



VAPOTHERM®



# Precision Flow®

## Operating Instruction Manual

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Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> Packaging contains:

- Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> Unit
- Operating Instruction Manual
- Quick Reference Guide
- Power Cord
- O2 Sensor cell
- Air & Oxygen Inlet Particulate Traps with Connectors
- US ONLY- Air and Oxygen Hoses
- Quick Set Up Sticker
- Delivery Tube clip

## Symbols



Attention:  
consult  
manual



Alternating  
current



Mute  
alarms



Run/stop



Single patient  
use



Protective  
earth



Do not  
cover



Type BF  
Class 1



IPX1  
Drip -proof



Vapotherm Inc. has declared that this product conforms with the European Council Directive 93/42/EEC Medical Device Directive when it is used in accordance with the instructions provided in the Operation Manual.



This symbol indicates that the waste of electrical and electronic equipment must not be disposed as an unsorted municipal waste and must be collected separately. Please contact an authorized representative of the manufacturer for information concerning the decommissioning of your equipment.



Vapotherm tubing products contain DEHP [Di-(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate] which is the most frequently used plasticizer to add flexibility to medical tubing. The medical tubing is intended for the transport of medical breathing gases and not for the storage of substances that have chemical extraction properties. The European Commission has issued the following statement:

“The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) has evaluated the exposure to DEHP for the general population and patients during medical procedures. In some cases the exposure is significant and exceeds the toxic doses observed in animal studies. There is a reason for some concern for prematurely born male neonates for which the DEHP exposure may be transiently above the dose inducing reproductive toxicity in animal studies. So far, there is no conclusive scientific evidence that DEHP exposure via medical treatments has harmful effects in humans. But, it is recognized that especially the potentially high exposure during medical treatments may raise a concern, even in the absence of clinical or epidemiological evidence, for harmful effects in humans.” – SCENIHR 2008

Pregnant and nursing women should consider the effects on a child that may occur from medical respiratory treatments. The general population is exposed to phthalates daily from dietary sources and the inhalation of air. The extent of medical treatment exposure largely depends upon the medical treatments given and the duration of the treatment

## Section 1 Indications, Warnings and Cautions

### General Indications & Contraindications.

#### Primary Indications:

Precision Flow® is intended for use to add warm moisture to breathing gases from an external source for administration to a neonate/infant, pediatric and adult patients in the hospital, subacute institutions, and home settings. It adds heat and moisture to a blended medical air/oxygen mixture and assures the integrity of the precise air/oxygen mixture via an integral oxygen analyzer. The flow rates may be from 1 to 40 liters per minute via nasal cannula.

#### Contraindications:

##### General:

Any situations in which humidification is contra-indicated (see American Association of Respiratory Care Clinical Practice Guidelines).

Specific to Nasal Cannula:

Patients with occluded or defective nares should not use the system.

#### Warnings and Cautions

A **Warning** indicates that a situation may occur which is potentially harmful to the patient or user. A **Caution** indicates a condition that may lead to equipment damage, malfunction, or inaccurate operation. A **Note** indicates a point of emphasis to make operation more efficient or convenient.

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the warnings, cautions, and notes listed in this manual. They cover safety considerations, special requirements, and regulations.

The user of this product shall have sole responsibility for any malfunction due to operation or maintenance performed by anyone not trained by VapoTherm staff or official training documentation.

When handling any part of the Precision Flow®, always follow hospital infection control guidelines and Standard Precautions. VapoTherm also recommends that users follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) publications: Guidelines for Maintenance of In-Use Respiratory Therapy Equipment and Guidelines for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia.

#### General Warnings

Federal Law (U.S.) restricts the sale of this device to, or by the order of any physician. This device should be used ONLY by a trained operator.

This is a humidification device generally used for providing continuous flows of breathing gas. The Precision Flow™ is not a ventilator and should not be used as life support.

Oxygen supports combustion; this device should not be used near or around open flames, oil, or grease, or flammables.

Service on the device should only be performed by qualified, certified service technicians.

To prevent injury, do not attempt to do any service to the Precision Flow® while a patient is connected to the device.

If the device is damaged or not working properly, do not use. Contact VapoTherm or your authorized VapoTherm representative.

Do not operate if power cord is damaged.

The device should not be turned on and left unattended if not on a patient.

Do not use the Precision Flow® in or around water, other than the water bag that feeds the system.

Prior to use, the Precision Flow® should be positioned and secured to a sturdy IV pole with the base of the unit no more than 40" (102cm) above the floor to reduce risk of tipping.

## Section 1 Indications, Warnings and Cautions

Make sure all Disposable Patient Circuit connections have been properly secured.

The cartridge, disposable water path and delivery tube are labeled as **single patient use** only and must be replaced after 30 days use on a single patient: do not attempt to sterilize or reuse and follow all local and federal regulations for disposal. Outside the USA follow national or international regulations.

Failure to utilize sterile water supply or clean gas supply may increase risk of bacterial contamination.

- Use aseptic technique.
- Gas supply must be clean dry medical grade gas to prevent harm to the patient and prevent damage to the Precision Flow®

Precision Flow® **is not a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) device**. There are no controls to deliver or monitor airway pressure. Precision Flow® should not be used to deliver pressure in a closed system.

Never connect the unit to a patient until it reaches set point temperature (temperature display stops flashing). Allow the unit to warm-up to purge condensate and prevent patient discomfort due to cold or partly humidified gas.

Additional patient monitoring is necessary if the Precision Flow® is used to give supplementary oxygen.

The Precision Flow® **is not MRI compatible**.

The unit is provided with a Hospital Grade power cord. Do not use any other cord. **Do not use extension cords**. For grounding reliability, the cord **must** be connected to an equivalent receptacle marked "Hospital Grade" or "Hospital Only." If any doubt exists as to the grounding connection, **do not** operate the device.

Medical electrical equipment needs special precautions regarding electromagnetic radiation. Portable and mobile RF communications equipment can affect medical equipment and should not be used near the Precision Flow®

The back-up battery is designed for temporary use only, when AC power to the unit has been interrupted. After the battery is fully discharged the device will not operate and patient gas flow will cease. There are no alarms or display indicators after the battery has discharged. The battery is not intended for patient transport.

### General Cautions

Read and understand this manual prior to operating the system.

Clamp water supply when not in use, including Standby mode, to prevent damage by water ingress.

Aseptic techniques (including hand washing and avoiding touching connection points) and Standard Precautions should always be followed when handling medical equipment. Standard Precautions should always be followed when coming into contact with patients

Do not cover the unit; blocking the vent may damage the unit.

#### Do not:

- Immerse the Precision Flow® in water.
- Steam or gas sterilize the Precision Flow®.
- Wipe with bleach.

Flexible sterile water bags are recommended. If rigid or semi-rigid bottles are used, a Vapotherm approved venting bottle cap must be used.

**NOTE:** The Precision Flow® may be operated with limited performance at gas inlet pressures as low as 4 psi (28 kPa). However, for the full specified range of gas flows and oxygen percentages, both gas inlet pressures must be 40 psi (276 kPa) or above. Precision Flow has not been tested for use in Field transport. When used with approved ancillary equipment the Precision Flow may be used for transferring patients within the hospital.

