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Operation Manual

For Systems with Touch Screen (TP170 mono) Panel

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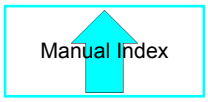

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1.1. General Information

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1.2. Entries Referring to the System

This documentation is part of the system:

Designation / Type: .....

Serial number (s): .....

Person(s) in charge of the system: .....
.....

Space left for notes on system settings, instructions for maintenance etc.

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1.3. General Safety Notice

MBRAUN inert gas boxes are operated with inert gas, in order to ensure that the Glovebox interior chamber is able to handle substances that are sensitive to oxygen and/or moisture. If the customer works with substances injurious to health, inside one the box, then the responsibility for all relevant safety regulations in respect to handling these substances need to be considered by the customer. This also applies to the disposal of all components, which come in contact with the gas flow; the box output filter as well as the further filtering mediums and the pump oil.

If strongly poisonous or radioactive substances are to be used inside the Glovebox, then certain requirements to the overall system need to be considered. These are not contained in standard systems and must be co-ordinated before acquisition of a system with **MBRAUN**.

Note:
Furthermore the following general safety reference must be considered:

Danger of asphyxiation
when working with high inert gas concentrations.

Therefore the following advice is given:

Notes:

- The selected location should have a “room” volume that is significantly larger than the Glovebox interior volume.
- The location should as far as possible be ventilated, especially during a purging procedure or when opening an existing installed Glovebox.
- Before opening an installed Glovebox at least one glove should always be removed first. This is to allow a slow equalisation of the Glovebox interior atmosphere with the ambient room air.
- Before execution of service work in the Glovebox interior the operator must ensure that the interior Glovebox atmosphere is completely replaced with ambient room air.

If it is not possible to adhere to all the above recommendations the customer must report this to **MBRAUN** before acquisition of the system, since it is possible to equip the system with additional safety devices.

On request **MBRAUN** can recommend a personal measuring instrument which alerts the operator to a reduction of oxygen content in the ambient air.

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1.4. Addresses

Important service addresses:

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2.1. Transport of a System

The preparations for transporting a MBRAUN System should be carried out by a MBRAUN technician only.

The transport of the system should be done by a forwarding agency specialized solely for this purpose.

If the system is part of another system line, the instructions of this system line are also valid.

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2.2. Site Selection for a System

Selecting the site for a MBRAUN System of the series should be carried out by MBRAUN technicians only.

If the system is part of a system unit in addition the instructions of the unit are also valid.

Prerequisites:

Room:	Room temperature +15 °C to +30 °C, dry and well ventilated.
Surface conditions:	Firmly structured floor, no oblique position.
Clearance:	Minimum clearance from the walls is 600 mm plus sufficient access and working space where glove ports, antechambers etc. require access.

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2.3. Modification of a System

In principle changes and modifications of any kind on **MBRAUN** Glove-Systems of the series should be made by **MBRAUN** technicians only.

For exceptions of any kind a written confirmation is required.

Any unauthorised change or modification to the system will cause all claims under warranty and those to liability to expire.

If the system is part of another system line, the instructions of this system line are also valid.

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3.1. General Information

The accessories described in this chapter are required for connecting the system. They are not included in the system's delivery package.

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3.2. Working Gases

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3.2.1. Working Gas

Use	Building up and maintaining the ultra pure gas atmosphere and pressure gas for electropneumatic valves.
*Gas type**	Nitrogen, Argon or Helium.
Purity	Medium Purity; from bottles or other gas supplies.
Quantity	Permanent supply for the system's operation (e.g. for pressure compensation.)

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3.2.2. Regeneration Gas

Use	Reprocessing saturated H_2O/O_2 purifier columns.
*Gas type**	Depending on the type of application: Nitrogen/Hydrogen mixture (90-95% N_2 with 5-10% H_2- portion) when Nitrogen is used as the working gas or Argon/Hydrogen mixture (90-95% Ar_2 with 5-10% H_2- portion) when Argon is used as the working gas or Helium/Hydrogen mixture (90-95% He with 5-10% H_2- portion) when Helium is used as the working gas.
Purity	Medium Purity; from bottles or other gas supplies.
Quantity	Approx. 3,500 Litres for each Regeneration.

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3.2.3. Purge Gas

Use	Getting the system filled up and purged with working gas (when commissioning for the first time and after servicing or repairs of the system.)
*Gas type**	Working gas (nitrogen, argon or helium.)
Purity	Medium purity; from bottles or other gas supply facilities.
Quantity	Approx. 10 - 12 m^3/m^3 box volume for purging the system when commissioning the system for the first time or intermediately purging the system.

Note:
Other gas mixtures, including those with carbon dioxide and hydrogen, are possible. These require special preparation by MBRAUN. Preparation to facilitate the use of such gases is not included in the standard system – therefore only gas mentioned in table above should be used.

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3.3. Equipment for Connections

Prior to delivery of the system the user will receive an information sheet specifying the necessary accessories required to make the connections. The following specifications are a general overview.

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3.3.1. Equipment for Working Gas Connections

Pressure Reducing Valve for Working Gas

Use	working gas pressure control system.
Material	200 bar primary, 5.5-6.0 bar secondary, with a flow rate of 200 l/min
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

Supply Piping for Working Gas

Use	Connecting the working gas source with the “Working Gas INLET” system connection.
Material	Optional (length as required): either: Ø 9 mm reinforced hose, 3 mm wall thickness and adapter, Ø 9 mm hose nozzle with Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm copper pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm stainless steel pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose nozzle or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

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3.3.2. Equipment for Regeneration Gas Connections

Note:
MBRAUN recommends the use of a special pressure reducing valve fitted with a non-standard secondary gauge that is calibrated between 0 – 1.5 bar.
This is available from MBRAUN – Part No. 2411006.

Pressure Reducing Valve for Regeneration Gas

Use	Regeneration pressure control system.
Material	200 bar primary, 0.3-0.4 bar secondary, with a flow rate of 20 l/min
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

Supply Piping for Regeneration Gas

Use	Connecting the working gas source with the “Regeneration Gas INLET” system connection.
Material	Optional (length as required): either: Ø 9 mm reinforced hose, 3 mm wall thickness and adapter, Ø 9 mm hose nozzle with Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm copper pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm stainless steel pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose nozzle or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

Exhaust Outlet for Waste Regeneration Gas

Use	Connecting the "Regeneration Gas OUTLET" system connection with the customer's disposal facility (exhaust outlet).
Material	Optional (length as required): either: Ø 9 mm reinforced hose, 3 mm wall thickness and adapter, Ø 9 mm hose nozzle with Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm copper pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting or: Ø 10 mm stainless steel pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose nozzle or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

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3.3.3. Equipment for Purge Gas

Pressure Reducing Valve for Purge Gas

Required only for the "manual purging" method.
When using the optional "**MBRAUN** QuickPurge" purging method no preparations are required, in this case the working gas connection is used.

Use	Pressure control of the purge gas when manual purging is applied.
Material	200 bar primary, 5-6 bar secondary, with a flow rate of 200 l/min
Connection type	Ø 9 mm hose or Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

Supply Piping for Purge Gas

Required only for the "manual purging" method.
When using the optional "**MBRAUN** QuickPurge" purging method no preparations are required, in this case the working gas connection is used.

Use	Connecting the purge gas source to the purge hose.
Material	Ø 9 mm reinforced hose, 3 mm wall thickness length as required.

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3.3.4. Equipment for Vacuum Pumps

Disposal Piping for Vacuum Pump Waste Gas

Use	Connecting the vacuum pump exhaust (oil mist and waste gas) with the customer's waste gas disposal facility (depressurized exhaust outlet).
Material	Optional (length as required): either: Ø 16 mm reinforced hose and Ø 16 mm hose nozzle or: Ø 16 mm copper pipe as well as flange and clamp or: Ø 16 mm stainless steel pipe as well as flange and clamp.

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3.3.5. Equipment for the Water Cooling

Not applicable for systems with no cooling or equipped with compressor cooling.

Cooling Water

Use	System cooling	
Material	**Mains water**	
	Temperature:	15 °C – 25 °C
	Flow rate:	2 l/min at 10 °C, 5 l/min at 15 °C
	Inlet pressure:	2.0 – 4.0 bar
	Outlet pressure:	Depressurised (max 0.5 mbar)
	Conductivity (@ 25°C)	0.3 – 10 mS/cm
	[resistivity (@ 25°C)]	[3 – 0.1 MΩ/cm]
	pH	7 - 8
	Particulate contamination	filtered to a particle size (diameter) of ≤ 30 µm
	Micro-biologicals (algae. bacteria, fungi)	none
	Total dissolved solids	≤ 50 ppm

Supply Piping for Water Cooling (supply and drain piping)

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Material	Optional (length as required):
	either: Ø 9 mm reinforced hose, 3 mm wall thickness and adapter, Ø 9 mm hose nozzle with Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting
	or: Ø 10 mm copper pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting
	or: Ø 10 mm stainless steel pipe and Ø 10 mm Swagelok® fitting.

3.3.6. Power Connection

Depending on the system, refer to Type Plate.

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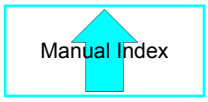

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4.1. Safety Instructions

It is recommended that only a competent MBRAUN technician complete the initial system installation.

Caution:
Risk of accident whilst handling gases. Connection of systems should only be carried out by competent and experienced personnel.

MBRAUN standard systems are not suited for using radioactive or toxic agents. In such a case, special equipment components are required as well as special methods for the connections and precautions have to be observed. These are NOT described in this technical documentation. If necessary, the MBRAUN service department will provide you with the pertinent information!
(e-mail: service@mbraun.de)

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4.2. Connecting the System

4.2.1. Connecting the Working Gas

1. Connect the pressure-reducing valve to the working gas source.
   Follow the manufacturer's given instructions for its connection.
2. Make a supply line between the working gas source and the "Working Gas - INLET" system connection.
   Follow "Preparing the connections" chapter.
3. The "Working gas INLET" system connection is labelled with the exact value for the supply pressure.
   Set pressure reducing valve to this value and open valve.

Caution:
Exact pressure setting required.
Overpressure will damage the system - low pressure will cause malfunction.

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4.2.2. Connecting the Regeneration Gas

1. Connect the pressure reducing valve to the regeneration gas source.
   Follow the manufacturer's given instructions for its connection
2. Connect the working gas source with the "Regeneration Gas INLET" system connection using the supply pipe.
   Follow Chapter "Preparing the Connections"
3. The "Regeneration Gas INLET" system connection is labelled with the exact value for the supply pressure.
   Set pressure reducing valve to this value and open valve.

Caution:
Exact pressure setting required.
Overpressure will damage the system - low pressure will cause malfunction.

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4.2.3. Connecting the Disposal Piping for Used Regeneration Gas

1. Connect the disposal piping between the “Regeneration gas OUTLET” system connection and the customer’s disposal facility (exhaust).
2. Connection must be depressurised.

Caution:
A foul bad smell is to be expected, as soon as any spent regeneration gas escapes to the surroundings. Neither environmental pollution nor effects detrimental to health are known. However, these cannot be excluded. The manufacturer does not assume any liability.
When using toxic or radioactive material, there should be no discharge of the gas to surroundings.

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4.2.4. Connecting the Disposal Piping for Vacuum Waste Gases

1. Connect the disposal piping between the vacuum pump exhaust and the customer’s disposal facility (exhaust).
   Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for the vacuum pump connections.
2. Connection must be depressurised.

Note:
Depending on the place where the vacuum pump is used an oil mist filter can be used instead of the disposal piping. Important information and supply details may be obtained from: service@mbraun.de

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4.2.5. Connecting the Cooling Water

Not required in systems without cooling or fitted with compressor cooling.

1. Connect the “Cooling water INLET” system connection to the cooling water source.
   Follow “Preparing the Connections” chapter.
2. Connect the “Cooling water OUTLET” system connection to the depressurized water disposal.
   Follow “Preparing the Connections” chapter.
3. Turn on the cooling water. The cooling water flow rate setting depends on the available water temperature, see “Preparing the Connections " chapter.

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4.2.6. Electric Power Connection

The connection needs to be made to protected (fused) power supply that is equipped with a CPC (earth conductor). The required values for connection should be taken from the type plate.

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5.1. Prerequisites

- ☑ All previous chapters observed
- ☑ Working gas connection properly made
- ☑ Regeneration gas connection properly made
- ☑ Exhaust facility for waste regeneration gas properly made
- ☑ Purge gas connection properly made
- ☑ Exhaust facility for vacuum pump waste gas properly made
- ☑ Cooling water connection properly made;
  not required in systems with compressor cooling.
- ☑ Power connection properly made
- ☑ All piping and connections checked for its condition and firm mounting.

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5.2. Activating the System

Figure 1: Main Switch

The main switch is located at the system's electrical cabinet.

Activating the system:
Turn the main switch from the "**O** OFF" to position "**I** ON".

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5.3. Start Messages

MBRAUN-Systems provided with the ***TOUCH*** Panel in the standard design have the panel located in a clearly visible central position.

After being activated, the system runs a self-test

Figure 2: Touch Panel

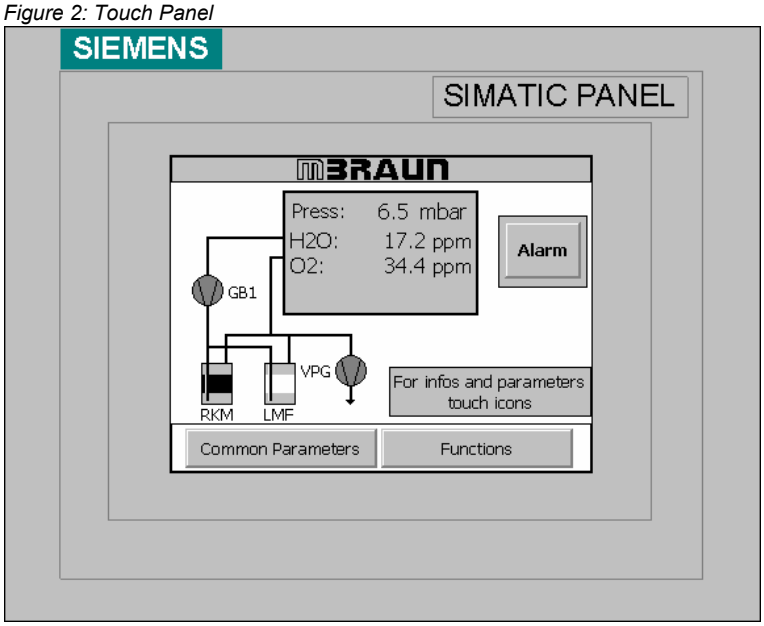

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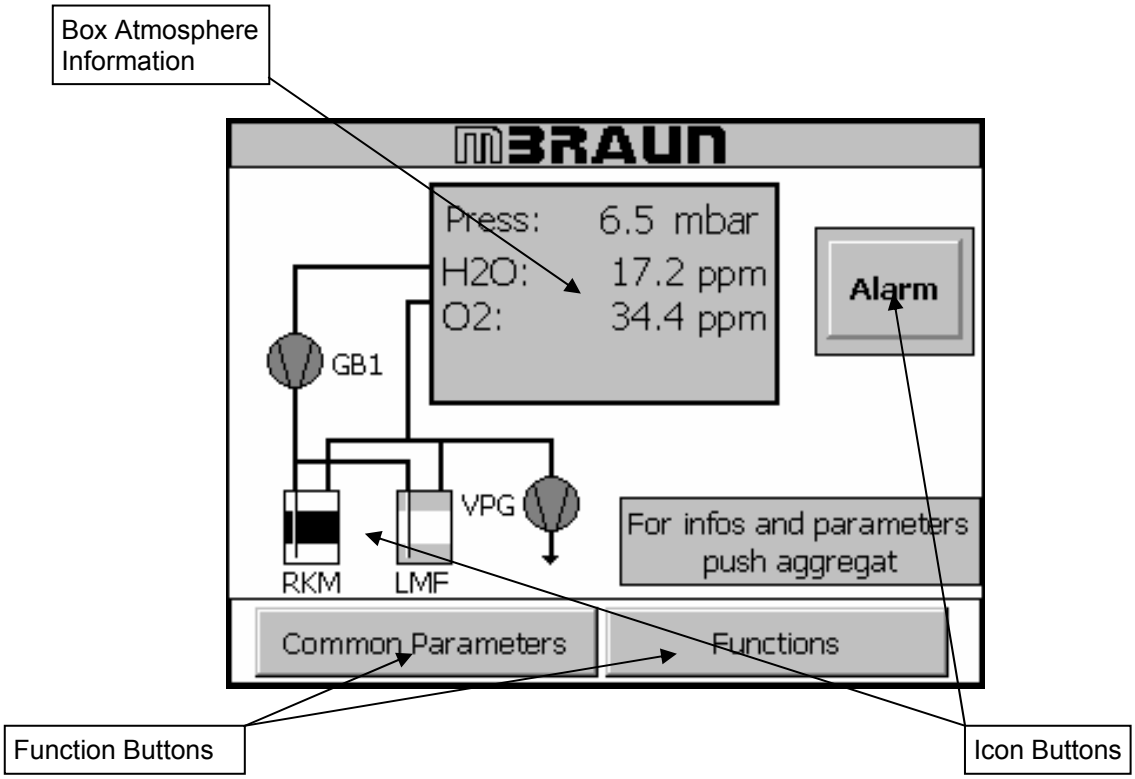
Figure 3: Start Screen



The Diagram above shows a typical “Start Screen”. The various icons will change depending on the system chosen.
The system above would have the following:

- 2 Purifier Filters
- 2 Solvent removal filters
- Cooling unit for the glove box
- Automatic antechamber controls.

The Touch Screen consists of a pictorial representation of the System.

The Functions are controlled by means of “Function Buttons” or “Icon Buttons”.

Upon start-up, the Start Screen is displayed. The Start Screen displays an overview of the Box status in an information field.

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5.4. Deactivating the System

The system should not be deactivated until all running procedures, such as circulation and regeneration have been completed and deactivated.

Caution
Do not deactivate the system with procedures running (circulation, regeneration.)

The main switch is located on the system’s wiring cabinet, see subsection “Activating the system”.

Deactivating the system:
Turn main switch from “**I** ON” Position to “**0** OFF”.

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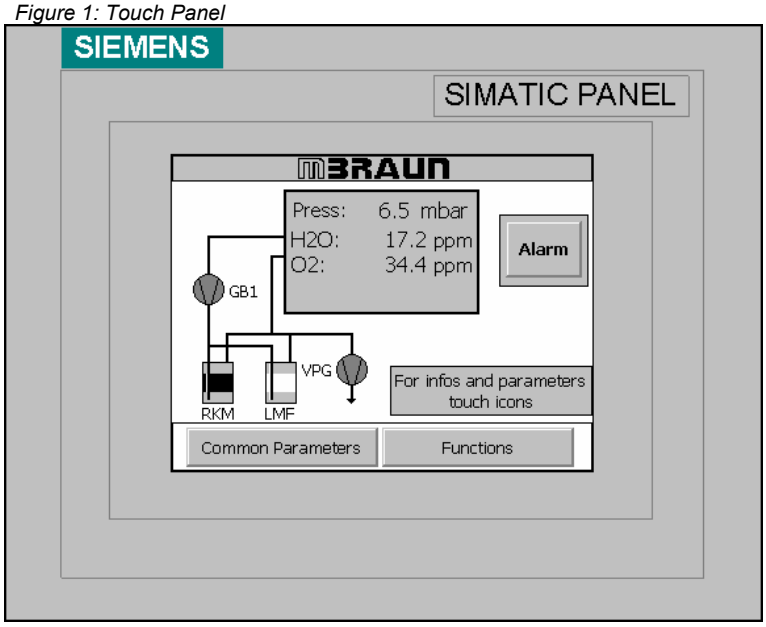
6.1. Overview

The *TOUCH* Panel is the system's central operation and display unit. This unit is located at a clear and well accessible position.

Figure 1: Touch Panel



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6.2. Display

The Touch Screen consists of a pictorial representation of the System.

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6.3. Function Buttons

The Functions can be controlled by means of "Function Buttons" or "Icon Buttons".

The Function Buttons are labelled with an appropriate description for its function.
As shown below:

Common Parameters – this button will open the Common Parameters screen.

Functions - this button will open the Functions screen.

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6.3.1. Status of Function

The TOUCH panel also allows for the Function status to be displayed. This feedback is relayed to the user by varying the colour of the Function Button as below:

	GREY	Not Active
	BLACK	Active
	WHITE	Function not available (Function Locked)

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6.4. Icon buttons

The Icon Buttons are a pictorial representation of the item that it controls.

RKM Filter (Purifier)

LMF Filter (Solvent Trap)

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6.4.1. Status of Purifier Filters

The statuses of the Purifier Filters, including those for the Solvent Trap (LMF) Filter, if applicable, are indicated by the icon colour.

WHITE Not Active

BLACK Active – Filter in Circulation Mode (see Circulation Section)

GREY Regeneration – Filter in Regeneration Mode (see Regeneration Section)

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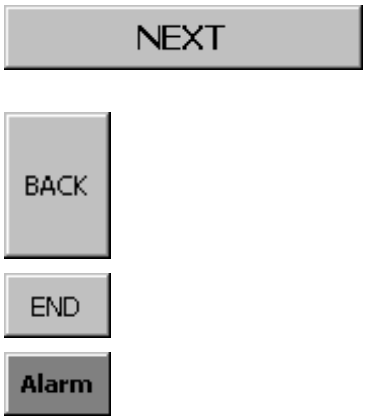
6.5. Navigation Buttons

The *TOUCH* panel utilises the same colours and labels for navigation from screen to screen throughout. The buttons and their function are as below:



NEXT – If this button is displayed within a screen then there are more screens to follow. Selecting this button will present you with a new screen of options within the function series.

BACK – This button will always take you to the previous screen in the function series. The last step backwards will return you to the Start Screen.

END – This button will always return you to the Start Screen.

Alarm – This button will always open the Alarm/Error Message Screen. If the Alarm button is flashing then there is a message that needs to be acknowledged on the Alarm/Error Message Screen.

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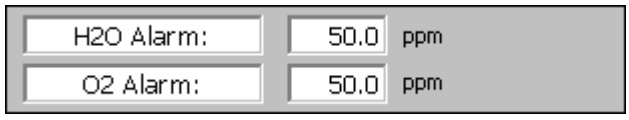
6.6. Input Fields and Buttons

All input fields are shown with blue text on a light grey background.

For entering Passwords, setting the system parameters or alarms, or selecting certain options the TOUCH panel utilises Input field as shown below.

Figure 2: Input Fields

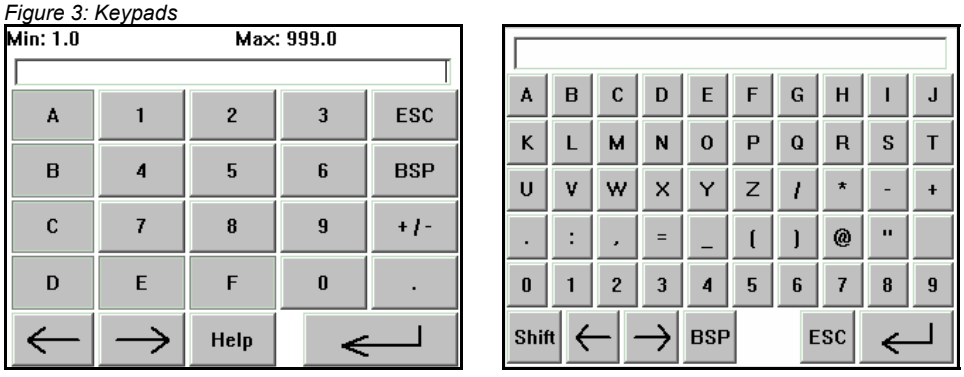


There are two types of Input field.

The first type, shown in figure 2, has a pull-down menu. If the screen area for this field is touched in the input area then an options menu will be displayed. The required option is selected by touching the screen. The entry is confirmed by the pull-down menu being removed from the display, and the required selection being displayed in the input field. E.g. “yes” or “no” appears in the input field.

The second type, shown in figure 2, is an alpha/numeric input field. If the screen is touched in the input area then an alpha/numeric pad will be displayed, see Figure 3. Entry of the required data is made buy pressing each button and then must be confirmed by selecting the “Enter Button”. On confirmation that the data is correct the keypad is removed from the display and the up-dated value is entered into the input field.

Figure 3: Keypads



Enter Button

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7.1. General Information

Glove-Box systems either newly installed or opened for reasons of service contain ambient air. The prerequisite for the gas purification is a pure gas atmosphere of nitrogen, argon or helium within the box. Thus, at the beginning of the system's commissioning the ambient air should be replaced by nitrogen, argon or helium of medium purity.

Displacing the ambient air from the system is called purging. Working gas is used as purging gas.

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7.2. When is Purging Necessary?

On principle, a system should be purged, when the O_2 portion in the box atmosphere exceeds 100ppm.

The reasons for too high oxygen values are as follows:

- first commissioning of a system
- servicing
- air influx due to faulty operation
- air influx due to damage (leaks)

Caution:
A Glove-Box system should be purged using working gas until the O_2 portion within the box atmosphere has decreased to a value of <100 ppm. Operating the system with higher oxygen value may result in damaging the gas purification system.

