

### INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# MLS-2420 MLS-3020

### Labo Autoclave

Thank you for purchasing a SANYO Autoclave. Please read these instructions carefully before using the unit.

After reading it, store this booklet in a safe place for future reference.

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## FEATURES

1 Microprocessor temperature control for accurately maintained sterilizing temperature.

2 Fail-safe functions to ensure safety.

**3** Memory pattern system for one-touch operation.



4 Ergonomic design for ease of use.



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5 Compact size saves space.

## IMPORIANI SAFEGUARDS

Follow these precautions to prevent electrical shocks, burns, fire and malfunctions.



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## NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTS



%The MLS-3020 is used as the basis for this instruction manual.



## NAMES AND FUNCTIONS OF PARTS



#### Digital indicator lamp

Displays the sterilization temperature and sterilization time settings alternately when the unit is in standby status. Displays the internal chamber temperature during sterilization and while the unit is cooling after sterilization is finished.

A "finished" indicator lights after cooling is complete and the unit is in the completion process.

Pressing the TEMP. button causes the indicator to display the temperature setting, and pressing the TIMER button causes it to display the time setting. These operations may be performed in any of the unit's operating modes.

Door closed confirmation lamp Lights when the door is in the properly closed position.

Timer operation segments

Flashes when the sterilization timer is operating.



## PREPARATION FOR USE

#### Installation

- Make sure to install the unit on a flat, sturdy surface. Look all four casters.
- •Note that the display indications will be difficult to read if the unit is located in direct sunlight.
- Avoid locations where the unit could be exposed to air containing large amounts of moisture, salt or sulfur, as these could adversely affect the unit.
- The door opens out in a couterclockwise direction. Make sure to allow sufficient clearance from impediments (walls, posts, etc.) when positioning the unit.
- Allow at least 5 cm of free space between the back and left sides of the unit and the nearest wall. Placing the unit too close to the wall will cause heat to build up inside the unit can could cause it to malfunction.

#### Power supply and ground connections

Connect the power supply cord only to an outlet equipped with a ground leakage circuit breaker.

### Settings to match elevation of installation location

- Set the switch inside the main unit to match the elevation of the installation location. (When shipped from the factory, the unit is set for an elevation of between 0 and less than 500 m.)
  - % If the switch setting needs to be changed, ask your dealer to do it for you.

### Pressure safety valve set up

Slide open the safety valve cover and remove the safety valve weight inside from its packing. Then push it down until it touches the safety valve nozzle.

Pushing the safety valve in too forcefully may damage the packing of the safety valve weight. This could result in steam leakage when the unit is used.

②After making sure that the safety valve weight is fixed in place (it should not come out if pulled gently), slide the safety valve cover closed.



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/////////walls////////

At least

5 cm



# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Starting Operation**

#### 1. Exhaust tank set up.

- 1 Remove the exhaust tank from the main unit and, from the opening at the top, fill the tank with water up to the LOW level mark.
- ② Insert the exhaust hose that is connected to the interior of the main unit into the opening at the top of the tank. Push it in securely until the packing is firmly engaged.

#### (Note)

Turning the packing only one direction during insertion can cause the hose to become twisted and possibly lead to malfunctions. Turn the packing alternately to the left and right when inserting it.

③ Load the exhaust tank into the main unit, taking care not to bend or twist the exhaust hose.

#### (Note)

The amount of water in the exhaust tank increases each time sterilization is performed.

When the water reaches the HIGH level mark, discard it and pour in new water up to the LOW mark.

Do not try pull the tank out of the main unit while the exhaust hose is still attached.

## 2. Pour sterilization water into the chamber.

- ① Turn the handle counterclockwise until it stops. Turn the arm counterclockwise to open the door.
- ② Close the drain valve.
- ③ Pour in water until the top edge of the water level fitting on the heater cover is covered. The sterilizing water level will be lower after each sterilizing cycle, and it should be replenished as necessary.

