



## Instruction Manual

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### PACKAGE CONTENTS

Multi Tube Vortexer  
 12mm test tube foam rack  
 Tray pad set (top & lower pad)  
 Power Cord  
 Instruction manual  
 Warranty card

### SERVICE INFORMATION

If the troubleshooting section does not resolve or describe your problem, contact your authorized OHAUS service agent. For service assistance or technical support in the United States call toll-free 1-800-672-7722 ext. 7852 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST. An OHAUS product service specialist will be available to provide assistance. Outside the USA, please visit our web site, [www.ohaus.com](http://www.ohaus.com) to locate the Ohaus office nearest you.

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTALLATION

Upon receiving the Ohaus Multi-Tube Vortexer, check to ensure that no damage has occurred in shipment. It is important that any damage that occurred in transport is detected at the time of unpacking. If you do find such damage the carrier must be notified immediately.

After unpacking, place the Multi-Tube Vortexer on a level bench or table, away from explosive vapors. Ensure that the surface on which the unit is placed will withstand typical heat produced by the unit and place the unit a minimum of six (6) inches from vertical surfaces. Always place the unit on a sturdy work surface.

The Multi-Tube Vortexer is supplied with a power cord that is inserted into the IEC connector on the back of the unit first, then it can be plugged into a properly grounded outlet. The 120V unit plugs into a 120 volt, 50/60 Hz source. The 230V unit plugs into a 230 volt, 50/60 Hz source.

## MAINTENANCE & SERVICING

The Multi-Tube Vortexer is built for long, trouble-free, dependable service. No lubrication or other technical user maintenance is required. It needs no user maintenance beyond keeping the surfaces clean.

The unit should be given the care normally required for any electrical appliance. Avoid wetting or unnecessary exposure to fumes. Spills should be removed promptly. **DO NOT** use a cleaning agent or solvent on the front panel which is abrasive or harmful to plastics, nor one which is flammable. Always ensure the power is disconnected from the unit prior to any cleaning. If the unit ever requires service, contact your Ohaus representative.

**Stainless Steel Unit:** routine cleaning can be accomplished by using warm water and a cloth. Wipe in the directions of the polish lines for the best results. For best cleaning results always use a non-abrasive cloth, 100% cotton or microfiber recommended for low residual lint. Dry with a similar cloth to prevent water spots. For more stubborn stains, try using the same process as above with a mild detergent soap. Finger prints can be removed by wiping the stainless steel housing with a cloth dampened with common household glass cleaning products. Decontamination of the exterior can be accomplished by using routing biocides or alcohol applied with a cloth or wipe. Do not saturate.

## INTENDED USE

Multi-Tube Vortex Mixers are intended for general laboratory use. The stainless steel one piece housing is conducive to keeping your Vortexer clean and free from contaminants.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

**Operating Conditions:** Indoor use only.

Temperature:	4 to 40°C (39 to 104°F)
Humidity:	20% to 85% relative humidity, non-condensing
Altitude:	0 to 6,562 ft (2000 M) above sea level

**Non-Operating Storage:**

Temperature:	-20 to 65°C (-4 to 149°F)
Humidity:	20% to 85% relative humidity, non-condensing

Installation Category II and Pollution Degree 2 in accordance with IEC 664.

## EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

This equipment must not be disposed of with unsorted waste. It is your responsibility to correctly dispose of the equipment at life-cycle-end by handing it over to an authorized facility for separate collection and recycling. It is also your responsibility to decontaminate the equipment in case of biological, chemical and/or radiological contamination, so as to protect the persons involved in the disposal and recycling of the equipment from health hazards.



For more information about where you can drop off your waste of equipment, please contact your local dealer from whom you originally purchased this equipment. By doing so, you will help to conserve natural and environmental resources and you will ensure that your equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the entire instruction manual before operating the Multi-Tube Vortexer.



**WARNING! DO NOT** use the Multi-Tube Vortexer in a hazardous atmosphere or with hazardous materials for which the unit was not designed. Also, the user should be aware that the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired if used with accessories not provided or recommended by the manufacturer, or used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer.

Always operate unit on a level surface for best performance and maximum safety.

**DO NOT** lift the Multi-Tube Vortexer by the support plate or bottom tray. The support plate is removable.



**CAUTION!** To avoid electrical shock, completely cut off power to the unit by disconnecting the power cord from the unit or unplug from the wall outlet. Disconnect unit from the power supply prior to maintenance and servicing.

Spills should be removed promptly. **DO NOT** immerse the unit for cleaning.

**DO NOT** operate the unit if it shows signs of electrical or mechanical damage.







Earth Ground - Protective Conductor Terminal

Alternating Current

## STANDARDS & REGULATIONS

Compliance to the following standards and regulations is indicated by the corresponding mark on the product.

