Operating Precautions

The MARS 5 must be grounded. In the event of an electrical short circuit, grounding reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for electric current. This instrument is equipped with a cord having a grounding wire with a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed and grounded. Consult a qualified electrician or service technician if the grounding instructions are not completely understood or if doubt exists as to whether the instrument is properly grounded. If it is necessary to use an extension cord, use only a 3-wire extension cord that has a 3-blade grounding plug and a 3-slot receptacle that will accept the plug from the instrument. The marked rating of the extension cord must be equal to or greater than the electrical rating of the instrument.

The possibility of instrument-induced electromagnetic interference (EMI) is minimal if the instrument is operated as outlined in this manual. The instrument should not be placed close to any electrical device susceptible to EMI. It is suggested by the manufacturer that the user post a sign warning pacemaker wearers that a microwave device is in operation. If the instrument is suspected of inducing EMI, a microwave leakage measurement should be performed as outlined on page 61. Leakage measured above the legal limit of 5 mW/cm² should be reported to the CEM Service Department.

Cardiac pacemakers require magnets to control their operation during checkout. If the instrument is equipped with an optional magnetic sample stirrer which contains very high static magnetic fields, some danger exists if a pacemaker is positioned in close proximity of the instrument cavity (such as placing the head into the instrument cavity to perform a visual inspection). If the instrument is suspected of interfering with the operation of a pacemaker, the instrument should be turned off or the pacemaker wearer should move away from the instrument.

This instrument utilizes high voltages and microwave radiation. Instrument service and repair should be performed only by those trained in repair and maintenance of high voltage and microwave power systems.

Warnings, cautions and notes are included throughout this manual and should be read thoroughly and strictly followed.

WARNING: A warning is inserted for essential information used to emphasize dangerous or hazardous conditions to the operation, cleaning and maintenance of the instrument which may result in personal injury.

CAUTION: A caution is inserted for essential information used to emphasize procedures which, if not strictly followed, may result in damage or destruction to the instrument or improper instrument operation.

NOTE: A note is inserted for emphasis of procedures or conditions which may otherwise be misinterpreted or overlooked and to clarify possible confusing situations.

This instrument complies with United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 21, Part 1030 for microwave leakage. A verification report is on file.


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Introduction

The Microwave Accelerated Reaction System, Model MARS 5®, is designed for laboratory use in digesting, dissolving, hydrolyzing, or drying a wide range of materials. Its primary purpose is the rapid preparation of samples for analysis by atomic absorption (AA) and inductively coupled plasma (ICP) emission spectroscopy and gas or liquid chromatography.

The MARS 5 consists of

- a microwave power system with operator selectable output of 0 - 1200 watts ±15%, (1500 watts ±15% by IEC Method)
- a fluoropolymer-coated microwave cavity,
- a cavity exhaust fan and tubing to vent fumes,
- a digital computer programmable for 100 programs consisting of up to five stages each,
- an alternating turntable system,
- 3 door safety interlocks and an interlock monitoring system to prevent microwave emission when door is open.

The MARS 5 uses microwave energy to heat samples. Compounds such as water and other polar liquids absorb microwave energy rapidly. A sample placed inside a microwave transparent vessel with a polar liquid or ionic solution (usually an acid) in the MARS 5 is subjected to rapid heating and elevated pressures, causing the sample to digest or dissolve in a short time.

At full power, the MARS 5 delivers approximately 1200 watts (1500 watts IEC) of microwave energy at a frequency of 2450 MHz. A microcomputer controls and monitors operations.
Microwave sample preparation imposes a unique set of safety considerations beyond the basics of good laboratory practice. General guidelines for safe operation of laboratory microwave systems are presented below.

1. All vessel components must be dry and free of particulate matter. Drops of liquid or particles will absorb microwave energy, causing localized heating which may char and damage vessel components, leading to possible vessel failure.

2. **Never** heat liquids in a sealed vessel or container that is not equipped with a pressure relief device.

3. CEM does not recommend use of Parr Microwave Acid Digestion Bombs inside MARS 5 systems. Such usage constitutes unreasonable operating conditions because Parr bombs cannot be connected to the pressure and temperature control mechanisms of the MARS 5 and all software safeguards and safety relief devices are bypassed. CEM will not be responsible for damage to the MARS 5 Microwave Digestion System or personal injuries resulting from use of Parr microwave acid digestion bombs.

4. **Never** attempt to digest samples larger than 0.5 grams if the organic content and composition of the sample is unknown.

5. Minimum volume for the MARS 5 cavity is 10mL of acid or 50mL of water.

6. When working with an unknown sample, always perform a predigestion step in an unsealed, open vessel, allowing a minimum of 15 minutes time for the reaction of volatile or easily oxidized compounds to subside before sealing the vessel and microwave heating.

7. Microwave heating of alkaline or salt solutions in open or closed vessels will concentrate these solutions, causing precipitation of salts and formation of crystal deposits on vessel walls. These crystal deposits will absorb microwave energy, causing localized heating which may char and damage vessel components, leading to possible failure.

8. Do not heat high boiling point acids (concentrated sulfuric or phosphoric acids) inside microwave digestion vessels. These acids will heat to temperatures beyond the melting point of the polymeric materials of construction.

9. **Never** install a MARS 5 inside a laboratory fume hood. Acid and chemical fumes may attack the electrical components, resulting in possible damage and malfunctioning of the cavity door safety interlocks. The proper method for installation of the system and connection to a laboratory fume hood is described on pages 14 and 15.
**WARNING**

Acid decomposition of certain chemical compounds or types of samples constitutes unreasonable, hazardous misuse of CEM microwave digestion systems. The classes of compounds listed below are unsuitable for closed vessel microwave digestion because they are highly reactive with oxidizing acids and/or may become nitrated and potentially explosive. Absence of a particular chemical compound from this list does not imply microwave acid decomposition of such a sample is safe under all conditions. CEM will not be responsible for damage to equipment and facilities or personal injuries resulting from microwave digestion of such compounds/samples.

- Explosives (TNT, Nitrocellulose, etc.)
- Propellants (Hydrazine, Ammonium Perchlorate, etc.)
- Pyrophoric chemicals
- Hypergolic mixtures (Nitric Acid and Phenol, Nitric Acid and Triethylamine, Nitric Acid and Acetone, etc.)
- Animal Fats (Esters of glycerol capable of nitration and the formation of nitroglycerin or other nitrated organic compounds)
- Aviation Fuels (JP-1, etc.)
- Acetylides
- Glycols (Ethylene Glycol, Propylene Glycol, etc.)
- Perchlorates (Ammonium, Potassium, etc.)
- Ethers (Cellosolve - Ethylene Glycol Phenyl ether, etc.)
- Lacquers
- Alkanes (Butane, Hexane, etc.)
- Ketones (Acetone, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, etc.)
Installation

The MARS 5 instrument should be installed on a laboratory work bench with access to a fume hood or other means of fume disposal.

Tools Required

- Wrench
- Lab Coat
- Gloves
- Eye Protection

Installation Site

To install the MARS 5, choose a location that:

1. provides at least 8 in. (20 cm) space on each side and 6 in. (15 cm) space in the rear for proper ventilation.
2. is free from vibration of large equipment and/or walk-through traffic.
3. is away from the primary laboratory exits and walk-through traffic.
4. provides a temperature range of 41°F (5°C) to 104°F (40°C).
5. provides adequate bench space for sample handling and printer placement (if applicable).
6. permits the instrument to be connected to a dedicated, grounded outlet. The MARS 5 instrument should be operated on a stabilized, constant voltage AC power supply, and the voltage must be within ±10% of the specified level. (See “Specifications,” page 90.)

Note: Measure line voltage to ensure that it meets system specifications.

**CAUTION**

Line voltage fluctuations greater than 10% will affect instrument performance.

7. provides access to a fume hood or other means of fume disposal.

**CAUTION**

*Never* install an MARS 5 system inside a laboratory fume hood. Acid and chemical fumes may attack electrical components, resulting in possible damage and malfunctioning of the cavity door safety interlocks.
Unpacking

1. Carefully open the shipping carton, using caution to avoid puncturing or tearing the foam packaging. Remove the foam and top cardboard packing material.

NOTE

Retain all packing material for use if returning the instrument to the manufacturer for service.

2. With at least two people for lifting, locate the handles on each side of the lifting carton and lift the instrument from the shipping carton and place it on a laboratory bench. Carefully remove the lifting carton and plastic wrap from the instrument. Remove the instrument information sheet from the cavity of the instrument. Place this sheet into the Operation Manual for future reference.

Accessories

3. Verify that all accessories listed below (illustrated in figure 1) have been included:

- Detachable Power Cord
- Exhaust Hose Assembly consisting of
  - 8' x 3" Hose
  - 3" Elbow
  - Hose Clamp
  - Drain Line Fitting
  - 5' Silicone Drain Tubing
  - 3 Plastic Pipe Plugs
- 15A Fuse (2)
- Operation Manual with Installation Check List
- Quick Reference with Attaching Clip
- Applications Disk with Plastic Sleeve and Installation Label

Optional items such as digestion vessels, turntable, or capping system may have been included in the shipment. Carefully check the packing list(s) and the contents of shipping cartons to verify that all items listed are included. Notify CEM Corporation or local subsidiary or distributor of any discrepancies.
Inspection

1. Inspect the instrument for any cracks, dents, or warping.

2. Inspect the door for any damage and for proper alignment. When closed, the door should seat firmly against the front of the microwave cavity. The push button on the top of the instrument must release and engage the door latch mechanism.

**WARNING**

If damage is noted, do not attempt instrument operation.

If the instrument has been damaged in shipping, contact the freight carrier to report damage and to file a damage report. Contact the CEM Service Department or the local subsidiary or distributor to report damage and to request service information.

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- **Display** - shows menus, method parameters and instrument status on an 8 line x 40 character vacuum fluorescent display.

- **Keyboard** - allows the operator to control operational parameters such as power, time, pressure, and method names.

- **Push Button Door Opener** - operates cavity door latch mechanism

- **Door Seal** - ensures tight fit between door and interior cavity of the MARS 5 to prevent microwave leakage.

- **Turntable Drive Lug** - allows the turntable drive shaft to pass through the cavity floor and engage the turntable. (figure 9, page 48)

- **Printer and Computer Ports** - allow communication with external devices for display and printout of data. Refer to “System Setup.” (figure 3, page 8)

- **TempGuard Guide Block** - locates the turntable for the opening of the TempGuard observation port. (figure 12, page 48)
• **Power Switch** - turns AC power on and off to the instrument

• **Cavity Exhaust Outlet** - exhausts fumes from the microwave cavity.

• **Cavity Exhaust Blower Motor** - directs air from the microwave cavity to the exhaust outlet.

• **Nameplate** - lists model, serial number, operating voltage, frequency, and current draw.

• **Magnetron Cooling Fan** - draws room air past the magnetron.

• **Power Cord** - conducts power from the AC outlet to the instrument. It is detachable.

• **Power Cord Receptacle** - receives the female end of the power cord.

• **Fuses** - prevent electrical power overload.

