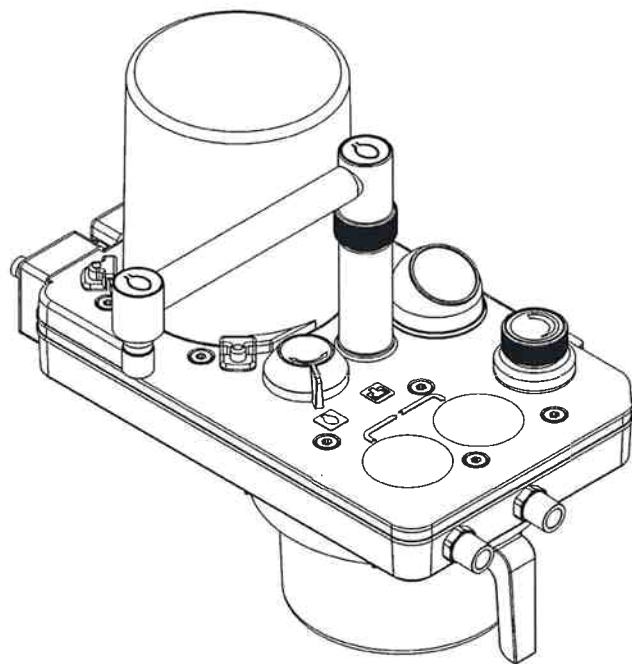


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IMPORTANT

Servicing and Repairs

In order to ensure the full operational life of this device, servicing by an engineer trained by the manufacturer should be undertaken periodically.

We recommend that the absorber should be serviced on the following schedule:

- (a) Six monthly inspection and function testing.
- (b) Annual and four-year service which includes routine replacement of seals etc, as preventive maintenance.

Details of these operations are in the A200SP Circle Absorber service manual, which contains servicing procedures etc. Servicing should be carried out by engineers trained by Penlon Ltd.

For any enquiry regarding the servicing or repair of this device, contact the nearest accredited Penlon agent:

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Always give as much of the following information as possible:

1. Type of equipment
2. Product name
3. Serial number
4. Approximate date of purchase
5. Apparent fault

FOREWORD

This manual has been produced to provide authorised personnel with information on the function, routine, performance and maintenance checks applicable to the A200SP Absorber.

Information contained in this manual is correct at the date of publication. The policy of the manufacturer is one of continued improvement to their products. Because of this policy the manufacturer reserves the right to make any changes which may affect instructions in this manual, without giving prior notice.

Personnel must take themselves familiar with the contents of this manual and the machine function before using the apparatus.

IMPORTANCE OF PATIENT MONITORING

WARNING

Anaesthesia systems have the capability to deliver mixtures of gases and vapours to the patient which could cause injury or death unless controlled by a qualified anaesthetist.

There can be considerable variation in the effect of anaesthetic drugs on individual patients so that the setting and observation of control levels on the anaesthesia system does not in itself ensure total patient safety.

Anaesthesia system monitors and patient monitors are very desirable aids for the anaesthetist but are not true clinical monitors as the condition of the patient is also dependent on his respiration and the functioning of his cardio-vascular system.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE ELEMENTS ARE MONITORED FREQUENTLY AND REGULARLY AND THAT ANY OBSERVATIONS ARE GIVEN PRECEDENCE OVER MACHINE CONTROL PARAMETERS IN JUDGING THE STATE OF A CLINICAL PROCEDURE.

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USER RESPONSIBILITY

This device has been built to conform with the specification and operating procedures stated in this manual and/or accompanying labels and notices when checked, assembled, operated, maintained and serviced in accordance with these instructions.

To ensure the safety of this device it must be checked and serviced to at least the minimum standards laid out in this manual. A defective, or suspected defective, product must not under any circumstances be used.

The user must accept responsibility for any malfunction which results from non-compliance with the servicing requirements detailed in this manual.

Additionally, the user must accept responsibility for any malfunction which may result from misuse of any kind, or non-compliance with other requirements detailed in this manual.

Worn, broken, distorted, contaminated or missing components must be replaced immediately. Should such a repair become necessary it is recommended that a request for service advice be made to Penlon Limited or the nearest Penlon Service Centre.

This device and any of its constituent parts must be repaired only in accordance with written instructions issued by Penlon Limited and must not be altered or modified in any way without the written approval of Penlon Limited.

The user of this equipment shall have the sole responsibility for any malfunction which results from improper use, maintenance, repair, damage or alteration by anyone other than Penlon Limited or its appointed agents.

USA and Canadian Federal Law restricts the sale and use of this device to, or on the order of, a licensed practitioner.

Statements in this manual preceded by the following words are of special significance:-

WARNING

means there is a possibility of injury to yourself or others.

CAUTION

means there is a possibility of damage to the apparatus or other property

NOTE

indicates points of particular interest for more efficient and convenient operation.

The reader must take particular notice of the warnings, cautions and notes provided throughout this manual

1. WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

The following **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** must be read and understood before using this Anaesthetic Apparatus

WARNINGS

General Information

1. *Personnel must make themselves familiar with the contents of this manual and the function of the A200SP Absorber before use.*
2. *Trichloroethylene must not be used in association with soda lime.*
3. *This unit is restricted to use with non-flammable anaesthetic agents only.*
4. *The A200SP Circle System Absorber must only be used when securely mounted in an upright position.*
 - a) *The inspiratory and expiratory non-return valves (NRV) are gravity operated.*
 - b) *Spillage of absorbent may contaminate the breathing system.*
See 3.2 / 5.1

Before using the absorber

5. *The use of patient Y-pieces containing non-return valves in connection with the Absorber is hazardous, because two sets of non-return valves may easily be connected in opposition, by error.*
6. *Breathing hoses and bags used with the absorber must comply to ISO 5367 (Hoses) and ISO5362 (Breathing Bags) respectively. The resistance and compliance of these hoses and bags provide essential factors for the satisfactory use of this system.*
7. *Do not connect a vacuum systems must not directly to the APL valve. A receiving system with positive and negative pressure control functions must be interposed. Systems must comply with ISO 8835 Part 2. See 5.2.3.*

8. *Underfilling of the canister can lead to inefficient CO₂ absorption.*
Overfilling may result in poor sealing of canister due to caking of granules and abrasion of the canister and seal.
See 3.1 and 5.3.
9. *Do not use the Absorber without ensuring that it passes all pre-use checks. See Section 6.*
10. *After servicing and cleaning procedures, verify positive action of the bag/ventilator selector switch before the unit is used clinically.*

Check that at all times that the switch is free to move from one end of its travel to the other.

Using the absorber

11. *Condensation, which may collect in the bottom of the absorber canister is caustic and care must be taken not to spill it on the skin when draining.*
See section 7.3.
12. *Kinking of the fresh gas tube is a known cause of anaesthetic accident and the use of unsuitable tubing can contribute to this situation. See 3.5.*
13. *Any breathing system utilising the A200SP absorber must be fitted with:*
 - a) *An oxygen monitor complying with ISO7767.*
 - b) *A minute volume monitor.*
 - c) *A breathing system integrity alarm.*
14. *Refitting the canister - failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position may cause a system leak and/or a reduction in CO₂ absorption (see 5.3).*
15. *Heater unit (if fitted): exterior panels must not be removed by unauthorised personnel, and the unit must not be operated with such panels missing.*
There is a possible electric shock hazard.

WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

CAUTIONS

1. *Do not sterilise (autoclave) the manometer.*
2. *Do not allow any liquid to run into the electrical interface unit at the rear of the absorber. Do not autoclave*
3. *Do not allow any liquid to run into the heater unit (if fitted). Do not autoclave.*
4. *Remove the absorbent canister before autoclaving.*
5. *If the absorber has to be lifted or carried by hand, always support the weight of the unit under the base. Do not lift the absorber by gripping any of the components attached to the top of the absorber - the manometer, APL valve, breathing circuit connectors, etc.*
6. *Do not use any ventilator with the A200SP absorber that does not comply with ISO 8835 part 2.*

