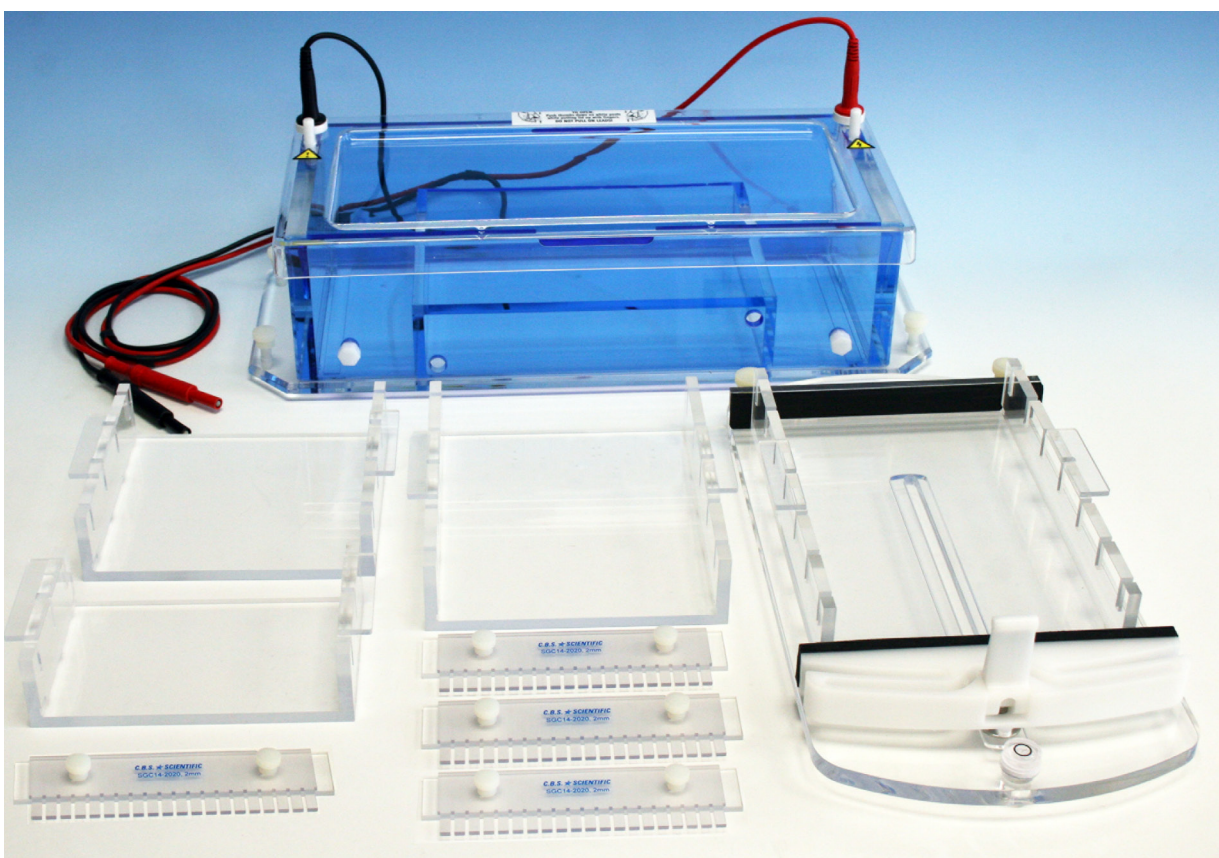


INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FLEXICAST HORIZONTAL SYSTEMS

WMGE-600 Flexicast System - with 14cm x 16cm gel bed

WSGE-014 Flexicast System - with 14cm x 20cm gel bed



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This Instruction Manual will explain how to use this product safely and effectively. Please read and carefully follow the instruction manual in its entirety.



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ESPAÑOL INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE PARA EL USUARIO

El presente instructivo explica la manera de usar este producto en forma segura y efectiva. Sírvase leerlo en su totalidad y seguir detenidamente las indicaciones que contiene.



El símbolo del triángulo con exclamación llama la atención del usuario a requisitos importantes para el uso y mantenimiento del producto, así como para la validez de la garantía.



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ITALIANO INFORMAZIONI IMPORTANTI PER L'UTENTE

Questo manuale spiega come utilizzare questo prodotto in maniera sicura ed efficiente. Si preghi di leggere e seguire con cautela le istruzioni di ogni parte di questo manuale.



Il triangolo contenete il simbolo di un punto esclamativo avverte l'utente di importanti requisiti relativi al funzionamento, manutenzione e/o garanzia del prodotto.



Il triangolo contenete il simbolo di un lampo avverte l'utente del prodotto della possibilità di pericoli dovuti a corrente elettrica.



