

Instructions for Use

VT1000 S

Vibrating-blade microtome



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Read carefully before working with the instrument.

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Symbols used in this manual and their meaning



Dangers, warnings and cautions appear in a gray box and are marked by a warning triangle .



Useful tips, i.e. important information for the user, appear in gray boxes and are marked by an .

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(Fig. 5)
- Numbers in parentheses refer to item numbers in illustrations or to the illustrations themselves.



Environmental protection symbol of the China RoHS directive.

The number in the symbol indicates the "Environment-friendly Use Period" of the product in years.

The symbol is used if a substance restricted in China is used in excess of the maximum permitted limit.



Symbol for labeling electrical and electronic equipment in accordance with Section 7 of the German Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG).

ElektroG is the law on the bringing into circulation, return and environmentally compatible disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.



Caution! Follow the accompanying documentation!



The CE labeling shows that the product corresponds to one or more applicable European directives.



Manufacturer



Date of Manufacture



Observe the Instructions for Use



Order No.



Serial number



The Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM) indicates a device's compliance with applicable ACMA technical standards of New Zealand and Australia - that is, for telecommunications, radio communications, EMC and EME.

Instrument model:

All information provided in these Instructions for Use applies only to the instrument type indicated on the title page. A nameplate indicating the instrument serial number is attached to the rear side of the instrument.

Information:

When making inquiries, please specify correctly:

- Instrument model
- Serial number

1. Important Information

Qualification of personnel

The Leica VT1000 S should be operated by trained laboratory personnel only.

All laboratory personnel designated to operate this instrument must read these Instructions for Use carefully and must be familiar with all technical features of the instrument before attempting to operate it.

Intended use/improper use

The VT1000 S is used for sectioning in the fields of medicine, biology and industry, and is especially designed for sectioning fixed or unfixed fresh tissue in a buffer solution.



The VT1000 S may be used for research purposes only. Sections made using the VT1000 S must NOT be used for diagnostics!

The instrument must be used exclusively according to the instructions contained in these Instructions for Use.

Any other use of the instrument is considered improper.



The safety and caution notes in this chapter must be observed at all times. Be sure to read these notes even if you are already familiar with the operation and use of other Leica products.

2.1 Safety notes

These Instructions for Use includes important information related to the operating safety and maintenance of the instrument.

The Operating Manual is an important part of the product, and must be read carefully prior to startup and use and must always be kept near the instrument.



These Instructions for Use must be appropriately supplemented as required by the existing regulations on accident prevention and environmental safety in the operator's country.

This instrument has been built and tested in accordance with the safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use.

To maintain this condition and ensure safe operation, the user must observe all notes and warnings contained in these Instructions for Use.

The current EC Declarations of Conformity can be found on the Internet:

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The protective devices located on the instrument and the accessories must not be removed or modified. The instrument must only be opened and repaired by service technicians authorized by Leica.

2.2 Warnings

The safety devices installed in this instrument by the manufacturer only constitute the basis for accident prevention. Operating the instrument safely is, above all, the responsibility of the owner, as well as the designated personnel who operate, service or clean the instrument.

To ensure trouble-free operation of the instrument, make sure to comply with the following instructions and warnings.

2. Safety

2.3 Safety instructions for handling the instrument

Danger



Caution: Extremely sharp blades pose risk of injury when touched!



Caution: Fresh tissue poses risk of infection!



Caution: When not in use, cover magnifier with corresponding lid to avoid risk of fire.



Warning: Avoid touching live parts under any circumstances!

Proper handling

Be sure to handle knives and blades very cautiously!

Never touch the cutting edge of knives and blades!

Do not leave knives, blades and bladed knife holders unprotected.

All appropriate safety precautions must be met to avoid the risk of infection.

Protective clothing according to safety regulations for "Working with harmful substances" (Safety mask, gloves, protective clothing) must be worn!

Cover the magnifier during work breaks as it may act as a burning glass when not covered!

In case of emergency, press the red EMERGENCY STOP switch (at the right side of the instrument). To release the switch, turn it in the direction of the arrow.

The instrument may be opened by authorized service personnel only.

Before removing the cover, ensure that the instrument is unplugged.

3.1 Technical Data

General data:

Sectioning frequency ($\pm 10\%$).....	0 - 100 Hz
Amplitude	adjustable in 5 steps: 0.2; 0.4; 0.6; 0.8; 1 mm
Sectioning speed ($\pm 10\%$)	0.025 - 2.5 mm/s
Return stroke speed ($\pm 10\%$)	5 mm/s
Total vertical specimen stroke	15 mm (motorized)
Sectioning range	1 - 40 mm (adjustable)
Specimen retraction	0 - 999 μm (adjustable; can be deactivated)
Maximum specimen size:	
with standard knife holder	33 x 40 mm
Specimen orientation.....	330°
Section thickness selection.....	1 - 999 μm , in 1- μm steps
Magnifier, assy. (standard accessory of the configured instrument)	2 x magnification

Ambient conditions:

Operating temperature range.....	min. 5 °C to max. 40 °C
Relative humidity	max. 80 %
Height:	up to 2000 m above sea level

Electrical data:

Rated voltage range ($\pm 10\%$):	100 V - 240 V
Nominal frequency ($\pm 10\%$):	50 - 60 Hz
Power draw	50 VA
Mains fuse	T 1.25 A
Pollution degree.....	2
Overvoltage installation category.....	II
Overload protection	yes
Internal current limiter of electronics.....	yes

Dimensions:

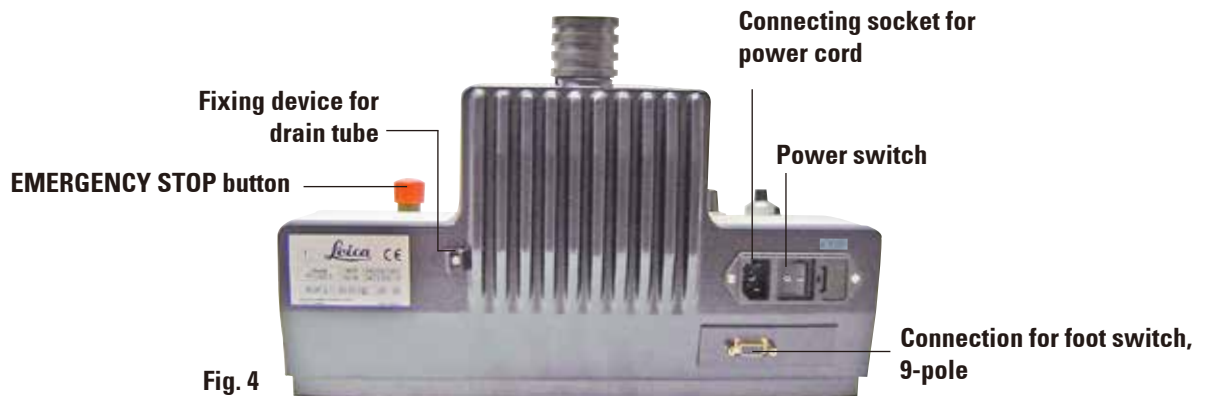
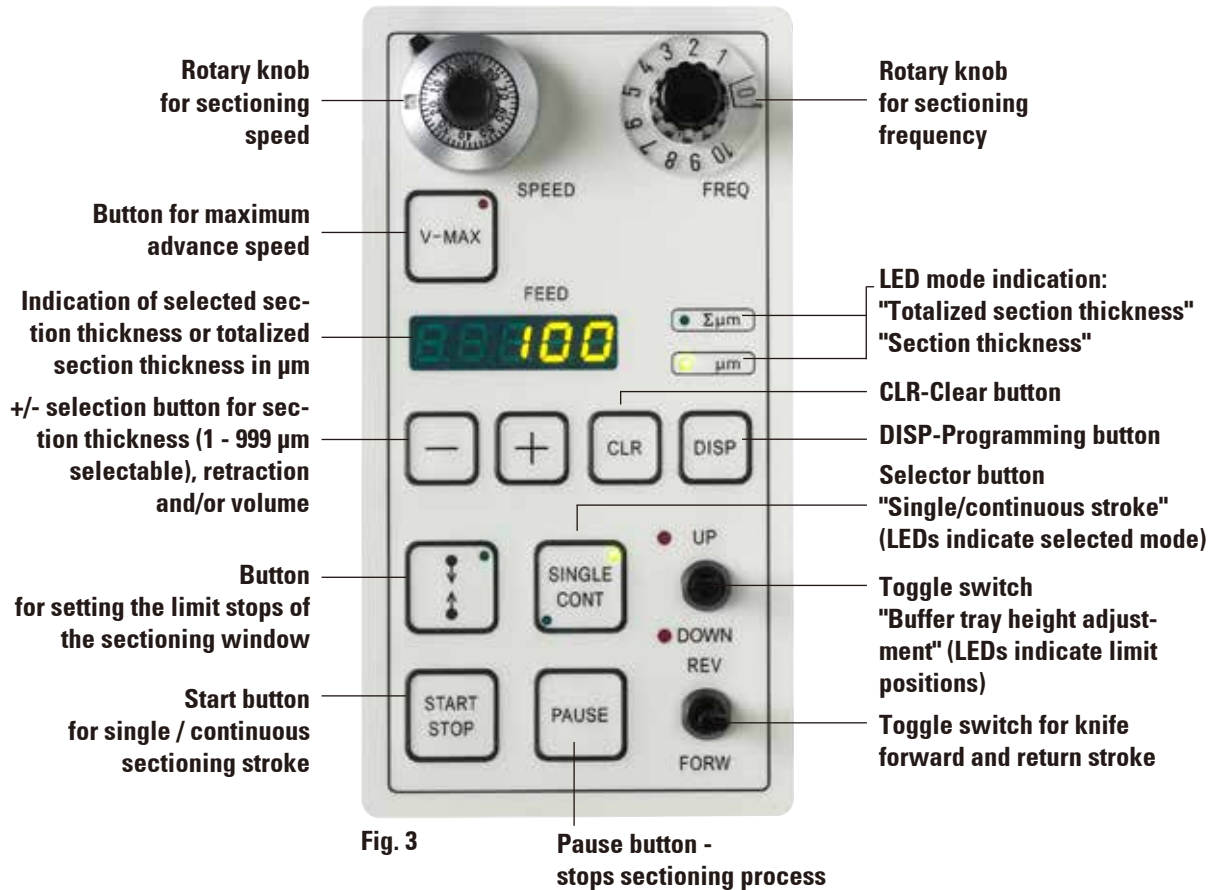
L x W x H.....	480 mm x 360 mm x 200 mm
Height with magnifier support.....	285 mm
Weight:	
(without magnifier support)	17 kg
(magnifier support only)	2 kg
(total).....	19 kg

3. Instrument characteristics

3.2 General overview - VT1000 S



3. Instrument Characteristics



4. Installation

4.1 Standard delivery

Basic instrument.....	14 0472 35612
1 Silicon tube	14 0462 27513
1 set of replacement fuses 2 x T 1.25 A.....	14 6943 01251
1 toolset:	
-1 Allen key, No. 2.5	14 0194 13195
-1 Allen key, No. 8.0	14 0194 04792
-1 Manipulator	14 0462 28930
1 Microtome protective cover	14 0212 04091
1 Instructions for Use printed (English, with Language CD 14 0472 80200)	14 0472 80001

VT1000 S complete configuration 14 0472 35613

- VT1000 S basic instrument.....	14 0472 35612
- 3 Specimen discs S, non orientable	14 0463 27404
- Buffer tray S.....	14 0462 30132
- 5 Countersunk screw, M 5x8.....	14 2101 77121
- 2 Hose clamps.....	14 0481 41952
- Knife holder S – for injector and razor blades	14 0462 30131
- Hexagon key w/handle, size 3	14 0194 04764
- 1 Bottle of Cyanoacrylate adhesive.....	14 0371 27414
- Magnifier assy. (magnifier glass & carrier)	14 0462 31191

The country specific power cord needs to be ordered separately. Please find a list of all power cords available for your device on our website www.LeicaBiosystems.com within the product section.