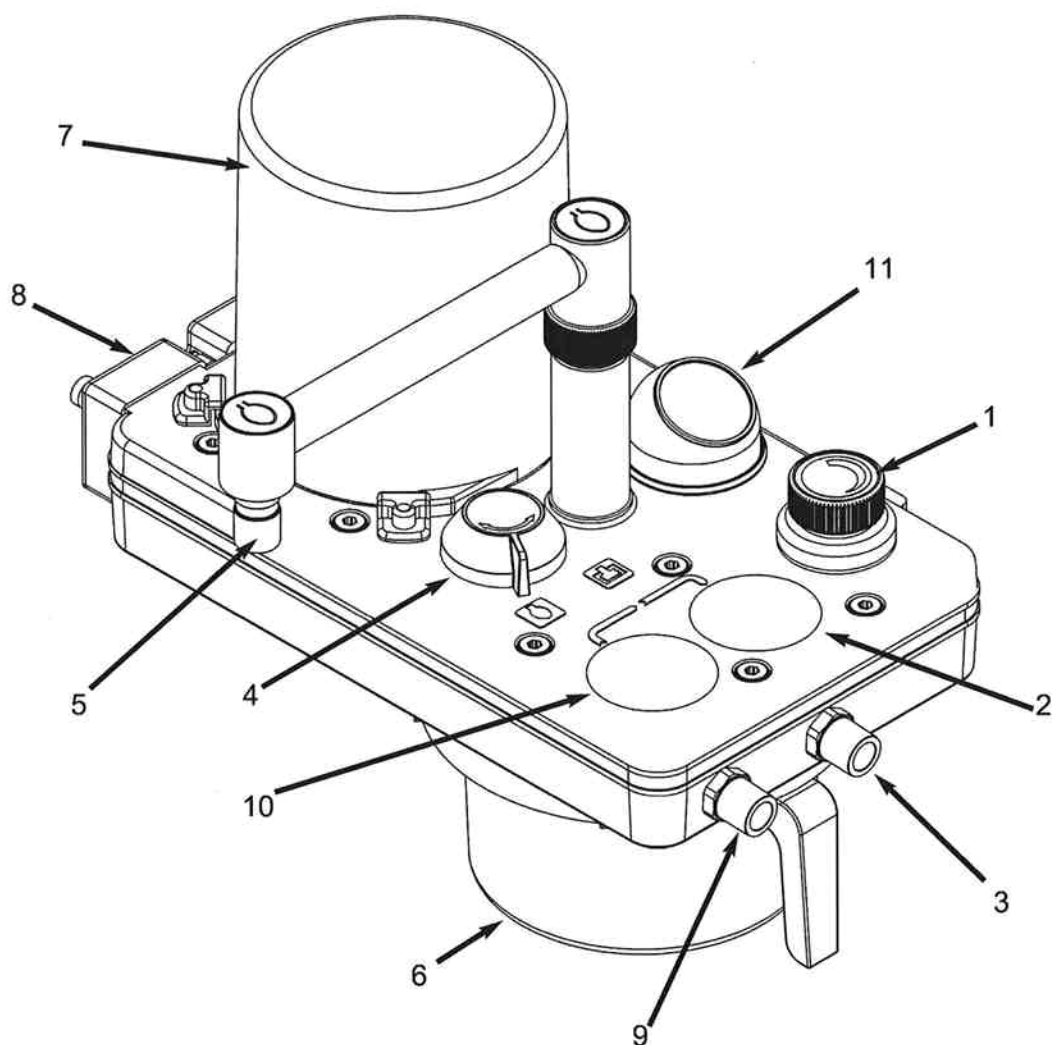
2. PURPOSE

The A200SP Absorber is designed for use as part of a closed breathing system for anaesthesia, providing CO₂ absorption in conjunction with the appropriate ventilator, breathing hoses, reservoir bags and patient connections.

Depending on the flow of fresh gas relative to patient minute volume, the patient may receive fresh gas or partial recirculated gas, as determined by the anaesthetist.

The system incorporates a Bag/Ventilator switch to enable:

- a) spontaneous breathing or manually assisted ventilation in 'Bag' mode.
- b) use with an anaesthesia ventilator when 'Ventilator' is selected.



A200SP Circle System Absorber

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Adjustable pressure limiting valve (APL valve) | 7. Ventilator bellows housing |
| 2. Inspiratory non-return valve (NRV) | 8. Electrical interface unit |
| 3. Inspiratory hose connector | 9. Expiratory hose connector |
| 4. Bag/ventilator switch | 10. Expiratory non-return valve (NRV) |
| 5. Reservoir bag connector | 11. Manometer |
| 6. Canister | |

3. DESCRIPTION

3.1 Canister

Mounting

The absorber must only be used when securely mounted in an upright position – spillage of absorbent may contaminate the breathing system – see WARNING, in section 5.1.

Absorbent Capacity

The canister (1) is designed to take a prepacked unit, or hold 1.3 kg (equivalent to 1500 ml) of loose absorbent in its inner container.

NOTE

Remove the inner container from the canister if a pre-pack unit is to be used.

DO NOT OVERFILL the inner container - see section 5.3.

Refill During Use

The canisters seals at the top face.

The canister can be removed and refilled during a clinical procedure.

Gas Flow

The gas flow through the canister is from top to bottom.

Note that the bag/ventilator connection is between the absorber and the patient. Bag squeezing or the use of mechanical ventilation does not result in the transport of dust toward the patient, but tends to drive dust back into the absorber.

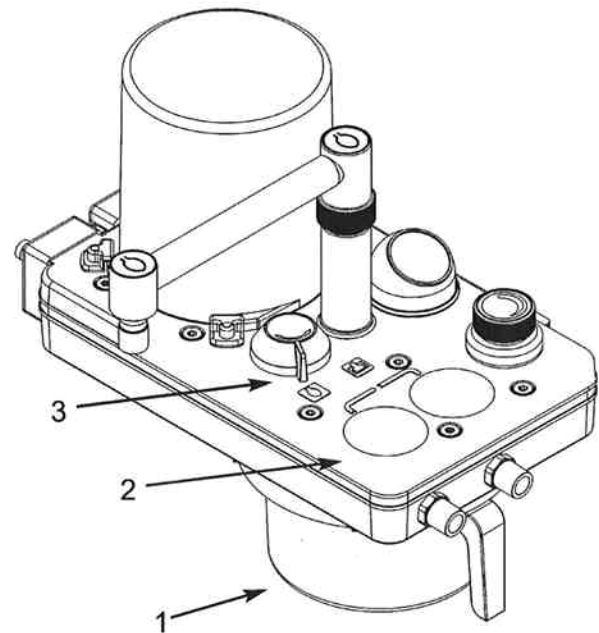
3.2 Inspiratory and Expiratory Non-return Valves (NRV)

The valves are positioned on the top of the manifold block and control the direction of the gas flow through the system.

Each valve consists of a rubber disc located over a valve seat. The discs operate by gravity and are retained by guides to prevent lateral movement.

The valves are visible through the top cover (2) and the operation of each valve can be visually checked as the patient breathes in and out.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE ABSORBER IS MOUNTED UPRIGHT SO THAT THESE VALVES MOVE IN A TRULY VERTICAL PLANE, WITH THE VALVE SEATS HORIZONTAL.



3.3 Bag/Ventilator Switch (3)

Ventilator mode

In 'Ventilator' mode the reservoir bag is closed off from the breathing system and the ventilator connection port at the rear of the manifold block, is in circuit.

WARNING *The APL valve is out of circuit when the system is in 'Ventilator' mode. The ventilator must be equipped with a pressure relief valve.*

Bag mode

The breathing bag acts as an additional over-pressure protection device, preventing pressure exceeding 60 cmH₂O.

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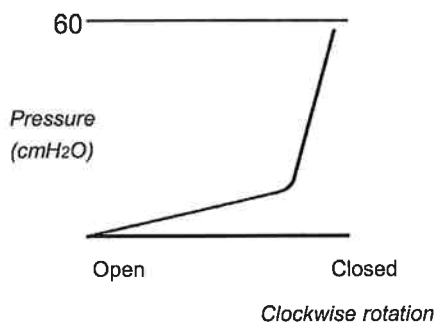
If no ventilator is connected to the absorber, care must be taken to ensure that the bag/ventilator switch is kept in the 'Bag' position, to avoid gross loss of gas from the breathing system and to maintain the reservoir bag in the system.

DESCRIPTION

3.4 Adjustable Pressure Limiting (APL) Valve

The APL valve is a spring loaded plastic float with a rubber seal, providing breathing system pressure control, and excess pressure relief.

The spring pressure can be varied by rotating the control knob on top of the valve. In the fully counterclockwise position the minimum pressure is 1.0 cmH₂O at 6 L/min. This can be increased by clockwise rotation to 60 cmH₂O.



As shown in the graph above, further clockwise rotation causes a rapid increase in opening pressure so that in the fully closed position, the valve functions as a 60 cmH₂O excess pressure relief valve.

AGSS connector

Taper connector (1) at rear of absorber assembly.

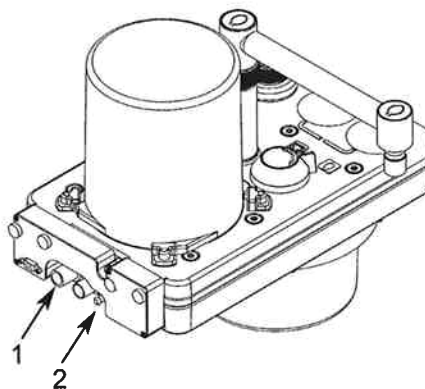
3.5 Fresh Gas Inlet and Tubing

The fresh gas inlet (2) is at the rear of the absorber.

The absorber is supplied with a fresh gas hose assembly with attached end fitting. Do not use any other type of hose

WARNING

Kinking of the fresh gas tube is a known cause of anaesthetic accident and the use of unsuitable tubing can contribute to this situation.



DESCRIPTION

3.6 Manometer

NOTE: *The use of a manometer is strongly recommended at all times.*

The manometer is located on the top of the manifold block to the rear of the expiratory valve.

Manometer scale: -10 to +100 cmH₂O
Manometer accuracy: ±5%
 (within range
 +10 to 80 cmH₂O)

CAUTION

Remove the manometer before autoclaving the absorber unit.

3.7 Heater Unit (option)

The heater unit (1) limits the build up of moisture in the gas paths through the absorber.

CAUTION

Do not autoclave the heater unit.

3.8 Bypass System

It is strongly recommended that a capnometer is used to prevent the risk of hypercapnia.

When the canister is removed, expiratory gas passes directly to the APL valve and bag, or ventilator, without passing through the absorbent.

