge, inspect the outside of the carton for any shipping damage.

The centrifuge is delivered in a carton with protective foam cushioning. Remove the centrifuge from the carton. Retain the carton and cushioning until it has been established that the centrifuge is working properly.

Inspect the centrifuge for any visible signs of shipping damage. Shipping damage is the responsibility of the transportation carrier. Any claims for damage must be filed within 48 hours with the carrier that delivered the centrifuge.

The accessories supplied with the centrifuge should be kept with the instruction manual near the centrifuge's place of installation.

2.2 Required space

The centrifuge should be installed on a rigid, even surface such as a stable laboratory bench, countertop, etc. To guarantee sufficient ventilation, ensure that the centrifuge has at least 15cm (6 inches) of free space on all sides, including the rear.

The centrifuge should not be located in areas subject to excessive heat such as in direct sunlight or near radiators or the exhaust of a compressor, as a buildup of heat may occur within the chamber.

2.3 Installation

Before operating the centrifuge, check that the power source (electrical outlet on the wall) corresponds to that on the manufacturer's rating label, then connect the power cord to the centrifuge and the power source.

3. Installation of rotors and rotor maintenance

3.1 Rotors and accessories

The following accessories are included or available for the Spectrafuge:

Angle rotor for 24 x 1.5ml tubes	(Included)
Tube measurement	1.5ml / 2.0ml (10 x 40mm)
Max. speed	13,300rpm
Centrifuging radius	8.23cm
Max. RCF (g-value)	16,276 x g
Rotor Wrench	(Included)
Order no.	C0240-RT
Rotor Lid	(Included)
Order no.	C0240-RC
Rotor Securing Screw	(Included)
Order no.	C0240-RSS

8. Determination of g-values

The centrifuging radius of the 1.5/2.0ml rotor is 8.23cm. The Spectrafuge 24D has an automatic g-force conversion program, so g-values are automatically calculated and can be displayed on the control panel, for this centrifuging radius. If adapters or smaller tubes are used, the centrifuging radius changes as does the g force. The chart on the next page can be used to manually determine g-values for any centrifuging radius.

Possible reason: Sample liquid in tubes not balanced
Solution: Make sure the same volume of liquid is in each tube

Possible reason: Defective or improperly adjusted balance sensor
Solution: Call service

Er Lid: Lid not closed

Possible reason: Lid not closed completely
Solution: Close lid

Possible reason: Lid lock or sensor defective
Solution: Call service

7. Where to call

Should you have any questions about the Spectrafuge or its accessories, please call Labnet's Customer Service Department at 732 417-0700. Customer Service is staffed from 8:30am to 5:30pm, EST, Monday through Friday. Our 24 hour fax number is 732 417-1750. Inquiries may also be sent via our electronic mailbox at labnet@labnetlink.com.

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Please have the unit's serial number (located on the back panel of the instrument) available when calling. Should an item require return to Labnet for service, a repair authorization (RA) number must first be received from Labnet and a decontamination form completed by the user. Items sent without an RA number or decontamination form will not be accepted.

Strip Spin Adapter

Order no.	C0240-SS
Tubes accepted	0.2ml tubes or 8 x 0.2ml strips
Max Speed	13,300 rpm
Range Centrifuge radius	4.32cm to 5.33cm
Range RCF (g value)	8,549 x g to 10,539 x g

Adapter for 0.5ml tubes (pk./6)

Order no.	C-1205
Tube measurement	8 x 30mm
Max. speed	13,300rpm
Centrifuging radius	7.53cm
RCF (g-value)	14,892 x g

Adapter for 0.4ml tubes (pk./6)

Order no.	C-1206
Tube measurement	6 x 47mm
Max. speed	13,300rpm
Centrifuging radius	8.23cm
RCF (g-value)	16,276 x g

Adapter for 0.2ml tubes (pk./6)

Order no.	C-1222
Tube measurement	6 x 21mm
Max. speed	13,300rpm
Centrifuging radius	7.03cm
RCF (g-value)	13,903 x g

3.2 Rotor maintenance

The rotor should be cleaned thoroughly after each use. **Thorough cleaning must be performed when spinning samples containing phenol or phenol chloroform.** Periodically inspect the rotor for dents, dings, scratches, discoloration and cracks. If any damage to the rotor is found, discontinue use of the rotor immediately and replace.