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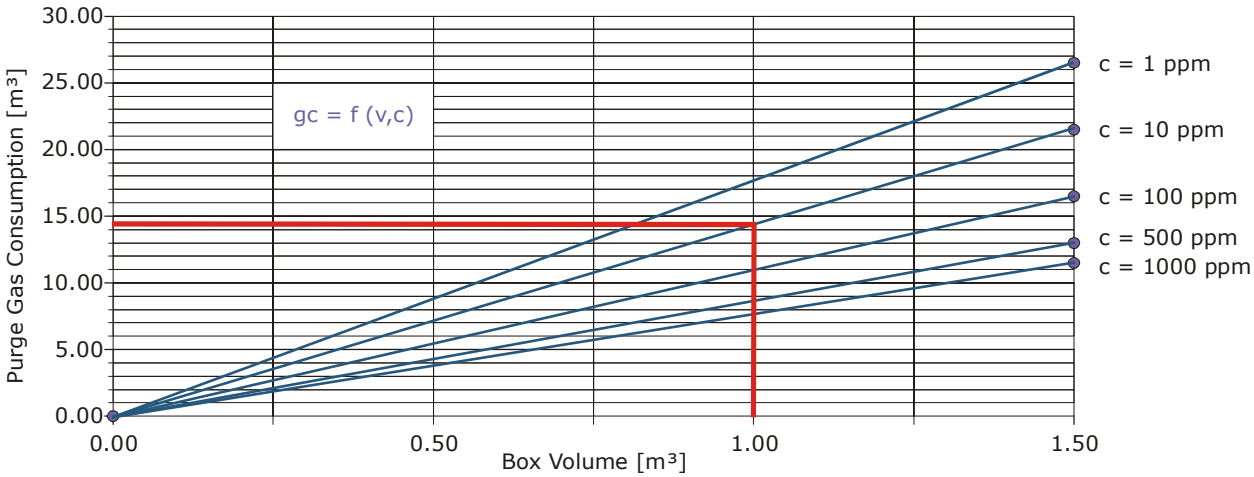
7.3. Purge Gas

Working gas is used for purging the system;
Nitrogen, argon or helium - medium purity - from bottles or any gas supply facilities.

Figure 1: Example of Purge Gas consumption



In the example, it shows that if a purity of 10 ppm is required, then about 14.50m³ of purge gas is required for 1 m³ box volume.

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7.4. Purging Methods

Manual Purging.
Automatic Purging.

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7.5. Manual Purging

Caution:
Annoyance by bad smell is expected as soon as any spend purge gas escapes to the surroundings. However, environmental pollution and effects detrimental to health are not known, but cannot be excluded. The manufacturer does not assume any liability.
When using toxic or radioactive material manual a special purging facility is required.

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7.5.1. Prerequisites:

☑	Having observed all previous chapters.
☑	All connections have been properly made.
☑	The system functions “Circulation” and “ Regeneration” are **not** activated
☑	All antechamber doors are closed.
☑	The connections for manual purging have been made, refer to chapter “Preparations for connections”.
☑	Sufficient working gas (i.e. purge gas) is available. Required quantity approx. 10 – 12 m^3/m^3 box volume.

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7.5.2. Purging Procedure:

(See figure 2)

- Set-up purge gas source (working gas) with pressure reducing valve.
- Connect reinforced hose to purge gas source.
- Open “blind flange” on Glove-Box.
- Feed one end of the reinforced hose through the open flange into the glove.
- Set the pressure reducing valve on the purge gas source between 3-5 bar and open valve.
- Using the gloves, take hold of the reinforced hose and purge the box interior from top to bottom using a circular motion. Carefully purge corners, edges and box fittings.
- Systems equipped with freezers, or have areas that may be protected by covers, will need to be open during the purging process (ensure that freezers are switched off and at room temperature.)
- Air and excess purge gas escapes through the flange opening.
- Purge until the box O_2 value has reached <100 ppm.

To reach this value it may require between 10 - 12 m^3/m^3 box volume of purge gas

With systems that have analysers the actual O_2-value can be precisely controlled. It is recommended that the O_2 analysers are switched on for a short time to allow a reading to be taken during the purge process. The measurement may settle at a higher H_2O/O_2-concentration.

After reaching an O_2-value of <100 ppm the reinforced hose may be removed from the box and the flange **immediately** closed.

- Turn off purge gas flow.

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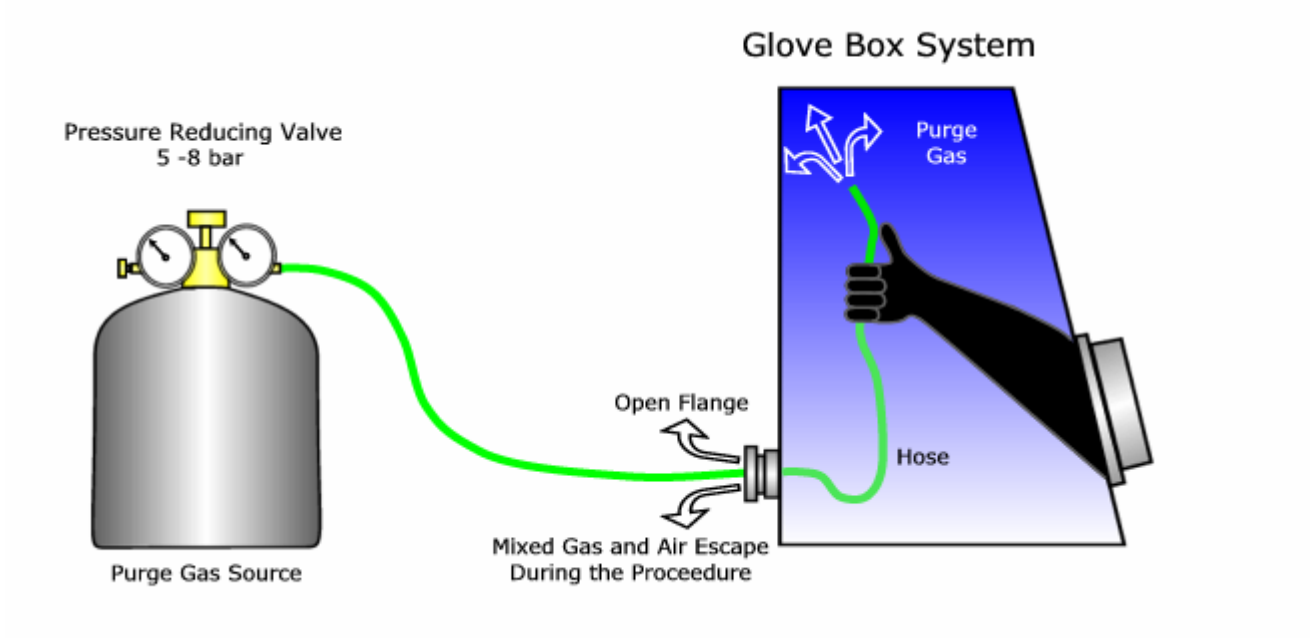
Figure 2: Manual Purging Procedure



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7.6. Automatic Purging

The “MBRAUN QuickPurge” automatic purging system is an optional component for pleasurable operating the system.

Caution:
Annoyance by bad smell is expected as soon as any spent purge gas escapes to the surroundings. However, environmental pollution and effects detrimental to health are not known, but cannot be excluded. The manufacturer does not assume any liability. When using toxic or radioactive material manual a special purging facility is required.

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7.6.1. Prerequisites:

☑	Having observed all previous chapters.
☑	All connections have been properly made.
☑	The working gas connection has been made; refer to Chapter “Preparations for Connections” and Chapter “Installation”.
☑	The system is activated; refer to Chapter “Activating the system”.
☑	The system function “Regeneration” is not activated.
☑	All antechamber doors are closed.
☑	Systems equipped with freezers, or have areas that may be protected by covers, will need to be open during the purging process (ensure that freezers are switched off and at room temperature.)
☑	Sufficient working gas (i.e. purge gas) is available. Required quantity approx. 10 - 12 m^3 / m^3 box volume.

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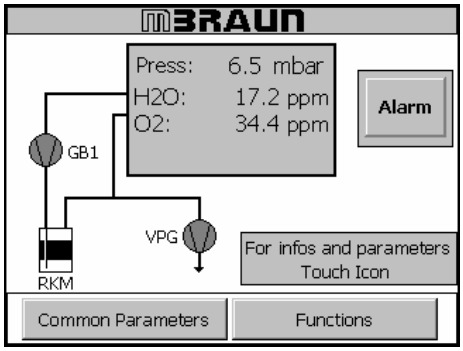
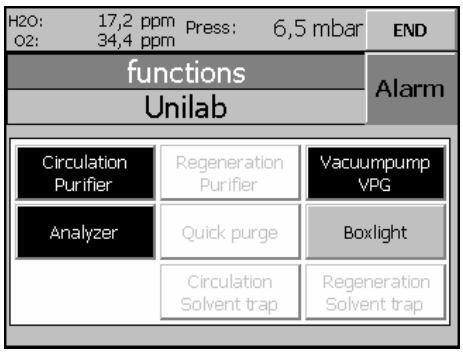
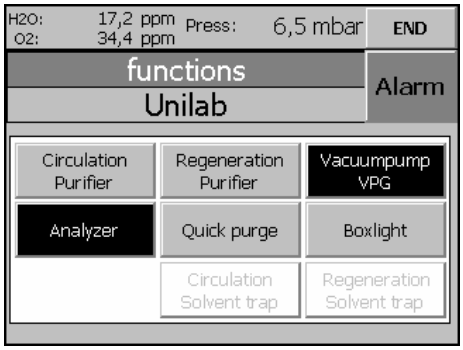
7.6.2. "Quick Purge" Procedure



From the Start Screen select the "Functions" Button



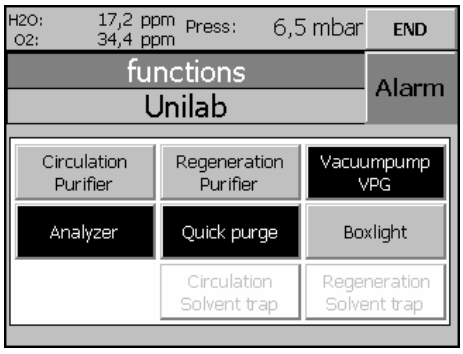
Note:
The Quick Purge function is locked (can not be activated) whilst the circulation function is in operation.



To release the "Quick Purge" button the circulation mode must be switched off by pressing the Circulation Purifier button that is in operation

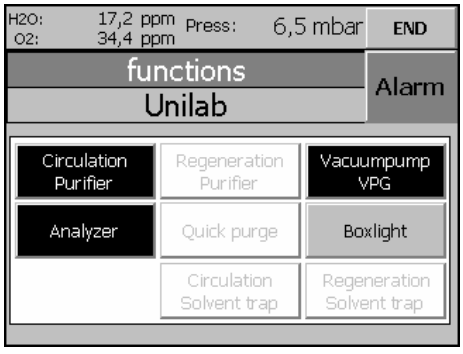
The Circulation Purifier buttons will change from green to red to indicate that the function has been deactivated.

The Quick Purge button will change to Red, confirming that the function is no longer locked but still is deactivated.



The Quick Purge function is activated but selecting the Quick Purge button. The button will change to its active status – green.

Pressing the Quick Purge button again will deactivate the function.



Note:
Pressing the Circulation Purifier button will return the box to Circulation Mode immediately. The Quick Purge function will again become locked.

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8.1. General Information

MBRAUN Glove Box systems are equipped with a PLC-controlled pressure control system which starts automatically with the main system's activation.

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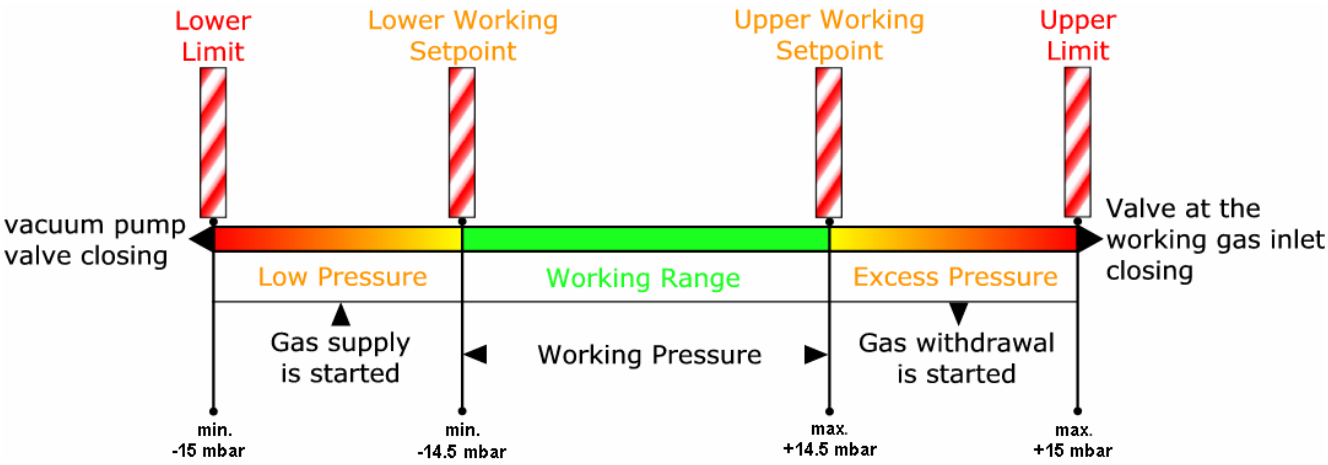
8.2. Principles

Figure 1: Principles of Pressure Control



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8.3. Definitions of Terms

Box pressure	Current pressure prevailing within the glove box.
Working pressure	Box pressure desired.
Working range	A fixed range within the working setpoints of which the working pressure may travel between under automatic control.
Working setpoints	Adjustable setpoints of the working range from –14.5 mbar to +14.5 mbar. If these setpoints are exceeded automatic pressure compensation is started. The upper working setpoint value should at least be 1 mbar higher than the lower working setpoint value. *The manufacturer's settings:* *upper working setpoint +4 mbar; lower working setpoint -4 mbar.* For working setpoints modifications refer to "Settings" chapter and display types.
Limit setpoints	Adjustable maximum pressure setpoints outside working range for the system's safety (-15 mbar to +15 mbar), if these setpoints are exceeded the gas supply valves or gas withdrawal valves are closed immediately. *The manufacturer's settings:* upper limit setpoint +15 mbar; lower limit setpoint -15 mbar. For alarm setpoint modifications refer to "Settings" Chapter.

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8.4. Changing the Box Pressure within the Working Range

MBRAUN Glove Box systems of this series are equipped with a foot switch. The box pressure can conveniently be changed within the working range by actuating the foot switch.

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8.4.1. Operation of the Foot Switch

Pressing the right pedal	Pressure increases within the working range.
Pressing the left pedal	Pressure decreases within the working range.

Figure 2: Footswitch

Foot switch

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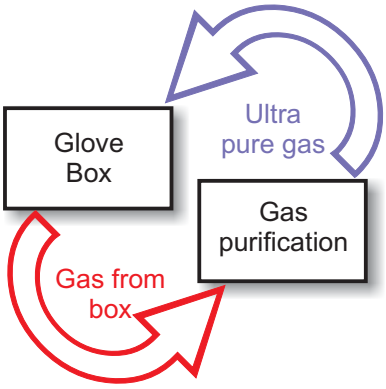
9.1. General Information

Figure 1: Principle of Circulation



MBRAUN systems work by the principle of gas circulation, i.e. the working gas permanently circulates between the glove box and the H_2O/O_2 gas purification system. This process guarantees absolutely stable values of gas purity and cost-efficient processing.

Caution:
When operating the Glove Box system the circulation mode should always be activated. Only in this case the atmosphere within the glove box is continuously purified to values down to < 1 ppm with regard to moisture and/or oxygen.

The circulation mode is PLC-controlled and is operated and displayed via the *TOUCH* Operation Panel (TP170b-mono).

When used for quite a long period in the circulation mode the purification unit gets exhausted resulting in a drop of the purification performance leading to increasing H_2O/O_2 values. For this reason, the purifier column should be regenerated regularly or at the latest when there is a visible drop in performance. Refer to the “Regeneration” chapter.

The circulation mode should be deactivated while the regeneration procedure is running.

In systems with 2 purifier columns circulation mode can run via one purifier column while the other purifier column is undergoing regeneration.

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9.2. Status of Purifier Filters

The Status of the Purifier Fiters can be seen at all times on the start screen. The Icon for the filter differs for each mode. As show in figure 2.

Figure 2: Status of Purifiers

Purifier inactive

Purifier in Circulation (Active)

Purifier in Regeration

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9.3. Perquisites

☑	All preceding chapters have been observed
☑	All connections are properly made.
☑	All antechambers are closed.
☑	The Glove Box system has been purged.
☑	The system is activated.
☑	No regeneration of the purifier column.

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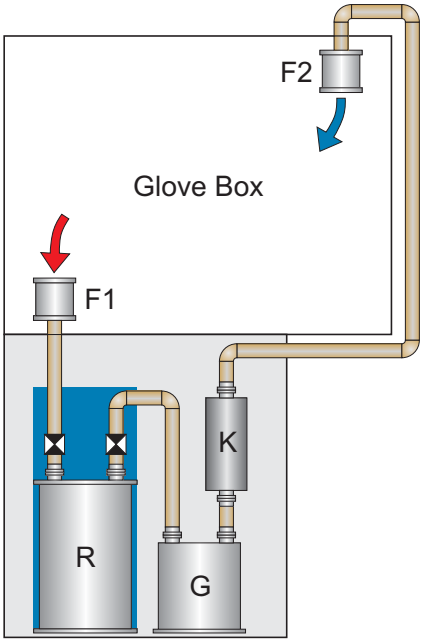
9.4. Circulation Mode

Note:
The two purifier system allows greater flexibly in operation of the box by allowing one filter to be regenerated whilst the other is in circulation (purifying) Mode.

Figure 3: Circulation in Box



The diagram shows the gas flow in the circulation mode:
(2 Purifier Column System)

- Glove Box
- Dust filter (F1)
- H_2O/O_2-Purifier column 1 (R)
- Blower unit (G)
- Heat exchanger (K)
- Dust filter (F2)

Note:
When commissioning the system for the first time, the circulation mode can be run via the Purifier Column, which was regenerated by the manufacturer prior to delivery.

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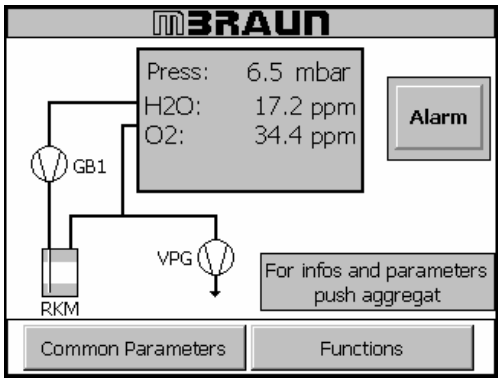
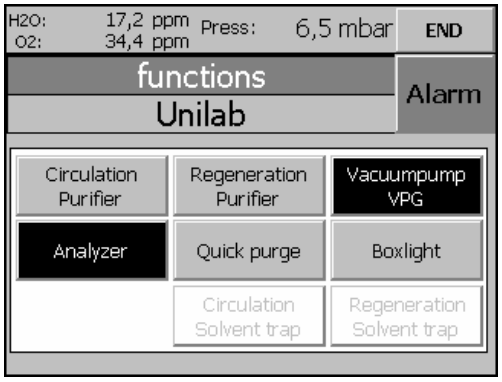
9.4.1. Activating and Deactivating the Circulation Mode

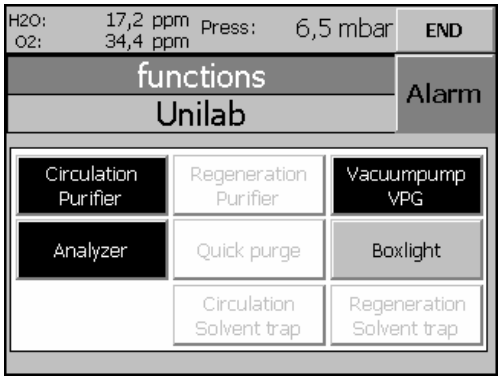


Select the Functions button on the Start Screen



Select the Circulation Purifier button (grey) to start the Circulation Mode.

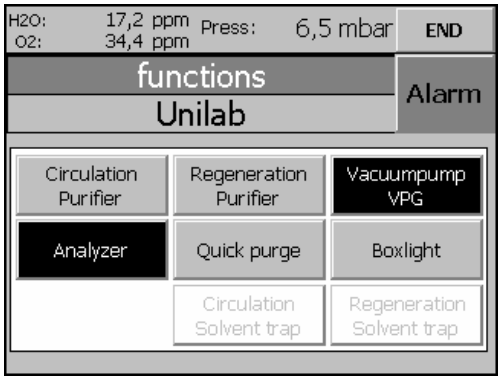
Note:
If a filter is in Regeneration Mode this mode must be finished before switching into Circulation Mode.



To acknowledge that the purifier is in Circulation Mode the button will change to black.

Note:
The Vacuum Pump activates automatically, if not previously activated.

The regeneration function for the selected filter will become blocked (button will display as white) until Circulation of the filter is cancelled..



Selecting the Circulation Filter button a further time will switch off the circulation over the purifier column.

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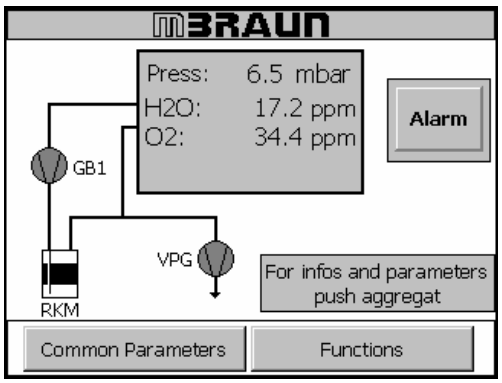
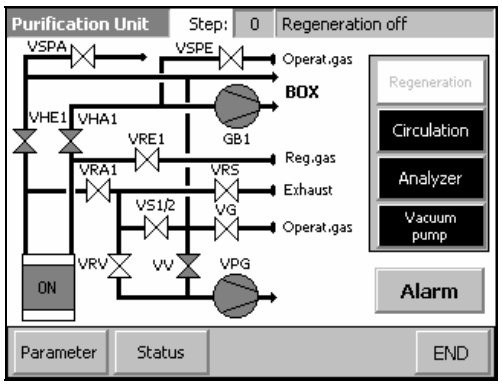
9.4.2. Automatic Start of Circulation Mode

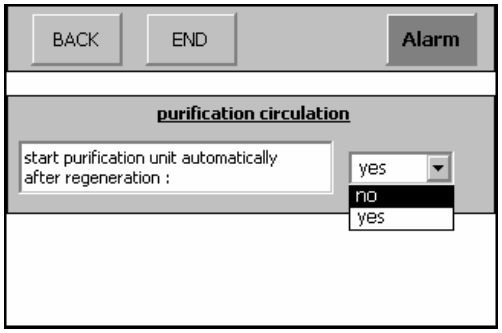
After regeneration of a filter has completed (see section Regeneration), it is possible to have this filter switched into Circulation Mode.



Select the Purification Filter icon on the start screen.



Select the Parameters button to go to the Purifier Parameter Screen



Select the input field for Purification Circulation by touching the arrow to the right of the input field.

A pull down options menu will appear.
Select the option required – Yes or No.

The contents of the input field will automatically update.

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If a purifier column is saturated after having been used for a longer period, using the standard regeneration process will reactivate the column.

Regenerating the purifier column in regular intervals is recommended. Do not wait, until a drop in the purification performance is visible. These intervals between the respective regeneration procedures result from an experimental value, which differs depending on the respective system, way and time of use.

Recommendation:
Apply the following method for determining the reasonable intervals for regeneration: Regenerate the purifier column after its first commissioning only when a drop of performance is visible. If such a drop occurs, write the operating hours run down. The operating hours reading minus 10 hours can be used as a reference value for the intervals between the respective regeneration procedures.

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10.2. Status of Purifier Filters

The Status of the Purifier Fiters can be seen at all times on the start screen. The Icon for the filter differs for each mode. As show in figure 1

Figure 1: Status of Purifiers

		
Purifier inactive	Purifier in Circulation (Active)	Purifier in Regeration

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10.3. Prerequisites

☑	All preceding chapters observed.
☑	All connections properly made.
☑	Sufficient regeneration gas is available.
☑	The system is activated.
☑	Circulation mode has to be deactivated.

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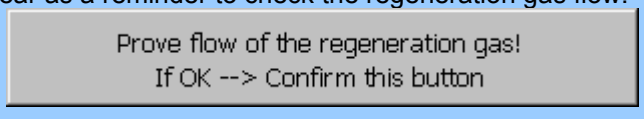
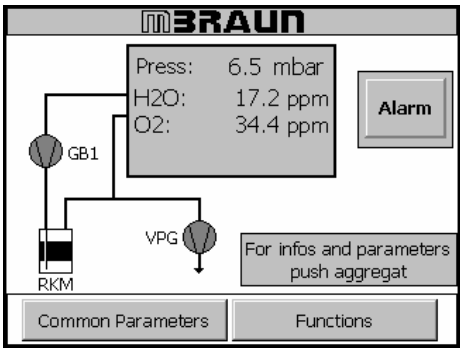
10.4. Regeneration Program

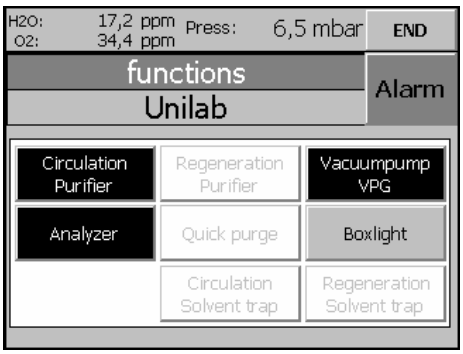
10.4.1. Activating the Regeneration Program

Note:
Ensure that there is enough regeneration gas before selecting the regeneration program.
A screen message will appear as a reminder to check the regeneration gas flow.