## Section 2 Overview

The Precision Flow® is a system for high flow humidified respiratory therapy by nasal cannula. It incorporates the VapoTherm core humidification technology with an electronic blender and flow controller. The water and gas pathways are both incorporated into a removable, disposable patient circuit.

### Features

- The patient circuit is detachable and disposable: no disinfection necessary
- Minimal downtime between patients: less than five minutes to change disposables
- Built-in oxygen/air blender
- Built-in electronic flowmeters and controllers
- Self-testing and self-calibrating
- Internal battery backup maintains flow and oxygen percentage for at least 15 minutes if AC power is cut off. Battery recharges in 2 hrs.
- All internal sensors self-calibrating and self monitoring
- Single button starts and stops the device
- Temperature, flow and oxygen percentage are adjusted via a single setting control knob on the front panel
- All values and alarms displayed in a single large color-coded panel
- Flow range 1-40 lpm
- Oxygen percentage is fully adjustable from 21 to 100% when two 40 psi (276 kPa) gas sources are used
- Inlet gas pressure range is 4-85 psi (28-586 kPa)
- Single gas operation- the Precision Flow® detects inlet gas pressure and blends flow based on demand required and available supply. Supply pressure determines FiO<sub>2</sub> and delivered flow; if demand exceeds supply an alarm sounds
- At low gas inlet pressures, maximum flow rate and oxygen percentage settings are automatically reduced to match the inlet pressure
- Automatically senses cartridge type: maximum flow setting is automatically reduced if low-flow cartridge is installed
- Warm-up time less than five minutes
- Sterile water is connected to the disposable water path using a standard spike
- Universal power requirements allow use anywhere with only a change of power cord
- Scheduled maintenance: gas trap filters replaced at 6-month intervals, and oxygen sensor replaced annually



**Precision Flow®**

## Section 3 Principals of operation

The Precision Flow® warms and humidifies breathing gas for delivery by nasal cannula at flows from 1 to 40 lpm. The unit incorporates an electronic blender and flow sensors that allow the oxygen percentage and total gas flow to be set independently.

The Precision Flow® consists of two parts:

### Main unit

- The **main unit** which contains all the electrical and electronic components including the electronic blender and flow controllers, and remote sensors to monitor the disposable water path. The main unit has no water pathways and the gas pathway contains only dry gas at room temperature, and consequently does not need internal cleaning or disinfection.
- The flow of oxygen and air are measured by **mass flow sensors**. The operating software calculates the required flow of each needed to reach the target flow and oxygen percentage set by the operator. The system controls gas flows accordingly by adjusting proportional **solenoid valves** on the gas lines. An **oxygen sensor** monitors the gas mixture and signals any discrepancy between target and measured percentage. The oxygen sensor is automatically calibrated with oxygen at power-up and every 24 hours.
- **Firmware** running in the main unit uses sensors to monitor gas pressure, water temperature, and to detect air leaks into the water circuit (bubble detector). Alarms are displayed if any parameters are outside the normal range. Other indicators show low charge in the backup battery, and the type of cartridge installed. See Appendix for a description of the firmware states and transitions.
- After a two hour charging period, an internal **battery** backup will maintain the set flow and oxygen blend for at least 15 minutes without AC power. The battery is not operator replaceable.

**WARNING:** The back-up battery is designed for temporary use only, when AC power to the unit has been interrupted. After the battery is fully discharged the device will not operate and patient gas flow will cease. There are no alarms or display indicators after the battery has discharged. The battery is not intended for patient transport. gas flow will cease.

### Disposable patient circuit

- The **disposable patient circuit** (DPC) is comprised of the disposable water path (DWP), vapor transfer cartridge (VTC) and delivery tube. Conditions in the circulating water and gas streams are sensed remotely via the interface between the main unit and the disposable water path.
- **Vapor transfer cartridge.** In the cartridge, blended gas passes through the lumens of hundreds of parallel hollow fibers made of a specially developed polymer. Warm water circulates around the fibers and diffuses as vapor through the fiber material into the gas stream flowing through each fiber. Unlike most humidifiers, there is no direct contact between the water and gas streams. The gas stream leaves the cartridge saturated with vapor at the set temperature.

**Note:** Use **only** approved cartridges from Vapotherm Inc.

- **Patient delivery tube.** The warmed humidified gas passes through the center of a triple-lumen heated delivery tube. The center lumen is surrounded by two outer lumens circulating warmed water to maintain the temperature of the inner lumen and to minimize rain-out. A proprietary short nasal cannula is connected to the end of the delivery tube and passes the humidified breathing gas to the patient's nares. It is normal for non-DEHP PVC tubing to appear slightly cloudy, or yellow, especially during longer use or when operated at higher temperatures.
- **Disposable water path.** The disposable water path houses a water reservoir, pump, connections for the cartridge and delivery tube, and sensor interfaces to the main unit. Water is pumped past a heater plate through the outer lumens of the delivery tube. Returning water passes through the outer jacket of the specially designed vapor transfer cartridge where some water is lost as vapor to the gas stream. There is no direct contact between water and gas flows. The water then returns to the pump reservoir. Heater power automatically maintains the set temperature. Water flows into the circuit from the water bag to replace evaporative losses in the vapor transfer cartridge. Air is purged to atmosphere from the circulation via a hydrophobic filter membrane.

**See Section 5 for a description of the modes of operation.**

## Section 4 Controls, displays & connections



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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Battery low or charging                | 8. Setting control knob |
| 2. Disposable water path faulty or absent | 9. Alarm mute button    |
| 3. Vapor transfer cartridge type          | 10. Alarm muted LED     |
| 4. Vapor transfer cartridge fault         | 11. General fault       |
| 5. Gas supply fault                       | 12. Water out           |
| 6. Status LED                             | 13. Blocked tube        |
| 7. Run/Standby button (see note)          |                         |

**Note:** The Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> has no ON/OFF switch. Plug the unit into a wall outlet to keep the battery fully charged



## Section 4 Controls, displays & connections



### Front view

1. Folding carrying handle
2. Multi-function display:
  - Shows set values for oxygen %, flow and temperature
  - Icons indicate alarm conditions
3. Alarm mute:
  - Press to silence alarms for up to 2 minutes
  - LED indicates one or more alarms are muted
4. Setting control knob:
  - Press to select which variable to adjust
  - Rotate to adjust to new value
  - Press again to set value

### 5. Hinged door:

- Opens to install or remove disposable water path

### 6. Status light:

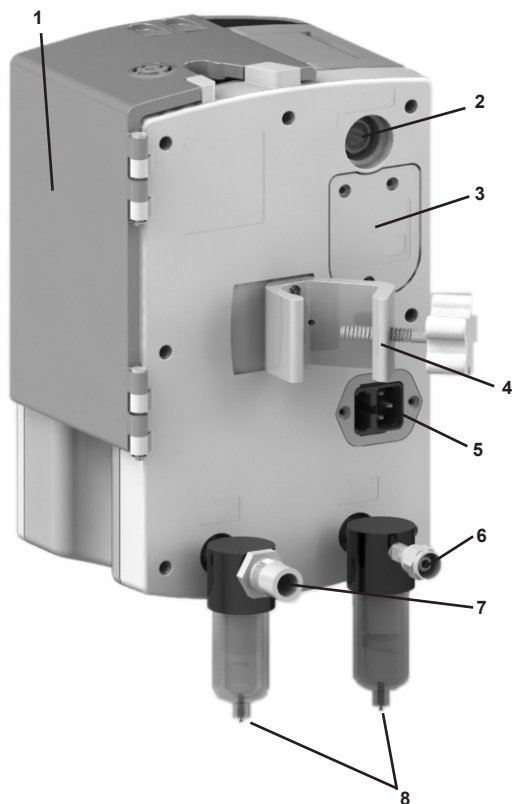
- Amber in standby
- Flashing green when output does not match settings (e.g. during warmup)
- Steady green when unit is operating normally

