

# Hybex<sup>®</sup> Microsample Incubator USER MANUAL

Cat. #1057-30-0, 1057-30-2



**FOR RESEARCH USE ONLY**  
**Not for Use in Diagnostic Procedures**

## Serial Number

The following serial number identifies the specific instrument you have purchased and must be referenced when requesting service. A copy is affixed to the instrument.

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## I. SAFETY NOTICES

### A. Intended Use

This instrument is intended for the heating and incubation of laboratory samples.

This instrument should only be used according to the instructions provided in this manual. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

### B. Instrument Safety

Before operating the instrument, read the information in this section concerning hazards and potential hazards. Ensure that anyone involved with the instrument's operation is instructed in both general safety practices for laboratories and specific safety practices for the instrument.

### C. Symbols and Conventions

The following chart is an illustrated glossary of the electrical symbols that are used on the Hybex® Microsample Incubator. Whenever such symbols appear on instruments, please observe appropriate safety measures.

#### 1. Electrical Symbols



This symbol indicates that this is a protected ground terminal that must be connected to earth ground before any other electrical connections are made to the instrument.



CAUTION: This symbol alerts you to consult this Operator's Manual for further information and to proceed with caution.



This symbol indicates the OFF position of the main POWER switch.



This symbol indicates the ON position of the main POWER switch.

#### 2. Non-Electrical Symbols



CAUTION: This symbol illustrates a heat hazard. Proceed with caution when working around these areas to avoid being burned by hot components.



CAUTION: This symbol alerts you to consult this Operator's Manual for further information and to proceed with caution.

## D. Warnings

Failure to comply with the following warnings that are affixed to the product can lead to possible personal injury or death.



This symbol on the rear of the instrument indicates the presence of the fuse box. Warning: For Continued Protection Against Fire, Replace Only with Same Type Rating of Fuse. Always disconnect the power cord before attempting to replace the fuse.

## E. Cautions

Failure to comply with the following cautionary statement affixed to the product may lead to possible personal injury.



This symbol indicates the potential presence of a Hot Surface. Use care when working in this area to avoid being burned.

## F. Compliance

### European Community



All instruments shipped to the European Union (EU; formerly known as the European Community) have the “CE” label on the back of the instrument, signifying that these instruments comply with the Electromagnetic Compatibility and Low Voltage Directives.

### US and Canadian Listings



All instruments meet Laboratory Equipment standards UL 61010-1:2004 R7.05 and CAN/CSA-C22.2 61010-1:2004

## II. UNPACKING AND SET UP

### A. Unpacking the Heating Unit

The Hybex® Microsample Incubator heating base is shipped on its side within the interior carton. Remove any packing material around the unit and lift the unit out; taking care not to damage the hinged cover.

Please note that heat blocks and other accessories are packaged separately from the heating base.

Carefully inspect the heating unit for damage.

*If there is evidence of damage, do not discard the shipping materials since they may be needed to return the unit.*

### B. Parts Provided

The following items are included with the Hybex® heating base within the re-closable plastic bag:

- Power cord
- User Manual

### C. Installation

Place the unit on a level surface within a few feet of the power source. The unit should be positioned to have clearance along the top so that the lid can be opened completely without interference. Leave at least 3 inches of clearance from the back panel for air circulation.

Insert one Hybex® heat block. See **Section VII** for a list of available heat blocks and **Section III** for how to insert and remove blocks.