• **External Water Line (Optional)** - allows the user to monitor and control the pressure in a closed vessel during microwave heating.

• **Inlet/Outlet Ports (Optional)** - allow temperature and/or pressure monitoring and control lines to be introduced into the microwave cavity.

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Figure 3. MARS 5 Rear View
Keyboard

**Start/Pause** – begins the method currently displayed on the screen or pauses the operation during any stage of the method

**Stop** – stops operation of method and returns to the main menu

**Home** – returns to the main menu from any point in the software selections

**Select** – enters selected parameter, method, etc. and in some instances advances to the next screen

**Setup** – permits entering or editing of system parameters

**Print** – permits printing of method data, system information, method program and/or setup parameters

**Plus/Minus (+/-) or Arrow Keys** – scroll through selections such as methods, vessels, etc.

**Back** – returns to the previous screen during editing or creating a method or in setup menus

**Next** – advances to the next screen during editing or creating a method or in setup menus

**P/T** – toggles current pressure and temperature on instrument screen and displays a pressure, temperature versus time curve during a test

– rotates the turntable when the instrument door is open

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*Figure 4. Keyboard*
The MARS 5 is furnished with an alternating turntable drive system. During sample heating the turntable rotates 355°, then reverses direction to prevent pressure sensing or fiber optic temperature sensors from becoming entangled and damaged. The turntable always operates when the microwave power is on. The turntable stops rotating when the microwave sample preparation cycle ends, when the “Stop” key is pressed, or when the instrument door is opened.

The MARS 5 is equipped with an exhaust blower to remove corrosive or harmful fumes and flammable vapors from the cavity. The blower moves air at the rate of 3.6 m³/minute (125 ft³/minute).

Two Inlet/Outlet Ports, located on the right side of the instrument, permit access to the interior of the cavity for optional pressure and temperature control.

**WARNING**

Never insert metallic objects such as wire into the inlet/outlet ports nor modify the ports. Serious microwave leakage and/or electrical shock may result. The inlet/outlet ports of the MARS 5 are electrically grounded to the microwave cavity and are designed to prevent leakage of microwave energy.

The standard pressure control system for the MARS 5 is the ESP-1500 Plus (Electronic Sensor - Pressure) which monitors and controls pressure conditions inside sample vessels. The instrument is equipped with a quick-disconnect connection for the ESP.

The ESP-1500 Plus consists of two parts: 1) the control electronics and connector which are included in the instrument, and 2) the ESP sensor which is mounted to the reference vessel. The connector is located in the upper front right-hand corner of the cavity. The ESP sensor consists of a pressure sensing load-cell mechanism and a pressure line. During system operation, the sensor should be mounted securely to the cavity connector. The ESP is designed for use with both the HP-500 Plus and XP-1500 vessels.

During system operation, the ESP-1500 Plus measures pressure as forces inside the vessel are transmitted via the pressure line and press directly on the load cell. It sends a pressure signal from the load cell mechanism to the MARS electronic control which determines microwave energy delivery based on method heating requirements. Pressure is displayed graphically and digitally on the display screen.

![Figure 5. ESP-1500 Plus Pressure Sensor](image-url)
The MARS 5 is also designed for use with an optional external water line control system to monitor and control pressure conditions inside sample vessels.

With this system, tubing is attached to a sample vessel and routed outside the microwave cavity through one of the inlet-outlet ports. This tube is connected to a panel-mounted fitting leading to the pressure control components located in the base of the MARS 5.

Pressure is sensed by a transducer and displayed on the screen.

Refer to the Options section of this manual for setup instructions for the external water line control system with applicable vessels.

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**CAUTION**

Never use more than one type of vessel simultaneously in a MARS 5 System.

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The standard temperature control system for MARS 5 is the RTP-300 Plus (Resonance Temperature Probe) which monitors and controls temperature conditions inside sample vessels.

A microwave transparent temperature probe is inserted into the thermowell of a sample vessel and connected to a snap-in port in the center of the roof of the instrument cavity. From there the signal extends to a special temperature control on the system controller board.

A feedback signal from the RTP-300 Plus probe to the magnetron of the system regulates microwave power output to maintain a selected temperature parameter.

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**CAUTION**

The RTP-300 Plus probe and the thermowell are both fragile. Exercise care when handling either of them.

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The MARS 5 is equipped with an audible sensing system to detect the occurrence of a vessel event inside the microwave cavity. When an event (such as the venting of a vessel relief device) is detected, an embedded software safeguard pauses the microwave heating program and displays the ReactiGuard Error message on the screen.

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**REACTIGUARD ERROR**

AN EVENT HAS OCCURRED INSIDE CAVITY, CHECK VESSELS

1 = RESET TEST
9 = CONTINUE

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**NOTE**

The RTP-300 Plus probe and the thermowell are both fragile. Exercise care when handling either of them.
WARNING

Exercise extreme caution while attempting to identify the underlying cause(s) of a detected vessel event. Proper precautions must be taken to avoid contact with reagents or reagent vapors. Protective gear should be worn as outlined in the user's safety program for hazardous materials and the reagent manufacturer's material safety data sheet. Refer to these guidelines for proper handling and disposal of reagents.

Once the cause of the event has been determined, press either the “9” key to continue the method test or the “1” key to restart the method test.

The function of ReactiGuard is to protect against secondary instrument damage due to an undetected vessel event and continued heating of released liquids/vapors inside the cavity.

WARNING

ReactiGuard alerts the operator to the occurrence of an event with a vessel inside the cavity; therefore, CEM recommends that ReactiGuard be “on” at all times.

Normal operating status of the safeguard is enabled or “on.” The ReactiGuard cavity sensing system may be inactivated, turned “off,” if the user elects to disable this feature. Refer to “System Setup.”

The optional TempGuard™ sensor is a safety device for measurement of temperature inside each vessel in the system. An infrared lens and sensor are located in the front right corner of the cavity floor. As the vessels rotate over the sensor, the temperature of each vessel is measured.

If the temperature in any vessel surpasses the maximum allowable temperature programmed during instrument setup (150-310°C), TempGuard stops microwave production and displays an error message indicating the position of the vessel in which the temperature has exceeded the programmed limit.

WARNING

Because excessive temperature can damage vessel components, exercise extreme caution when removing a vessel which has exceeded TempGuard limits. Proper precautions must be taken to avoid contact with reagents or reagent vapors. Protective gear should be worn as outlined in the user’s safety program for hazardous materials and the reagent manufacturer’s material safety data sheet. Refer to these guidelines for proper handling and disposal of reagents.

The optional sample stirrer is a rotating magnetic field in the bottom of the instrument which works in conjunction with stirring bars placed in the vessel liners to ensure a homogeneous sample.

WARNING

Because cardiac pacemakers require magnets to control operation during checkout, if the MARS 5 instrument is equipped with an optional sample stirrer, some danger exists if a pacemaker is positioned in close proximity to the instrument cavity. If the instrument is suspected of interfering with the operation of a pacemaker, the instrument should be turned off or the pacemaker wearer should move away from the instrument.
1. Position the instrument on the selected work bench.

2. Install the exhaust hose on the instrument as follows:

   a. The open end of the elbow attached to the exhaust tubing has three tapped holes, all plugged with plastic pipe plugs. Insert the cavity exhaust duct with any one of the three tapped holes. Remove the pipe plug from the hole which will point downward.

   b. Install the drain fitting into the hole. After hand-tightening the fitting, use a wrench and tighten it an additional 1/4 turn. Check the inside of the elbow to ensure the end of the fitting does not protrude beyond the inner surface of the elbow. If necessary, loosen the fitting until the inside edge of the fitting is flush with the inside of the elbow.

   ![Figure 7. MARS 5 Exhaust Hose Installation](image)

   **CAUTION**

   If the fitting is not flush with the inside of the elbow, liquid will pool around the end of the fitting. Corrosion damage to the instrument may result.

   c. Insert the elbow (with hose and drain fitting attached and pointing downward) into the exhaust duct.

   d. Attach the open end of the drain line to a suitable receptacle to collect condensate from the exhaust hose.
NOTE

CEM recommends that the exhaust hose be installed in a bypass type fume hood with a vertical sash.

3. Place the exhaust hose in the fume hood through the front sash or connect the hose to a duct on the side of the fume hood.

NOTE

The cavity exhaust system of the MARS 5 has an airflow rate of 3.6 m³/minute (125 ft.³/minute).

CAUTION

The fume hood must have adequate inflow and ventilation capacity. A fume hood of inadequate ventilation capacity or undersized exhaust ducting will cause an accumulation of fumes and buildup of back pressure in the fume hood, ductwork and into the MARS 5 system. This can result in premature failure of the exhaust blower.

Refer to Appendix C for a list of references for proper sizing and testing of laboratory fume hoods.

4. The MARS 5 must be connected to a dedicated electrical outlet. Using a VOM (Volt/Ohm meter) verify the voltage of this dedicated electrical line. Based on the available voltage, position the voltage selection switch as follows:

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<tr>
<th>System</th>
<th>Voltage Range</th>
<th>Selection</th>
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<tr>
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<td>219 Volts and above - 230</td>
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<tr>
<td>220/240 Volt</td>
<td>&lt;229 Volts - 220</td>
<td>230 Volts and above - 240</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

5. Plug the power cord into the instrument and into the dedicated electrical outlet which meets system specifications.
**Printer Setup**

The MARS 5 is compatible with IBM, Epson, Epson Color, Canon Color, and Citizen Color printers.

1. Refer to the printer manual and connect the printer to the instrument with an appropriately configured cable.

**Note:** For instruments with pressure and/or temperature control, the printer cable will plug into the software module installed in the printer port.

2. Connect the printer to an AC power source.

3. Refer to “System Setup” for printer options.

**CEM Methods**

The CEM Directory in the MARS 5 system contains US EPA methods, microwave power measurement tests and several methods which can be used as guidelines for the creation of new methods for similar sample types.

**US EPA Methods**

US EPA methods include:

- SW-3015  Microwave Assisted Acid Digestion of Aqueous Samples
- SW-3051  Microwave Assisted Acid Digestion of Sludges, Soils and Sediments
- SW-3052  Microwave Assisted Acid Digestion of Siliceous and Organically Based Matrices
- NPDES  Closed Vessel Microwave Digestion of Wastewater Samples for Metal Determination

**Note:** The above EPA methods are included for both the XP-1500 and HP-500 vessels.

**Power Measurement Methods**

Microwave power measurement methods include:

- 300 Watts - Beaker
- 600 Watts - Beaker
- 1200 Watts - Beaker

Refer to pages 61 and 62 for procedures for performing power tests and calculating microwave power.

**QC Methods**

- QC ESP/RTP  Ramp to Pressure
- QC RTP  Ramp to Temperature

**Sample Methods**

- Waste Oil - XP-1500
- Tool Steel - HP-500
- Polyethylene - XP-1500
- Oyster Tissue - HP-500
- Rice - XP-1500
- Plant Tissue 1 - HP-500
- Plant Tissue 2 - HP-500

**NOTE**

Methods in the CEM Directory can be edited by the instrument operator; however, edited methods must be renamed. Renamed methods are automatically stored in the User Directory.
Instrument Do’s and Don’t’s

This instrument utilizes high voltages and microwave radiation in its operation. Instrument service and repair should be undertaken only by technicians trained in repair and maintenance of high voltage and microwave power systems.