Mark	Standards and Regulations
	OHAUS Corporation declares that the VXMT series mixers comply with directives 2011/63/EU, 2014/30/EU, 2014/35/EU and standards EN 50581, EN 61010-1, EN 61010-2-051, EN 61326-1. The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following internet address: <a href="http://www.ohaus.com/ce">www.ohaus.com/ce</a> .
	This product complies with directive 2012/19/EU. Please dispose of this product in accordance with local regulations at the collecting point specified for electrical and electronic equipment. For disposal instructions in Europe, refer to <a href="http://www.ohaus.com/weee">www.ohaus.com/weee</a> .
	EN 61326-1
	CAN/CSA C22.2 61010-1, CAN/CSA C22.2 61010-2-051 UL 61010-1, UL 61010-2-051

### Global Notice

Warning: This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

### Canada Notice

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

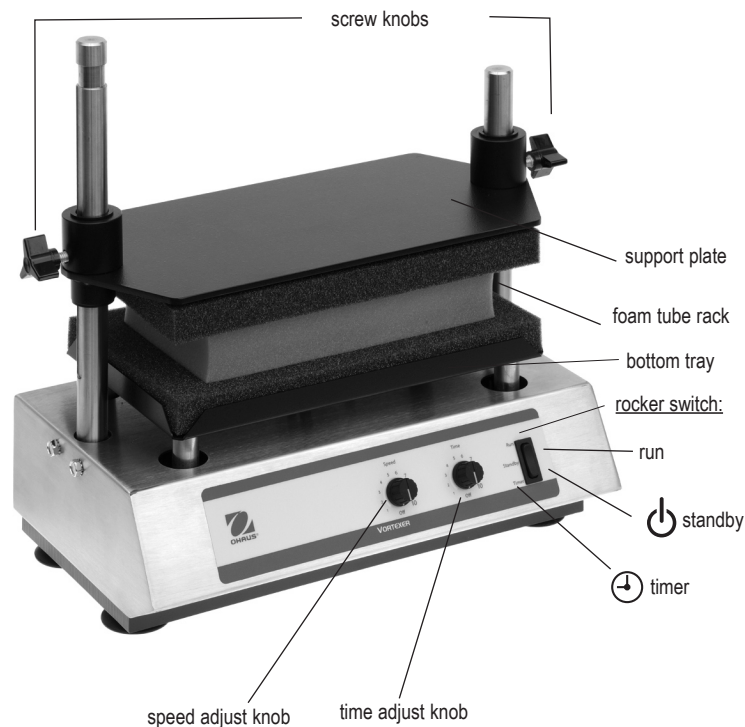
### FCC Notice

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Ohaus Corporation could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## SPECIFICATIONS - ANALOG MULTI-TUBE VORTEXER

<b>Overall dimensions (L x W x H):</b>	9.5 x 15.1 x 16" (24.1 x 38.4 x 40.6cm)	
<b>Electrical (50/60 Hz):</b>	120V	100 watts
	230V	100 watts
<b>Fuses:</b>	120V	5mm x 20mm, 5 amp quick acting
	230V	5mm x 20mm, 1 amp quick acting
<b>Speed range:</b>	1200 to 2400rpm	
<b>Accuracy:</b>	+/- 25rpm	
<b>Orbit:</b>	3.6mm	
<b>Weight capacity:</b>	10lbs (4.5kg)	
<b>Timer:</b>	mechanical timer runs 0 to 60 seconds	
<b>Controls:</b>	rocker switch: run, standby, timer, speed knob, variable 1 to 10 dial markings, time knob, variable 1 to 10 dial markings	
<b>Ship weight:</b>	120V	42.1lbs (19.1kg)
	230V	46.9lbs (21.3kg)



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - ANALOG MULTI-TUBE VORTEXER

The Multi-Tube Vortexer is used to prepare samples by mixing tubes just prior to testing.

**IMPORTANT:** This unit is designed for intermittent use only. **DO NOT** operate this unit for more than two hours at any one time.

### 1. Getting ready:

- The speed and time knobs have a built-in on/off switch at the extreme counter-clockwise position. Turn the speed and time knobs to the off position.
- Press the rocker switch to the standby position, in the center.
- Plug the power cord into a properly grounded outlet.

### 2. Loading bottom tray:

- Loosen both screw knobs on the support plate. Lift the plate up. The screw knobs may be tightened to hold it in place, or if desired it may be swung out of the way. To do this, lift until the plate comes off the short right post and the left knob is up into the circular groove around the top of the left post. Screw the left screw knob in the circular groove but not quite tight. In this condition the support plate may be swung around the left post and out of the way.
- Fill the tubes to be vortexed and place them in the correct size test tube foam rack. Best results will be obtained if all tubes are filled to the same level, and not exceeding half of the tube capacity. Distribute tubes uniformly throughout the test tube foam rack. Always be sure that a tube is in each of the four corner holes on the test tube foam rack to properly hold the support plate. Empty tubes may be used for this purpose.
- Lower the support plate onto both posts and down on top of the tubes. Let the support plates weight rest on the tubes but **DO NOT** press down. Tighten both screw knobs securely.