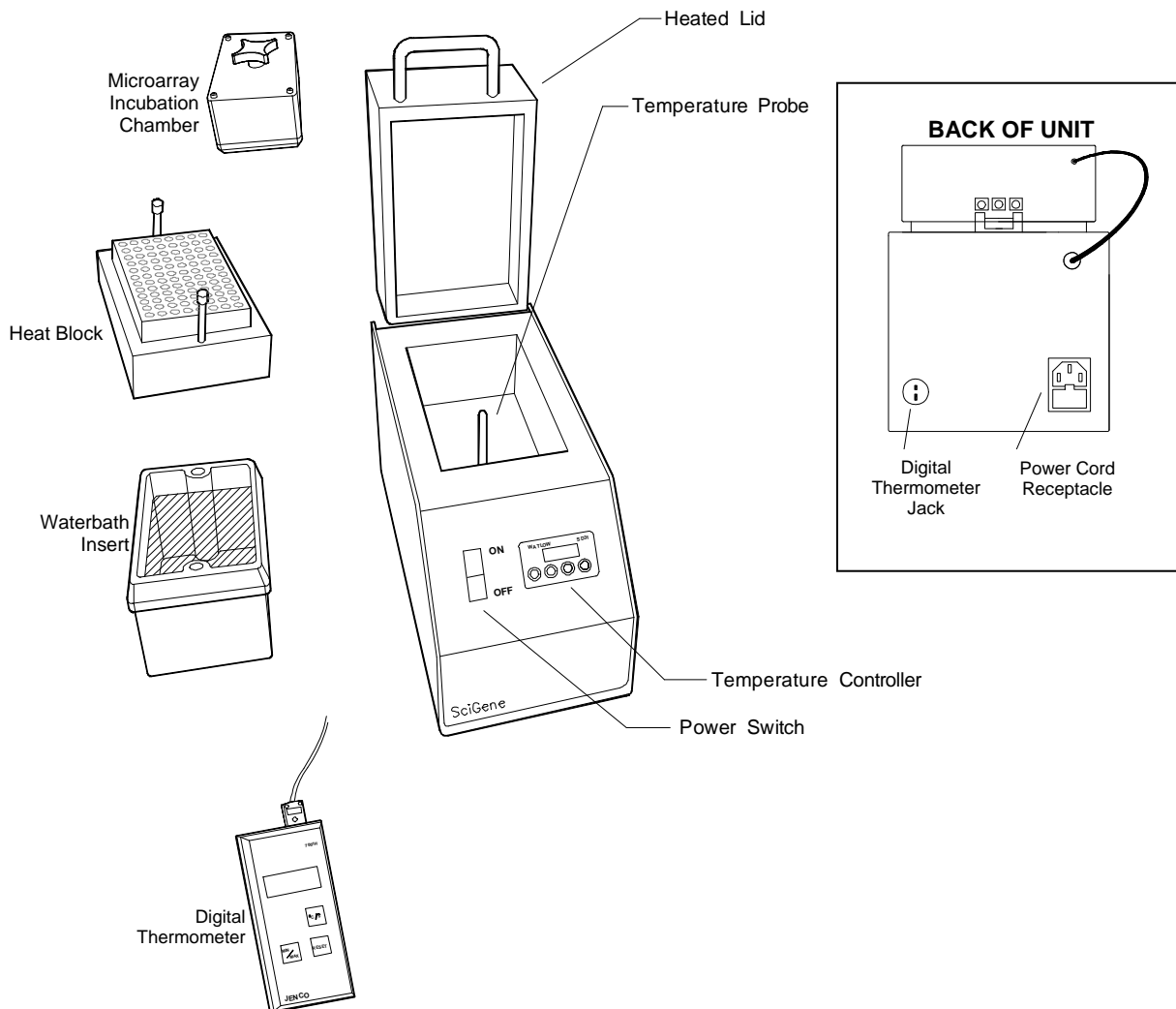
***Do not operate the system without a heat block inserted into the heating unit !!***

Plug the provided power cord into the back of the unit and then to a properly grounded outlet. Use only the power cord provided. Turn on power to the system using the switch on the front of the unit.