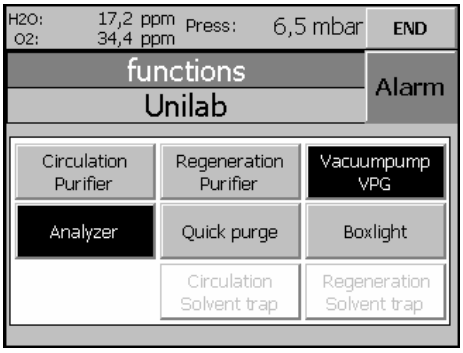


Select the Functions button on the Start Screen.

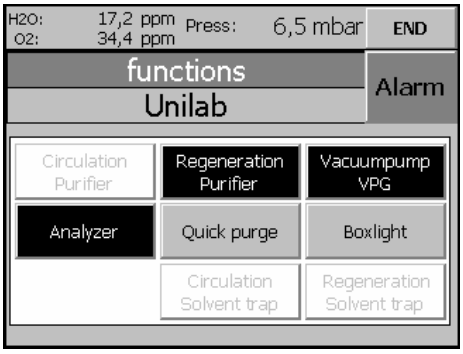


Note:
The Circulation mode will need to be stopped before the “Regeneration” Button is released.

If the Circulation function is active, switch this off by pressing the “Circulation Purifier” button. This will release the “Regeneration Purifier” button.



Select the Regeneration button (grey) to start the regeneration mode.



To acknowledge that the purifier is in Regeneration Mode the button will change to black.
The circulation function for the selected filter will become blocked (button will display as white) until Regeneration of the filter is finished.

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10.4.2. Executing the Regeneration Program

The following table explains the various steps of the regeneration cycle. On activation of the program all the steps are run automatically.

Figure 2: Regeneration Program Table

Step		Time	Action
0	↓	Start 0 min.	Regeneration deactivated
1			Regeneration gas test ON
2			Regeneration gas test OFF
3 - 16	↓		Activation of the regeneration program with proprietary intermediate steps
17	↓	after 960 min.	Program completed

Caution:
By no means the regeneration program should be interrupted. Before activating the regeneration program make sure that sufficient gas supply is available. Refer to the “Preparing the connections” as well as the “Installation” chapters.

Note:
In case of power failure the Automatic Regeneration System switches back to the activation level, which means, with the power supply restored, the complete regeneration procedure is rerun - regeneration levels already executed will be repeated. Therefore, prior to the restoration of power, make sure that sufficient gas supply is available! The program will restart automatically.

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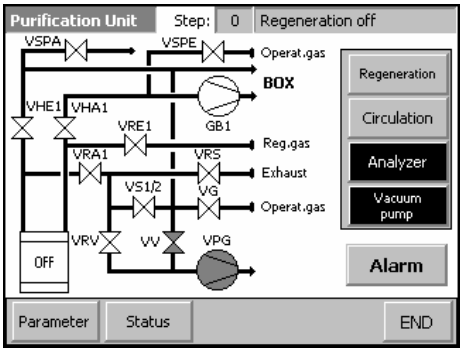
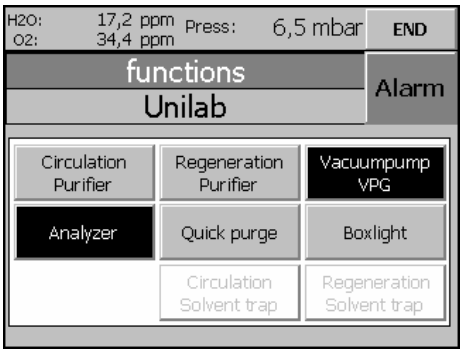
10.4.3. Regeneration Program Completed



After being successfully executed, the regeneration program is completed automatically.

With the regeneration program completed, the status indicator of the Purification Filter changes to white and the Status field at the top of the screen will read “regeneration off”



The status of the filter is repeated on all relevant screens.

Above, the Functions Screens (accessed from the Start Screen) show that the regeneration mode (and Circulation mode for 1 purifier systems) have been released.

This would be repeated be the Icon Status (see status sub-section above) on the Start Screen.

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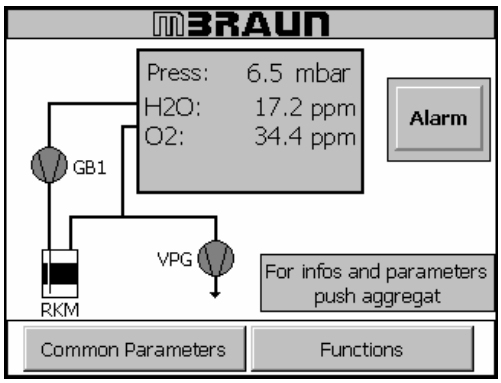
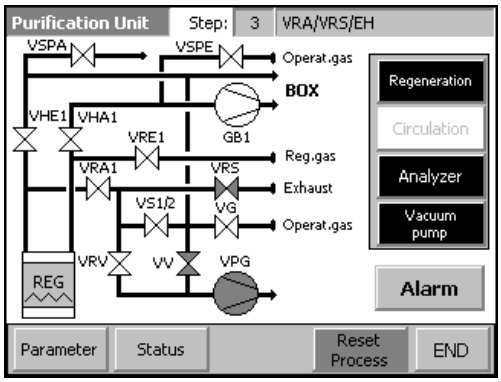
10.5. Auto-Start after Regeneration (1 Filter Systems)

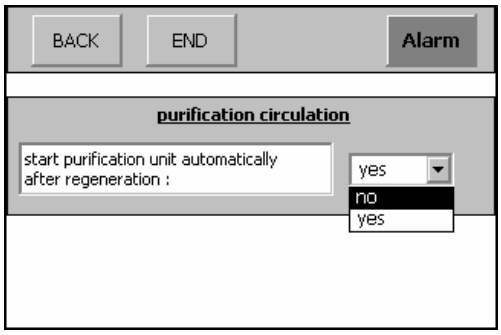
Recommendation:
MBRAUN recommends that for single column systems that the auto-start of the circulation after regeneration is selected.



To select the “Auto Start” function from the “Start Screen” select the Purification Filter Icon.



Select the Parameters Screen button.



Select the input field for Purification Circulation by touching the arrow to the right of the input field.

A pull down options menu will appear.
Select the option required – Yes or No.

The contents of the input field will automatically update.

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10.6. Status of Regeneration

The current status of the regeneration of the purifier filter can be seen in two ways

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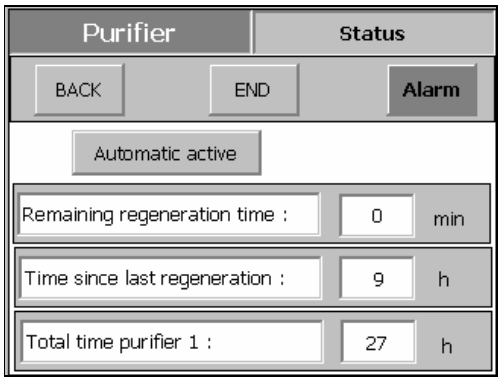
10.6.1. Time Status



Selecting the Status button in the Purifier Parameters Screen will open the screen shown left.

This screen displays the total times for the Purification Filters (in systems with only one filter then only one set of detail are displayed.)

The Automatic Active button is Password protected – for use by MBRAUN service personnel.

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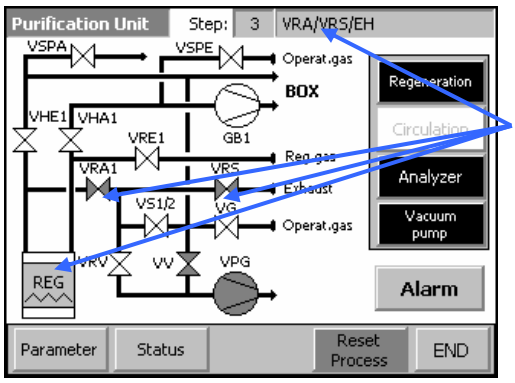
10.6.2. Step Status



At the top of the screen opposite is an information bar for the regeneration status of the filters.

In the diagram, on the right-hand side, you can see that the regeneration process is in its third step.

Also indicated are the components that are activate for each stage of regeneration (VRA/VRS/EH) both in the information bar and as icons on the screen.

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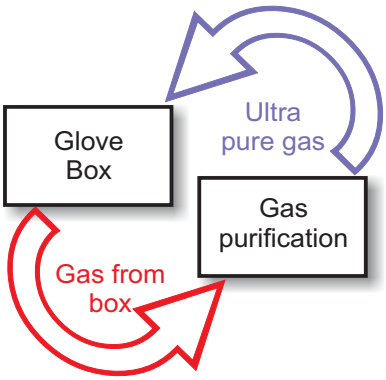

The Solvent Trap is available as an option.

It is designed to remove solvent vapours from the Glove Box Atmosphere.

The Solvent Trap works in the same manner and in series with the H_2O/O_2 gas purification system (see also chapters Circulation and Regeneration.)

The working gas permanently circulates between the glove box, the H_2O/O_2 gas purification system and the solvent removal system. This process guarantees absolutely stable values of gas purity and cost-efficient processing.

Caution:
The solvent trap filter can only remove the solvent vapour when both the solvent trap (LMF) and the H_2O/O_2 gas purification (RKM) are both in circulation mode.

There are two main types of Solvent removal systems:

Manually operated solvent trap.
PLC controlled Solvent Trap.

In systems with 2 solvent trap removal columns circulation mode can run via one column while the other column is undergoing regeneration.

The retention capability and capacity of the solvent trap depends on the type of solvent vapour to be removed from the box atmosphere.

The retention characteristics also depend upon the type of catalyst used to within the solvent trap.

Single column solvent traps and two column solvent traps without the regeneration option are filled with activated carbon.

Regenerable solvent traps are filled will a certain type of molecular sieve.

MBRAUN solvent traps are optimised for the removal of certain aromatic organic solvents, as well as, a variety of aliphatic organic solvents.

11.1.1. Technical data:

Amount of filling:	5 kg of activated carbon (article no. 2182000)
Suitably:	for aromatic and aliphatic as well as halogenated organic solvents; petrol, kerosene, butyric acid; in other cases the suitability must be confirmed by **MBRAUN**.
Absorption capacity:	ca. 100 g solvent per kg of activated carbon. However, the exact quantity depends on the type of the solvent and the ambient conditions - in particular the ambient temperature.

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11.2. Manually Operated Solvent Trap

The diagram below shows the valve positions for operation of the Solvent Trap Unit.

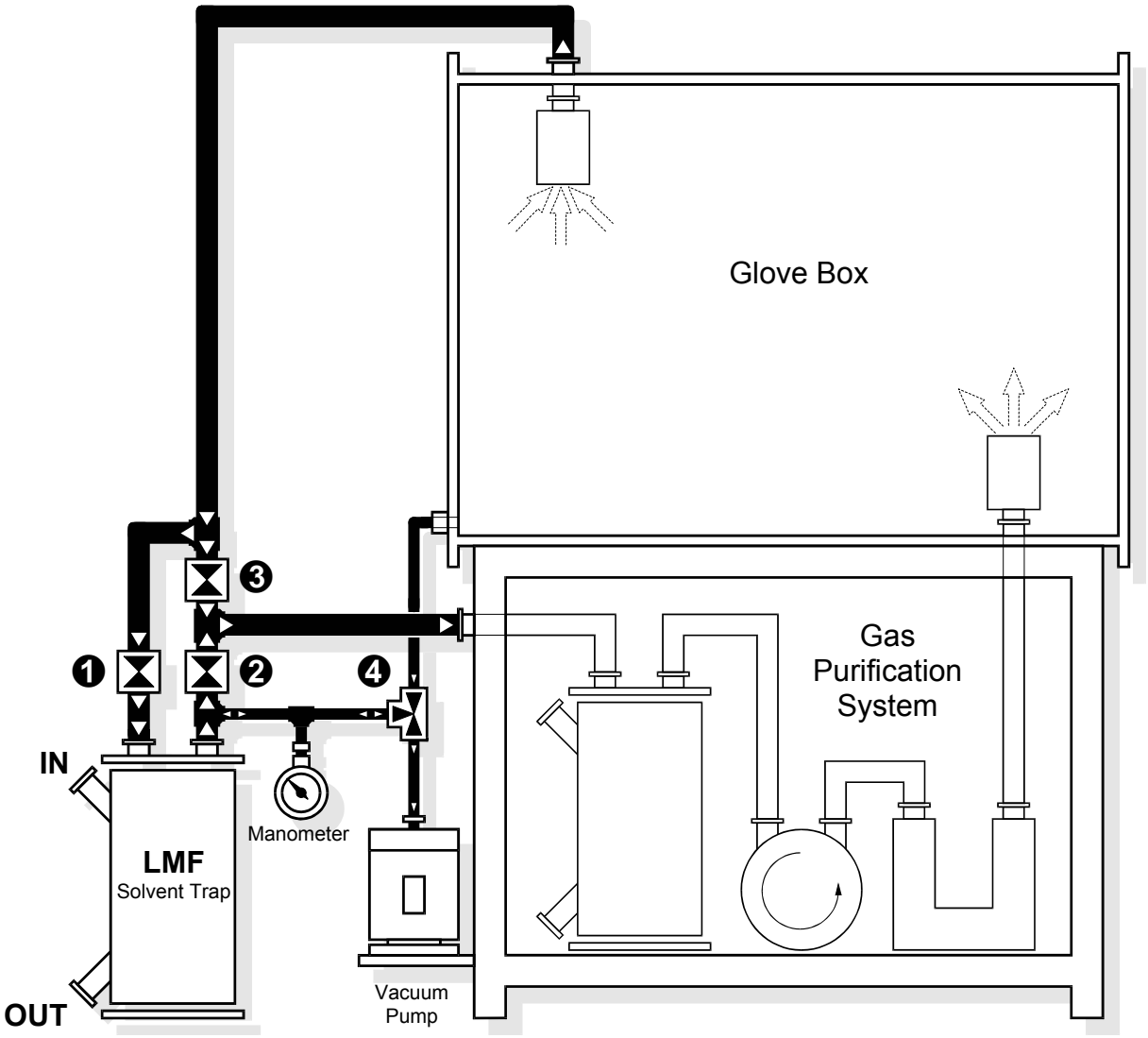

Figure 2: Operation of Solvent Trap

MB LMF-II: OPERATION MODE

Operation: Gas purification system (GPS)
and solvent absorber (LMF)
Open valve ❶
Open valve ❷
Close valve ❸
Valve ❹ position "CLOSED"

MB LMF-II: BYPASS MODE

Operation: Gas purification system (GPS)
without solvent absorber (LMF)
Open valve ❸
Close valve ❶
Close valve ❷
Valve ❹ position "CLOSED"

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11.2.1. Changing the Filter Medium

Note:
MBRAUN recommends that the Solvent trap medium is changed at least annually. However, in cases of high solvent uses this may need to be more frequent.

1 kg of charcoal can adsorb approximately 100 g organic solvents . However, the exact quantity depends on the type of the solvent and the ambient conditions - in particular the ambient temperature. **MBRAUN** offers an optional solvent sensor. This sensor monitors the solvent concentration in the gas flow leaving the solvent filter, there by giving an promt warning of saturation of the filter.

Warning:
Using a system with a saturated solvent filter can lead to a damage of O-rings, the copper pipework and other components of the gas purification as well as of the glove box system. It may result in actual loss of the gas impermeability for the overall glovebox system.

Caution:
Wear protective mask, glasses and gloves whilst changing the activated carbon.
Safe operation of the system is only possible with activated carbon, obtainable from **MBRAUN**. (article no. 2182000)

1. Switch the gas purification system into the bypass mode by setting the valves in the following positions:

   Open valve ❸

   Close valve ❶

   Close valve ❷

   Valve ❹ - position "CLOSED"
2. Open outlet flange (OUT) at the solvent absorber (LMF) and empty the exhausted carbon in a tub.
   Please dispose the exhausted activated carbon correctly – observing all applicable environmental, safety and heath guidelines.
3. After the emptying the trap close the outlet flange (OUT) and open the inlet flange (IN) at the solvent absorber
   (LMF).
4. Fill in new activated carbon; filling amount 5 kg. Afterwards close the inlet flange (IN) again.
5. Set hand valve ❹ on "EVACUATE" position.
   The minimum duration of the evacuation is 6 hours.
6. After the evacuation set the hand valve ❹ on "REFILL" position.
   Wait until the pressure indication at the manometer (MM) has reached the value "0".
7. After the refilling set the hand valve ❹ on "CLOSED" position.
   The solvent absorber (LMF) is again ready for operation.

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11.3. PLC Controlled Solvent trap

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11.3.1. Status of Solvent Trap (LMF) Filters

The Status of the Filters can be seen at all times on the start screen. The Icon for the filter differs for each mode. As show in figure 3.

Figure 3: Status of Purifiers

Filter inactive

Filter in Circulation (Active)

Filter in Regeration

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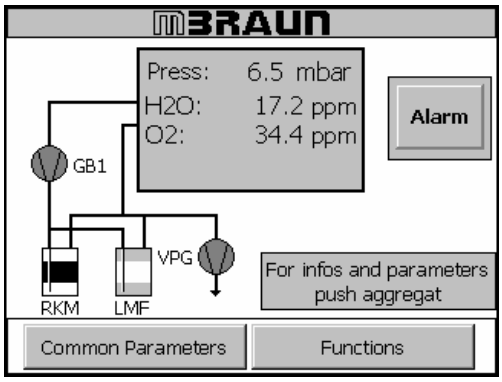
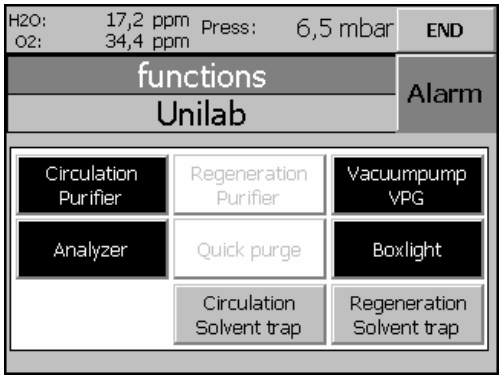
11.3.2. Activating and Deactivating the Solvent Trap Mode



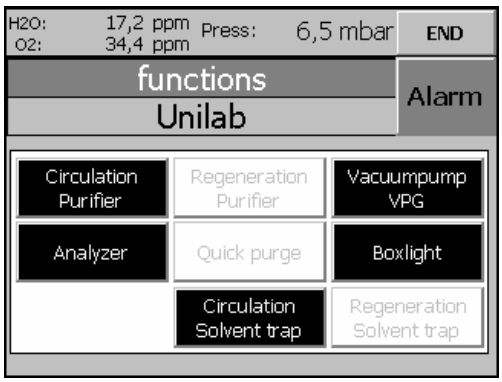
Select the Functions button on the Start screen.



Select the Circulation Purifier button to start the circulation over one of the purifier filters (RKM)
(see circulation Mode for further information.)
To acknowledge that the purifier is in Circulation Mode the button will change to black.

Note:
The Vacuum Pump activates automatically, if not previously activated.

The regeneration function for the selected filter will become blocked (button will display white) until Circulation of the filter is cancelled.



Select the Circulation Solvent Trap button to start the circulation over one of the purifier filters (LMF)
(see circulation Mode for further information.)
To acknowledge that the purifier is in Circulation Mode the button will change to black.
The regeneration function for the selected filter will become blocked (button will display white) until Circulation of the solvent trap is cancelled.

Note:
The Vacuum Pump remains activated until it is deactivated by selecting its function button.

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11.3.3. Regeneration of the Solvent Trap

The principle for regeneration of the solvent trap is the same as for the H_2O/O_2 gas purification system (see also chapter Regeneration.)

Note:
Systems that are equipped with one solvent trap are fitted with a by-pass valve to allow the filter to be regenerated whilst the system operates over the H_2O/O_2 gas purification system.

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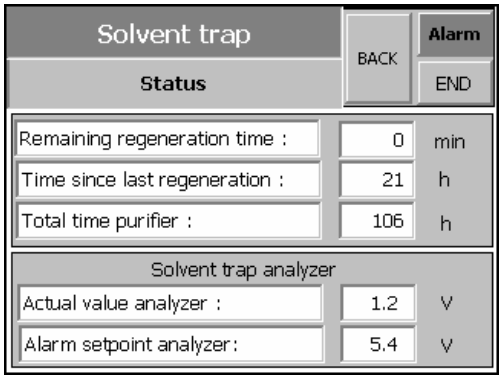
11.4. Solvent Vapour Analyzer

The solvent vapour analyser is available as an option.

Access to the solvent trap analyzer screen is made by selecting the “Icon” button for the LMF on the “Start Screen and then further selecting the “Status” button.



The solvent vapour analyzer reading is proportional to the concentration of the solvent vapour after passage over the solvent trap.

The sensitivity of the solvent vapour analyser depends upon the type of solvent being handled. Therefore the reading returned to the control panel is in the form of a voltage measurement (between 0V and 10V).

The M.Braun solvent vapour analyser can be calibrated for a specific solvent upon request.

Note:
The Alarm setpoint Analyzer setting will differ for various solvents.

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General Information

On the TP170B Operation Panel (*TOUCH* Screen) display all messages, values and parameters of the system can be displayed.

The manufacturer for optimum operation of the system has set the parameters. If required, the user may change them.

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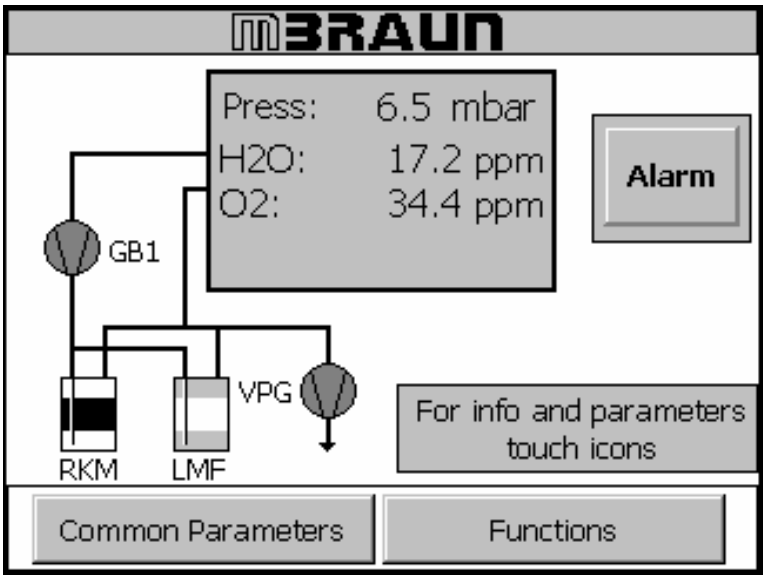
Status Overview

When the system is activated the TP170B Touch Screen will display the “Start Screen”. This screen displays an overview of the system and reports reading for various sensors. (See diagram below).

Figure 1: Start Screen



In the upper display area of the message level current operating values are permanently displayed, such as the box pulse.