When ordering additional accessories, compare the parts received with the parts ordered. If the parts received do not match your order, contact the sales company responsible for your order immediately.

4.2 Unpacking and setting up the instrument



Fig. 5

1. Cut through the iron strap (1) and adhesive tape (2) using a suitable tool and remove them.



Fig. 6

2. **Check the** accessory cartons (3) and separate accessories provided (standard scope of delivery - in transparent bag (4) and check to ensure that they are complete.

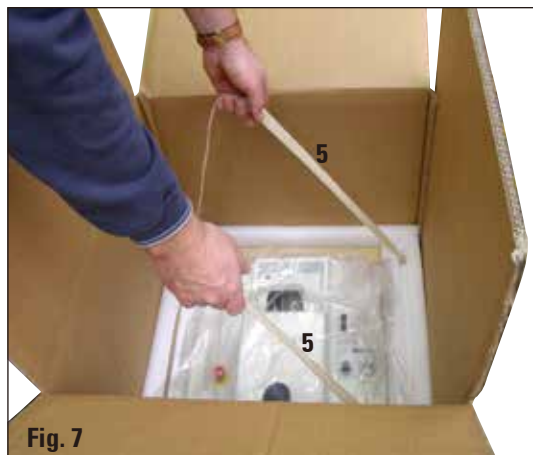


Fig. 7

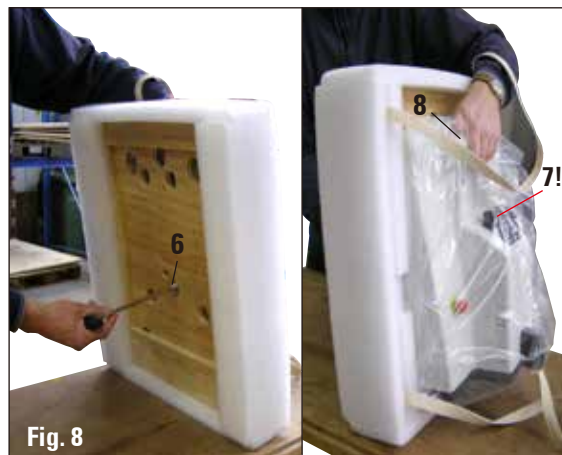


Fig. 8

3. Lift the instrument out of the transport carton by the carrying straps (5) and place it on a suitable stable laboratory table. The instrument is securely fastened to the baseplate (6) using a screw. Tilt the instrument including the baseplate (Fig. 8) - hold the instrument with one hand on the recess (8) for the buffer tray! **NEVER** lift or hold it by the cutting head (7)! Unscrew the screw (6) using the size 8 Allen key provided and remove the base plate.

4. Installation



5. Using both hands at the sides (Fig. 9), grasp the bottom of the instrument and carefully place it on a suitable laboratory table.



Compare with the attached packing list to make sure the delivery is complete.

Fig. 9

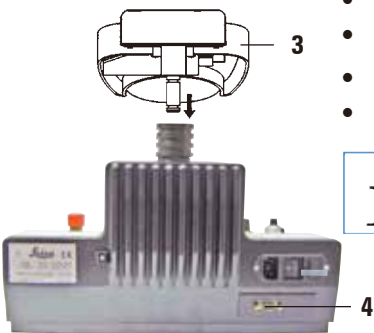


Assembling the drain tube

- Connect the drain tube (Fig. 10) to the bottom of the instrument (1).
- Ensure that the loose end of the drain tube is closed tightly with the matching stopper.
- Secure the loose end of the drain tube in the holder at the rear of the instrument (2).

Fig. 10 - Bottom of the instrument

Assembling the magnifier support and foot switch (optional)



- The magnifier support (3) is packaged separately.
- Set it on the instrument as shown in Fig. 11.
- Attach the optional foot switch.
- Securely plug the foot switch into the 9-pin socket (4).



When transporting the instrument, always do so WITHOUT the magnifier support!

Fig. 11

5.1 Installation site requirements

The place of installation must meet the following requirements:



The instrument may not be operated in hazardous locations.

- The instrument is designed for indoor use only.
- The power plug must be freely and easily accessible.
- Power supply at a distance no greater than the length of the power cable (3m) – an extension cable must not be used.
- Level installation location,
- Substrate as free of vibration as possible,
- Relative humidity should not exceed 80 %
- Room temperature consistently between +5 °C and +40 °C
- Avoid vibrations, direct sunlight, and large temperature fluctuations!



The instrument MUST be connected to a grounded power socket. Use only a provided power cable that is intended for the local power supply.

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5.2 Setting up the instrument

1. Put the main switch at the back of the instrument to the **OFF** position.



The instrument MUST be connected to a grounded power socket. Use only a provided power cable that is intended for the local power supply.

2. Make sure the power cable is connected correctly to the instrument.
3. Attach the magnifier support.
4. Insert the buffer tray.
5. Insert the knife holder.
6. Insert a blade into the knife holder.
7. Connect the magnifier support with Module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm, as shown in Fig. 12. Insert plug **(1)** of the Module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm, into socket **(2)** at the Module Hi-Power spot, LED 1000.
8. Connect the optional foot switch at the rear of the instrument.
9. Plug the power cable into the wall socket.
10. Switch the instrument on (main switch).

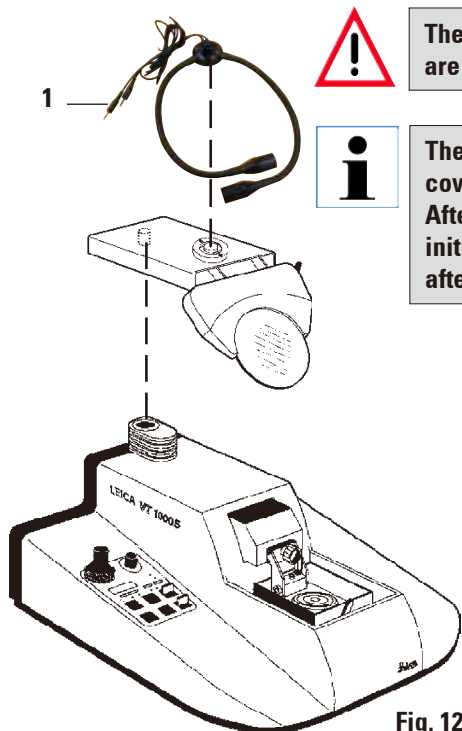


Fig. 12



The instrument MUST be set up so that the power plug and switch are free and easily accessible at all times!