La mancata osservanza delle istruzioni può essere causa di pericolo alla propria persona ed al laboratorio, oltre a poter annullare la garanzia. Prima di distaccare il cordone d'alimentazione dal prodotto, spegnere sempre la sorgente di corrente continua. Distaccare i cordoni d'alimentazione prima dal lato della sorgente di tensione e poi dal lato del prodotto. Per maggior sicurezza, mettere sempre in funzione il prodotto in un'area isolata con poco traffico che non sia accessibile al personale non autorizzato. Non mettere mai in funzione un'apparecchiatura che sia danneggiata o abbia perdite.

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SECTION 1

General Information

1.1 Introduction

C.B.S. Scientific's Flexicast Horizontal Systems, WMGE-600 (14 x 16cm) and WSGE-014 (14cm x 20cm) effectively allow rapid separation and identification of various fragments from DNA, RNA, PCR products and synthetic oligonucleotides. When used in combination with two or more sample combs, designed for multi-channel pipette loading, multiple screening of large sample numbers can be facilitated easily. The unique Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster allow simple casting of all 4 sizes of gel trays provided with these kits.

Table 1: Features of Vertical Mini-Gel Systems

* See gel tray specifications on page 12.

Model #	# of gel trays included	Gel tray dimensions (w x h).*	gel bed dimensions
WMGE-600	3	14cm x 8cm (cat. # WGT-1408) 14cm x 12cm (cat. # WGT-1412) 14cm x 16cm (cat. # WGT-1416)	14cm(w) x 16cm(l)
WSGE-014	4	14cm x 8cm (cat. # WGT-1408) 14cm x 12cm (cat. # WGT-1412) 14cm x 16cm (cat. # WGT-1416) 14cm x 20cm (cat. # WGT-1420)	14cm(w) x 20cm(l)

1.2 Specifications

Constructions:

Buffer chamber, safety cover	Acrylic
Electrodes	Pure Platinum wire .010" diameter
Power cords	FR Polypropylene/Silicone rated 7500VDC, 200mA, 65°C
Combs	Polycarbonate or PTFE-coated aluminum (printed with cat. # and thickness)
Adjustable Comb Backing	Acrylic
UVT Gel Trays	UV transparent acrylic
Safety Certification	EN61010-1-1993 (IEC1010-1)

Table 2: Specifications

Model #	WMGE-600	WSGE-014
Shipping Weight	8 lbs	12 lbs
Overall Size (cm)	27.5(l) x 16.7(w) x 14(h)	38(l) x 15(w) x 10(h)
Recommended buffer volume with gel tray	750mls	1600
Distance between electrodes	25cm	33cm
Voltage limit	250 VDC	250 V

1.3 Safety

Power to the Flexicast Horizontal Systems is to be supplied by an external DC voltage power supply that must be ground isolated, so that the DC voltage output floats with respect to ground. For any power supply used, the maximum specified operating parameters for the units are:



Maximum Limits

WMGE-014 Flexicast	WMGE-600 Flexicast
250 VDC voltage	250 VDC voltage
20 watts power	15 watts power
90mA current	60 mA current
55°C ambient temperature	55°C ambient temperature



Current to the unit, provided from the external power supply, must enter the unit through the lid assembly, providing a safety interlock to the user. Current to the unit is broken when the lid is removed. **Do not attempt to use the unit without the safety lid, and always turn the power supply off before removing the lid, or when working with the unit in any way. Follow safety precautions specified by the power supply manufacturer.**

SECTION 2

Description of Parts

2.1 Unpacking and Components

Please verify that your unit comes complete with all components for the following:

A) Flexicast System, B) Continuously Adjustable Gel caster.

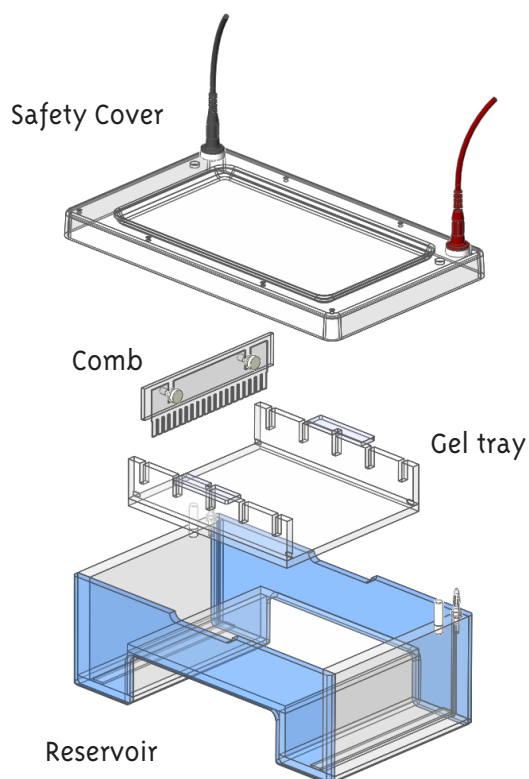
A) Flexicast Systems:

Flexicast Midi-Horizontal "3 in 1"

Cat. #WMGE-600

Complete System

- Flexicast Midi-Horizontal Unit with gel bed dimensions of 14cm (w) x 16cm (l), safety cover and power leads.
- 3 different winged gels trays:
 - 14cm(w) x 8cm
 - 14cm(w) x 12cm
 - 14cm(w) x 16cm
- Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster
- 2 adjustable height polycarbonate combs printed with catalog # and thickness

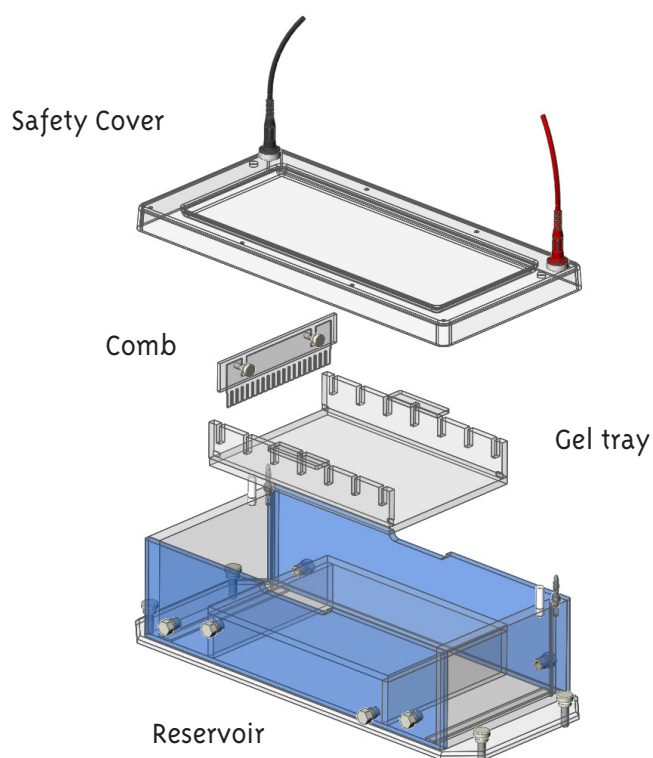


Flexicast Horizontal "4 in 1"

Cat. #WSGE-014

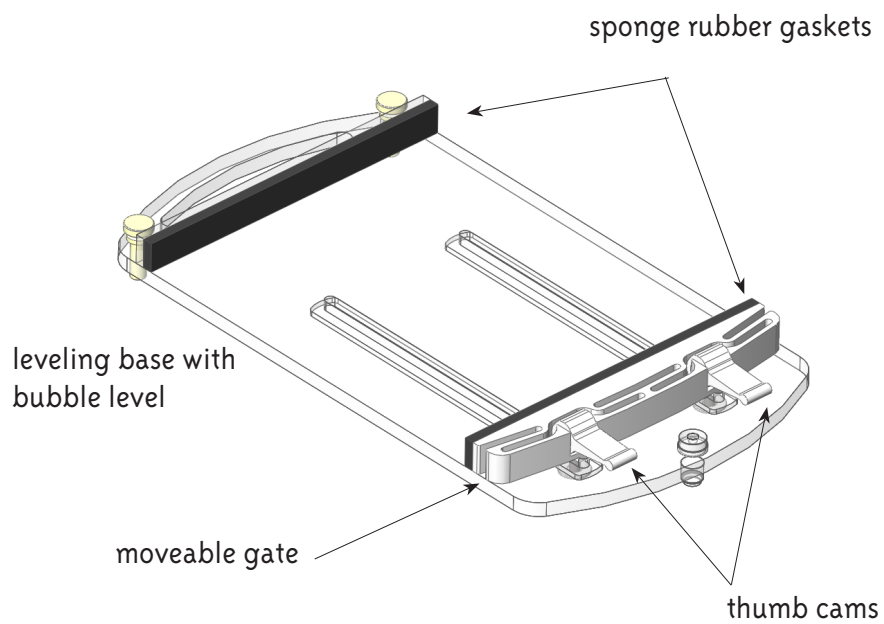
Complete System

- Flexicast Horizontal Unit with gel bed dimensions of 14cm (w) x 20cm (l), internal cooling chamber, buffer circulation ports, safety cover and power leads.
- 4 different winged gels trays:
 - 14cm(w) x 8cm
 - 14cm(w) x 12cm
 - 14cm(w) x 16cm
 - 14cm(w) x 20cm
- Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster
- 2 adjustable height polycarbonate combs printed with catalog # and thickness