Do not attempt to digest samples larger than 0.5 grams if organic content and composition of sample are unknown. Unknown samples should be predigested for a minimum of 15 minutes in an unsealed vessel without any heating prior to attempting a closed vessel digestion.

Daily, remove the ESP cable connection from the bulkhead connection and thoroughly clean the connector with a paper towel or soft cloth. Wipe and clean both the inside and outside surfaces of the connector. If necessary, dampen the towel with isopropyl alcohol to assist in cleaning.

To avoid possible malfunction of the capacitor relays, do not turn the instrument off within 15 seconds after operation with microwave power. If the instrument is inadvertently turned off within 15 seconds after microwave power production, perform 300, 600 and 1200-watt power checks stored in the CEM Directory. If the power is not within specifications at any of the three wattages, refer to the service section of this manual for procedures for troubleshooting this problem.

Never install a MARS 5 system inside a laboratory fume hood. Acid and chemical fumes may attack the electrical components, resulting in possible damage and malfunctioning of the cavity door safety interlocks.

If the MARS 5 is equipped with a sample stirrer, some danger exists if a pacemaker is positioned in close proximity to the instrument cavity.
The Setup Menu permits instrument entry of system variables, printer and communication port setup; language selection; access of system information and history; method deletion; and pressure and temperature sensor calibration.

1. Position the power switch in the “on” position. The following screens will appear in succession, ending with the Method (Main) Menu.

2. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.
3. Using the “+” and/or “−” key, highlight “System Variables.” Press the “SELECT” key.

4. Using the “+” and/or “−” key, highlight “System Options.” Press the “SELECT” key.

5. Pressure units can be displayed in either psi, Bar or KPa. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Pressure Units.” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle and select the desired choice (psi, Bar, KPa).

6. ReactiGuard detects and alerts the user to an event in a vessel and can be turned on and off. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “ReactiGuard.” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle between “on” and “off.”

**WARNING**

ReactiGuard alerts the operator to the occurrence of an event with a vessel; therefore, CEM recommends that ReactiGuard be “on” at all times.

**WARNING**

Use extreme caution while attempting to identify the underlying cause(s) of a detected vessel event. Proper precautions must be taken to avoid contact with reagents. Protective gear should be worn as outlined in the user’s safety program for hazardous materials and the reagent manufacturer’s material safety data sheet. Refer to these guidelines for proper handling of the reagent.

7. The key beeper is an audible “beep” after each key stroke and can be turned on and off. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Key Beeper.” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle between “on” and “off.”

8. If this type sensor is installed, “Remove EST-300” is a screen to remind the user to remove the EST-300 temperature controller prior to removal of the control vessel from the instrument. It can be turned on and off. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Remove EST-300” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle between “on” and “off.”

9. TempGuard™ is an optional infrared sensor for measuring temperature in the vessels. It can be turned on and off. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “TempGuard.” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle between “on” and “off.”
10. TempGuard limit is user programmable from 150 - 310°C. If a vessel reading exceeds the TempGuard limit, the instrument automatically stops microwaves, and an error message appears on the screen. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “TempGuard Limit.” Use the numerical keys to enter the desired temperature limit.

11. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “System Variables” screen.

12. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “System Timers.” Press the “SELECT” key.

13. The post-run cool down time appears at the end of a digestion and counts down to permit sufficient cool down time prior to opening the instrument door and removing the vessels from the turntable. Post-run cool down time can be set from 0 - 999 minutes. Default cool down time is 5 minutes. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Cool Down Time.” Use the numerical keys to enter the desired post-run cool down time.

**WARNING**

CEM recommends that a post-run cool down time be used for each digestion performed in the MARS 5 instrument to prevent the possibility of operator burns or acid spills.

14. The screen saver time is set to determine the length of time the instrument can be idle prior to the screen saver appearing on the screen. Screen saver time can be set from 0 - 999 minutes. Default screen saver time is 5 minutes. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Screen Saver Time.” Use the numerical keys to enter the desired screen saver time.

**CAUTION**

To lengthen the lifetime of the display screen, CEM recommends that a screen saver time be used at all times.
15. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Set Clock.” Press the “SELECT” key.

![Set Clock]

**Set Clock**

**DATE:** XX/XX/XXXX  
**TIME:** (24 Hour Format): XX:XX  
**DATE FORMAT:** XX/XX/XXXX

16. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Date Format.” Press the “SELECT” key to toggle between DD/MM/YYYY (Day/Month/Year) and MM/DD/YYYY (Month/Day/Year). Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Date.” Use the numerical keys to enter the appropriate date.

17. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Time.” Use the numerical keys to enter the appropriate time. The time should be entered on a 24-hour basis. For example, 1:00pm should be entered as 13:00.

18. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen.

![MARS 5 Setup Menu]

**MARS 5 Setup Menu**

- DELETE METHOD
- SYSTEM VARIABLES
- SELECT SENSOR
- PRINTER SETUP
- COMM PORT SETUP
- SYSTEM INFORMATION
- SYSTEM HISTORY
- SELECT LANGUAGE

19. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “Select Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

**Note:** TempGuard is an option for the MARS 5 instrument. Based on whether or not the optional TempGuard is installed, one of the two following screens will appear.

![Select Sensor]

**Select Sensor**

- TEMPGUARD SENSOR
- PRESSURE SENSOR
- TEMPERATURE SENSOR

or

![Select Sensor]

**Select Sensor**

- PRESSURE SENSOR
- TEMPERATURE SENSOR
20. Refer to step 21 for setup procedures for pressure control. Refer to step 31 for setup procedures for temperature control. Refer to step 38 for setup procedures for the optional TempGuard sensor.

21. Using the “+” and/or “−” key, highlight “Pressure Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. Based on the type of pressure sensor(s) being used with the instrument, one of the two following screens will appear.

![Pressure Sensor](image)

Note: The ESP-1500 Plus is the standard method of pressure control. The external water line is an optional method.

22. Using the “+” and/or “−” key, highlight the appropriate pressure sensor to be used with the system.

23. If no pressure control is to be used, highlight “None” and press the “BACK” key to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

Note: If using the ESP-1500 Plus sensor, proceed with step 24. If using the external water line for pressure control, proceed to step 29.

24. If the ESP-1500 Plus is selected, carefully connect the ESP-1500 Plus pressure controller to the connector port on the right side of the instrument cavity. Rotate the ESP-1500 Plus while gently pushing it into the connector port until it slips into the correct position. This rotation is to align the ESP-1500 Plus and the connector port. Once the connector is properly aligned, push the ESP-1500 Plus into the connector port until the polypropylene guard is fully seated against the connector port. Press the “SELECT” key to “zero” the pressure sensor. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate ESP-1500 Plus](image)
25. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Yes.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

```
Calibrate ESP-1500 Plus

ZERO SENSOR
DISPLAY CALIBRATION CONSTANT
ENTER CALIBRATION CONSTANT
CALIBRATE SENSOR
```

26. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Zero Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

```
Zero Sensor

1. ENSURE NO PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE SENSOR
2. PRESS SELECT
   CURRENT PRESSURE: XXXX PSI
```

**Note:** An ESP-1500 Plus indicating 50 psi or less will automatically be zeroed at the beginning of a method or when the cable connection is installed, permitting interchangeability of ESP's. “Zero Sensor” guarantees reset of the sensor to “0.”

27. Ensure that no pressure is applied to the ESP-1500 Plus. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed. Remove the ESP-1500 Plus from the connector port.

```
Zero Sensor

1. ENSURE NO PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE SENSOR
2. PRESS SELECT
   CURRENT PRESSURE: XXXX PSI
   COMPLETE
```

28. Press the “BACK” key three (3) times to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

```
Select Sensor

PRESSURE SENSOR
TEMPERATURE SENSOR
```
29. If the optional external water line is selected for pressure control, press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate Water Line](image1)

30. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “No.” Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

![Select Sensor](image2)

31. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Temperature Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. Based on the type of temperature sensor(s) being used with the instrument, one of the two following screens will appear.

![Temperature Sensor](image3)

**Note:** The RTP-300 Plus is the standard method of temperature control.

32. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight the appropriate temperature sensor to be used with the system.

33. If no temperature control is to be used, highlight “None.” Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

34. If the RTP-300 Plus is highlighted, press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate RTP-300 Plus](image4)
35. Press the “BACK” key two times to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

![Select Sensor]

36. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “No.” Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.

![Select Sensor]

37. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “TempGuard.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Select Turntable]

**Note:** To utilize the optional TempGuard sensor, the sensor must be calibrated for the applicable turntable, based on the type of vessel being used. Refer to the calibration procedures in this manual to calibrate the turntable for the TempGuard sensor.

38. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight the applicable turntable. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate Turntable]

39. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “No.” Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Select Sensor” screen.
40. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Setup Menu” screen.

41. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Printer Setup.” Press the “SELECT” key.

42. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the appropriate printer to be used with the instrument.

43. Press the “SELECT” key to highlight the data interval. Using the numerical keys, enter the number of seconds (1 - 999) selected to send data to the printer. The instrument default setting is 1 second.

44. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen.
45. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Comm Port Setup.” Press the “SELECT” key.

Comm Port Setup

SELECT PARITY: XXX
ENTER BAUD RATE: XXXX
ENTER DATA INTERVAL: 001
Press Select to Change

46. To set up the communication port parameters, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the parity. Press the “SELECT” key.

Comm Port Setup

SELECT PARITY: XXX
ENTER BAUD RATE: XXXX
ENTER DATA INTERVAL: 15 SECS
Press Select to Change

47. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the desired parity. Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Comm Port Setup” screen.

48. Use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the baud rate. Press the “SELECT” key.

Comm Port Setup

SELECT PARITY: XXX
ENTER BAUD RATE: XXXX
ENTER DATA INTERVAL: 15 SECS
Press Select to Change

49. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the desired baud rate. Press the “SELECT” key to return to the “Comm Port Setup” screen. Default baud rate is 4800.

50. Use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the data interval. Using the numerical keys, enter the selected data interval rate (0-999 seconds). Default interval rate for sending data through the PC connector is 1 second. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen.

MARS 5 Setup Menu

DELETE METHOD
SYSTEM VARIABLES
SELECT SENSOR
PRINTER SETUP
COMM PORT SETUP
SYSTEM INFORMATION
SYSTEM HISTORY
SELECT LANGUAGE
51. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “System Information.” Press the “SELECT” key.

52. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Service Information.” Press the “SELECT” key to view the “Service Information” screen.

```
System Information

SERVICE INFORMATION
SENSOR INFORMATION
```

53. Press the “BACK” key to return the “System Information” screen.

54. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Sensor Information.” Press the “SELECT” key to view the “Sensor Information” screen.

```
Sensor Information

CURRENT PRESSURE ON
CURRENT TEMPERATURE ON
TEMPGUARD ON
REACTIGUARD ON
```

**Note:** The information on the “Sensor Information” screen is for user information only and cannot be changed.

55. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen.

```
MARS 5 Setup Menu

DELETE METHODS
SYSTEM VARIABLES
CALIBRATION
PRINTER SETUP
COMM PORT SETUP
SYSTEM INFORMATION
SYSTEM HISTORY
SELECT LANGUAGE
```
56. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “System History.” Press the “SELECT” key.

**System History**

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**Note:** The information on the “System History” screen is for user information only and cannot be changed.

57. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen.

**MARS 5 Setup Menu**

- DELETE METHODS
- COMM PORT SETUP
- SYSTEM VARIABLES
- SYSTEM INFORMATION
- CALIBRATION
- SYSTEM HISTORY
- PRINTER SETUP
- SELECT LANGUAGE

58. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Select Language.” Press the “SELECT” key.

**Select Language**

- GERMAN
- FRENCH
- ITALIAN
- SPANISH
- ENGLISH

59. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight the desired language to be displayed on the instrument screens (German, French, Italian, Spanish, or English). Press the “SELECT” key. Press the “NEXT” key to return to the “MARS 5 Setup Menu” screen. Press the “HOME” key to return to the Main Menu.
Methods in the CEM Directory or User Directory can be edited for specific samples. Edited versions of methods in the CEM directory must be renamed. The edited version will be saved in the User Directory. User methods cannot be saved in the CEM Directory. A maximum of 100 methods can be stored in the User Directory. Edited versions of methods in the User Directory should be renamed if the original method is still required; otherwise, the original method information will be lost.

1. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Edit/Create Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

2. To edit a CEM method or user method, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the appropriate directory. Press the “SELECT” key.

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1. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Edit/Create Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

2. To edit a CEM method or user method, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the appropriate directory. Press the “SELECT” key.
3. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the CEM method to be edited.

4. To review the parameters of the method to be edited, press the “1” key. Based on the selected method, a screen such as the one below will be displayed.

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<td>X</td>
</tr>
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</table>

5. Press the “BACK” key to return to the selected directory screen.

6. Press the “SELECT” key to edit the selected method.

7. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the type vessel to be used for the method. Press the “SELECT” key.

8. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the type control to be used for the method. Press the “SELECT” key.

**Method Parameters**

**Note:** If “AutoVent” is selected in step 7 as the vessel to be utilized, only “Standard Control” or “Power/Time Control” can be highlighted and selected in step 8. Autovent should not be selected if using HP or XP vessels with AV covers. In this case, select the appropriate vessel type.

**Note:** The “Enter Method Parameters” screen will differ based on the selected control type, the number of stages and use of the optional stirrer (S).

**Note:** If MicroVap is selected as the control mechanism, the PSI column will be replaced by a programmable temperature delta. Refer to the MicroVap Instructions for additional information.
Note: The “Enter Method Parameters” screen will differ based on the selected control type, the number of stages and use of the optional stirrer (S).

### Standard Control with Optional Stirrer

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Press Select to Change

### Ramp to Temperature without Optional Stirrer

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Press Select to Change

### Ramp to Pressure with Optional Stirrer

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Press Select to Change

### Power/Time Control with Optional Stirrer

9. To change the wattage, use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight the wattage to be edited. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear for choosing the desired wattage.

Note: General guidelines for 100% power are as follows:
- 1 - 2 Vessels: 300 watts
- 3 - 5 Vessels: 600 watts
- 6 or more Vessels: 1200 watts
10. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight the desired wattage. Press the “SELECT” key to select the wattage and to return to the “Enter Method Parameters” screen.

```
ENTER METHOD PARAMETERS
STAGE POWER RAMP PSI °C S HOLD
MAX % CONTROL
1 000W 000 00:00 0000 200 X 00:00
2 000W 000 00:00 0000 200 X 00:00
```

Press Select to Change

11. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight the next parameter to be edited. Use the numerical keys to enter % power, ramp time, PSI, temperature and/or hold time.

**Note:** Based on the vessel type chosen for the method, the instrument will not accept pressures or temperatures higher than the maximum allowable parameters for the selected vessel. If a parameter higher than the maximum for the vessel is entered, a “beep” will sound, and the entered parameter will not be stored. If no control is selected, the instrument will not accept pressures and temperatures. The following table indicates the maximum pressure and temperature for each vessel which can be utilized in the MARS 5 instrument.

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<th>Vessel Type</th>
<th>Max. Pressure (psi)</th>
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<td>HP-500</td>
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<tr>
<td>QXP</td>
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<td>300</td>
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</table>

12. If using the optional stirrer, use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight the stirrer speed. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear for choosing the desired stirrer speed.
13. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the desired stirrer speed. Press the “SELECT” key to select the stirrer speed and to return to the “Enter Method Parameters” screen.

14. Repeat steps 6 through 10 for each stage of the method or to add stages (5 stages maximum).

15. Press the “NEXT” key.

16. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Delete.” Press the “SELECT” key to delete each letter and/or number to be deleted in the current method name.

17. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the first letter or number of the new name. Press the “SELECT” key. Continue highlighting the letters/numbers (24 maximum) of the new name and pressing the “SELECT” key until the new name is displayed on the screen.

18. Press the “NEXT” key.
19. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the first field of method information for which data is to be entered.

20. If “Sample Information” or “Reagents” is highlighted in step 19, press the “SELECT” key. The applicable screen will appear.

21. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the first letter or number of the information to be entered. Press the “SELECT” key. Continue selecting the letters/numbers and pressing the “SELECT” key until the desired information is displayed on the screen (24 characters maximum). If additional information is required, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the desired field of information for which data is to be entered and continue with step 19. If information is not desired in the other fields, press the “NEXT” key to return to the Main Menu.

22. If “Number of Samples,” “Average Sample Weight” or “Average Sample Volume” is selected in step 19, use the numerical keys to enter the desired information (38 characters maximum for number of vessels, 36 maximum for av. sample wt., and 35 maximum for av. sample vol.). Use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight additional fields of information which are to be entered. When all information is entered, press the “NEXT” key to return to the Main Menu.

CAUTION

If parameters and/or method information of a user method are edited and a new name is not entered, the new parameters will be saved under the original name.
Note: If a new name was not selected for an edited CEM Method or if a name is selected which already exists in the User Directory, one of the two following screens will appear.

**Rename Method**

Changes have been made to a CEM Method

Press select to edit method name

Press home to ignore changes

or

**Rename Method**

A method with this name already exists

Press select to edit method name

Press home to ignore changes

23. Press the “SELECT” key. The “Method Name” screen will appear. Follow the necessary procedures outlined in steps 13 through 19 to complete the editing process.
Create Method

New methods can be created in the User Directory only. A maximum of 100 methods can be stored in the User Directory.

1. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Edit/Create Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

2. Use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight “User Directory.” Press the “SELECT” key.

3. Use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight “New Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

4. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the type vessel to be used for the method. Press the “SELECT” key.

Note: If “AutoVent” is selected in step 4 as the vessel to be utilized, only “Standard Control” or “Power/Time Control” can be highlighted and selected in step 5.
5. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight the type control to be used for the method. Press the “SELECT” key. Based on the type control selected, one of the following screens will appear.

**Standard Control with Optional Stirrer**

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Press Select to Change

**Ramp to Temperature without Optional Stirrer**

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Press Select to Change

**Ramp to Pressure with Optional Stirrer**

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</table>
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Press Select to Change

**Power/Time Control with Optional Stirrer**
6. Use the “+” and/or “–” keys to highlight the wattage. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear for choosing the desired wattage.

![Power Options]

7. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight the desired wattage. Press the “SELECT” key to select the wattage and to return to the “Enter Method Parameters” screen.

**Note:** General guidelines for 100% power are as follows:
- 1 - 2 Vessels: 300 watts
- 3 - 5 Vessels: 600 watts
- 6 or more Vessels: 1200 watts

8. Use the “+” and/or “–” keys to highlight the next parameter. Use the numerical keys to enter % power, ramp time, PSI, temperature and/or hold time.

**Note:** Based on the vessel type chosen for the method, the instrument will not accept pressures or temperatures higher than the maximum allowable parameters for the selected vessel. If a parameter higher than the maximum for the vessel is entered, a “beep” will sound, and the entered parameter will not be stored. If no control is selected, the instrument will not accept pressures and temperatures. The following table indicates the maximum pressure and temperature for each vessel which can be utilized in the MARS 5 instrument.
9. If using the optional stirrer, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight the stirrer speed. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear for choosing the desired stirrer speed.

![Stirrer Speed Selection Screen]

**Note:** For viscous and/or reactive samples, either low or medium stirrer speed should be selected. For samples with a viscosity similar to water, medium or high speed should be used. For inorganic samples, high speed should be used.

10. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the desired stirrer speed. Press the “SELECT” key to select the stirrer speed and to return to the “Enter Method Parameters” screen.

![Enter Method Parameters Screen]

11. Repeat steps 6 through 10 for each stage (5 maximum) of the method.

12. Press the “NEXT” key.
13. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, select (highlight) the first letter or number of the selected method name. Press the “SELECT” key. Continue selecting the letters/numbers of the name and pressing the “SELECT” key for each letter/number (24 maximum) until the name is displayed on the screen.

14. Press the “NEXT” key.

15. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the first field of method information for which data is to be entered.

16. If “Sample Information” or “Reagents” is highlighted in step 15, press the “SELECT” key. The applicable screen will appear.
17. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight the first letter or number of the information to be entered. Press the “SELECT” key. Continue selecting the letters/numbers and pressing the “SELECT” key for each letter/number (24 maximum) until the desired information is displayed on the screen. If additional information is required, use the “+” and/or “–” keys to highlight the desired field of information for which data is to be entered and continue with step 18. If information is not desired in the other fields, press the “NEXT” key to return to the Main Menu.

18. If “Number of Samples,” “Average Sample Weight” or “Average Sample Volume” is selected in step 15, use the numerical keys to enter the desired information. Use the “+” and/or “–” keys to highlight additional fields of information which are to be entered. When all information is entered, press the “NEXT” key to return to the Main Menu.

**Note:** If a name is entered which already exists in the User Directory, the instrument will not permit the user to save the method. The following screen will appear.

![Rename Method](image)

19. Press the “SELECT” key. The “Method Name” screen will appear. Follow the necessary procedures outlined in steps 13 through 18 to complete the process of creating a method.

20. To print a copy of the method as created, press the “PRINT” key.

![Print Menu](image)

21. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “Print Method.” Press the “SELECT” key. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.
A method can be loaded from either the CEM Directory or the User Directory.

**CEM Method Menu**

- **Edit/Create Method**
- **Load Method**

- ‘Start’ Current Method:
  - XXXXXXXX

1. To load a method, use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight “Load Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

   **Note:** If the method to be performed is showing on the screen as the current method, simply press the “START” key.

**Directory Menu**

- **Edit/Create Method From**:
  - CEM Directory
  - User Directory

2. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight either “CEM Directory” or “User Directory.” Press the “SELECT” key.

