



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SpinVessel® VP 418SVG-1X8HS50-CC

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VP 418SVG-1X8HS50-CC SpinVessel® GEARED MOTOR SYSTEM, for 8 x 25mL/50mL Conical Bottom SpinVessel® (in a 1x8 array), made for Hamilton Star and Vantage Liquid Handlers, Direct Drive Stepper Motor, Aluminum Enclosure, Computer Controlled via ASCII Commands, API and Drivers on USB, 100/240 Volts, 50/60 Hz, CE Compliant



Parts List

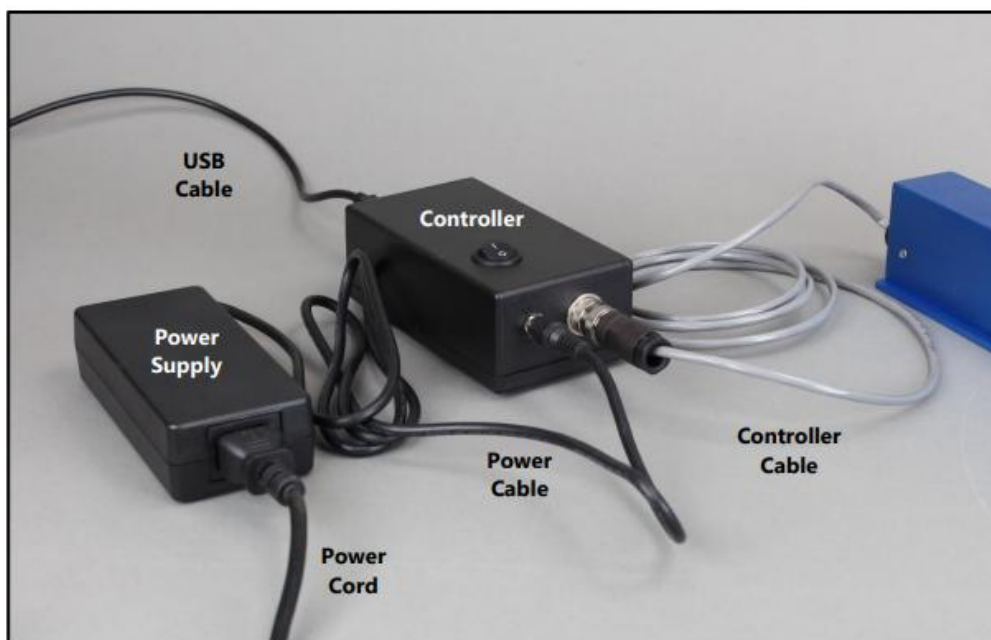
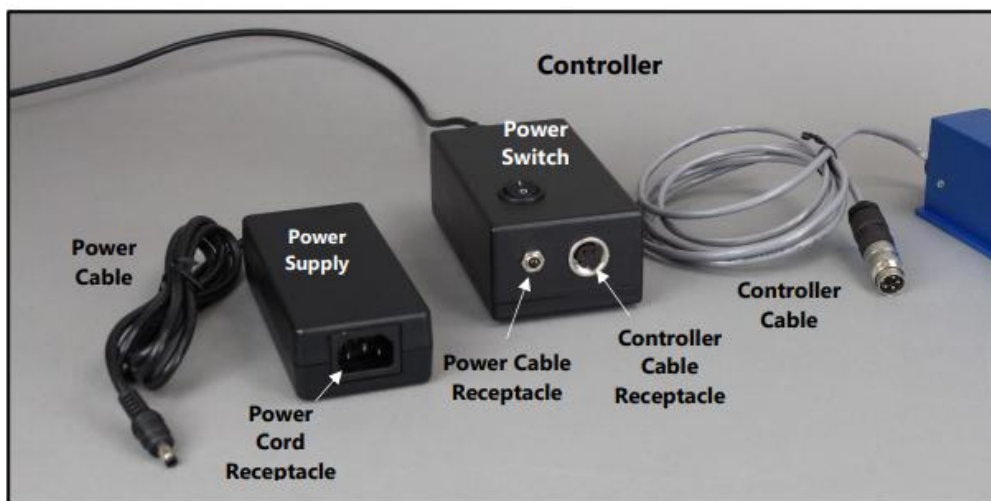
1. 1x8 Geared SpinVessel® Motor Unit
2. Controller Cable
3. Controller
4. USB Cable
5. USB Drive
6. Power Supply
 - a) Power cord (sold separately)