### 7. Run/standby button:

- Press to start unit after water and gas are connected



## Section 4 Controls, displays & connections



### Rear view

1. Hinged door
  - Open forward to install or remove disposable water path
2. Vent
3. Access panel for oxygen sensor (see note)
4. Pole clamp
5. Power cord connection and fuse holder
6. DISS or NIST oxygen connection
7. DISS or NIST air connection
8. Gas inlet filters and traps

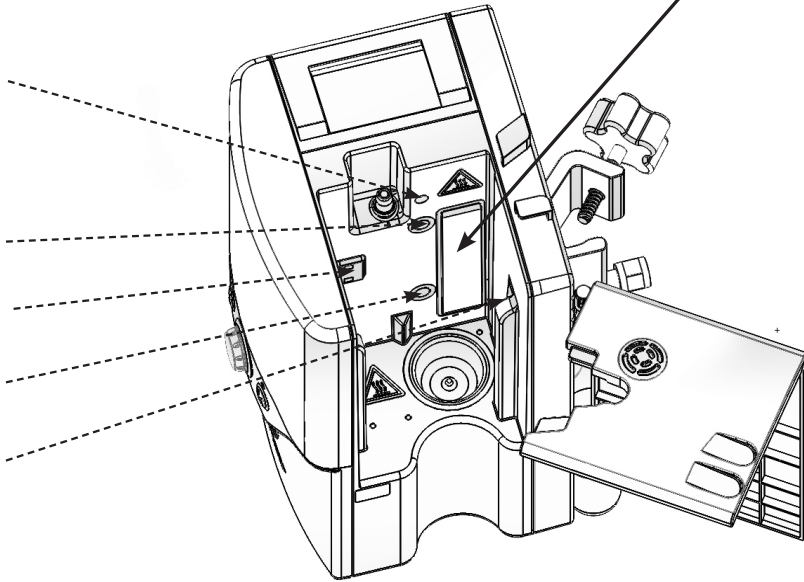
**Note:** Write an expiration date on the O<sub>2</sub> sensor cell that is one year from the date it is removed from its packaging with a permanent marker.

## Section 4 Controls, displays & connections

Docking station for disposable water path



**WARNING:**  
Heater plate may be hot!



Arrows show location of optical sensor ports.

Do not scratch or scrub the ports.

Do not apply organic solvents or bleach.

## Section 5 Modes of operation

Mode	Action	Indicator light color
Sleep	Display in sleep mode, no gas flow	Amber
Standby	Input parameters can be adjusted, no gas flow	Amber
Run	Warming to set point temperature, gas flow Unit operating at set point, gas flow	Flashing green Solid green

See Appendix for a description of the software operating modes.

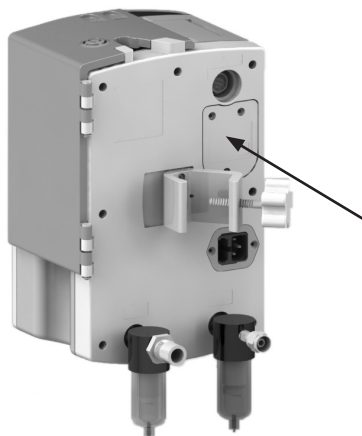
## Section 6 Initial assembly

Certain accessories must be installed in the Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> unit before it can be used. These will normally be supplied in a separate package from the main unit as some are country-specific. The power cord plugs into the IEC60320-compliant receptacle on the rear panel.

### 6a. Oxygen sensor installation

**CAUTION:** The oxygen sensor is in a sealed package. Un-sealing the package admits oxygen to the sensor, which should be replaced after 1 year. Do not open the package until the unit is to be used. Write the expiration date on the oxygen sensor cell.

1. Remove three (3) securing screws from the access panel. Pull the panel away from the unit.
2. Insert the threaded end of oxygen sensor into port, and screw into place. Sensor should be hand-tight only. Do not use tools.
3. Plug sensor cable into connector. Replace cover. Do not over-tighten screws.



**Oxygen Sensor Access Panel**

### 6b. Inlet gas filter trap assemblies.

Gas filters and traps are supplied in a separate container with the O<sub>2</sub> sensor and must be installed before first-time use. The filter and trap assemblies have a quick-disconnect fitting which connects to the main unit, and a DISS gas fitting for either an oxygen or an air hose.

Note: The quick-disconnect tubes for the oxygen and air filters are different sizes, so that they can not be connected incorrectly.

**WARNING:** Never attempt to run the Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> unit without the inlet gas filters. Particles in the inlet gas flow will cause irreparable damage to the mass flow sensors.

### Installing the gas inlet filters

1. Remove any protective tape from the gas inlet connectors at the back of the main unit.
2. Push the filter assembly firmly in the correct connector opening until it is fully engaged and it clicks. The filter can rotate but not pull out. Filter bowls should be vertical (glass side down) when in use.

### Removing gas inlet filter assembly from main unit

**Note:** It is not normally necessary to remove the filter and trap assemblies, but shipping and packing are easier if the filters are detached first.

1. Press the filter assembly into the main unit.
2. Hold the locking ring in place and push it back against the main unit backplate.
3. Pull the filter assembly straight out.

## Section 7 Setting up

- 7-1. Connect power cord if it is not already in place.
- 7-2. Hang the sterile water from IV pole hook.
- 7-3. Attach the unit to IV pole below lowest point of the sterile water.

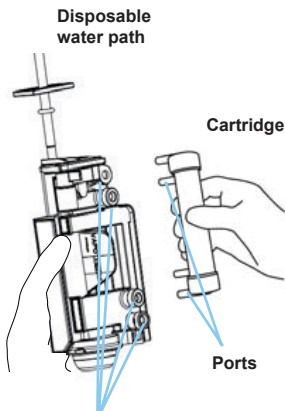
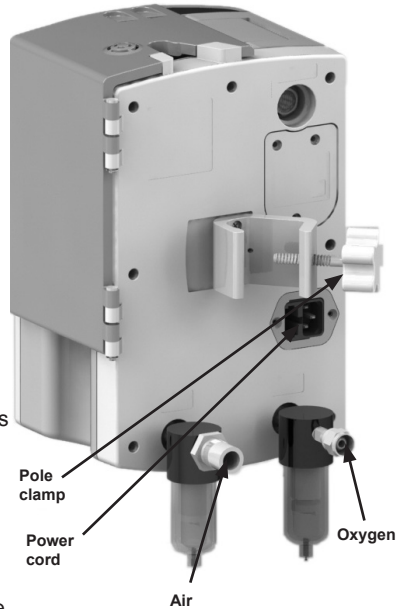
**NOTE:** The Precision Flow® oxygen and air supply inlet fittings are gas-specific to ensure correct connection.