#### Supplementary note

The MLS-2420 uses approximately 1.5 liters of sterilizing water; the MLS-3020 uses approximately 2 liters.

#### Note

Distilled water is ideal for use as sterilization water. If distilled water is unavailable, tap water may be used.

Never use well water, salt water or hard water as they can cause the inside of the chamber to corrode or mineral deposits to form.



Exhaust hose

Insert, turning

left and right

alternately

Packing

## OPERATING INSTRUCTION

### 3. Turn the power switch on.

The sterilization temperature and sterilization time appear alternately on the digital display to indicate that power is on. This condition is referred to as stand by status.

### 4. Insert items to be sterilized.

Do not place items to be sterilized directly on top of the heater cover.Put them in a stainless steel basket or the like and place them gently into the chamber.

#### (Note)

Be careful not to block openings inside the chamber or put pressure on sensors when placing the items to be sterilized into the chamber. Doing so could cause the unit to malfunction.

Also refer to page 15 (Items to be Sterilized) for more information on placement of items to be sterilized.

### 5. Close the exhaust knob.

•Close the exhaust knob by turning it clockwise as far as it will go.

#### (Note)

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Performing sterilizing with the exhaust knob open will cause all the water to evaporate, resulting in a dry scorch. There is also a danger that steam and hot water will be forced from the opening in the exhaust tank under high pressure and possibly cause burns.

Always check to make sure that the exhaust knob is closed before sterilizing anything.

### 6. Close the door.

- Grasp the handle and turn it gently clockwise until the arm comes to rest against the arm stopper.
- Even after the "door closed" confirmation lamp lights, continue to turn the handle until it is tight.

Notes

% If you stop turning the handle as soon as the "door closed" confirmation lamp lights, there is a danger that steam may leak during the sterilization process.

% The sterilization process cannot be started unless the "door closed" confirmation lamp is lit.











MAIN



## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Supplementary note

The initial temperature and time settings (memory pattern) can be specified as follows by making an internal setting in the main unit.

Pattern	Sterilization temperature	Sterilization time
1	121°C	15 minutes
2	121°C	20 minutes
3	115°C	15 minutes
4	110°C	15 minutes

The above four options are available. Contact your dealer to select a pattern.

### 8. Start sterilization.

- Press the <u>START</u> button. A short beep sounds and the sterilization lamp lights to indicate that sterilization is in progress.
- The digital indicator lamp begins to register when the timperature inside the chamber reaches 80°C.

#### (Note)

Sterilization cannot be started unless the "door closed" confirmation lamp is lit. If it is not lit, close the door securely.



#### 9. The sterilization timer starts

- When the temperature inside the chamber reaches the sterilization temperature setting, the timer operation segment flash and the timer begins to operate.
- If the temperature inside the chamber reaches the sterilezation temperature setting and then drops 0.5°C or more below it, the timer operation segment light continuously and the timer stops. The timer starts operating again as soon as the temperature inside the chamber again reaches the sterilization temperature setting.

#### (Supplementary note)

To determine the remaining sterilization time when the sterilization timer is operating, press the temperature setting TEMP. button and the timer setting TIMER button at the same time.





# ITEMS TO BE STERILIZED

## Precautions when sterilizing liquids such as cultures and chemicals

- •Sterilizing small amounts of culture or other liquids in large containers can cause the pressure inside the chamber to rise to abnormally high levels and trigger the pressure safety valve. As a general rule, fill containers at least 80 percent full with culture, etc.
- •When sterilizing large quantities of culture or other liquids, there may be a delay between when the interior of the chamber reaches the sterilization temperature and when the liquid in the containers reaches that temperature. Set the timer to a longer sterilization time when sterilizing such items.

#### Timer setting = sterilization time + delay time

•Never use the unit to sterilize cultures or chemical solutions containing elements (salt water, strong scids, strong alkalis) that could cause the inside of the chamber (made of stainless steel) to corrode.

Corrosion could cause the unit to malfunction prematurely.

