



CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator  
Model 155000 and 155000-2  
Operating Instructions

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# 1. Safety

The following symbols marked on the equipment mean:



**Caution:** Please read and understand all necessary installation and operating instructions prior to operating the system. Please refer to these operating instructions for more information in all cases where this symbol is marked.

**Always observe the following safety precautions:**



- Use only as specified by the operating instructions or the intrinsic protection may be impaired.



- **WARNING:** Do not modify the system or its components. Any alterations or modifications to the CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator may be dangerous and will void the warranty.



- **WARNING:** Do not attempt to modify the system's firmware or attempt to install 3<sup>rd</sup> party firmware. Only use firmware provided by Boekel Scientific. Any alterations or modifications to the firmware may be dangerous and will void the warranty.



- **WARNING:** To avoid the risk of electric shock, this equipment must only be connected to a supply mains with protective earth.



- Connect only to a power supply with a voltage corresponding to that on the serial number label. Do not replace the detachable mains supply cord with an inadequately rated cord.

- Connect only to a power supply that provides a safety ground terminal.

- After transport or storage in humid conditions, dry out the unit before connecting it to the supply voltage. Allow sufficient time (at least 24 hours) in a well-ventilated area for the unit to return to safe operating conditions. During drying out, the equipment cannot be assumed to meet all the safety requirements of IEC 61010-1.



- Disconnect power before servicing, moving, or cleaning.

- Do not position system where it is difficult to reach the power inlet or power switch.

- Do not block or restrict ventilation slots. Allow at least 4" clearance around the entire unit.

- It is the user's responsibility to carry out appropriate decontamination per their SOP if hazardous material is spilled on or inside the equipment.

- The end user is responsible to ensure that 1) no decontamination or cleaning agents are used which could cause a hazard as a result of a reaction with parts of the equipment or with material contained in it, and 2) the manufacturer or agent is consulted if there is any doubt about the compatibility of decontamination or cleaning agents with parts of the equipment or with material contained in it.



- If liquid is spilled inside the unit, disconnect it from the power supply and follow the site's SOP for cleaning.



- Do not use with flammable, corrosive, or hazardous material. Use only with known, safe materials inside the incubator. The unit is not designed to protect against explosion or the release of toxic or flammable gases arising from the

use of improper materials in the incubator.

- Electromagnetic interference could affect the operation of the system if it is used in the vicinity of devices that have not been evaluated to the relevant EMC standard/s.
- Heavy equipment: two people required to lift, move, or carry the unit. Handles are provided on the sides of the incubator for lifting assistance.
- High concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> can displace oxygen and cause an asphyxiation hazard. Ensure proper ventilation of the area is maintained.
- Parts of the incubator may become hot during normal operation. Take proper preventative measures, including the use of personal protective equipment, to protect against burns.



### 1.1. EMF Interference

This system may cause interference to radio and television reception or to equipment sensitive to electromagnetic fields. When installed properly, the system has been designed to minimize this effect. However, there is no guarantee that electromagnetic interference will not be caused by the system.

If the system does cause interference to radio, television, or other equipment, which can be determined by turning the instrument off and on, the user may attempt to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Increase the distance between the system and the radio/TV receiver.
- Connect the system to an outlet on an electrical circuit different from that which the radio/TV receiver is connected.

If this system is used near an intense electromagnetic source, interference noise may cause an adverse effect on the system performance or functionality.

The system is designed to minimize possible interference from external electromagnetic fields; however, there is no guarantee that external electromagnetic fields will not have an effect on this instrument.

If the system does incur electromagnetic interference, which can be determined by turning on and off possible source(s) of electromagnetic interference nearby, the user may attempt to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient the instrument.
- Increase separation between the instrument and possible source(s) of electromagnetic interference.
- Connect the instrument to an outlet on a different electrical circuit from the possible source(s) of electromagnetic interference.
- Check that any other device connected to the system is not affected by electromagnetic interference.

## 2. Product Information

### 2.1. Introduction

The Boekel Scientific CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator offers controlled heating and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentration and an easy-to-clean chamber in a stylish, modern package. The system uses resistive heating elements to maintain temperature, and a long-life solenoid valve to control the inlet of user-supplied carbon dioxide. The easy-to-use, color touchscreen interface allows for viewing of the temperature, CO<sub>2</sub>, and humidity data logs, alarms to protect the integrity of the product and the unit, and network communications for remote monitoring.