## III. USING YOUR HYBEX® SYSTEM

### A. Components, Controls and Accessories

Name	Function
Power Switch	Turns on main power to unit
Temperature Controller	Used to set and observe block temperature
Heated Lid	Heats the sealed air around the block
Temperature Probe	Senses the temperature of the block
Digital Thermometer Jack	For calibrating system temperature
Heat Block (optional)	Heats tubes and plates without cap condensation
Microarray Incubation Chamber (optional)	For array hybridization
Waterbath Insert (optional)	For heating buffers or water
Digital Thermometer (optional)	For calibrating system temperature



## B. Handling Tube Blocks and the Waterbath Insert

Tube heating blocks and the waterbath insert are placed and removed from the heating unit with the aid of two bolts that act as handles. To properly install a block or insert:

3. Thread the two bolts provided several turns into the block.
4. Grasp the ends of the bolts, lift the block, and then carefully lower it into the unit; guiding it over the temperature probe. The opening in the bottom of the block should fit over the probe.
5. Remove the threaded bolts before using the system.



***Do not operate without a block inserted into the heating unit!!***

## C. Using the Temperature Controller

The temperature controller has a single LED read out and four push buttons. The LED displays the set temperature when the SET key is pressed and held. Otherwise the ACTUAL block temperature is displayed. The push buttons are used to set the block temperature and, when required, to calibrate the temperature controller.

1. To set the block temperature, hold in the SET button. The previous set temperature will be displayed.
2. While depressing the SET button, press the up or down arrow buttons until the desired set temperature is shown.
3. Release the buttons and the actual block temperature will again be displayed. The unit will now adjust the heat of the block until the new set temperature is attained.

The controller is calibrated at the factory to provide an accurate block temperature when operated between 35 to 99°C.

#### D. Calibrating the Temperature Controller

The temperature controller comes calibrated from the factory to provide accurate block temperatures from 35 to 99°C.

The temperature controller will require calibration only if:

- When checking the block temperature with a calibrated digital thermometer, the block temperature differs by more than one degree (1°C) from the actual temperature shown on the controller display.

An NIST calibrated digital thermometer (sold separately, SciGene Cat. #1051-52-0) is required to calibrate the unit.

Follow these steps to adjust the controller to achieve accurate temperatures.

1. Set the temperature on the controller to 65°C and allow the temperature in the unit to stabilize.
2. Using the cable provided with the digital thermometer (SciGene Cat. #1051-52-0), plug one end into the blue receptacle found on the back panel of the unit and the other into the digital thermometer.
3. Turn on the thermometer using the **ON/OFF** button on the keypad. The temperature of the block will be displayed.
4. On the temperature controller, press the **Infinity Key** ( $\infty$ ) for three seconds until “OPEN” appears.
5. Press the down arrow four times until “Cal” appears.
6. Press and hold the set key. The existing offset value between the controller and digital thermometer is displayed.
7. Calculate the difference in the temperature shown on the controller and the digital thermometer; e.g. the controller displays 52.5°C and the digital thermometer displays 51.0°C, the difference is 1.5°C.
8. Press and hold the **SET** key and use the up and down arrows to enter the offset value calculated in Step #7. For example, if the controller displays a temperature that is 1.5°C higher than the digital thermometer, adjust the offset value to *minus* 1.5 (-1.5).
9. Press the **Infinity Key** ( $\infty$ ) to exit calibration. The block temperature is now calibrated for the set temperature you selected. Repeat the calibration process starting at Step 1 for the highest temperature for the range of temperatures you will be using.