The Leica VT1000 S is equipped with a autoranging power supply to cover voltages from 100 V to 240 V. After switching on the main switch, the instrument carries out an initial startup run: The blade returns to the rear starting position after a short forward movement.



Fig. 13

5.3 The operating elements and their function - VT1000 S



Caution: Practice working with the controls without a blade holder inserted. Only insert the knife holder when you are completely familiar with all control functions.



Fig. 14

SPEED	
Scale setting	mm/s
0	0.00
0.5	0.025
1	0.050
2	0.075
3	0.125
4	0.175
5	0.225
6	0.40
7	0.65
8	0.90
9	1.30
10	2.50

10-speed rotating potentiometer with scale

Function:
Continuous knife feed adjustment from 0.05 - 2.5 mm/s:
Knife return stroke is performed at constant speed of 5 mm/s.

The additional locking lever (lever in 12 o'clock position) prevents the speed setting from being accidentally changed while sectioning is in progress.



Fig. 15

FREQ

FREQ	
Scale setting	Hz
0	0
0.5	8
1	10
2	20
3	30
4	40
5	50
6	60
7	70
8	80
9	90
10	100

Rotary knob with scale from 0 to 10

Function:
Continuous adjustment of knife sectioning frequency (vibration) from 8 - 100 Hz.

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Button with LED



Button with LED

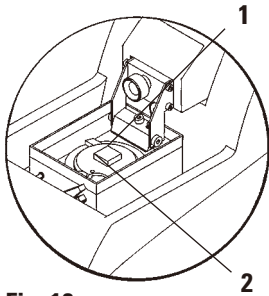


Fig. 16





Function:

- When the **V-Max** button is activated in manual mode (LED on - red light) and the **REV/FORW** button is pressed, the knife moves towards the specimen at maximum speed.
- When the **START** button is pressed, the LED in the **V-Max** button is extinguished. Sectioning starts at the speed previously selected.

Setting a sectioning window:



If - accidentally - only one limit stop of the sectioning window is set, the knife covers the maximum sectioning range!

- Activate the **V-Max** button. Press **REV/FORW** toggle switch for fast movement of the blade towards the specimen. Press the  button to set the first limit of the sectioning window.
- Press **REV/FORW** once again, moving the blade edge past the specimen block and press  once more to set the second sectioning window limit.
- Press **START** to deactivate **V-Max**. The knife edge moves back to the first sectioning window limit and resumes sectioning at the previously selected speed (10-speed rotary potentiometer).

Function:

- Start single or continuous sectioning stroke – according to whether SINGLE or CONT mode has previously been selected (see description of Single/Cont mode for further details).
- Specimen feed (section thickness) takes place prior to each section.
- Retraction (specimen is lowered) takes place when the knife reaches the rear inversive point.
- In SINGLE mode, the knife stops automatically in the rear end position.
- In CONT mode, **START/STOP** has to be pressed again to stop the sectioning movement. The knife stops in the rear end position.
- A sectioning process, once started, will continue.



Function:

Immediate interruption of knife movement.

- Press **PAUSE** once again to continue sectioning.



Fig. 17

Toggle switch

Function:

To move the knife towards the specimen.

Can also be used for manual sectioning.

Because of safety aspects the **FORW** movement is carried out only while the toggle switch is pressed and held;

the **REV** movement is carried out completely once the switch has been locked into place.

To stop the **REV** movement before reaching the rear end position, switch the toggle switch manually back into its center position.

The **REV/FORW** switch can also be used to stop a sectioning stroke which has been activated by pressing the **START/STOP** button.



Fig. 18

LED indication with -/+ adjusting button, DISP and CLR function keys

Function of LED indication:

Indicates the selected sectioning thickness or totalized section thickness.

Function of the -/+ button:

Selection of section thickness in 1- μ m steps from 0 to 999 μ m.

The specimen feed (in the preselected section thickness) takes place at the beginning of each sectioning stroke.

Function of the DISP button:

To select between two modes of operation:

" $\Sigma\mu$ m" = section thickness totalizing

" μ m" = section thickness

Function of the CLR button in section thickness totalizing mode:

Sets the value indicated in the section thickness totalizing mode ($\Sigma\mu$ m) to zero.

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Button with LED

Function:

- Switch between
 - Single stroke (1 sectioning stroke / 1 return stroke of the blade) and continuous stroke (continuous sectioning until the **START/STOP** button is pressed).
 - To stop the blade at the rear end position in **CONT** mode press the **START/STOP** button.
 - The sectioning stroke in progress will be completed and the blade will then stop at the selected end position of the sectioning range.



Fig. 19

Toggle switch

- Function:**
Motorized height adjustment of buffer tray. Maximum travel: 15 mm (= total vertical specimen stroke).

The upper and lower end positions of the buffer tray are indicated each by an audible warning signal and a red LED.

While the knife is in motion the UP/DOWN toggle switch is inoperational.

For the **DOWN** motion, the toggle switch can be locked in the DOWN position; For the **UP** motion, the switch must be pressed and held in the UP position.

When the lowest possible position is reached with the toggle switch being locked in DOWN there will be both an audible and a visible signal. Once the switch is unlocked, the buffer tray is automatically raised until both signals switch off.

- To select the retraction thickness, to deactivate retraction or to set the volume of the VT1000 S warning signal, press the following function key combinations:



Fig. 20

Volume adjustment:

- Select section thickness mode ("µm") by pressing the **DISP** button.
- Press the **CLR** and **+** buttons simultaneously. Display: "BE 15".

