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# User's Manual

## Crude Fiber Digestion Apparatus

### **Models**

3000100  
3000200

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

Thank you for displaying confidence in us by selecting a Labconco Crude Fiber Digestion Apparatus. Our design engineers, assemblers and inspectors have utilized their skills and years of experience to ensure that the Labconco Crude Fiber Digestion Apparatus meets our high standards of quality and performance.



**This manual should be read carefully by all the end users in order to become familiar with the operation of the Crude Fiber Digestion Apparatus. Recommendations are made within the manual to help you obtain maximum performance and life from your product.**

**We have included sections on initial set up, operation, and maintenance to provide you with all the tools necessary to achieve maximum performance. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call us at 1-800-821-5525 for assistance.**

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## Components Shipped

Carefully check the contents of the carton for damage that might have occurred in transit. Do not discard the carton or packaging material until all components have been checked against the following component list and the equipment has been installed and tested.

As shipped, the carton should contain the following:

Part Number	Description
3000100	Crude Fiber Apparatus 115V, 50/60 Hz
or	
30002000	Crude Fiber Apparatus 230V, 50/60 Hz
3002300	User's Manual
1935000	Crude Fiber Beakers – 600 ml (12)

## General Description

The Labconco Crude Fiber Digestion apparatus is designed for single or multiple reflux digestions of samples for crude fiber content according to methods prescribed by the Association of Official Analytical Chemists (AOAC).

The following instructions outline the features, installations and maintenance of the Crude Fiber Digester Models 3000100, 3000200. This manual should be kept handy so that questions of use or service can be answered.

## Component Identification

- (1) **Manifold Assembly.** The hood features a molded, 6" diameter exhaust connection sized to allow for a minimum of static pressure loss through the hood structure and one that still can provide a good transport velocity through the exhaust system.
- (2) **Condenser Head System.** These cone shaped heads located above each heater provide an essential part of the digestion process. The vapors from the boiling digestion medium are condensed on the condenser heads and returned to the medium continually washing the sides of the beakers in the process.
- (3) **Heater System.** Each 350 watt adjustable spring loaded heater provides an even distribution of heat through the use of coiled heater wires embedded in a ceramic material.

- (4) **Variable Heat Control Switch.** Provides variable input from 20-100% of capacity to each heater.
- (5) **Elevation Control Knob.** Adjusts beakers positions.
- (6) **Main Power Switch.** Turn apparatus on and off without need of changing variable heat control switches.

