

MICROLIT KENO MINI |

Multi-Purpose Vacuum Aspirator
for Laboratory Waste Handling



OPERATION MANUAL

EXPERIENCE PRECISION

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General Safety Instructions

Read this manual carefully before operating the instrument and comply with all safety instructions provided herein.

- Only trained and authorized personnel are permitted to operate the instrument.
- Ensure that the power outlet is properly grounded before switching on the instrument.
- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) while operating the instrument.
- Place the instrument on a stable, clean, dry, non-slip and fire-resistant surface in a well-ventilated indoor area.
- Do not operate the instrument outdoors, near water or in proximity to hazardous or explosive substances.
- Use only safe, suitable, and compatible containers for liquid aspiration.
- Ensure that the supply voltage matches the rating specified on the product label before connecting the instrument to the power supply.
- Inspect the instrument, power adapter, tubing, and accessories for visible damage before each use. Do not operate the instrument if any damage is detected.
- Use only the original KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator mains adapter supplied or approved by the manufacturer.
- Check that all accessories are correctly installed and securely connected before operation.
- Do not touch valves, pumps, tubing or internal components during operation.
- Do not move or relocate the instrument while it is operating.
- In the event of liquid spillage, immediately switch off the instrument, disconnect it from the power supply, clean the spill thoroughly and remove any organic solvents before resuming operation.
- Unplug the instrument only after it has completely powered down.
- Only qualified service personnel authorized by the manufacturer may open the instrument housing.
- Do not place heavy objects on the instrument.

Operating Limitations & Restrictions

The KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator shall be operated only within the limits specified in this section. These limitations define the permissible environmental, installation, electrical, and operational conditions necessary to ensure reliable performance and prevent equipment damage.

Environmental & Installation Limits

Maximum operating altitude: 2000 m above sea level

Operating temperature: 0°C to 40°C

Storage temperature: 5°C to 40°C

Maximum relative humidity: 80% (non-condensing)

Installation category: Indoor use only

Minimum clearance from walls or adjacent surfaces: 100 mm

Electrical Limits

Supply voltage fluctuation shall not exceed $\pm 10\%$ of the nominal voltage.

Operational Restrictions

The device shall not be operated under the following conditions:

- In residential or domestic environments
- In hazardous or explosive (ATEX-classified) environments
- With flammable, explosive or highly volatile substances
- For continuous unattended operation
- Without properly installed filters or with damaged components
- Using non-approved accessories or with unauthorized modifications

Material Compatibility

Liquids incompatible with device materials, including strong solvents, shall not be aspirated unless compatibility has been verified with the manufacturer.

Storage Conditions

The KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator shall be stored in a clean, dry and dust-free indoor environment to prevent damage and ensure continued performance.

The following storage conditions shall be observed:

- Storage temperature: 5°C to 40°C
- Maximum relative humidity: 80% (non-condensing)

The instrument shall be stored on a stable surface and protected from direct sunlight, moisture, corrosive atmospheres and mechanical shock. Packaging or protective covers should be used during storage and transportation to prevent contamination or physical damage.

Intended Purpose

The KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator is designed to generate controlled negative pressure for the aspiration, transfer and collection of liquid samples in laboratory environments. The device supports the safe handling of biological and chemical liquids by providing a closed aspiration system with appropriate filtration and containment.

Intended Users

This device is intended for use by trained laboratory personnel, including research scientists, laboratory technicians and diagnostic staff who are familiar with laboratory safety practices and the handling of potentially hazardous liquids.

Intended Environment

The KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator is intended for indoor use in controlled laboratory environments, including but not limited to:

- Research laboratories
- Diagnostic laboratories
- Educational laboratories
- Industrial quality control laboratories

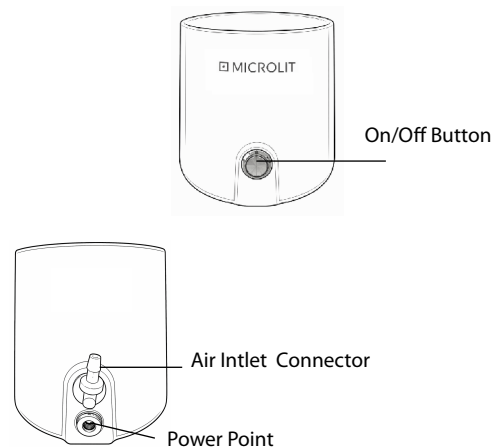
Uses Not Intended

The device is not intended for:

- Direct patient aspiration or clinical suction procedures
- Use with flammable, explosive or highly volatile substances
- Operation in hazardous or explosive (ATEX-classified) environments
- Continuous unattended operation

