**Ultrasonic Cleaning System** 

Owner/Operator Manual

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## Safety Precautions and Warnings

**Before** using your Ultrasonic Cleaner, please read and thoroughly understand these safety precautions. Failure to comply with these warnings and safety precautions may result in serious personal injury or property damage.

#### To avoid electrical shock:

- Unplug your machine from the power source before filling or emptying the tank.
- Keep the area around the ultrasonic cleaning machine clean and dry. Water and high voltage can cause electric shock.
- Ensure that the ultrasonic cleaning machine is properly grounded. Do not remove the grounding prong on the line cord plug.
- · Do not immerse your ultrasonic cleaning machine in water.
- Do not disassemble your ultrasonic cleaning machine –hazardous voltages inside the tank are dangerous.
- Warning: Do not ever use alcohol, gasoline or flammable solutions. Doing so could cause a fire or explosion.
- Warning: Unplug the machine before moving it.
- Warning: Do not immerse the ultrasonic cleaning machine in water or any other liquid. To maintain the tank free of sediment and soap scum: Unplug, Rinse and Wipe Dry.

#### CAUTIONS:

- Do not use mineral acids or bleach. These liquid concentrates can damage the ultrasonic cleaning tank.
- Use only approved ultrasonic cleaning solutions for compatibility. CHANGE THE ULTRASONIC CLEANING SOLUTION DAILY OR AS NEEDED.
- Do not allow the solution to drop below the operating level of the tank while the ultrasonic cleaning machine is in operation.
- Never run the ultrasonic cleaning machine at solution temperatures over 160°F, 71°C.
- Do not place parts or containers directly on the bottom of the ultrasonic cleaning tank
- When using beakers or an auxiliary pan, enough solution must be in the tank to act as a coupling agent. The beakers should be suspended below the solution level, but above the bottom of the tank.
- Do not leave the instruments in the ultrasonic cleaning machine overnight; it may cause corrosion (to the instruments). All instruments must be rinsed and dried before using.
- Avoid operating the ultrasonic cleaning machine in extremely dusty areas.
- Keep the ventilating louvers clean and free of obstructions.
- Do not disassemble your machine. Contact your Dealer.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS WILL VOID YOUR WARRANTY.

## Chemicals Harmful To Your Ultrasonic Cleaner

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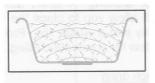
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The use of these chemicals will damage your machine and void the warranty.

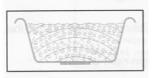
Congratulations on your purchase of an Ultrasonic Cleaning System. Your machine is part of a complete cleaning process which is thoroughly described in this owner/operator manual.

# What is Ultrasonic Cleaning?

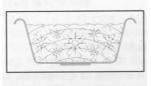
Ultrasonic cleaning is created by sound waves that are transmitted at frequencies beyond the range of human hearing. A generator located within your system develops the high frequency power which causes a transducer to radiate and produce the sound waves.



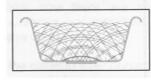
Sound waves are carried through the solution in the tank and create a unique vibrational pattern causing alternating high and low pressures in the liquid.



During the low pressure stage, millions of tiny bubbles form. This process is called CAVTATION, meaning the formation of cavities.



During the high pressure stage, the bubbles collapse or implode, releasing enormous amounts of energy. Working in all directions, the bubbles attack every surface and invade all recesses and crevices, pulling debris off the object being cleaned.



SWEEPZONE TECHNOLOGY® enhances the ultrasonic activity by automatically changing frequencies, thus creating a cleaning grid which literally sweeps through the tank. A more uniform cleaning pattern and significantly shorter cleaning times result when "hot spots" present in traditional ultrasonics are eliminated.

# Unpack, Set-Up and Start-Up Unpack

- Remove your ultrasonic cleaner from its shipping container and inspect it for any possible damage which may have occurred during shipping. (Claims for shipping damage should be made immediately against the carrier.)
- Check the serial number of your machine with the serial number on the shipping carton. If they are not the same, contact your dealer.