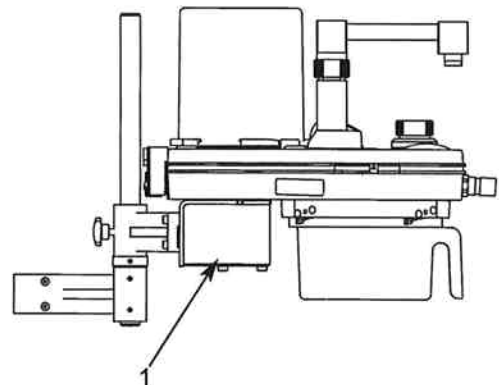
This allows the canister to be refilled during a clinical procedure

3.9 End Tidal Carbon Dioxide Monitoring

The use of end tidal carbon dioxide monitoring is strongly recommended.

Connection of a suitable analyser must be made between the patient's airway and the patient connection Y-piece.

Detailed instructions are provided by the manufacturers of the analyser.



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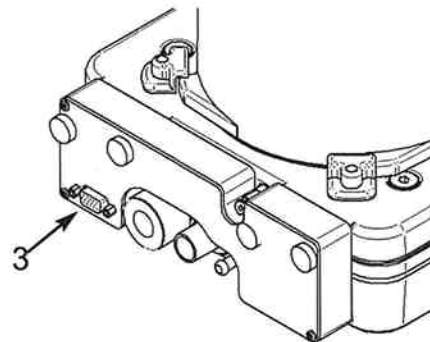
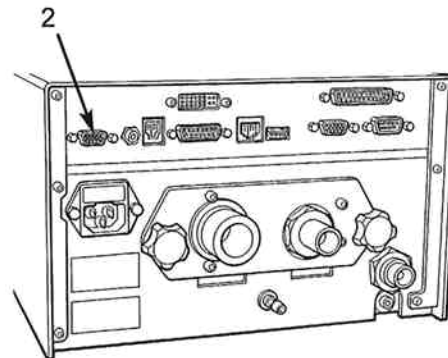
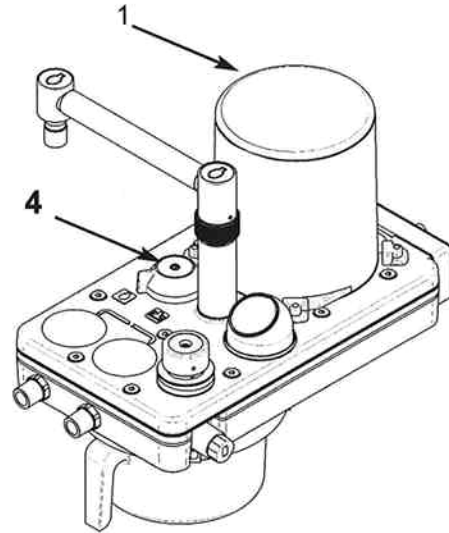
3.10 Interface to AV-S Ventilator

The absorber is designed to interface with the AV-S Ventilator and the ventilator bellows unit (1) is built into the absorber..

The interface cable links the connector (2) on the ventilator control panel to the multifunction connector (3) on the interface unit at the rear of the absorber.

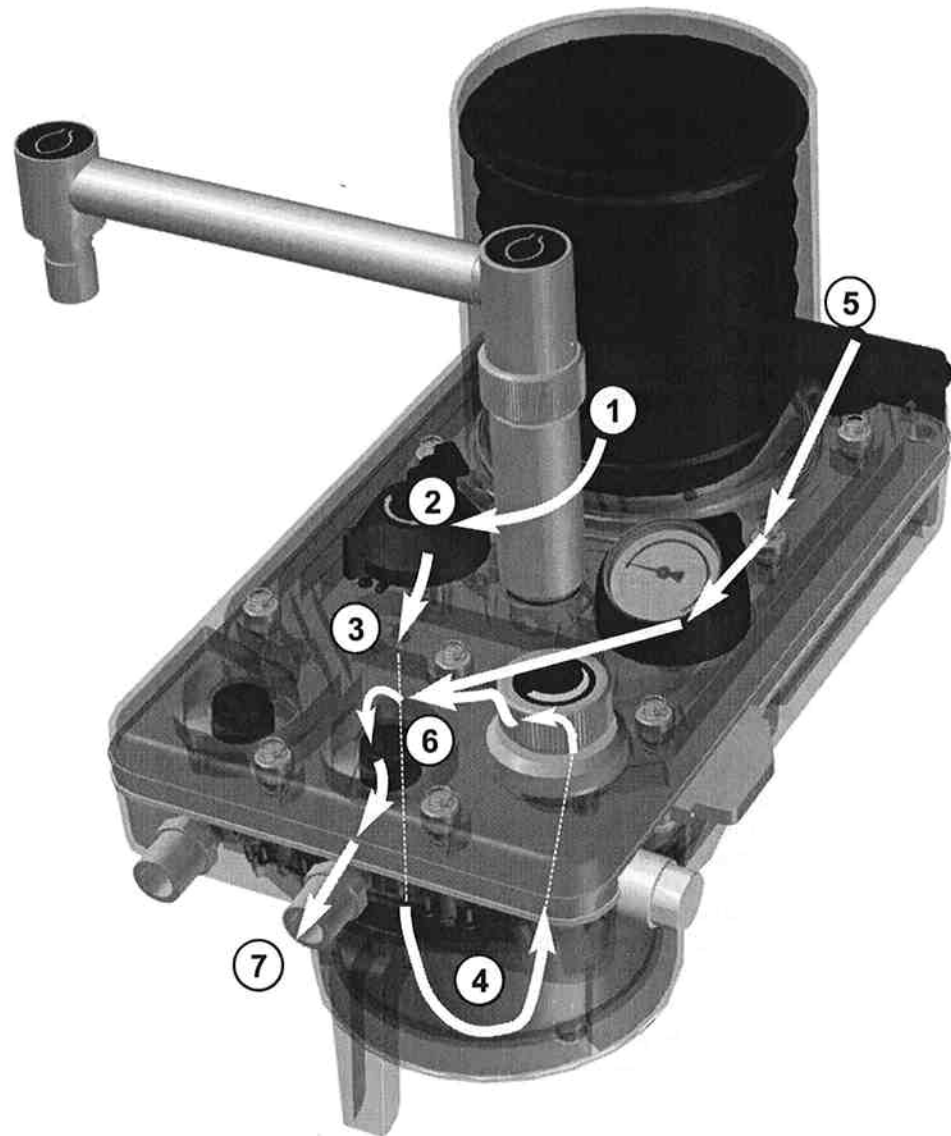
- a) The A200SP is fitted with a sensor that detects the position of the absorber bag/vent control (4). A mechanical link actuates the sensor and the signal cabling is routed internally to connector (3)
- b) Operation of the Bag/Vent control will trigger automatic Mode switching on the AV-S ventilator, as follows:
 - i) If the Absorber Bag/Vent control is moved from Vent to Bag, the ventilator will change from Volume Mode, or Pressure Mode, into Spontaneous Mode.
 - ii) Switching the absorber Bag/Vent control from Bag to Vent:
The ventilator will reset from Spontaneous Mode to the previously set active mode.
 - iii) If the ventilator is in any mode other than those detailed above, operation of the absorber Bag/Vent control will not affect the ventilator.

NOTE This function can be enabled/disabled through the AV-S on-screen menus (refer to the AV-S user manual).



DESCRIPTION

3.11 Gas Flow Schematic



Inspiratory Gas Path

1. Patient Gas from bellows
2. Through the bag/vent switch
3. Down to absorbent canister
4. Through the absorbent
5. Fresh gas flow from anaesthetic machine
6. Into the inspiratory non-return valve
7. Through inspiratory connector to patient breathing circuit

4. SPECIFICATION

NOTE

Information in this section complies with the requirements of ISO 8835-2.

4.1 General Dimensions

All figures are approximate

Overall height	380 mm
Width	186 mm
Depth	240 mm
Weight (empty)	5.7 kg
Mounting system	Polemount assembly

4.2 Resistance of Breathing System

Resistances listed in 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 are measured with:

- (A) An absorber fitted with 1060 mm (42 inch) breathing hoses complying with ISO 5367, and a Safelock Y-piece.
- (B) Absorber only.

NOTE:

1. The canister must be filled with fresh absorbent (follow the instructions in section 5.3).
2. A bacterial filter must be used in the patient breathing system to protect the oxygen sensor.
Use an appropriate filter that does not raise the resistance values of the whole system to above 0.6 kPa (6 cmH₂O).
3. The APL valve must be fully open.

4.2.1 Expiratory Resistance

Tested with a flow of 6 L/min of air through the fresh gas inlet and an induced flow of 60 L/min through the breathing system.

- (A) expiratory resistance: less than 0.6 kPa (6 cmH₂O)
- (B) expiratory resistance: less than 0.5 kPa (5 cmH₂O)

4.2.2 Inspiratory Resistance

Tested with a flow of 6 L/min of air through the fresh gas inlet and an induced flow of 60 L/min through the breathing system.

- (A) inspiratory resistance: less than 0.6 kPa (6 cmH₂O)
- (B) inspiratory resistance: less than 0.45 kPa (4.5 cmH₂O)

SPECIFICATION

4.3 Internal Compressible Volume

Note that the reservoir bag is not fitted and the bag mount blocked.