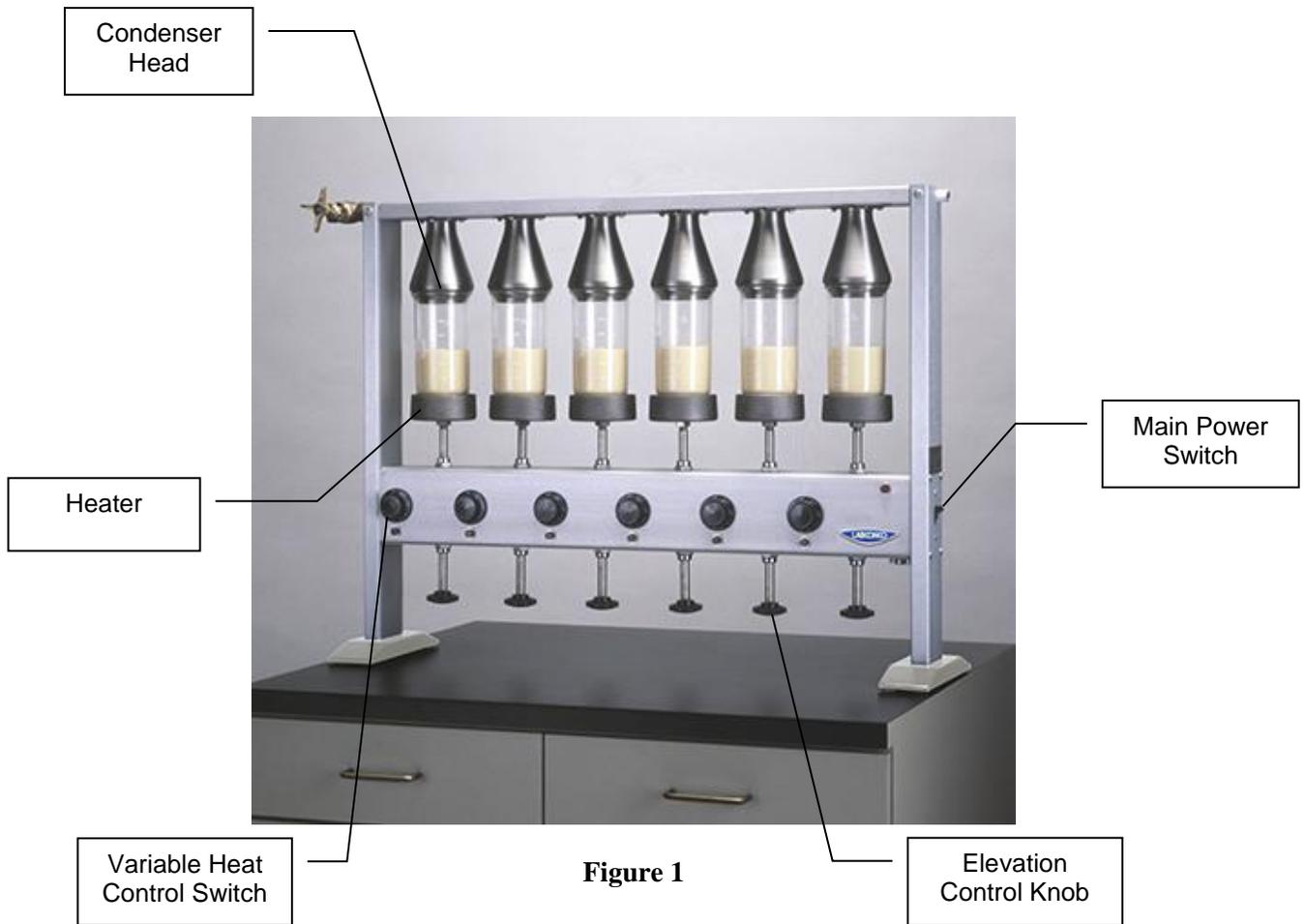


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## Chapter 2: Installation

Model 3000100, 6 unit, 115 Volt, 50/60 Hz, 18.3 amps, is complete except no power cord is supplied on the unit. The customer must provide wiring to the main power switch in accordance with local electrical codes. The unit is supplied with 12, 600 ml beakers. The unit is also equipped with individual infinite control switches with pilot lights for each heater and a main ON/OFF switch. The condensers are Type 304 stainless steel. A 3/8" NPT valve is provided to control water flow through condensers.

Model 3000200, 6 unit, 230 Volt, 50/60 Hz, 9.11 amps, is complete except no power cord is supplied on this unit. The customer must provide wiring to main power switch in accordance with local electrical codes. The unit is supplied with 12, 600 ml beakers. The unit is also equipped with 12 each individual infinite control switches with pilot lights for each heater and a main ON/OFF switch. The condensers are Type 304 stainless steel. A 3/8" NPT valve is provided to control water flow through condensers.

### Location

Choose a location in the laboratory which has a convenient electrical outlet of the voltage required, a cold water supply of 3/8" NPT and drain facilities of at least 1/2" NPT.

### Connections

Connect the 3/8" NPT water inlet valve, located on the upper left side of the unit to your cold water supply. This valve regulates the flow of water through the condenser heads.

Connect the 3/8" NPT water outlet located on the upper right side of the unit to an open drain area of at least 1/2" in size. An open drain connection will allow the operator to make a visual check of water flow through the condenser head system.

