

Labnet Spectrafuge™ 6C

Instruction Manual

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1.0 Introduction

The Spectrafuge™ 6C is a small benchtop centrifuge designed for separation of various research samples and is supplied with a 6 x 15 mL rotor. Adapters are available for tubes smaller than 10 mL. The Spectrafuge 6C reaches speeds of up to 6,500 rpm/4,000 x g.

2.0 Safety Information

Before using the Spectrafuge 6C for the first time, please read this entire manual carefully. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

2.1 Symbols and Conventions

The following chart is an illustrated glossary of the symbols that may be used in this manual or on the product.



The electrical warning indicates the presence of a potential hazard which could result in electrical shock.



CAUTION This symbol refers you to important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions within the product Instruction Manual. Failure to heed this information may present a risk of damage or injury to persons or equipment.

2.2 Operation Safety Precautions

- ▶ Never use the centrifuge in any manner not specified in these instructions.
- ▶ Never operate the centrifuge without a rotor properly attached to the shaft.
- ▶ Never fill tubes while they are in the rotor. Liquid spillage may harm unit.
- ▶ Never put hands in the rotor area unless the rotor is completely stopped.
- ▶ Never move the centrifuge while the rotor is spinning.
- ▶ Never use solvents or flammables near this or other electrical equipment.
- ▶ Never centrifuge flammable, explosive or corrosive materials.
- ▶ Never centrifuge hazardous materials outside of a hood or proper containment facility.
- ▶ Always load the rotor symmetrically. Each tube should be counterbalanced by another tube of the same type and weight.
- ▶ Always locate the centrifuge within easy access to an electrical outlet.
- ▶ Always use only centrifuge tubes designed to withstand centrifugal forces of at least 4,000 x g.
- ▶ Always use a wrench to tighten rotor nut.

Do not operate the centrifuge if any of the following conditions exist:

- ▶ The centrifuge has not been installed properly.
- ▶ The centrifuge is partially dismantled.
- ▶ Service has been attempted by unauthorized or unqualified personnel.
- ▶ The rotor has not been installed securely on the motor shaft.
- ▶ Rotors and accessories not belonging to the standard range are being used without permission being obtained from the manufacturer to use such rotors and/or accessories in the centrifuge.
Exception: Centrifuge tubes, normally available in the laboratory.
- ▶ The centrifuge is located in an explosive atmosphere.
- ▶ Materials to be centrifuged are combustible and/or explosive.
- ▶ Materials to be centrifuged are chemically reactive.
- ▶ The rotor load is not properly balanced.

3.0 Specifications

Maximum Speed	6,500 rpm
Maximum RCF	4,000 x g
Maximum Volume	6 x 15 mL
Admiss. Density	1.2 kg/dm ³
Electrical / Fuse Rating	120V, 50-60Hz, 1.0A/1.25AT 230V, 50-60Hz, 0.6A/630mAT
Dimensions (W x D x H)	8.25 x 9.5 x 7.0 in. (21 x 24 x 18 cm)
Operating Conditions	5°C to 40°C / ≤80%RH

4.0 Package Contents

Description	Quantity
Spectrafuge™ 6C	1 each
Angle rotor for 6 x 15 mL tubes	1 each
Rotor wrench, 7/16	1 each
Power Cord	1 each

5.0 Installation

The centrifuge should be installed on a rigid, even surface such as a stable laboratory bench, cabinet, etc. To guarantee sufficient ventilation, ensure that the centrifuge has at least 6 inches (15 cm) of free space on all sides, including the rear.

The centrifuge should not be located in areas subject to excessive heat such as in direct sunlight or near radiators or the exhaust of a compressor, as a buildup of heat may occur within the chamber.

Before operating the centrifuge, check that the power source corresponds to that on the manufacturer's rating label, then connect the power cord to the centrifuge and the power source.