3.3 Removing and installing the angle rotor

The Spectrafuge 24D comes complete with a standard 24 place rotor installed. To remove the rotor for cleaning, remove the rotor securing screw from the motor shaft by turning the screw counterclockwise, using the rotor wrench. Lift the rotor directly upward in a straight vertical motion.



Figure 1. Loading the rotor to achieve balance

6. Troubleshooting Guide

Please refer to this guide before calling for service.

Centrifuge will not start

Possible reason: No power supply
 Solution: Check that power is being supplied to the outlet
 Check that the power cord is plugged into both the wall outlet and the back of the centrifuge
 Check that power cord is not damaged

Possible reason: Blown fuse
 Solution: Check fuse and replace if necessary

Lid lock will not release

Possible reason: Defective lid lock
 Solution: Open manually and have unit serviced

Possible reason: No power from PC board
 Solution: Call for service

Possible reason: Lid lock is jammed
 Solution: Call for service

Possible reason: Centrifuge is not receiving power
 Solution: See “Centrifuge will not start”

Centrifuge cannot be started, although power is on

Possible reason: Lid not closed correctly
 Solution: Close lid correctly

Possible reason: No speed or time has been selected
 Solution: Set speed and/or time

Error Messages (press timer or speed knob to clear error messages)

Er BAL: **Indicates imbalance**
 Possible reason: Tubes not inserted symmetrically in rotor holes
 Solution: Load tubes symmetrically (see Section 3.4 on Loading the rotor)

5. Service and Maintenance

5.1 Centrifuge service

The brushless motor in the Spectrafuge 24D requires no routine maintenance. Any required service should be performed by authorized, qualified personnel only. Repairs performed by unauthorized personnel may void the warranty.

5.2 Cleaning the centrifuge

Always keep the centrifuge housing, rotor chamber, rotor and rotor accessories clean. All parts should be wiped down periodically with a soft cloth. For more thorough cleaning, use a neutral cleaning agent (pH between 6 and 8) applied with a soft cloth. Excessive amounts of liquid should be avoided. Liquid should not come into contact with the motor. After cleaning, ensure that all parts are dried thoroughly by hand or in a warm air cabinet (maximum temperature 50°C)

5.3 Cleaning the rotor

The rotor should be cleaned after each use. When spinning samples containing phenol or phenol chloroform, the rotor should be cleaned immediately after use.

5.4 Disinfection

Should a spill of infectious materials occur within the rotor or chamber, the unit should be disinfected. This should be performed by qualified personnel with proper protective equipment.

5.5 Replacing fuses

Check the fuse when it is recommended in the Troubleshooting Guide located in this manual. The fuse holder is located in the power inlet on the rear of the unit. Disconnect the power cord from the power inlet. Open the fuse holder drawer by inserting a small screwdriver under the tab and prying it open. Remove the innermost (operative) fuse from its retaining tabs and replace the fuse if necessary. A spare fuse is located in the outermost chamber of the fuse drawer. Replace only with a fuse of exactly the same value as the original. (Fuse type may be found in the Technical data section of this manual.)

To replace rotor, first make sure the motor shaft and rotor mounting hole are clean. Place the rotor on the motor shaft. Reinstall the rotor securing screw on the motor shaft by turning it clockwise. Hold the rotor with one hand and tighten the rotor securing screw, using the rotor wrench.

3.4 Loading the rotor

Tubes to be loaded should be filled equally by eye. The difference in the weight between the tubes should not exceed 0.1 gram. Tubes should always be loaded so that there is equal spacing between all tubes. One or two additional loaded tubes may need to be added to achieve this. Refer to Figure 1. to see one typical balancing scheme.