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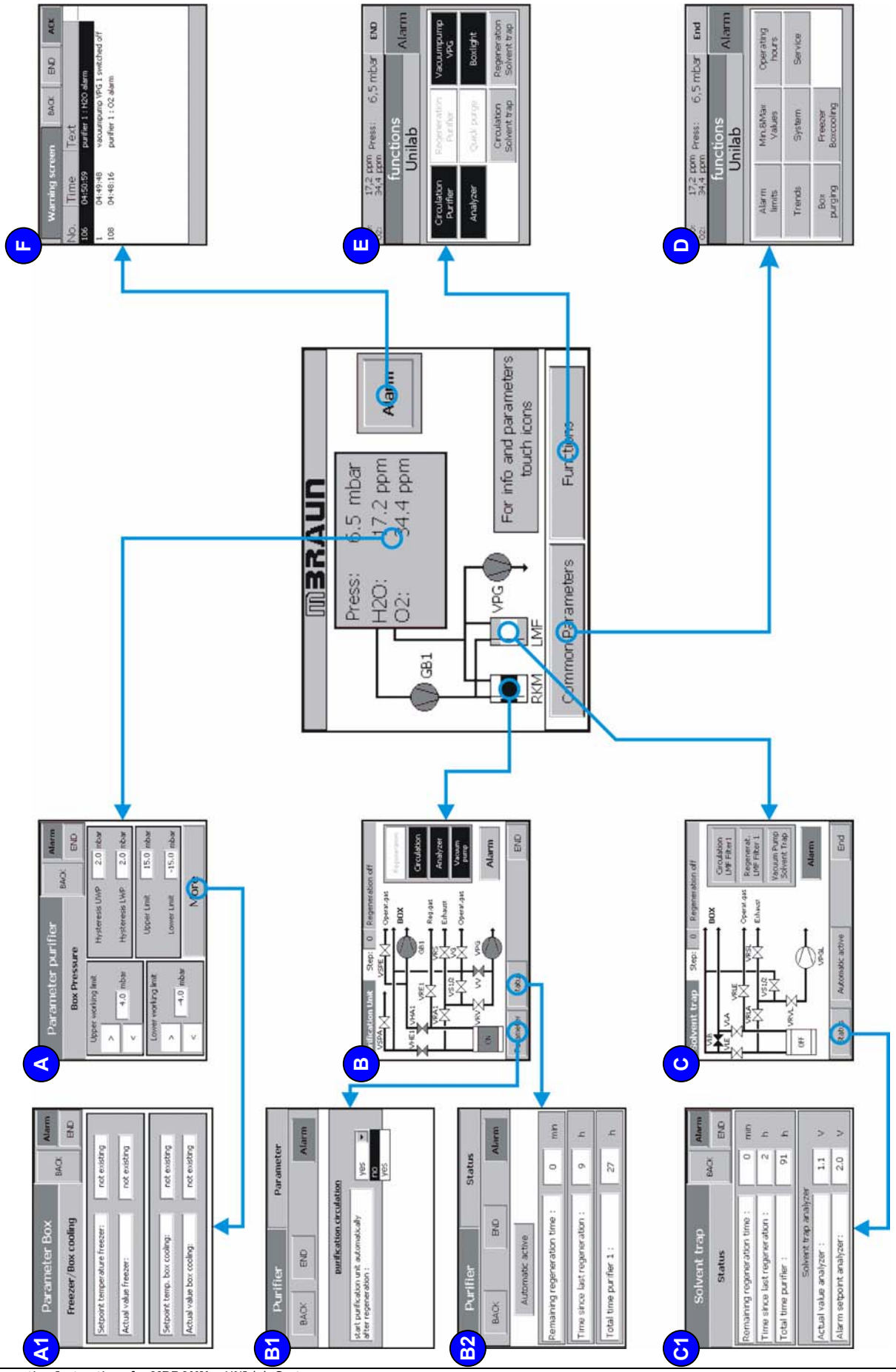
The diagram below shows how each screen may be accessed. Each screen is numbered and are described further in the following sections:



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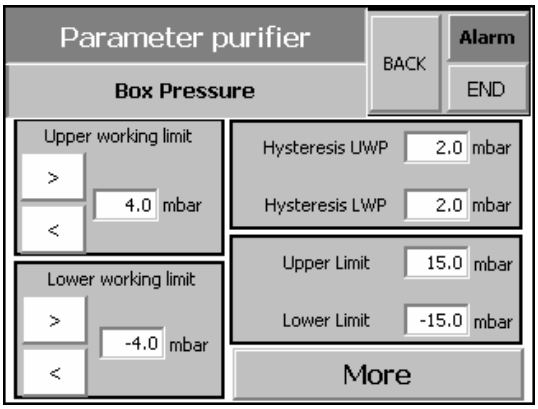
12.A. Setting the Box Pressure

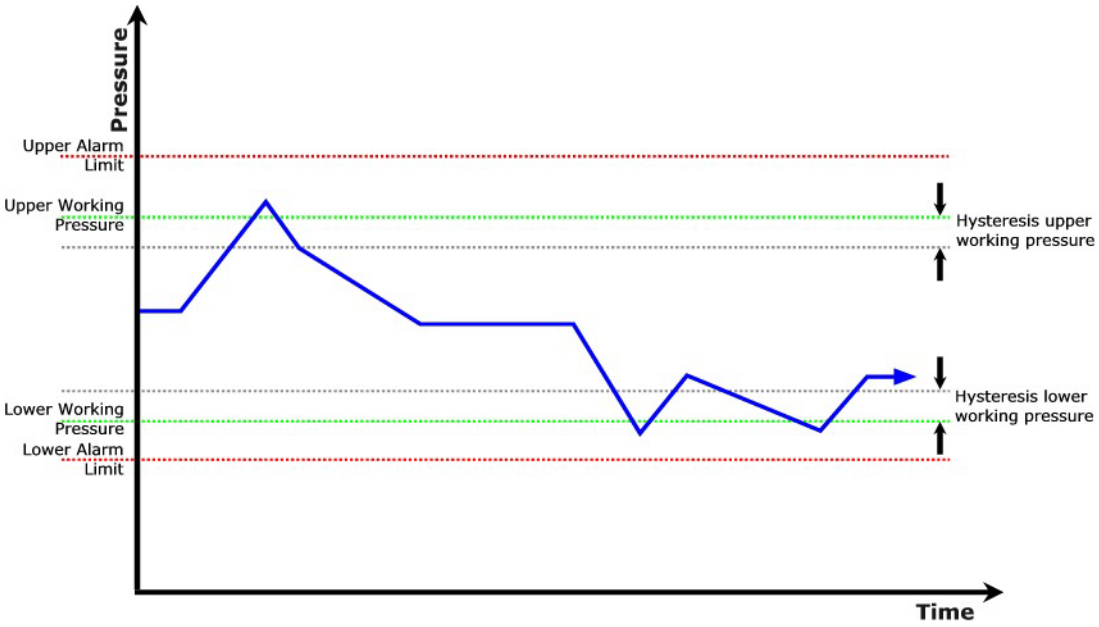


When this display selected, the box pressure control is deactivated.

You can enter the upper and lower working limit directly via the arrow-buttons "**>**" and "**<**" or by selecting the numeric box and then entering the value with the alpha/numeric keypad.

The upper working limit cannot be set higher than the upper limit, and likewise the lower working limit cannot be set lower than the lower limit.

How the box pressure control works is visible in the chart shown below.
If the working limit is exceeded or the pressure falls below the lower limit, evacuation takes place for a short time or gas is refilled, until the pressure falls within the working limit of the value of the adjusted hysteresis. The hysteresis for the upper and the lower limit can be set independently from each other.



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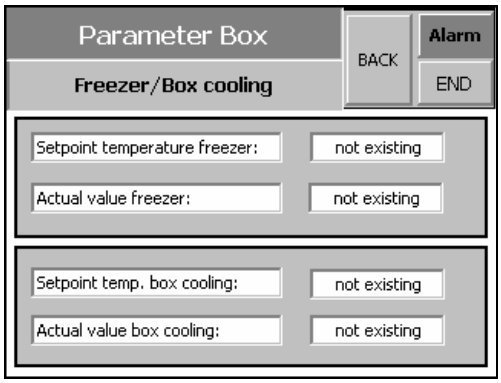
12.A.1. Freezer / Box Cooling Parameters



The Freezer and Box Cooling functions are offered as an option.

The use and setting for the Freezer and Box Cooling are described in their individual chapters.

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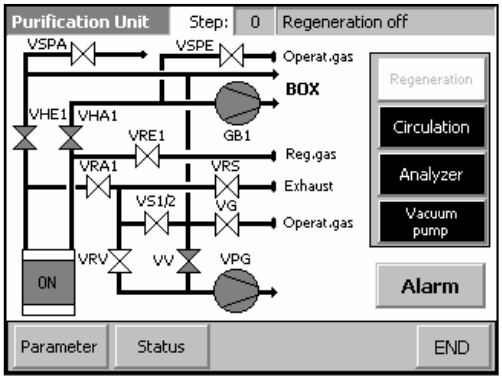
12.B. Gas Purification System (RKM)

Note:
See also “Circulation” and “Regeneration” Chapters.

The screens below show how the gas purification system screens may be navigated and a brief description of the data that is displayed on each screen. For further information on the principles of the gas purification system see also the Circulation and Regeneration chapters.



The screen left shows the function status of the gas purification system (RKM).

The top line gives the “regeneration step” and valve status for the regeneration process for the RKM filter.

The main screen displays the gas purification system as a schematic diagram.

At the bottom of the screen are buttons for navigating to further screens.

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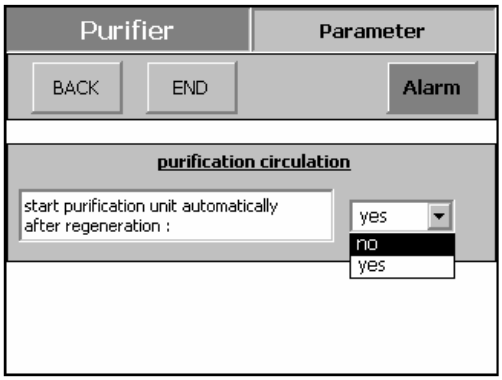
12.B.1. Parameters for Gas Purification System



The screen displays the parameters for the gas purifier (RKM) automatic start.

The options and parameters are entered by selecting the input fields to the right of the screen.

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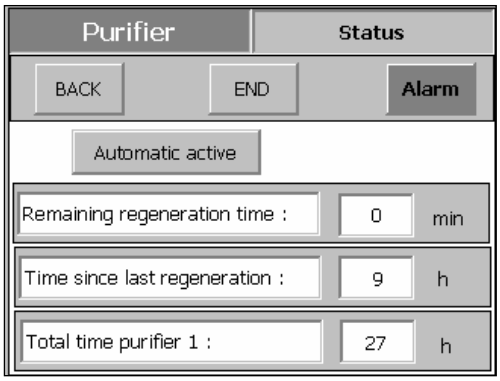
12.B.2. Status of Gas Purification System



This screen displays the time status for the gas purifiers (RKM).

The numeric values are system generated.

The total time purifier is the time, since insulation, that the purifier has been in active service. This figure would only be reset in the event of M.Braun service technicians replacing the filter medium.

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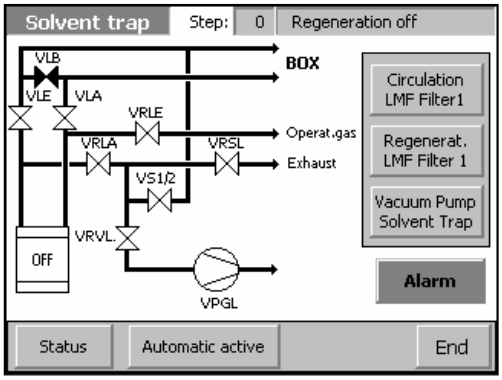
12.C. Solvent Vapour Filter Purification System (LMF)

Note:
See also “Circulation” and “Regeneration” Chapters.

The screens below show how the solvent filter screens may be navigated and a brief description of the data that is displayed on each screen. For further information on the principles of the solvent filter see also the Circulation, Regeneration and Solvent Filter chapters.



The screen left shows the function status of the solvent filter (LMF).

The top line gives the “regeneration step” and valve status for the regeneration process for each LMF filter.

The main screen displays the solvent filter system as a schematic diagram.

At the bottom of the screen are button for navigating to further screens.

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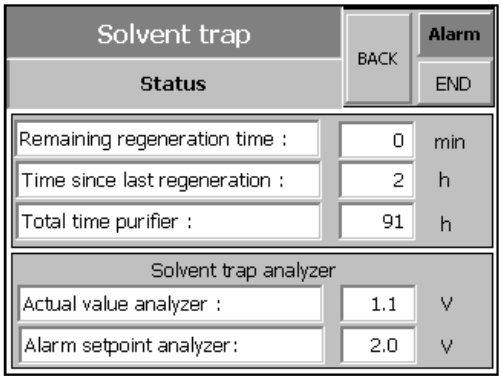
12.C.1. Parameters and Status for Solvent Vapour Filter



This screen displays the time status and the alarm parameters for the solvent filter (LMF).

The numeric values are system generated.

The total time purifier is the time, since insulation, that the purifier has been in active service. This figure would only be reset in the event of M.Braun service technicians replacing the filter medium.

For further details see Solvent Filter chapter.

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12.D. Common Parameters

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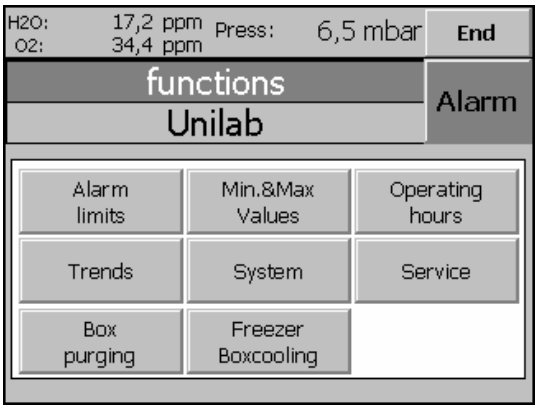
Layout of Parameter Screens

Below is an overview of the screens that may be accessed from the Common Parameters screen. Each purpose and function of each numbered screen is explained in the following section.



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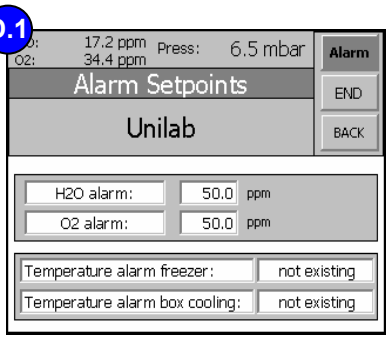

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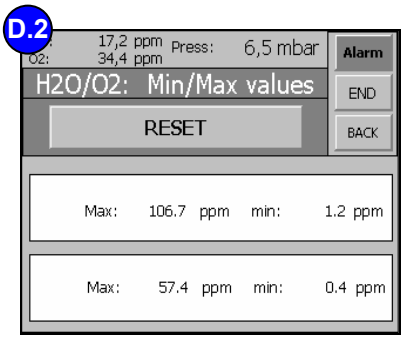

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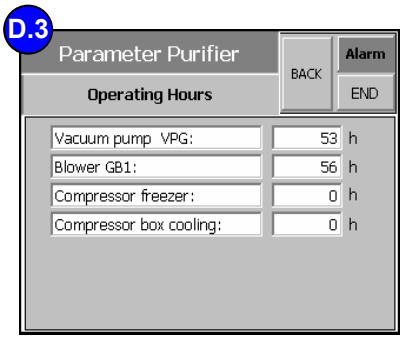

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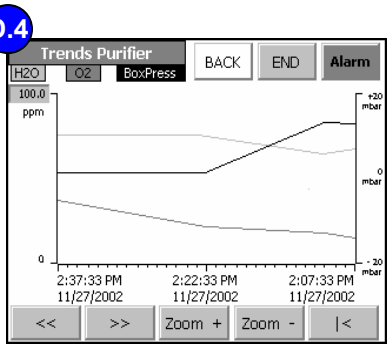

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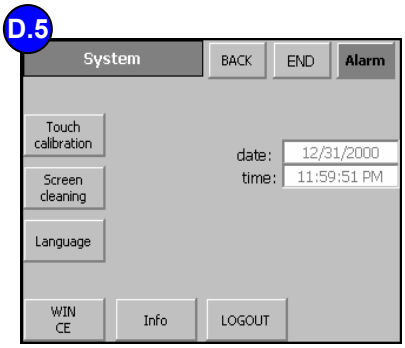

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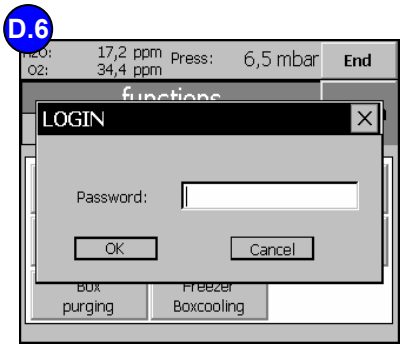

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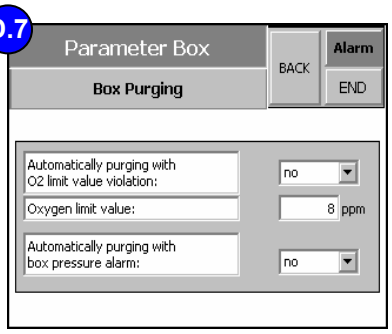

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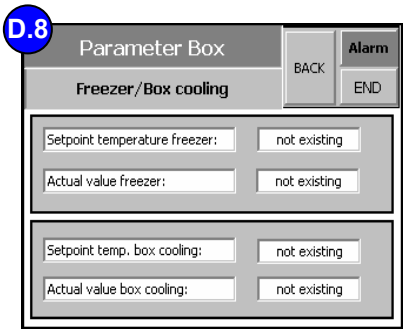

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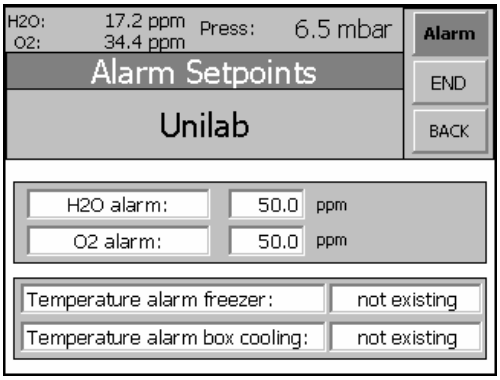
12.D.1. Alarm Setpoints



Gas Purification Alarm limits may be entered by selecting the numeric field and then by using the alpha/numeric keypad. As soon as the limits are exceeded a message is issued.

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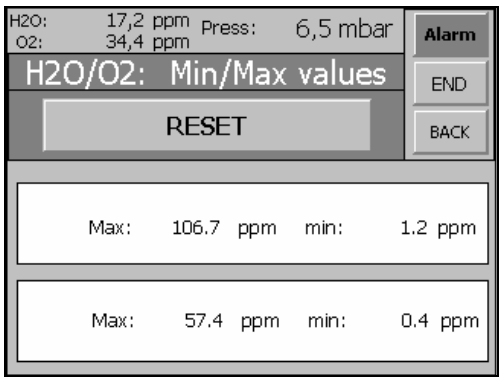
12.D.2. H2O / O2 Min/Max Values



This display shows the highest and lowest measured gas readings for the box atmosphere. The RESET button will clear these values and save the current value set until the atmosphere has altered to a new high or low and then that reading will be stored.

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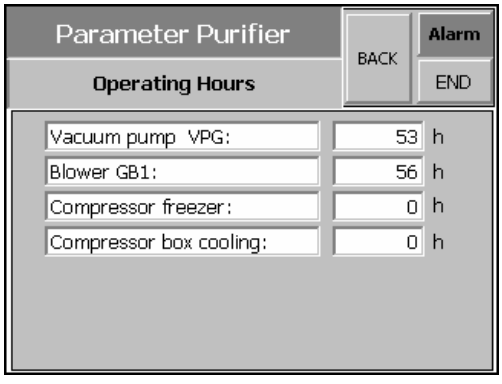
12.D.3. Purifier Operating Hours

Information regarding the total operation time of the system components can be seen on the “Operating Hours” Screen.

Note:
See also section “Status of Purifier Filters” in “Circulation” Chapter.
See also section “Status of Regeneration” in “Regeneration” Chapter.



Information displayed is the total amount of hours that the components have been in use.

Note:
The times can only be reset by MBRAUN Service personnel e.g. upon replacement of a spare part by MBRAUN Service Technicians.

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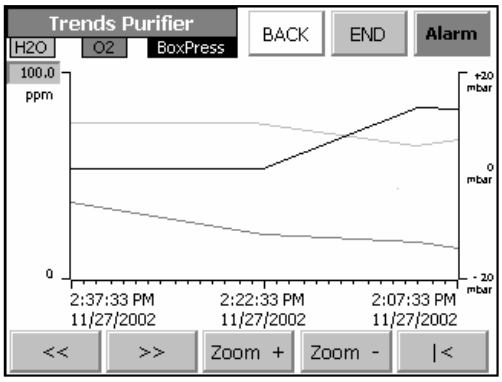
12.D.4. Purifier Trends



The trends screen is in the form of a time graph.

There are 5 buttons on all graph displays. With the ***back<<***, ***forward>>*** you can move along the time axis. With the ***Zoom+*** and ***Zoom-*** you can select a narrower or broader time frame. The **|<** button returns you to the current time.

The Y-axis may be calibrated between 50 and 1000 ppm by selecting the input field shown on the axis.

The smallest time frame for the X-axis is 1 minute.

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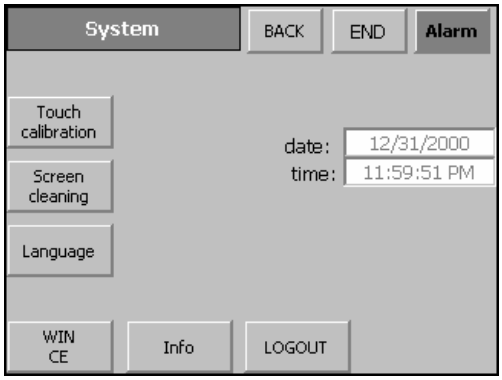
12.D.5. System Settings



To access the “System Settings” screen select the “Common Parameters” from the “Start Screen”, and then select “System”.

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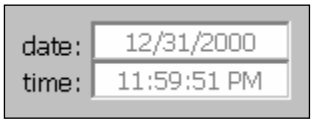
12.D.5.1. Date and Time



The Date and time may be set to local setting by the customer.

To change the time, follow directing in section “Input Fields and Buttons” in Chapter “Operation Panel *TOUCH*panel (TP170b).”

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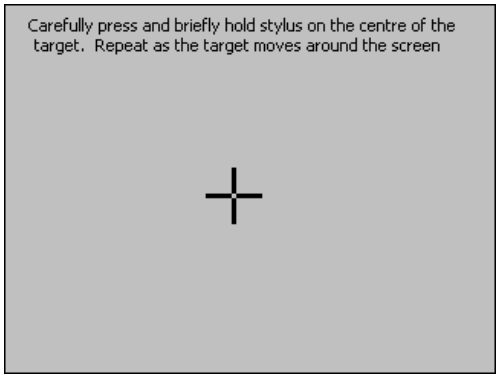
12.D.5.2. Touch Calibration

Purpose:
Depending on the fitting position as well as the viewing angle the touch screen may need to be calibrated to avoid any operating errors. You can calibrate the screen by selecting the ***Touch Calibration*** button.

Procedure:
Start the calibrating procedure via the Touch Calibrating pushbutton. Five calibration crosses are displayed in succession at random points on the screen. Follow the instructions displayed on the screen and touch each calibration cross as it is displayed.



Performing calibration
With the calibration procedure completed, touch the screen at any point for accepting the latest calibration data.

Rejecting calibration
Wait for 30 seconds, until the overlaid timer-bar has reached zero, for rejecting the latest calibration data. In case calibration has been carried out incorrectly the latest values are not accepted.

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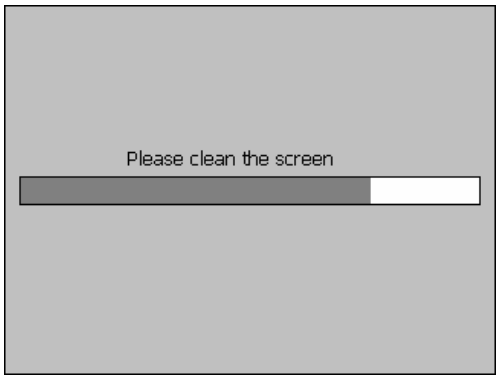
12.D.5.3. Screen Cleaning

Screen cleaning

After cleaning display has been started, all inputs via the touch screen are locked for 30 seconds. A run bar indicates the remaining time.



Protective foil
For the Touch-Screen a protective foil is available. However this protective foil is not included in delivery of the TP170.
The self-adhesive protective foil protects the screen against scratches and grime.
In addition, the matt surface of the foil reduces any kind of reflection.
If required the protective foil can be removed at any time without leaving residual glue on the screen. If required a new foil would need to be applied.

Caution
For removing the protective foil do not use any sharp or pointed objects, such as knives, which may result in damage to Touch Screen.

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12.D.5.4. Language

Language

The Touch Operation Panel (TP170b) enables the user to select between preloaded languages.
MBRAUN systems are currently loaded with German and English. To change between languages stored on the TP170 simply press the “Language” button.

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12.D.5.5. WIN CE

WIN CE

With the Win CE button activated, the Run-time program is completed and the panel is run down to the operating system level. If important filing procedures are running in the background, this is the safest way of completing the filing procedures before the device is deactivated.

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12.D.5.6. Info

Info

This area displays the following information:

- Type of device, project number, manufacturer’s address.

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12.D.5.7. LOGIN / LOGOUT

LOGIN LOGOUT

These Buttons are for reserved for service use only.

Selecting the “LOGOUT” button will log the user out of the current “Password” level.
That is the password level will be set to “zero”.

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12.D.6. Service Functions

The “Service” button

Note:
The Service Function is password protected. It is reserved for MBRAUN service personnel only.

No Operating instructions are given for the service function. Information about the settings within the service mode is reserved for MBRAUN Service personnel only.

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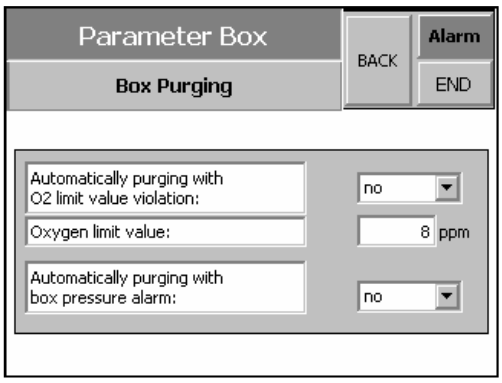
12.D.7. Box Purging Parameters



Two types of automatic purging options are available on the screen.

The purging methods are selected by choosing either yes or no in the relevant input field on the right of the screen.

Automaticaly purging with O2 limit value violation – will purge the glove box atmosphere as soon as the **Oxygen limit value** is over stepped
e.g. if the oxygen limit value is 50 ppm and the sensor reading is 51 ppm then the Automatic purging will bring the oxygen content of the glove box atmosphere to below 50 ppm.

Automatically purging with box pressure alarm – will either refill or evacuate the glove box by 5 mbar if the box pressure alarm setpoint is overstepped.

e.g. A system is required to be used with an under pressure and the pressure upper pressure alarm parameter is set at -1mbar. If the pressure increases above -1mbar then the box atmosphere will be evacuated by 5 mbar bringing the pressure down to -6mbar.

Like wise if the under pressure setpoint is over stepped then the glove box will be filled by 5 mbar.

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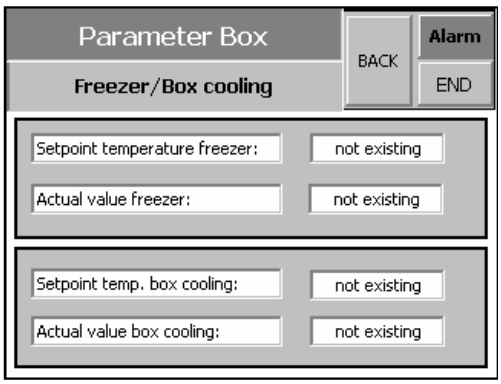
12.D.8. Freezer / Box Cooling Parameters



The Freezer and Box Cooling functions are offered as an option.