Set-up

1. Connect Power Cord from Power Supply to an outlet.
2. Connect Power Cable from Power Supply to Controller.

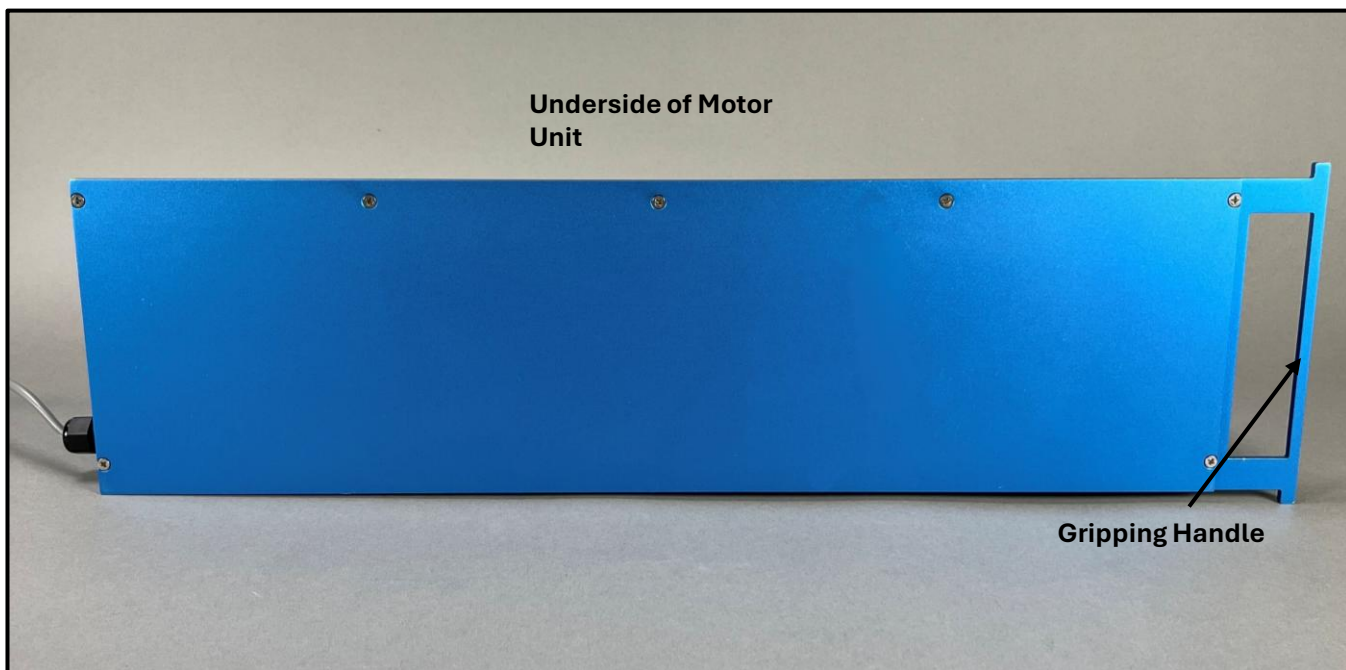
Warning: Do not plug Controller in while power is on. Ensure that the Power Switch is in the off position ("0" is down). Always have Controller plugged in before powering up.

3. Connect Controller Cable from the Motor Unit to the Controller.
4. Connect the USB Cable from the Controller to the computer.



POSITION THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM ON THE LIQUID HANDLER

1. Place the Motor Unit on the deck of a Hamilton Star or Fluent.
 - a. The underside of the SpinVessel® motor unit is dimensioned such that it can be positioned on the liquid handler using the locating features of the deck.
 - b. Five of the locating features (“torpedos”), front and rear, will need to be removed with needle-nose pliers. c. The Motor Unit is then slid in between the remaining features.
2. Since the Controller Cable is 6 feet long, the Controller and computer can be placed at a distance from the Motor Unit.



POWERING UP THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM

The Power Switch (I/O) is located on the top of the Controller. To power up the Controller, depress the “I” of the switch.