3.5 Overloading rotors

The maximum load of the rotor and the maximum speed have been established by the manufacturer. Do not attempt to exceed these values. The maximum speed of the rotor has been established for liquids having a homogeneous density of 1.2g/ml or less. In order to centrifuge liquids with a higher density it is necessary to reduce the speed. **Failure to reduce the speed may result in damage to the rotor and centrifuge.** The revised maximum speed can be calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{Reduced speed } (n_{\text{red}}) = \sqrt{\frac{1.2}{\text{higher density value}}} \times \text{max speed } (n_{\text{max}})$$

Example:

Where the density of the liquid is 1.7, the new maximum speed would be calculated as follows:

$$n_{\text{red}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.2}{1.7}} \times 13,300 = 9,882 \text{ rpm}$$

If in doubt concerning maximum speeds, please contact the manufacturer for assistance.

4. Operation

ATTENTION: Never attempt to operate the centrifuge with rotors or adapters that show signs of corrosion or mechanical damage. Never centrifuge strongly corrosive materials that may damage the rotors, accessories, or bowl of the unit.

4.1 Attaching rotor lid

After the rotor has been properly secured and loaded, attach the rotor lid to the rotor. Always use the rotor lid for safety and to allow the rotor to reach proper speed. Make sure that the rotor lid snaps securely into place, by pressing down on center catch.

4.2 Closing the lid

Close the centrifuge lid. The Spectrafuge 24D has a lid lock that activates only when a run is started.

4.3 Lid release

The lid will remain locked during a centrifuge run. Once the run has been completed and the rotor has come to a stop, a beep will indicate the end of a run, and the lid will unlock automatically.

WARNING: Do not attempt to open the lid of any centrifuge until the rotor has come to a complete stop.

In the event of a power failure or malfunction, it may be necessary to open the lid manually.

1. Disconnect the power cord from the wall socket.
2. Remove the plastic plug, located on the left side of the unit.
3. Pull the wire (attached to the plug) to open the lid lock manually.

4.4 Lid lock

The centrifuge can be started only with the lid securely closed. When a run is started, the lid lock automatically activates. Do not attempt to open the lid during a centrifuge run. At the end of the run, the lid will automatically unlock.

Never attempt to override the lid lock mechanism. Doing so is dangerous and could damage the centrifuge.

4.5 Speed selection (see Figure 2.)

The speed (rpm or g-force) can be selected from 500 to 13,300 rpm or from 100 to 16,300 x g with the knob on the right. Select “g-force” or “rpm” to be displayed by pressing the knob. Turn the knob to increase or decrease the value.

4.6 Selection of operating time, momentary operation, Start/Stop

Operating time can be selected from 0.5 min to 30 min by turning the timer knob on the left. After 30 minutes, the display shows “--” which indicates continuous run. In this mode, the centrifuge will run until manually stopped. **To start a run, press the timer knob.**

When the preselected time expires, the centrifuge will stop automatically. **To stop the centrifuge prior to the expiration of set time, press the timer knob.**

The centrifuge may be operated for a short run by pressing and holding the timer knob. The centrifuge will continue to run as long as the timer knob is depressed and the time, in seconds will count up on the time display.

Pressing either knob will clear error messages.

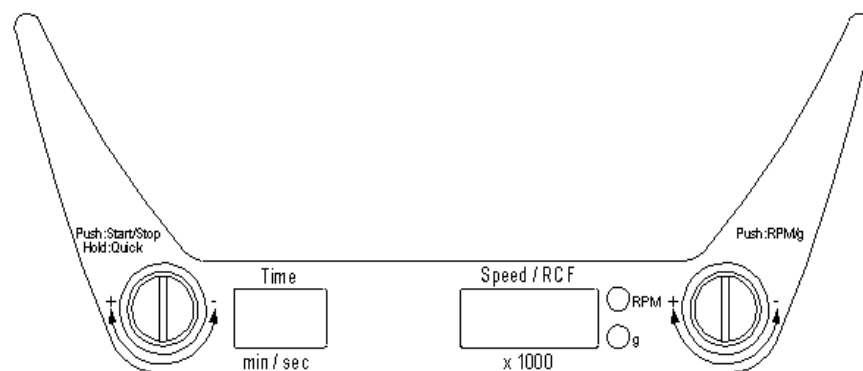


Figure 2. Spectrafuge control panel layout