**WARNING:** Unit weighs 10.6 lb.(4.81kg) To prevent possible injury or damage from falling, it must be securely fixed to a 5-wheel IV pole, with the base of the unit not more than 40" (102cm) above the floor. Fixed rail supports may also be used.

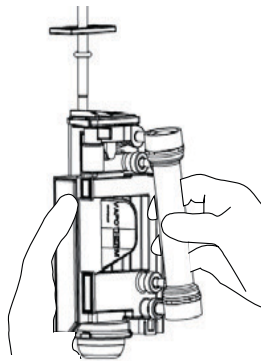
Use with Vapotherm approved IV poles.

- 7-4. Connect oxygen and air supply hoses to correct inlets then connect them to the wall outlets.
- 7-5. Open the bags containing the disposable water path, cartridge and delivery tube, and assemble them as follows:

- 7-5-1. Install a high or low-flow vapor transfer cartridge in disposable water path as shown. The cartridge may be inserted either way up. Align the cartridge ports with the disposable water path openings and press firmly into place.



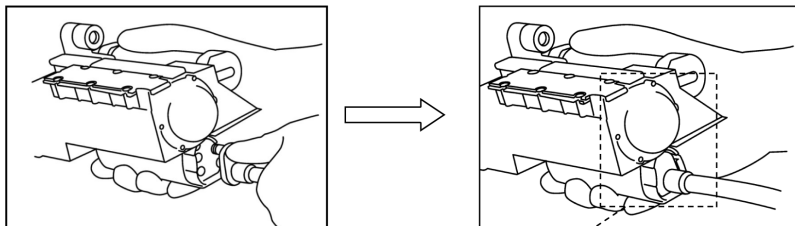
Disposable  
Water path  
openings



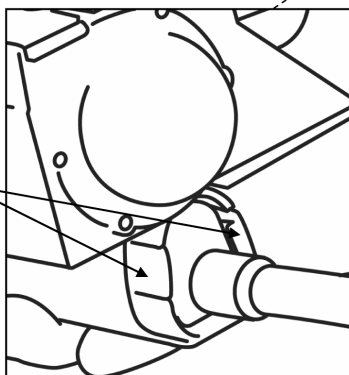
Cartridge Installed

## Section 7 Setting up

7-5-2. Fit the delivery tube to the disposable water path as shown. Press firmly into place.

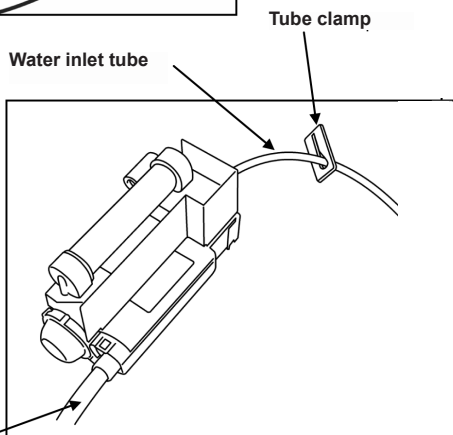


Insert fully. Both latches must click shut.



Assembled disposable patient circuit ready for insertion.

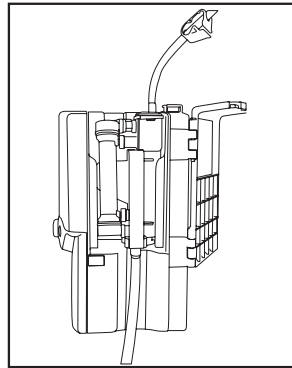
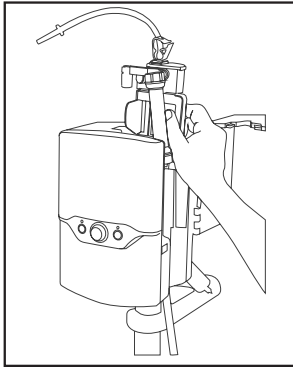
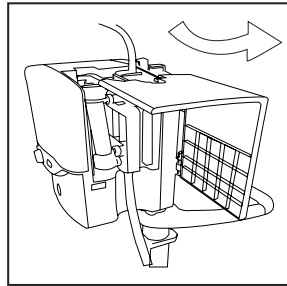
Patient delivery tube



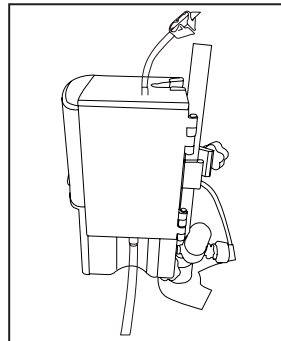
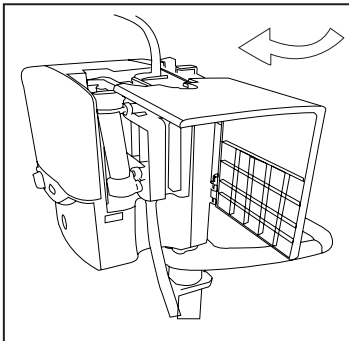
## Section 7 Setting up

### 7-6. Inserting disposable patient circuit:

- 7-6-1. Open hinged door to expose the docking station.
- 7-6-2. Hold disposable patient circuit by its handle, with the delivery tube downward as shown.
- 7-6-3. Slide disposable patient circuit downward into the docking station until it stops.
- 7-6-4. Press down firmly to ensure correct seating.



- 7-6-5. Close door.



**NOTE:** If the hinged door does not close easily, check that the cartridge is installed correctly and the disposable water path is fully inserted into the docking station.

**CAUTION:** Do not remove the disposable patient circuit while the unit is operating.

## Section 7 Setting up

**WARNING:** Use high-flow cartridge for flows 5-40 lpm and low-flow cartridge for flows 1-8 lpm.

7-7. Plug in power cord, and check that all the display indicators light. The Precision Flow™ performs a self-test:

- all icons and numeric displays light up for a few seconds
- internal sensors and control systems are checked
- if no faults are detected the unit enters STANDBY mode
- “Water Out” icon indicates there is no water in the disposable water path
- status LED is amber

7-8. The Precision Flow unit has three controls.

**Run/Standby Button** – Powers the unit on and places it in standby.

**Setting Control Knob** - Allows you to adjust the parameters.

**Alarm Mute Button** – Will intermittently silence alarms and also dims the display panel.

The Precision Flow has three modes. Those are **Sleep**, **Standby**, and **Run**. In Sleep mode, the unit will have a blank screen and an amber light showing. **The unit cannot be started from sleep.**

To put the unit in **Standby**, simply rotate the blue Control Setting Knob to illuminate the display. You will see the three parameters of Flow, percent oxygen, and Temperature. There will also be a corresponding cartridge indicator on the lower right hand side which will identify what type of disposable patient circuit is in place. (Blue/High or Red/Low)

To enter **Run Mode**, with the screen illuminated, **simply press and release the Run/Standby Button.**

The machine will give a series of 10 beeps, and begin to power up. At this point the small light above the Run/Standby Button will change from Amber to flashing Green. During this start up, you will also see two amber alarm indicators illuminated. This is normal and is part of the Precision Flow start up self test.