### 3. Setting speed:

- Turn the speed knob clockwise to the 1 position.
- Press the rocker switch up to the continuous run position. The Multi-Tube Vortexer will start.
- Increase the speed by turning the speed knob clockwise until the desired speed is reached. Always use the slowest suitable speed.
- To stop vortexing, press the rocker switch to the standby position, in the center.

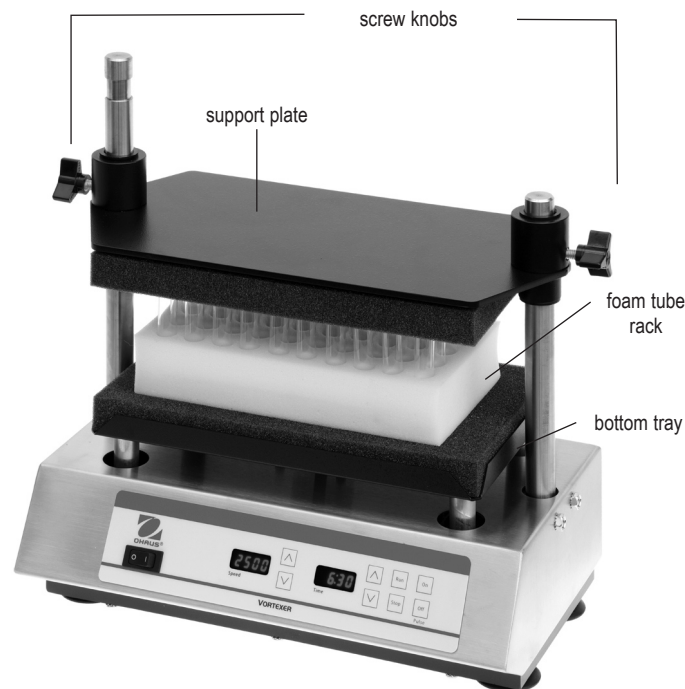
### 4. Setting time:

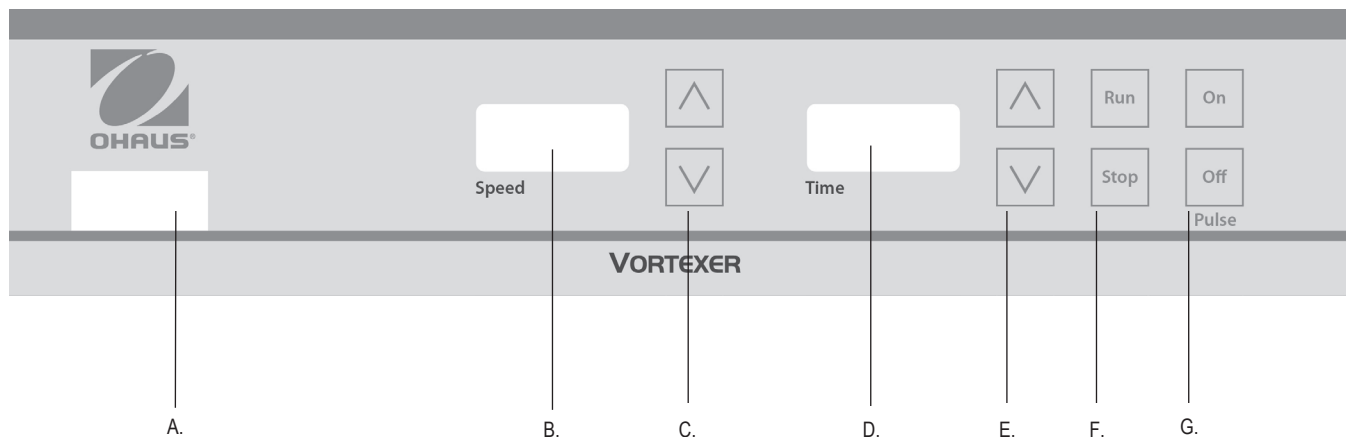
- For automatic timed operation, adjust the speed as in step 3, then set the time knob to the desired time, clockwise to increase and counter-clockwise to decrease time.
- Press the rocker switch briefly to the timer position, downward, and release. The Multi-Tube Vortexer will run for the selected time and shut off automatically.
- To repeat for the same time, simply press the timer switch again. To interrupt an automatic timing cycle before it is complete, turn the time knob to off, extreme counter-clockwise position.

