

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Horizontal Mini-Gel Productivity Package

**GCMGU-102T
GCMGU-202T**

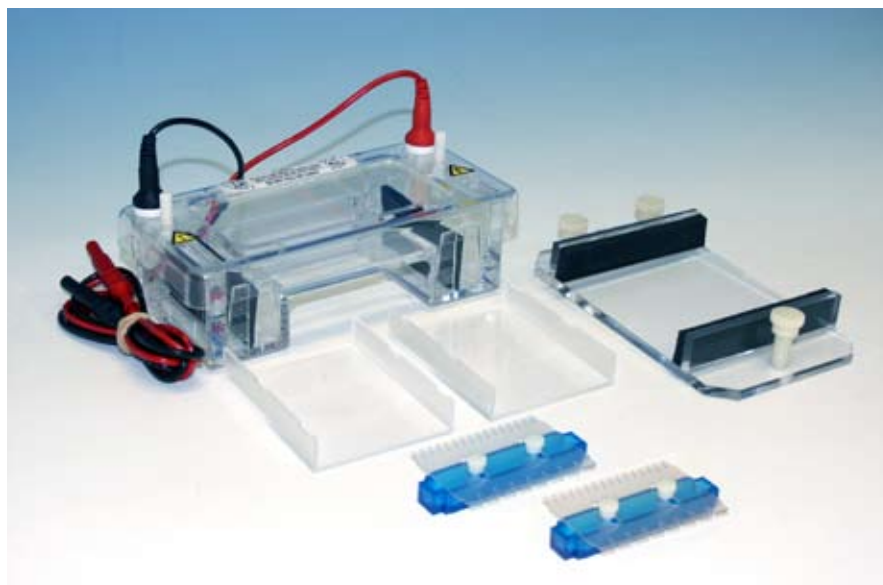


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SECTION 1

General Information

1.1 Introduction

The Horizontal Mini-Gel Productivity package systems, GCMGU-102T and GCMGU-202T, provide a compact format to rapidly separate and identify DNA and RNA fragments, PCR products and synthetic oligonucleotides, while using minimal quantities of expensive reagents.

Two methods for gel formation: Option 1, in Situ tapered baffle systems for simplified gel casting. The tapered baffle system allows gel casting directly onto the unit or removable trays without having to seal with agarose plugs or tape. Option 2: External horizontal gel casters. Precast your agarose gels for future use in an easy to use and easy to store fashion. These support trays have leveling bases and are lined with soft, coated neoprene to provide firm yet supple support for casting gels without leakage. The gel bed and gel trays are UV transparent. Combs are offered in several thicknesses and formats to accommodate a wide variety of experimental applications.

1.2 Specifications

Constructions

Buffer chamber, lid	Acrylic
Electrodes	Platinum wire .012" diameter
Power cords	FR Urethane, rated 7500V, 200mA, 65° C
Tapered baffles	Acrylic
Combs	Polycarbonate, Anodized Aluminum or Teflon
Adjustable comb backing	Acrylic
UVT Gel Tray	U-V transparent acrylic
External Gel Caster	Acrylic & neoprene
Safety Certification	EN61010-1-1993 (IEC1010-1)

	GCMGU-102T	GCMGU-202T
Shipping weight	3 lb.	3 lb.
Overall Size (l)x(w)x(h)	18.2cm x 8cm x 9cm	20cm x 9.7cm x 10cm
Gel Size	5.5cm x 8.5cm	7.5cm x 10cm
Recommended buffer volume: with gel tray without gel tray	140 ml 150 ml	235 ml 250 ml
Distance between electrodes	14.5 cm	21 cm
Voltage limit	250VDC	250VDC

1.3 Safety



Power to the GCMGU-102T or GCMGU-202T units 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

250VDC voltage
15 watts power
60 mA current
50°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. 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.**

