

AC600 Semi-Automated Calorimeter

Specification Sheet

Method	Isoperibol
Range	
Joules/Charge	14000 [†] to 35000 ^{††}
Calories/Charge	3300 [†] to 8300 ^{††}
BTU/Charge	13 [†] to 33 ^{††} (6000 [†] to 15000 ^{††} BTU/lb for a 1 gram sample)
Precision	0.10% RSD*
Analysis Time	
Delta T Mode:	9 minutes
TruSpeed™ Mode:	5 minutes
Corrections	Nitrogen, sulfur, fuse wire, moisture, spike, and ash
User-Selectable Ignition	String or wire-fuse
Temperature Measuring Resolution	0.0001°C
Gas Requirements	
Analytical:	Oxygen 450 psi (31.0 bar) max; 99.99% purity
Pneumatic:	Compressed Air; 12 psi (0.8 bar); 99.5% purity <i>source must be oil and water free</i>
Electrical Requirements	90 to 127 V~/180 to 260 V~ (at max load), 50/60 Hz, single phase, 5 A/2.5 A, 2,000 BTU/hr
Water Requirements	
Recirculating Water Chiller [‡]	
Nominal Temp:	15°C (59°F)
Cooling Capacity (at 15°C)	
Single AC600:	680 BTU/hr
Dual AC600:	1,400 BTU/hr
Type:	Distilled Water NOTE: Do NOT use deionized water
pH:	6-8
Dissolved Solids:	0.5 to 100 ppm
Resistivity:	50 kΩ•cm to 2 MΩ•cm (0.5 μs/cm to 20 μs/cm)
Pressure:	4 to 15 psi (0.3 to 1.0 bars)
Volume	
Single AC600:	3 gallons (12 liters) for initial setup
Dual AC600:	9 gallons (35 liters) for initial setup
Required Work Space**	15 in. W x 21 in. D x 18 in. H (38 cm x 53 cm x 46 cm)
Environmental Conditions	
Operating Temp:	15° to 35°C (59° to 95°F)
Humidity:	20 to 80%, non-condensing
General:	Area should be free of drafts, and shielded from sunlight and other radiation sources
Ambient Thermal Load	
Single AC600:	2,000 BTU/hr
Dual AC600:	4,000 BTU/hr

Part Numbers

AC600SC	AC600 Semi-Automated Calorimeter with standard vessel; vessel preparation station; external PC
AC600SHC	AC600 Semi-Automated Calorimeter with halogen-resistant vessel; vessel preparation station; external PC
AC600DC	AC600 Dual Semi-Automated Calorimeter with two standard vessels; vessel preparation station; external PC
AC600DHC	AC600 Dual Semi-Automated Calorimeter with two halogen-resistant vessels; vessel preparation station; external PC

Options

621-605-302	Standard AC600 Vessel Kit for wire or thread ignition; includes standard vessel, wire, thread, and vessel base
621-605-304	Halogen-Resistant AC600 Vessel Kit for wire or thread ignition; includes halogen-resistant vessel, wire, thread, and vessel base
621-713	Recirculating Water Chiller Sized for Single AC600 (115 V)
621-744	Recirculating Water Chiller Sized for Single AC600 (230 V)
621-605-595	Recirculating Water Chiller Sized for Dual AC600 (115 V)
751-300-160	4-Place Balance Kit; includes interface cable
621-434-110	Ink Jet Printer with paper and interface cable
619-995	Bar Code Reader, USB

*Based on analysis of benzoic acid at 1 gram; n = 7.

**Allow a 6-inch (15 cm) minimum access area around instrument.

†Lower values can be measured by spiking samples that are not completely combusting.

††This is the combustion vessel safety limit. Do NOT exceed this limit. Exceeding this limit could result in vessel failure causing death, serious personal injury, and/or property damage.

‡Chiller must be capable of operating continuously with flow stopped to the AC600.

V~ denotes VAC.



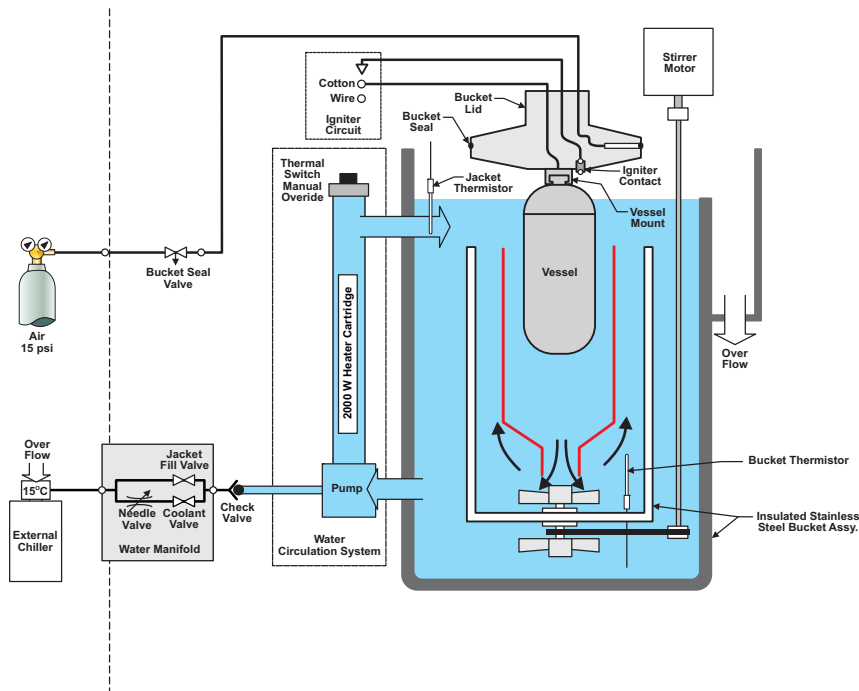
Theory of Operation

The LECO AC600 semi-automatic calorimeter is a Windows®-based instrument developed to measure the calorific content of various organic materials such as coal, coke, and fuel oil.

The calorific value of a sample is determined by precisely measuring the heat released after combustion of the sample in a controlled environment. The heat released is proportional to the calorific value of the substance.

The sample is placed into a combustion vessel, which is pressurized with oxygen. The combustion vessel is automatically lowered into a water bath within the instrument known as a bucket. The bucket is sealed using an inflatable bladder. The cavity surrounding the bucket is known as the jacket and is also filled with water. The water temperature in the jacket is closely controlled at a precise set temperature (isoperibol calorimeter system). The sample is ignited and the temperature of the bucket and jacket water is measured by an electrical thermometer with a resolution of 0.0001 of a degree. A measurement of the water temperature inside the bucket and jacket is collected every second. The results can be corrected within the software for any spiking, nitrogen, sulfur, moisture, and ash content if necessary. Two options for analyzing data are available. A simple temperature difference may be chosen by the user (standard mode), in which calorific values are determined by a simple maximum temperature rise of the bucket. The user may also choose to use a thermodynamic model (TruSpeed™ mode) that has been developed by LECO to model heat exchange within the AC600 system. The TruSpeed mode takes into account heat capacities of the system's components along with corrections for energy transfer within the system. The TruSpeed mode enables the AC600 to attain rapid 5 minute analysis times without compromising the accuracy or precision of the calorific result.

Flow Diagram



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