These figures are measured with:

- (A) **An absorber fitted with 1060 mm (42 inch) breathing hoses complying with ISO 5367, and a Safelock Y-piece.**

Volume required to raise the system pressure to 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) = 180 ml

- (B) **Absorber only.**

Volume required to raise the system pressure to 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) = 170 ml

Other disposable breathing hoses may give different figures; the supplier of the hose will provide compressible volume figures.

4.4 System Leakage Rate

The patient connection port is sealed and the APL valve fully closed.

These figures are measured with:

- (A) **An absorber fitted with 1060 mm (42 inch) breathing hoses complying with ISO 5367, and a Safelock Y-piece.**

Absorber 'ON'

Leakage rate: less than 50 ml/min at 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O)

- (B) **Absorber only.**

Absorber 'OFF', canister removed.

Leakage rate: less than 50 ml/min at 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O)

4.5 Canister Capacity and Resistance

4.5.1 Canister Capacity

When filled as directed in section 5.3, the canister inner container holds 1.3 kg (2.87 lb) of absorbent (1500 ml).

Recommended absorbent:

Soda lime or barium lime, with a colour indicator, 4-8 mesh, supplied in bulk.

Alternatively, pre-packs may be used.

Note

- i) The absorber canister is not electrically conductive.
- ii) Cleaning and sterilisation details are given in section 8.

4.5.2 Canister Resistance

The resistance of a freshly filled canister is less than 0.2 kPa (2 cmH₂O) at 60 L/min.

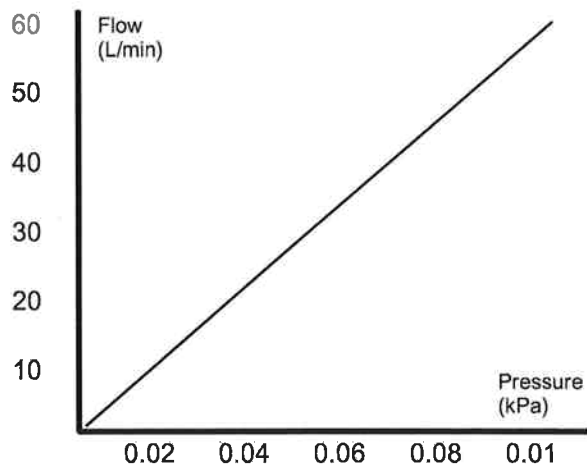
SPECIFICATION

4.6 Non-return Valves

Pressure drop across the inspiratory and expiratory non-return valves at an air flow of 60 L/min: 0.1 kPa (1 cmH₂O).

Note that flow characteristics are identical for valves in a dry or wet condition.

A 'wet' valve is defined as a valve in a flow of humidified gas, such that moisture is visible on the surface of the valve.



4.7 Heater (option)

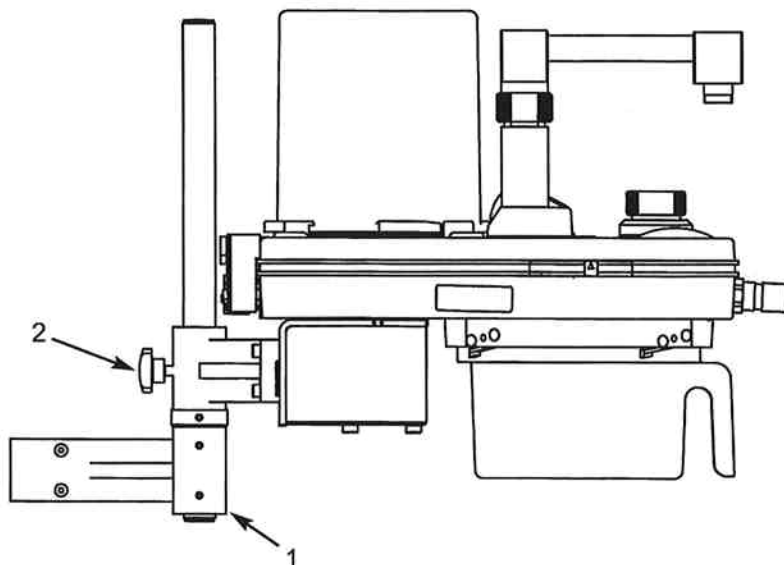
Voltage 110 - 240 VAC

Current 1.5 - 0.7 A

Frequency 50/60 Hz

Fuse T2 AH 250 V

5. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION



5.1 Mounting the Absorber

NOTE

Heater option illustrated.

CAUTION

If the absorber has to be lifted or carried by hand, always support the weight of the unit under the base.

Do not lift the absorber by gripping any of the components attached to the manifold block at the top of the absorber.

WARNING

The absorber assembly must only be used when securely mounted in an upright position.

- a) Non-return valves are gravity operated*
- b) Spillage of absorbent may contaminate the breathing system.*

Polemount bracket assembly (1)

Secure the polemount assembly to the side of the anaesthetic machine.

Mount the absorber on the bracket assembly, and secure by tightening the knob (2)

Height Adjustment

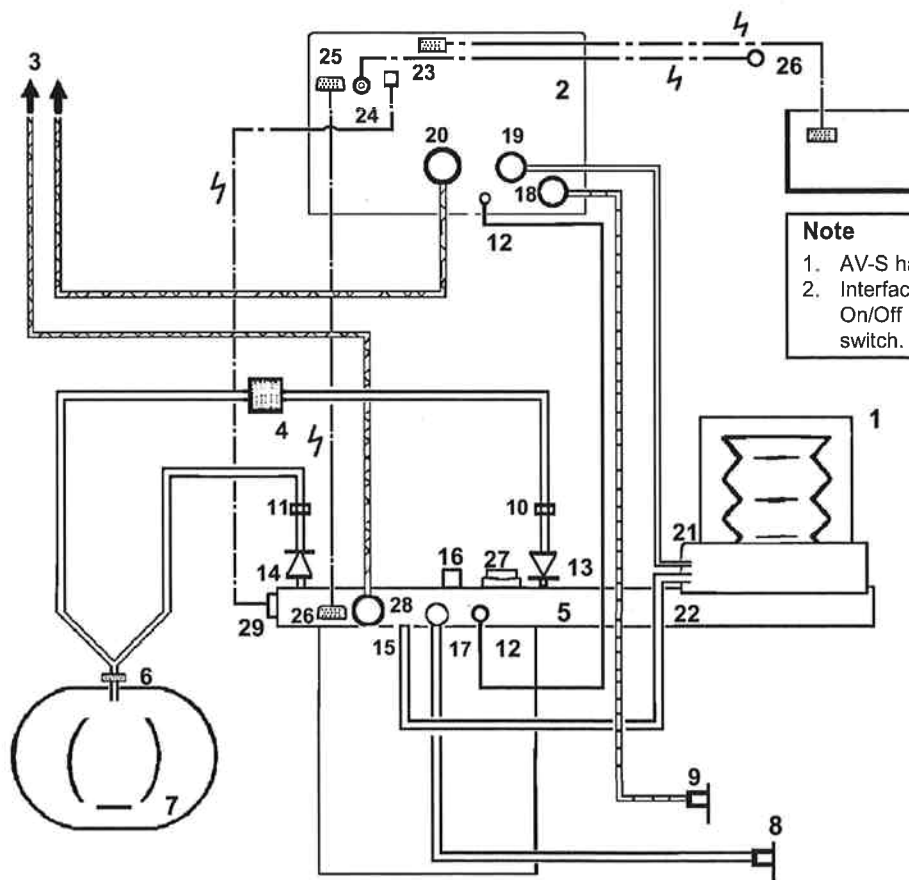
Slacken the knob (2) and position the assembly at the required height.

Tighten the knob.

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

5.2 System Connection

Hoses and Cables Schematic AV-S and A200SP Absorber



Note

1. AV-S has spirometry and oxygen monitor.
2. Interface cabling is shown for Prima SP2 On/Off switch and A200SP Bag/Vent switch.

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| 1. Bellows | 15. Inlet - from Ventilator Bellows |
| 2. Ventilator Control Unit | 16. Connector - Reservoir Bag |
| 3. Outlets to Anaesthetic Gas Scavenging System (AGSS) | 17. Inlet - Absorber - Fresh Gas Supply |
| 4. Bacterial Filter | 18. Drive Gas Inlet - Ventilator |
| 5. Absorber valve block | 19. Drive gas Outlet - ventilator control unit to bellows |
| 6. Heat and moisture exchanger | 20. Outlet - Exhaust Valve |
| 7. Patient | 21. Inlet - Bellows Drive Gas |
| 8. CGO on anaesthetic machine (Fresh Gas Supply) | 22. Outlet - to breathing system |
| 9. Auxiliary Outlet on anaesthetic machine (Drive Gas Supply) | 23. Input socket - Oxygen monitor sensor |
| 10. Flow sensor - expiratory | 24. Input socket - Prima SP2 interface (SP on/off switch) |
| 11. Flow sensor - inspiratory | 25. Input socket: |
| 12. Connectors - sensor - pressure monitor | (i) A200SP Absorber Bag/Vent control position |
| 13. Expiratory Valve - Absorber | (ii) Spirometer sensor signal |
| | 26. Interface connections on Prima SP2 and A200SP |
| | 27. APL Valve |
| | 28. Outlet from APL Valve to AGSS |

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

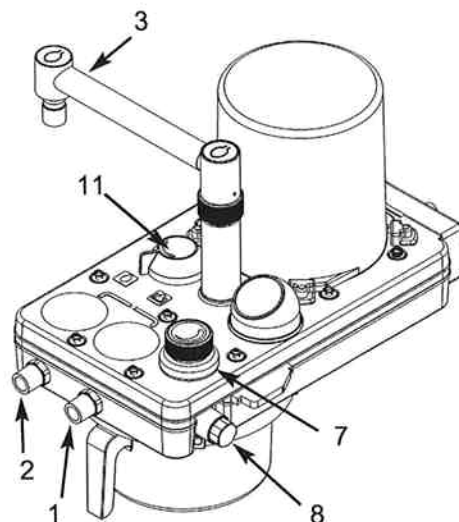
5.2.1 Breathing System Hose, Reservoir Bag, Ventilator

Inspiratory (1) and expiratory (2) hose connectors and the reservoir bag connector (C) are 22 mm male, complying with ISO 5356/1.