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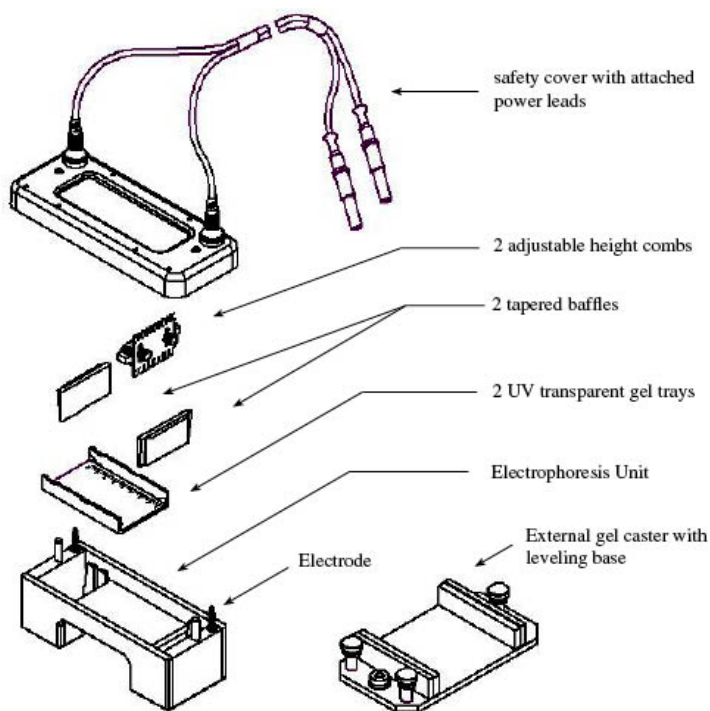
Description of Parts

2.1 Unpacking

Please verify that your GCMGU-102T or GCMGU-202T unit comes complete with the following components:

- Mini-Horizontal electrophoresis unit
- Tapered baffles (2)
- Single place External Gel Caster with leveling base
- UV Transparent gel trays with anchor locks & migration ruler
- Safety cover with attached DC power cords
- Adjustable height combs

2.2 Components/Assembly



SECTION 3

Instructions for Use



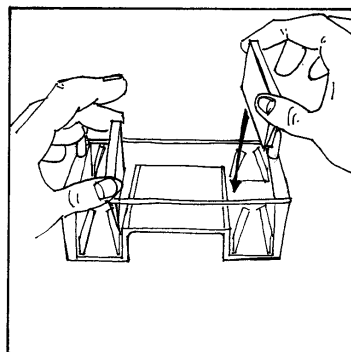
3.1 Mini-Gel Unit Preparation and Gel Casting

Place Mini-Gel unit on a level work surface in an authorized work area. Place the adjustable height comb assembly over the gel bed or gel tray. Loosen the white screws holding the comb to the backing and adjust comb depth (generally 2mm). Gently tighten the adjusting screws and set the comb aside. **See Table 1 for comb volumes.**

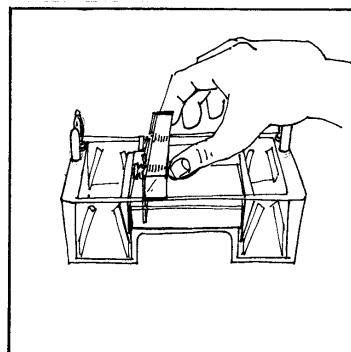
The Mini-Gel unit provides the user with three options for gel casting: (a) **gel casting directly into unit**, (b) **gel casting directly into unit using gel tray**, or (c) **gel casting in gel tray outside of unit**.

A. Gel Casting Directly into Unit.

1. Slide the tapered baffles snugly into the grooves next to the bed, handles to the outside. The tapered baffles will rest friction tight against the gel bed. Do NOT press the baffles too tightly into the stops.

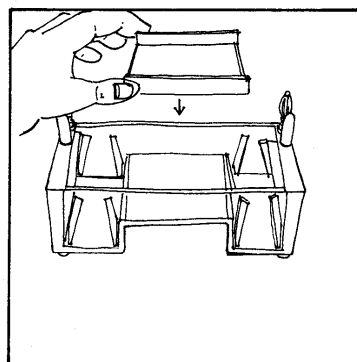


2. Position the gel comb, remembering, current travels from negative (black cathode) towards positive (red anode). Pour the agarose solution onto the gel bed. Allow the agarose slab to cool uncovered until it turns opaque.
3. Slide the baffles out of their slots and store in the slots provided at either end of the unit near both terminals.