### **Checking sterilization performance**

•Sterilization performance can vary depending on the type of items being sterilized, their quantity, how they are loaded into the autoclave and the containers used to hold them. Therefore, be sure to use a sterilization indicator such as an "OK card" to confirm sterilization performance.

#### Sterilizing glass containers

When sterilizing glass containers such as beakers, triangular flasks and test tubes alone, place the containers with their mouths facing down or on their sides.

Placing glass containers upright makes it harder for the steam to reach the bottom and can result in incomplete sterilization. If glass containers must be placed upright in the autoclave, put a small amount of water into each of them before beginning the sterilization procedure.

## Sterilizing items made of plastic containers

Set the sterilization time a little longer than usual when using plastic containers.

Plastic containers convey heat slowly and can result in incomplete sterilization if sufficient time is not allowed.



water alkali







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# IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE

- All indicators go out if the power fails or is temporarily interrupted. Also, the sterilization temperature and sterilization time settings are erased.
- •The above is also the case if the unit is unplugged or the power switch is turned off.

#### When power is restored

The unit returns to initial setting status when power is restored. The digital indicator lamp displays the sterilization temperature and sterilization time settings alternately. (Refer to section 3 on page 11.)

#### Checking items to be sterilized

•Confirm that the pressure gauge reads "O" and open the door.

Liquids such as cultures can splatter if power is interrupted during the sterilization process. Remove the items to be sterilized and check for spilled liquids.

If any culture had spilled, wipe the inside of the chamber clean. Should any malfunction occur afterward, contact the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.

### Using the unit for the first time after a power failure

Load the items to be sterilized into the autoclave and restart the sterilization process as described in "Operating Instructions" (pages 10 through14).

The sterilization temperature and sterilization time settings will have returned to their initial values. If different settings are required, the values will have to be changed as appropriate.

# MAINTENANCE AND CARE

## Always turn off the power switch and allow the unit to cool before cleaning it. Be careful not to scratch yourself on the unit's protrusions.

### Supplying and draining sterilization water

After each sterilization cycle, replenish the sterillzation water at was used up. Be sure to drain away the left over sterilization water at the end of each day. After draining the water, be sure to close the drain valve.

#### Note

The sterilization water is hot immediately after sterilization finishes. Wait until it cools before draining it.

If a hose is connected to the drain opening, it should be made of heat resistant material.

### Replacing the water in the exhaust tank

Befor using the unit, check the water in the exhaust tank. If it has reached the <code>「HIGH」</code> level mark, discard it and add new water up to the <code>「LOW」</code> level mark.

If the inside of the tank becomes dirty, pour in a mixture of neutral detergent and warm water and shake well to remove the dirt. Then rinse out the tank thoroughly.

### If the main unit or the chamber interior become dirty

- To remove dirt from the main unit, wipe it with a soft cloth that has been moistened with water or neutral detergent and then thoroughly wrung out. Never use solvents such as paint thinner or benzine as they may mar the paint's finish.
- Wipe the interior of the chamber clean using a soft cloth that has been moistened with water. If the chamber is very dirty, it can be cleaned using a soft cloth that has been moistened with neutral detergent, and then rinsed with water.
- Clean the bottom of the chamber thoroughly using a brush with a handle or similar implement. Be careful not to rub too forcefully to avoid damaging the sensor element of the heat sensor mounted on the heater.
- Drain off the water used to rinse the chamber through the drain opening.

### Cleaning the door packing and chamber opening

Should the door packing or chamber opening become dirty, steam leakage can result. They should therefore be wiped carefully with a moist cloth each day before using the unit.