The volume can now be adjusted via the **-/+** button.

"0" is equivalent to no sound signal.

- To quit the programming mode, press **CLR**.



Fig. 21

Adjusting the retraction

- In programming mode, press **DISP** to display the specimen retraction menu.
- Display: "LO".
- Set specimen retraction between 1 and 999 μm via the **-/+** button; or disable by selecting "0".
- The selected value will be displayed in the **FEED** window.
- Press **CLR** to quit the menu function.

5.4 Adjusting the amplitude

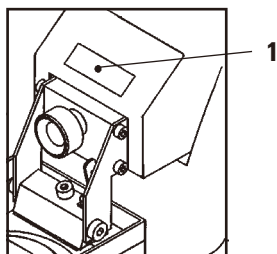


Fig. 22

- To obtain excellent sectioning results, the amplitude requires adjustment according to the specimen type being sectioned.

To this end:

- With a No. 2.5 Allen key loosen the clamping screw **(1)** and secure the eccentric on the bottom with your finger.
Selectable amplitude positions are, from left to right:
0.2 mm; 0.4 mm; 0.6 mm; 0.8 mm; 1 mm.
- Slide the amplitude clamping screw to the desired amplitude position and retighten.



When adjusting the amplitude setting, do not remove the clamping screw, simply loosen it.

The instrument is shipped with the amplitude set to 0.6 mm.

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5.5 Working with the VT1000 S on a daily basis

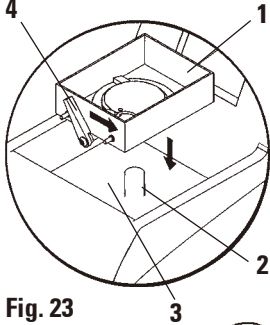


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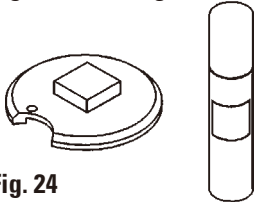


Fig. 24

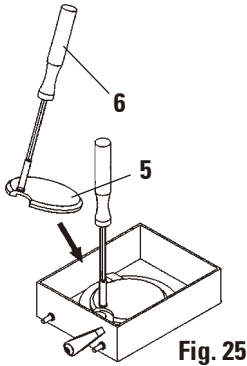


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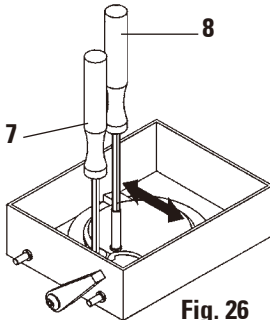


Fig. 26

- Mount the buffer tray (1) onto the bolt (2) inside the cooling bath (3).
- Secure the buffer tray by relocating the clamping lever (4) to the right (in the direction of the arrow).
- Via the **UP/DOWN** toggle switch lower the buffer tray to its lowest position (indicated by audible signal and red LED).
- Move the toggle switch back to the mid-position - the audible signal stops.
- If necessary, fill crushed ice into the cooling bath (3).
- Fill the buffer tray (1) with cooled buffer solution.
- Fix the specimen onto the specimen disc with cyanoacrylate adhesive (Fig. 24).
- Insert the specimen disc (5) with the specimen into the buffer tray using the manipulator (6).
- Use the manipulator (8) to rotate the specimen disc into the desired position. Tighten with a No. 3 Allen key (7).
- The clamping screw or one of the clamping devices must not be located over the gap in the specimen disc, as in these positions clamping the specimen disc is not possible.
- Remove the manipulator (8).

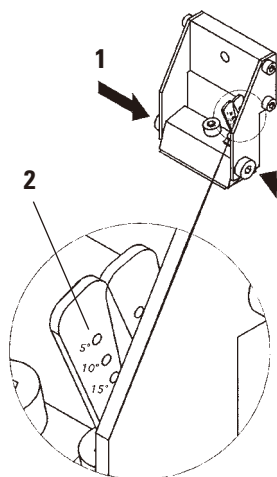


Fig. 27

Adjusting the clearance angle

- Adjust the clearance angle (2) of the knife holder.

To this end:

- Loosen the two lateral screws (1) (Allen key, No. 3).
- Use the adjusting lever (2) to select the desired clearance angle.
- Secure the selected clearance angle by tightening the two screws (1).



The Leica VT1000 S does not require the readjustment of the clearance angle every time you change the blade. Make an adjustment only if required by an application for technical reasons (e.g. different type of tissue).

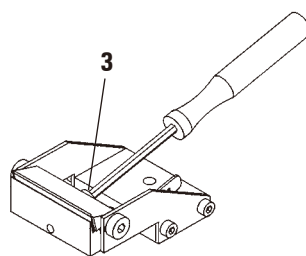


Fig. 28

- To insert the blade, loosen the clamping screw (3) located on the knife holder.
- Clean the blade.
- Insert the blade into the knife holder (4).
- Secure the blade with clamping screw (5).



The blade must fit tightly against the entire length of the inner limit stop of the knife holder.

The blade must be clamped parallel to the front edge of both knife holder clamping jaws.