**CEM Menu**

- ‘Select’ Method To Load:
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX

or

**User Menu**

- ‘Select’ Method To Load:
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX
  - XXXXXXXX

3. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight the method to be performed. Press the “SELECT” key to return to the Main Menu. The loaded method will appear on the Main Menu as the “current method.”
4. To review the parameters of the current method displayed on the screen, press the “1” key. Based on the selected method, a screen such as the one below will be displayed on the screen.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STAGE</th>
<th>POWER</th>
<th>RAMP</th>
<th>PSI</th>
<th>°C</th>
<th>S</th>
<th>HOLD</th>
</tr>
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<td>1</td>
<td>000W</td>
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<td>0000</td>
<td>200 X</td>
<td>00:00</td>
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<td>000W</td>
<td>000</td>
<td>00:00</td>
<td>0000</td>
<td>200 X</td>
<td>00:00</td>
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<td>200 X</td>
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<td>0000</td>
<td>200 X</td>
<td>00:00</td>
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<td>000</td>
<td>00:00</td>
<td>0000</td>
<td>200 X</td>
<td>00:00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Perform Method

**WARNING**

CEM recommends that a post-run cool down time be used for each digestion performed in the MARS 5 instrument to prevent the possibility of operator burns or acid spills.

**CAUTION**

To lengthen the lifetime of the display screen, CEM recommends that a screen saver time be used at all times.

**WARNING**

Proper precautions must be taken to avoid contact with reagents or reagent vapors. Protective gear should be worn as outlined in the user's safety program for hazardous materials and the reagent manufacturer's material safety data sheet. Refer to these guidelines for proper handling and disposal of the reagent.

**WARNING**

ReactiGuard alerts the operator to the occurrence of an event with a vessel; therefore, CEM recommends that ReactiGuard be “on" at all times.

**WARNING**

Use extreme caution while attempting to identify the underlying cause(s) of a detected vessel event. Always wear protective gear such as gloves, a lab coat, eye protection, etc.

1. Prepare the vessels selected for the digestion in accordance with procedures outlined in the Vessel Manual. **Note:** Minimum volume for the MARS 5 cavity is 10mL of acid or 50mL of water.

2. Install the turntable into the instrument, ensuring that the flat edge on the bottom of the turntable corresponds with the flat edge of the turntable lug (figure 9, page 45). **Note:** If using Plus vessels, the vessels can be installed into the turntable prior to turntable installation into the instrument cavity.

3. If using temperature and/or pressure control, ensure that the appropriate sensors are installed in the control vessel.

4. Install the vessels in the turntable. Place the ESP into the center of the turntable with the pressure line attached to the control vessel. Press the turntable key to rotate the turntable for ease of vessel installation. The control vessel should be installed last in the control vessel position. If all positions of the turntable are not utilized, arrange the vessels symmetrically.

5. Place the vessel retaining ring on the vessels with the notch of the retaining ring resting on the control vessel.
Align this reference point to the corresponding mark at the unit base before connecting temperature & pressure cable.

Control Vessel should be positioned facing the back left corner of the unit before connecting temperature and pressure cable.

Figure 9. Turntable Installation on Turntable Lug

Figure 10. Installed Turntable and Vessels

Figure 11. TempGuard Guide Block Placement
6. If the instrument is equipped with an optional TempGuard™ sensor, place the TempGuard guide block in the back left corner of the instrument cavity so that the bottom of the rounded thin extension is flat against the floor of the cavity and the edge of the extension is touching the edge of the turntable (figure 11).

7. Align the ESP with the connector port. Rotate the ESP-1500 Plus while gently pushing it into the connector port until it slips into the correct position. This rotation is to align the ESP-1500 Plus and the connector port. Once the connector is properly aligned, push the ESP-1500 Plus into the connector port until the polypropylene guard is fully seated against the connector port.

**CAUTION**

During installation of the ESP-1500 Plus, use caution to prevent loosening the pressure line nut which can cause leakage, leading to corrosion of the connections on the sensor and bulkhead fitting.

**CAUTION**

Ensure that the pressure line of the ESP-1500 Plus does not become entangled in the RTP-300 Plus temperature controller.

- **Note:** If using the optional external water line pressure controller, contact CEM for instructions for proper installation instructions.

8. Without crossing over the pressure tubing, snap the RTP-300 Plus into the connector located in the center of the roof of the cavity.

9. Position the pressure tubing in the guide ring mounted on the roof of the cavity.

**CEM Method Menu**

- **Edit/Create Method**
- **Load Method**

- **Start’ Current Method**

**Note:** Ensure that the method to be performed is shown as the “current method” on the Main Menu. If necessary, refer to “Load Method,” page 42, to load the applicable method.

10. If data is to be printed during performance of the method, press the “PRINT” key to ensure that “Autoprint Data” is on.

**Print Menu**

- **PRINT METHOD**
- **PRINT GRAPH**
- **PRINT SYSTEM PARAMETERS**
- **AUTOPRINT DATA - ON**

- **SELECTED PRINTER:** XXXX XXXX

11. If necessary, use the “+” and/or “−” keys to highlight “Autoprint Data.” The “SELECT” key toggles the function on and off. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

12. Press the “START” key.
13. If using the ESP-1500 Plus, and it is reading in excess of 50 psi, the following warning screen will appear.

```
WARNING
CANNOT ZERO ESP-1500 Plus
RUN ABORTED

1 = RESET TEST
2 = ZERO AND CONTINUE
9 = BYPASS ESP-1500 Plus ZERO
```

14. Press “1” to reset the method, 2 to force the instrument to zero the ESP-1500 Plus and continue the method, or “9” to bypass the reading and continue with the method.

15. During the method, screens displayed will differ based on the selected type of control as outlined below and on page 48.

**Note:** A moving wave on the screen will indicate that microwaves are being generated. A flat line will indicate that no microwaves are present.

```
WARNING
Because cardiac pacemakers require magnets to control operation during checkout, if the MARS 5 is equipped with a sample stirrer, some danger exists if a pacemaker is positioned in close proximity to the instrument cavity. If the instrument is suspected of interfering with the operation of a pacemaker, the instrument should be turned off or the pacemaker wearer should move away from the instrument.
```

### Standard

```
STAGE X OF X   METHOD: XXXXXXXX   XX% XXXW

CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI   XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI   XXX°
STATUS: HEATING SAMPLE TO XXX PSI, XXX°

STAGE X OF X   METHOD: XXXXXXXX   XX% XXXW

CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI   XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI   XXX°
STATUS: CONTROLLING AT XXX PSI, XXX°
```
Ramp to Pressure

STAGE X OF X METHOD: XXXXXXXX XX% XXXW

CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: RAMPING TO XXX°

STAGE X OF X METHOD: XXXXXXXX XX% XXXW

CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: HOLDING AT XXX°

Power/Time

STAGE X OF X METHOD: XXXXXXXX XX% XXXW

CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: HEATING SAMPLE TO XXX PSI, XXX°
16. If the “PAUSE” key is pressed during performance of a method, the following screen will be displayed.

![METHOD: XXXXXXXX
CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: METHOD PAUSED]

**Note:** The flat line indicates that no microwaves are being generated.

17. If the “P/T” key is pressed during performance of a method (for any control type), a graph of the current status of the method will be displayed on the screen.

![Graph]

18. If the instrument door is opened during performance of a method, the following screen will be displayed.

![METHOD: XXXXXXXX
CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: DOOR OPEN]

**Note:** The flat line indicates that no microwaves are being generated.

19. If the instrument adjusts the circuitry to accomplish a new power setting, the following screen will be displayed.

![METHOD: XXXXXXXX
CURRENT XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
PROGRAM XX:XX XXX PSI XXX°
STATUS: ADJUSTING POWER]

**Note:** The flat line indicates that no microwaves are being generated while the instrument is changing from one capacitor to another to adjust power from one stage to another.
If the TempGuard™ (optional) detects a vessel temperature which exceeds the maximum temperature for the vessel type, the TempGuard™ temperature error appears, indicating the vessel number in which the temperature is excessive. The method is aborted, and the instrument will proceed to post-run “cool down” operation. Remove the vessels from the instrument and find the problem with the vessel.

21. When the method is complete or if the “STOP” key is pressed, the instrument will proceed to post-run “cool down” operation if it is turned on in the system Setup procedure.

Method Aborted

Note: The flat line indicates that no microwaves are being generated while the instrument is changing from one capacitor to another to adjust power from one stage to another.

If the TempGuard™ (optional) detects a vessel temperature which exceeds the maximum temperature for the vessel type, the TempGuard™ temperature error appears, indicating the vessel number in which the temperature is excessive. The method is aborted, and the instrument will proceed to post-run “cool down” operation. Remove the vessels from the instrument and find the problem with the vessel.

Cool Down

Note: The selected post-run cool down time and the current pressure and temperature will be displayed. The instrument will count down the cool down time. At the end of the cool down time, four audible beeps will sound.

WARNING

CEM recommends that a post-run cool down time be used for each digestion performed in the MARS 5 instrument to prevent the possibility of operator burns or acid spills.
Note: The selected post-run cool down time and the current pressure and temperature will be displayed. Once the pressure drops below 50 psi, the screen will read “<50 psi” rather than an actual pressure reading. The instrument will count down the cool down time. At the end of the cool down time, four audible beeps will sound.

22. If the post-run cool down time is turned off in the system Setup procedure, once the method is complete or if the “STOP” key is pressed, press the “P/T” key to display the current pressure and/or temperature in the control vessel to assist in determining when the vessels can be safely removed from the instrument cavity.

23. Refer to instructions for specific type of vessels to determine proper procedures for removing vessels from instrument and turntable.

<table>
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<th>Pressure/ Temperature Display</th>
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<tr>
<td>PRESSURE: XXX PSI</td>
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<td>TEMPERATURE: XXX °C</td>
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<tr>
<td>RTP-300 Plus ESP-1500 Plus (XXX -XXXX)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Note: If using the EST-300 Plus and/or the ESP-1500 Plus sensors, the applicable sensor(s) will be identified on the above screen.

24. If using the EST-300 and the “Remove EST-300” function is turned on in the System Setup procedure, the following screen will flash at the end of the post-run cool down time to remind the operator to remove the EST-300 from the snap-in ceiling connector prior to removal of the control vessel from the instrument cavity.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>REMOVE EST-300 Plus</th>
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<tr>
<td>BEFORE REMOVING CONTROL VESSEL</td>
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</table>

CAUTION

When removing the EST-300 from the bulkhead fitting, pull the EST-300 straight down. Excessive lateral pressure can damage and/or break the bulkhead fitting or the fiberoptic probe.

25. To print either a graph of the last test, the results of the last 6 tests performed or a copy of the selected method, press the “PRINT” key.
26. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight the desired print function. Press the “SELECT” key. If “Print Graph” is selected, the following screen will appear.

```
Print Graph Menu
1. XXXXXXXXXX XX/XX/XXXX
2. XXXXXXXXX XX/XX/XXXX
3. XXXXXXXXX XXXXXXX XX/XX/XXXX
4. XXXXX XX/XX/XXXX
5. XXXXX XXXXX XX/XX/XXXX
```

27. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight the appropriate method to graph. Press the “SELECT” key. The graph will be printed and the following screen will be displayed.

```
Graphing Data
METHOD NAME: XXXXXXXX
DATA COLLECTED XX/XX/XX
```

28. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.
1. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.

2. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “Delete Method.” Press the “SELECT” key.

3. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight the method to be deleted from the user menu. Press the “SELECT” key.

**Note:** Methods stored in the CEM Directory cannot be deleted.

4. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “Delete” to delete the selected method. Press the “SELECT” key.
### MARS 5 Setup Menu

<table>
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<th>COMM PORT SETUP</th>
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<td>SYSTEM HISTORY</td>
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<tr>
<td>PRINTER SETUP</td>
<td>SELECT LANGUAGE</td>
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5. Press the “HOME” key to return to the Main Menu.
This section covers routine maintenance, troubleshooting and minor parts replacement. For service and repair, contact the CEM Service Department or local CEM subsidiary or distributor. A routine preventive maintenance program is recommended to ensure optimum performance of the MARS 5.

**WARNING**

This instrument utilizes high voltages and microwave radiation. Instrument service and repair should be performed only by technicians trained in repair and maintenance of high voltage and microwave power systems.

**WARNING**

Proper precautions must be taken to avoid contact with reagents or reagent vapors. Protective gear should be worn as outlined in the user’s safety program for hazardous materials and the reagent manufacturer’s material safety data sheet. Refer to these guidelines for proper handling and disposal of reagents.

1. **ESP Cable Connection** - Daily, remove the ESP Plus cable connection from the connector port and thoroughly clean the connector with a paper towel or soft cloth. Thoroughly wipe and clean both the inside and outside surfaces of the connector. If necessary, dampen the towel with isopropyl alcohol to assist in cleaning.

2. **Microwave cavity** - Weekly, wipe the cavity with warm water applied with a soft cloth. If necessary, use a mild cleanser, but rinse thoroughly to avoid leaving any residue on the cavity. Do not use abrasive cleansers because they may scratch the fluoropolymer cavity coating, degrading its ability to resist corrosive vapors. Rinse and thoroughly dry all cleaned areas.

3. **Cavity exhaust outlet** - Weekly, clean the exhaust outlet by removing the exhaust hose and wiping the space inside the exhaust outlet with a paper towel or disposable cloth. To clean the exhaust hose, disconnect it from the blower exhaust duct, flush it with water and allow it to dry before reconnecting it to the blower duct.

**WARNING**

Acid tends to condense and collect inside the blower duct and can cause severe skin burns. Wear rubber gloves when cleaning the cavity exhaust outlet and/or hose.

4. **Door and interlocks** - Weekly, examine the door, cavity edge and door interlocks to verify that they are clean and, if applicable, working properly. Ensure there has been no loosening of or damage to the door hinges or latch. Ensure that the door closes securely.

5. **Optional External Water Line Flush** - Daily, flush the external water line. Refer to the instructions in this manual.

8. **Microwave leakage measurement** - Refer to the instructions in this manual.

9. **Microwave power measurement** - Refer to the instructions in this manual.
Cleaning of ESP-1500 Plus

1. Prepare a 60cc syringe fitted with a 7” length of 0.060” diameter Teflon tubing.
2. Remove the pressure line from the ESP-1500 Plus.
3. Fill the syringe with 20mL of deionized water. Insert the tubing attached to the syringe into the ESP-1500 Plus until it touches the bottom of the pressure fitting.
4. Ensuring that the ESP-1500 Plus is placed so that any excess water will be safety contained, flush the ESP-1500 Plus with the entire 20mL of deionized water.
5. Remove the tubing and syringe from the ESP-1500 Plus. Fill the syringe with air.
6. Reinsert the tubing into the ESP-1500 Plus. Using the syringe, push the air into the ESP to help remove the excess water.

The external water line pressure control system should be flushed at the end of each shift or workday to prevent corrosion.

1. Disconnect the pressure line from the control vessel. Place an empty beaker in the instrument cavity or on the turntable. Place the disconnected end of the pressure line in the beaker.
2. If applicable, remove the syringe from its packing. Remove and discard the plastic tip attached to the syringe.
3. Fill the syringe with distilled or deionized water.
4. Attach the syringe to the open end of the external flush fitting.
5. Push the plunger on the syringe to force all the water from the syringe into the pressure system. The water will drain from the pressure tubing into the beaker. Discard the water in accordance with applicable safety procedures.
6. The syringe may be left attached to the flush fitting.
The door and cavity are very durable and are designed for reliable operation under severe laboratory conditions. External radiation checks are performed on the MARS 5 at several points in the manufacturing process, ensuring that leakage from the finished instrument is only a fraction of that allowed by U.S. law (5 mW/cm²).

The door of the MARS 5 is equipped with a safety interlock system which stops the generation of microwave energy when the door is opened or ajar. If the interlock system fails, a monitoring mechanism will blow the fuse(s) through which power is supplied to the magnetron, rendering the microwave power system inoperable.

To verify that door seals and interlocks are working properly, the MARS 5 should be tested periodically for microwave leakage. Use the following procedure to measure microwave leakage:

1. Create a method using a beaker as the selected vessel, 1200 watts, 100% power, 2 minutes ramp time, 0 pressure, 240°C temperature, stirrer off, and 0 hold time.
2. Place a beaker containing 100mL of water in a vessel position of the turntable.
3. Load the created method and press “Start” to begin the method.
4. Use a suitable RF field strength meter (microwave detector) such as the Holaday Model HI-1500 (available from CEM Corporation, P/N 300500). Slowly move the RF probe around the door perimeter and around the fan grills to check for microwave leakage.

**NOTE**

CEM does not recommend use of meters available in electronics stores because they are prone to give erroneous readings and lack the necessary sensitivity to properly test an instrument for microwave leakage.

The U.S. Government defines excessive microwave leakage as 5 mW/cm². If the instrument shows excessive microwave leakage, do not attempt further operation. Contact the CEM Corporation Service Department or the local CEM subsidiary or distributor for further instructions.
Use the following procedure to determine actual power output at 300, 600 and 1200 watts.

1. Install the turntable in the microwave cavity.
3. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight “CEM Directory.” Press the “SELECT” key. The “CEM Menu” screen will appear.
4. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight “300W Power Test.” Press the “SELECT” key to return to the main menu.
5. Place 1000 mL of ambient temperature (18-22 °C) deionized water in a 1000 mL Teflon® or polypropylene beaker.
6. Using a thermometer with 0.1 °C gradations, measure and record the initial water temperature, Ti. Ensure that the thermometer is immersed to its indicated immersion line prior to reading the temperature.
7. Remove the thermometer from the beaker. Carefully place the beaker in vessel #1 position on turntable. Gently close the door to avoid spilling any of the water.
8. Press “Start.”
9. At the end of the programmed time (2 minute), remove the beaker from the microwave cavity. Stir the water thoroughly for 30 seconds, then measure and record the peak temperature reading. This is the final temperature, Tf.

The microwave power output is calculated as follows:

\[ \text{Power in Watts} = 35 (T_f - T_i) \]

10. If the measured power is below 255W, repeat the microwave power measurement. If the power remains less than 255W, the instrument is not producing adequate microwave power at the 300W selection.
11. Repeat steps 2 through 9 for the 600W and 1200W power tests.
12. If the measured power is below 510W for the 600W power test, repeat the power measurement. If the power remains less than 510W, the instrument is not producing adequate microwave power at the 600W selection.
13. If the measured power is below 1020W for the 1200W power test, repeat the power measurement. If the power remains less than 1020W, the instrument is not producing adequate microwave power at the 1200W selection.
14. If the instrument is not producing sufficient wattage, refer to the Troubleshooting Guide, page 70.
TempGuard Calibration

The instrument must be previously configured with TempGuard calibration data. Contact the CEM Service Department for configuration information.

![CEM Method Menu](image)

1. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.

![MARS 5 Setup Menu](image)

2. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Select Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

![Select Sensor](image)

3. Using the “+” and/or “-” key, highlight “TempGuard Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear.

![Select Turntable](image)

4. Based on the type of vessel being used (XP-1500 or HP-500), use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight either “Calibrate HP-500 Turntable” or “Calibrate XP-1500 Turntable.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will appear.
5. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Yes.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

```
Calibrate Turntable

YES NO
```

6. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight the appropriate calibration function. Press the “SELECT” key.

```
Turntable Calibration

DISPLAY CALIBRATION CONSTANT
ENTER CALIBRATION CONSTANT
```

7. Record the calibration constant for future reference and entry if calibration of the TempGuard is lost or distorted.

8. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu or the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen for additional calibration procedures.

```
Enter Calibration Constant

XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX

PRESS SELECT TO ACCEPT ENTRY
```

9. Use the numerical keys to enter the previous calibration constant for either the XP-1500 or HP-500 turntable. Press the “SELECT” key.

10. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.
1. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.

2. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “Select Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

3. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “Pressure Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

4. Using the “+” and/or “–” keys, highlight “ESP-1500 Plus.” Press the “SELECT” key.
5. Using the “+” and/or “—” key, highlight “Yes.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate ESP-1500 Plus](image)

6. Using the “+” and/or “—” keys, highlight the appropriate calibration function, and press the “SELECT” key.

**Note:** To zero the sensor, continue with step 7. To display the calibration constant, proceed to step 9. To enter the calibration constant, proceed to step 10. To calibrate the ESP-1500 Plus, proceed to step 13.

![Zero Sensor](image)

7. Ensure that no pressure is applied to the sensor. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed, indicating that the procedure is complete.

![Zero Sensor](image)

**Note:** “Zero Sensor” guarantees reset of the sensor to “0” for the ESP-1500 Plus.

8. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

![Calibration Constant](image)
9. Record the calibration constant for future reference and/or entry if calibration of the ESP-1500 Plus is lost or distorted.

10. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

11. Use the numerical keys to enter the previous calibration constant for the ESP-1500 Plus.

12. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

NOTE

The instrument door should remain open during pressure calibration. If the instrument door is closed and opened during calibration, the pressure/temperature screen will appear and all calibration information entered will be eliminated.

13. A CEM ESP/EST calibration device (p/n 565350) is required to calibrate the circuitry of the ESP-1500 Plus. Disconnect the sensor from the pressure/temperature connector in the right front side of the instrument cavity. Install the calibration device in the connector, ensuring that the calibration device locks into position. Set the calibration device on “0.” Close the instrument door.

14. Wait approximately 3 seconds. Press the “SELECT” key.

15. Set the calibration device on “1.” Wait approximately 3 seconds. Press the “SELECT” key.
16. Press the “Back” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen.

17. Remove the calibration device from the connector.

18. Use the “+” and/or “-” keys to highlight “Display Calibration Constant.” Press the “SELECT” key.

19. Record the new calibration constant for future reference or entry.

20. Press the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

To verify proper operation of the ESP-1500 Plus pressure control system, perform the procedures outlined below:

1. Refer to the applicable vessel (XP-1500 or HP-500) instructions in the Options section of this manual, and assemble and install a control vessel containing 50mL of distilled water.