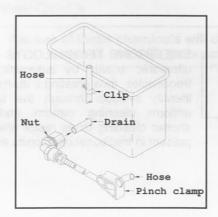
## Set-Up

#### **Table Top Machines**

Select your desired location for the cleaner. It should be in close proximity to
a sink or waste lines to facilitate ease of draining. A drain assembly,
supplied with the cleaners having drains, will allow you to place the unit on
either side of the sink or to connect it directly into a waste line. Provide at
least two inches all around the machine to allow for adequate cooling.

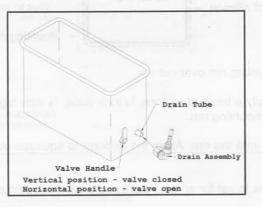
# Attaching the Drain Assembly for units with 3/8 inch drain

- Open bag and remove pre-assembled drain fitting.
- Loosen nut on elbow. Refer to the sketch.
- Position machine so that you are facing the Stainless Steel drain tube.
- Slide assembly over drain tube.
- Adjust position of drain fitting as desired. (Drain right or left)
- Hand-tighten. Nut should be against the rear panel. Do not over tighten. If further tightening is needed, an adjustable or 13/16" open-ended wrench is recommended.
- Feed end of drain through pinch clamp.
- · Secure plastic tubing into clip at top of machine.



# Attaching the Drain Assembly for units with 1/2 inch drain

- · Pick up drain assembly supplied and loosen nut on elbow.
- · Position machine so that you are facing the drain tube.
- Carefully slide the assembly over the drain tube.
- · Adjust the position of the drain tube as desired. (Drain right, left or down.)
- Hand tighten nut. Do not over-tighten. If further tightening is needed an adjustable or a 1 inch open-ended wrench is recommended.



#### **Recessed Machines**

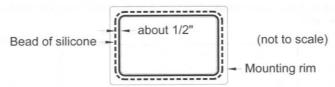
#### Installing the Tank in Your Countertop

Your recessed ultrasonic cleaner is designed to be a permanent installation into a countertop in your office or shop. It is recommended that the stainless steel mounting rim supplied with the cleaner be installed between the rim of the tank and the countertop to ensure a good, watertight seal at the countertop. A cable or cables (depending on the model) will connect the tank to the generator.

- Select your desired location for the tank on your countertop. Close proximity
  to a sink is desirable for ease of drain connections.

  Make sure there are no drawers below your selected position on the
  countertop and that there are doors which allow easy access to the drain
  valve on the tank.
  - If the cable(s) interconnecting the tank and generator cannot be routed behind the countertop, a separate hole will have to be drilled in the countertop to accommodate them.
- Included with your recessed cleaner is a stainless steel mounting rim. Use it as a template and trace the required cut out on your countertop with a crayon or china marker.
- 3. Drill a ½ inch hole anywhere within the section to be cutout.
- 4. Using a sabre saw, carefully cut the tank shape out of the countertop.

- Clean away saw dust. Position the mounting rim over the cut out and check fit. Adjust hole if required.
- Remove rim. Carefully apply a bead of clear silicone (GE 732 or equivalent) ½ inch wide, ¼ inch high around the cut out.



- Position mounting rim over cut out.
- 8. Carefully apply a bead of silicone 3/4 inch wide, 1/4 inch high around the inside edge of the mounting rim.
- Set the tank into the rim. Allow the silicone to squeeze out. Wipe the excess silicone.
- 10. Allow the tank to set for at least eight hours without being disturbed.
- 11. After the silicone has cured, carefully scrape any excess silicone, being careful not to scratch the rim or countertop.

Recessed rim option

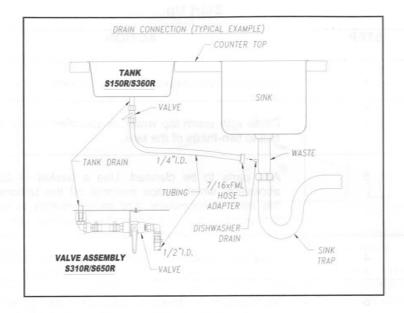
Recessed rim installation is similar. For specific details check instructions supplied with that option.