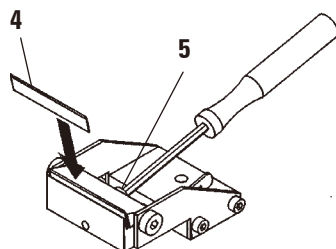


Fig. 29

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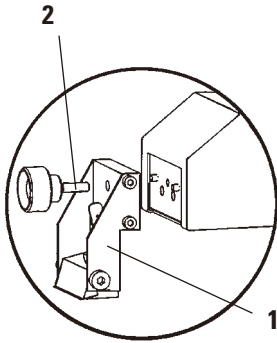


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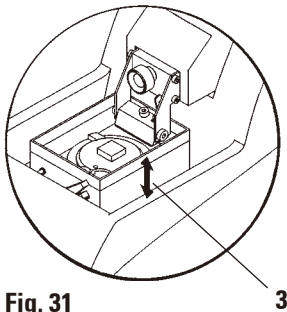


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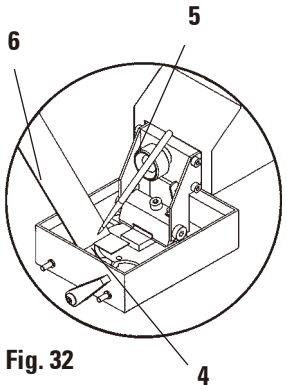


Fig. 32

- Fix the knife holder (1) with the knife holder clamping screw (2).
- Use the **REV/FORW** rocker button to place the blade edge right behind the rear edge (from user's view) of the specimen.
- Pull the **UP/DOWN** rocker button into the UP direction and keep it in the UP position until the specimen surface is shortly below the level of the blade edge (see arrow (3, Fig. 31)).
- Select sectioning speed and sectioning frequency with the rotary knobs **SPEED** and **FREQ.**
- Use the **+/-** button to select a sectioning thickness for trimming.
- Select a sectioning range appropriate to the size of the specimen with the **SECTIONING WINDOW** button.
- Switch the **SINGLE/CONT** button to **CONT.**
Push the **START/STOP** button.
The instrument will now trim the specimen at the selected trimming thickness until you push the **START/STOP** button once more.
- Once you have reached the desired specimen plane for sectioning, use the **+/-** button to select the desired thickness for sectioning.

For sectioning proceed as follows:

- Select the desired section thickness via the **+/-** button.
- Switch the **SINGLE/CONT** button to **SINGLE.**
- Push the **START/STOP** button.

The instrument will now produce a section (4). When the section is finished, the knife will automatically stop at the rear end position behind the specimen (from the user's view).

- Pick up the section as shown on the left using a brush (5) to mount it on a glass slide (6).

5.6 Routine daily maintenance and switching off the instrument - VT1000 S


After all daily procedures have been finished, perform the following:

- Switch off the main switch at the back of the instrument.
- Place the magnifier cover on the magnifier.
- Remove the knife holder.
- Take the blade out of the knife holder and dispose it properly and safely.
- Remove the specimen disc and lay it flat on the stage.
- Remove the specimen using a single-edge blade. Then, remove remains of cyanoacrylate adhesive from the specimen disc.
- Remove and empty out the buffer tray. Dispose of the contents of the buffer tray properly.
- Drain the cooling bath.
To do so, release the tube from its holder at the rear of the instrument and dispose of the contents of the ice bath into a suitable vessel. Then wipe off with a dry cloth.



Caution! The contents of the ice bath can become contaminated if buffer solution is spilled over it.



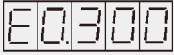
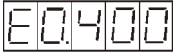
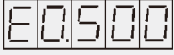

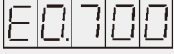
6. Malfunctions: Meaning and Troubleshooting

Error messages/symptoms	Sources of error	Troubleshooting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collision of knife and specimen disc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clearance angle adjustment: - If a clearance angle wider than 5° is selected, specimen disc and knife edge can potentially collide with each other. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower the specimen disc sufficiently to prevent collision.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When working with directional specimen holders, knife edge and specimen holder can collide at any selected clearance angle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower the specimen disc sufficiently to prevent collision. <div>  <p>When working with directional specimen discs, move the buffer tray to its lowest position directly after switching on the instrument!</p> </div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Return stroke is not completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating error due to locking function of the REV/FORW button: - With the REV/FORW button locked the instrument is switched off via the power switch at the rear of the instrument and is switched on again without releasing the REV/FORW button to its center position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unlock the REV/FORW button by pulling it back to the center position. - To reactivate the return stroke movement, lock the REV/FORW button again (to REV position).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Return stroke is not completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the REV/FORW button locked, the instrument was switched off via the emergency stop and after that, the emergency stop was released again without releasing the REV/FORW button to its center position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the REV/FORW button locked, the instrument was switched off via the emergency stop and after that, the emergency stop was released again without releasing the REV/FORW button to its center position.

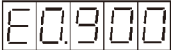
6. Malfunctions: Meaning and Troubleshooting

Error messages/symptoms	Sources of error	Troubleshooting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Downward stroke is not completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating error due to locking function of the UP/DOWN button: - With the UP/DOWN button locked in the DOWN position the instrument was switched off via the power switch at the rear of the instrument switched on again without releasing the UP/DOWN button to its center position. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Release the UP/DOWN button to its center position. - To reactivate the downward motion, activate the UP/DOWN button again (DOWN).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Downward stroke is not completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the UP/DOWN button locked the instrument was switched off via the EMERGENCY STOP (foot switch or Emergency stop button) and after that the EMERGENCY STOP was released without unlocking the UP/DOWN button. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Release the UP/DOWN button to its center position. - To reactivate the downward motion, activate the UP/DOWN button again (DOWN).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The feed motor stops. - Any processing step (sectioning stroke etc.) is interrupted immediately. - Any UP/DOWN motion of the buffer tray is interrupted immediately. - Any locked buttons are indicated by an audible warning signal. - When pressing any key, the instrument gives an audible warning signal. - In case the EMERGENCY STOP function has been activated, the instrument will remain inoperational when pressing the foot switch. - The indication SP is displayed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EMERGENCY STOP function has been activated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Release the Emergency stop button. - Select an operating mode and continue working.



6. Malfunctions: Meaning and Troubleshooting

Error messages/symptoms	Sources of error	Troubleshooting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Error code E0.1xx is displayed.  <p>xx - there are several error codes, 00 - there is only one error code.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Button(s) jammed or defective. - Locking function /REV or REV/ FORW button defective. - Error on the UP/DOWN button; DOWN locking function. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Push the button several times to unlock; have defective button replaced by the Technical Service.
<p>Error code E0.200 is displayed.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feed mechanism defective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Error code E0.300 is displayed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important electronic component defective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Error code E0.400 is displayed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feed motor defective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.
<p>Error code E.05xx is displayed.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Light barrier error (forward feed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Error code E0.600 is displayed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Light barrier error (section thickness feed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Error code E0.700 is displayed. for approx. 2 secs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Software detected severe hardware fault. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch off the instrument; call the Technical Service.