OPERATING THE SpinVessel® With COMPUTER CONTROL

The SpinVessel® Models with “-CC” in the part number are controlled using a computer. In this configuration, the control unit does not have a manual Touch Screen Controller. The Controller for the computer controllable SpinVessel® is connected by a USB communication cable to a computer. The Controller accepts simple ASCII commands to set the speed of the rotations, the number of rotations (including fractions of a rotation), duration of pause before reversing direction and degree of ramping to set speed.

Software Details

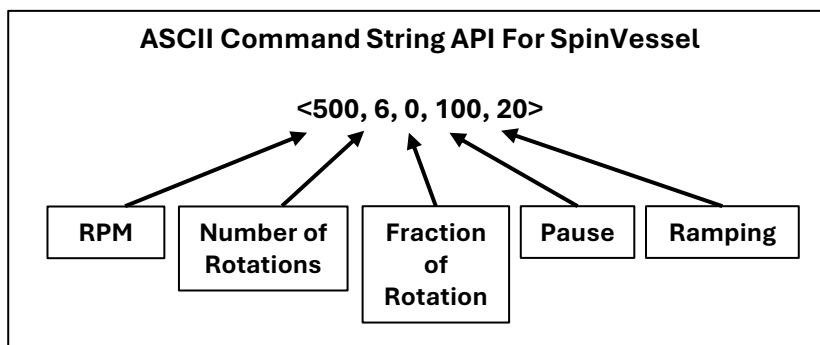
1. The SpinVessel® Controller uses an internal CH340G USB to Serial Converter (set to 9600,8,N,1), which will require driver software. Windows may already have the needed USB driver software installed. If not, download the “CH340 USB DRIVER” from the provided USB flash drive and run “CH341SER.exe” to install it (Windows typically auto-installs once downloaded). If your company policy does not allow the use of the provided USB stick, this driver is also available for download from the internet (contact your IT department for assistance if necessary).
2. The basic command language for this computer-to-stirrer communication is ASCII.
3. Commands can be sent from the computer using a standard terminal program like HyperTerminal or Realterm. Or, if needed, download the V&P Scientific Serial Terminal program from the provided USB flash drive. If your company policy does not allow the use of the provided USB stick, we suggest asking your IT department for a recommendation.
4. Alternatively, the ASCII commands can be sent by an automated liquid handler’s software to control the SpinVessel®. Since there are many different automated liquid handlers available, please contact a technical representative from the company that makes the liquid handler.

Connecting and Sending Commands

1. Set up the system as described in the Set-Up section of the SpinVessel® Technote with the USB cable connected to the computer to be used.
2. Open the Serial Terminal program (V&P Scientific version or other).
3. Turn on the SpinVessel® instrument as described.
4. Select the appropriate COM port and click CONNECT to establish a line of communication between the instrument and the computer.
5. Create ASCII command strings as outlined in the diagram shown below to control the instrument with the following parameters:
 - a. Speed of rotation in revolutions per minute (RPM).
 - b. Number of rotations before reversing direction.
 - c. Fraction of a rotation (input 0-9 for fractions of a rotation).
 - d. Pause, in milliseconds, before reversing direction.
6. Hit ENTER to send command and start rotation of the SpinVessel® instrument.
7. To stop, type and hit ENTER.

OPERATING in SpinVessel® Mode Using 25 or 50 ml SpinVessel® Tubes

Using the VP 418SV2-1X8HS50-CC in a strictly SpinVessel® application (with non-magnetic particles), start with the following settings.



The optimal stirring mode depends on the application and must be empirically determined. Factors to consider in determining optimal 25 or 50 mL SpinVessel® operation are the density of the particulates, their size, and shape, as well as the volume and viscosity of the liquid. Start with 500 RPM, 6.0 rotations, 200 millisecond pause, and 10% ramping before reversing direction, then test to determine the appropriate RPMs and number of rotations for the particulate's magnetism, density, fragility, and solution viscosity. We have found that smaller circumference SpinVessels® require higher RPMs than larger circumference SpinVessels do, because the critical factor is the linear speed generated at the circumference, not the RPMs. See page 501 of our SLAS Technology paper for a full discussion of this phenomenon.