The bag arm (3) is height adjustable, and the bag connector can be rotated to the desired position

Ventilator connection point (4)

Connect a 17 mm diameter corrugated hose between the ventilator control unit drive gas outlet (labelled: DRIVE GAS) and the connector (4) at the rear of the absorber.



5.2.2 Fresh Gas Supply

The fresh gas hose from the common gas outlet of the anaesthetic machine assembly is connected at (5).

5.2.3 Anaesthetic Gas Scavenging (AGS)

The outlet (6) from the APL valve (7) must be connected to a receiver system.

WARNING

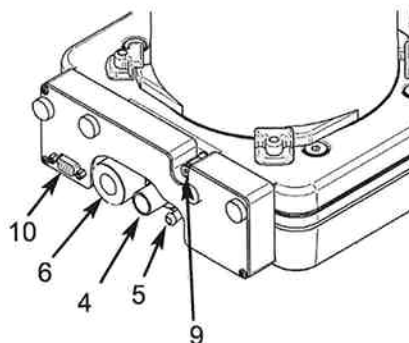
Do not connect a vacuum system directly to the APL valve. A receiving system with a positive and negative pressure control function must be interposed.

The system must comply with the requirements of ISO 8835 part 2.

5.2.4 Oxygen Monitor

The use of an oxygen monitor (and a carbon dioxide analyser) is highly recommended when using any partial rebreathing anaesthetic system.

Oxygen Monitor - the sensor (8) is fitted to the right hand side of the absorber.



Bacterial Filter

Use a breathing system bacterial filter in the expiratory limb of the breathing circuit to protect the oxygen sensor (see section 5 in the AV-S user manual).

CAUTION

Replacement/Disposal - always follow the instructions supplied with the filter, and always replace at the recommended interval.

5.2.5 Pressure Monitor and Spirometer

Pressure monitor self-sealing connector (9).

Connect to PATIENT PRESSURE port on the rear panel of the AV-S ventilator control unit.

5.2.6 Bag/Vent Switch and Spirometer

The multifunction connector (10) provides an interface between the AV-S ventilator and

- (a) the spirometer flow sensors, and
- (b) the sensor that detects the position of the Bag/Ventilator switch (11).

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

5.3 Changing CO₂ Absorbent

WARNING If the absorbent is to be changed during clinical use, adequate fresh gas flow must be maintained to prevent excessive build up of CO₂.

Removing the canister

WARNING Condensation, which may collect in the bottom of the absorber canister, is caustic. Avoid skin contact when draining.

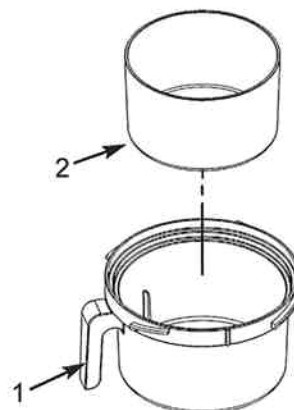
1. Grip the handle (1), turn the canister anti-clockwise, and remove carefully.
2. Check the level of liquid in the canister. Carefully lift out the inner absorbent container (2), or pre-pack unit.

WARNING

Condensate may drip from the container or pre-pack.

Use a cloth to prevent spillage.

3. Dilute the liquid in the canister with water before disposal. Follow your hospital procedure.
4. Dispose of the pre-pack, or the absorbent from the inner container (2).



Cleaning

Soda lime tends to adhere strongly to surfaces when it has become exhausted.

To maintain good sealing, the canister, absorbent container, seal, and the sealing plate above the canister should be wiped with a damp cloth to remove particles of soda lime, whenever the absorbent is changed.

Refilling with absorbent

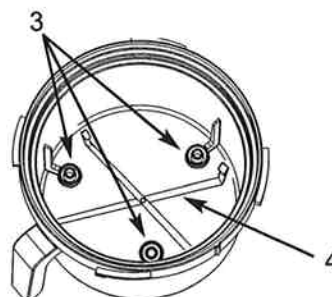
Pre-packed soda lime:

1. Check that the three spacers (3) are in place.

Check that the carrier (4) is in place

Check the manufacturer's instructions included with the pre-pack.

Remove the packaging and insert the new pre-pack into the carrier in the canister.



INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Bulk packed (loose) soda lime:

2. **WARNING**

Underfilling can lead to inefficient CO₂ absorption.

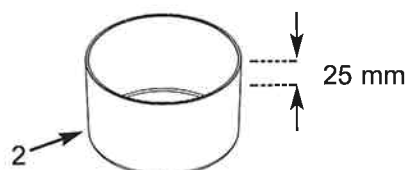
Overfilling may result in poor sealing of the canister, due to caking of granules and abrasion of the canister seal.

Check that the container (2) is clean and dry and empty of dust or soda lime granules.

Place the container on a horizontal surface and fill it with soda lime up to a level 25 mm (1 inch) below the top.

Do not fill above this level.

Check that the three spacers (3) are in place, and place the container in the canister.



Refitting the canister

1. Refit the canister.

Check that the seal and the canister align correctly as the canister is rotated clockwise.

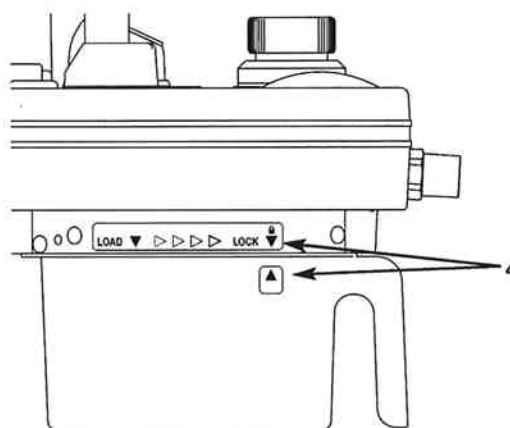
Grip the canister firmly, using two hands to rotate clockwise until the stop is reached.

Check that the arrows (4) are aligned.

WARNING

Failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position, may cause a system leak and/or a reduction in CO₂ absorption.

2. Leak test the absorber – see section 6.2.

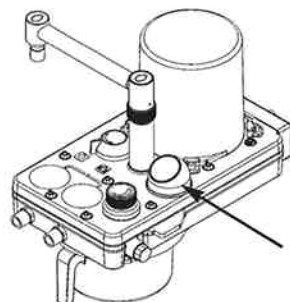


5.4 Manometer

The manometer (1) is located on the top of the manifold block, to the rear of the inspiratory valve. If the manometer has been removed and refitted, Function test the absorber, checking for leaks at the manometer, before clinical use.

CAUTION

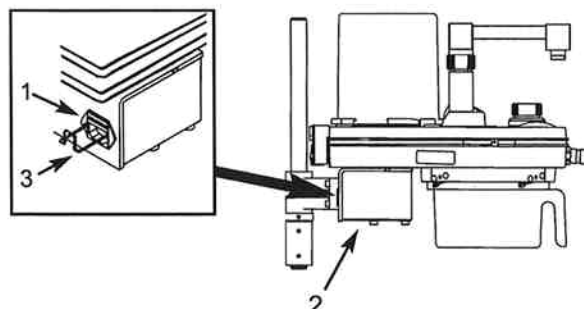
Remove the manometer before autoclaving the absorber unit.



5.5 Heater (option)

Connect the cable (mains electrical supply) to the socket (1) on the back of the heater unit (2). Secure the cable with the safety clip (3).

The heater operates automatically, with a thermostatic control system.



6. PRE-USE CHECKS

6.1 Pre-use Checklist

1. Check the absorbent, replace if necessary.
Before refitting the canister, check that the sealing surfaces are clean and dust free.
Ensure that the canister is fully rotated and seals securely when refitted (see 5.3).
2. Check that the fresh gas hose is connected to the anaesthetic machine.

Note that the anaesthetic machine must be leak tested before the absorber pre-use checks are made.
3. Leak test the absorber – see section 6.2
4. Carry out a function check and pressure relief test on the APL valve – see section 6.3.
5. Check the inspiratory and expiratory non-return valves for correct operation – see section 6.4.
6. Check the Bag/Ventilator switch for correct operation – see section 6.5.
7. Heater (if fitted) - connect to mains supply (see 5.5) and check operation.
8. Carry out a leak test with the canister removed - see 6.6
9. Repeat the absorber leak test – see section 6.2.