Run/Standby button



7-9. Push or rotate the control setting knob in either direction to light up the display in STANDBY mode.

7-10. Press the Mute button to change between bright and dim display (this function is only available if no alarms are active).

7-11. To connect the sterile water, remove spike cap and wipe spike with 70-90% isopropyl alcohol. Firmly insert spike into spike port of the sterile water, avoiding direct hand contact. Unclamp the water inlet tube so that water (>200 ml) flows into the disposable water path and the “Water Out” alarm cancels.

7-12. Press Run/Standby button to start gas flow, pump and heater. **Press twice if the display is initially blank.**



## Section 7 Setting up

Check that the unit beeps while it tests the disposable water path and pump (see Notes below).

7-13. If all tests are passed the unit enters RUN mode. Water circulates and fills the delivery tube. The three numeric displays for flow, temperature and oxygen % display initial factory settings or the last settings used. The Status LED flashes then shows continuously green when the unit reaches desired temperature.

### NOTES on startup:

- When the Run/Standby button is pressed, the unit enters a detection mode. A prompt sounds and the disposable water path icon flashes for approximately five seconds. In this mode the unit inspects the disposable water path to confirm that: a cartridge is present; the disposable water path is present; and the water level is correct. Power is then applied to the water pump. After five seconds the unit checks that the water pump has started and is running at the correct speed.
- The “water out” icon may flash intermittently until the water system has filled.
- Purging of air bubbles from the circulation can not be seen, because the gas escapes through a membrane at the top of the DWP, not into the water container.
- **Clamp the inlet tube to stop the flow of water** into disposable patient circuit whenever the unit is in standby mode.

**To adjust settings:** See section 8 (Adjustments)

## Section 8 Adjustments

Flow, oxygen % and temperature are all adjusted using the setting control knob in the center of the front panel.

- 8-1. To enter Adjustment mode, press and release the setting control knob. One displayed value will flash to show that it is selected for adjustment. Press the knob repeatedly to cycle the active selection through flow, oxygen % and temperature.
- 8-2. To change the selected variable, rotate the knob until the desired value is displayed. Press the knob again to enter this value and select the next variable.
- 8-3. If the knob is not rotated for five (5) seconds, the unit returns to the normal Run mode. To re-enter Adjustment mode, press the knob again. Rotating the knob has no effect unless one of the settings has been selected and one of the displayed values is flashing.



**Setting control knob**

### NOTES on settings:

- When gas inlet pressures are less than 40 psi (276 kPa) the full specified range of flows and oxygen mixtures is not available. The Precision Flow<sup>®</sup> detects the actual inlet pressures and calculates the range of values that can be achieved. An alarm sounds if the operator attempts to make settings outside this range.

## Section 8 Adjustments

- If oxygen is not connected, the blender setting will be fixed at 21%. If air is not connected the setting is fixed at 100%. An audio signal sounds if the operator attempts to set any other value.
- If a **HIGH-FLOW** cartridge is installed the flow can not be set below **5 lpm**.
- If a **LOW-FLOW** cartridge is installed the flow can not be set above **8 lpm**.

### NOTES on adjustment:

- Transient temperature changes may occur after rapid changes in flow settings.
- During Warmup the temperature display shows actual temperature, not the set value.
- In Run mode the display shows the current set values for flow, oxygen % and temperature.
- The setting control knob is sensitive to speed. Rotate quickly for large increments and slowly for small increments.
- After power down, unit returns to default settings

## Section 9 Connecting to patient

- 9-1. Wait for desired set temperature to be reached **before** placing the cannula on the end of the patient delivery tube. The flashing green Status LED becomes steady when the set temperature is reached.
- 9-2. Check water level, temperature display, gas flow rate, and oxygen percentage.
- 9-3. Size cannula to patient by ensuring that nasal prongs do not fit tightly into nares (1/2 the diameter of the nares).
- 9-4. Attach correct sized cannula for the patient and cartridge onto the delivery tube. Adjust the flow to the desired rate and fit the cannula to the patient. See appendix table for cannula flow rates. DPC flow ranges are shown in the table below:

Cartridge	Cannula type	Operational flow rates
High Flow	Adult, pediatric & small adult, pediatric small*	5-40 lpm
Low Flow	Premature, solo, neonatal, infant, intermediate infant, pediatric small*	1-8 lpm

\*Pediatric small cannula is intended to deliver flows from 1-20 lpm

## Section 9 Connecting to patient

### WARNINGS:

- Always follow aseptic technique (including proper hand washing and avoiding direct hand contact with connection points) when setting up the Precision Flow™ and Standard Precautions when placing on a patient.
- Cannula should not obstruct the nares of the patient.
- Change nasal cannulas when soiled.

### NOTES:

- The cannula or other interface should be connected to the patient only when the unit has warmed to set temperature (temperature display stops flashing).
- Droplets of condensation may appear at the end of patient delivery tube while unit is warming up. This is normal and will stop within a few minutes when set temperature is reached and the cannula is fitted to the patient.
- Some condensation around the nose is possible. In addition, a high moisture level may mobilize mucus from nose and sinuses. Make sure patient has a supply of tissues.

## Section 10 Operations: General Guidelines

### WARNING:

Never connect the unit to a patient until it reaches set point temperature (temperature display stops flashing). Allow the unit to warm-up to purge condensate and prevent patient discomfort due to cold or partly humidified gas.

- 10-1. Check that water is properly circulating through the machine by making sure the patient delivery tube is warm across the entire length. If good circulation cannot be confirmed, check that the water flow is not obstructed by air bubbles in the patient delivery tube.
- 10-2. Check that the patient delivery tube will not be occluded by the patient's position or moving bed structures.
- 10-3. Take precautions to minimize cooling of the unheated cannula by trying to maintain contact with the patient's skin and insulating the exposed portion of the cannula with bedding.
- 10-4. During operation the door should be closed.
- 10-5. Check inlet gas traps for contaminants and press valve to empty any condensate, if present.
- 10-6. Check that nothing blocks the vent on the back of the unit.
- 10.7 For optimum operation, stand facing the front of the unit at a distance that permits you to easily read the display and reach the controls (<1m).

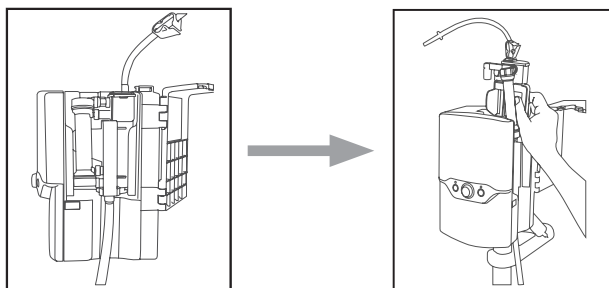
**NOTE:** Condensation in the cannula may occur in certain ambient conditions at flow rates less than 5 lpm (low flow cartridge) or less than 10 lpm (high flow cartridge). To minimize condensation it is recommended not to set the temperature higher than 34°C, if using flow rates less than 5 lpm.

## Section 11 Changing the disposable patient circuit



The disposable patient circuit, consisting of the disposable water path, cartridge and delivery tube, is marked for single patient use. They may be used for up to 30 days on a single patient but must then be replaced.