The use and setting for the Freezer and Box Cooling are described in their individual chapters.

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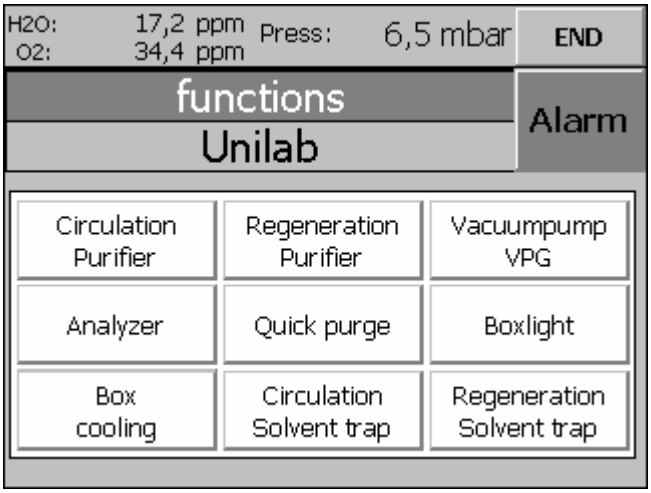
12.E. Functions

Note:
Via the Functions button in the Start Display, all existing functions can be selected and the status can be controlled. The individual displays comprise the functions in the form of buttons so that these functions are selectable within the individual function groups.

Below are the normal function screens showing the location of all the common function buttons.



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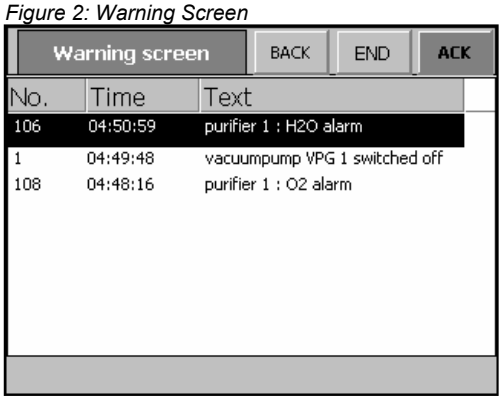
12.F. Warnings and Error Messages

The “Alarm” Button appears in each screen.

On occurrence of a fault or an error the “Alarm” button will flash. To view the error messages, push the “Alarm” button. This will open the Warnings Screen.

Figure 2: Warning Screen



The messages that appear in the screen are in order of occurrence. The most recent message is the uppermost.

To acknowledge that a message has been read, select the message by touching the screen. The message will become highlighted on the screen. Select the Acknowledge button.

Messages that are no longer valid (e.g. The moister sensor reading is again within the alarm limit range) will be removed from the screen upon being acknowledged.

Selecting the “Back” button will return to the previous screen.

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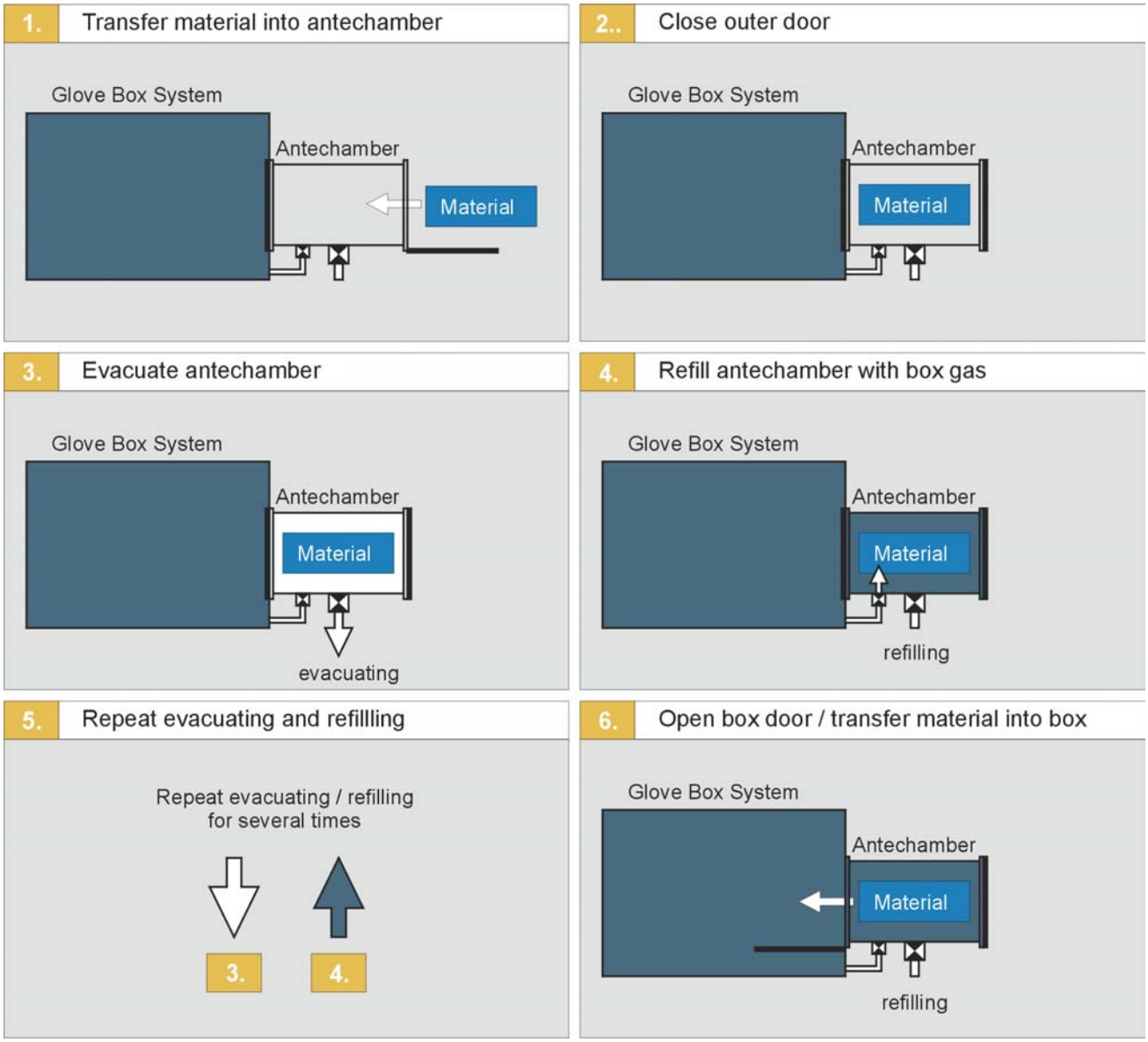
13.2. Principle

Figure 1: Principle of Antechamber Operation



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13.3. Important Notes

Caution:
Never open box and outer antechamber doors simultaneously.
An evacuated antechamber cannot be opened.
Attempting to open an evacuated antechamber may damage the door locking mechanism. Never open a box door of an antechamber filled with ambient atmosphere. This would result in pollution of the box atmosphere and possibly in damage of measuring instruments and material within the box. Mechanical parts and seals should be checked regularly and protected against any contamination.
When handling gases always keep to the national and international guidelines.

Recommendation:
If the system is equipped with a separate pump, MBRAUN recommends that the pump is switched off (using the control panel) when not required. The pump will be restarted automatically on the next evacuation/refill cycle.

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13.4. Transferring Material into the Box

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13.5.1. Preparation

- Observe Item “Important Notes” in this chapter.
- The antechamber door located inside the box is closed.
- The outer antechamber door is open.
- If a sliding tray is available: Pull out sliding tray; lay material on tray; then slide the tray together with the material into antechamber.
- If no sliding tray is available: Transfer the material directly into antechamber.
- Then close outer antechamber door.

Caution:
If you transfer material with enclosed gaseous volume into the box.
The material should be able to withstand the pressure difference during the antechamber purge process (evacuation and refilling cycles).
If possible open up any seals to enclosed gaseous volume – e.g. lids of bottles – so that the enclosed gases will also be exchanged during the pump/fill cycle.

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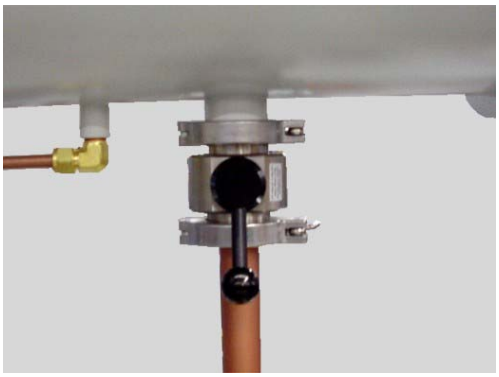
13.5.2. Evacuation

Figure 2: Evacuation Process



Open hand-valve on the evacuation piping (DN 40).

Recommendation
MBRAUN recommends an evacuation of the antechamber to a pressure of < 0.5 mbar.

Close hand-valve.

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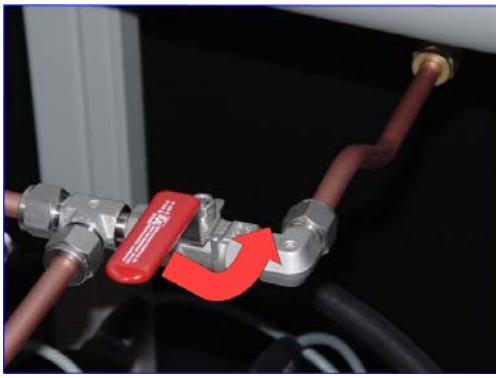
13.5.3. Refilling

Figure 3: Refilling Process



Open red hand-valve at the refill piping (DN 10).

Recommendation:
Refill antechamber until pressure compensation between glove box and antechamber is attained.

Close hand-valve.

Caution:
For obtaining a high degree of purity, the antechamber should under go repeated evacuation and refilling procedures.
In this case for intermediate refilling a pressure of approximately 200 mbar is sufficient. The last refilling step always has to be back to box pressure.

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13.5.4. Removal of Material from Antechamber

- Open the antechamber door located inside the box.
- If a sliding tray is available: Pull out sliding tray; remove material from tray; then slide the tray back into antechamber.
- If no sliding tray is available: Transfer the material directly into box.
- Then close the antechamber door located inside the box.

Recommendation:
Ensure that both outer and inner doors of the antechamber are closed when material is not being transferred through the antechamber.
After having the outer antechamber door opened, it is recommended that at least one evacuation and refill cycle is completed for the antechamber to prevent possible condensation being deposited on the interior antechamber walls.

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13.5. Transferring Material out of the Box

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13.5.1. Preparation

- Observe Item “Important Notes” in this chapter.
- The outer antechamber door is closed.
- The antechamber door located inside the box is open.
- If a sliding tray is available: Pull out sliding tray; lay material on tray; then slide the tray together with the material into antechamber.
- If no sliding tray is available: Transfer the material directly into antechamber.
- Then close inner antechamber door.

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13.5.2. Removal of Material from the Antechamber

- Open the antechamber door located outside the box.
- If a sliding tray is available: Pull out sliding tray; remove material from tray; then slide the tray back into antechamber.
- If no sliding tray is available: Transfer the material directly out of the antechamber.
- Then close the outer antechamber door.

Caution:
Annoyance by bad smell is expected as soon as any waste purge gas is escaping to the surroundings. Environmental pollution and effects detrimental to health, however, are not known, but cannot be excluded. The manufacturer does not assume any liability. When using toxic or radioactive material manual, by no means the gas should escape to the environment. Information about pertinent alternative methods: service@mbraun.de

Recommendation:
Ensure that both outer and inner doors of the antechamber are closed when material is not being transferred through the antechamber.
After having the outer antechamber door opened, it is recommended that at least one evacuation and refill cycle is completed for the antechamber to prevent possible condensation being deposited on the interior antechamber walls.

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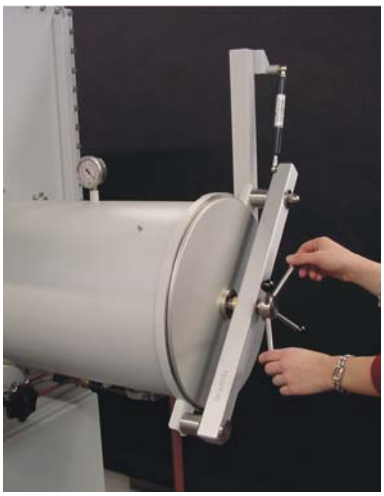
13.6. Circular Antechambers

13.6.1. Opening and Closing the Antechamber Door Outside the Box



Observe all items of this chapter.
Turn the locking mechanism until the antechamber door is free.

Caution:
Antechamber under vacuum cannot be opened. If you try to open the antechamber under vacuum the opening mechanism can be damaged.

Carefully open the antechamber door in upward direction.

The antechamber door is held in position by the spring mechanism.

Carefully pull out sliding tray.

Closing the outer door is done in reverse order.

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13.6.2. Opening and Closing the Antechamber Door inside the Box

After execution of the evacuation / refill cycles: Opening and closing of the antechamber door inside the box is done in the same way as described for the outer door.

Caution:
By no means open the inner door of an antechamber filled with air. This will result in polluting the inert box atmosphere and possibly in damaging measuring instruments and any material. Antechamber under vacuum cannot be opened. If you try to open the antechamber under vacuum the opening mechanism can be damaged.

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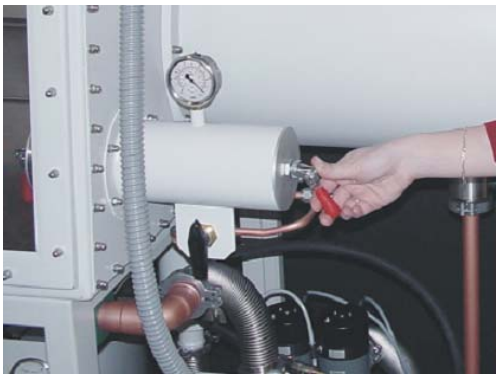
13.7. Mini Antechamber

13.7.1. Opening and Closing the Outer Door



Observe all items of this chapter.
Pull quick lock lever.

Caution:
Antechamber under vacuum cannot be opened. If you try to open the antechamber under vacuum the opening mechanism can be damaged.

Remove the cover.
Insert material into the antechamber.

Put the cover back on (please pay attention to the slide-ways) and push quick lock lever to close it.

Execute the evacuation / refill cycles:

A) Turn the hand valve to the position “Evacuate”. The antechamber will be evacuated.

B) Evacuate until the manometer shows a pressure of -0.9 up to -1.0 mbar.

C) Turn the hand-valve to the position “refill”. Please pay attention to the description on the antechamber. The antechamber is purged with box gas. Purge until there is a pressure balance between the box and the antechamber.

Please process the described work cycle (Point A-C) at least twice, then the hand valve can be turned to the position “close”.

Caution:
By no means open an antechamber filled with air. This will result in polluting the inert box atmosphere and possibly in damaging measuring instruments and any material.

Pull quick lock lever.
Remove the cover and take the material out of the antechamber.

Insert the material into the antechamber and put the cover back on.
Push quick lock lever.

Caution:
Annoyance by bad smell is expected as soon as any waste purge gas is escaping to the surroundings. Environmental pollution and effects detrimental to health, however, are not known, but cannot be excluded. The manufacturer does not assume any liability. When using toxic or radioactive material manual, by no means the gas should escape to the environment. Information about pertinent alternative methods: service@mbraun.de

Remove the outer cover and the material.

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14.1. General Information

Note
Applies to systems with optional H_2O and/or O_2 analyser. Systems with analyser option are equipped with an "Analyser" function button. The measured H_2O and/or O_2 values are shown on the operation panel display.

Figure 1: Types of Sensor

MB-MO-SE-1 ©

MB-OX-SE-1 ©

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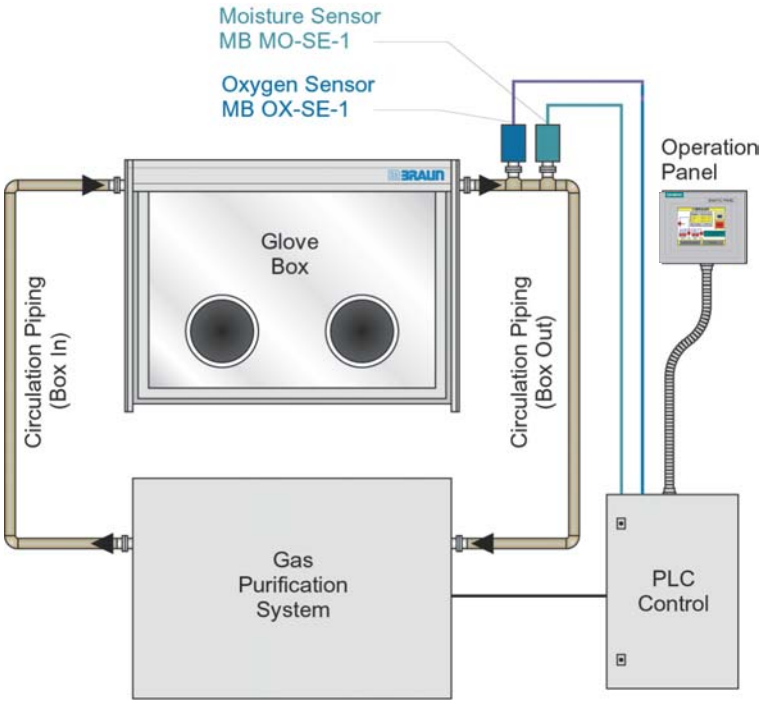
14.1.1. Connection of Analysers

The position of the analysers is always at the gas outlet of the box. This would mean that the readings from the analysers are at the most contaminated levels thus further ensuring the quality of the box atmosphere.

Figure 2: Connection Diagram



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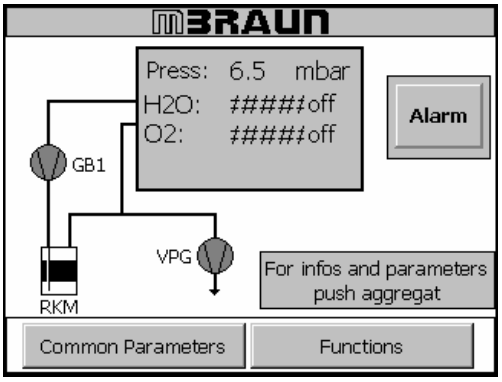
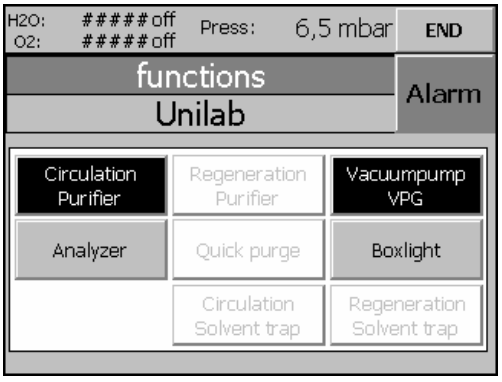
14.1.2. Activating the Analyser(s)

Note
High levels of ambient atmosphere within the box could damage or pollute the measuring instruments, the box atmosphere and any materials within the box. Ensure that the antechamber atmosphere has been purged, as required, before opening the inner antechamber door.
Do not open both doors of an antechamber at the same time causing the ambient atmosphere to enter the box.



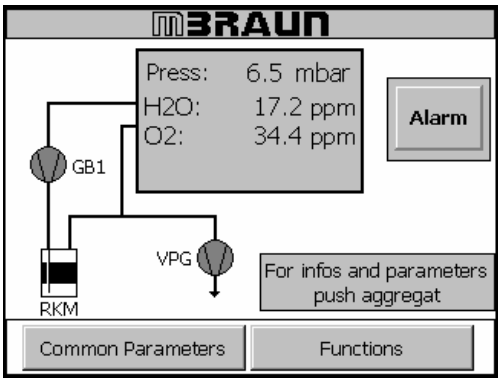
Start display with the analysers switched off.

To activate the analysers, open the Functions screen by selecting the “Function” button.



Selecting the “Analyser” button will activate the connected analysers.

The button will display the status change by changing from grey (not active) to black (active).



The reading from the analysers can now be seen on the start screen. The readings are also repeated on various other screens.

The analyser readings are in the following format:

Press:	**xxx mbar**
H2O*:	**xxx ppm**
O2:**	**xxx ppm**
Box Cooling*:**	**xxx °C**

* Is displayed only when the system is provided with a moisture analyser.
** is displayed only when the system is provided with an oxygen analyser.
*** is displayed only when the system is provided with cooling or oven

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14.1.3. Deactivating the Analyser(s)

Deactivating the Analysers is carried out by the same procedure as activation.

The Analyser button will display the status change by changing from black (active) to grey (not active).

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14.2. Calibration of Sensors

All MBRAUN sensors have a certified calibration before shipping.

Recommendation
MBRAUN recommends that sensors are calibrated annually by MBRAUN technicians.
Quotation on request from MBRAUN Service Department.

The calibration cycle depends on the demand for accuracy as well as on the conditions of the gas to be measured (purity, spurious gases etc.)

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14.3. Oxygen Analyser (MB OX-SE-1)

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14.3.1. General

The MB-OX-SE-1 sensor has been designed to control the atmosphere of MBRAUN Systems for residual Oxygen content. The measuring range 0 - 1000 ppm is linear in the range of 0 - 100 ppm and over 100 ppm is only used to indicate the oxygen content of the inert gas.

The semiconductor sensor made of Zirconium dioxide is specific for oxygen, but because of the high sensor temperature and the catalytic activity of the platinum coating of the sensor there are low cross-sensitivities for hydrogen as well as possible reactions with aggressive gaseous substances, that can reduce the operational life of the sensor.

Caution
Operating the sensor at oxygen levels of >1000 ppm (e.g. in air) does not irreversibly damage the sensor element, but it should be avoided. If exposed to air, it will take several hours until the sensor will measure low oxygen levels correctly in Inert Gas.

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14.3.2. Construction

The MB-OX-SE1 consists of the sensor and the special electronics separated by a gas-tight NW40 clamp flange. The sensor is protected against physical damage by a protective cage. The sensor leads are connected to the electronics by vacuum-tight feed-throughs. The electronics are contained in an airtight box mounted directly to the back of the NW40 flange.

The measuring electronics is operated by 24 VDC. It supplies a 0 to 10 VDC output proportional to the oxygen concentration. An additional input switches the heating element of the sensor on and off to control the temperature of the sensor. If this input is not used, an internal jumper has to be set to operate the probe.

Electronics and Sensor Element have been factory-calibrated with certified calibration gases; there are no user-accessible adjustment points. (Note: On special request we may, on our decision, supply a calibration procedure that allows trained technicians to recalibrate the sensor sensitivity in the low range up to 100 ppm.)

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14.3.3. Connector

8-pole socket (RJ45):

Pin-Nr.	Connection
1	Supply Ground
2	Switching ON/OFF 24 V
3	Signal Ground
4	Livebit (O2)
5	Not Connected
6	Signal 0 - +10 V
7	Supply +24 V
8	Supply Ground

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14.3.4. Technical Data

Mechanical

Length over all: ..... 190 mm, height 80 mm, depth 58 mm
Sensor-part: ..... length 45 mm, diameter 26 mm
Flange: ..... NW 40 KF
Weight: ..... 0.7 kg

Electrical

Supply voltage: ..... 24 VDC +- 10%

Environment

Ambient temperature: ..... + 15 to + 35 °C
Pressure: ..... 800 to 1200 mbar (Differential pressure sensor to electronics max. ±100 mbar)

Measuring

Range: ..... 0 - 1000 ppm oxygen
Sensitivity: ..... 10 mV / ppm
Response time (0 - 90 %): ..... approx. 10 sec. (0 - 90 %)
Warm-up time: ..... 10 minutes (for < 10 ppm approx. 6 hours)
Accuracy[1)]: ..... 2 % of displayed value ± 1 ppm up to 100 ppm
Drift at 10 ppm: ..... 10 % / year
Sensor life[2)]: ..... at least 5 years

1) in clean argon-atmosphere, without interfering gases like H_2O or CO_2
2) in absence of reactive gases e.g. PH_3 or SO_2 that reduce the catalytic surface of the platinum coating of the sensor

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14.3.5. Installation

Caution
Before applying electrical power the sensor should be exposed to clean inert atmosphere for at least 1 minute.

The oxygen probe is mounted vacuum-tight on an appropriate NW40 flange by means of a centring ring and a clamp. The usual way is to use a NW40 t-piece in the gas flow piping. This will guarantee that the sensor is exposed to direct gas-flow and is not located in a dead space. The sensor only requires a low flow rate and is not flow sensitive up to flow rates of 2 m/s.

The plug connection to the control unit must not be made before the whole box-system has been purged sufficiently with inert gas.

The operation of the probe as well as the display of the measured values is performed by the control unit.

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14.3.6. Trouble-shooting

The oxygen probe does not contain user-serviceable parts. Therefore in case of defects the probe has to be sent complete and unopened to MBRAUN or the authorized representative. On request MBRAUN may offer exchange probes.

Description of malfunction	What to do
The display measuring value comes very slowly below 10 ppm, whereas it is certain that the real value is much lower (Check, whether this is really the case or the display is correct).	The sensor is still charged with oxygen by a previous operation at high oxygen concentrations or long storage in air. In this case operate the sensor for some hours in clean inert atmosphere and it will come down. The sensor has a very stable zero-point, so before sending the probe for repair you must exclude the possibility that e.g. hydrogen in ppm-levels is present or was present in higher levels.

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14.4. Moisture Analyser (MB MO-SE-1)

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14.4.1. General

The MB-MO-SE1 has been designed to control the atmosphere of the MBRAUN Systems for residual moisture content. The measuring range is 0 to 500 ppm, where the lower range up to 50 ppm is linear and over 50 ppm is only used to indicate the moisture content of the inert gas atmosphere.