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Bulk packed (loose) soda lime:

2. WARNING

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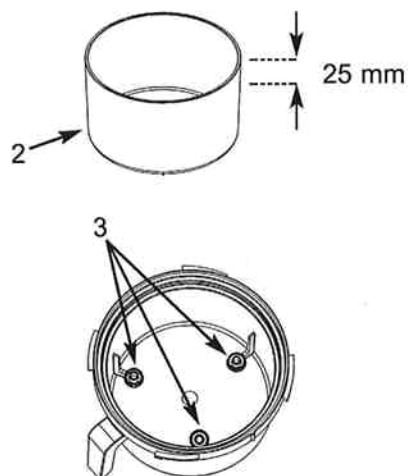
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Check that the container (2) is clean and dry and empty of dust or soda lime granules.

Place the container on a horizontal surface and fill it with soda lime up to a level 25 mm (1 inch) below the top.

Do not fill above this level.

Check that the three spacers (3) are in place, and place the container in the canister.



Refitting the canister

1. Refit the canister.

Check that the seal and the canister align correctly as the canister is rotated clockwise.

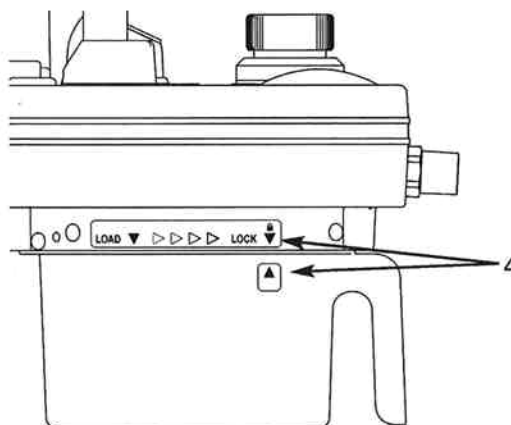
Grip the canister firmly, using two hands to rotate clockwise until the stop is reached.

Check that the arrows (4) are aligned.

WARNING

Failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position, may cause a system leak and/or a reduction in CO₂ absorption.

2. Leak test the absorber – see section 6.2.

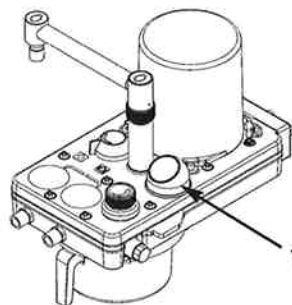


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CAUTION

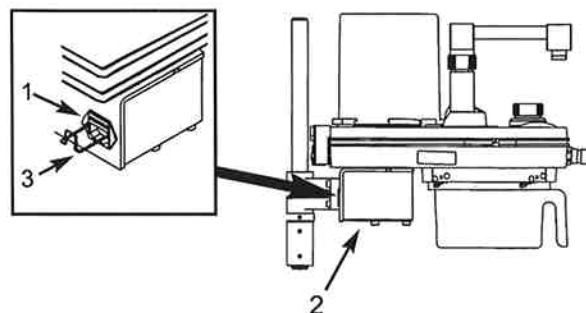
Remove the manometer before autoclaving the absorber unit.



5.5 Heater (option)

Connect the cable (mains electrical supply) to the socket (1) on the back of the heater unit (2). Secure the cable with the safety clip (3).

The heater operates automatically, with a thermostatic control system.



6. PRE-USE CHECKS

6.1 Pre-use Checklist

1. Check the absorbent, replace if necessary.
Before refitting the canister, check that the sealing surfaces are clean and dust free.
Ensure that the canister is fully rotated and seals securely when refitted (see 5.3).
2. Check that the fresh gas hose is connected to the anaesthetic machine.

Note that the anaesthetic machine must be leak tested before the absorber pre-use checks are made.
3. Leak test the absorber – see section 6.2
4. Carry out a function check and pressure relief test on the APL valve – see section 6.3.
5. Check the inspiratory and expiratory non-return valves for correct operation – see section 6.4.
6. Check the Bag/Ventilator switch for correct operation – see section 6.5.
7. Heater (if fitted) - connect to mains supply (see 5.5) and check operation.
8. Carry out a leak test with the canister removed - see 6.6
9. Repeat the absorber leak test – see section 6.2.

PRE-USE CHECKS

The procedures detailed in sections 6.2 to 6.6 must be carried out in the order listed.

The absorber must be attached to an anaesthetic machine, which must be leak tested before the checks are carried out.

Check that the manometer is zeroed before use.

6.2 Leak Test

Check that the canister (1) is securely fitted (see 5.3).

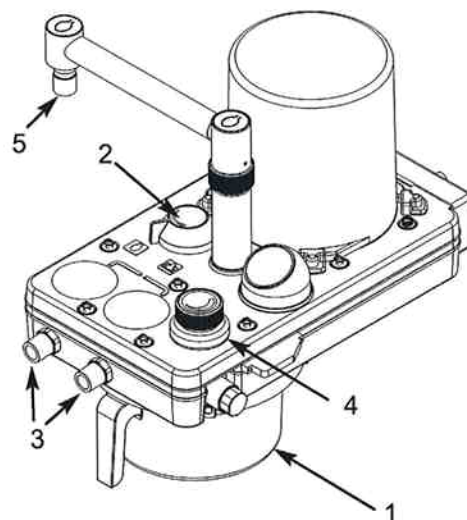
Check that the bag is correctly fitted, and set the switch (2) to 'Bag'.

Connect the fresh gas hose to the anaesthetic machine.

Use a breathing system hose to connect the patient ports (3) to form a closed, leak-free circuit.

Close the APL valve (4).

1. Turn on a flow of 2 L/min of oxygen and pressurise the system.
2. Stop the gas flow when the system pressure reaches 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) and check that pressure is maintained, i.e. the pressure must not fall to zero in less than one minute.



6.3 APL Valve Test and Pressure Relief Test

APL Valve Function

1. Open the APL valve (4).
Check that gas escapes freely from the system through the valve outlet.

APL Valve Flow Resistance

2. Set maximum flow and check that the retained pressure is less than 0.5 kPa (5 cmH₂O).
3. Reduce flow to minimum.

Pressure Relief

4. Close the APL valve fully (clockwise).
5. Remove the reservoir bag and block the bag port (5).

Use the flow controls on the anaesthesia machine to produce a high flow of gas into the system and check that the APL valve provides excess pressure relief.

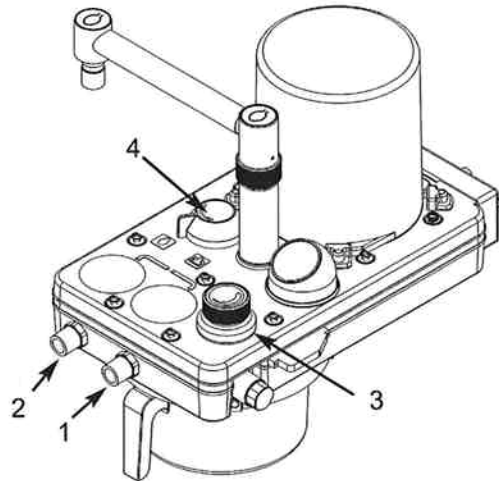
The manometer reading must not exceed 6 kPa (60 cmH₂O) \pm 10% at 6 L/min.

Refit the reservoir bag.

PRE-USE CHECKS

6.4 Inspiratory and Expiratory Non-return Valve Test

1. Detach the hose connecting the inspiratory (1) and expiratory (2) connectors.
2. Check that the APL valve (3) is closed.
3. Block the inspiratory valve outlet (1) with a suitable bung, and inflate the reservoir bag with a 2 L/min oxygen flow.
4. Turn off the gas flow and check that the bag does not empty by reverse flow through the expiratory valve (2).
5. Remove the bung and attach a spare reservoir bag to the inspiratory valve connector (1).
6. Turn on a 2 L/min oxygen flow and fully inflate this bag (and the absorber reservoir bag).
7. Turn off the gas flow. Check that gas cannot be forced through the inspiratory valve by gentle squeezing of the spare bag on the valve outlet.
8. Remove the bag from the inspiratory connector (1).



6.5 Bag/Ventilator Switch

1. Refit the breathing hose between the inspiratory (1) and expiratory (2) connectors.
2. Set a flow of 10 L/min and check that bellows starts to inflate.
Ensure that bag is not inflating.
3. Move switch (4) to Bag position and watch bag inflate and bellows stops rising.
When the pressure reads 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) turn off the flow of gas.
4. Select ventilator, pressure on gauge should drop, but bag should remain inflated.
5. Squeeze bag, there should be no loss of pressure, and bellows must not rise.

PRE-USE CHECKS

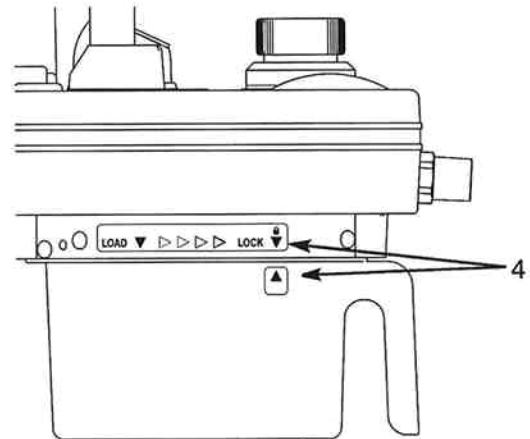
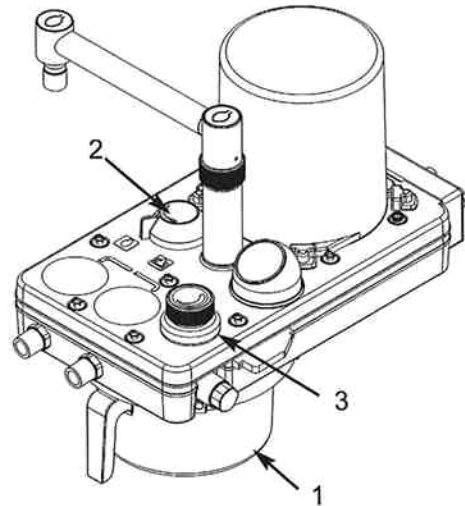
6.6 Leak Test - Absorber Canister Removed

1. Remove absorbent canister (1).
Set the switch (2) to Bag position and close APL valve(3).
2. Pressurise the system to 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) and turn off the gas flow.
3. Check that pressure does not fall to zero within one minute.
4. Refit absorbent canister.
Check that the seal and the canister align correctly as the canister is rotated clockwise.
Grip the canister firmly, using two hands to rotate clockwise until the stop is reached.
Check that the arrows (4) are aligned.