- 11-1. Stop the unit by pressing the Run/Standby button.
- 11-2. Clamp the water inlet tube connected to the sterile water.
- 11-3. Open the door to expose the disposable water path.
- 11-4. Lift the disposable patient circuit out of the Precision Flow™ unit and discard in accordance with institutional guidelines.
- 11-5. Wipe down the docking station with 70-90% isopropyl alcohol wipes.



### WARNINGS:

- **The heater plates on the docking station and disposable water path may be hot !**
- Universal precautions and aseptic technique must be used in handling the disposable parts.



- 11-6. Open a new cartridge, delivery tube and disposable water path.
- 11-7. Install the cartridge in the water path as described in Section 7 (Setting up).

### CAUTIONS:

- The sensor windows in the docking station must not be scratched or damaged. If necessary, clean them only with alcohol wipes (70-90% isopropyl alcohol). **Never use sharp instruments, abrasive cleaners, bleach or organic solvents to clean windows.**

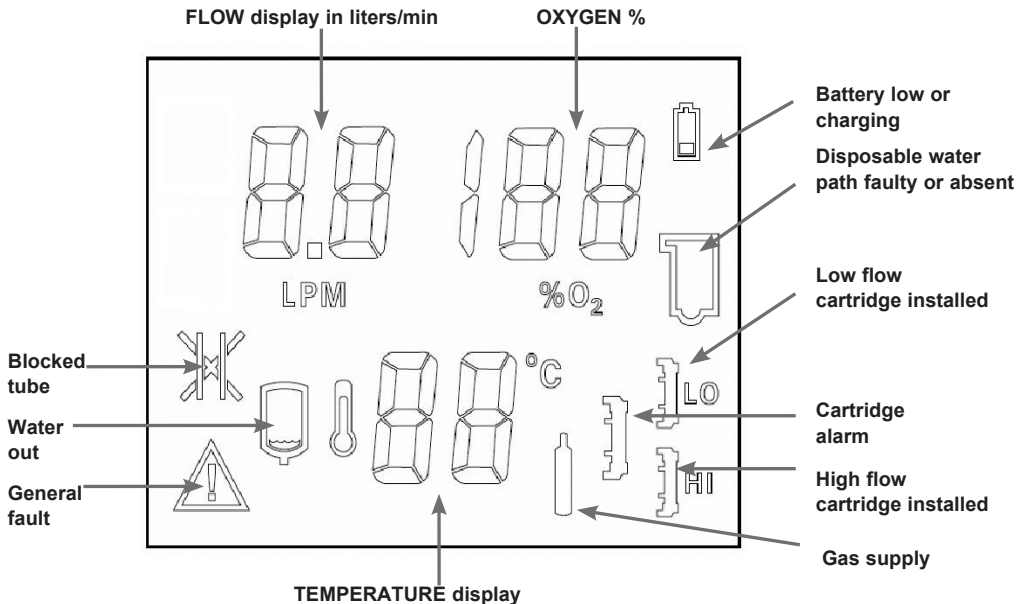
- 11-8. Slide the disposable patient circuit into the docking station and close the door.
- 11-9. Hang new sterile water on the IV pole hook.
- 11-10. Wipe the spike on the water inlet tube with 70-90% isopropyl alcohol and insert into spike port of the sterile water.
- 11-11. Re-start the unit.

## Section 12 Alarms

Fault conditions are indicated by icons displayed on the front panel and by audio signals.

- Unless indicated otherwise, alarms will self-clear when the fault condition is corrected.
- The MUTE button will silence low priority alarms for 2 minutes and medium priority alarms for 20 seconds (except for Blocked Tube alarm, which can only be muted for 5 seconds or less while the alarm resets). General fault alarms cannot be muted.
- Gas flow continues during alarm conditions -except when the O<sub>2</sub> supply gas pressure is outside specified range.
- A yellow LED above the Mute button indicates that one or more alarms are muted.

**Note:** Place the unit in STANDBY mode before removing the disposable patient circuit



### ALARM TONE PRIORITIES








- MEDIUM PRIORITY alarms require immediate attention and are indicated by rapid intermittent tones (fast triple beeps).
- LOW PRIORITY alarms require attention as soon as reasonably possible and are indicated by infrequent intermittent tones (slow double beeps).

In addition to the medium and low alarms, the Precision Flow™ emits the following audio signals:

- single dull tone that sounds when the unit switches from run to standby mode
- single high pitched beep whenever you press the control setting knob
- low pitched buzz when you try to change a setting that cannot be changed or when alarm conditions prevent entering the run mode
- slowly repeating single beep during disposable water path testing





## Section 12 Alarms

### Alarm Table

Alarm icon	Audio Signal	Indicates	Cause	Action
General fault (flashing) 	Medium Priority Cannot be muted	Malfunction of sensor or control system	Internal component failure	Cannot be corrected by user: disconnect patient. Shut off unit, send for service.
General fault (flashing) % O2 displays dashes (- -) 	Medium Priority Cannot be muted	O2 sensor fault	Depleted or defective O2 sensor	Reset by shutting off unit. Replace O2 sensor. Restart unit
Blocked tube (flashing) 	Medium Priority Mutes only during brief reset period	High back pressure	Obstructed or kinked cannula/delivery tube, incorrect cannula for flow rate, or DPC improperly seated	Clear obstruction, check cannula type, re-install DPC
Water out (flashing) 	Medium Priority	No water in disposable water path. Gas flow continues without heating or water circulation.	Sterile water empty, or obstructed inlet tube.	Disconnect patient. Replace water bag or straighten inlet tube. Restart unit.
Disposable water path (flashing) 	Medium Priority	Disposable water path faulty or not detected. Unit will not run.	Disposable water path defective, not properly seated or not installed.	If disposable water path is present, remove and replace to reset detector.
Battery charging (continuous) 	None	The internal battery backup is not fully charged. The unit would not run on battery for the full rated time in the event of a power failure. No action is necessary.		
Battery (flashing) 	Medium Priority	The unit is running in BATTERY mode. Gas flow and blending continue without heat or water circulation.	AC power is disconnected	Reconnect AC power.

## Section 12 Alarms

**Alarm Table**

Alarm icon	Audio Signal	Indicates	Cause	Action
	Medium Priority	Cartridge and/or DPC not detected. Unit will not run	RUN mode: faulty sensor or cartridge not detected.	Disconnect patient. Remove disposable patient circuit. Check cartridge installation. Check sensor windows are clean.
	Low Priority	Gas bubbles in water circulation. Unit continues to operate.	Excessive gas diffusion through cartridge fibers.	Disconnect patient. Shut off unit. Replace disposable patient circuit including water path, cartridge & delivery tube.
	None	Cartridge and/or DPC not detected.	STANDBY mode: missing cartridge.	Remove disposable patient circuit. Check cartridge installation.
Cartridge type 	None	Indicates type of cartridge installed (low or high flow). Not an alarm.		
Gas supply (flashing) Gas supply (continuous and flow rate numeric display flashes) 	Medium Priority	Gas supply pressure outside 4-85 psi (28-586 kPa) range. Unit will not operate.	Gas supply is disconnected or exhausted.	Check gas supply and correct as necessary.
	Medium Priority	Selected flow can not be provided from current gas supply.	Inlet gas pressure too low for selected flow rate.	Increase gas pressure or decrease flow setting.
Temperature display shows dashes (- -) flashing, & General Fault icon 	Medium Priority Cannot be muted	Temperature out of range.	Overheating or temperature sensor malfunction.	Cannot be corrected by user: disconnect patient. Shut off unit and send for service.
Temperature numeric display flashes	None	Temperature 2° > set point	User enters set point much lower than previous temperature.	Silence alarm and wait for temperature to drop.
		Temperature 2° < set point	Very low water temperature after bag replacement.	Silence alarm and wait for temperature to rise.