## 3. Assembly

### 3.1. Unpacking

- Remove packing materials carefully and retain for future shipment or storage of the unit.
- Inspect for damage. Report all shipping damage to the carrier immediately. Shipping damage is covered by the carrier and repair/replacement for shipping damages must be coordinated through the carrier.
- Complete and return the Warranty Registration Card or scan the QR code and submit the Information Online
- Package contents:
  - (1) Boekel Scientific CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator
  - (1) 2.0 meter Power Cord
  - (1) Operating instructions
  - (3) Shelves
  - (1) Humidity Tray
  - (1) CO<sub>2</sub> supply line HEPA filter

### 3.2. Installation

1. Place the CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator on a flat and stable surface, preferably away from drafts, making certain the sides and back have at least 4 inches of clearance for proper airflow.
2. Install the provided CO<sub>2</sub> supply line HEPA filter in the threaded port on the left side of the unit. When installing the filter, thread it all the way into the port until it stops **THEN UNTHREAD IT BY ONE TO TWO TURNS. DO NOT BOTTOM THE FILTER IN THE FEMALE THREADED PORT.** Bottoming the filter may restrict flow of CO<sub>2</sub> into the incubator.





3. Connect a 99.99% purity (or greater) CO<sub>2</sub> supply tube (0.25" [6mm] inside diameter) to the barbed connection on the HEPA filter. Set user-supplied CO<sub>2</sub> regulator to 9-12psi (0.6 – 0.8 bar). **NEVER EXCEED 15PSI (1 bar) CO<sub>2</sub> SUPPLY PRESSURE. DOING SO WILL DAMAGE THE EQUIPMENT AND VOID THE WARRANTY.**
4. Fit the power line cord into the IEC power socket on the left side of the unit and plug the power cord into a properly grounded outlet.
5. Power on the unit using the switch above the power cord inlet
6. Once the system boots up, it will immediately begin controlling temperature. No operator intervention is required for this.



### 3.3. Operation Using Humidity Tray

Certain test procedures require use of elevated levels of relative humidity. This can be achieved by adding water to the stainless steel tray provided with the unit as needed.

Chlorinated water may cause rusting of the tray and is not to be used. Distilled water is recommended for use. To control bacteria, a 2% solution of quaternary ammonium can be added, if desired.

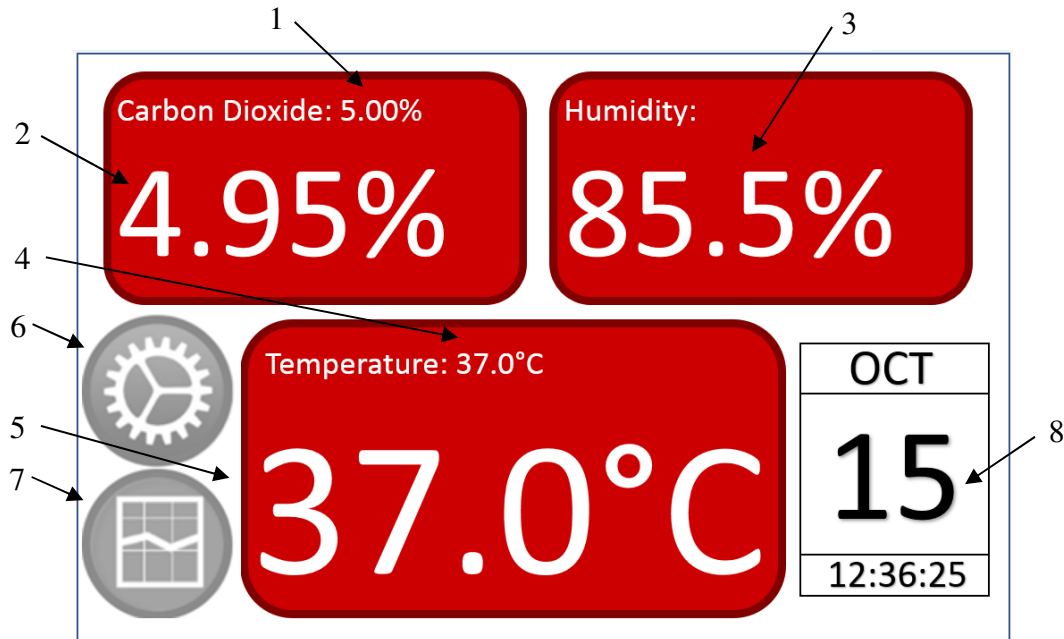
Please note that condensation may occur in the chamber when extremely high relative humidity levels are used and the temperature setpoint is lowered. This is normal and expected. Consult a dew point calculator or psychrometric charts to determine safe, non-condensing operating levels.