6.0 Installation of Rotors and Rotor Maintenance

The following accessories are available for the Spectrafuge™ 6C:













Angle rotor for 6 x 15 mL tubes

Cat. No.	TR100
Tube Measurement	15 mL (17 x 120 mm) - 10 mL (16 x 100 mm)
Maximum Speed	6,500 rpm
Centrifuging Radius	8.5 cm
RFC	4,000 x g

Adapter for 5 mL (12 x 75 mm) and 7 mL (13 x 100 mm) tubes

Cat. No.	C0200-17A
Tube Measurement	12 x 75 mm, 13 x 100 mm, or common Sarstedt™ style tubes

Tube and tube adapter reference chart:

		Standard Blood Collection Tubes				Sarstedt** Blood Collection Tubes							
Dimensions (mm)	17 x 120	16 x 100	13 x 100	12 x 75	15 x 102	16 x 92	15 x 92	13 x 90	11 x 92	11 x 66	13 x 65	8 x 66	
Capacity*	15 mL	10 mL	7 mL	5 mL	10 mL	9-10 mL	7-8 mL	4.9 mL	4-5 mL	2-3 mL	2-3 mL	1-1.4 mL	
Tube image													
Radius (cm)	8.2	8.5	7.7	7.7	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	
Max. RFC	3,873	4,015	3,637	3,637	4,015	4,015	4,015	3,637	3,637	3,637	3,637	3,637	
Tubes per Rotor	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
Adapter (C0200-17A)	—	—	Yes	Yes	—	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

*Capacity may vary based on serum volume

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6.1 Rotor Maintenance

The rotor should be cleaned thoroughly after each use. **Thorough cleaning must be performed when spinning samples containing phenol or phenol chloroform.** Periodically inspect the rotor for dents, dings, scratches, discoloration and cracks. If any damage to the rotor is found, discontinue use of the rotor immediately and replace.

6.2 Removing and Installing the Angle Rotor

Remove the rotor screw from the motor shaft by turning the screw counterclockwise. Lift the rotor upward and remove from the centrifuge.

Ensure that the motor shaft adapter remains on the motor shaft (Figure 1). Clean the motor shaft and motor shaft adapter (see figure 1).

Place the rotor on the motor shaft (figure 1) and over the motor shaft adapter (see figure 1 and 2).

NOTE: Figure 1 and 2 are located on the following page.

When loading the rotor, refer to figure 3 (located on the following page). Loading in the pattern indicated will ensure a balanced load. Tubes to be loaded should be filled equally by eye. The difference in the weight between the tubes should not exceed 2-3 grams. A partially loaded rotor may be centrifuged if the loading scheme for balancing a rotor given in figure 3 is followed.



- A. Motor
- B. Motor shaft adapter
- C. Motor Shaft

Figure 1. Chamber and motor shaft



Figure 2. Bottom of angle rotor

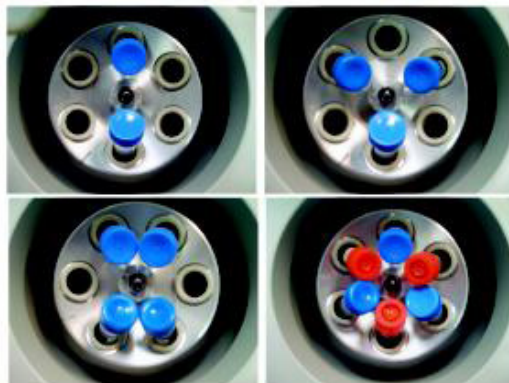


Figure 3. Loading the rotor

6.3 Overloading the Rotor

The maximum load of the rotor and the maximum speed has been established by the manufacturer. Do not attempt to exceed these values.

The maximum speed of the rotor has been measured for liquids having a homogeneous density of 1.2 g/mL or less. In order to centrifuge liquids with a higher density it is necessary to reduce the speed.

NOTE: Failure to reduce the speed may result in damage to the rotor and centrifuge.

The revised maximum speed can be calculated with the following formula:

$$\text{Reduced speed } (n_{\text{red}}) = \sqrt{\frac{1.2}{\text{higher density value}}} \times \text{max speed } (n_{\text{max}})$$

Example: Where the density of the liquid is 1.7, the new maximum speed would be calculated as follows:

$$(n_{\text{red}}) = \sqrt{\frac{1.2}{1.7}} \times 6,500 = 5,461 \text{ rpm}$$

If in doubt concerning maximum speeds, please contact the manufacturer for assistance.

7.0 Operation

The following accessories are available for the Spectrafuge™ 6C:



CAUTION: Never attempt to operate the centrifuge with rotors or adapters that show signs of corrosion or mechanical damage. Never centrifuge strongly corrosive materials that may damage the rotors or accessories.

7.1 Closing the Lid

After the rotor has been properly secured and loaded, close the centrifuge lid, making sure that the interlock has been engaged.

7.2 Lid Release

Following a run, the centrifuge will display will show flashing “00”. This signals the end of a run and the lid can now be opened by pressing the “lid knob” (left). Note that the lid can not be opened until the display flashes “00” and the rotor has stopped.



