

Model Series 180AE General Purpose Incubators OPERATING MANUAL





SPECIFICATIONS MODEL 10-180AE

Interior Dimensions

INCHES W x H x D 10.5x9.38x10 (CM) W x H x D 26.6x23.81x25.4

Exterior Dimensions

INCHES W x H x D 13x15x11 (CM) W x H x D 33x38x28

Weight (lbs) 23 lbs
Cubic Foot Capacity .7 ft³

Standard Electrical

VOLTS / WATTS 115 / 365*

* Standard models voltage only, optional 230 voltage available. Check label on back of unit.

Temperature Range

Ambient +8°C to: 94°C

Unit Specifications

Operating Environment: Indoor use, altitude up to 6,500 ft. (2,000m). Installation Category II,

Pollution Degree 2, ambient temperature 10°C / 50°F to 35°C / 95°F,

80% RH maximum.

Storage Temperature: -10°C/14°F to 70°C / 158°F, 70% RH maximum.

Approvals: Underwriter's Laboratory Listed, Laboratory Equipment, C/UL United States / Canadian. E212550 (115VAC models only)

Compliance: UL Standard 61010-1, IEC 61010-1, 2nd Edition.

Unit Construction

Exterior: Powder-Coated Steel Interior: Aluminum

Insulation: Fiberglass Door: 140AE: Acrylic, 180AE: Steel Insulated

Thermo-control: PID Microprocessor Heater: Resistive-Tubular Incoloy

Safety Precautions / Read Operating Instructions Thoroughly Prior to Operation

Read Operating Instructions thoroughly prior to operation. Use only a grounded outlet that is rated for your model's electrical requirement. Do not modify the oven or factory control settings to operate the oven above the stated maximum operating temperature. Exterior surfaces on the 180AE models may become hot to the touch when operating at higher set temperatures. Conduct periodic maintenance as required.

Set-up & Installation

Position unit in its ultimate operating location. Keep a minimum of 3" of airspace around sides & back of the unit and a minimum of 6" above the unit. The port hole at the top of the unit will expel a small amount of warm air through convection. This port can also be used as an access way for an external temperature probe.

Install adjustable shelf by placing the ends of the wire shelf bracket into the corresponding holes located on the inner sides of the oven at the desired height. Push the ends of the bracket into the holes until the first bends in the bracket are against the wall, then rotate the bracket down. Place the shelf on the brackets. **(FIG 1)**

Place drip tray on lower shelf.

Plug the unit into a grounded outlet for your unit's rated voltage.

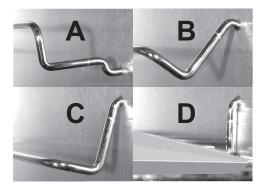


FIG. 1

General Operation

The unit is ready for your immediate use. All control parameters, calibration and tuning has been done at the factory, no adjustments are necessary.

Push the illuminated power button. All LED's on the temperature control will light-up for 5 seconds until the current or actual chamber temperature is displayed. The motor will also start.

To view the set temperature press the star "*" key. To change the set temperature hold the star key together with the up (raise temp) or down (lower temp) arrow key until the desired temperature is indicated on the LED display. (FIG. 2) The temperature control is set at the factory to read in 1/10th degree C (centigrade) units. To change temperature units or display resolution see: Menu Level Functions (page 3).



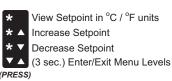


FIG. 2

Once the unit reaches the set temperature, allow the unit to cycle for 15 minutes at set point before temperature becomes fully stable. NOTE: Upon each initial powering-up, the control may typically overshoot the set temp by 1 or 2 degrees. After equilibrium is achieved the control will hold set temperature within 1 unit degree.

Chamber Loading

Article processing times and temperature uniformity are largely dependent on load density and positioning. Load the incubator so that air circulation within the incubator is not impaired. Here are some general guidelines:

Leave a space between articles on a shelf to allow the unit's horizontal air flow to circulate around each article. (FIG. 3)

Don't block the return air port located at the back of the lower plenum/shelf.

Avoid extremely large (in quantity or size) or high-density loads. This will show by non-uniform processing and long or impossible "heat-through" times. To help determine a large load's suitability, use the set-point recovery time (the time it takes for the temperature to recover to the original set temperature once load is placed), as a guide. To reduce recovery time, reduce load proportionally. When possible, measure large loads or solution temperatures directly with an ancillary thermometer or probe. Probes can be inserted at top port.