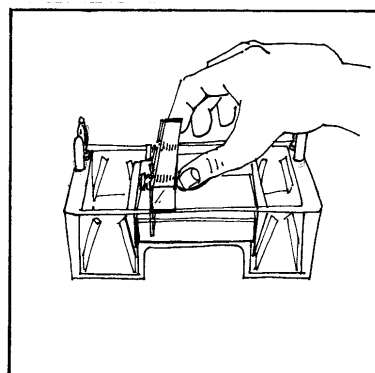


B. Casting Directly into Unit Using Gel Tray.

1. Insert gel tray in unit. Simultaneously slide the tapered baffles snugly into the grooves next to the bed, handles to the outside at the same time. The tapered baffles will rest friction tight against the gel tray. Do NOT press the baffles too tightly into the stops.

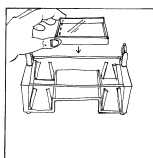
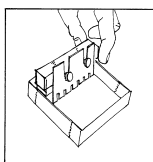
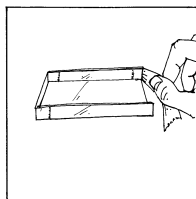


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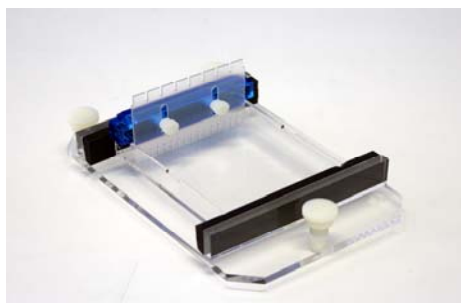
C. Gel Casting into Gel Tray Outside Unit with gel tape.

1. Tape both ends of gel tray with tape.
2. Position the gel comb in the gel tray at one end. Pour the agarose solution onto the gel bed. Allow the agarose slab to cool uncovered until it turns opaque.
NOTE: (Optional storage) Pre-cast gels can be stored for up to one month if wrapped in plastic wrap and stored at 4°C. Remove combs prior to storing.
3. Remove comb and gel tape at each end. Position the tray in the unit, remembering, current travels from negative (black cathode) towards positive (red anode).



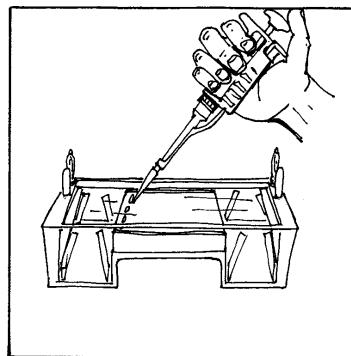
D. Gel Casting with External Gel Caster.

1. Place external gel caster on level surface and level using thumb screws.
2. Push gel tray against one side of gel caster, then the other. Confirm it the gel tray is flat to the bottoms of the caster.

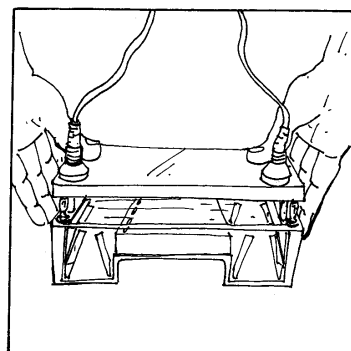


3.2 Running the gel

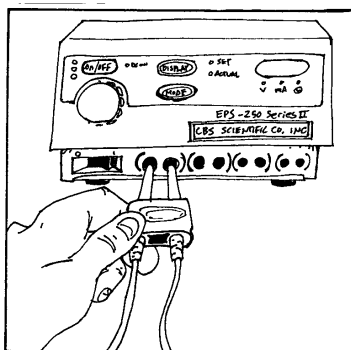
1. Add enough buffer to fill both reservoirs and overflow the surface of the gel to a depth of 2-3mm. Gently remove the comb. Flush out any air bubbles in the wells. Load the samples into sample wells. **NOTE: DO NOT FORGET TO LOAD DNA SIZE STANDARD.** Place the safety cover on the unit.