2.1 Unpacking and Components, con't.

B) Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster:



SECTION 3

Instructions for Use

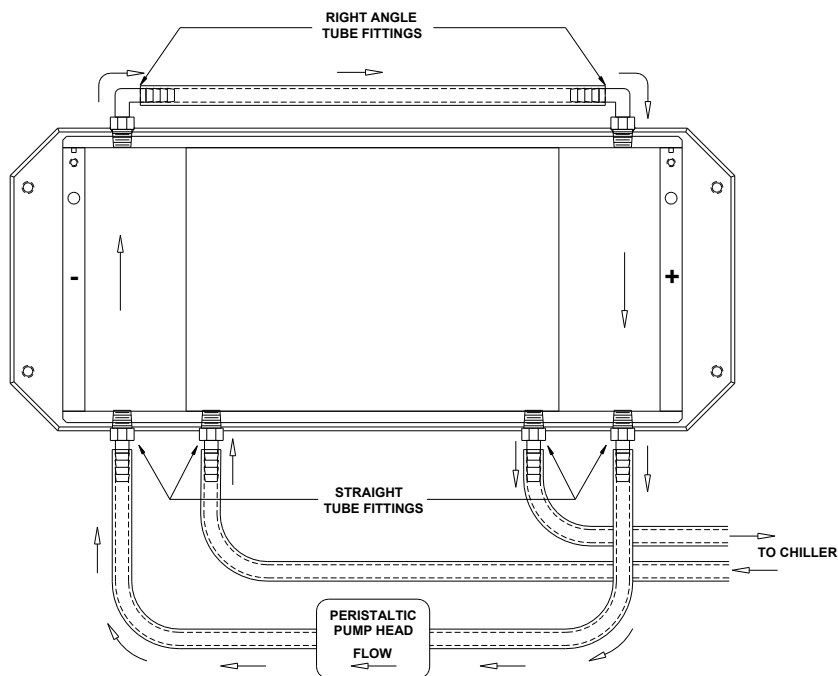
3.1 Preparing the Electrophoresis Unit



1. Place Flexicast System on a level work surface in an authorized work area. Place the adjustable height comb assembly in the gel tray. Loosen the white screws holding the comb to the backing and adjust comb depth (generally 1-2mm). Gently tighten the adjusting screws and set the comb aside. See page 12 for maximum comb loading volumes.

3.2 Coolant Circulation (Flexicast Horizontal cat. # WSGE-014 ONLY)

1. A selection of white tubing adapters (right angled and straight) is provided with each Flexicast WSGE-014 unit. For coolant circulation, screw tubing adapters into fittings on side of internal cooling chamber, located under the gel bed. Connect a heavy wall tubing which will not kink (if tubing kinks, excessive pressure build-up may occur and damage unit) and attach a regulated pump or recirculating water bath (follow manufacturer's instructions). Flow rate is not to exceed 3 liters per minute. Do NOT use tap or house water as it can be subject to large fluctuation in pressure.



