Operating Instructions & Frequently Asked Questions:

5 Inch LED Digital Magnetic Hotplate Stirrer
Frequently Asked Questions:

Q(1): Why does the temperature rise slowly when the hot plate heats up to near the target temperature?

Q(2): Why does the temperature rise slowly when the hot plate heats up to over 90 °C?

- When the target temperature is approached or the temperature rises over 90 °C, in order to avoid temperature overshoot and destroying the solution, the heating power will be decreased.

Below suggestions are recommended to be considered:

- Minimize liquid evaporation during heating and reduce heat loss, such as covering the top of the beaker with a lid.
- Set the heating temperature higher (200-280 °C) than the desired temperature, and then gradually decrease it into the required target temperature or when the heating medium approaching the target temperature.
Q(3): Why the start-up speed is greater than that of the target speed setting, when at 100-300RPM low stirring?

- When the stirrer starts to stir, it needs to overcome the inertia of the water/liquid. So the motor needs to generate more power than the set force. That’s why the speed at the beginning will be greater than the set speed. But after the stirrer starts and the liquid has inertia, in order to reach the target speed, the motor will gradually slow down.

Q(4): Why does the stirrer display ER2/ER5 error?

If the stirrer displays ER2/ER5/ER3/ER1/ER4 error, please power off, and then re-start the device. If the stirrer still displays error, please contact us freely. Our technical support department colleague serve you.

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Q(5): Why is the stirring force insufficient?

Q(6): Why does the stirrer bar irregularly rotate?

- Magnetic stirrer is used to stir low viscosity liquid or solid-liquid mixtures.
- If there is too much liquid, or the liquid is too dense, reducing the stirring speed or liquid amount in an appropriate level is recommended, so as to ensure for proper working of stirring functions.
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Safety Instructions

⚠️ ⚠️ ⭐ For your protection

• Read the operating instructions in full before starting up and follow the safety instructions when in use.
• Ensure that only trained staff work with the device.
• Socket must be earthed (protective ground contact).
• Caution-Magnetism! Effects of the magnetic field have to be taken into account (e.g. data storage media, cardiac pacemakers…).
• The heating plate can reach temperatures of 280°C and pay attention to the residual heat after switching off.
• The main power supply cable should not touch the heating plate.
• Wear your personal protective equipment in accordance with the hazard category of the media to be processed. Otherwise there is a risk from:
  - Splashing and evaporation of liquids
  - Ejection of parts
  - Release of toxic or combustible gases
• Set up the device in a spacious area on an even, stable, clean, nonslip, dry and fireproof surface.
• Don’t use damaged components.
• Gradually increase the speed and reduce the speed if
  - the medium splashes out of the container because the speed is too high
  - the machine is not running smoothly
  - the container moves on the heating plate
• **Caution!** Only process and heat up any media that has a flash point higher than the adjusted safe temperature limit that has been set.
• The safe temperature limit must always be set to at least 50°C lower than the fire point of the media used.
• Beware of hazards due to:
  - flammable materials
  - combustible media with a low boiling temperature
  - glass breakage
  - incorrect container use
  - overfilling of media
  - unsafe condition of container
• The machine may heat up when in use. Don’t use the machine in explosive atmospheres with hazardous substances.
• Process pathogenic materials only in closed containers under a suitable extractor hood.
• Only process media that will not react dangerously to the extra energy produced in other ways, e.g. through light irradiation.
• The external temperature sensor PT1000 must always be inserted in the media when connected and ensure it’s inserted in the media to a depth of at least 20mm.
• Accessories must be securely attached to the machine and can’t come off by themselves.
• Always disconnect the plug before fitting accessories.
• The machine can only be disconnected from the mains supply by pulling out the mains plug or the connector plug.
• When using PTFE-coated magnetic bars, the following
has to be noted, Chemical reactions of PTFE occur in contact with molten or solute alkali metals and alkaline earth metals, as well as with fine powders of metals in groups 2 and 3 of the periodic system at temperatures above 300°C-400°C. Only elementary fluorine, chlorotrifluoride and alkali metals attack it; halogenated hydrocarbons have a reversible swelling effect.