After the proper electrical connections are made, the unit is now ready for routine operation.

## **Start-Up and Check-Out**

All the heater control switches should be turned on to insure proper performance.

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## Chapter 3: Normal Operation

The following section provides a general outline of steps necessary to perform a routine digestion on the Labconco Crude Fiber Digester. Actual test methods, sample preparation, solvent choices, etc., are determined by official methods of the AOAC and should be referred to in all cases.

- Turn on cold water supply, check visual flow at the drain area. The heater and water flow rates may be adjusted to vary the reflux rates according to the operator's preference.
- Prepare samples per standard method for the product under examination.
- Place required quantity of sample in the beaker.
- Place digestion medium of proper type and quantity into beaker.
- Place beaker on the heaters and while firmly holding knob turn 1/4 turn to the left, and slowly let beaker rise to condenser head. **DO NOT** let go of knob until beaker is in position against condenser head.
- Turn the main power switch, located on the right side, to the "ON" position. Controls on the panel independently regulate one 350 watt heater. The pilot lights indicate heater "ON" cycle.
- Follow AOAC method and procedure for determination of fiber content

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# **Chapter 4: Routine Maintenance**

## **Maintenance**

If problems develop with unit, contact the laboratory dealer from whom you purchased the unit. He will be happy to assist you.

If satisfaction is not obtained, contact Labconco Corporation, 8811 Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri 64132. Phone 1-800-821-5525.

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# Chapter 5: Replacement Parts & Accessories

## Replacement Parts List

Part Number	Description
1315400	Infinite Control, 120 Volt, 15 Amp
1315500	Infinite Control, 230 Volt, 15 Amp
1315900	Toggle Switch, 120 Volt/230 Volt, 15 Amp
1351600	Valve, needle, water
1870200	Knob for infinite control
3003100	Heating element, 115 Volt, 350 Watt
3003200	Heating element, 230 Volt, 350 Watt
3004300	Beaker, 600 ml, Package of 6
3013500	No. 14AF – White heater harness wire, stranded, 15' length
3013600	No. 14AF – Black heater harness wire, stranded, 15' length
3013700	No. 12AF – White heater harness wire, stranded, 15' length
3013800	No. 18AF – Pilot light wire, stranded, 15' length
3013900	No. 18 Heater lead wire, stranded nickel, glass braid, 15' length
3020800	Condenser Assembly
3022500	Condenser Gasket

## Accessory Parts List

Part Number	Description
5510000	California Modified Büchner Funnel, complete. Consists of standard polyethylene two-piece funnel with 200 mesh stainless steel screen.
5520100	Replacement screw only, for #5521000 below.
5520200	Back-up plate only for #5521000 below.
5521000	Oklahoma State Filter, complete. Constructed of stainless steel, one-piece with threaded cap. 200 mesh screw with perforated back-up plate.