Connecting the Drain

Protruding through the bottom of the tank assembly on a recessed machine is a drain valve and associated fittings and a 36" length of tygon tubing.

Every recessed installation is unique because of different counter sizes, access to waste lines, etc., and should be done by a plumber or technician in accordance with local plumbing codes.

If a sink and sink drain are near the location the recessed cleaner is to be installed, we recommend changing the sink's tailpiece to a "dishwasher tailpiece". Then, using an appropriate combination of adapters/fittings, the tygon tubing can be connected to the tailpiece. See sketch.



# Interconnecting The Tank and Generator

- 1-gallon machine—Connect the coaxial cable from the tank into the R.F. connector on the rear of the generator (Turn Clockwise to lock connector).
- <u>Larger machines</u>—Connect the coaxial cable from the tank into the R.F. connector on the rear of the generator (Turn Clockwise to lock connector) and the thermo probe cable into the 3 pin connector on the rear of the generator.
- Connect the green/yellow wire from the tank to an appropriate earth ground such as a cold water supply pipe using a grounding clamp or similar approved grounding device.

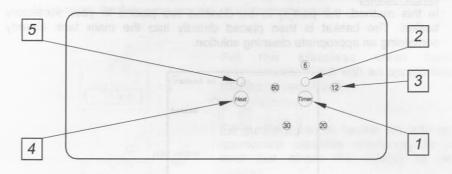
Do not attempt to connect or disconnect any cables with the generator plugged in. Connect the generator plug last.

# Start Up

STEP	ACTION  Select the appropriate Cleaning Solution.	
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2	Dilute with warm tap water as specified and fill one half to two-thirds of the tank.	
3	Add parts to be cleaned. Use a basket or other accessory which keeps material off the bottom of the tank. If necessary, add more solution to bring the level to about 1 inch from the top of the tank.	
4	Plug the cleaner's line cord into a grounded outlet.	
5	To activate your machine, simply set your timer (on mechanical timers turn knob clockwise) to the number of minutes desired for cleaning. These self-timing units will automatically shut themselves off at the end of the cycle.	
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NOTE: If this is the first time you are running the cleaner or you have changed the cleaning solution, you must degas the solution. Fresh solutions contain many dissolved gasses which reduce effective ultrasonic action. Although solutions will naturally degas over time, operating the machine for five to ten minutes before using it to clean will accelerate the degas process.

# **Digital Timer**



The Digital timer controls the operation of the Ultrasonic cleaning machine and its options. There are three sections of control; Main Power, Timer, Heat.

The Main power on / off switch: Located on the rear panel of the machine near the line cord and fuse holder. This switch controls the main power to the unit. When this switch is in the on position it is illuminated and the yellow standby light, on the front panel, is lit (item 2).

**Timer Section:** The timer section controls the Ultrasonic operation of the machine. There are five different selectable predefined timer settings (6, 12, 20, 30, 60 minutes). The timer set button (Item 1) is in the center of the time selection indicator lights (Item 3) just below the yellow standby indicator light (Item 2).

Pressing the timer button once, when the unit is in standby mode will start the ultrasonic cleaner and select an operating time of 6 minutes. If the Timer button is pressed again a second time then the 12 minute indicator will light and the unit will then run for 12 minutes and turn off when done. If the timer button is pressed while the machine is operating the next time interval is selected and the machine will continue to operate until the end of this preset time. Pressing the timer button will increment the time interval from 6 to 12 to 30 to 60 and then to Standby (off). The time indicator light remains lit until the end of the cycle.

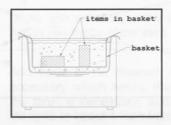
Optional Heater Section: The heater section has the Heater Push Button (Item 4) and a Red indicator light (Item 5). The light is active when the heater circuit is energized. The Heat remains on until the button is pressed again and the indicator light goes off. If the unit has not had any buttons pressed for 2 hours the heat turns off as a safety precaution. Heat should not be left on unattended. The operator should not rely on this automatic feature to turn the heat function off automatically - this feature is for safety only.