- The voltage stated on the type plate must correspond to the mains voltage.
- Don’t cover the machine, even partially e.g. with metallic plates or film, which will result in overheating.
- Ensure the heating plate is kept clean.
- Protect the machine and accessories from bumps and impacts.
- The minimum distance between the machines; the minimum distance between the machine and the wall is mini. 100mm.

**Inspection**

- Unpack the device carefully and check for any damages which may have arisen during transit. Please contact the manufacturer/supplier for technical support.

**Note:**

⚠️ If there is any apparent damage to the device, please do not connect the power line.
• Contents of package

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<td>Screwdriver</td>
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<td>Magnetic stirring bar</td>
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<td>External temperature sensor PT1000</td>
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<td>User Manual</td>
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**Control**
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<th>Number</th>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Knob for temperature setting</td>
<td>Set the temperature by rotating the knob. Start/stop heating by pressing the knob.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Knob for speed setting</td>
<td>Set the speed by rotating the knob. Start/stop stirring by pressing the knob.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Knob for safety temperature setting</td>
<td>Set the safety temperature by rotating the knob. When the heating temperature is higher than the safety temperature, the machine stops heating.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Temperature display</td>
<td>When heating, it displays the target temperature and the actual temperature alternately. It displays “OFF” when heating stops.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Speed display</td>
<td>When stirring, it displays the target speed and the actual speed alternately. It displays “OFF” when the stirring stops.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Safety temperature display</td>
<td>When setting the safety temperature, the first 4 digits display “SAFE” and the last 4 digits display the temperature value.</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Heating indicator</td>
<td>It’s lit when heating.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>External temperature sensor indicator</td>
<td>When the external temperature sensor is connected, the indicator is lit and the LED displays the temperature of the external temperature sensor. When it’s disconnected, the temperature of the internal temperature sensor is displayed.</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Setting indicator</td>
<td>The light will flash when setting the temperature or speed.</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Power switch</td>
<td>Switch on/off</td>
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**Trial run**

- Make sure the required voltage corresponds to the mains voltage.
- Ensure the socket must be properly grounded.
- Switch on and start initializing.
- Add sample into the container with an appropriate stirring bar.
- Place the container on the heating plate.
- Set the target speed and start stirring.
- Observe the stirring bar and the LED display.
- Set the temperature and start heating.
- Observe the actual temperature on the LED display.
- Connect the external temperature sensor.

If the above operations are normal, the device is good to run. If these operations are abnormal, the device may probably be damaged during transit, please contact manufacturer/supplier for technical support.

**Warning!**

DO NOT move the container when the device is working.

**Heating**

With the digital temperature control, the machine has two separate safe circuits. The hotplate is kept at a constant temperature by a digital control circuit. The hotplate temperature can also be monitored by another adjustable safe circuit. The two temperature sensors (PT1000) internal for temperature control are built into the hotplate.
The single external PT1000 can monitor the temperature of sample.

- Set temperature by the temperature setting knob.
- When heating, the LED will display alternately the target temperature and the real temperature.
- Heating is switched on/off by pressing the temperature setting.
- The set temperature of last operation will be displayed when the machine is switched on. Normally, the set temperature and the actual temperature may probably have some differences:
  - Hotplate center and outer edge
  - The sample inside the container and the container.

To ensure the accuracy of the temperature inside the container, please use the external temperature sensor PT1000.

**Working with the external temperature sensor**

The external temperature sensor PT1000 is the standard accessory. When the sensor is connected, the sensor indicator will light and the machine is in the PT1000 operation mode. The setting temperature of the external sensor and the actual temperature are displayed. The safety circuit controls the hotplate temperature.