WARNING

Failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position may cause a system leak, and/or a reduction in CO₂ absorption.

5. A pressure loss will occur as valves operate during refitment.
Repressurise the system to 3 kPa (30 cmH₂O) and turn off gas flow.
6. Check that pressure does not fall to zero within one minute, then open APL valve to release pressure.



7. MAINTENANCE

7.1 Service Frequency

Servicing and repairs must only be carried out by engineers trained by the manufacturer.

- (a) Six-monthly inspection and function testing.
- (b) Annual and four-year service which includes routine replacement of seals etc., as preventive maintenance.

7.2 Canister and Seals

Cleanliness is the essential requirement for all components in contact with absorbent.

Soda lime tends to adhere strongly to surfaces when it has become exhausted.

To maintain good sealing, the canister, absorbent container, seal, and the sealing plate above the canister should be wiped with a damp cloth to remove particles of soda lime, whenever the absorbent is changed.

These components should be scrubbed under running water when the complete system is dismantled for sterilisation or disinfection.

See section 8.4.

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7.3 Condensate Drainage

WARNING

Condensation, which may collect in the bottom of the absorber canister is caustic and care must be taken not to spill it on the skin when draining.

Wear suitable protective gloves.

Dilute the liquid with water before disposal.

Daily Procedure:

1. Check the level of liquid in the canister (1).
If necessary, remove the canister by turning anti-clockwise.
Carefully lift out the inner absorbent container (2), or pre-pack unit.
WARNING *Condensate may drip from the container or pre-pack. Use a cloth to prevent spillage.*

2. Dilute the liquid in the canister with water before disposal.
Follow your hospital procedure.

3. Refit the container or pre-pack:
Pre-packed soda lime:
Check that the three spacers (3) are in place.
Check that the carrier (4) is in place
Insert the pre-pack into the carrier in the canister.

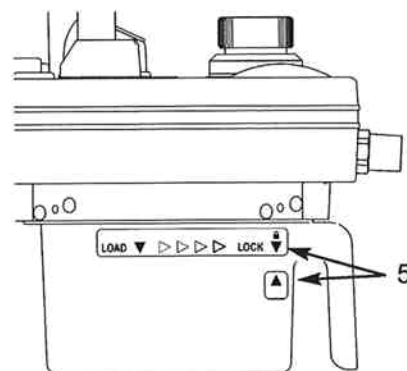
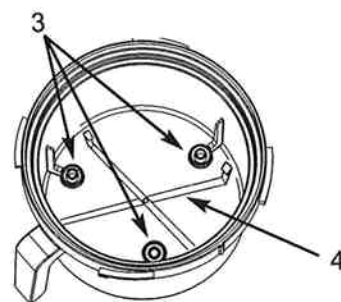
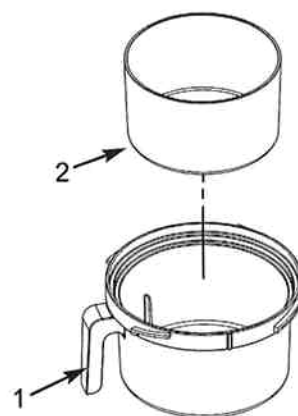
Bulk packed (loose) soda lime:

Check that the three spacers (3) are in place, and place the container in the canister.

4. Refit the canister to the absorber.
Check that the seal and the canister align correctly as the canister is rotated clockwise.
Grip the canister firmly, using two hands to rotate clockwise until the stop is reached.
Check that the arrows (5) are aligned.

WARNING *Failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position, may cause a system leak and/or a reduction in CO2 absorption.*

Leak test the absorber – see section 6.2.



7.4 Manometer

Remove the manometer (A) before sterilisation or disinfection.

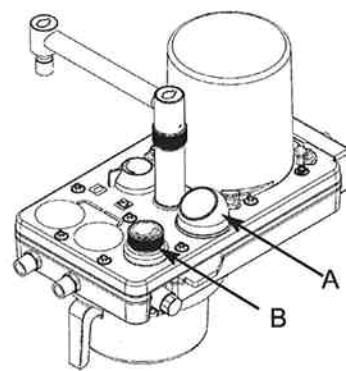
Grip the manometer and detach from the absorber.

CAUTION *Do not sterilise the manometer.*

7.5 APL Valve

Autoclave the APL valve (B) as part of the absorber assembly - see section 8.5.1.

Check that the valve is in the open position before autoclaving.



8. STERILISATION

8.1 Sterilisation Policy

Follow your local hospital guidelines. Autoclavable components are listed in section 8.5.

8.2 Bacterial Filters

The use of respiratory bacterial filters is essential to protect the oxygen sensor mounted at the side of the side of the absorber.

Fit a bacterial filter to the expiratory limb of the breathing circuit.

In addition a heat and moisture exchange (HME) unit should be fitted at the patient Y-piece.

Refer to the diagram in section 5 – 'Breathing Circuit Connections', and the information on flow resistance in sections 4.2.1, and 4.2.2.

Filters may be sterilisable or single use. Please read the labelling supplied by their manufacturer.

CAUTION

Replacement/Disposal - always follow the instructions supplied with the filter or HME.

Always renew components at the recommended interval

NOTE

If a bacterial filter has not been used in the expiratory limb of the breathing circuit, the oxygen sensor may be contaminated and must be replaced.

8.3 Patient Circuit Components

The components should be separated, washed with warm soap and water solution, rinsed in warm water and air dried.

For sterilisation, follow the instructions supplied by the manufacturer.

STERILISATION

8.4 Absorber Assembly Procedure Before Sterilisation

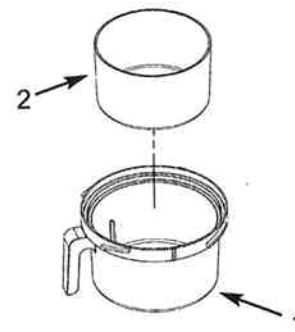
CAUTION Removal and refitting must only be carried out by qualified service personnel. When the absorber is lifted or carried by hand, always support the weight of the unit under the base. Do not lift the absorber by gripping any of the components attached to the manifold block.

CAUTION Do NOT clean any component in an automatic cleaning/washing machine.

Absorber Canister

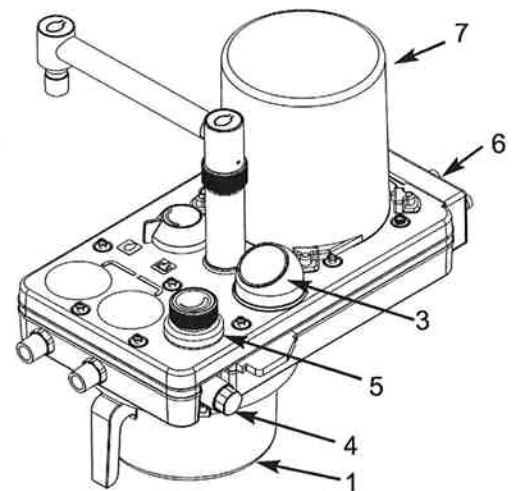
WARNING Condensation, which may collect in the bottom of the absorber canister is caustic and care must be taken not to spill it on the skin when draining.

1. Remove the absorber canister (1), by turning anti-clockwise.
2. Carefully lift out the inner absorbent container (2), or pre-pack unit.
WARNING Condensate may drip from the container or pre-pack. Use a cloth to prevent spillage.
3. Dilute the liquid in the canister with water before disposal. Follow your hospital procedure.
4. Thoroughly scrub off all particles of absorbent from the canister, inner container, seal and underside of the absorber assembly.



Manometer, APL Valve and Oxygen Sensor

5. Remove the manometer (3)
Do not autoclave.
6. Remove the oxygen sensor (4) - disconnect the cable and unscrew the sensor from the side of the absorber
Do not autoclave.
7. APL Valve (5) - autoclave the valve as part of the absorber assembly - check that the valve is in the open position before autoclaving.