In the event of condensation forming, be sure to dry out the chamber completely by wipedown or other means. Use only a mild detergent to clean or disinfect the chamber surfaces.

## 4. Operation

### 4.1. Controls and Displays – Home Screen

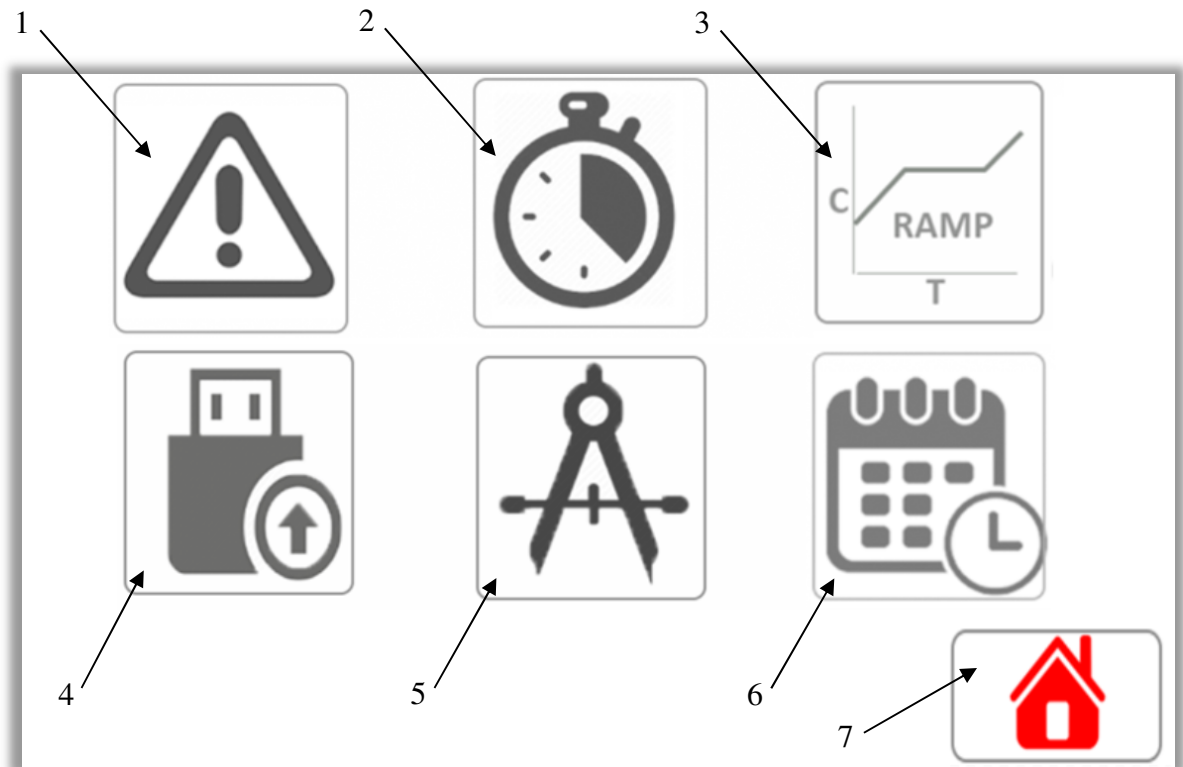
Below is a picture of the **Home Screen**.