2. 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.**

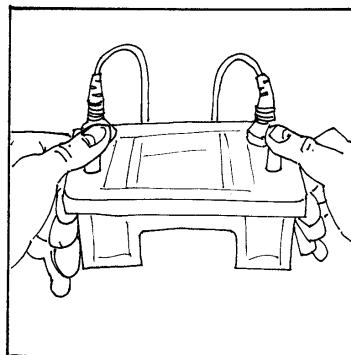


3. Begin separation by electrophoresis.



3.3 Removing the gel

Turn the power supply off and disconnect the leads from the power supply. Remove the safety cover from the Mini-Gel 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.**



Gently lift the gel or gel tray from the unit. **Always wear gloves, eye protection and protective clothing** if buffer and/or gel contain 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.

View separated fragments under UV light, using proper protection for eyes and skin (see manufacturer's instructions).

3.4 Maximum Well/Comb Volumes

NOTE: THE MAXIMUM LOADING VOLUME FOR HORIZONTAL GEL COMBS IS CALCULATED BY TAKING 75% OF THE TOTAL TOOTH VOLUME.

# of wells	Tooth width mm	Spacing between teeth mm	Overall length of comb mm	Tooth depth mm	1.0mm thickness volume per tooth microliters (ul)	2.0mm thickness volume per tooth microliters (ul)
Combs for 5.5cm (w) x 8.5cm (l) MGU-102T						
1	49.4	1.57	49.4	6.35	235	462
3	15.4	1.57	49.4	6.35	73	146
8	4.77	1.57	49.4	6.35	23	45
10	3.5	1.57	49.4	6.35	17	33
12	2.6	1.57	49.4	6.35	12	24
14	2.0	1.57	49.4	6.35	9	18
16	1.6	1.57	49.4	6.35	8	15
8/10	4.77 / 3.5	1.57	50	6.35	23 / 17	45 / 33
12/16	2.6 / 1.6	1.57	50	6.35	12 / 8	24 / 15
Combs for 7.5cm (w) x 10cm (l) MGU-202T						
1	69.8	1.5	69.8	6.35	332	664
3	22.2	1.5	69.8	6.35	106	212
5	12.6	1.5	69.8	6.35	60	120
8	7.3	1.5	69.8	6.35	32	69
10	5.5	1.5	69.8	6.35	24	51
12	4.3	1.5	69.8	6.35	20	41
14	3.5	1.5	69.8	6.35	17	33
16	2.8	1.5	69.8	6.35	13	26
10/14	5.5 / 3.5	1.5	70	6.35	26 / 17	51 / 33
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SECTION 4

Running Conditions

4.1 Recommended Power



The recommended power conditions for optimal resolution are 50 to 150V, constant, and 25 to 80 mA. The usual run time will vary for the voltage chosen but should range from 15 to 60 minutes, monitoring nucleic acid migration by progress of marker dyes. Constant power is not a necessity, but it produces uniform heat throughout the run. 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 (Tris-acetate)	50X - 242 gm Tris base 57.1ml glacial acetic acid 100 ml 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0)	1X - 0.04M Tris-acetate 0.001M EDTA
TBE (Tris-borate)	5X - 54 gm Tris base 27.5 gm boric acid 20 ml 0.5M EDTA (pH 8.0)	0.5X - 0.045M Tris-borate 0.001M EDTA

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

One can add to the buffer only, the agarose gel solution only (after the solution has been made molten and the temperature has dropped to 55°C), or can be added after the electrophoresis run and the gel stained separately. Use at a final concentration of 0.1 µg/ml from a 1mg/ml stock solution. Ethidium bromide is a Mutagen. ALWAYS wear gloves. 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 Mini-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 Mini-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

Horizontal Mini-Gel Kits and Accessories

Cat. #	Item
GCMGU-102T	Horizontal Mini-Gel Productivity Package CE , with tapered gates. Gel bed dimensions are 5.5cm x 8.5cm. Includes two combs, 2 UV transparent gel trays, and single place external gel caster. Please specify comb cat. # from list below.
GCMGU-202T	Horizontal Mini-Gel Productivity Package CE , with tapered gates. Gel bed dimensions are 7.5cm x 10cm. Includes two combs, 2 UV transparent gel trays and single place external gel caster. Please specify comb cat. # from list below.