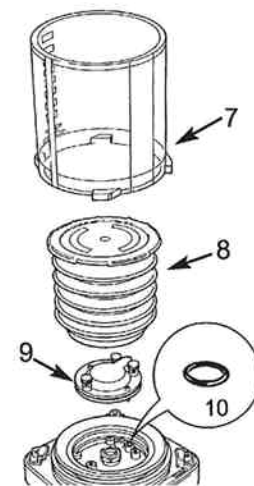
Electrical Interface, Cables and Tubing

8. Disconnect all cable connectors and hoses, then remove the electrical interface unit (6).

Disconnect the mains lead from the heater unit (if fitted).
(refer to the illustration on next page)

Bellows Assembly - removal

9. Turn the bellows housing (7) anti-clockwise, then lift it from the base.
Remove the bellows (8), by carefully pulling it off the base.
Do not dismantle.
10. Undo the three retaining screws, then remove the exhalation valve assembly (9).
Check that the small O-ring (10) located in the bellows base under the diaphragm valve is in place.
The ventilator will not function if the O-ring is missing.



STERILISATION

Dismantling and Cleaning before sterilisation

Absorber :

CAUTION Removal and refitting must only be carried out by qualified service personnel. Always support the weight of the unit under the base. Do not lift the absorber by gripping any of the components attached to the manifold block.

11. Remove the absorber assembly from the anaesthetic machine:

- a) Loosen the pole-mount knob (11). Carefully lift the absorber assembly from the polemount..

- b) Remove the four screws (12), securing the absorber to the pole-mount bracket assembly (13), (or 14, if optional heater unit is fitted).

WARNING: Do NOT immerse or autoclave the heater unit (15).

12. Wash the absorber assembly internally with warm water and soap solution, then rinse and air dry.
13. The absorber assembly can now be autoclaved as a single unit.

Ventilator Bellows Assembly:

Exhalation Diaphragm Valve

The exhalation diaphragm valve is under the bellows and can be removed by loosening the three thumbscrews.

The valve seat is now visible.

WARNING

Great care must be taken. Do not damage the precision surface of the valve seat (14).

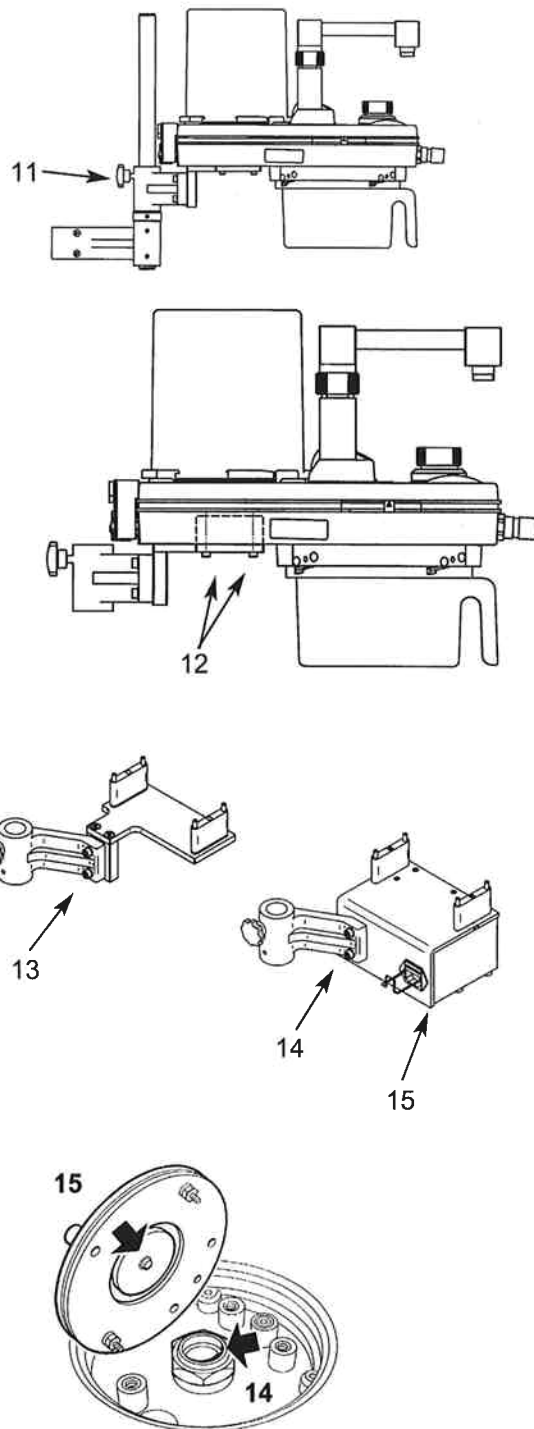
Never use any hard object or abrasive agent to clean it; use only a soft cloth.

If the valve seat is damaged, the diaphragm valve will leak and may cause serious malfunction.

Clean the seat, and the metal disk (15) attached to the base of the diaphragm valve, thoroughly and remove all contamination from the surfaces of both components.

NOTE If excessive contamination is discovered, check that a bacterial filter is used in the expiratory limb of the breathing circuit (and an HME at the patient tee-piece).

After cleaning, check that the small O-ring (10) located in the bellows base under the diaphragm valve is in place. The ventilator will not function if



STERILISATION

8.5 Sterilisation and Disinfectant Treatment Table

Note:

1. Thorough rinsing in warm water and drying in air should follow chemical disinfection.
2. Do NOT clean any component in an automatic cleaning/washing machine.
3. Before clinical use, ALWAYS carry out the Pre-use Checks listed in section 6 of this manual.

8.5.1 Absorber

<i>Component</i>	<i>Soap water</i>	<i>Cidex Sonacid (Note 1)</i>	<i>Steam Autoclave</i>	<i>Maximum Temperature °F °C</i>	
Breathing hoses (check manufacturer's instructions)	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Safelock fittings	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Reservoir bag (check manufacturer's instructions)	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Manifold block (including non-return valves)	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Frame assembly	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Absorber Canister	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Absorbent Container	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Carrier (for pre-pack)	yes	yes	yes	278	137
APL valve	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Pressure gauge	no	no	no	—	—
PEEP valve	yes	yes	yes	278	137
Heater (option)	no	no	no	—	—

8.5.2 Ventilator Bellows

Item	Method
Bellows	Gas, liquid, autoclave (20 cycles max.)
Hoses	Gas, liquid, autoclave
O rings	Gas, liquid, autoclave
Bellows base	Gas, liquid, autoclave
Exhalation valve assembly	Gas, liquid, pasteurise, low temperature autoclave
Bellows canister	Liquid, autoclave

STERILISATION

8.6 Absorber Assembly Reassembly after Cleaning and Sterilisation

CAUTION

When the absorber is lifted or carried by hand, always support the weight of the unit under the base. Do not lift the absorber by gripping any of the components attached to the manifold block.

Ventilator Bellows

Refit the diaphragm valve assembly to the bellows base and refit the bellows assembly and housing.

CAUTION

- a) After cleaning, check that the small O-ring (1) located in the bellows base under the diaphragm valve is in place. The ventilator will not function if the O-ring is missing.
- b) Always check for correct fitment of the bellows (see illustration - 2), and function test the ventilator before clinical use (refer to ventilator user manual).

Absorber

Reverse the dismantling procedure given in section 8.4.

Refilling

CAUTION

Refer to 'Refilling with absorbent' in section 5.3.

Note

When refitting the absorbent container, or pre-pack to the canister, ensuring that the three spacers (3) are located as illustrated.

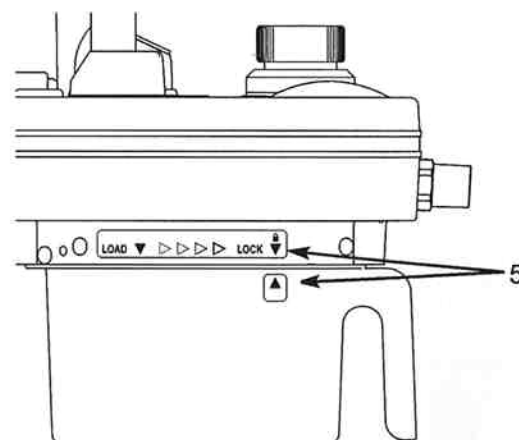
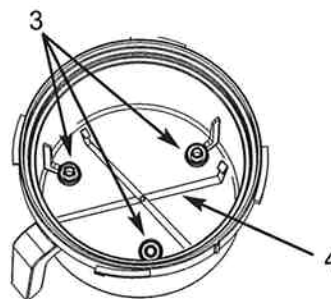
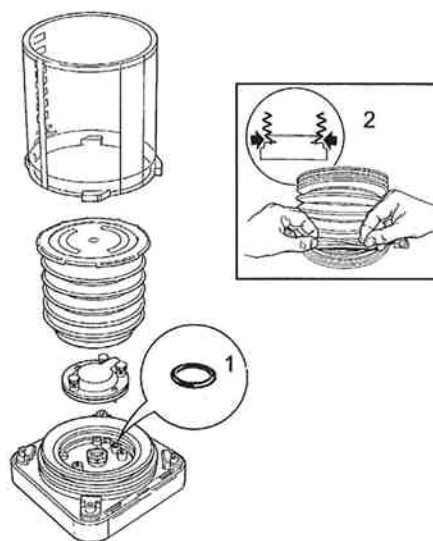
If a pre-pack is used, check that the carrier (4) is in place.


Refitting the canister

1. Refit the canister.
Check that the seal and the canister align correctly as the canister is rotated clockwise.
Grip the canister firmly, using two hands to rotate clockwise until the stop is reached.
Check that the arrows (5) are aligned.

WARNING Failure to rotate the canister to the fully closed position, may cause a system leak and/or a reduction in CO₂ absorption.

Before clinical use, ALWAYS carry out the Pre-use Checks listed in section 6 of this manual.





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