3.3 Buffer Recirculation (Flexicast Horizontal cat. # WSGE-014 ONLY)

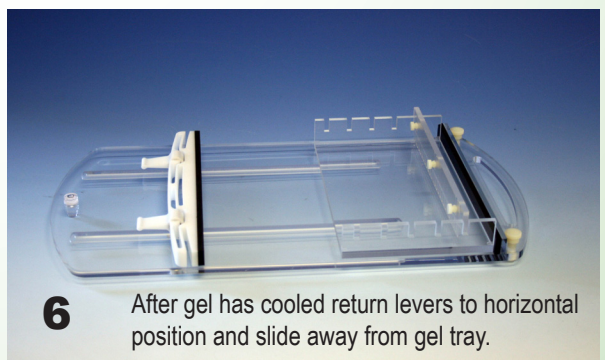
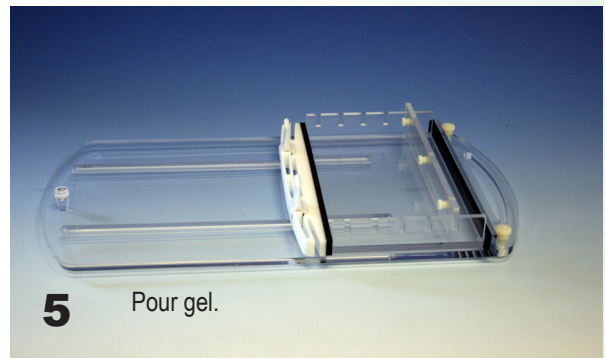
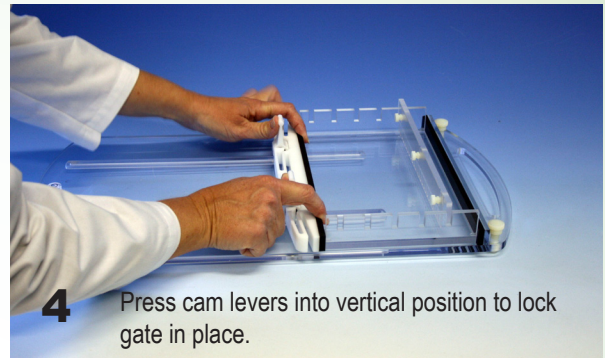
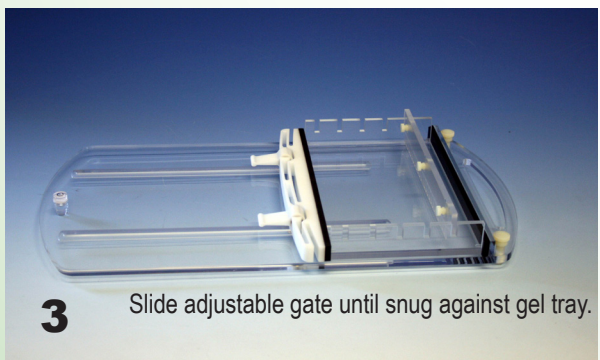
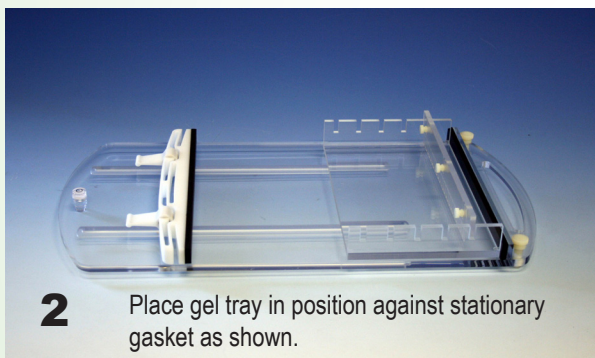
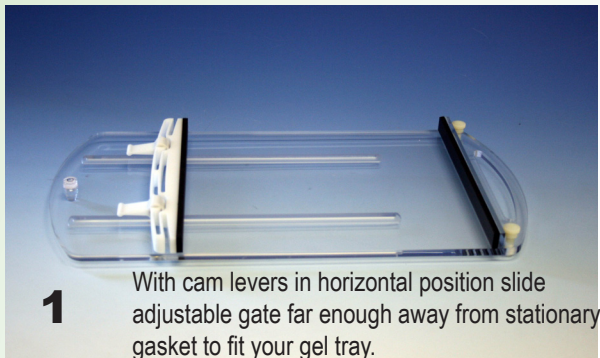
1. Buffer recirculation is recommended for longer runs to maintain uniform pH and ionic strength and to reduce buffer changes. Unit is shipped with buffer circulation ports sealed with four white plugs. For cycling buffer, remove plugs and replace with threaded tubing adapters. Using tubing adapters and pump, cycle buffer from anode (+) to cathode (-).

SECTION 3, con't.

3.4 Casting the Gel Using the Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster

1. All gel trays supplied with these Systems fit into this versatile caster that is simple to use. To cast your gel follow the 6 steps below:

6 easy casting steps



3.5 Running the Gel

1. Add enough buffer to fill both reservoirs and overflow the surface of the gel to a depth of 2-3mm. Gently remove comb(s). Flush out any air bubbles in the wells. Load the samples into the sample wells. NOTE: DO NOT FORGET TO LOAD DNA SIZE STANDARD.
2. Align safety cover over the unit and carefully attach, so not to disturb samples.
3. Connect the leads to the power supply, matching the color-coded red to red and black to black. **See Section 4.1 for recommended power conditions.** Begin separation by electrophoresis.

3.6 Removing the Gel

1. Turn the power supply off and disconnect the leads from the power supply.



2. Remove the safety cover from the unit, by placing thumbs on white posts next to red & black connectors, then pushing down while pulling up with fingers under lid. **DO NOT pull on power cords.**



3. Using the winged portions of the gel tray gently lift the tray from the unit. **Always wear gloves, eye protection and protective clothing if buffer and/or gel contains Ethidium Bromide.** Ethidium Bromide is a powerful mutagen, gloves, eye protection and protective clothing should always be worn when handling the gel or buffer solutions. See Material Data Safety Sheets.
4. View separated fragments under UV light, using proper protection for eyes and skin (see manufacturer's instructions).