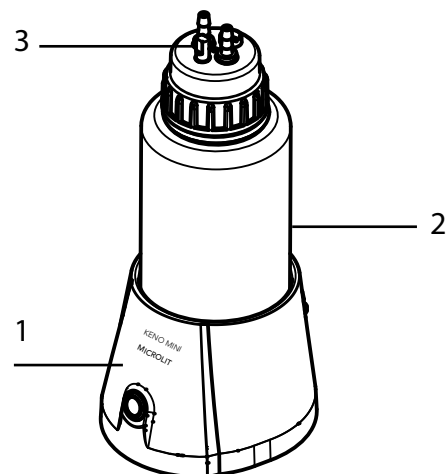
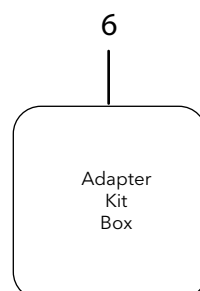
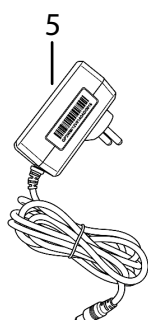
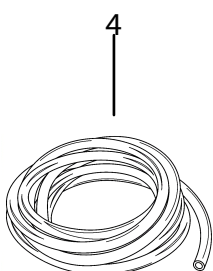
Overview

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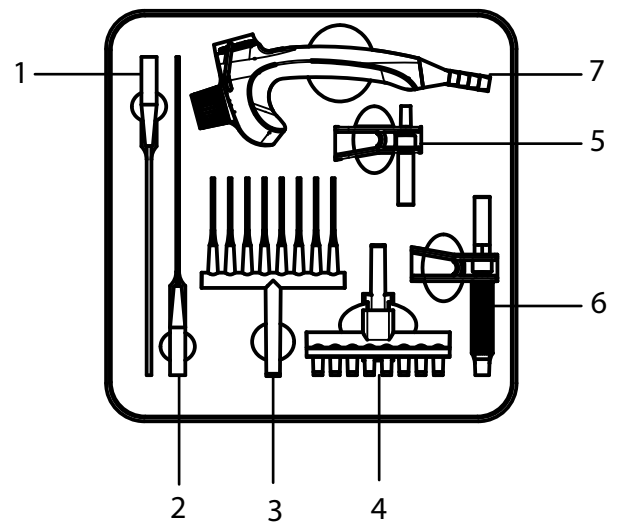
1. Vacuum Aspirator
2. Collection Bottle (Polypropylene) - 1L/0.5L
3. Cap with Built-in Connectors
4. Silicone Tubes (2 pcs)
5. Power Adapter
6. Adapter Kit Box



KENO MINI - 1L/0.5L

Adapter Kit Box

1. Needle - Single Channel, Ø2.5mm, 120mm, Stainless Steel
2. Needle - Single Channel, Ø1.5mm, 120 mm, Stainless Steel
3. Needle - Eight Channel, Ø1.5mm, Stainless Steel
4. Needle - Eight Channel for 200µL tip, with Ejector
5. Needle - 1 Channel for 200µL tip, with Ejector
6. Needle - 1 Channel for 1000µL tip, with Ejector
7. Hand Controller



Adapter Kit Box

Installation Requirements

Location

Install the device on a clean, dry, stable laboratory bench away from heat sources, corrosive vapors and direct sunlight.

Environmental Conditions

Operate only within the specified ambient temperature and humidity range. Condensation must be avoided.

Installation & Setup

Unpacking & Inspection

Verify that all components supplied with the KENO MINI Vacuum Aspirator are included in the packaging and are free from visible damage. The exact contents may vary depending on the model and configuration ordered.

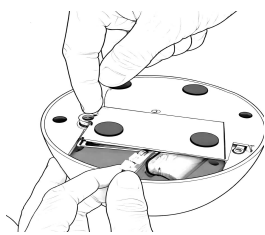
The packaging may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Vacuum Aspirator main unit
- Liquid collection bottle(s) with appropriate capacity
- Bottle cap with integrated connectors
- Tubing, couplings and filtration components as applicable
- Power adapter
- Adapter kits and accessories (as applicable)
- Instruction manual and related documentation

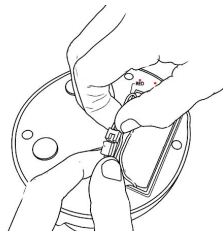
If any component is missing, damaged or does not correspond to the ordered configuration, do not connect the instrument to the power supply and report the issue to the supplier or manufacturer.

