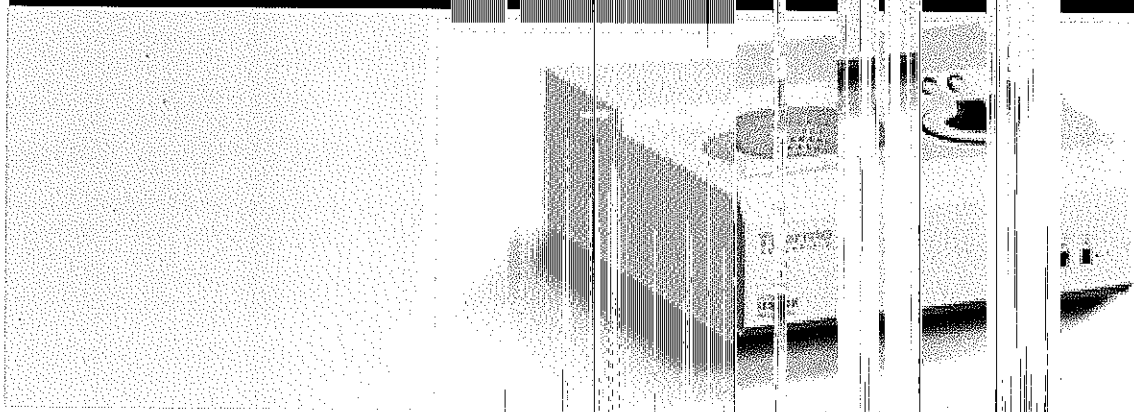


# Instruction Manual

Thermo Scientific Savant SS1  
Speedvac Concentrator



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The ISS110 SpeedVac® Concentrator is a complete system for solvent evaporation, sample concentration, and drying using a patented technique that combines centrifugal force, vacuum, and applied heat. It is intended for use with aqueous and non-aggressive solvents such as ethanol and methanol. It may also be used with small quantities of acetonitrile and ammonium hydroxide.

The ISS110 SpeedVac Concentrator combines a sample chamber, a rotor assembly, an oil-free vacuum pump and a refrigerated vapor trap in a small compact housing. The ISS 110 applies vacuum to samples only when the rotor is spinning, thus preventing bumping and foaming. Where required, the ISS110 can apply thermal energy to the samples to counteract the cooling effect of evaporation under vacuum.

Polypropylene fittings and Teflon® coated sample chamber and vacuum pump heads resist corrosion and ensure reliable operation.

## 2.0 INSTALLATION

**UNPACKING.** Open the shipping carton. Compare the contents with the packing list. Inspect the system and components for any damage from shipment. If damage is evident, save the shipping carton and immediately notify the carrier or your distributor.

**SITE PREPARATION.** The ISS110 requires a stable, level surface for proper operation. Units configured for 115 VAC, 60Hz, should be plugged into a circuit rated for at least 10 amps. Units configured for 230 VAC, 50Hz, should be plugged into a circuit rated for, at least, 5 amps.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Before operating the unit, read section 3.0 Operation and Section 4.0 Application Information to determine your specific application requirements.

## 3.0 OPERATION

**Start-of-day procedure.** At the start of each day, ensure that the refrigerated trap contains a clean, dry, Glass Condensation Flask (GCF400) and that the supply of CryoCool® Heat Transfer Fluid is adequate.

The CryoCool fluid in the refrigerated trap must be cold before drying samples.

For the best results, maintain electrical power to the system at all times to keep the refrigerated trap cold and ready for use. When you first turn on the ISS 110, wait 45 minutes for the system to reach operating temperature before processing samples!

### GLASS CONDENSATION FLASK INSTALLATION.

1. Prepare the refrigerated stainless steel trap chamber by adding approximately 800 ml of CryoCool fluid. A line scribed on the wall of the stainless steel trap indicates the minimum appropriate fluid level (with flask removed from trap). CryoCool conducts heat away from the Glass Condensation Flask, allowing vapors to condense on the flask walls.