1. Chamber Carbon Dioxide setpoint
2. Actual chamber Carbon Dioxide concentration (may be different than setpoint if unit was recently disturbed, e.g. door opened or setpoint changed) – press to change chamber setpoint.
3. Relative humidity sensed inside the chamber.
4. Chamber temperature setpoint
5. Actual chamber temperature (may be different than setpoint if unit was recently disturbed, e.g. door opened or setpoint changed) – press to change chamber setpoint
6. Settings icon – press to enter Settings Screen.
7. Data logs icon - press to enter Data Logging Screen.
8. System Date/Time – Displays the current date and the current time in 24-hour format

## 4.2. Settings Screen

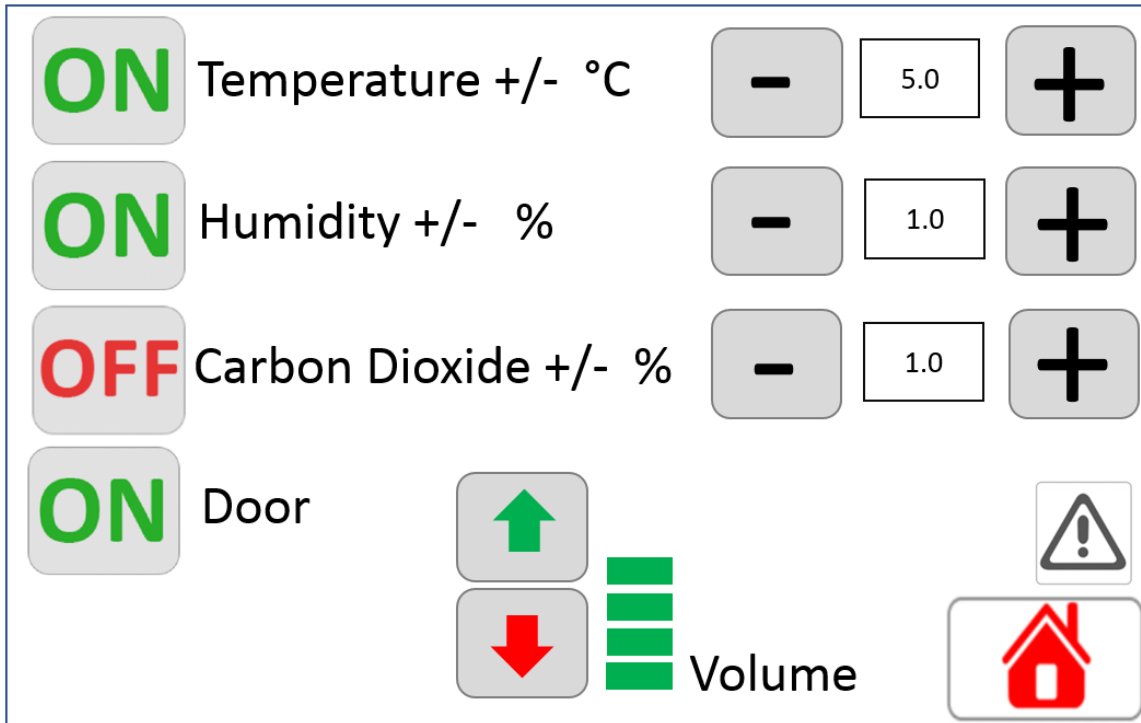
The **Settings Screen** is accessed by pressing the *Settings Icon*:



1. Alarm Set Screen – turn on/off alarms and set alarm high/low limits
2. Timer Set Screen – set equipment timers and outcomes (shut off, temperature change, etc.)
3. Control Ramp Screen – configure ramping programs
4. Firmware Upload and Service Log screen – upload firmware or download service logs via USB port located next to touchscreen.
5. Calibration Screen – calibrate temperature and humidity readings
6. Set Time and Date
7. Home Screen



### 4.3. Alarm Set Screen



The Alarm Set Screen can be used to configure the setpoints for various process alarms in the incubator, including temperature, humidity, and door state.

The “Temperature +/- °C” adjustment is used to set how far the chamber temperature can deviate from setpoint before alarming.