6. Malfunctions: Meaning and Troubleshooting

Error messages/symptoms	Sources of error	Troubleshooting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Error code E0.9xx is displayed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STM32 Watch dog reset. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instrument can be used as normal after restart. - In case of further problems, call the Technical Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Optical signal via red LED. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The upper limit of the specimen feed has been reached. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leave the upper limit position (Switch the UP/DOWN button in DOWN direction). - Mount a new specimen onto the specimen holder and start again.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. - Optical signal via red LED. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The lower limit of the specimen level has been reached (height adjustment of specimen via buffer tray). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After unlocking the DOWN position the buffer tray is automatically raised until the audible and optical signals turn off.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - User has tried to select a specimen thickness via the "+/-" button that is below the minimum value (0 µm) or above the maximum value (999 µm). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Release the "+/-" button.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audible warning signal. (When operating the instrument for the first time or after the E-EEPROM has been exchanged.) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The warning signal will cease automatically after the initialization phase.

6. Malfunctions: Meaning and Troubleshooting

Error messages/symptoms	Sources of error	Troubleshooting
<p>- A clattering sound can be heard.</p>	<p>- The visible clamping screws have become loose during sectioning.</p> <div></div> <div><p>These symptoms may occur from time to time and are unavoidable, as the clamping screws which have to be operated by the user cannot be sealed.</p></div>	<p>- Retighten the loose clamping screws.</p> <div></div> <div><p>If the clattering sound does not cease once the clamping screws have been retightened, do not hesitate to call the Technical Service immediately. Do not use the instrument when in this condition.</p></div>

7.1 Cleaning the instrument



Always remove the knife / blade before detaching the knife holder from the instrument. Always put the knife (blade) back into the knife case or blade dispenser when not in use!

When using cleaners, comply with the safety instructions from the manufacturer and the labor-safety regulations at your laboratory.

When cleaning the outer surfaces, do not use xylene or solvents containing acetone or xylene. The finished surfaces are not resistant to xylene or acetone!

Ensure that liquids do not enter the interior of the instrument during cleaning.

Before each cleaning, carry out the following preparatory steps:

- Switch off the instrument and disconnect the power plug.
- Remove the blade from the knife holder and insert it in the receptacle at the bottom of the blade dispenser.
- Remove the knife holder for cleaning.
- Remove the specimen plate from the buffer tray and lay it flat on the stage. Carefully remove the specimen with a single-edge blade.
- Remove section waste using tweezers or a brush.
- Remove the buffer tray, empty it and rinse it separately with water ([refer also to Chap. 5.6.](#))

Instrument and outside surfaces

If necessary, the varnished outside surfaces of the control panels can be cleaned with a mild commercial household cleaner or soap water and then be wiped with a cloth.

The instrument must be completely dry before it can be used again.

Cleaning the knife



When cleaning the knife/blade, always wipe from the knife or blade back towards the cutting edge, NEVER wipe in the opposite direction - risk of injury!

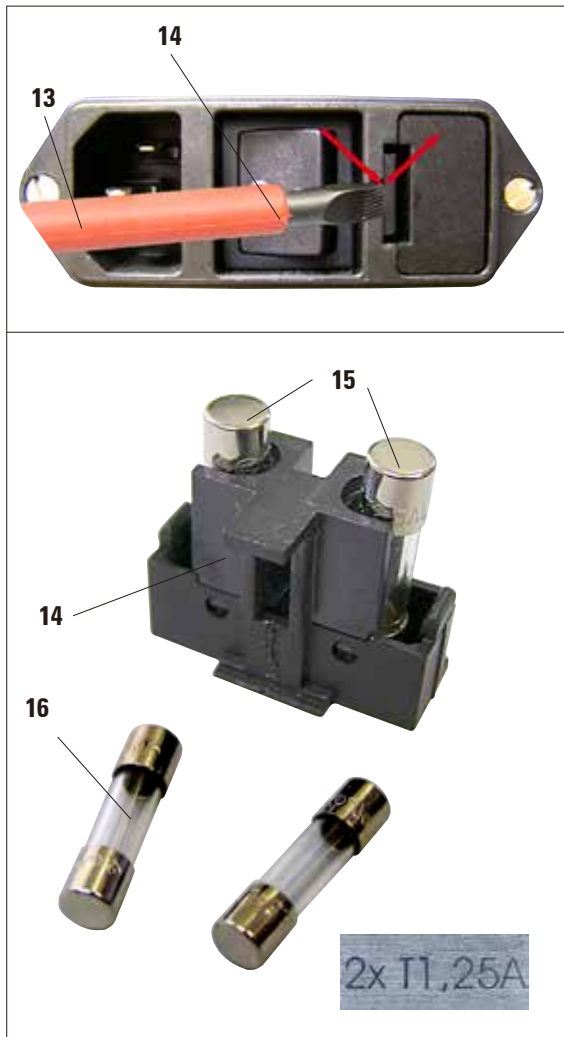
Clean using an alcohol-based solution or acetone.

7. Cleaning and maintenance

7.2 Changing the fuse



Before changing a fuse, always switch off the instrument first and remove the instrument cable completely. The instrument must have cooled down and the paraffin tank must be empty. When changing a fuse, do NOT use any fuses other than the spare fuses supplied with the instrument.



If the instrument fails completely, first check the power supply at the power socket. Then check the fuses at the rear side of the instrument.

To do so, proceed as follows:

- Using a screwdriver (13), carefully push out the fuse insert (14) (Fig. 33 - top).
- Remove the fuse insert - it contains two fuses (15).
- Check that the thin wire (16) in the glass capillary of a fuse is intact. If not, replace the fuse (the standard scope of delivery includes two replacement fuses).



Before plugging the power cable back in and switching on the instrument, you must have identified and corrected the cause of the burned-out fuse.

- Insert the fuse insert with the two fuses and start up the instrument again.