2. Gently put a clean Glass Condensation Flask (GCF4(10)) into the chamber. As you lower the flask into the chamber, the CryoCool Fluid rises. Verify that the final CryoCool Fluid level is 10 to 15 mm below the shoulder of the flask.

3. Immediately wipe clean any CryoCool Fluid that spills on the rubber seal.

4. Fit the white insulating Flask Seal over the glass flask to secure the flask in the chamber. Its beveled side face upward to admit the Flask Seal.

5. Snap the black rubber Flask Cap over the mouth of the glass flask. This provides easy tubing connection and a vacuum seal while also securing the Glass Condensation Flask and insulating Flask Seal in the refrigerated chamber.

**Rotor Installation** Open the lid of the rotor chamber. Visually align the pin on the drive shaft with the groove on the bottom of the rotor. Rotate the rotor by hand to be sure the groove fits snugly. Secure the assembly by screwing the retaining drive shaft above the rotor. Tighten it firmly but not excessively with samples and close the lid.

Always balance rotor loads. An unbalanced rotor causes vibration that will damage the bearings. Load the rotor symmetrically. There should not be a tube in each holder, but, you must be sure to evenly balance the rotor by placing an even number of tubes opposite each other. When using a rotor with aluminum tube holders, insert all tube holders.

### 3.1 DRYING RATE

By using the Drying Rate switch, thermal energy can be applied to the concentrator chamber to counteract the cooling effect of evaporation, maintain the samples in the liquid state, and accelerate the concentration run.

- The DRYING RATE switch selects the desired drying rate:
- LOW maintains the concentrator chamber at ambient temperature.
  - MEDIUM maintains the concentrator chamber at approximately 43 °C.
  - HIGH maintains the concentrator chamber at approximately 65 °C.

Select the drying rate according to the nature of your samples.

### 3.2 STARTING AND STOPPING A RUN

The CONCENTRATOR switch is normally in the OFF position. After loading and installing the rotor, closing the lid, selecting a DRYING RATE (you may even pre-heat the samples), press the CONCENTRATOR switch to the ON position to start the drying run. To stop the run, press the CONCENTRATOR switch to the OFF position. A run can be stopped at any point and restarted based on your criterion for sample dryness.

### 3.3 CHAMBER COVER

The chamber cover must be closed before a run can begin.

It is not possible to open the cover during a run because of the vacuum in the concentrator chamber. In addition, a cover lock is present on 220 and 230 volt models. The cover is locked at all times during a run and whenever power to the unit is interrupted.

The cover lock is a safety feature that further reduces the risk of injury or damage from the spinning rotor. Do not attempt to bypass the cover lock to conduct a run with an open cover.

To remove samples in the event of power failure, insert, at an upward 45° angle, the lid opening tool (provided with unit) into the vertical slot at the base of the front of the unit. Firmly raise the handle to a horizontal position and lift up the lid.

### 3.4 SIMPLE SYSTEM INTEGRITY TEST

You can use this simple system integrity test to periodically verify the operational integrity of the vacuum pump and refrigerated vapor trap.

1. Install a clean, dry glass condensation flask.
2. Allow the refrigerated vapor trap to operate for 45 minutes.
3. Open the chamber lid and remove the rotor.
4. Fill a plastic beaker that will fit in the chamber with 50 ml of water and place it in the chamber. Close the lid.
5. Press the drying rate switch to the "LOW" position.
6. Start the system by pressing the concentrator switch to the "ON" position.
7. After fifteen minutes of operation, press the concentrator switch to the "OFF" position.
8. Immediately open the lid and measure the water sample temperature.

A properly functioning system will bring the sample down in temperature within the range of 3 to 7° C (33-37° F).

### 4.0 APPLICATION INFORMATION

The ISS110 Speed/Vac Concentrator is suitable for drying or concentrating primary aqueous based samples. In addition, the small amount of ethanol commonly dried from preparations stemming from DNA precipitations can also be processed with this system.