Comparing with the temperature control of the hotplate, the external temperature sensor can control the sample’s temperature more precisely. The external temperature
sensor must be inserted in the sample. For any faults, heating will be automatically stopped. In this case, please proceed as follows:
- Turn power off
- Ensure the external temperature sensor is inserted into the sample
- Turn on and set the temperature to start heating
- If the instrument still can’t work properly, please contact manufacturer / supplier for technical support.

**Residual heat warning (HOT)**
To prevent the risk of burns from the hotplate, this instrument has residual heat warning function. When heating is stopped, and the heating plate temperature is still above 50°C, “Hot” will flash to warn that there’s potential risk of burns. When the hotplate temperature drops to below 50°C, the instrument will be automatically powered off. To turn off the instrument immediately, pull out the plug. In case of main power failure or disconnection, the residual heat warning will not work.

**Stirring**
Stirring is switched on / off by pressing the speed setting knob. The speed is set by rotating the knob in the range of 100-1500rpm. When powered on, it displays the set speed of last operation.

**Faults**
- The device can’t work when powered on
  - Check if the power line is connected properly
- Check if the fuse is broken or loose
- Fault in power on self test
  - Power off the device and then restart
- Actual speed can’t reach the set value
  - Media in high viscosity may probably cause abnormal speed reduction of the motor
- The device can’t be powered off when switched off
  - Check if the residual heat warning function is still on and the hotplate temperature is above 50°C (LED still works and “Hot” flashes)

**Error codes**

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<th>Error code</th>
<th>Error description</th>
<th>Solutions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Er1</td>
<td>Short circuit in the external temperature sensor PT1000</td>
<td>Replace PT1000 and re-start the device</td>
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<td>Er2</td>
<td>Open circuit in the internal temperature sensor PT1000</td>
<td>Re-start the device</td>
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<td>Er3</td>
<td>Short circuit in the internal temperature sensor PT1000</td>
<td>Re-start the device</td>
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<td>Er4</td>
<td>Excessive temperature of the device</td>
<td>Power off, and then re-start the device after cooling down</td>
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<td>Er5</td>
<td>Motor failure</td>
<td>Reduce the sample</td>
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If the instrument still can’t work properly, please contact manufacturer/supplier for technical support.
**Maintenance**

Proper maintenance can make the device work well and extend its life.

- Do not allow moisture to get into the device when cleaning
- Disconnect the mains plug when cleaning
- Wear protective gloves when cleaning
- Only use the recommended cleansing agents

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<td>Fuels</td>
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**Standards and regulations**

Construction in accordance with the following safety standards:
- EN 61010-1
- UL 3101-1
- CAN/CSA C22.2(1010-1)
- EN 61010-2-10

Construction in accordance with the following EMC standards:
- EN 61326-1

Associated EU guidelines:
- EMC-guidelines: 89/336/EWG
- Instrument guidelines: 73/023/EWG
## Specifications

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<th>Items</th>
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<td>Frequency [Hz]</td>
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<td>Power [W]</td>
<td>630</td>
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<td>Stirring point position quantity</td>
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<td>Max. stirring quantity (H2O) [L]</td>
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<td>Max. magnetic bar [L x Φ, mm ]</td>
<td>55 x 10</td>
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<td>Motor Type</td>
<td>DC motor</td>
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<td>Speed range [rpm]</td>
<td>100-1500</td>
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<td>Speed display</td>
<td>LED</td>
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<td>Working plate material</td>
<td>Stainless steel with ceramic coated</td>
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<td>Dimension of working plate (mm)</td>
<td>Φ135</td>
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<td>Heating power [W]</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>Temperature display [°C]</td>
<td>LED</td>
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<td>PT1000</td>
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<td>Protection class acc. to DIN EN6 0529</td>
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Warranty

The instrument is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of 24 months from the date of invoice. The warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. It doesn’t cover any worn out parts, nor apply to any damage by improper use, insufficient care or maintenance not carried out in accordance with the instructions in this operating manual.

For claims under the warranty please contact your local supplier. You may also send the instrument directly to manufacturer, enclosing the invoice copy and giving reasons for the claim.