2. Install the ESP-1500 Plus connector into the connector in the front right side of the cavity.

3. Access the CEM Directory, load the method “QC ESP/RTP,” and perform the method.

The final pressure stages of 200 psi should be reached with measured temperatures at 200°C ± 10°C.
Pressure Calibration – External Water Line

1. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.

2. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Select Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

3. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “Pressure Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. Based on the type of pressure sensor being used, one of the following screens will appear.

4. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight “External/Water Line.” Press the “SELECT” key.
5. Using the “+” and/or “−” key, highlight “Yes.” Press the “SELECT” key.

6. Using the “+” and/or “−” keys, highlight the appropriate calibration function, and press the “SELECT” key.

**Note:** To zero the sensor, continue with step 7. To display the calibration constant, proceed to step 9. To enter the calibration constant, proceed to step 10.

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**Zero Sensor**

1. ENSURE NO PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE SENSOR
2. PRESS SELECT

CURRENT PRESSURE: XXXX PSI

**Note:** “Zero Sensor” guarantees reset of the sensor to “0” for the ESP-1500 Plus or the external water line.

7. Ensure that no pressure is applied to the sensor. Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed, indicating that the procedure is complete.

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**Zero Sensor**

1. ENSURE NO PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE SENSOR
2. PRESS SELECT

CURRENT PRESSURE: XXXX PSI

COMPLETE

8. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.
9. Record the calibration constant for future reference and/or entry if calibration of the external water line is lost or distorted.

10. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.

11. Use the numerical keys to enter the previous calibration constant for the external water line.

12. Press the “BACK” key to return to the “Pressure Calibration” screen or the “HOME” key to return to the main menu.
1. From the Main Menu, press the “SETUP” key.

2. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Select Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key.

3. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “Temperature Sensor.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screens will appear.

4. Using the “+” and/or “-” keys, highlight “EST-300 Plus.” Press the “SELECT” key.
5. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Enter GF Number.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![RTP-300 Plus Enter GF Number]

6. Use the numerical keys to enter the GF Number printed on the RTP-300 Plus probe. Press the “SELECT” key to return to the calibration screen.

![CAUTION]

The GF Number printed on the RTP-300 Plus probe must be entered for each probe prior to use in order to accurately measure temperature.

7. Using the “+” and/or “–” key, highlight “Calibrate RTP-300 Plus.” Press the “SELECT” key. The following screen will be displayed.

![Calibrate EST-300 Plus]

8. Insert the RTP-300 Plus into the connector in the center of the instrument cavity.

9. Place the RTP-300 Plus in a beaker of water. Using the numeric keyboard, enter the temperature of the water as indicated on the thermometer.

10. Press the “SELECT” key. The “current temperature” on the screen should read the same as the temperature entered in step 7.

11. If necessary, repeat steps 7 and 8 to verify proper calibration of the RTP-300 Plus.
To verify proper operation of the RTP-300 Plus temperature control system, perform the procedures outlined below:

1. Refer to the applicable vessel (XP-1500 or HP-500 Plus) instructions in the Options section of this manual, and assemble and install a control vessel containing 50mL of distilled water.

2. Install the RTP-300 Plus connector on the temperature connector in the center of the roof of the instrument cavity.

3. Access the CEM Directory, load the method “QC ESP/RTP,” and perform the method.

The final pressure stages of 200 psi should be reached with measured temperatures at 200°C ± 10°C.
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                                | Blown fuse  
                                | Loose connection to power switch  
                                | Faulty power switch  
                                | Faulty DC power supply |
| No Microwave Power              | Instrument door ajar  
                                | Incorrect percentage of power selected  
                                | Interlock(s) not properly adjusted or faulty  
                                | Faulty controller board  
                                | Faulty thermal switch  
                                | Faulty high voltage component |
| Low Microwave Power             | Low line voltage  
                                | Incorrect wattage parameter  
                                | Incorrect voltage switch setting  
                                | Incorrect percentage of power selected  
                                | Faulty high voltage relay(s)  
                                | Faulty high voltage component |
| Fuse Blows When Door is Open    | Interlock(s) not properly adjusted  
                                | Faulty interlock(s) |
| Fuse Blows Repeatedly During Operation | Low line voltage  
                                | Faulty high voltage component  
                                | Faulty DC power supply  
                                | Faulty controller board  
                                | Faulty continuous power supply |
| Inoperative Turntable           | Loose or broken turntable belt  
                                | Faulty turntable motor  
                                | Faulty controller board |
| Turntable Not Alternating       | Loose or faulty turntable belt  
                                | Faulty turntable sensor  
                                | Faulty turntable motor  
                                | Faulty controller board |
| No Display                      | Loose or broken wiring connections  
                                | Loose or faulty interface cable  
                                | Faulty display  
                                | Faulty controller board |
| Inoperative Keyboard            | Loose or faulty interface cable  
                                | Faulty keyboard  
                                | Faulty controller board |
| Inoperative Vessel Stirring Motor | Loose or broken stirring motor belt  
                                | Faulty Stirring Motor |
| Erratic Pressure* (ESP-1500 Plus) | Incorrect A/D setting  
                                | Leakage from vessel  
                                | Loose vent fitting  
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Error Messages

The following error messages may appear during system operation due to operator error, improper system operation or component failure.

**TURNTABLE FAILURE**

THE TURNTABLE MOTOR/SENSOR ASSEMBLY IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

1 = RETEST TURNTABLE
9 = ALLOW SOFTWARE OVERRIDE OF SENSOR

The turntable failure error message indicates that the turntable has not properly initialized upon turning the system on. Press the "1" key to retest the turntable. If the turntable error is still present, press the "9" key to permit the instrument software to override the turntable sensor. Contact the CEM Service Department or local subsidiary or distributor.

**THERMAL OVERLOAD ERROR**

THE MICROWAVE POWER CIRCUIT IS NOT FUNCTIONING, CHECK FANS

TEST ABORTED
PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

The thermal overload error indicates that a door interlock switch is improperly adjusted or that the magnetron or isolator cooling fan is not operating properly. The current method is aborted. Verify proper operation of the door interlocks and fans. Press any key on the keyboard to continue system operation.

**PRESSURE/TEMPERATURE DROP ERROR**

PRESSURE OR TEMPERATURE HAS DROPPED TOO RAPIDLY

1 = RESET TEST
9 = CONTINUE

The pressure/temperature drop error indicates that the pressure or temperature has dropped 20% or more during a 5 second period. The instrument will not begin monitoring until the pressure/temperature rises above 75 psi or 75 degrees. The drop in pressure/temperature could be caused by leakage from the control vessel, an improper or loose connection, or a faulty pressure or temperature sensor. The operator must decide whether or not to continue the method. To continue the method, press the "9" key to return to the method, followed by the "START" key. To discontinue the method and reset the instrument, press the "1" key to return to the main menu, followed by the "START" key to restart the method.
The ReactiGuard error message indicates that some type of event has occurred with a vessel such as a ruptured membrane disk, an exploded vessel, or a relatively loud noise inside or near the instrument cavity. The operator must decide whether or not to continue the method. To continue the method, press the “9” key to return to the method, followed by the “START” key. To discontinue the method and reset the instrument, press the “1” key to return to the main menu, followed by the “START” key to restart the method.

The line voltage error message indicates that the AC voltage supplied to the instrument has dropped below or risen above the operating specifications of 90V - 130V (110V instruments) or 195V - 265V (230V instruments). The method in progress is aborted. Press any key on the keyboard to return to the main menu.

Line voltage should be corrected prior to attempting instrument operation.

The printer error indicates that the printer is out of paper or that it failed to communicate with the instrument within a specified amount of time. The print command is aborted. Press any key on the keyboard to continue system operation. Verify that the printer has paper. Refer to the printer handbook for troubleshooting procedures. Once the problem is corrected, press the “PRINT” key to continue printing the desired data.
TEMPGUARD FAILURE

THE TEMPGUARD IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, CONTACT CEM SERVICE

1 = RESET TEST
9 = BYPASS TEMPGUARD

If the TempGuard™ (optional) does not detect any change in temperature in the vessels after a specified period of time, the TempGuard failure error appears. Lift the turntable and clean the face of the sensor. Press the “1” key to continue the method. If the error is detected a second time, the operator has a choice of bypassing the sensor and continuing system operation by pressing the “9” key or discontinuing use of the instrument until the sensor is replaced. Contact the CEM Service Department or the local subsidiary or distributor.

CAUTION

The TempGuard™ is an optional safety device to prevent overheating of vessels. If the sensor is bypassed, a risk of damage to the vessel(s) and/or instrument is possible due to overheating.

TEMPGUARD TEMPERATURE ERROR

VESSEL XX EXCEEDS MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TEMPERATURE

TEST ABORTED
PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE

If the TempGuard™ (optional) detects a vessel temperature which exceeds the maximum temperature for the vessel type, the TempGuard temperature error appears, indicating the vessel number in which the temperature is excessive. The method is aborted. Remove the vessels from the instrument. Find the problem with the vessel. Press any key on the keyboard to return to the main menu.

CAUTION

The TempGuard™ is an optional safety device to prevent overheating of vessels. If the sensor is bypassed, a risk of damage to the vessel(s) and/or instrument is possible due to overheating.
The RTP-300 Plus error message indicates a problem with the Thermo-Guard temperature sensor. The error can be one of the following:

- Communications Timeout Failure - sensor fails to complete communication of data
- RTP-300 Plus Probe Failure - probe is broken or defective
- Temperature Outside Lookup Table - sensor is out of calibration
- RTP-300 Plus A/D Failure - faulty module
- RTP-300 Plus System Failure - faulty module
- RTP-300 Plus LED Failure - faulty sensor
- Communications Failure - communication failure between MARS 5 and sensor
- Command Failure - invalid command sent to sensor
- Invalid Header - sensor is transmitting incorrect data due to noise, etc.
- Decay Time Is Marginal - faulty sensor
- LED Current Is High or Erratic - malfunctioning sensor

Press the "1" key to attempt to reset the RTP-300 Plus sensor. Press the "9" key to select no temperature control.

**WARNING**

**COLD START EXECUTED**

This warning indicates that an instrument cold start is in progress and will possibly eliminate all saved data such as calibration information and methods from the computer. The instrument will cold start upon installation of a new E-PROM for software upgrades or installation of a new CPU board.

**TURNTABLE FAILURE**

**THE TURNTABLE HAS FAILED**

**REMOVE TURNTABLE THEN TURN UNIT OFF TO RECOVER**

(CODE 07)

The Turntable Failure message indicates that the turntable has rotated too far. The failure is identified by a code 07. To recover from the failure, turn the instrument off, then back on. If the turntable continues to indicate the failure, contact the CEM Service Department or nearest subsidiary or distributor for any turntable failure and identify the applicable code number.
WARNING

A/D INTERRUPT NOT RESPONDING
TURN UNIT OFF TO RESET

This warning indicates that the instrument will not properly monitor temperature or pressure. Turn the instrument off, then back on. If this warning is not cleared, contact the CEM Service Department or the nearest CEM subsidiary or distributor.