CAUTION: Do not attempt to open the lid of any centrifuge until the rotor has come to a complete stop.

In the event of a power failure or malfunction, it may be necessary to open the lid manually.

1. Disconnect the power cord from the wall socket.
2. Remove the plastic plug, located on the left side of the unit, below the quick button.
3. Pull the cord (attached to the plug) to open the lid lock manually.

7.3 Lid Lock

The centrifuge can be started only with the lid securely closed. Do not attempt to open the lid until the end of run signal “00” is displayed.

7.4 Speed Selection

The speed (rpm) can be selected from 300 to 6,500rpm with the knob (right). The set speed can be viewed at all times on the large LED display (right).

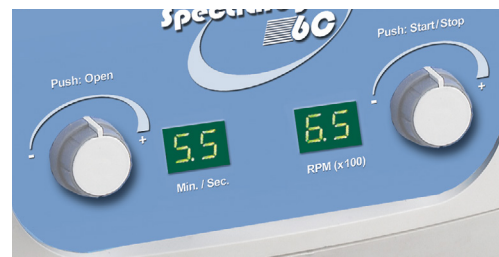


Figure 4. Spectrafuge 6C control panel layout

7.5 Selection of Operating Time and Momentary Operation

Time can be selected in half minute intervals from 0.5 to 10 minutes, and in one minute intervals from 11 to 30 minutes. Time can also be set to continuous/hold by turning the timer knob past the thirty minute position. This will display the continuous setting “On”.

When the preselected time expires, the centrifuge will stop automatically. To stop the centrifuge prior to the expiration of set time, press the “Start/Stop” knob.

The centrifuge may be operated manually by pressing and holding the “Start/Stop” knob. The centrifuge will continue to run as long as the knob is depressed.

7.6 Starting the Centrifuge

Once the time and speed have been set the centrifuge can be started by pressing the “Start/Stop” knob. The centrifuge will then run for the specified amount of time.

8.0 Service and Maintenance

The Spectrafuge™ 6C requires no routine maintenance other than the occasional routine cleaning. All repairs should be performed by authorized, qualified personnel only. Repairs performed by unauthorized personnel may void the warranty.

8.1 Cleaning the Centrifuge

Always keep the centrifuge housing, rotor chamber, rotor and rotor accessories clean. All parts should be wiped down periodically with a soft cloth. For more thorough cleaning, use a neutral cleaning agent (pH between 6 and 8) applied with a soft cloth.

Excessive amounts of liquid should be avoided. Liquid should not come into contact with the motor. After cleaning, ensure that all parts are dried thoroughly by hand or in a warm air cabinet (maximum temperature 50°C).

8.2 Cleaning the Rotor

The rotor should be cleaned after each use. When spinning samples containing phenol or phenol chloroform, the rotor should be cleaned immediately after use.

Should a spill of infectious materials occur within the rotor or chamber, the unit should be disinfected. This should be performed by qualified personnel with proper protective equipment.

8.3 Replacing Fuses

Check the fuse when it is recommended in the Troubleshooting Guide located in this manual. The fuse holder is located in the power inlet on the rear of the unit. Disconnect the power cord from the power inlet. Open the fuse holder drawer by inserting a small screwdriver under the tab and prying it open. Remove the innermost (operative) fuse from its retaining tabs and replace the fuse if necessary. A spare fuse is located in the outermost chamber of the fuse drawer. Replace only with a fuse of exactly the same value as the original (Fuse type may be found in the Technical data section of this manual).