The sensor element is a “double helix” made of platinum wire fixed on a special insulation material. The sensor is coated with phosphoric acid that is totally dehydrated. Water molecules in the gas penetrate the acid layer and the electrolysis of the resulting H^+ and OH^- ions to H_2 and O_2 produces an electric current. So, the water molecules coming to the sensor surface are removed and the resulting current is depending on the concentration of the water molecules in the gas. The primary signal is compensated for temperature and amplified.

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14.4.2. Connector

8-pole socket (RJ45):

Pin-Nr.	Connection
1	Supply Ground
2	Switching ON/OFF 24 V
3	Signal Ground
4	Not Connected
5	Live bit (H2O)
6	Signal 0 - +10 V
7	Supply +24 V
8	Supply Ground

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14.4.3. Technical Data

Mechanical

Length over all: ..... 205 mm, height 80 mm, depth 58 mm
Sensor-part: ..... length 42 mm, diameter 14 mm
Flange: ..... NW 40 KF
Weight: ..... 0.7 kg

Electrical

Supply voltage: ..... 24 VDC +- 10%

Environment

Ambient temperature: ..... + 15 to + 35 °C
Pressure: ..... 800 to 1200 mbar (Differential pressure sensor to electronics max. ±100 mbar)

Measuring

Range: ..... 0 - 500 ppm moisture
Sensitivity: ..... 20 mV / ppm
Response time (0 - 90 %): ..... approx. 120 sec. (0 - 90 %)
Warm-up time: ..... 10 minutes (for < 10 ppm approx. 6 hours)
Accuracy[1]:
High precision range (0 - 10 ppm): ..... better than 5 % of value
Wide range (10 - 100 ppm): ..... better than 20 % of value
Drift at 10 ppm: ..... 10 % / year
Sensor life[2]: ..... at least 5 years

1) without interfering gases like NH_3
2) with regular maintenance

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14.4.4. Maintenance: Sensor Cleaning

Recommendation
MBRAUN recommends a maintenance cleaning procedure every 3 months.

Caution
When cleaning the sensors it is important that contamination from the ambient atmosphere is prevented. Therefore MBRAUN recommends that the box parameters are set to a pressure of between +1.0 and +5.0 mbar (see parameters chapter) and that the circulation mode is switched OFF.

To achieve optimal moisture measurements the sensor is recommended to be closely inspected within a period of three months.

This routine maintenance consists in cleaning the platinum winding of the MB MO-SE-1 and moistening it with phosphorous acid H_3PO_4. The following aids are required for disassembling and maintaining the MB MO-SE-1.

Tool for disassembly (screwdriver)
Soft, absorbent, lint free cloth (cotton)
Small quantity of phosphorous acid (H_3PO_4).
Protective clothing, including gloves and goggles
One dummy plug for the open circulation piping (DN40)

Caution
Be cautious when handling phosphorous acid. Wear protective gloves and goggles. Any phosphorous acid getting in contact with your skin should immediately be rinsed off using running water. When getting in contact with your eyes, the acid should immediately be rinsed also using running water; afterwards you should immediately consult a doctor.

Caution
Prior to any maintenance work the moisture measurement should be deactivated, i.e. the analyser is switched off; refer to subchapter “Deactivating the analyser(s)”.

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Figure 3: Procedure for Cleaning Moisture Sensor

1

Disconnect plug connector.

2

Loosen clamp.

3

Insert dummy plug.

4

Tighten flange clamp.

5

Unscrew protective cover.

6

Moisten sensor with distilled water.

7

Carefully clean and dry winding.

8

Moisten winding with phosphorous acid.

9

Remount protective cover.

10

Remove clamp and dummy plug.

11

Insert measuring probe and re-clamp.

12

Tighten clamp.

13

Insert plug connector.

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15.1. General Information

The purpose of the cooling unit is to cool the Glove Box atmosphere after being exposed to excess heat. This heat source may be from an oven/furnace, welding or from plasma burning within the system etc.

The cooling unit directs a cooling airflow to a specific area, therefore allowing the maximum cooling effect on items that are placed in the current. The normal Glove Box circulation will cause an overall cooling effect within the system.

Caution:
When the cooling unit is not in operation, there is a reduced airflow with the unit. Therefore, during manual purging, extra care is required for the area around the cooling unit to ensure that the area is completely purged.

The range of the Box Cooling Temperature is +10°C to +40°C

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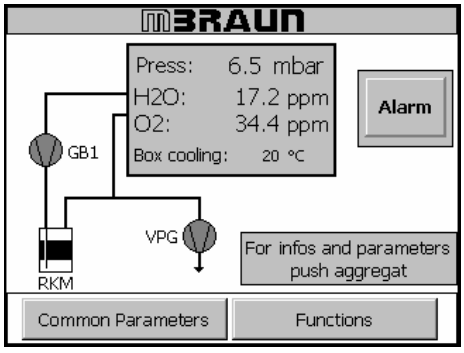
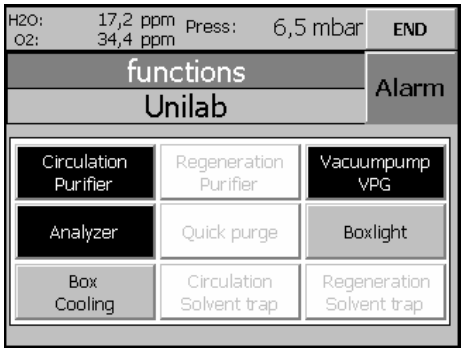
15.2. Operation of the Box Cooling Unit

The cooling unit is controlled by the Touch Panel.



To activate the Box Cooling function select the Functions Button on the Start Screen.



Select the “Box Cooling” button.

The button will turn to green when the Box Cooling is active.

To deactivate the “Box Cooling” select the button again – the button will return to the colour red.

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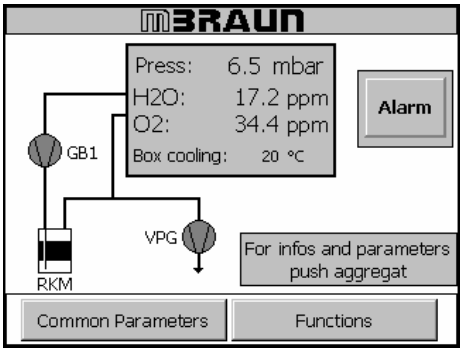
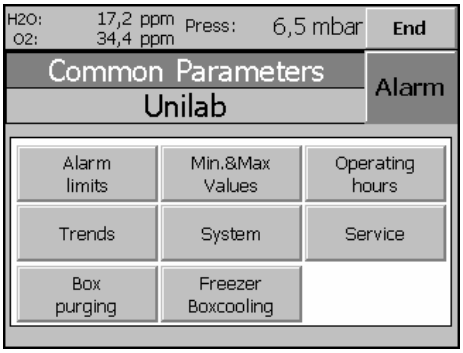
15.3. Setting the Box Cooling Parameters

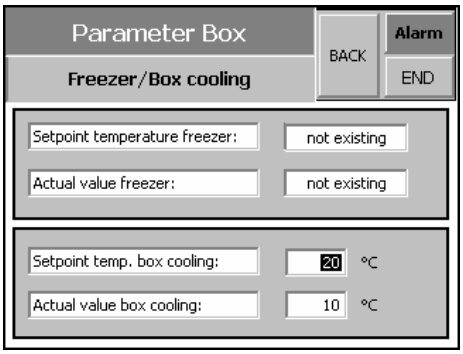


Select the “Common Parameters” button on the start screen.

Note:
If the Glove-Box is equipped with a Box Cooling unit the current temperature will be displayed on the “Start Screen”.



Select the “Freezer/Box Cooling” Button from the common Parameters screen to access the Parameter Screen for the Box Cooling Unit.



The Temperature may be set by selecting the input field “Setpoint temp. box cooling:”
Enter the desired temperature and press the enter button.

The range for the box cooling is from +10°C to +40°C.

If the unit is active, the cooling unit will start cooling when the setpoint temperature is over-stepped.

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Inner dimensions
Height..... 423.0 mm
Width..... 266.0 mm
Depth ..... 162.5 mm

Inner volume ..... ±18.3 litres

Cooling Function
Cooling Range ..... +10°C to -35°C
..... (-30°C if ambient temp > 30°C)

Ambient Temp. Range..... 0°C to +32°C

Figure 1: Freezer - Door Closed

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16.2. Purging the Freezer

Caution:
It is important that the interior of the freezer is fully purged of ambient atmosphere before the Glove Box is used. Failure to purge this area could cause the box atmosphere to become polluted upon opening of the freezer door, thus causing damage to the box equipment, and/or material within the Glove Box.

Before the Glove Box is used the System must be purged (see Chapter – Purging the System). During the Glove Box purging process it is important that all areas are fully purged of ambient atmosphere. With the freezer in the Glove Box it is important that not only the area around the freezer unit is purged but also the area within the Freezer.

Figure 2: Freezer – Door Open

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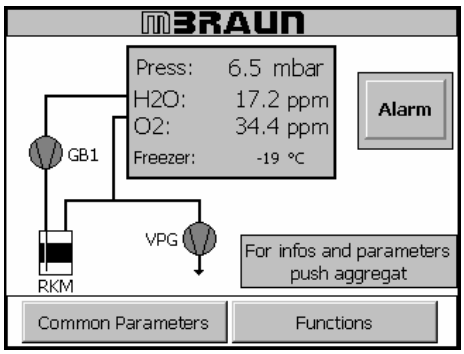
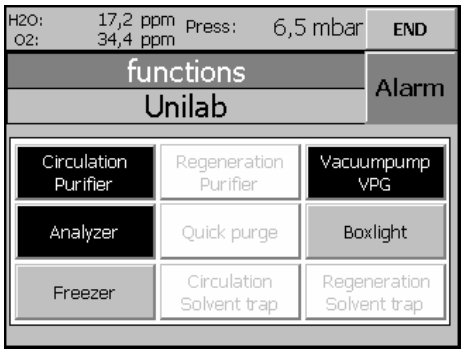
16.3. Operation of the Freezer



To Activate the Freezer function select the Functions Button on the Start Screen.



Select the “Freezer” button.

The button will turn to black when the Freezer is active.

To deactivate the “Freezer” select the button again – the button will return to the colour grey.

The inner temperature of the freezer is controlled by the Touch Panel. (See Setting of Freezer Parameters below)

The door for the freezer is opened, closed and secured by a lever attached o the door. For additional security the door may be locked with a key.

Within the Freezer compartment there are shelf supports to give a range of settings for additional shelving.

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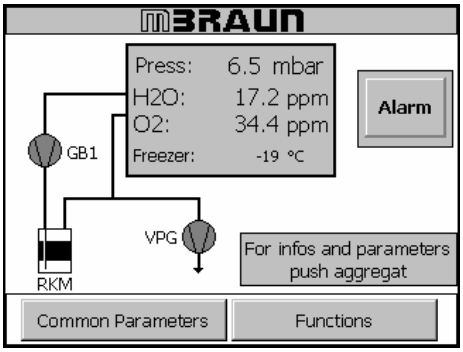
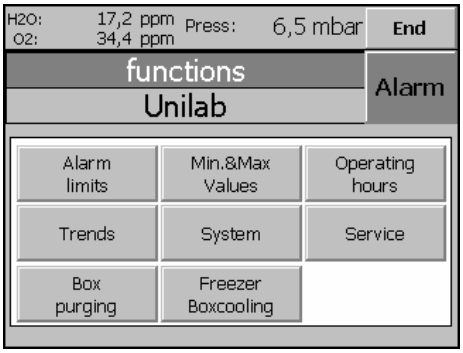
16.4. Setting the Freezer Parameters

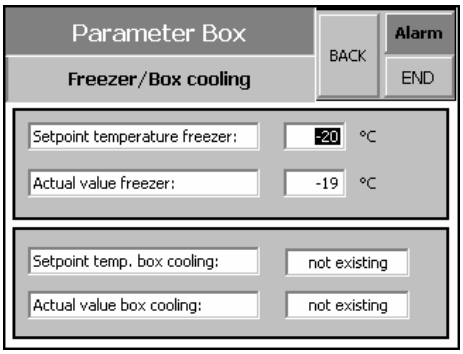


Select the “Common Parameters” button on the start screen.

Note:
If the Glove-Box is fitted with a freezer unit the current temperature will be displayed on the “Start Screen”.



Select the “Freezer/Box Cooling” Button from the common Parameters screen to access the Parameter Screen for the Freezer Unit.



The Temperature may be set by selecting the input field “Setpoint Temperature Freezer:”
Enter the desired temperature and press the enter button.

Range for freezer temperature is from -40°C to +20°C.

Note:
The “actual value freezer” field returns the current temperature within the freezer – the value is generated by the system.

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17.1. General Information

MBRAUN glove boxes are equipped with dust filters at the gas outlet, as well as, at the gas inlet piping. The former protects the gas purification system against dust particles the maybe generated by the user inside the glove box. The latter filter ensure optimal particle free incoming gas.

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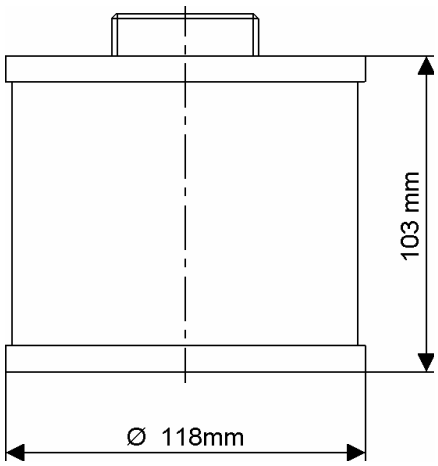
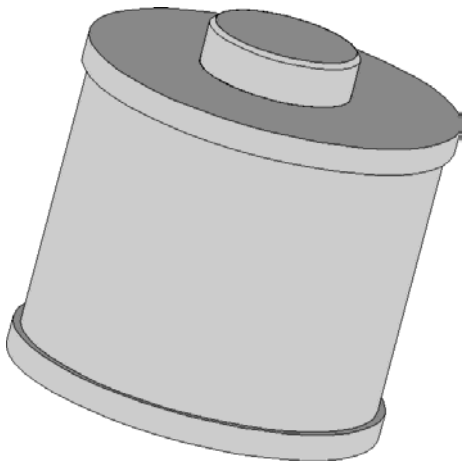
17.2. Technical Data

The filter that is commonly used within the M.Braun Glove Box system has the following characteristics:-





The standard filter is of a HEPA format (class H14)- i.e. filtering 99.995% of particles – typically down to 0.2 microns.

Note:
M.Braun can also supply finer filters (e.g. Class U15 – Filtering 99.9995% of particles) upon request.

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17.3. Exchanging Dust Filters

Depending on the usage of the glove box system the filters need to be exchanged at least once a year.

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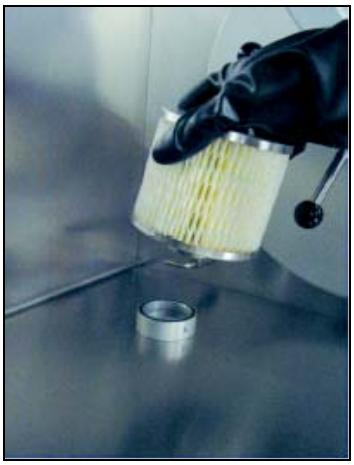
17.3.1. Method for Exchanging the Filter:

Figure 1: Removing Filter



Unscrew used dust filter.

Figure 2: Replacing Filter

Screw new dust filter in place.

Note:
Depending upon the substances used inside the glove box, the replaced filter may need to be treated with care outside of the glove box atmosphere.
Please refer to all local Environmental, Safety and Health guidelines that may apply for the type of substances used within the glove box.

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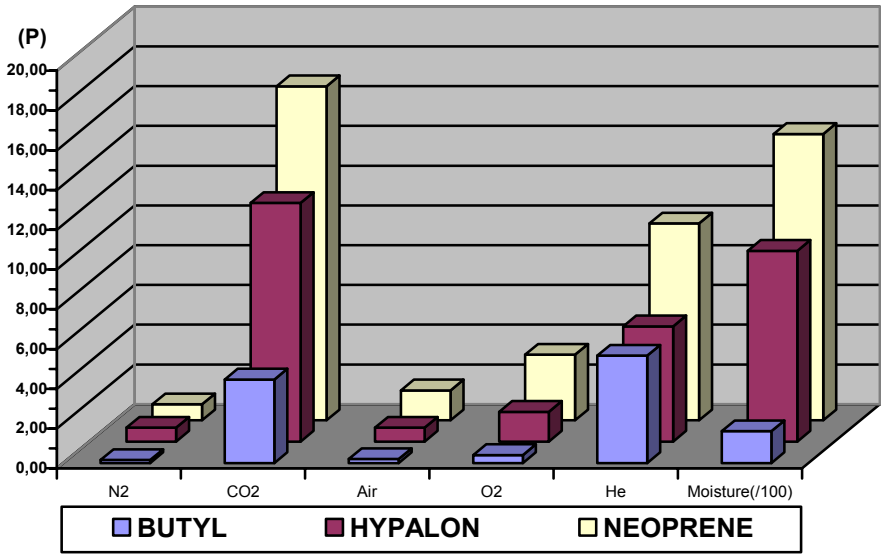
18.1. General Information

MBRAUN exclusively uses gloves made of butyl. A feature of this flexible material is the good comfortable grip even at low temperatures (Temperature range from -40 °C to +90 °C). The following graphic chart shows, that butyl compared to hypalon and neoprene evidently has the most favourable values regarding the permeability for different gases and for water vapour.

Note:
For working with higher temperatures **MBRAUN** also offers gloves made of butyl with a hypalon layer.

Gas Permeabily Constant Comparison Chart



Note:
Permeability Constant (P) = gas flow through a material of 1cm thickness at a standard pressure and temperature. It is measured at a rate of $10^{-9}cm^3$ gas/s.

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18.2. Technical Data

Product: .....MB Gloves.

Type:.....Special gloves made of brom-butyl for Glove Box Systems.

Design:.....Various diameters, sizes and shapes.

18.3. Replacing Gloves

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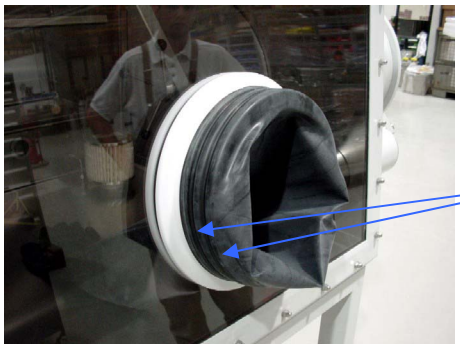
Recommendation:
MBRAUN recommends that the gloves are replaced at regular intervals. The gloves must be changed upon signs of wear and tear that may or have caused a leak.

Caution:
Before changing gloves ensure that the glove box is atmosphere is safe to breathe. If necessary purge and fill the glove box with ambient air before attempting to change gloves.



The Gloves are secured by two O-rings.

To remove the gloves remove the O-rings and removes the glove as shown

To replace the glove -
place the glove over the port so that the rim of the glove locates in the port's innermost groove (the outer 2 grooves are for locating the O-rings that secure the glove).

Caution:
Ensure that the correct type of glove is chosen e.g. left or right hand, or ambidextrous and of the correct size

Check that the glove is orientated correctly and replace with new O-rings.

Note:
After the changing of gloves the glove box atmosphere will require purging to remove any undesired oxygen and/or moisture. (see chapter on Purging the System)

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18.4. Glove Port Covers

MBRAUN glove port covers are available as an option. The glove port covers are for standard round glove ports and are available for either interior or exterior fitting.
The inner-glove port covers allow for the changing of gloves whilst preventing the influx of the outer-atmosphere into the glove box.
The outer-glove port prevents un-required gloves from being an obstruction when operating the box above atmospheric pressure.
Glove port covers can be ordered from M.Braun Service Department

Caution:
Do not concurrently seal all glove ports.

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18.5. Standard Spare Parts and Accessories for MBRAUN Gloves

M.Braun Order No.	Description	Connection Diameter	Glove Thickness	Size
3000047	Brom-butyl anatomical Glove	220 mm	0.4 mm	Large
3000048	Brom-butyl anatomical Glove	220 mm	0.8 mm	Large
3240567	Brom-butyl ambidextrous Glove	220 mm	0.4 mm	Large
2340568	Brom-butyl ambidextrous Glove	220 mm	0.8 mm	Large
3000018	Brom-butyl anatomical Glove	220 mm	0.4 mm	Medium
3005010	Hypalon anatomical Glove	220 mm	0.4 mm	Large
3005009	Hypalon ambidextrous Glove	220 mm	0.4 mm	Large
3000050	Brom-butyl anatomical Glove	160 mm	0.4 mm	Large
3000051	Brom-butyl ambidextrous Glove	160 mm	0.4 mm	Large
3005008	Brom-butyl ambidextrous Glove	Oval	0.4 mm	Large
2600239	O-Ring for Gloves	220 mm		
2600240	O-Ring for Gloves	160 mm		
9002371	Internal Glove Port Cover	220 mm		
7019882	External Glove Port Cover	220 mm		
7024831	Internal Glove Port Cover	160 mm		
7024791	External Glove Port Cover	160 mm		
9004663	Glove Port Feed-Through	220 mm		
2400138	O-Ring (250*4) for Inner Glove Port Feed-Through	220 mm		
2400117	O-Ring (244*7) for Outer Glove Port Feed-Through	220 mm		
9004667	Glove Port Feed-Through	160 mm		

Other gloves, as well as O-Rings, are available by request from M.Braun Service Department.

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19.1. Components of Third-Party Manufacturers

MBRAUN Glove Box systems are partly equipped with third-party manufacturers' components such as:

- Vacuum pump(s)
- Compressor(s) for the system's compressor cooling
- Compressor(s) for refrigerator systems
- PLC control components (Siemens)
- ***TOUCH Screen*** Operation Panel (Siemens)

The original third-party manufacturers' documents, in which the maintenance and service of the components are described, are included in the systems delivery.

Caution:
The third-party manufacturers' maintenance and service instructions should be followed.

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19.2. Regular Maintenance and Service

Main glove box and window	Clean the exterior using conventional detergents (do not use caustic detergents); for this purpose use a soft, lint free cloth; or a vacuum cleaner if available, using a brush attachment.
	Note: If the Box is equipped with an **MBRAUN Clean-Jet** unit then the interior of the box and window may also be vacuumed with a brush attachment.
Gloves	Check the gloves for damage; in addition, use linen gloves to avoid humidity in the box gloves.
	Caution: Do not use powder within the box or within a clean room environment. Replace gloves when damaged - by no means attempt to repair gloves.
Antechambers	Check antechamber seals for damage. If the antechamber doors are difficult to open or to close, grease or lubricate threads lightly.
	Caution: Some areas of the system must be left without grease or lubrication. In this case, grease or lubricants should not be used.
Connections	Check connections for firm seat and are leak free.
Components	Observe the maintenance instructions of the optional equipment components, such as analyser and refrigerator. Observe the third-party manufacturers' maintenance instructions.

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19.3. Quarterly and Annual Maintenance and Service

Type of System	Quarterly	Annually
Glove Box	• Check the Omega sealing for the windows • Check the gloves and glove ports • Check the magnetic valves • Complete leakage test • Function test	• Check and if necessary replace the sealing for the windows • Check the Omega sealing of the windows • Check the gloves and glove ports • Check the illuminating equipment • Check and if necessary replace the dust filters • Check and if necessary replace the magnetic valves • Complete leakage test • Function test
Gas Purification System	• Check the magnetic valves • Check the blower • Check the vacuum pump • Complete leakage test • Function Test	• Check the vacuum pump • Check and if necessary replace the circulation blower • Check and if necessary replace the filter medium • Dismantle pipe-work and clean it. Replace all Viton seals • Check and if necessary replace the valve seals • Check the cooling system • Check the cooling fluid • Complete leakage test • Function test
Analysers	• Check the sensors • Check the flow rate meter • Complete leakage test	• Check and if necessary replace sensors • Check the vacuum pump • Leak test piping • Complete leakage test • Check calibration

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20.1. General Information

On all screen of the TP170B Operation Panel (*TOUCH* Screen) appears the Alarm icon. As soon as a fault or an error the “Alarm” button will flash

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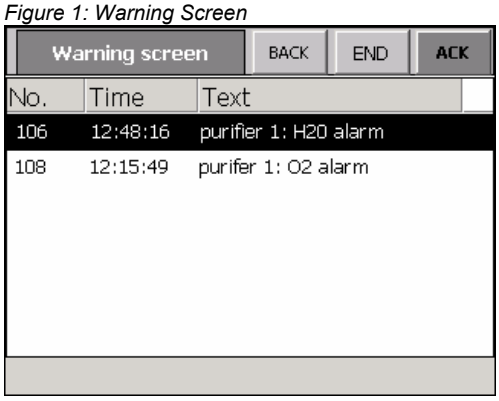
20.2. Alarm and Warning Messages

To view the error messages, push the “Alarm” button. This will open the Warnings Screen. The “Alarm” Button appears in each screen.

Figure 1: Warning Screen



The messages that appear in the screen are in order of occurrence. The most recent message is the uppermost.

To acknowledge that a message has been read, select the message by touching the screen. The message will become highlighted on the screen. Select the Acknowledge button.

Messages that are no longer valid (e.g. the moister sensor reading is again within the alarm limit range) will be removed from the screen upon being acknowledged.

Selecting the “Back” button will return to the previous screen.