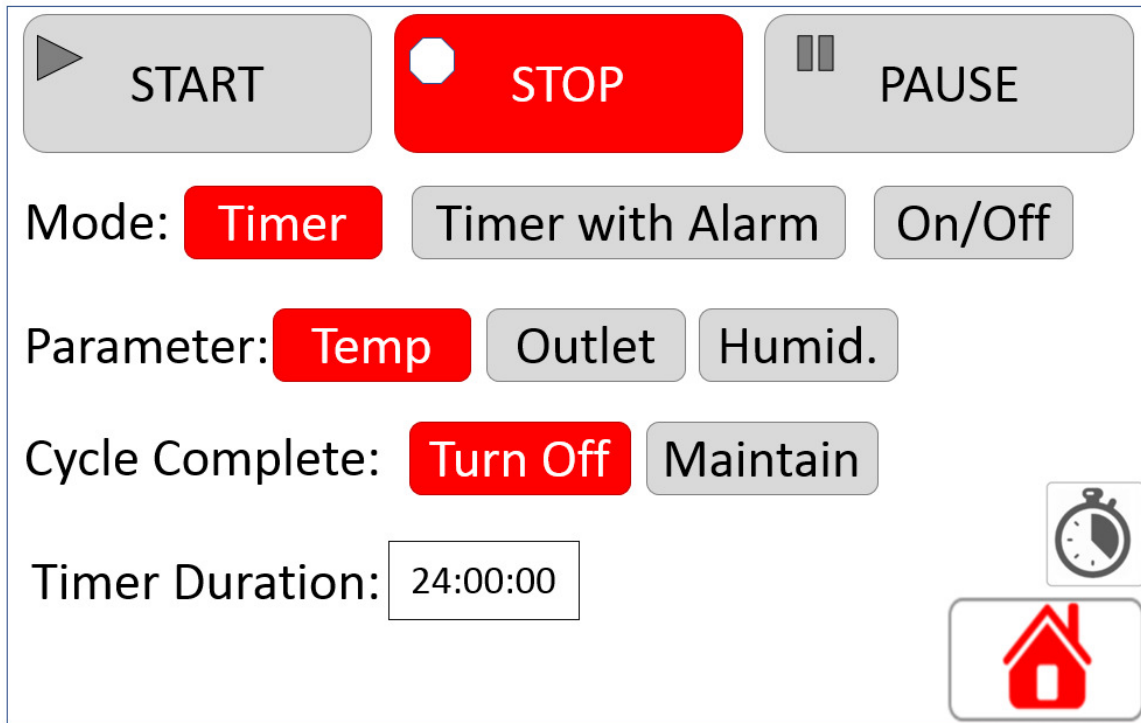
The “Humidity Upper %” adjustment is used to set how high the relative humidity level in the chamber can be before alarming. The alarm will sound when the level meets or exceeds the value shown.

The “Humidity Lower %” adjustment is used to set how low the relative humidity level in the chamber can be before alarming. The alarm will sound when the level meets or drops below the value shown.

The “Carbon Dioxide +/- %” adjustment is used to set how far the chamber CO<sub>2</sub> concentration can deviate from setpoint before alarming.

The “Door” alarm will trigger, when active, after the door has been open for two minutes.

#### 4.4. Timer Set Screen



Once the parameters are selected the user touches START and the unit returns to the home screen and the program starts. If the User touches STOP or PAUSE the screen remains and the program stops or pauses. The user will have to touch the HOME button to return to the main screen. If the program is paused the PROGRAM BLOCK will say “Paused”. If the program is stopped the main screen will returned to the default home screen.

Timer Mode – The unit displays a countdown timer when activated

Timer With Alarm – The unit Alarms when the timed cycle is complete.

ON/OFF – will control based on Time of Day (entered in military time) or Duration. All other parameters will be controlled by the setting entered on the Home Screen.

Parameter – selects what parameters are being controlled by the timer. Multiple parameters can be selected.



Cycle Complete – Turns off Control or Maintains the current setpoint when the timer is complete

## 4.5. Ramp Set Screen

▶ START

● STOP

▢ PAUSE

Parameter					Repeat
Timer	1:00:00	8:00:00	2:00:00	2:00:00	Alarm
Temp	37C	40C	37C	37C	Clear
CO2	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Humid	ON	ON	ON	OFF	
Outlet	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	


The Ramp Set Screen can be used to specify multi-step ramp profiles, controlling Carbon Dioxide, temperature, and outlet conditions over specified time periods.

The Repeat button can be used to repeat the profile indefinitely upon completion. The Alarm button can be used to trigger an alarm upon completion. The Clear button clears the parameters on the Ramp Set Screen.