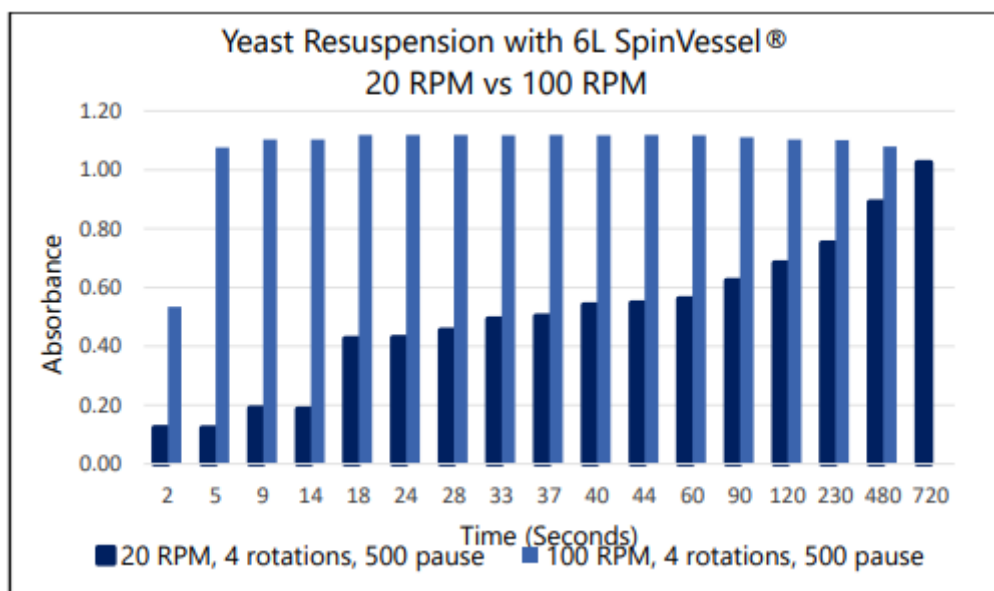
The following settings are ones to use when starting out with the VP 418SV2-1X8HS50-CC:

Speed: 500 RPM Rotate: 6.0 times Pause: 200 milliseconds Ramping: 10

It is always a good idea to practice with water in the SpinVessel® to determine safe RPM, rotation, and pause numbers before using expensive reagents. **We recommend using no more than 45ml in the 50ml SpinVessel and no more than 20ml in the 25ml, as the vortex at high speed will cause the liquid level to rise high up the tube wall.**

The VP 418SVG-1X8HS50-CC SpinVessel® is designed to be used with VP 830SV-50CB or VP 830SV-25CB SpinVessels® tubes. Please contact V&P Scientific for pricing.

See below for an example of low versus high RPM for a solution of yeast cells in a large circumference, 6 liter SpinVessel®. Note that, when given a longer mixing time, even the slower speed (20 RPM for more gentle mixing) was able to suspend the yeast cells.



Product Maintenance and Warranty

GENERAL PRODUCT CARE

When not in use, turn the power switch off.

Do not place the control unit in chambers with temperatures above 40 °C.

To clean the SpinVessel®, wipe down with a cloth and mild detergent, followed by a water wipe. **Do not immerse the SpinVessel® Motor or Control in liquid.**

The motor of the SpinVessel® is a stepper motor, 100-240 Volts, 50/60 Hz, CE compliant

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The use of motor controls, like that of all utilization of concentrated power, is potentially hazardous. The degree of hazard can be greatly reduced by proper design, selection, installation, and use, but all hazards cannot be completely eliminated.

The following safety precautions must be observed during all phases of installation, operation, service, and repair of this motor control product. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates the safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the products. V&P Scientific assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with safety requirements and practices.

WARNING

To avoid personnel injury caused by electrical shock, do not remove the cover of the controller when the power is ON

CAUTION

Do not disconnect the motor during operation. Otherwise, overcurrent breakdown may result.

WARRANTY

V&P Scientific, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship when used under normal laboratory conditions for one year. This warranty begins from the date of delivery by V&P Scientific.

In the event this product fails under normal laboratory conditions within the specified period of time because of a defect in material or workmanship, V&P Scientific will, at its option, repair or replace the product. Damage to the product caused by user negligence is not covered.

Please keep the special shipping carton in case the unit needs to be shipped back to V&P Scientific. Please contact V&P Scientific at the address below for return authorization and shipping instructions.

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