Concentrating large quantities of organic solvents, such as hexane, chloroform, dichloromethane, or acetonitrile from extraction or elution systems are best suited to the AES1010 and AES2010 SpeedVac Systems.

#### 4.1 SOLVENT HANDLING

When processing hazardous samples, install the SCT120 Chemical Trap on the exhaust port to capture evaporated solvent. This trap, installed in addition to the integral refrigerated trap, provides more complete solvent trapping. The SCT120 accepts a variety of disposable cartridges to absorb volatile exhaust. Order the DTK120R Chemical Trap Kit, which includes the trap, disposable cartridge, tubing, and fittings. These activated-charcoal cartridges trap radioactivity. (The same technology is commonly used in fume hood holders.)

To install a trap on the exhaust port, remove the muffler assembly from the VAPOR EXHAUST PORT. Attach a piece of vacuum tubing to this fitting. Attach the other end to the chemical trap. (Follow enclosed instructions supplied with the DTK120R kit).

The chemical trap requires periodic checking to ensure its continued effectiveness. Refer to the manual shipped with the trap.

When concentrating samples in ammonium hydroxide, install the ANT100 Ammonia Neutralizing Trap. The disposable ANS121 (Ammonia Neutralizing Solution) bottles, which screw onto the ANT100, neutralize ammonia gas, preventing unpleasant odors in the laboratory.

#### 4.2 ACCESSORIES

The **CC120/DX Deluxe Convenience Cart** is a useful accessory for the environmental lab. The SpeedVac® resides on the top shelf, while any additional trapping apparatus are placed on the bottom shelf. Addition of the cart produces a completely mobile concentration system.

The model **DVG50 Digital Vacuum Gauge** can also be installed. Insertion of the vacuum gauge tube in the vacuum tubing, on the right hand side leading to the glass condensation trap, provides vapor pressure reading that can be generally correlated with the dryness level of the sample. Experience with your specific test samples will determine the correlation between vacuum levels and sample dryness.

#### 4.3 DEVISING PROTOCOLS

Test runs are necessary to determine the correct time settings for a given procedure. To obtain data that is descriptive for both concentration (reducing a large volume to a small volume) and drying (removing all the solvent), conduct manual test runs, using the containers, the solvent and the volumes that you will use for actual samples. Interrupt the run every 15 minutes to measure remaining sample volume and sample temperature. Continue this test until the test samples are completely dry. Conduct additional runs at different drying settings.

The following drying rate table provides a guide, results will vary depending upon test sample make up.

SOLVENT	DRYING RATE		
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Water	1.0-2.0	2.0-3.5	3.5-5.0

## 5.0 ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES

**TK120R Chemical Trap Kit** Absorbs volatile radioactives and attaches to the exhaust port of the instrument.

**AN1100 Ammonia Neutralizing Trap Assembly** Use when concentrating samples in ammonium hydroxide. Attaches directly to the side of the instrument.

**ANS121 Ammonia Neutralizing Solution** Screws directly into the AN1100 assembly for neutralizing ammonia odors.

**DC120/DX Deluxe Convenience Cart** For easy transport of the system and accessories the Deluxe Convenience Cart is highly recommended. The Deluxe Cart has two corrosion resistant, fully adjustable polypropylene shelves and four level casters.

**VG350 Digital Vacuum Gauge** Ideal for monitoring the vacuum efficiency or sample drying efficiency. Insertion into the vacuum line between the rotameter and the refrigerated trap provides vapor pressure readings which can be correlated to sample dryness level. Insertion into the vacuum line between the refrigerated trap and vacuum pump allows for determining pump efficiency.

## 6.0 TROUBLESHOOTING

See attached chart

## 7.0 SPECIFICATIONS:

Model Number: ISS110

Refrigerated Trap: -50°C  
4 liters CFC free Refrigerant

Vacuum Pump:  
Displacement: 36 L/min. @ 60 Hz  
Maximum Vacuum: 7 Torr

Dimensions (W x D x H) 25 in. x 26 in. x 15 in.  
(62 cm x 65 cm x 37 cm)

Weight: 152 lbs.  
(69 kg)

Operative Power:            115VAC, 60 Hz, 10 amps  
                                     220VAC, 60 Hz, 5 amps  
                                     230 VAC, 50 Hz, 5 amps

Dependent upon ambient temperature, line voltage fluctuations, and load capacity.