## 4.6. Calibration Screen

### Select Calibration Parameter:

<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Carbon Dioxide</b>	<b>Humidity</b>
The Temperature Calibration Procedure takes approximately 120 minutes. A calibrated probe is required.	The Carbon Dioxide Calibration Procedure takes approximately 120 minutes. A calibrated probe is required.	The Humidity Calibration Procedure takes approximately 120 minutes. A calibrated probe is required.
Last Calibration: 04/12/2016	Last Calibration: 04/10/2017	Last Calibration: 04/12/2016



The Calibration Screen can be used to calibrate temperature, Carbon Dioxide, and humidity readings via user-supplied, calibrated probes. All calibration routines are two-point calibrations that prompt the user to enter readings from the external, calibrated probes after meeting the process requirements.

Enter a calibration mode and follow the on-screen prompts to complete the routine. Calibration frequency is determined by the user's requirements but should be done annually at a minimum.

## 5. Network Connection

The CO<sub>2</sub> incubator is supplied with the hardware and software required for integration into a building or hospital management system.

Protocol Available:  
MODBUS TCP/IP via Ethernet RJ45

The CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator has an ethernet port that can be connected to a network and accessed from a single connection via its IP address through MODBUS TCP/IP protocol. The Incubator operates as a stand-alone piece of equipment. Network connections are only used to indicate status of the key read only parameters described below. The Incubator supports both static and dynamic IP addressing which can be set up by entering the ethernet settings menu on the controller's touchscreen.

MODBUS TCP/IP is a variant of the MODBUS family of simple, vendor-neutral communication protocols intended for supervision and control of automation equipment. Specifically, it covers the use of MODBUS messaging in an 'Intranet' or 'Internet' environment using the TCP/IP protocols.

The Incubator will only accept requests for function codes 02 and 04. If sent any other request it will return 01 - Illegal Function Exception. If a function code 02 and 04 request is sent that is outside the address range that the incubator is expecting, it will return 02 Illegal Data Address Exception.

For further technical detail on communication protocol, please refer to vendor document, "Refrigerated and CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator Communication Protocol."

### Discrete Inputs (Read Only)

Block Index	Name	Description	Size (bits)
1	IN1	Power Signal	1
2	IN2	Alarm Signal	1
3	OUT1	Alarm Relay	1
4	OUT2	Fan Motor	1
5	OUT4	Door Open	1
6	OUT5	Outlet On	1
7	OUT6	Heater On	1
8	OUT7	Cooling On	1
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			

14	
15	
16	Reserved for future use
...	
65535	Reserved for future use

Inputs (Read Only)

Block Index	Name	Description	Size (Bytes)
1	Firmware Version	Firmware Version (ASCII)	6
2	TempSet	Temperature Setpoint	2
3	Temp	Temperature	2
4			2
5			2
4	Humidity	Humidity	2
5	Date	Date	2
6	Time	Time	2
8	Alarm Code	Alarm Condition Error code	2
12		Reserved for future use	
...			
65535		Reserved for future use	

## 6. Specifications & Operating Conditions

CO <sub>2</sub> incubator:	Model 155000 and 155000-2
Electrical:	155000: 115VAC, 60 Hz, 8A, 600 Watts 155000-2: 230VAC, 50 Hz, 4A, 600 Watts
Internal Electrical Outlet Specifications for Aux Equipment:	155000: 115V, 60 Hz, 1A (Max.) 155000-2: 230V, 50 Hz, 0.5A (Max.)
Temperature Control Range:	(Ambient + 10°C) to 60°C
Temperature Control Method:	Electrical Resistive Heating
Ambient Temperature Range:	15°C – 28°C Ambient
Temperature Accuracy:	±0.25°C at 37°C
Connectivity:	USB and Ethernet
Product Dimensions: W x D x H	29" (74cm) W x 23" (59 cm) D x 31" (79cm) H
Interior Dimensions: W x D x H	22" (56cm) W x 19" (48cm) D x 20" (51cm) H
Weight:	160 pounds (73kg) net
Transport and Storage Temperature Range:	10°C – 50°C
Humidity (operation, transport, or storage):	25-90% (non-condensing)
Altitude:	0 - 2,000 m above sea level

### 6.1 Environmental conditions:

- Indoor use;
- Mains supply voltage fluctuations up to ±10% of nominal voltage;
- Transient overvoltages up to the levels of overvoltage category II
- Pollution degree 2;

## 7. Maintenance and Service

### 7.1. Cleaning

Before using any cleaning or decontamination method, users should verify that the method of cleaning will not damage the unit.

1. Turn power switch to the off (O) position.
2. Remove mains power supply cord.
3. Clean interior and exterior of unit with a mild detergent and cloth dampened with water.