WARNING

CANNOT ZERO ESP-1500 Plus
RUN ABORTED

1. RESET TEST
2. ZERO AND CONTINUE
9. BYPASS ESP-1500 Plus ZERO

The warning indicates that the pressure reading is above 50 psi upon attempt to zero the ESP-1500 Plus. Press the “1” key to return to the main menu and the “START” key to restart the method. Press the “2” key to continue the method even though the known pressure is not correct. Press the “9” key to bypass the ESP-1500 Plus sensor and continue the method.

CALIBRATION ERROR

ESP-1500 Plus IS NOT CALIBRATED

PRESS ANY KEY

The ESP-1500 Plus calibration error message indicates that the ESP-1500 Plus sensor is out of calibration, that the constant has been entered incorrectly, or that the ESP-1500 Plus is faulty. Press any key to return to the main menu.

CALIBRATION ERROR

WATER LINE IS NOT CALIBRATED

PRESS ANY KEY

The external water line calibration error message indicates that the water line is out of calibration, that the constant has been entered incorrectly, or that the water line is faulty. Press any key to return to the main menu.
The method error message indicates that method parameters indicate temperature control, but no temperature sensor is selected. The current method is aborted. Press any key to return to the main menu.

The method error message indicates that method parameters indicate pressure control, but no pressure sensor is selected. The current method is aborted. Press any key to return to the main menu.

This message appears to advise the user that the instrument should have preventive maintenance performed by a CEM Certified Service Technician to prevent future downtime.

This message appears after an instrument cold start which erases service information.
WARNING

This instrument utilizes high voltages and microwave radiation in its operation. Instrument service and repair should be undertaken only by technicians trained in repair and maintenance of high voltage and microwave power systems.

The MARS 5 is constructed in modular form to facilitate troubleshooting and repair. It is recommended that troubleshooting and repair by the user be limited to identifying and replacing parts such as printed circuit boards, fans, lamps, or motors.

WARNING

Disconnect the instrument from the AC power source prior to performing any service procedure.

Prior to any troubleshooting or service procedures in the high voltage section or area, bridge the contacts of the high voltage capacitor using the metal shaft of a well-insulated screwdriver to discharge the residual voltage in the capacitor. This will prevent exposure to high voltage discharge during troubleshooting or service.

Before replacing the high voltage plate assembly after any service procedure involving the microwave generating components, visually check the magnetron, transformers, triac, and high voltage capacitor to ensure that the electrical connections are secure.

Any service to or inspection of the MARS 5 which requires

- removal of the high voltage plate assembly or
- replacement of components in the
  - door,
  - interlock mechanism,
  - microwave generation system, or
  - microwave transmission system

should be followed by a microwave leakage measurement to verify that leakage is less than 5 mW/cm².
For assistance and pricing of replacement parts and microwave sample preparation accessories, contact:

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## Specifications

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| **Electrical Requirements**       | 208/230 VAC (200-253 VAC), 60 Hz, 15A @ 230 VAC 220/240 VAC (202-250 VAC), 50 Hz, 15A @ 240 VAC  
Detachable Power Cord, I.E.C. and U.L. approved  
Variance in line voltage can affect microwave power output. |
| **Safety Features**               | Three independent door safety interlocks, including an interlock monitoring system, plus two independent thermal switches are used in each instrument to prevent instrument operation and microwave emissions in case of improper door closure or misalignment. The instrument is equipped with a turntable interlock system which causes the turntable to rotate when microwave power is on. The instrument complies with HHS standards under 21 CFR, Part 1030.10, Subparts (C)(1), (C)(2), and (C)(3). ReactiGuard™ continuous cavity monitoring system disables magnetron if cavity disturbances occur. |
| **Magnetron Frequency**           | 2455 MHz |
| **Power Output**                  | 300 watts ±15%, 600 watts ±15% or 1200 watts ±15% |
| **Magnetron Protection**          | Solid State Isolator (U.S. Patent 4,835.354) to protect magnetron from reflected energy, ensuring constant power output. |
| **Microwave Cavity**              | Heavy-duty, multi-layer fluoropolymer coating |
| **Inlet/Outlet Ports**            | (2) 0.3125 in. I.D. Ports for 0.250 in. (6mm) tubing |
| **Dimensions (Overall)**          | 25” x 20” x 23” (D x W x H) |
| **Weight**                        | 120 lbs. (with vessels 146 lbs.) |
| **Printer Port**                  | 25-Pin, Epson and IBM Compatible |
| **Computer Compatibility**        | 80C188 on-board computer controls all system functions. System can perform all functions with or without connection to an external PC. RS 232, 9-Pin, IBM PC compatible |
| **Internal Diagnostic Software**  | BITS System (Built-In Test System) Checks/monitors line voltage, magnetron life, turntable operation, temperature control, status/operation, exhaust system, halogen lamp life, door safety interlocks. |
| **ESP-1500 Plus Pressure Control System** | Inboard pressure control system to monitor and control equilibrium/reaction pressure. Pressure is sensed 200 times per minute. Internal pressure control system able to monitor up to 1500 psi and control vessel pressures to 800 psi |
| **RTP-300 Plus Temperature Control System** | Temperature device for in-situ measurement inside sealed sample vessels. Temperature range 0 - 330°C. |
| **Turntable Design**              | PerfectCircle™ provides absolute radial symmetry. Turntable rotates 355° and reverses 8.5 times per minute to ensure even vessel heating. |
| **Sensors**                       | All sensors including pressure and temperature sensing devices located within the microwave cavity are microwave-transparent or shielded to ensure accurate readings and to eliminate arcing (ignition) hazards. |
| **Service Accessibility**         | One panel access to system main circuitry for convenient service and upgrading capability. |
| **Patents**                       | CEM Microwave Systems and vessel designs may be covered by any one of the following U.S. patents: 04835354, 04080168, 05369034, 04672996, RE034373, 05230865, 04877624, 04672996, 05206479, 05427741. Other patents pending |
U.S. and Canada

**Emissions** - Complies with FCC part 18 (47 CFR part 18 Industrial, scientific and Medical Equipment).

**Safety** - ETL* approved to UL standard 3101 (Laboratory Equipment) for U.S.

ETL* approved to standard CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1 (Laboratory Equipment) for Canada.

European Community

**Emissions** - Conforms to EC standard EN 55011 (Emissions for Industrial, Scientific and Medical Equipment).

Conforms to EC standard EN 50082-2 (Electromagnetic Compatibility).

**Safety** - Conforms to EC standard IEC 1010-1 (Safety Requirements for Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - Part 1).

*ETL and UL are equivalent NRTL’s (Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories)
What Is Covered:
CEM Corporation warrants that the instrument will be free of any defect in parts or workmanship and will, at its option, replace or repair any defective part (excluding consumables) or instrument.

For How Long:
This warranty remains in effect for 365 days from date of delivery to the original purchaser.

What Is Not Covered:
This warranty does not cover parts or workmanship which have been damaged due to:
• Neglect, abuse or misuse,
• Damage caused by or to test samples,
• Damage incurred during instrument relocation,
• Damage caused by or to any attached equipment,
• Use of incorrect line voltages or fuses,
• Fire, flood, “acts of God” or other contingencies beyond the control of CEM Corporation,
• Improper or unauthorized repair, or
• Any other damage caused by purchaser or its agents.

Responsibilities of Purchaser:
To ensure warranty coverage, purchaser must:
• Use the instrument according to directions,
• Connect the instrument properly to a power supply of proper voltage,
• Replace blown fuses,
• Replace consumables and
• Clean the instrument as required.

How to Get Service:
Purchaser should contact the Service Department of CEM Corporation or his distributor for return authorization and for proper crating and shipping instructions to return instrument, freight prepaid, for service. On-site repairs by an authorized service technician are available through the CEM Service Department. Travel costs will be charged to the purchaser for on-site repairs.

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Purchaser’s Rights Under State Law:
This warranty gives the purchaser specific legal rights, and the purchaser may also have other rights which vary from state to state.
For customer support in the areas of service, applications or sales, call the following toll-free numbers.

Applications Assistance  (800) 726-3331
Service Assistance   (800) 726-5551
Sales Assistance   (800) 726-3331
Water (EPA 3015) 7 Vessels

Microwave Sample Preparation Note
File Name: 3015-7.pgm
Rev. Date: 5/98
Category: Environmental

Sample Type: Water
Application Type: Acid Digestion
Vessel Type: AutoVent 500
Number of Vessels: 7
Reagents: Nitric Acid (70%)

Sample Volume: 45 mL

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Tighten vessel frame screw to 1/2 turn past finger tight.

Heating Program: Standard Control
Maximum Power Level: 1200W

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*To determine the percentage of 1200W power level required to produce 665W, use the following formula:

\[
\%\text{Power} = \left( \frac{665W}{\text{Measured power @100\%}} \right) \times 100
\]

OR:

To approximate the percentage of power required to produce 665W, use the following formula:

\[
\%\text{Power} = \left( \frac{665W}{1200W} \right) \times 100
\]

**NOTE A:** This procedure is a reference point for sample digestion using the CEM Microwave Sample Preparation System and may need to be modified or changed to obtain the required results on your sample.

**NOTE B:** To avoid the potential for chemical burns, manual venting of CEM closed vessels should be performed only when wearing hand, eye and body protection and only when the vessel contents are at or below room temperature.
Soil (EPA 3051) 7 Vessels

Microwave Sample Preparation Note
Rev. Date: 5/98
File Name: 3051-7.pgm
Category: Environmental

Sample Type: Soil
Application Type: Acid Digestion
Vessel Type: AutoVent 500
Number of Vessels: 7
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*To determine the percentage of 1200W power level required to produce 600W, use the following formula:

\[
\% \text{Power} = \frac{600W}{\text{Measured power @100%}} \times 100
\]

OR:

To approximate the percentage of power required to produce 600W, use the following formula:

\[
\% \text{Power} = \frac{600W}{1200W} \times 100
\]

**NOTE A:** This procedure is a reference point for sample digestion using the CEM Microwave Sample Preparation System and may need to be modified or changed to obtain the required results on your sample.

**NOTE B:** To avoid the potential for chemical burns, manual venting of CEM closed vessels should be performed only when wearing hand, eye and body protection and only when the vessel contents are at or below room temperature.
# Appendix A

## Conversion Tables

### Volume Equivalents

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### Temperature Equivalents

\[ ^\circ C = \frac{^\circ F - 32^\circ}{1.8} \]

\[ ^\circ F = 1.8 \left( ^\circ C \right) + 32^\circ \]

\[ ^\circ K = ^\circ C + 273.15^\circ \]
## Composition of Concentrated Reagent Grade Acids

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Note: To convert millimeters to microns, move decimal point three places to the right. Example: 0.125 millimeters converts to 125 microns.
## Appendix B

### Chemical Elements and Symbols

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Appendix C

Guidelines for Laboratory Fume Hoods

The following references, codes and standards provide guidelines for proper sizing and performance testing of laboratory fume hoods.