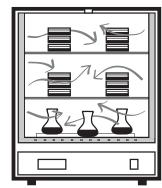


FIG. 3

Control Menu Functions

Access the menu levels for the following functions: (user applicable functions and their menu locations are high-lighted in white in the Functions Menu Guide below).

- ~ Change control to read in C or F temperature units.(on E in level 2)
- ~ Run or Read temperature tracking.([hey or read in level 3)
- ~ Lock Temperature setting against inadvertent adjustment.(5828 in level 1)
- ~ Calibrate control temperature to an external standard.([2870 in level 3)

FUNCTION SETTING Alternating Display FUNCTION PROMPT

FIG. 4

To access the control's function menu:

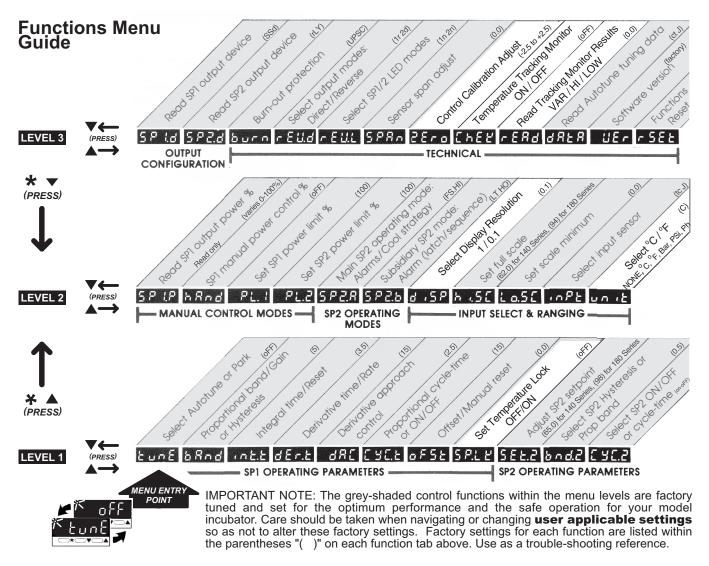
Press and hold both arrow keys for 3 seconds then release when the "tune" function prompt is displayed from within LEVEL 1 (see "menu entry point" at the bottom of the Menu Guide below). When in the function menu the LED display will alternate the function prompt with the function setting when keys are released. (FIG 4)

To navigate within the functions menu:

Use up and down arrow keys individually to move "right" or "left" within a level. Press and hold the star key and then the up or down arrow keys to move "up" or "down" respectively through levels 1, 2 and 3 (Note: you must be at LEBE prompt to move up or down levels).

To change a function setting:

Once at the desired level function prompt, press and hold the star key and press the up or down key to select or change the function setting. Release star key to set the function. Press the up and down keys together to return to temperature display or the control will auto-return in 60 seconds.



Temperature Tracking Feature

This feature monitors the stability of the control during for any given length process. It will record and display: 1. The total variation or spread between high and low, 2. The absolute or maximum high and 3. The absolute or minimum low.

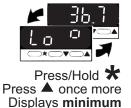
To start the tracking feature navigate to "CheK" prompt in menu level 3. Hold star key then up arrow key to select ON. Return to temp display or control will auto-return in 60 seconds. The control will track the temperature variation until "CheK" is turned off. Recorded readings are retained until next "CheK" ON.

You can view readings at any time during or after tracking feature has been turned off. But de-powering the unit will reset "CheK" to OFF and "rEAd" to zero. To view readings navigate to "rEAd" prompt in menu level 3. Then:









TIP: To avoid erroneous tracking data from run-up temperatures or door openings, start the Tracking feature after articles have been placed and temperature steadies at set point.

Control Self Diagnostics

Control prompts will only display when a fault or alarm condition exists.



Thermocouple burnout Check sensor/wiring



Non-volatile memory error De-power briefly Replace unit if it persists Example for 140 series:





Alarm condition: Temp exceeded maximum operating temp (62°C). Heater shutdown until manually reset. Typically indicates relay or temperature control failure. Replace relay or temp control if persists.

Maintenance / Control Calibration

To clean interior and exterior surfaces, use a damp cloth with or without an all-purpose cleaner. The acrylic door should only be cleaned using a lint-free cloth, with or without water. Paper towels can mar the surface of the acrylic door. Use of any commercial cleansers on the acrylic door will cause crazing and cracking of the surface of the acrylic over time. Periodically, check the accuracy of the control's temperature display against a known accurate or calibrated device. This should be done with an empty chamber after the set temperature becomes steady (typically after 45 to 60 minutes). Calibrate the control in the control's functions menu, level 3 (see page 3).

Tech Support

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