3.7 Comb Options and Maximum Comb Volumes

Comb Options, 14cm wide

All combs are printed with catalog number and thickness.

overall length = 12.06cm

tooth depth = 12.7mm

material: polycarbonate or PTFE-coated aluminum*.

*To specify teflon-coated aluminum add "TF" to end of cat. #.

Cat. #	comb type polycarbonate or PTFE-coated aluminum	# of teeth	thickness of teeth (mm)	width of teeth (mm)	maximum loading volume/well (μ l)*
SGC14-1010	adjustable	10	1.0	9.2	88
SGC14-1012	adjustable	12	1.0	7.8	74
SGC14-1013*	adjustable	13	1.0	6.6	63
SGC14-1016	adjustable	16	1.0	5.3	51
SGC14-1020	adjustable	20	1.0	4.5	43
SGC14-1026	adjustable	26	1.0	3.1	30
SGC14-1027*	adjustable	27	1.0	2.93	28
SGC14-1510	adjustable	10	1.5	9.2	131
SGC14-1512	adjustable	12	1.5	7.8	111
SGC14-1513*	adjustable	13	1.5	6.6	94
SGC14-1516	adjustable	16	1.5	5.3	76
SGC14-1520	adjustable	20	1.5	4.5	64
SGC14-1526	adjustable	26	1.5	3.1	44
SGC14-1527*	adjustable	27	1.5	2.93	42
SGC14-2010	adjustable	10	2.0	9.2	175
SGC14-2012	adjustable	12	2.0	7.8	149
SGC14-2013*	adjustable	13	2.0	6.6	126
SGC14-2016	adjustable	16	2.0	5.3	101
SGC14-2020	adjustable	20	2.0	4.5	86
SGC14-2026	adjustable	26	2.0	3.1	59
SGC14-2027*	adjustable	27	2.0	2.93	56
SGC14-3010	adjustable	10	3.0	9.2	263
SGC14-3012	adjustable	12	3.0	7.8	223
SGC14-3013*	adjustable	13	3.0	6.6	189
SGC14-3016	adjustable	16	3.0	5.3	151
SGC14-3020	adjustable	20	3.0	4.5	128
SGC14-3026	adjustable	26	3.0	3.1	89
SGC14-3027*	adjustable	27	3.0	2.93	83

* the maximum loading volume for horizontal gel combs was calculated by taking 75% of the total tooth volume

* multi-channel pipettor compatible

3.8 Gel Tray Profiles and Specifications

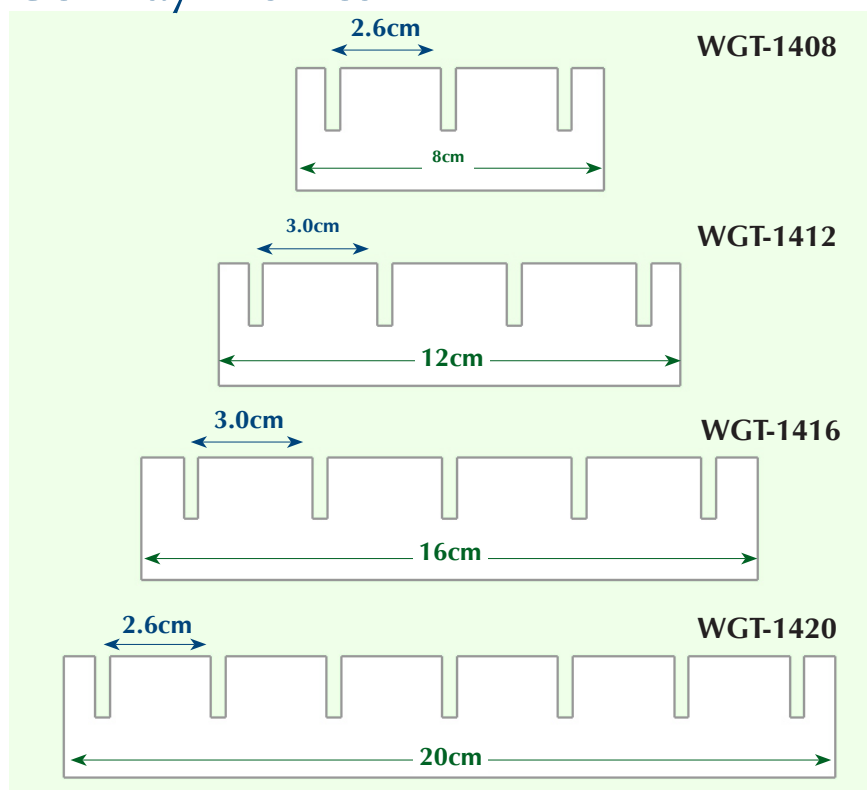
Gel Tray Specifications

- UV transparent acrylic, 6.4mm thick
- grooves in gel tray corners create agarose anchors to prevent gel flotation during electrophoresis.
- Gel tray configuration allows single run or multiple simultaneous short runs.