**GENERAL FAULT ALARMS:** Are failures in the control or measurement systems. Depending on the cause of the failure, gas delivery may or may not be stopped. The user needs to monitor the treatment and respond to general fault alarms. General Fault alarms cannot be silenced with the mute button. To reset, first disconnect the unit from AC power and then press the Run/Standby button. With the exception of O2 sensor replacement, the unit must be repaired by trained personnel.

## Section 13 Shut down

- 13-1. Stop the unit by pressing the Run/Standby button. Unit will enter Standby mode.
- 13-2. Clamp the water inlet tube.
- 13-3. Open the hinged door, remove the disposable water path with cartridge and delivery tube attached by sliding it upwards out of the docking station.
- 13-4. Discard all disposables according to hospital guidelines.
- 13-5. Disconnect unit from AC power.

**Note:** The Precision Flow™ has **no ON/OFF switch**. Plug the unit into a wall socket to keep the battery fully charged.

**CAUTION:** Even a fully charged battery will lose its charge over a period of weeks when the unit is not connected to an AC source. It is recommended that the unit is connected to AC for at least two hours once a month to maintain battery charge.

## Section 14 Routine maintenance

**Note:** The internal backup battery should be replaced every two years. Contact VapoTherm for further information.

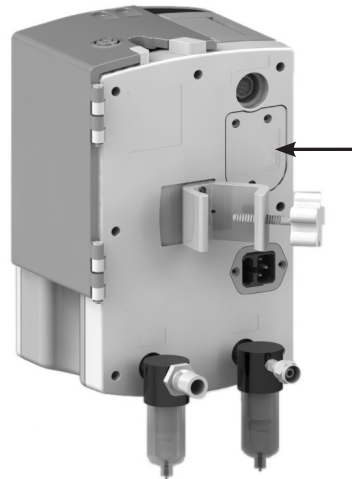
### 14.a Oxygen sensor

The oxygen sensor (part no. 3003011) should be replaced annually. It is accessible by removing a panel at the back of the unit, and can be changed in a few minutes by the user or biomedical engineer. Use only VapoTherm approved parts.

#### To replace oxygen sensor:

1. Remove three (3) securing screws from the access panel. Pull the panel away from the unit.
2. Disconnect the cable connector: grasp with pliers and pull straight back.
3. Unscrew the sensor body from its housing. Insert new sensor and screw in.
4. Plug in cable and replace cover. Do not over-tighten screws.
5. Apply label to indicate when replacement is due.

**CAUTION:** Sensor should be hand-tight only. Do not use tools.



Oxygen sensor access panel



## Section 14 Routine maintenance

### 14.b Gas filters and traps

It is recommended that the inlet gas filters be replaced every 6 months. For ordering information, please contact Vapotherm.

### 14.c Fuses

The mains fuses (two GMA - 3A F250 V, 5 x 20mm) are located next to the power cord inlet. Use a small flat blade screwdriver to pry open the fuse compartment door to access fuses.

## Section 15 Cleaning and disinfection

The entire patient circuit is disposable and no disinfection is required. The main unit, including the docking station for the disposable water path should be wiped down with any of the following 70-90% isopropyl alcohol, 2% (maximum) Chlorine cleaning solution (Sodium Hypochlorite), or 6% (maximum) Hydrogen Peroxide cleaning solution. In addition, the following detergent wipes may be used to remove any soil from the unit; Caviwipes™ or Sani-Cloth™ AF3 Germicidal. Unplug the Precision Flow™ while cleaning and disinfecting.

**NOTE:** The transparent sensor ports in the docking station must be clean. The unit will not operate if the sensors do not receive a clear signal.

**CAUTION:** Do not use organic solvents or abrasive cleaners. Hypochlorite solutions liberate toxic gases such as chlorine when acidified or heated. The reaction with ammonia or with substances that can generate ammonia can produce chloramines which are also toxic and have explosive potential. Do not expose the surface of the heater plate on the Precision Flow unit to concentrations of Chlorine solution (Sodium Hypochlorite) for a prolonged period of time, as this may cause surface damage to the metal plating.

## Section 16 Specifications

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Dimensions:**

Height 11.5"(300mm), width 8"(200mm), depth 7"(180mm), excluding IV pole clamp and gas filters.

**Weight:**

10.6 lb (4.81 kg) without disposable patient circuit

**Circulating Water Volume:**


400 ml approx. including delivery tube and cartridge.

**Mounting:**

Rear mounted clamp fits IV poles up to 1.5"(38mm) diameter.

**Gas Connections:**

Standard DISS non-interchangeable fittings for medical air and oxygen.

**FUSES:** (Qty 2) GMA 3A F250 V 5mm x 20mm 

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

**Power:**

100-240VAC, 50-60Hz, approx. 200VA during warm up, approx. 80VA in steady state (depends on flow rate and temperature).

**Back-up power:**

(Qty 4) 4.8V nickel-metal hydride AA batteries (not user replaceable).

**Gas supply:**

Medical air and oxygen at inlet pressures between 4 and 85 psi (28-586 KPa).

**NOTE:** the full range of flows and oxygen percentage is available only if both gases are present at inlet pressures of at least 40 psi (276 kPa).

**Water:**

Sterile water in pre-filled sealed container.

### PERFORMANCE

**Temperature:**

Range- 33 to 43°C at exit from the delivery tube, adjustable

Resolution- 1°C

Accuracy-  $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$

**Warm up time:**

$\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  of 33°C set point < 5 minutes (at ambient 23°C)

**Humidification:**

Complies with ISO8185-2007 Respiratory tract humidifiers for medical use, paragraph 101

**Oxygen percentage:**

Range- 21 to 100% O<sub>2</sub>

Accuracy-  $\pm 2\%$

Resolution- 1%

NOTE: At 22% & 23% oxygen blend, the delivered oxygen is 21%.