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20.3. Definition of Error Messages

Warning Number	Warning Description	Possible Explanations	Solutions
1	vacuum pump VPG 1 switched off	Operator has not switched vacuum pump on	Operator have to switch on vacuum pump
2	motor protective switch vacuum pump VPG 1 activated	Vacuum pump faulty Coarse-leak in the piping (vacuum pump overworked due to size of the leak)	Replace vacuum pump Eliminate Coarse-leak Vacuum pump check from MBraun - Service
3	blower GB1: motor protective switch activated or error frequency controller	Main blower faulty Main piping stopped up	Replace main blower Eliminate Constipation Blower check from MBraun - Service
4	purifier 1: filter 1 input main valve not open	Main valve faulty Control pressure too low	Replace main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
5	purifier 1: filter 1 output main valve not open	Main valve faulty Control pressure too low	Replace main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
10	purifier 1: box purging outlet not open	Purging valve faulty Control pressure too low	Purging valve Replaces Set control pressure to 6 bar
11	purifier 1: box purging in operation	Operator-hint	No action required
33	Solvent trap: Main valve filter 1 inlet/outlet not open	Main valve Solvent trap faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
35	Solvent trap: Main valve filter 1 inlet/outlet not closed	Main valve Solvent trap faulty Control pressure not correct	Replace Main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
37	Solvent trap: Roughing valve not open	Roughing valve Solvent trap faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Roughing valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
38	Solvent trap: motor protective switch vacuum pump VPGL	Vacuum pump faulty Coarse-leak in the piping (vacuum pump overworked due to size of the leak)	Replace Vacuum pump Eliminate Coarse-leak Vacuum pump check from MBraun - Service
49	compressor: motor protective switch activated	Compressor purifier faulty	Replace Compressor Compressor check from MBraun - Service
51	freezer: motor protective switch activated	Compressor freezer faulty	Replace Compressor Compressor check from MBraun - Service

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Warning Number	Warning Description	Possible Explanations	Solutions
52	compressor box cooling: motor protective switch activated	Compressor box cooling faulty	Replace Compressor Compressor check from MBraun - Service
55	oxygen-level too high: automatic box purging is active	Operator-hint :Oxygen-measurement over O2-limit level → Box purging starts automatically	No action required
65	vacuum pump off - box pressure too low	Vacuum valve antechamber has not closed Refill valve antechamber has not closed Vacuum valve purifier has not closed	Replace faulty valve and switch on vacuum pump
96	Clean the H2O-sensor - Refer to instruction manual	Maintenance time H2O-Sensor overstepped	Clean H2O-Sensor Reset maintenance time H2O-Sensor
97	purifier 1: filter 1 input main valve not closed	Main valve purifier 1 faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
98	purifier 1: filter 1 output main valve not closed	Main valve purifier 1 faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Main valve Set control pressure to 6 bar
99	purifier 1: regeneration filter 1 in operation	Operator hint	No action required
100	purifier 1: regeneration filter 1 service mode	Operating hint	No action required
101	Purifier 1: proof flow regeneration gas - ok?	Regeneration gas confirmation by the customer	Check gas flow regeneration gas and confirm condition
106	purifier 1: H2O alarm	H2O-Measurement exceeds alarm-threshold: Antechamber leaky , piping leaky Introduced item contains much moisture No cleaning effect of the active filter	Eliminate leakage Complete more pump-refill-cycles for the introduced item Regenerate filter, use regenerated filter
107	purifier 1: H2O sensor defective	H2O-sensor faulty H2O-sensor unplugged	Replace H2O-sensor Plug-in H2O-sensor
108	purifier 1: O2 alarm	O2-Measurement exceeds alarm-threshold: Antechamber leaky , piping leaky Introduced item contains much oxygen No cleaning effect of the active filter	Eliminate leakage Complete more pump-refill-cycles for the introduced item Regenerate filter, use regenerated filter
109	purifier 1: O2 sensor defective	O2-sensor faulty O2-sensor unplugged	Replace O2-sensor O2-sensor plug in
140	Solvent trap: Filter 1 inlet main valve not closed	Main valve solvent trap filter 1 faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Main valve solvent trap filter 1 Set control pressure to 6 bar

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Warning Number	Warning Description	Possible Explanations	Solutions
141	Solvent trap: Filter 1 outlet main valve not closed	Main valve solvent trap filter 1 faulty Control pressure too low	Replace Main valve solvent trap filter 1 Set control pressure to 6 bar
142	Solvent trap: Prove purge gas flow for regeneration	Purge-gas confirmation by the customer	Check gas flow purge-gas and confirm condition
145	Solvent trap: alarm setpoint analyzer exceeded --\> Re-generate solvent trap	Analyzer-measurement exceeds alarm-threshold:	Regenerate filter, use regenerated filter
205	Buffer battery CPU is empty - exchange! Do not switch off power supply!	Buffer battery of the PLC is empty	Do not switch off PLC Change battery
212	sensor box pressure defective	Box pressure-sensor faulty Box pressure -sensor unplugged	Replace Box pressure -sensor Box pressure -sensor plug in
213	box pressure too low	Vacuum valve antechamber has not closed Refill valve antechamber has not closed Vacuum valve purifier has not closed	Remove faulty valve
214	box pressure too high	Gas hose broken in the box If the mistake appears with box purging: gas supply too high	Disconnect leaky gas supply Throttle gas supply
215	freezer: temperature too high	Freezer does not run: Freezer unplugged Freezer faulty	Plug in freezer Replace Freezer
216	box cooling: error temperature sensor	Temperature-sensor faulty Temperature -sensor unplugged	Replace Temperature -sensor Plug-in Temperature -sensor
217	freezer: error temperature sensor	Temperature-sensor faulty Temperature -sensor unplugged	Replace Temperature -sensor Plug-in Temperature -sensor
218	Solvent trap: alarm setpoint exceeded ---\> Start regen-eration LMF	Analyzer-measurement exceeds alarm-threshold:	Regenerate filter, use regenerated filter

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21.1. Touch Screen

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1a	2600253	Siemens – Simatic Panel – Touch Screen TP170 (mono)
1b	2600254	Siemens – Simatic Panel – Touch Screen TP170 (colour)

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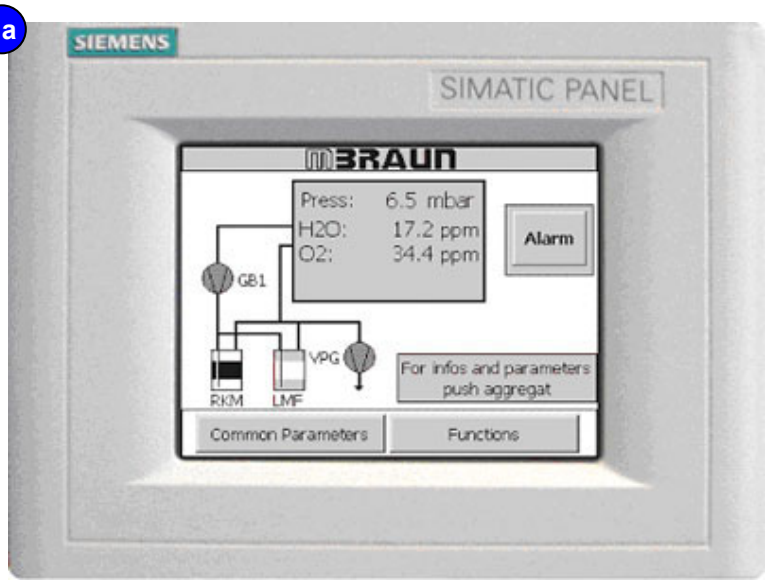

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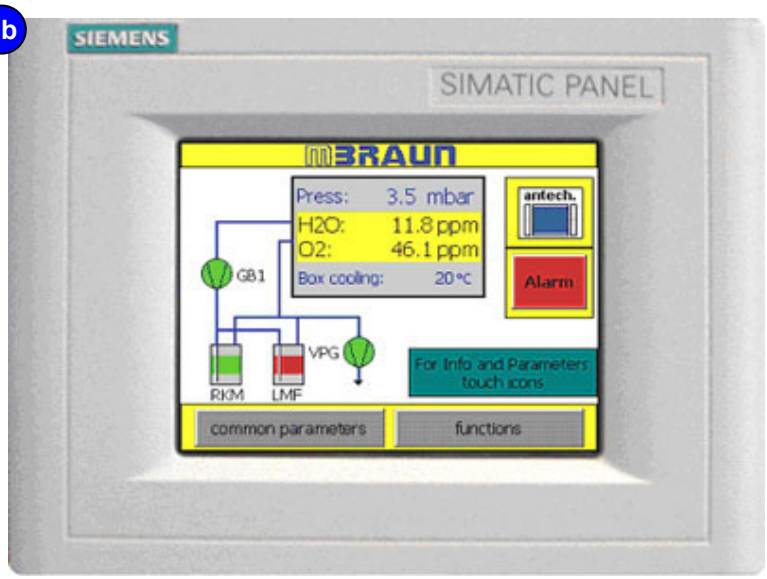

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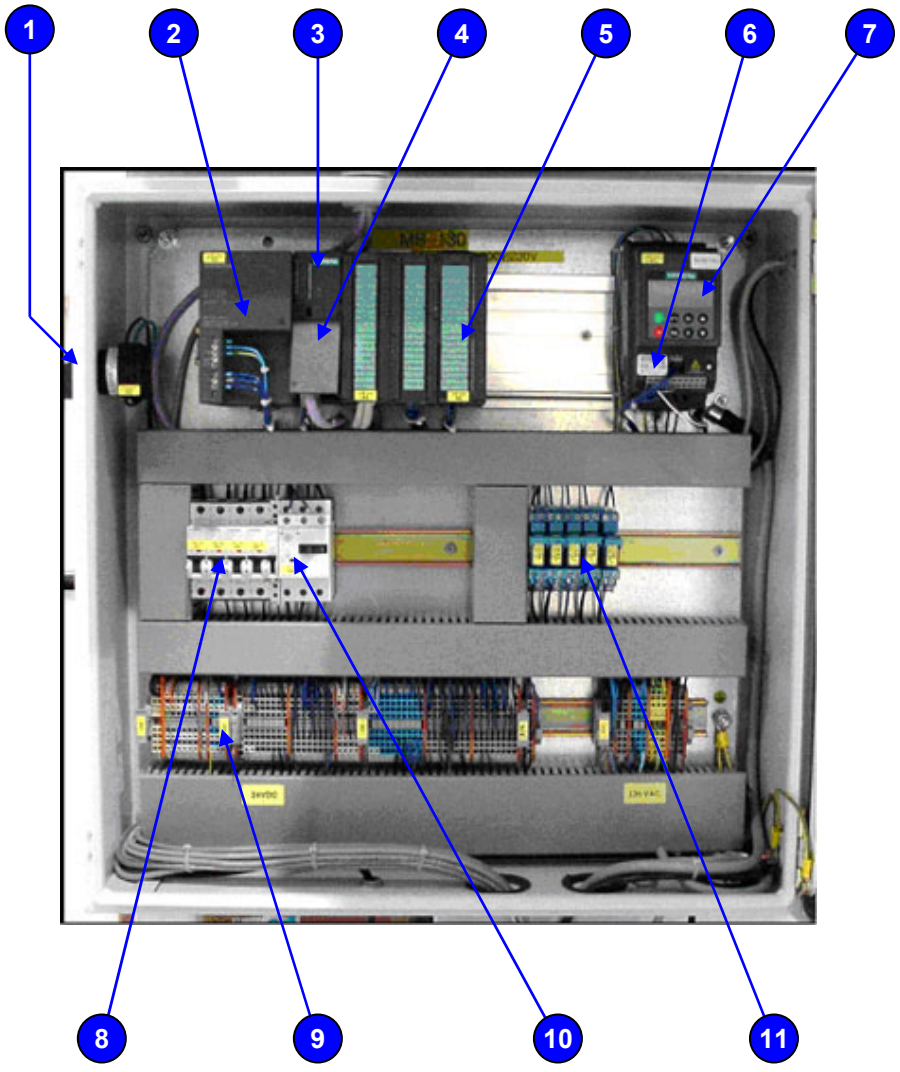
21.2. Electrical Cabinet Components (1 Filter Systems)

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	5001253	Main Switch
2	5008278	Power Supply (5A)
3	2600241	Micro Memory Card (64kb)
4	2600036	PLC (313C)
5	5008168	Analogue Input Card (2xAI)
6	2600182	Frequency Controller (MM410)
7	2600180	Frequency Controller Panel
8	5008078	Protective Switch C6A
9	5001040	Fuse 5x20 (240v) T4A
10	5006004	Protective Motor Switch (2.8 – 4A
11	5001383	Relay



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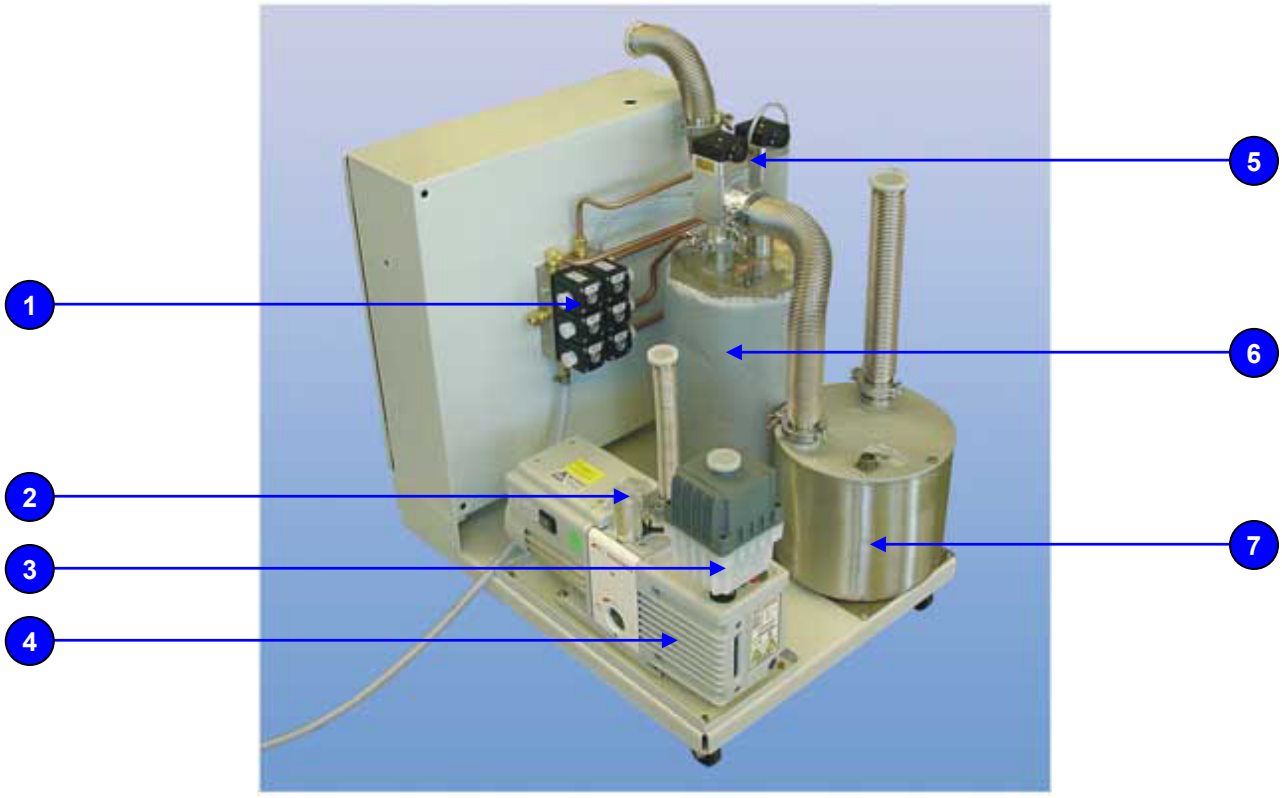
21.3. Gas Purification System MB-20G

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	3210048	Valve Set (spool, core, spring)
2	3240540	Gas Ballast Kit
3	3240539	Exhaust Filter (EMF 20)
4	3240487	Vacuum Pump (RV12)
5	9002533-K	Electro-pneumatic Valve (MB-EPV 40)
6a	3240139	Cu-Catalyst (4.5kg)
6b	3240262	Molecular-Sieve (5.5kg)
7	9002832	Blower (MB-BL-01)



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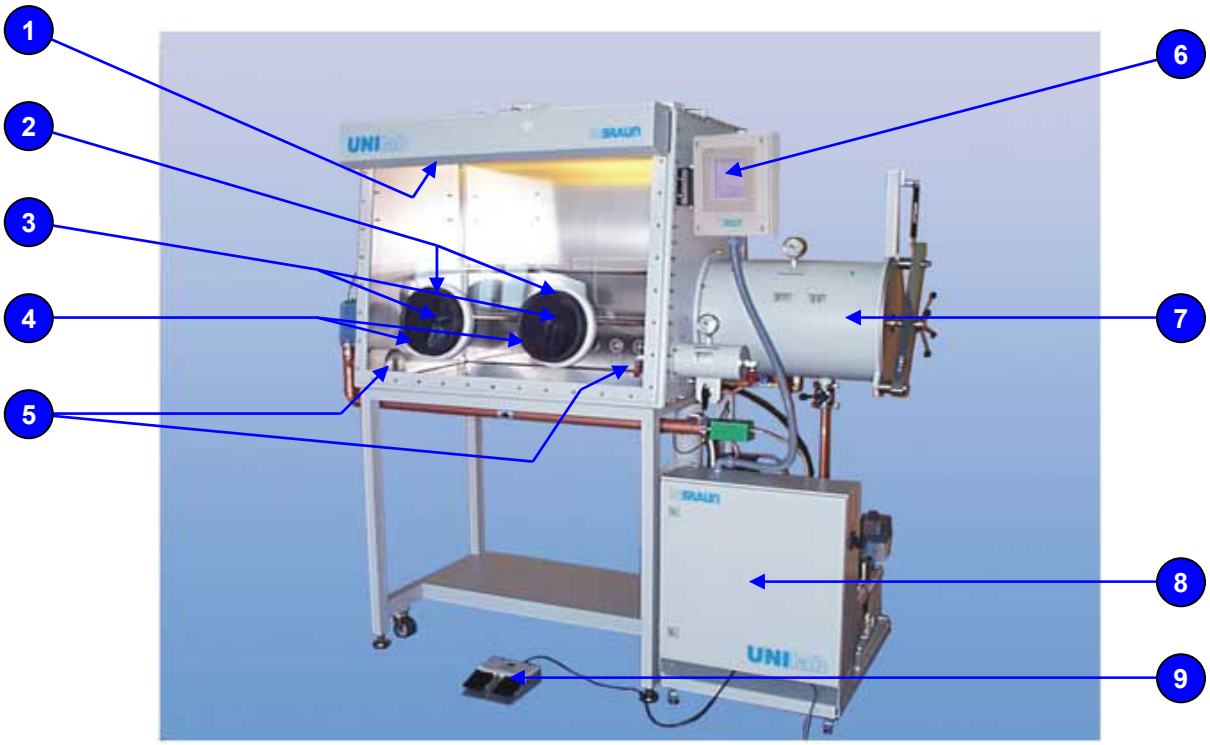
21.4. Workstation – UNI-lab

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	1009012	Fluorescent Tube
2		Glove Port (see section 19.5 – Gloves)
3		Gloves (see section 19.5 – Gloves)
4		O-Rings (see section 19.5 – Gloves)
5	9004513	Dust Filter (MB-BF-L-03)
6		Touch Screen (see section 21.1)
7		Antechamber (see section 21.5)
8		Gas Purification System (see section 21.3)
9	5007021	Foot Pedal (GF2)



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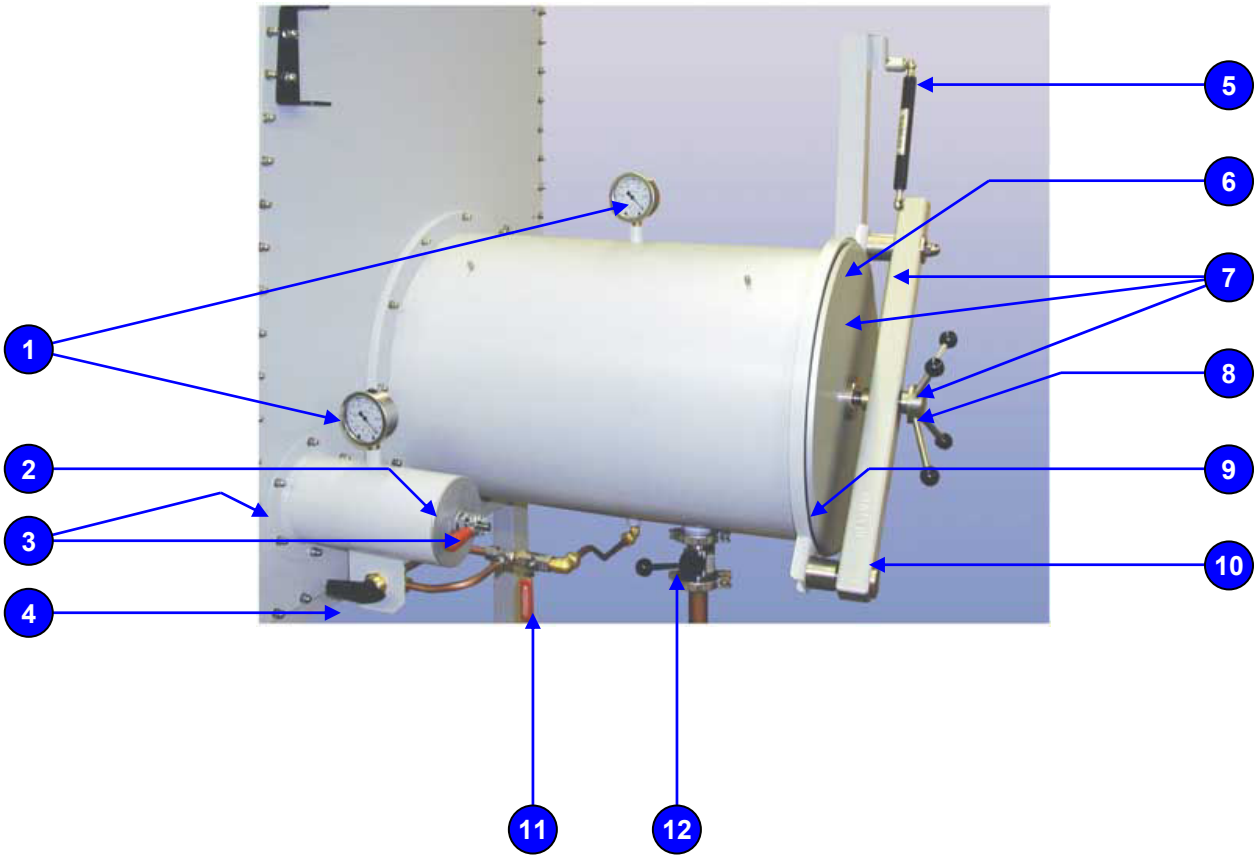
21.5. Antechamber – UNI-lab

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	2405004	Manometer
2	2400171	O-Ring for Mini-Antechamber Cover
3	7003367	Mini-Antechamber Inner/Outer Cover
4	9004504	Butterfly valve 10mm MS
5	3240327	Pneumatic Spring
6	7003674	Cover
7a	9005225	Antechamber Cover complete (Right)
7b	9005226	Antechamber Cover complete (Left)
8	3000016	Capstan Handle
9	2400309	O-Ring for antechamber Inside and Outside
10a	7003798	Antechamber Bar (Right)
10b	7003799	Antechamber Bar (Left)
11	2310083	Ball Valve 3/8”
12	9004501	Hand Valve DN40 VA



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21.6. Analysers

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	1500686	MO-OX-SE1 - Oxygen Sensor (0 – 1000 ppm O_2)
2	1500685	MO-MO-SE1 - Moisture Sensor (0 – 1000 ppm H_2O)

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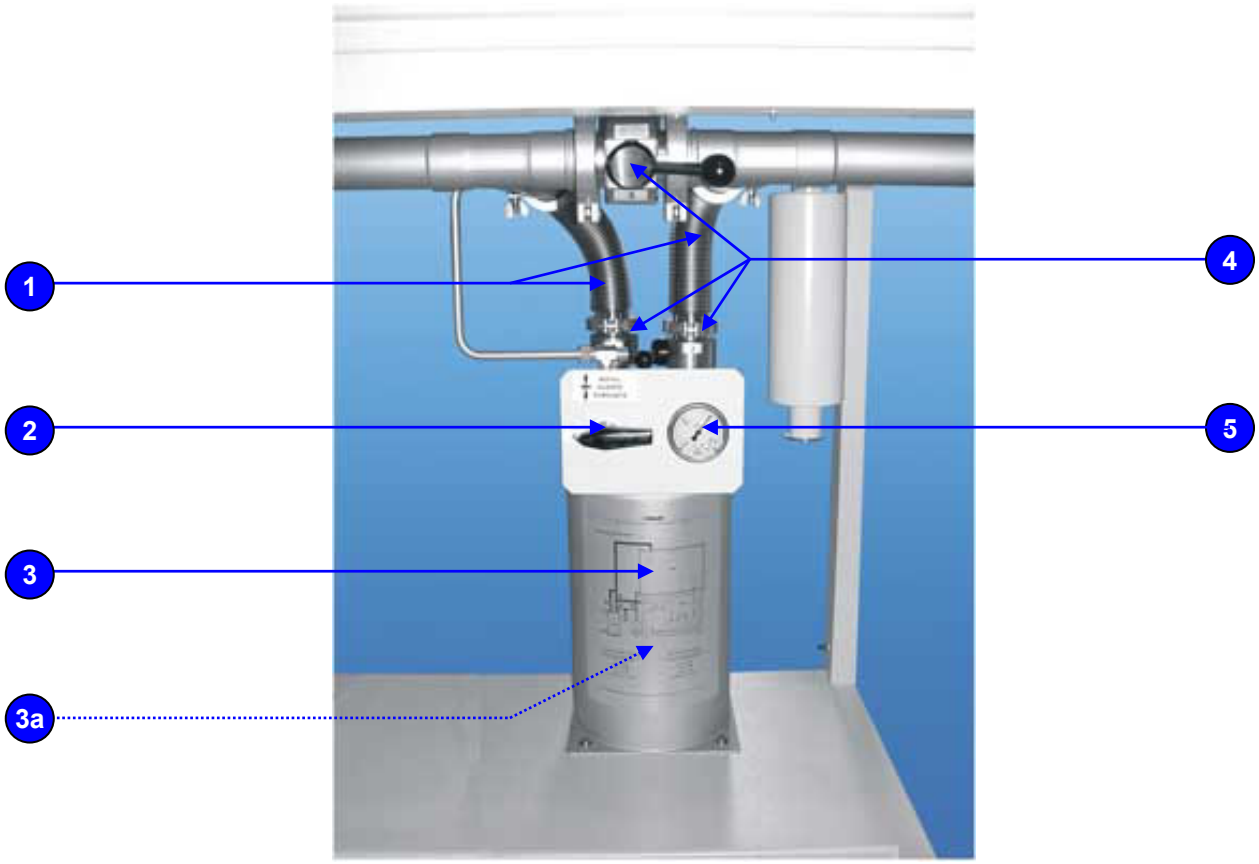
21.7. Solvent Filter (LMF) – UNI-lab