Fig. 33

8. Ordering Information: Spare Parts, Accessory, Consumables

Knife holder S	14 0462 30131
Buffer tray S	14 0462 30132
Buffer tray S, double-walled.....	14 0463 46423
Specimen disc S, Ø 50 mm, non-directional*	14 0463 27404
Magnetic specimen holder, directional.....	14 0462 32060
Foot switch with protective housing	14 0463 27415
Magnifier, complete	14 0462 31191
Module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm	14 6000 04826
Module Hi-Power Spot, LED 1000	14 6000 04825
Sapphire knife	14 0216 39372
Cyanoacrylate glue	14 0371 27414
Julabo FL300, recirculating cooler/chiller	
100 V/50/60 Hz.....	14 0481 48439
115 V/50 Hz.....	14 0481 48437
230 V/50-60 Hz	14 0481 48436
230 V/60 Hz.....	14 0481 48438
Antifrogen N	14 0481 45443

8. Ordering Information: Spare Parts, Accessory, Consumables

8.1 Foot switch



Fig. 34

Foot switch

- The foot switch is an optional accessory which can be used instead of the **START/STOP** button.

Order No.14 0463 27415

8.2 Buffer tray

8.2.1 Double-walled buffer tray S



When using the double-walled buffer tray, the flow cooler must be installed according to the assembly instructions prior to working with specimens.



Fig. 35



Fig. 36

A clamp for holding the gassing hose for the buffer in the proper position can be added to the double-walled buffer tray.

First connect the hoses (2, included in the standard delivery of the double-walled buffer tray) to the rear of the Julabo Recirculating Cooler/Chiller FL300, then connect the other end to the **empty** buffer tray. Access is easier if you make the left connection first. To do so, pull back the lock coupling, attach the hose, and release the coupling until you hear it click into position.

- Hose set for connecting a recirculating cooler/chiller included.

Order No.14 0463 46423

8.3 Magnifier, LED illumination

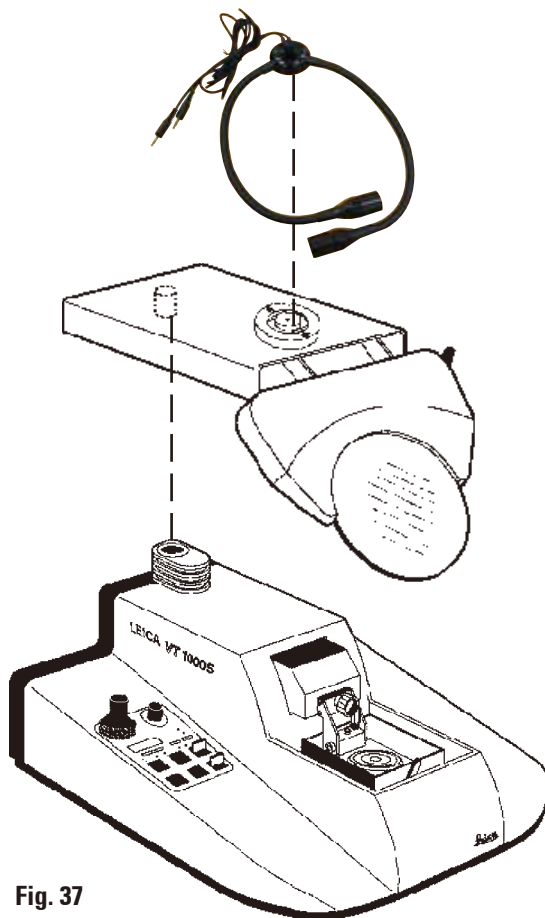


Fig. 37

Magnifier

- To be inserted into the fixture.

Order No. 14 0462 31191

Module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm

- To be mounted onto the magnifier after the magnifier has been mounted into the fixture. Then, connect the module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm, to the Module Hi-Power spot, LED 1000.

Order No. 14 6000 04826

Module Hi-Power spot, LED 1000

- Serves as a light source for the module LED Hi-Power spots, 2-arm.

Order No. 14 6000 04825



Fig. 38

8. Ordering information: Spare Parts, Accessory, Consumables

8.4 Julabo recirculating cooler/chiller FL300



Fig. 39

Recirculating cooler/chiller for connection to the double-walled buffer tray in the Leica VT1000 S and VT1200/VT1200 S.

Selectable temperature range: -20°C to $+40^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Recommended cooling medium: Antifrogen N (**14 0481 45443**)

Mixture with water (50 %/50 %)

Application example:

If (at an ambient temperature of $20 - 22^{\circ}\text{C}$) a temperature of 4°C is to be reached in the buffer trough, the setting value of $0.5 - 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ must be selected.



For additional information, refer to the Instructions for Use provided with this instrument.

Warranty

Leica Biosystems Nussloch GmbH guarantees that the contractual product delivered has been subjected to a comprehensive quality control procedure based on the Leica in-house testing standards, and that the product is faultless and complies with all technical specifications and/or agreed characteristics warranted.

The scope of the warranty is based on the content of the concluded agreement. The warranty terms of your Leica sales organization or the organization from which you have purchased the contractual product shall apply exclusively.

Service information

If you are in need of technical customer support or spare parts, please contact your Leica representative or the Leica dealer where you purchased the instrument.

Please provide the following information:

- Model name and serial number of the instrument
- Location of the instrument and name of the person to contact
- Reason for the service call
- Delivery date

Decommissioning and disposal

The instrument or parts of the instrument must be disposed of according to existing applicable, local regulations.

10. Decontamination Confirmation

Every product that is returned to Leica Biosystems or that requires on-site maintenance must be properly cleaned and decontaminated. You can find the dedicated template of the decontamination confirmation on our website www.LeicaBiosystems.com within the product menu. This template has to be used for gathering all required data.

When returning a product, a copy of the filled and signed confirmation has to be enclosed or passed on to the service technician. The responsibility for products that are sent back without this confirmation or with an incomplete confirmation lies with the sender. Returned goods that are considered to be a potential source of danger by the company will be sent back at the expense and risk of the sender.

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