Mini-Gel Accessories

GCMGU-102T combs

(Available in Polycarbonate or Teflon-coated aluminum*)

Cat. #	Comb dimensions
MGC-1001	1mm x 1 well
MGC-1003E	1mm x 3 equal wells
MGC-1003M	1mm x 2 well + middle marker
MGC-1008	1mm x 8 well
MGC-1010	1mm x 10 well
MGC-1012	1mm x 12 well
MGC-1014	1mm x 14 well
MGC-1016	1mm x 16 well
MGC-2001	2mm x 1 well
MGC-2003E	2mm x 3 equal wells
MGC-2003M	2mm x 2 well + middle marker
MGC-2008	2mm x 8 well
MGC-2010	2mm x 10 well
MGC-2012	2mm x 12 well
MGC-2014	2mm x 14 well
MGC-2016	2mm x 16 well

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

GCMGU-202T combs

(Available in Polycarbonate or Teflon-coated aluminum*)

Cat. #	Comb dimensions
MHC-1001	1mm x 1 well
MHC-1003E	1mm x 3 equal wells
MHC-1003M	1mm x 2 well + middle marker
MHC-1008	1mm x 8 well
MHC-1010	1mm x 10 well
MHC-1012	1mm x 12 well
MHC-1014	1mm x 14 well
MHC-1016	1mm x 16 well
MHC-2001	2mm x 1 well
MHC-2003E	2mm x 3 equal wells
MHC-2003M	2mm x 2 well + middle marker
MHC-2008	2mm x 8 well
MHC-2010	2mm x 10 well
MHC-2012	2mm x 12 well
MHC-2014	2mm x 14 well
MHC-2016	2mm x 16 well

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

Dual Sided Combs for 5.5cm x 8.5cm unit. (Available in Polycarbonate or Teflon-coated aluminum*)

Cat. #	Comb dimensions
MGC-10-0810	1mm x 8 well/10 well
MGC-10-1216	1mm x 12 well/16 well
MGC-15-0810	1.5mm x 8 well/10 well
MGC-15-1216	1.5mm x 12 well/16 well
MGC-20-0810	2mm x 8 well/10 well
MGC-20-1216	2mm x 12 well/16 well

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

Dual Sided Combs for 7.5cm x 10cm (Available in Polycarbonate or Teflon-coated aluminum*)

Cat. #	Comb dimensions
MHC-10-1014	1mm x 10 well/14 well
MHC-10-0816	1mm x 08 well/16 well
MHC-15-1014	1.5mm x 10 well/14 well
MHC-15-0816	1.5mm x 08 well/16 well
MHC-20-1014	2mm x 10 well/14 well
MHC-20-0816	2mm x 08 well/16 well

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

Mini Gel Trays (UV Transparent)

Cat. #	Item
MGT-122	Gel Tray for the MGU-102T
MGT-222	Gel Tray for the MGU-202T

Winged Gel Trays

Cat. #	Item
WGT-5585	Winged gel tray, 5.5cm x 8.5cm
WGT-7510	Winged gel tray, 7.5cm x 10cm

Mini-Horizontal Gel Caster, for 5.5cm x 8.5cm unit

Cat. #	Item
GCT-101	Gel casting tray, single
GCT-103	Gel casting tray, three
GCT-106	Gel casting tray, six

Power Supply

Cat. #	Item
EPS-300-II	Mini Power Supply, with timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 110V/60Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90 watts
EPS-300-IIV	Mini Power Supply, with timer, CV or CC, 10-300V, 220V/50Hz, current range:4-500mA, 90 watts
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

Replacement Baffles

Cat. #	Item
BAFFLES-102T	Tapered Baffles for MGU-102T
BAFFLES-202T	Tapered Baffles for MGU-202T

Gel Sealing Tape

Cat. #	Item
GT-72-10	1" thick x 72 yards
GT-72-15	1.5" thick x 72 yards

Mini-Horizontal Gel Caster, for 7.5cm x 10cm unit

Cat. #	Item
GCT-201	Gel casting tray, single
GCT-203	Gel casting tray, three
GCT-206	Gel casting tray, six