Power Supply

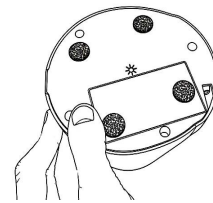
1. Open the battery cover at the back of the aspirator.
2. Firmly connect the battery wire connector to the aspirator connector until it locks with a “click” sound.
3. Close the battery cover.



Step 1



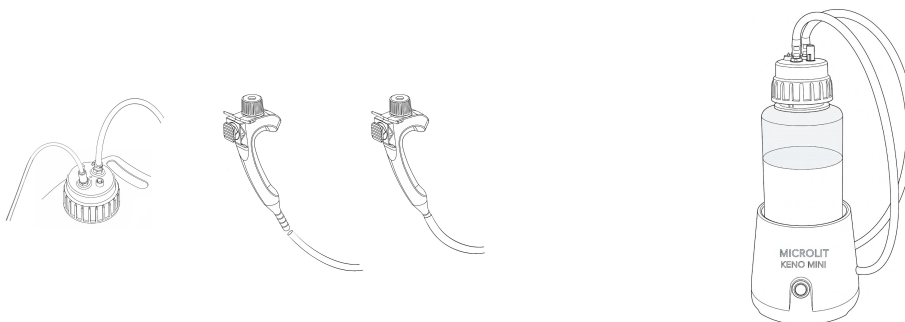
Step 2



Step 3

Bottle and Tube Connection

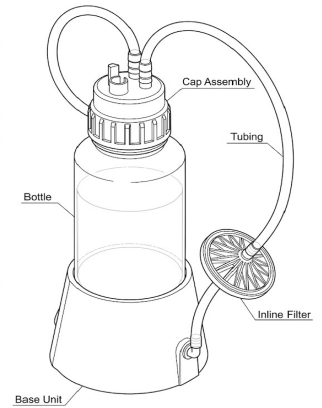
- Place the collection bottle into the instrument base.
- Secure the bottle lifter by screwing it firmly onto the bottle neck.
- Close the bottle with the cap and ensure it is tightened securely.
- The vacuum aspirator comes with two tubes:
 - Inlet tube (1 meter)
 - Outlet tube (0.5 meter)
- To connect the inlet tube, attach one end to the bottle cap and the other end to the hand controller.
- To connect the outlet tube, attach one end to the bottle cap and the other end to the air inlet connector of the aspirator.



Steps to Attach an External Inline Filter

Please find below the step-by-step procedure for attaching an external inline filter:

- Turn off the system: Ensure the equipment is completely powered off before starting the process.
- Attach the filter: Remove the air outlet tube from the outlet connector and connect it to the filter. Now, insert the silicone tube which is attached on the other side of the filter firmly onto the outlet connector.
- Tighten the joints: Ensure all connections are properly tightened to prevent leaks.
- Inspect the setup: Ensure alignment and fittings before restarting the system.



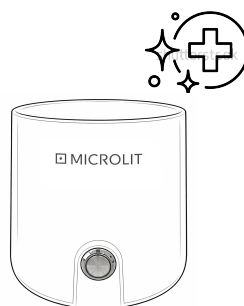
Turn on the system: Restore power and observe for any leaks or irregularities.

Operation

- Switch on the instrument by pressing the ON/OFF button. Once pressed, the button will illuminate.
- Allow a few seconds for the vacuum to build up in the collection bottle.
- Aspirate liquid by pressing the button on the hand controller fitted with a suitable tip.
- Monitor the liquid level in the collection bottle.
- Before opening the collection bottle, release the vacuum via the venting port on the cap or by aspirating air using the hand operator.
- Ensure that the bottle cap is tightly closed and the venting port is fully sealed during operation

Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization

Proper cleaning, disinfection and sterilization are essential to ensure safe operation, prevent contamination, and maintain device performance. Always disconnect the instrument from the power supply before performing any cleaning, disinfection or maintenance activities.



Cleaning

External Cleaning

Clean the external housing using a soft, lint-free cloth dampened with a mild soap solution or mild laboratory detergent.

70% ethanol or isopropanol may be used for surface disinfection.

Do not allow liquids to enter the pump housing or electrical components.

Do not use bleach, abrasive cleaners or aggressive solvents.

Internal / Liquid-Contact Parts

Disassemble the waste collection bottle, tubing, connectors and hand operator.

Rinse thoroughly using water or compatible cleaning solutions approved for the materials of construction.

After handling hazardous materials, flush the tubing and hand operator with water followed by 70% ethanol.

Disinfection

Use laboratory-approved disinfectants compatible with the device materials.

Follow the disinfectant manufacturer's instructions regarding concentration and contact time.