Drain valve-

Drain opening





# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

#### Check the following points if the unit seems to be malfunctioning.

Problem	Possible cause	Remedy
Power won't turn on.	<ul> <li>Is the power cord connected?</li> <li>Is the circuit breaker that controls the power supply turned off?</li> <li>Is the unit's power switch turned off?</li> <li>Is there a power failure?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Connect the power cord.</li> <li>Turn on the circuit breaker that controls the power supply</li> <li>Turn on the unit's power switch.</li> <li>Wait for power to be res- tored.</li> </ul>
Unit won't start.	<ul> <li>Is the door closed? (Is the "door closed" lamp lit?)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Close the door. (Confirm that "door closed" lamp is lit.)</li> </ul>
Unit won't heat to ster- ilization temperature.	<ul> <li>Is the exhaust knob closed?.</li> <li>Is the drain valve closed?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Close the exhaust knob.</li> <li>Close the drain valve.</li> </ul>
Steam leaks from pressure safety valve.	<ul> <li>Is the safety valve weight set up correctly?</li> <li>Is there dirt on the packing of the safety valve weight?</li> <li>Is the main unit tilted?</li> <li>Are items placed in the chamber to be sterilized blocking the temperature sensor?</li> <li>Are large containers containing very little liquid inside the chamber?</li> <li>Have beakers or other glass containers been placed inside the chamber upright (when sterilizing glass containers only?)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make sure the safety valve weight is set up correctly. (Refer to page 9.)</li> <li>Clean the dirt from the packing of the safety valve weight.</li> <li>Make sure the main unit is level.</li> <li>Move the items to be sterilized away from the temperature sensor.</li> <li>Make sure containers are at least 80% full of liquid. (Refer to page 15.)</li> <li>Place the beakers or other glass containers with their openings facing down. (Refer to page 15.)</li> </ul>
Digital indica- tor lamp (tem- perature dis- play) flashes. (If the tempera- ture inside the chamber rises 2 °C or more above the temperature setting, the tem- perature display and the safety cir- cuit is triggered.)	<ul> <li>Did you lower the temperature setting 2 °C or more after the chamber had heated up?</li> <li>Other than above (temperature setting not changed after start of sterilizing process).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This is not a malfunction. The display will stop flashing when the chamber temperature drops to the new temperature setting.</li> <li>The temperature control circuit is malfunctioning, causing the safety circuit to be triggered. Contact the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.</li> </ul>

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## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

### If an error indication appears

If an error indication appears and the buzzer beeps intermittently, the unit's safety device has been triggered, halting operation. Should this occur when the unit is in use, consult the table below for points to check and corrective actions.

To cancel the error indication: Switch off the power to turn off the error indication and buzzser. When the power is turned back on, the unit will be in stand by status. (If the " $\mathcal{E}_r$ " indication appears, turn the power off, wait a little while and then turn the power back on.)

Error indication	Possible cause	Remedy
(Error)	<ul> <li>Is there too little steriliza- tion water in the chamber? (See page 10.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Replenish the sterilization water.</li> </ul>
Dry scorch error.	<ul> <li>Did you forget to close the exhaust knob?</li> <li>(See page 11.)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Did you forget to close the drain valve?</li> </ul>	● Close the drain valve.
(E.O.)		Contact the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.
Thermistor error.		

## SPECIFICATIONS

Model	MLS-2420	MLS-3020
Power supply	AC local voltage, 50—60Hz	AC local voltage, 50—60Hz
Power consumption	1.5 kw	2 kw
External dimensions	380(w) $ imes$ 490(D) $ imes$ 840(H) mm	440(w) $ imes$ 550(D) $ imes$ 1,050(H) mm
Weight	Approx. 47 kg	Approx. 69 kg
Chamber dimensions	240(diameter) $ imes$ 450(depth) mm	300(diameter) $ imes$ 670(depth) mm
Chamber material	SUS304 (stainless steel)	
Sterilization temperature	105℃ — 121℃	
Temperature gauge range	80℃ — 141℃ (digital display)	
Safety valve popping pressure	0.2 MPa	
Pressure gauge range	0 — 0.3 MPa	
Timer setting range	1 minute — 180 minutes	
Exhaust tank	3 L polypropylene tank	
Safety devices	Pressure safety valve, anti-dry scorch thermo-limiter, door swich	
Accessories	Vinyl cover (1) Stainless steel baskets (2)	Vinyl cover (1) Stainless steel baskets (3)