When operating the Multi-Tube Vortexer, use the rocker switch to start and stop operations, leaving the speed knob on. When the unit is not being used turn the speed knob to off, extreme counter-clockwise position.

## SPECIFICATIONS - DIGITAL MULTI-TUBE VORTEXER

<b>Overall dimensions (L x W x H):</b>	9.5 x 15.1 x 16" (24.1 x 38.4 x 40.6cm)	
<b>Electrical (50/60 Hz):</b>	120V	100 watts
	230V	100 watts
<b>Fuses:</b>	120V	5mm x 20mm, 5 amp quick acting
	230V	5mm x 20mm, 1 amp quick acting
<b>Speed range:</b>	500 to 2500rpm	
<b>Accuracy:</b>	+/- 25rpm	
<b>Orbit:</b>	3.6mm	
<b>Weight capacity:</b>	10lbs (4.5kg)	
<b>Timer:</b>	digital, 1 second to 9999 minutes (increased in 1 second increments)	
<b>Controls:</b>	see page 7	
<b>Ship weight:</b>	120V	42.1lbs (19.1kg)
	230V	46.9lbs (21.3kg)





### CONTROL PANEL - DIGITAL MULTI-TUBE VORTEXER

The front panel of the Multi-Tube Vortexer contains all the switches, controls and displays needed to operate the unit.

**A. On/off rocker switch:** Turns main power on/off.

**B. Speed display:** Displays the speed of the vortexer.

**C. Up/down arrows:** for set-point control.

**D. Time display:** Displays accumulated time (continuous mode) or how much time is remaining (timed mode). The display range is from 0 to 9,999 minutes in one (1) second increments. The display will indicate minutes and seconds until the timer reaches 99 minutes and 59 seconds (99:59), then the display will automatically display minutes up to 9,999.

**E. Up/down arrows for set-point control.**

**F. Run/stop buttons:** Activates vortexing.

**G. Pulse on/off buttons:** Activates pulse mode.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - DIGITAL MULTI-TUBE VORTEXER

The Multi-Tube Vortexer is used to prepare samples by mixing tubes just prior to testing.

**IMPORTANT:** This unit is designed for intermittent use only. **DO NOT** operate this unit for more than two hours at any one time.

### 1. Getting ready:

- By sure the rocker switch is in the off position, depressed to the right.
- Plug the power cord into a properly grounded outlet.
- Press the rocker switch to the on position, depressed to the left. The speed and time displays will illuminate.

### 2. Loading bottom tray:

- Loosen both screw knobs on the support plate. Lift the plate up. The screw knobs may be tightened to hold it in place, or if desired it may be swung out of the way. To do this, lift until the plate comes off the short right post and the left knob is up into the circular groove around the top of the left post. Screw the left screw knob in the circular groove but not quite tight. In this condition the support plate may be swung around the left post and out of the way.
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- Lower the support plate onto both posts and down on top of the tubes. Let the support plates weight rest on the tubes but **DO NOT** press down. Tighten both screw knobs securely.

### 3. Setting speed:

Press the up/down arrows to the right of the speed display until you reach the desired speed.

### 4. Setting timed mode:

To run in timed mode, press the up/down arrows to the right of the time display until you reach the desired time. Press the run button. The unit will run for the programmed time. Time LED will display time remaining.

### 5. Setting continuous mode:

To run in continuous mode, set the time to zero (0) using the up/down arrows to the right of the time display. Press the run button and the unit will run until you press the stop button. Time LED will display accumulated time.

### 6. Setting pulse mode:

- Make sure the unit is not running.
- Press the on button above the word pulse. The unit must be stopped before pressing the pulse-on button.
- To stop the pulse feature press the off button above the word pulse. Pulse mode is factory programmed for 2 seconds on, 1 second off. The pulse-on and pulse-off times can be adjusted between 1 and 59 seconds in 1 second intervals.

### 7. Reprogram the pulse-on and/or pulse-off time as follows:

#### Pulse-on time

- Press rocker switch to the off position, to the right.
- Press rocker switch to the on position, to the left, while holding pulse-on button. The LED display for speed displays current pulse-on time. The pulse-on button can be released if necessary once the display is illuminated.
- Change the pulse-on time using the up/down arrows to the right of the speed display.
- When the rocker is pressed off, the value on the speed display is stored as the new pulse-on time.

#### Pulse-off time

- Press rocker switch to the off position, to the right.
- Press rocker switch to the on position, to the left, while holding pulse-off button. The LED display for time displays current pulse-off time. The pulse-off button can be released if necessary once the display is illuminated.
- Change the pulse-off time using the up/down arrows to the right of the time display.
- When the rocker is pressed off, the value on the time display is stored as the new pulse-off time.



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