Item Number	M.Braun Order Number	Description
1	3240545	Metal Tube DN40KF (250mm)
2	2200480	3-Way Valve 10mm MS
3	9007091	Solvent Filter (LMF)
3a	2182000	Activated Charcoal (5.5kg)
4	9004501	Butterfly Valve (KF40 V2A)
5	3240613	Manometer



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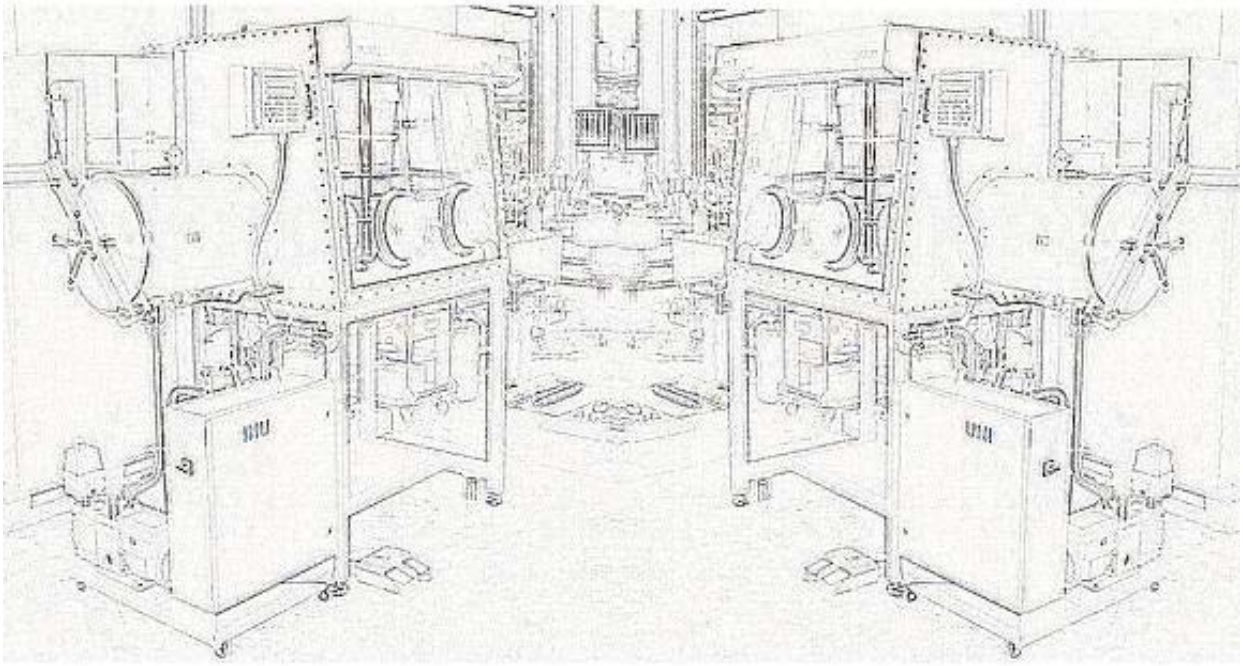

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Unilab Installation

Your **MBRAUN** Unilab Glovebox system has been fully assembled, operated and tested at our production facility. A "Glovebox Function Test" sheet should accompany the system. On this sheet you will see that the operation of system components have been checked and that the glovebox and antechamber(s) have been tested for leaks under both a positive and negative pressure. Also, to ensure that the glovebox purifier performs optimally, the vacuum level during regeneration has been tested.

The glove box is ready to be connected and set into operation.

If you have any queries about these instructions or anything regarding the glovebox installation, please call contact our Customer Service Department.

Tel. **+49 (0)89/3200 96 53** (ask for Customer Service)
Fax. **+49-(0)89/3200 96-96**
E-mail **service@mbraun.de**

Removing Glovebox from the Shipping Pallet

The glovebox is secured to the shipping pallet by wood braces. You will need to remove the braces with a crow bar.

The glovebox is equipped with wheels for ease of movement and levelling feet for lab installation or shipping. Lower the glovebox onto the wheels by screwing the levelling feet up into the glovebox stand. You may need a spanner to get them started and then turn the levelling feet by hand.

Caution:
To prevent injury to individuals or damage to the Glovebox ensure that sufficient assistance is available for removing the Glovebox from the shipping pallet.

Once the feet are raised, the glovebox will roll freely on the wheels. You will need a few strong individuals to perform the next step (**see picture 1**) – lowering the box to the ground. Roll the end of the glovebox opposite the large antechamber to the edge of the pallet. Lower the wheels to the floor. There is no substitute for strength in this step. Now, roll the glovebox off of the pallet carefully, supporting the weight as the remaining set of wheels meet the floor.

The glovebox purifier cart is also equipped with wheels. The cart will roll forward and back. You may lower it off the pallet in the same manner as the glovebox or lift it off.

Picture: 1

Connecting the Glovebox

Once the glovebox has been moved into place for operation, lower the levelling feet until the box no longer rolls. Roll the purifier cart into position beneath the antechamber. **See picture 2.**

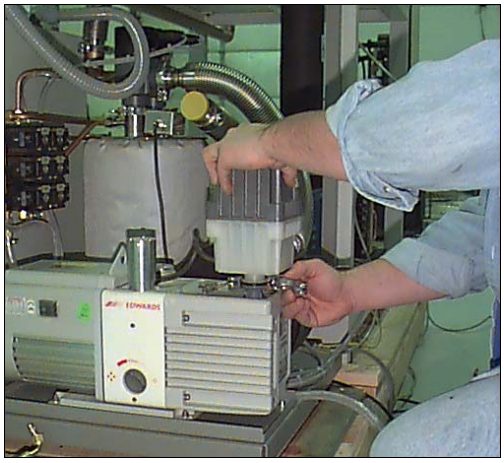
Picture: 2

There are components packed in the antechamber that you will need to set up the glovebox. Remove them and lay them out on a bench top. You should find:

- 1 pair butyl gloves, 4 large o-rings
- Hardware kit containing clamps, o-rings, and electronics cabinet key
- Short KF40 to KF25 copper pipe
- Electrical feedthrough
- Power strip
- Technical manual
- Glove box Function test sheet
- **Tygon®** braided hose, for optional water cooling

On the purifier cart, along with the electrical cabinet, blower, vacuum pump and purifier column, you will see: two lengths of coiled **Tygon®** braided hose; a coiled, gray, Festo gas line with a stainless steel 6mm nut on the end; a power cable with a square electrical connector at the end; a box containing the glove box foot pedals for pressure control; and a coiled electrical wire with the main power plug for your glovebox system at the end. Take the foot pedals out of the box and place them on the floor in front of the lower shelf of the glovebox stand – bring them out from under the stand to keep the wire out of the way. The oil mist trap to your vacuum pump has been unclamped to prevent damage in shipping. Using a KF25 clamp and o-ring from the hardware kit, clamp the mist trap into place. **See picture 3 & 4.**

Picture: 3



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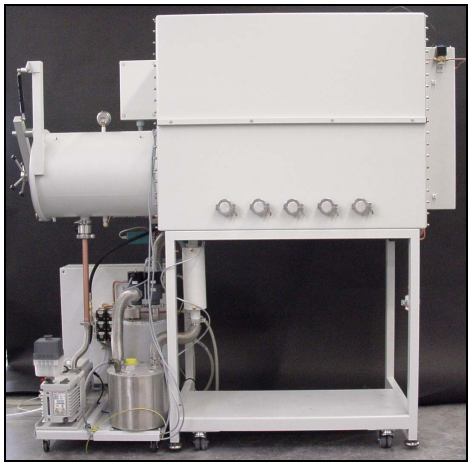

Coming off of the electrical cabinet you will see a gray plastic bellows hose connected to the **Siemens** TP170b touch screen. This is the user interface for the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) that runs your **MBRAUN** glovebox. The gray flexible hose allows you leeway to install the black bracket on the TP170b Touch Screen to the two bolts on the end panel in front of the large antechamber. The TP170b should swivel back and forth once installed. **See picture 5.**

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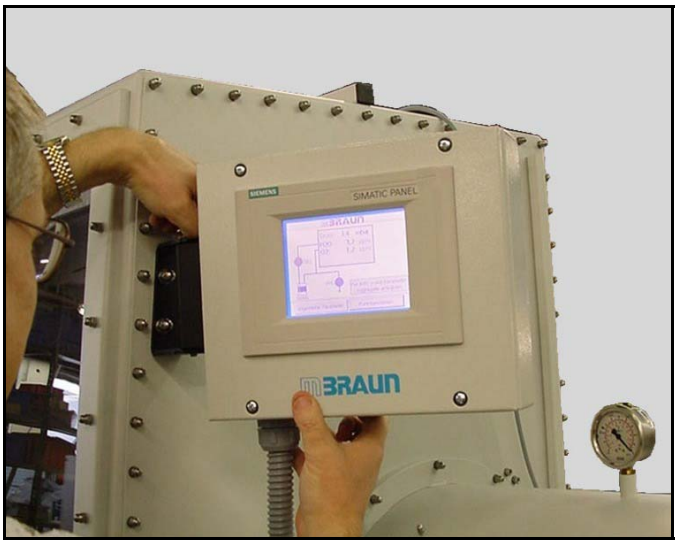

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Next, from the rear of the purifier cart take the gray Festo line and attach the 6mm nut to the fitting located beneath the glovebox, in the rear right corner. This line will allow the PLC to read internal glovebox pressure. Use 2 spanners, one on the nut and one on the **Swagelok®** feedthrough, to tighten this fitting securely. From this position beneath the box, you will see the green and yellow earth cable coming from the rear, left corner of the purifier cart. The earth cable should be connected to the glovebox stand, as seen in **picture 6**.

While beneath the glove box, connect the heat exchanger to the stainless steel bellows hose coming off of the blower. **See picture 7.**

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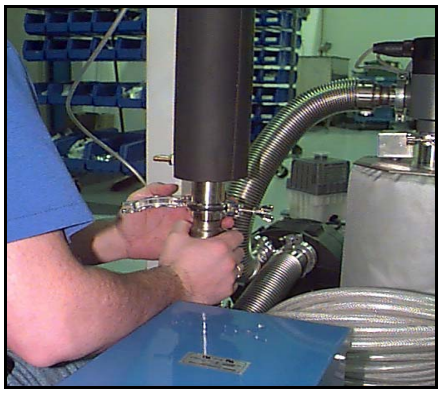

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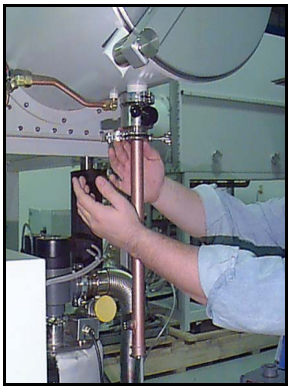

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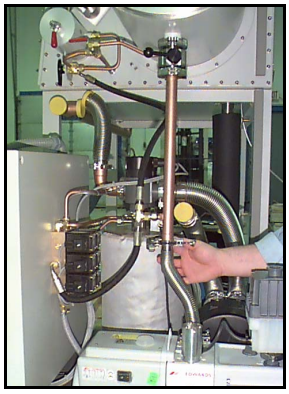
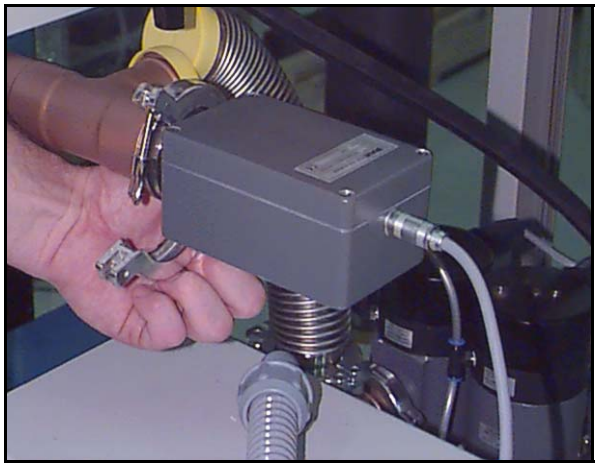


Next, connect the KF25 to KF40 copper pipe to the hand valve beneath the antechamber. Use a clamp and o-ring, as shown in **picture 8**. The lower end of this pipe connects to the stainless steel bellows hose coming from the vacuum pump. The pipe fitting on the side of the pipe connects with the black flexible vacuum line extending off of the valve block. **See picture 9**.

Connect the flexible stainless steel hose from the vacuum pump to the copper antechamber pipe with a clamp and o-ring.

Connect the copper pipe running beneath the glovebox to the stainless steel flex hose, as shown in **picture 10.**

Picture: 10

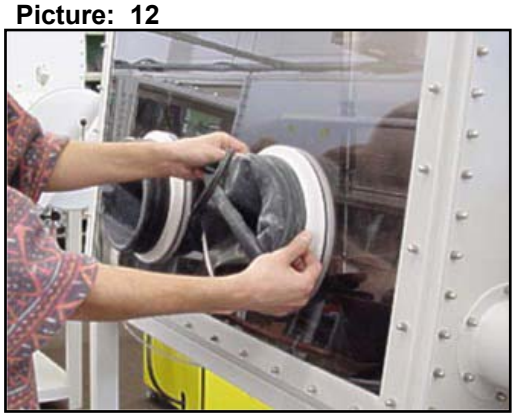


Picture: 11

The glovebox light hood is already supplied with a light ballast and fluorescent bulb. To complete the wiring of the light hood, run the cable from the purifier cart up the wire track behind the glovebox antechamber, as shown in **picture 11**. Connect the plug adapter to the wire from the light hood, already on top of the glovebox.

The glovebox gloves are secured to the glove ports via butyl rubber O-rings. Place the glove on the glove port so that the ridge at the shoulder of the glove is in the rear most groove on the glove port. Next, snap the o-rings into place one by one over the glove material on the glove port. There should be two o-rings on each glove port. The o-rings fit into grooves on the glove port, **as shown in picture 12.**

Picture: 12



The glovebox should now be ready for operation. You should have one main electrical wire coming from the purifier cart to plug into your power source. Plug the wire in and turn the power knob on the electrical cabinet to the **ON** position. You will see on the TP170b display that the system runs through a start-up routine. This is normal each time power is interrupted to the system. If the system is equipped with a separate vacuum pump ensure that it is activated.

Gas in the Glovebox

The next step is to check that your glovebox has been made leak tight. With the **Tygon®** hose from the **VG** valve connected to your working gas supply, supplied at 5.0 bar, you will be able to add gas to the glovebox by setting the operating pressure parameters with the TP170b. Make sure to use hose clamps when securing gas lines.

To set the box parameters follow instruction in the operation manual for the system. To check the glovebox for any sort of leaks, set the pressure first to a positive value. For example, set the upper pressure limit to 12 mbar and the lower pressure limit to 9 mbar. The box PLC will call for gas from the cylinder by opening the **VG** valve where the **Tygon®** line is tied into. Gas will be added until you are within the pressure range. The gloves will stick straight out of the box. The glovebox should be able to hold pressure for 5 minutes. If you have a leak, the pressure will fall to 9 mbar and below, and the box will add gas to try to maintain the limits you have set.

If there is a leak, systematically check to see if all clamps are tight and all **Swagelok®** connections. Typical spots to check are the pressure fitting beneath the box, the clamps on the piping, etc. You may wish to squirt a small amount of soap solution around the fittings to check for leaks (bubbles will develop if a leak is present). The glove ports may need to be tightened. Check for tightness by twisting the glove port clockwise. The glove ports are tight when they cannot be turned. If a drop in pressure persists, call Customer Service for assistance. Keep in mind that we have checked the system for leaks prior to shipment; the box should maintain pressure.

Once pressure is maintained in the positive range, check for pressure maintenance in the negative range. Set the upper pressure level to – 7 mbar and the lower set point to –11 mbar. Although unusual, a glovebox may show signs of pressure leak in the negative range but not in the positive range. If a leak is present, the box will creep toward atmospheric pressure and will add vacuum to maintain the parameters you have set. Again, check all of the fittings you have assembled for tightness.

Purging the Glovebox

Once it is established that the glovebox is leak tight, you may begin purging. Purging is the process of ridding the glovebox of all ambient air, in favor of the inert gas you will be working with. The goal is to reduce the oxygen and moisture level in the box to below 100 ppm so that the glovebox purifier can take over and bring down oxygen and moisture to below 1 ppm, respectively.

The **Operating Instructionl Manual**, also supplied with the **MBRAUN** system describes in depth the manner in which the glovebox should be purged. It also explains how much gas you will need to purge for what size system you have. In the Manual, see the section on Purging.

We simply recommend purging out of the antechamber and for a 1250 mm x 780 mm standard size glovebox, such as the Unilab, you will need to purge 2.5 cylinders of gas (based on standard US cylinders - 304 cubic feet of gas per cylinder). If purging from a bulk gas supply or house supply, purge duration will depend upon flow rate. Refer to the table at the back of this manual for information on purge gas consumption based on box volume. A chart indicating box volume is also provided.

To purge out the antechamber, first set your pressure set points to an upper point of 12 mbar and a lower point of 9 mbar. Open the inside antechamber door a small amount. We will create a “leak” in the glovebox system so that inert gas is continually flowing in and pushing out room air. To achieve the goal of purging goal of less than 100 ppm oxygen and moisture, we must turn the volume of gas within the chamber over between 12 and 14 times.

Create the “leak” by slowly opening the outside antechamber door. Internal gas from the box will begin leaking out and the pressure will drop to below your set working parameters. You will hear the **VG** valve

clicking open and closed as the PLC tries to maintain the set pressure parameters. Open the door just enough so that the valve stays open and gas is continually added. In turn, gas will continually be pushed out the antechamber. As the cylinder empties, residual oxygen and moisture-laden room air is being forced out of the glovebox. Room air may pool in box corners, so it is important to stir the air by waving the gloves around within the glovebox.

As the cylinder empties, monitor the delivery pressure. Be sure to close the outside antechamber door before pressure drops so low that the gas cylinder is unable to maintain the pressure parameters you have set in the box. Close the outside antechamber door immediately to prevent the backflow of room air into the glovebox. The **VG** valve will stay open and add gas to bring the glove box to within your pressure set points.

You are now ready to change cylinders.

To change the cylinder, first close off the needle valve to isolate the **Tygon®** line. The goal here is to keep room air from entering the line to the glovebox. If your regulator does not have a needle valve, back off the pressure until it is "closed". Next, close the cylinder valve. You may now change the gas cylinder and continue purging. Crack the outside antechamber door until the **VG** valve again remains open.

Remember, to bring the oxygen and moisture levels in the glovebox to a range where the purifier will be effective you must purge at 1 cylinder/m^3 of inert gas.

Beginning Operation

Your **MBRAUN** glovebox has been regenerated prior to shipment. The purifier is sealed and is ready to begin operation. Once you have purged as previously described, you may press the circulation button on your TP170b Touch Screen. The blower will switch on and the electro-pneumatic valves on top of the purifier will automatically open. The purifier is now filtering out residual oxygen and moisture from the glovebox atmosphere. If the delivery pressure from the cylinder is not great enough (i.e. – not 5.0 bar) you will receive an error message on the TP170b Touch Screen. The message is displayed in the Alarm and Error Screen of the TP1710b and will read, **"Inlet/ Outlet Valves Not Open"**. Increase pressure to 5.0 bar and acknowledge the alarm message.

Note:
Normally, you will only need to regenerate every 2-3 months, or as needed based upon glovebox use. Since the glovebox oxygen and moisture levels are slightly higher than normal, you should perform regeneration within a few days of start up.

Regeneration

The regeneration gas supply needs to be connected to the pipe fitting below the **VRE** valve. The regulator on the regeneration gas cylinder needs to be able to deliver at 0.3 – 0.4 bar.

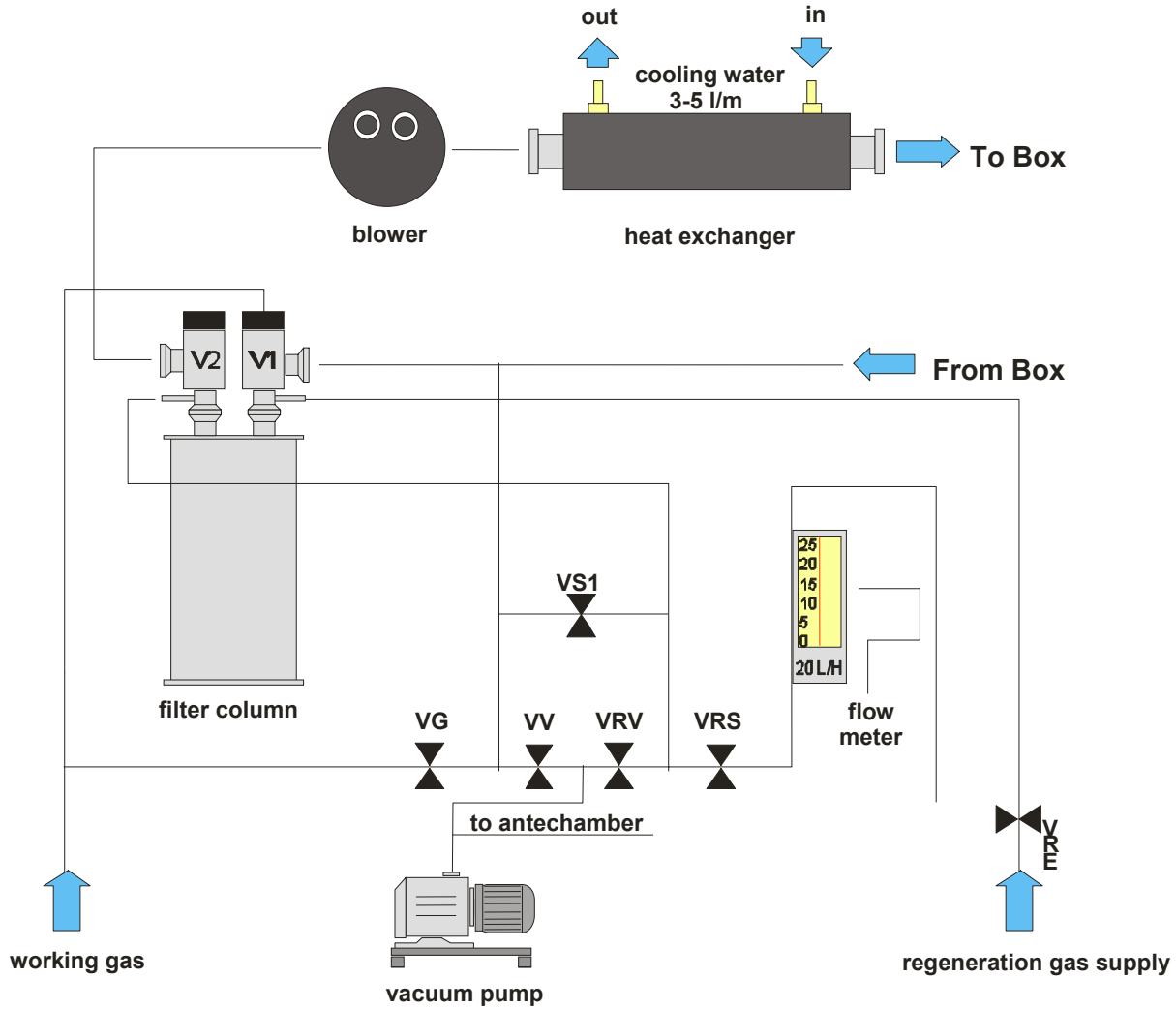
To begin regeneration, switch circulation off by pressing the Circulation button. Next, press the button marked Regeneration. The screen will prompt you to **"Prove flow of Regeneration Gas! If OK--> confirm this button"**. At this point open the pressure on the regeneration gas cylinder to 0.3 – 0.4 bar or until you hear gas coming from the short vent line, coming off of the valve block. You may need to increase the delivery pressure to 0.5 bar, as regulators vary. A Regeneration Cycle will consume approximately ⅔ cylinder of regeneration gas.

The Regeneration Cycle is automatic. It will last about 16 hours. During this time you may continue to work within the glovebox, but the purifier is isolated.

We recommend performing regeneration prior to leaving work at in the evening, so that the cycle is complete in the morning and you may continue working while the box is in Circulation mode.

Glove Box Gas Flow Diagram

Valves:
VG - **gas in**
VV - **vacuum**
VRE - **regeneration gas**
VRV - **regeneration vacuum**
VRS - **exit valve**
VS1 - **pressure compensation / cooling**



Valve Block Diagram