Gel Tray Cat. #	Gel Tray Length ↔	# of slots	maximum number of samples	pathlength/ slot	Agarose solution required*
WGT-1408	8cm	2	54	2.6cm	50 ml
WGT-1412	12cm	3	81	3.0cm	75 ml
WGT-1416	16cm	4	108	3.0cm	100 ml
WGT-1420	20cm	6	162	2.6cm	162 ml

* the agarose required was calculated using a gel thickness of 0.5cm

Gel Tray Profiles



SECTION 4

Running Conditions

4.1 Recommended Power

As a rule, optimal resolution of larger molecules is achieved during longer runs at lower voltages, whereas smaller molecules require shorter runs at higher voltages. Applied voltage gradients can therefore be anywhere in the range of 1-10 VDC/cm of gel. Using the standard buffer systems listed below, most runs will use 5 VDC/cm as a general rule.

The usual run time will vary for the voltage and pathlength chosen but should range from 15 to 60 minutes. Nucleic acid migration is monitored by the progress of marker dyes. Constant power is not a necessity, but it produces uniform heat throughout the run, therefore minimizing band diffusion. Be sure the polarity is correct i.e. that the DNA is loaded near the cathode (black electrode) to run toward the anode (red terminal).

Agarose gels may be stored for several days at 4°C wrapped in plastic wrap. Seakem Agarose (FMC) is used (normally) for preparative and analytical gels. Other types of agarose can be used for special purposes.

4.2 Recommended Buffers*

Type*	Concentrated Stock/liter	Final Concentration
TAE	50X - 242 gm Tris base	1X - 0.04M Tris-acetate
(Tris-acetate)	57.1ml glacial acetic acid	0.001M EDTA
	100 ml 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0)	
TBE	5X - 54 gm Tris base	0.5X - 0.045M Tris-borate
(Tris-borate)	27.5 gm boric acid	0.001M EDTA
	20 ml 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0)	

10X - Loading Buffer (DNA)*

0.25% Bromophenol blue

0.25% Xylene cyanol

20% Ficoll Type 400

0.1M EDTA, pH 8.0

Ethidium Bromide Staining

EtBr can be premixed with buffers and agarose for use during electrophoresis. Add to agarose only after temperature has fallen below 55°C. Gels can also be stained after electrophoresis in a soaking tray. Use EtBr at a final concentration of 0.1*g/ml from a 1mg/ml stock solution. Ethidium Bromide is a powerful mutagen. **ALWAYS wear gloves, eye protection and protective clothing. Dispose of solutions in accordance with the safety regulations of your institution.**



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SECTION 5

Maintenance of Equipment

5.1 Care and Handling

The plastic components of the Midi-Horizontal units are fabricated from acrylic and polycarbonate. Electrodes and connectors are made from pure platinum, stainless steel, and chrome plated brass. As with any laboratory instrument, adequate care ensures consistent and reliable performance.

After each use, rinse buffer chamber, gel tray and combs with de-ionized water. Wipe dry with a soft cloth or paper towel, or allow to air dry. Whenever necessary, all components may be washed gently with water and a non-abrasive detergent, and rinsed and dried as above. Never use abrasive cleaners, glass cleaning sprays or scouring pads to clean the components, as these will damage the unit and components.

Additional precautions:

- Do not autoclave or dry-heat sterilize the apparatus or components.
- Do not expose the apparatus or components to phenol, acetone, benzene, halogenated hydrocarbon solvents or alcohols.
- Avoid prolonged exposure of the apparatus or components to UV light.
- Do NOT treat with diethylpyrocarbonate (DEPC)-treated water for extended periods at 37°C. A brief rinse with DEPC-water is sufficient after a thorough wash.

5.2 Maintenance

The following inspection and maintenance procedures will help maintain the safety and reliable performance of the Midi-Horizontal systems. Replacement parts can be ordered by calling 1-858-755-4959 or by contacting your local distributor.

- Banana plugs and power cords should be inspected regularly. If the banana plugs become loose or do not feel friction tight replace the plugs or power cords.
- Should power cord assemblies (connectors, wire or shrouds) show any signs of wear or damage (e.g. cracks, nicks, abrasions, or melted insulation), replace them immediately.
- The platinum wire is secured to the banana jack by compression between a stainless washer and the jack nut. The nut/washer interface should be tight and free of corrosion.

