



HBO₂ - Hyperbaric Oxidiser

The rapid sample oxidiser for environmental and other samples

Rapid - Efficient - Safe

Rapid conversion of organic compounds to H₂O (HTO) and CO₂ (¹⁴C)

Complete and clean oxidation of organic-rich materials (foodstuffs, marine and freshwater fish, meat, vegetation, wood,

oils, plastics, and soft wastes) using 15 Bar oxygen in a closed pressure-rated chamber to promote rapid combustion. Application areas: Nuclear decommissioning, waste characterisation, environmental monitoring, ¹⁴C extraction 150 kg total system weight

100 - 230 VAC, 6 Amp

Working footprint with Cryoelectrical unit: 1400 x 600 x1000 mm (*w*,*h*,*d*)



Key features

Specifications & system requirements

- Efficient and rapid extraction of tritium and C-14 from combustible materials.
- Ideal for production of combustion water for LSC methods requiring large volumes.
- Proven for combustion of biota (fish, meat, vegetables) to support radioactivity reassurance monitoring.
- Suitable for other organic-rich materials (e.g. soft wastes).
- Rapid and effective combustion of organic-rich samples (up to ~40g).
- Complete combustion normally in one minute controlled extraction of combustion products takes approx 40 minutes.
- Combustion water (HTO) and CO2 extraction achieved using a 2-stage controlled process (pressure release followed by vacuum evaporation through a cryotrap)
- Novel door locking mechanism with three safety interlocks.
- Conforms to the EU Pressure Equipment Directive (97/23/EC Annex III Module B1).
- Permits the water generated to be used for tritium analysis by LSC or ³He in-growth mass spectrometry.
- Proven in intercomparison exercises

Hardware	5 Litre Pressure vessel
	Easy-to-use, rotary (mutli-lug) door locking mechanism
	Over pressure protection
	Sample ignition system using a glow wire
	Combustion chamber Metaglas [™] viewing window in door
	Integrated gas transfer/analyte recovery using cryoelectrical trapping
	Tablet PC dashboard with digital displays and gas flow controls Pressure transducers with digital displays
	Dual thermocouples with digital displays
	Integrated HMI-PLC with Navigation software and data storage
Safety systems	System interlocks (3 off) for safety management linked to HMI-PLC system
Gas transfer system	User-controlled manual valves for gas charging and emptying
	2-stage vacuum pump with Fomblin or Vacuubrand oil-free screw-pump
Cryo-trapping system	-110°C cryo-electrical condenser to trap combustion water and CO2
	Combustion water and CO ₂ collected in vacuum-grade glass traps held in high efficiency graphite heat exchanger in the cryoelectrical system
Monitoring and visualisation software	Integrated Tablet PC system for system navigation, status and data trending
System requirements	Input Power: ~100 - 220 VAC 6 Amp
	Compressed oxygen gas supply (10-20 Bar oxygen charge used for each combustion)
	Local site vapour extraction desirable
	Sample pelletisation press needed for powdered samples - option available
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