## Section 16 Specifications

### PERFORMANCE

#### Flow rate:

Vapor transfer cartridge	Range	Resolution
Low flow	1 - 8 lpm	0.5 lpm
High flow	5 - 40 lpm	1.0 lpm

### STANDARDS

Designed to conform to the following standards:

IEC 60601-1

UL60601-01

CSA C.22.2/No. 601.1

AS/NZS 3200.1.2

EN60601-1

ISO 8185

ISO 11195

ISTA-2A

### ENVIRONMENTAL

#### Operating

Ambient temperature: 18-30°C

Ambient relative humidity: 0-90% RH non-condensing

Ambient Pressure: Standard atmospheric – Not to be used in hyperbaric conditions

#### Storage and Shipping

Ambient temperature: -10 - +50°C

Ambient relative humidity: 20-90% RH

### ALARM SOUND PRESSURE RANGES

Medium Priority Alarm

47 dB measured 1m from unit

Low Priority Alarm

45 dB measured 1m from unit

## Appendix

### Standard Cannula

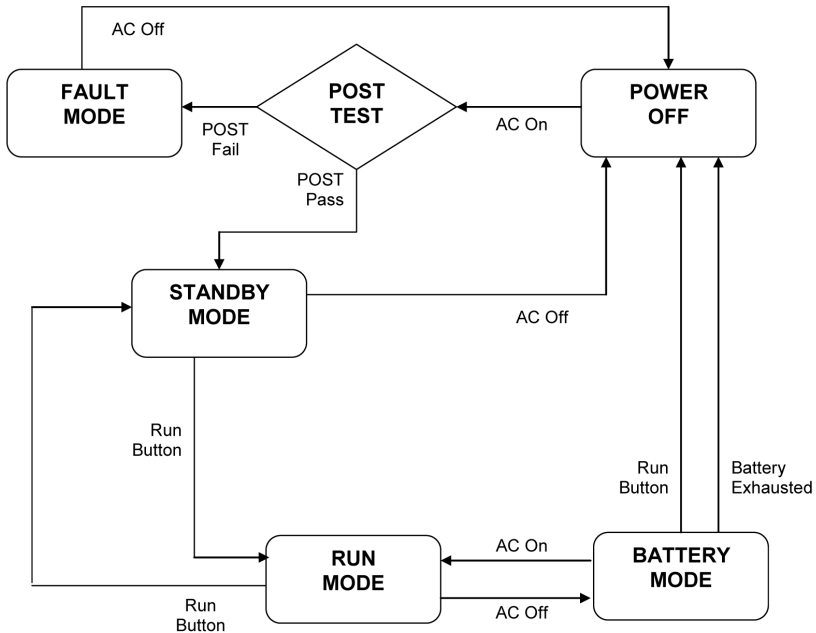
Size	Part No.	Prong Outer Dia. (mm)	Max. Flow
Premature	MN1100A	1.5	8
Neonatal	MN1100B	1.5	8
Infant	MI1300	1.9	8
Intermediate Infant	MI1300B	1.9	8
SOLO cannula	SOLO1300	1.9	8
Pediatric Small	MPS1500	1.9	20
Pediatric/Adult Small	MP1500	2.7	40
Adult (base)	MA1700	4.8	40

### Audio Tone Characteristics

Tone Type	Fo (Hz)	Pulses per Burst	Pulse Spacing (ms)	Pulse Duration (ms)	Inter Burst Interval (s)
<b>Medium Priority</b>	660	3	200	200	2.5
<b>Low Priority</b>	660	2	200	200	18
<b>Run/Stand-By transition</b>	440	1	-	30	-
<b>Encoder Knob press</b>	880	1	-	90	-
<b>User Interface Error</b>	220	1	-	100	-
<b>Self Test</b>	660	5	1000	50	-

## Appendix

### Software operating modes



The diagram illustrates the operating modes for the unit.

- Immediately on connection to AC power a POST (Power-On Self Test) is run to verify proper function of subsystems, sensors and actuators in the Precision Flow®.
- On successfully completing the POST the unit enters STANDBY unless there is a test failure, when the system alarms, enters FAULT mode and can not be started.
- The Precision Flow™ enters RUN mode from STANDBY when the RUN/STANDBY button is pressed. Normal operation starts. The pump, heater and gas flow proportioning systems start. Sensors and alarms are active and flow, temperature and oxygen % can be set.
- To return to STANDBY, the RUN/STANDBY button is pressed again.
- If AC power is disconnected when the unit is in RUN mode it enters BATTERY mode. If the battery is fully charged, gas mixing and metering continues for at least 15 minutes, but water is not circulated or heated. When the battery is discharged the unit enters the POWER OFF mode.
- If AC power is disconnected in STANDBY, the unit enters POWER OFF mode.

## Appendix

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration - electromagnetic emissions		
The Precision Flow™ is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified below. The customer or the user of the Precision Flow™ should assure that it is used in such an environment.		
Emissions test	Compliance	Electromagnetic environment- guidance
RF emissions CISPR 11	Group 1	The Precision Flow™ uses RF energy only for its internal function. Therefore, its RF emissions are very low and are not likely to cause any interference in nearby equipment.
RF emissions CISPR 11	Class B	The Precision Flow™ is suitable for use in all establishments other than domestic, and may be used in domestic establishments and those directly connected to the public low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes, provided the following warning is heeded:  <b>Warning:</b> This equipment/system is intended for use by healthcare professionals only. This equipment/system may cause radio interference or may disrupt the operation of nearby equipment. It may be necessary to take mitigating measures, such as re-orienting or relocating the Precision Flow™ or shielding the location.
Harmonic emissions IEC 61000-3-2	Class A	
Voltage fluctuations/ flicker emissions IEC 61000-3-3	Complies	

Guidance and manufacturer's declaration- electromagnetic immunity	
<i>IEC 60601-1-2:2001+A1:2004</i> <i>EN60601-1-2:2001</i> <i>AS/NZ3200.1.2:2005</i>	
Sub Test	Passed Parameters
Electro-Static Discharge EN 61000-4-2:1995,+A1:1998, +A2:2001	±6kV Contact discharge ±8kV Air discharge
Radiated RF Susceptibility EN 61000-4-3:2002	80- 2500MHz @ 3 V/m, 1kHz AM 80% modulation
Electrical Fast Transients EN 61000-4-4:2004	±5kV AC mains,
Surges EN 61000-4-5:1995, +A1:2001	±0.5,1kV Line to line ±0.5, 1 2kV Line to protected earth
Line Conducted RF Susceptibility EN 61000-4-6: 1996, +A1:2001	0.15-80MHz @ 3Vrms, 1kHz AM 80% modulation
Power Frequency Magnetics EN 61000-4-8: 1993, +A1:2001	3A/m @ 50/60Hz PASSED
Voltage Dips and Dropouts EN 61000-4-11: 2004	Per Standard

## Warranty

Vapotherm expressly warrants, for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase by the initial purchaser of the Product ("Customer") that the Product shall meet the specifications set forth in the applicable official instructions for use provided with each Product (the "Instructions"). The sole remedy for this warranty is that Vapotherm shall repair or, at its option, replace any part or all of any Product that is defective at no cost to the Customer. Vapotherm shall pay any shipping charges required in repairing or replacing any part or all of a Product provided that such Product is shipped within three (3) months of the date of purchase by the Customer. Thereafter, shipping charges shall be paid by the Customer. This warranty does not apply to any patient circuit or hoses supplied with the Product nor does the warranty cover abuse or misuse of the Product, or damage due to unauthorized servicing. To maintain this warranty, repair may only be performed by Vapotherm or a Vapotherm authorized service center. Labor for repairs will not be covered. The warranty set forth in this shall become null and void if the Product is opened, otherwise tampered with, or if repairs are attempted by anyone other than Vapotherm or a Vapotherm certified service center, or if the Product is operated by anyone other than trained and duly qualified medical personnel.

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