The main power switch is intended to be turned off when the machine is not in use. None of the Digital timer functions will work if the main power switch is in the off position.

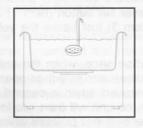
# **Cleaning Methods**

## **Direct Method**

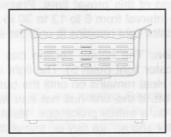
In this method, the part(s) to be cleaned are placed in your accessory basket. The basket is then placed directly into the main tank already containing an appropriate cleaning solution.



Cleaning times may vary depending on the amount and types of contamination on the items. We suggest that a 3-5 minute cycle be initiated and more time added if necessary.



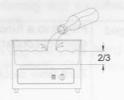
Bur tray suspended directly into the tank.



Instrument cassettes, held in a cassette rack and placed directly into the tank.

#### Indirect Method

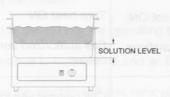
When a cleaning application necessitates a series of different solutions, or when a specialized solution which is not to be placed directly into the tank is to be used, the following procedure is recommended.



Fill the stainless steel tank approximately  $\frac{3}{3}$  full with an appropriate solution or carrier bath.



Fill auxiliary pan or beaker (s) with an appropriate cleaning solution(s) to a level just above the item(s) to be cleaned.



Place auxiliary pan into main tank, resting it on its handles, making sure that the bottom of the auxiliary pan is below the solution level in the main tank, add water if necessary. This insures proper sound wave transference.



If a beaker or beakers are used, place the beaker in a positioning cover using the beaker band to adjust the depth of the suspension so that the beaker bottom is slightly below the surface of the solution in the main tank, but off the bottom.

# **Trouble Shooting**

If your ultrasonic cleaner does not operate to your satisfaction, please consult the guide below before calling your authorized service center.

ses nieel rank I wan an appropriate th	Cleaner not plugged in properly;	Plug into a functioning electrical outlet;  Turn timer clockwise
Cleaner will not start	<ul><li>Timer not ON;</li><li>Timer Light Not on;</li></ul>	Turn rear power switch ON
	Blown fuse	Call authorized service center
Cleaner operates but does not heat solution	Heat switch not ON;	Turn heat ON
	Heater malfunctions	Call authorized service center
Cleaner will not drain	Clogged drain	Call nearest service center
Decreased ultrasonic activity	Solution is not degassed	Make sure the tank was filled with warm tap water plus cleaning solution and has run 5 to 10 minutes
	Solution is spent	Change solution
	<ul> <li>Solution level is incorrect for the load</li> </ul>	Adjust solution level to one inch from the top of the tank with the load
	<ul> <li>Tank bottom is covered with soil particles</li> </ul>	Empty, clean the tank with warm water and a non-abrasive cloth
	Using de-ionized water in the tank	Do not use. De-ionized water does not cavitate as well a ultrasonic solutions.

# **Foil Test**

An aluminum foil test is a simple, but inexact method to evaluate the general cleaning intensity and soundwave coverage throughout the tank. Perform this test as follows:

- Obtain any low price (thin) aluminum foil sold in a supermarket (less than 0.001 in. thick). Cut a piece large enough to cover ½ to ¾ of your tank bottom.
- Fill the tank as usual with room temperature L&R General Purpose Cleaner Concentrate (L&R 012) or L&R Jewelry Cleaner Concentrate, diluted as specified.
- Run the machine for 10 minutes without a basket and with heat off, to degas the solution.
- Lower the foil into the operating tank vertically and centered to the bottom.
- Continue to hold the foil and let the machine run for one minute.
- · Turn the machine off and remove the foil.
- Examine your piece of foil. There should be a peening effect and/or some perforations on the foil. The location and size of those peening or perforation patterns indicate the cleaning intensity and uniformity of the ultrasonic sound waves in the tank.