Use chlorine-free and non-corrosive disinfectants only.

Ensure all components are thoroughly rinsed and dried before reassembly.

Sterilization

Autoclaving

Only components explicitly identified as autoclavable may be autoclaved.

Autoclavable Components:

- Waste collection bottle
- Bottle cap
- Silicone tubing
- Hand controller

Autoclaving Conditions:

Polypropylene bottle: 121°C for ≥ 60 minutes

Glass bottle and hand operator: 121°C for ≥ 20 minutes

Important Notes:

- Keep the bottle cap loosely fitted during autoclaving.
- Disconnect PVDF tubing couplings before autoclaving.
- Inspect tubing after sterilization and replace immediately if signs of brittleness, discoloration or damage are observed.

Non-Autoclavable Components:

- Pump unit
- Hydrophobic filters
- Electrical and electronic components

Chemical Sterilization

- Add a compatible disinfectant solution to the waste collection bottle.
- Allow adequate contact time as specified by the disinfectant manufacturer.
- Ensure the disinfectant is chlorine-free and non-corrosive.
- Rinse thoroughly after sterilization to remove residual chemicals.

Maintenance & Service

Preventive Maintenance

To ensure reliable operation, the following preventive maintenance schedule is recommended:

Daily

Perform a visual inspection for leaks, cracks, loose connections or contamination.

Weekly

Clean waste collection bottles, tubing, hand operator, and external surfaces.

Monthly

Inspect hydrophobic filters, tubing elasticity, connectors and seals.
Replace worn or damaged components as necessary.

Consumables & Replacement Parts

The following components are consumables and may require periodic replacement:

- Hydrophobic filters
- Aspiration tubing
- Collection bottles

Replace the hydrophobic filter at least once per year or immediately if liquid ingress occurs.

Use only KENO-approved consumables and replacement parts to ensure safety, performance, and regulatory compliance.

Service & Repairs

All servicing and repairs must be performed by authorized MICROLIT service personnel. Unauthorized servicing, modification or repair of the instrument is strictly prohibited and may result in equipment damage, personal injury or loss of warranty.

Technical Specification

KENO MINI	
Certifications	CE Certificate
IP Rating	IP41 Protection
Model No.	K-M1 & K-M0.5
Power Source	Built-in Rechargeable Lithium Battery
Vacuum Range	-580 mbar
Max flow rate in Air	3 L/min
Flow rate of liquid	23 mL/sec - 40 mL/sec
Noise at 1 meter distance	< 65 dB at maximum vacuum
Motor type	Brushless DC Motor
Collection bottle	0.5/1L Polypropylene

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Causes	Solution
Device not running	No electrical power	<p>Please ensure that the battery connection is proper and intact.</p> <p>Plug the power adapter in the power source and in the device</p> <p>Switch on the on/off button. LED will be lit.</p>
Aspiration is very low and/or the pump never stops running	Leak in the vacuum system	<p>Close the venting port by closing the sealing screw or sealing cap.</p> <p>Close the bottle cap tightly. Check tubing and filter for leaks.</p> <p>Reduce the residual flow of the hand operator by closing the screw opposite the operator button</p>
	Liquid overflowed thereby blocking filter	Empty the bottle and change the filter
	Tubing is blocked	Clean or change the tubing
Inconsistent aspiration and unintended speed fluctuations	Twisting or pinching of Silicone Tube	Ensure inlet and outlet tubes are connected properly without any twisting or pinching.

Warranty

The Vacuum Aspirator comes with a limited one-year warranty that commences from the date of purchase. Coverage is limited to repair or replacement at the manufacturer's discretion, provided the product is used solely in accordance with the provided instructions and under normal operating conditions.

Guidelines for Return

Follow these guidelines, before sending the instrument for repair:

- Please clean the instrument carefully.
- On no account should the sent instrument contain any reagent.
- The sent instrument can only be checked and repaired if it has been carefully cleaned and decontaminated, beforehand.
- Forcefully opening the instrument invalidates any warranty claim.
- While packing the instrument for return, please enclose a detailed description of the trouble that has occurred and the reagents that were used with the instrument

Disposal

The electrical and electronic equipment, including batteries, must be disposed of separately from household waste at the end of their service life.

In accordance with applicable Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations, electronic devices must be collected and disposed of through appropriate recycling channels, as per national and local regulations.

Batteries may contain substances that are harmful to the environment and human health. They must be disposed of separately in accordance with applicable battery disposal regulations.

Do not dispose of batteries in household waste, incinerate them or short-circuit them.

Subject to technical modifications without prior notice. Errors and omissions excepted.



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