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Pour-fill Cryostats

VPF-100 Series nitrogen-cooled cryostats 65 K to 800 K

VPF-100 Series cryostats are liquid-nitrogen-cooled with the sample located in vacuum. They can withstand high temperatures, with options up to 800 K. Simple to use and refill, the VPF Series use a refill-style displacer assembly that enables refilling of the LN_2 reservoir without affecting the controlled temperature. A built-in heater provides variable temperature operation.

Key features

65 K to 500 K (800 K option)

Fast cooldown - 15 min to 77 K

Sample in vacuum

Featured components

Built-in heater to for variable temperature control

Optimized for two-loop temperature control

High-efficiency, flexible LHe/LN2 transfer line

VPF-100 Series variants

VPF-100 maximum temperature 500 K

VPF-100-H maximum temperature 800 K

Specifications

VPF-100	VPF-100-H
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Initial cooldown time (to 77 K)	15 min	
Temperature range ¹	65 K to 500 K	65 K to 800 K
Typical temperature stability ²	±50 mK	
LN ₂ hold time (77 K)	8 h	5 h
LN ₂ hold time (100 K)	4.5 h	
LN ₂ hold time (200 K)	2.5 h	
Initial vacuum level requirement ³	~10 ⁻³ Torr	

Size

Height	583 mm (23 in)	
Inner diameter (at sample region)	76.2 mm (3 in)	63.5 mm (2.5 in)
Sample mount diameter	31.75 mm (1.25 in)	
Weight (approximate)	3.3 kg (7 lb)	
Shipping weight (approximate)	9.1 kg (20 lb)	
Shipping dimensions (approximate)	$610\times406\times305$ mm (24 \times 16 \times 12 in)	

¹ Operation below 77 K requires pumping manifold



² Measured with temperature controller

³ Pressure measured at room temperature prior to adding cryogen

Complete your system

Temperature control

Included



Every cryostat includes a Lake Shore temperature controller and calibrated sensor.

MeasureLINK control software

Optional add-on



MeasureLINK software enables a wide range of capabilities including charting and logging, system monitoring with a cryostat-specific process view, and controlling Lake Shore equipment as well as third-party instrumentation. No programming required—drag-and-drop to create temperature sweeps, access measurements, and see real-time internal cryostat temperatures in process view.

Source + measure + lock-in

Optional add-on



The Lake Shore M81-SSM provides highly synchronized DC, 100 kHz AC, and mixed DC + AC sourcing and measuring—including both voltage and current lock-in measurement capabilities—for low-temperature material research performed in your cryostat. It supports up to three remote-mountable source and three measure modules per a single M81-SSM-6 instrument and, owing to its modularity, allows signal and source amplifiers to be located as close as possible to the sample being characterized. This minimizes the signal wiring to the sample, reduces noise, and increases measurement sensitivity.

Configure your cryostat

1. Select cryostat variant

VPF-100 Optical, 65 K to 500 K, calibrated temperature sensor

VPF-100-H Optical, 65 K to 800 K, type E thermocouple

CUSTOM Custom configurations are available to fit your experiment

needs - contact Sales for details

2. Select cryostat configurations

Sample holders

SH-DPTICAL-1.25-STD Optical
SH-BLANK-1.25-STD Blank
SH-RESISTIVITY-1.25-STD Resistivity

SH-DPTICAL-1.25-800 Optical, high-temperature
SH-BLANK-1.25-800 Blank, high-temperature
CONSULT Resistivity, high-temperature

CONSULT DIP

Windows

See our cryostat window selection guide for additional information. Contact us for custom window options.

WR-STD-FS UV-grade fused silica

 WR-STD-SAPH
 Sapphire

 WR-STD-ZNSE
 ZnSe

 WR-STD-CAF2
 CaF₂

 WR-6MM-KBR
 KBr

 WR-STD-TPX
 TPX

Mounting flange

Baseplate for ST-100, ST-300, and VPF-100

Series cryostats — metric threads

BASE-ST-VPF Baseplate for ST-100, ST-300, and VPF-100

Series cryostats — imperial threads

Pumping manifold

VPF-PM Pumping manifold (for operation to 65 K)

3. Select pump (optional)

Each cryostat required a pump to operate. If you do not have an existing pump to use, select one of the pumps below.

10RVP General-purpose mechanical pumping station10DDP General-purpose mechanical pumping station with

LN₂ cold trap and isolation valve

TS-85-D Turbopumping station

4. Select cryostat wiring

We offer a variety of both unwired and wired feedthroughs to complete your measurement setup. Please refer to the cryostat feedthroughs and wiring guide for more information.

5. Select optional system configurations

Measurement instrumentation

Cryostats come standard with one temperature controller.

Model 336 temperature controller
Model 335 temperature controller
Model 335 temperature controller with installed 3060 thermocouple option card

325 Model 325 temperature controller

M81-SSM electronic synchronous source measure system

Contact us for cables and adapters for M81-SSM/cryostat integration.

M81-SSM instrument with X = 2, 4, or 6 channels;

half the channels are dedicated to sourcing and the other to measurement; see modules below

VM-10 AC/DC voltage measure module + lock-in
BCS-10 AC/DC balanced current source module
CM-10 AC/DC current measure module + lock-in

VS-10 AC/DC voltage source module

6. Select optional control software

ML-MCS MeasureLINK-MCS software with scripting

development license; includes lifetime activation for version purchased and full MeasureLINK capability on up to 5 computers with Lake Shore instrument drivers, chart recorder functionality, and drag-and-drop measurement sequences; some

application packs sold separately

7. Select additional accessories

Cryostats come standard with one installed temperature sensor. Other sensors are available—contact us.

CX-1050-CU-HT-1.4M Cernox® magnetic field independent, calibrated

CONSULT Thermocouple (VPF-100-H only)

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