## **8.0 TO RETURN AN INSTRUMENT FOR REPAIR**

In order to receive proper attention to your repair, you must first contact the Service Department or your sales representative and receive: (1) an Return material Authorization (RMA) number and (2) sign the Health and Safety Clearance Form before shipping the equipment back. All items returned must be certified to be decontaminated and free of radioactivity.

When returning equipment that may contain hazardous materials, you must pack and label them in accordance with DOT regulations applying to the transportation of hazardous material. Your shipping documents must also meet DOT regulations.



SYNTHETIC  
TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

GENERAL

ISS110 SPEEDVAC

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

SYMPTOM

POSSIBLE CAUSES

SOLUTION/EXPLANATION

System tripping or no power.

No current to equipment.  
Power failure at source.

Check line cord for proper connections.  
Check main circuit panel.

Sample drops circuit breaker or fuse.

Short circuit to ground in one of the components.

Call Thermo for assistance.

Flask does not dry or noticeable the drying rate.

Flask cap packed with ice.

Remove blockage. Change to dry flask.

Internal vacuum pump needs servicing.

Call Thermo for assistance.

Vacuum leak.

Check seal of cap on Glass Condensation Flask. Check cover gasket on sample chamber.

Insufficient electrical energy applied to the sample chamber.

Evaporative cooling retards evaporation; additional chamber heat will counteract this effect.

Refrigerator not reaching operating temperature.

Call Thermo for assistance.

SPEEDVAC

Rotor does not rotate or makes a grinding noise.

ISS110 SPEEDVAC® CHAMBER

Condensate bucket full past 3/4 mark.

Change to new dry flask.

Rotor does not rotate or makes a grinding noise.

No current to SpeedVac®.

Check line cord.

Badly contaminated upper magnetic assembly.

Upper magnetic assembly requires replacement. Call Thermo for service.

Lower drive magnet bound up on the separation.

Call Thermo for Service.

Rotor makes a loud clattering noise on up.

Hold-down knob has been over-tightened.

Tighten hold-down knob until it make contact with rotor, DO NOT OVER-TIGHTEN.

Chamber does not seal properly.

Cracked or missing cover gasket.

Clear or replace cover gasket.

Chamber does not reach temperature.

Automatic fill valve malfunction.

Call Thermo for assistance.

Radiant lamp burned out.

Replace lamp, or call Thermo for assistance.

Heater control element malfunction.

Call Thermo for assistance.

**SYMPTOM**

**POSSIBLE CAUSES**

**SOLUTION/EXPLANATION**

**REFRIGERATED CONDENSATION TRAP**

Refrigerated trap not cooling.

Insufficient air circulation.

Leave a minimum four-inch clearance on all sides. Clean the condenser of any accumulated dust or debris.

Compressor system has lost its charge.

Call Thermo Scientific for assistance.

Noisy vibration and/or excessive heat on top of cabinet.

Cabinet housing has become loose or circulation fan is rubbing an internal component.

Call Thermo Scientific for assistance.

Glass Condensation Flask breakage.

Large ice build-up that expands during thawing.

Change and clean Glass Condensation Flask daily.

Trap contents allowed to thaw and re-freeze.

Leave the main power switch ON between runs and change the Glass Condensation Flask daily.

Glass Condensation Flask plugged with ice.

Excessive water/ice build up in thermal transfer fluid.

Use CryoCool® instead of ethanol. Remove the ice. CAUTION: Extreme cold may cause severe blistering.

Vacuum leak at flask cap.

Flask Cap seated improperly.

Verify that the cap is pressed securely over the mouth of the Glass Condensation Flask.

Flask cap worn or fouled.

Replace flask cap.