If using the moist heat decontamination routine built into the firmware, follow on-screen prompts to initiate and perform the cycle. User intervention is not required during the process. Please note that condensation will form in the unit when it cools down and will need to be removed via final wipedown disinfection of the chamber.

### 7.2. Calibration

1. Refer to section 4.6 for performing temperature calibration.

### 7.3. Replacement of Fuses

To change the main incubator fuses:

1. Turn power switch to the off (O) position.
2. Disconnect the unit from the power supply.
3. Remove the line cord from the power entry module on the back of the unit.
4. Pull back on the fuse drawer catch (located on top of power entry module).
5. Pull out the fuse drawer.
6. Check and replace with the correct fuses if necessary. The fuses must be 5mm x 20mm, fast acting, rated at 8A 250V for 155000 and 5mm x 20mm, fast acting, rated at 4A 250V for 155000-2.
7. Push the drawer back in and reconnect the unit to the power supply.

To change the chamber fuse:

1. Turn the incubator power switch to the off (O) position.
2. Disconnect the unit from the power supply.
3. Remove the line cord from the power entry module on the back of the incubator unit.
4. Unscrew the fuse holder, located on the right wall, above the ethernet jack..
5. Check and replace with the correct fuses if necessary. The fuses must be 5x20mm, 1A, 250V fast-acting for 155000, and 5x20mm, 0.5A, 250V fast-acting for 155000-2.
6. Screw the cap back on and reconnect the unit to the power supply.



#### **7.4. Changing the HEPA filter**

The HEPA filter on the incoming CO<sub>2</sub> supply line should be replaced bi-annually at a minimum. This filter is removed by first powering down the incubator, shutting off the CO<sub>2</sub> supply, removing any connected tubing, then unscrewing the filter from the left side of the incubator. A new filter can be threaded in its place and reconnected to the CO<sub>2</sub> supply tubing.

## 8. Troubleshooting

Symptoms	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>Power</b>		
The unit does not power on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power cord not connected to Electrical receptacle on Unit, and/or Wall outlet</li> <li>• Power supply failure</li> <li>• A fuse has blown</li> <li>• Malfunctioning Power Key</li> <li>• Malfunctioning Control System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit the power line cord into the IEC power socket on the rear of the unit and verify if plugged into a properly grounded outlet</li> <li>• Verify that power source is active and regulated</li> <li>• Replace fuse</li> <li>• Contact Boekel Scientific for Service</li> <li>• Contact Boekel Scientific for Service</li> </ul>
<b>Temperature Control</b>		
The temperature does not stabilize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not enough clearance around incubator</li> <li>• Faulty Temperature Sensor</li> <li>• Confirm Ambient Temperature is within the recommended range</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm there is 4 inches of clearance around the incubator</li> <li>• Contact Boekel Scientific for Service</li> </ul>
The displayed temperature does not match a calibrated temperature measuring device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit is in need of calibration</li> <li>• Faulty Temperature Sensor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Calibration Section</li> <li>• Contact Boekel Scientific for Service</li> </ul>
<b>Alarm Failure</b>		
Audible alarm does not sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alarm/notification does not generate an audible alarm</li> <li>• Buzzer volume has been turned off</li> <li>• Faulty piezo buzzer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check Alarms section of this document to ensure the alarm is supposed to be audible for the particular event</li> <li>• Turn on the alarm volume through the settings menu</li> <li>• Contact Boekel Scientific for Service</li> </ul>

## **9. Warranty and Service**

### **9.1. Warranty**

When used in the appropriate laboratory conditions and in accordance with these operating instructions, Boekel Scientific warrants this product to be free of defective parts, material and workmanship for a period of two years from the date of shipment. The liability of Boekel Scientific for any defective equipment during the warranty period shall be limited to the repair of defective equipment or replacement thereof without charge for parts or labor.

### **9.2. Service**

A Boekel Scientific Returned Material Authorization (RMA) number provided by Boekel Scientific is required before any Boekel products are returned for any reason. Contact Boekel Customer Service at 1-800-336-6929. A Decontamination Certificate must be completed, signed by the user, and returned to Boekel Scientific prior to receiving the RMA number. Please be sure to mark the outside of the returned goods package with this RMA number to ensure prompt handling.

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