9.0 Troubleshooting Guide

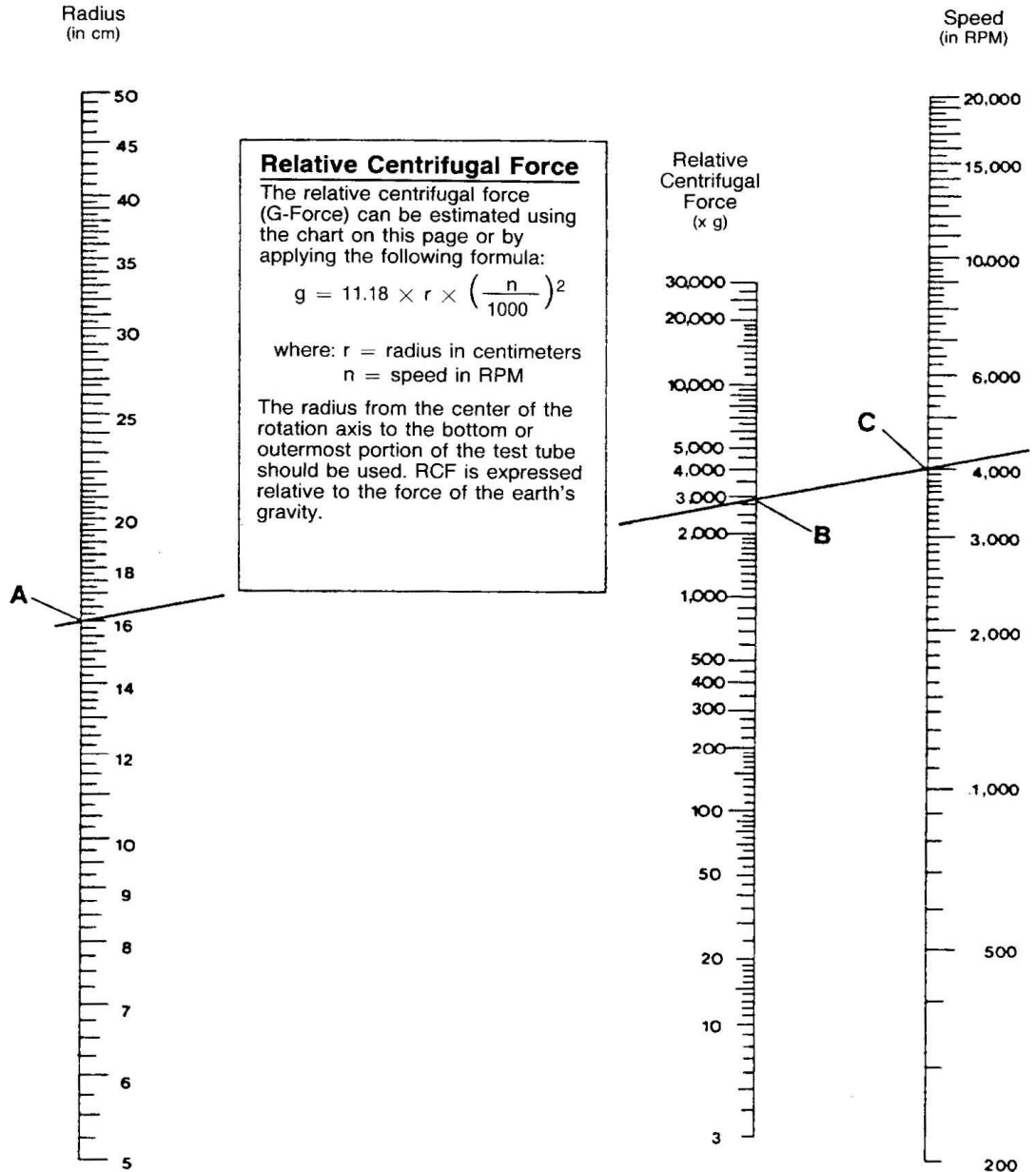
Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Centrifuge will not start	No power supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Check that power is being supplied to the outlet ▶ Check that the power cord is plugged into both the wall outlet and the back of the centrifuge. ▶ Check that power cord is not damaged
	Blown fuse	Check fuse and replace if necessary
Lid lock will not release	Defective lid lock	Open manually and have unit serviced
	No power from PC board	Call for service
	Lid lock is jammed	Call for service
	Centrifuge is not receiving power	See "Centrifuge will not start"
Centrifuge cannot be started, although power is on	Lid not closed correctly	Close lid correctly
	No speed or time has been selected	Set speed and/or time
Centrifuge displays error "03"	Lid opened prior to signal "00"	Close lid and open lid

Should you have a question about the operation of the Labnet Spectrafuge™ 6C or if service is required, contact Customer Service. Do not send in a unit for service without first calling to obtain a repair authorization number. Should the unit require return for service, it should be properly packed to avoid damage. Any damage resulting from improper packaging shall be the responsibility of the user.

10.0 Determination of G-values

The centrifuging radius of the 15 mL rotor is 8.5 cm for round bottom tubes and 8.2 cm for conical bottom tubes. See Section 6. for the correct radius when using adapters and smaller tubes. The chart on the next page can be used to determine g-values.

RELATIVE CENTRIFUGAL FORCE



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12.0 Equipment Disposal



According to Directive 2012/19/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), this product is marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin and must not be disposed of with domestic waste.

Consequently, the buyer shall follow the instructions for reuse and recycling of waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) provided with the products and available at www.corning.com/weee.

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