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# Cyropreservation

## CRF-1

Liquid nitrogen and cryogen free controlled rate freezer for cryopreservation

#### Controlled Rate Freezer

The CRF-1 liquid nitrogen and cryogen free controlled rate freezer brings accuracy, precision and reproducibility to biological cryopreservation. This unit is ideal for research into the cryopreservation of a wide range of material including embryos, stem cells, mammalian cells, spermatozoa, antibodies, tissue sections and rodent organs.

The CRF-1 has been developed to minimise and reduce the risk of contamination and designed for use in cleanrooms and barrier facilities. The CRF-1 fits neatly on a bench-top. Its performance of cell viability after freezing is equal if not more advanced to comparable liquid nitrogen freezers. As alcohol is not used, there is also a greatly reduced fire risk. The CRF-1 will cool down to -100°C with straws.

The cooling rate of the CRF-1 is precisely controlled, ensuring accuracy and reproducibility throughout the freezing profile, especially for the important nucleation/seeding phase. This provides optimal recovery of cells on thawing. Operation is simple and can be carried out with or without a PC; data can be logged via PC software and cooling profiles are directly displayed on PC screen. Different cooling profiles are available from a drop-down menu and customised profiles can be written.









#### Controlled Rate Freezer

#### Main applications

The CRF-1 is highly versatile and can be used for the cryopreservation research of a wide range of samples in cryovials, straws, bags, microplates and Matrix-96-well block plates in the following areas:

- Transgenic embryos research
- Stem cell research
- · Clinical and research samples, e.g. lymphocytes and tissue cell lines in conventional cryovials
- · Various mammalian cells including cardiomyocytes, adipose, liver and muscle
- Cord blood derived stem cells
- Adherent cells and stem cells in microplates
- Cell suspensions in numbered/barcoded arrays
- Robotic integration the CRF-1 has also successfully been integrated into robotic systems
- Suitable for applications in veterinarian IVF

#### Key benefits and features

- Accurate and reproducible control of cooling rates and sample temperatures
- Easy to use and samples can be nucleated/seeded in-situ
- · Linear and non-linear cooling profiles
- Low running costs: estimated at 1% of liquid nitrogen-controlled rate freezing
- Temperature remains at -100°C at the end of cycle for straw applications until freezer is switched off
- Un-interruptible Power Supply (UPS): complete cycle run if power fails (supplied as an optional accessory)
- CE marked (laboratory use)
- · Servicing and calibration available
- 3 year warranty



# Technical specifications



#### CRF-1

#### Optional accessories and services

CRF-1 API	API package which unlocks the CRF-1 for use with users own application
CAL CRF-1	Calibration certificate
CRF-1 MAINT 1	1 year maintenance agreement includes clean and test report (excludes repair and replacement of faulty parts)
IQOQ CRF-1	IQOQ Booklet for CRF-1
PQ CRF-1	PQ Booklet for CRF-1
CRF-1 CRYOPEN	Cryopen nucleating tool
CRF-1 CARTRIDGE	Replacement cartridge for Cryopen
CRF-1 UPS	Un-interruptible Power Supply for the CRF-1 for a 3 hour cycle in the event of an electrical power failure. 220-240v operation.

## **Controlled Rate Freezer**

#### Product range

The range includes various models which provide optimum performance for a specific common vessel or can accommodate two different types vessels although only one type can be used at a time. The options include:

CRF-1 H00		Plate for 16 x 0.5ml CBS high security straws
CRF-1 H01		Plate for 18 x 0.3ml IMV straws
CRF-1 H02		Plate for 55 x 1.8ml cryovials (0.5ml max fill)
CRF-1 H03		Flat plate for various items/vessels
CRF-1 H05		Plate for 1 x SBS microplate
CRF-1 H06		Plate for 55 x 1.8ml cryovials (1.0ml max fill)
CRF-1 H07		Plate for 10 x 0.5ml CBS high security straws & 12 x 1.8ml cryovials (0.5ml max fill)
CRF-1 H08	200000	Plate for 12 x 0.3ml IMV straws & 12 x 1.8ml cryovials (0.5ml max fill)

Custom heads are available on request. We recommend sample tubes are sent in for exact measurements and tolerances.

Note: The CRF-1 is not a medical device unit.



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