SECTION 6 Ordering Information

Flexicast Systems and Accessories

Cat.#	Item
WMGE-600	Flexicast System, gel bed dimensions 14cm(w) x 16cm(l). Includes two adjustable height combs, 3 different UVT gel trays: 14cm(w) x 8cm, 14cm(w) x 12cm, 14cm(w) x 16cm, Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster, safety cover and power leads. Please specify comb cat. # from list below.
WSGE-014	Flexicast System, gel bed dimensions 14cm(w) x 20cm(l). Includes cooling chamber, buffer circulation ports, safety cover, power leads, two adjustable height combs, 4 different UVT gel trays: 14cm(w) x 8cm, 14cm(w) x 12cm, 14cm(w) x 16cm, and 14cm(w) x 20cm, Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster, safety cover and power leads. Please specify comb cat. # from list below.

Accessories

Combs (Available in Polycarbonate, or PTFE Aluminum**)

Cat.#	Comb Dimensions	Cat.#	Comb Dimensions
SGC14-1001	1mm x 1 well	SGC14-2001	2mm x 1 well
SGC14-1003E	1mm x 3 equal wells	SGC14-2003E	2mm x 3 equal wells
SGC14-1003M	1mm x 2 well + middle marker	SGC14-2003M	2mm x 2 well + middle marker
SGC14-1005	1mm x 5 well	SGC14-2005	2mm x 5 well
SGC14-1008	1mm x 8 well	SGC14-2008	2mm x 8 well
SGC14-1010	1mm x 10 well	SGC14-2010	2mm x 10 well
SGC14-1012	1mm x 12 well	SGC14-2012	2mm x 12 well
SGC14-1013	1mm x 13 well*	SGC14-2013	2mm x 13 well*
SGC14-1016	1mm x 16 well	SGC14-2016	2mm x 16 well
SGC14-1020	1mm x 20 well	SGC14-2020	2mm x 20 well
SGC14-1026	1mm x 26 well	SGC14-2026	2mm x 26 well
SGC14-1027	1mm x 27 well*	SGC14-2027	2mm x 27 well*
SGC14-1501	1.5mm x 1 well	SGC14-3001	3mm x 1 well
SGC14-1503E	1.5mm x 3 equal wells	SGC14-3003E	3mm x 3 equal wells
SGC14-1503M	1.5mm x 2 well + middle marker	SGC14-3003M	3mm x 2 well + middle marker
SGC14-1505	1.5mm x 5 well	SGC14-3005	3mm x 5 well
SGC14-1508	1.5mm x 8 well	SGC14-3008	3mm x 8 well
SGC14-1510	1.5mm x 10 well	SGC14-3010	3mm x 10 well
SGC14-1512	1.5mm x 12 well	SGC14-3012	3mm x 12 well
SGC14-1513	1.5mm x 13 well*	SGC14-3013	3mm x 13 well*
SGC14-1516	1.5mm x 16 well	SGC14-3016	3mm x 16 well
SGC14-1520	1.5mm x 20 well	SGC14-3020	3mm x 20 well
SGC14-1526	1.5mm x 26 well	SGC14-3026	3mm x 26 well
SGC14-1527	1.5mm x 27 well	SGC14-3027	3mm x 27 well

*Designed for multi-channel pipettor loading.

** To specify PTFE combs add "-TF" to end of cat. #.

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Cat. #	Item
WGT-1408	Additional Winged Gel tray 14cm(w) x 8cm(l), UV transparent. 2 slots with pathlengths of 2.6cm/slot.
WGT-1412	Additional Winged Gel tray 14cm(w) x 12cm(l), UV transparent. 2 slots with pathlengths of 3.5cm/slot
WGT-1416	Additional Winged Gel tray 14cm(w) x 16cm(l), UV transparent. 4 slots with pathlengths of 3.0cm/slot.
WGT-1420	Additional Winged Gel tray 14cm(w) x 20cm(l), UV transparent. 6 slots with pathlengths of 2.6cm/slot.
ACGT-16520	Additional Continuously Adjustable Gel Caster, fits all four WGT-14 gel trays (listed above).

Power Supplies

Cat. #	Item
EPS-200 X	Mini Power Supply, 24 hour timer, CV or CC, 100-240V, 110V/60Hz, current range:4-2000mA, 200W max
EPS-300-II	Mini Power Supply, 24 hour timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 110V/60Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90W max
EPS-300-IIV	Mini Power Supply, 24 hour timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 220V/50Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90W max
EPS-600	Mini-Power Supply, 24 hour timer, CV or CC, 96-240V, 50-60Hz, 5-600V, 3-500mA, 120W max
EPS-3000-III	Constant Power Supply, 0-3000 Volt, 110V/60Hz, Series II
EPS-3000-IIV	Constant Power Supply, 0-3000 Volt, 220V/50Hz, Series II

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