## IV. MAINTAINING YOUR HYBEX® SYSTEM

### A. Powering Off

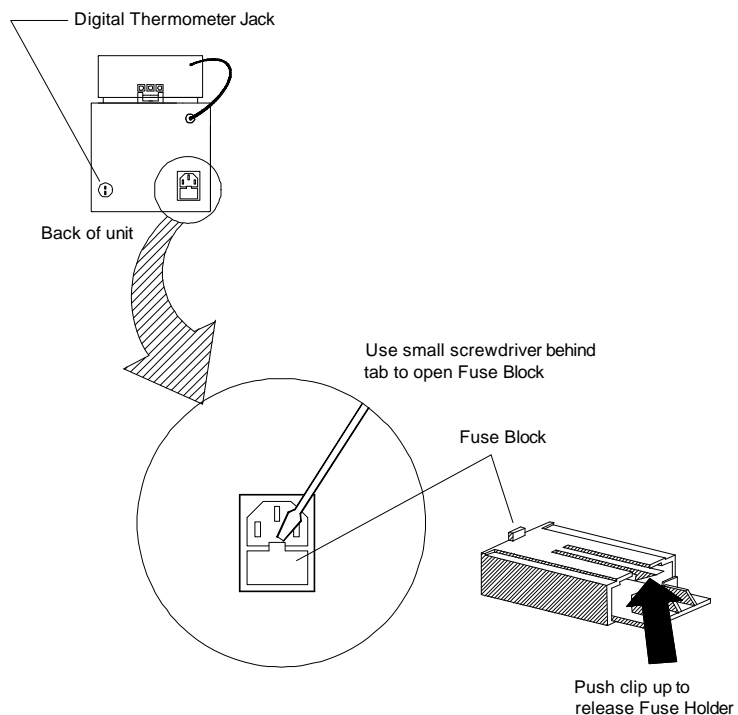
Turn the power switch to the OFF position and unplug the power cord before performing any service procedure.

### B. Checking and Replacing Fuses

There are two fuses located in a removable fuse block below the power cord receptacle on the back of the unit.

Insert a small, flat blade screwdriver into the tab recess just below the plug receptacle. Push down to release the fuse block. Slide out the fuse holder from the fuse block while holding the retaining tab out of the way. Gently pry out the fuses. A blown fuse appears dark.

Always replace fuse(s) with those of the same amperage and voltage as shown on the label below the fuse block.



### C. Cleaning

Clean the metal surfaces and heated lid using a mild, detergent-based cleaner and wipe with a soft cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners that can scratch surfaces.

The bottom of the chamber is sealed and will retain spills and condensation. Clean the block chamber and temperature probe frequently to avoid build up of residue that can interfere with the heat control system.

## V. TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Cause	Solution
Power switch light does not turn on	Blown fuse(s)	Replace fuse(s) on back of unit, beneath power cord receptacle.

## VI. SPECIFICATIONS

Electrical	
Cat. #1057-30-0	115V AC; 50/60 Hz; 350W
Cat. #1057-30-2	230V AC; 50/60 Hz; 350W
Dimensions	
Outside (cover closed) H x W x D	8 x 6 x 12 inches (12 x 14 x 30 cm)
Weight	
Net (without block)	5.2 lbs (2.4 kg)
Gross (in shipping carton)	4.1 to 6.0 lbs (1.9 to 2.7 kg)
Performance and Controls	
Temperature Range	Ambient +5°C to 99°C
Temperature Regulation	± 0.2°C
Heat up Time	>5°C per minute
Temperature Controller	Digital PID, single loop
Temperature Display	Actual or Set single LED
Digital Thermometer Output	Thermocouple

## VII. ORDERING INFORMATION

Cat. #	Description	UoM
1051-52-0	Digital thermometer. Includes cable and NIST certificate	Each
1057-30-0	Hybex® Microsample Incubator, heating base, 115V	Each
1057-30-2	Hybex® Microsample Incubator, heating base, 220V	Each
1057-31-0	PCR tube block, Holds 96x0.2ml tubes or single plate	Each
1057-33-0	0.6mL tube heat block, holds 60x0.6mL tubes	Each
1057-34-0	1.5mL tube heat block, holds 32x1.5mL microcentrifuge tubes	Each
1057-35-0	Waterbath Insert for Hybex® Incubator	Each
1057-38-0	Hybex® Microarray Chamber Kit. Includes two chambers, four slide racks, two handles and assembly tools. Processes up to 16 arrays.	Each