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# Appendix A: Dimensions

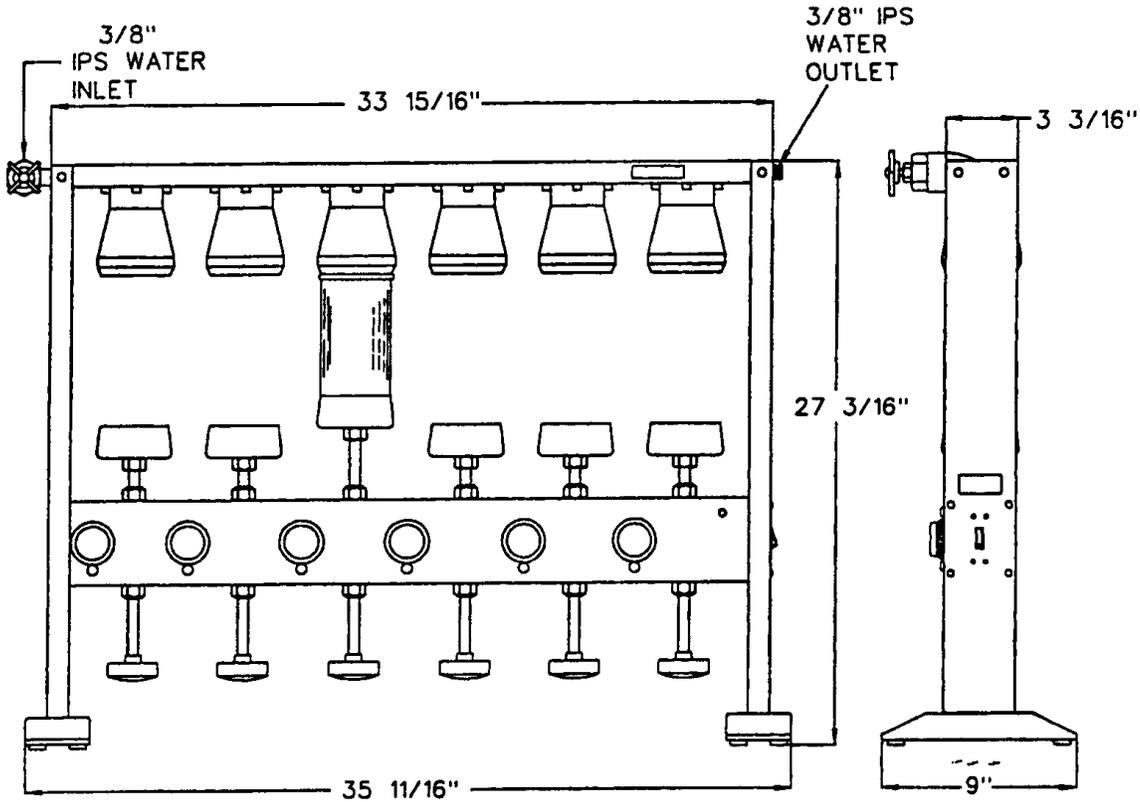


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## Appendix B: Wiring Diagram

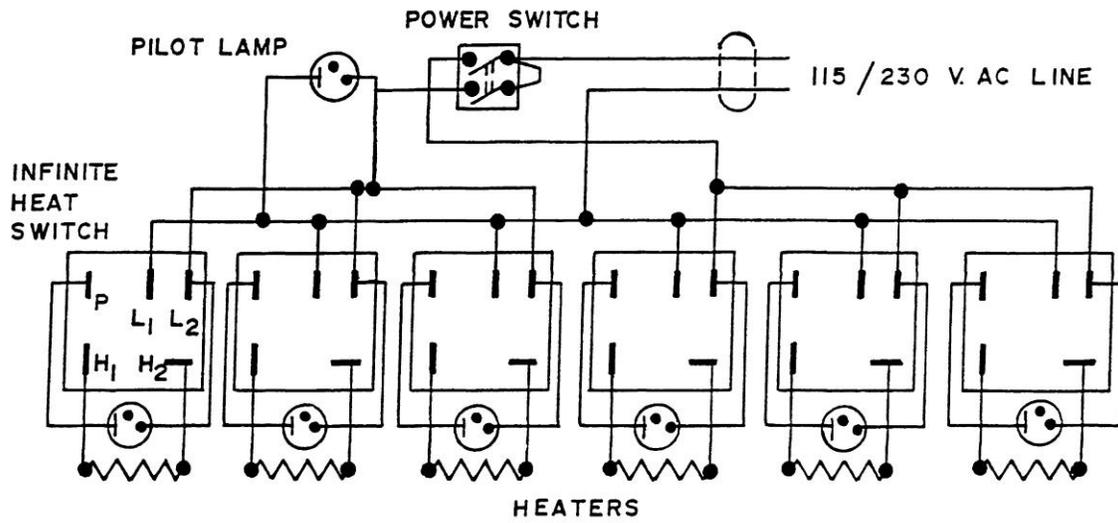


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