



# COMPACT BLOCK DIGESTION SYSTEM

**MBC SERIES** 

EFFICIENT, VERSATILE AND SCALABLE DIGESTION BLOCK TO PERFORM SAFE KJELDAHL DIGESTIONS AND MUCH MORE



Our **MBC Series** block digesters are available in 6 different models with different amount of sample positions and tube sizes to process from 6 up to 40 samples at a time. The system is composed of a heating block, a mobile samples tubes rack and a mobile fumes collector.

**MBC Series** digesters provide excellent temperature homogeneity in all sample positions with adjustable temperatures by up to 18 segments and a maximum temperature of 450°C.

Among the most common applications it is excellent to perform protein digestion according to the Kjeldahl method, acid hydrolysis for subsequent fat analysis and heavy metals determination.



**MBC Series** digesters are ideal to be used along with our Kjeldahl distillers (DNP Series) for previous digestion

step or with our Fat Extraction System (SX-6 MP Series) for sample acid hydrolysis.

# MAIN FIELDS OF APPLICATION



FOOD, FEED & BEVERAGES

Nitrogen, Protein, Fat hydrolysis.



ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Nitrogen, Chemical Oxygen Demand, Heavy metal traces.



PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Protein, Organic nitrogen, Ammonia, Urea, Formaldehyde.



**CHEMICAL INDUSTRY** 

Organic nitrogen.



# **FEATURES**

# **VERSATILITY**

MBC digesters are versatile for a wide range of applications and samples, even fatty, inhomogeneous and highly foaming samples are compatible with the equipment.

### **FLEXIBILITY**

Delay time, ramps, digestion temperatures and digestion times can be adjusted according to each analysis requirements. It has a total of 9 programs available that can be saved and edited at any time.

# **HOMOGENEITY**

Temperature is homogenously distributed throughout the metal heating block, ensuring that all samples work under exactly the same conditions, achieving a high reproducibility among the most common applications.

# **SECURITY**

In the event of a equipment failure, a message on the screen indicates the cause and, if appropriate, digestion is automatically stopped. Temperature control is supported by a safety thermostat to avoid overheating.

# **SCALABLE**

There are 6 different models available depending on sample tube size and number of sample positions.

# **DURABLE**

Digestion tubes rack, back support, antidrip tray, fumes collector and heating block cover made of AISI-304, with the latter covered with Halar® coating. Heating block made of aluminum. Rock wool and ceramic fiber are used for thermal insulation.

# **BENEFITS**



Heating block made of aluminum for fast and uniform heating.



Several different models available.



Up to 9 programs for saving application notes.



Up to 18 editable temperature segments for each program.



Full control of digestion conditions.



Useful for the determination of multiple components.



Temperature control by microprocessor and safety thermostat.



Easy to use.



Fumes collector and antidrip tray included.



Warning messages in case of breakdown.



Calibration port included.



Mobile sample tubes rack and fumes collector for a faster samples cooling.

# COMPACT

The equipment is designed to occupy as little space as possible following a fully integrated and vertical assembly of the equipment parts to minimize the equipment footprint.

# **FASTER COOLING**

The equipment has a support to place the mobile samples tubes rack away from the heating block for a faster cooling, avoiding long waiting times before performing the final analysis of the digested sample.

# **PROTECTION**

The exhaust fumes collector has improved characteristics to guarantee that the vapors that come out of each sample tube are properly collected and directed to the Fumes Neutralization Unit (Scrubber).

# **CALIBRATION**

Includes calibration port for external probes and adjustable settings to calibrate the device when required.

# POPULAR COMPATIBLE METHODS



# **KJELDAHL METHOD**

**Kjeldahl digestion** consists in the decomposition of nitrogen in organic samples by boiling the sample in concentrated acid solution in presence of a catalyst. At the end of the reaction, ammonium sulphate solution is formed, which can be later distilled and quantified.

Organic N + H $_2$ SO $_4$   $\rightarrow$  (NH $_4$ ) $_2$ SO $_4$  + H $_2$ O + CO $_2$  + other sample matrix by-products.



# **HEAVY METALS DIGESTION**

**Heavy metals digestion** in soil, compost and similar samples can be performed with MBC digesters. Firstly, the sample is dried and digested using several temperature ramps with a mixture of  ${\rm HNO_3}\text{-}{\rm HCIO_4}$  for foliar analysis and  ${\rm HNO_3}\text{-}{\rm HCI}$  for the rest of samples. After digestion, the sample is dissolved in HCl and the parameters are analyzed by ICP-OES.



### **CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND METHOD**

The **Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)** is the amount of oxygen consumed to totally oxidize the organic contents into inorganic products.

The sample is heated in the digestion block in presence of sulphuric acid, and a known amount of potassium dichromate. The excess of dichromate is titrated with an Iron(II) salt. To avoid interferences with chlorides, mercuric sulphate must be added.



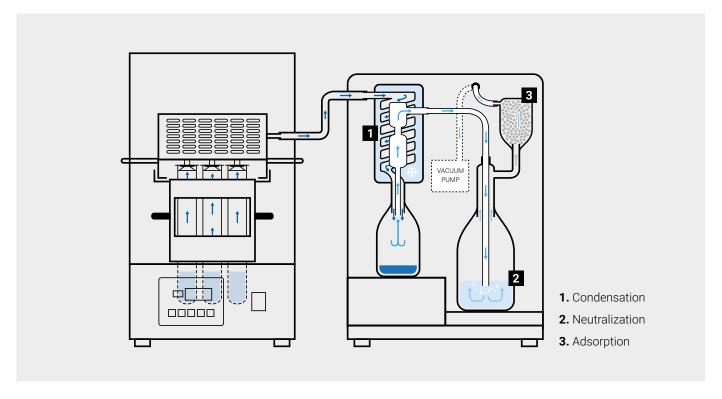
# **FAT HYDROLISIS METHOD**

**Fat hydrolysis** is the breakage of fat molecules bound as lipoproteins, liposaccharides or sterol esters. In some food and feed samples this is a necessary step to make the fat accessible for extraction. Therefore, the hydrolysis step is key for obtaining reproducible and accurate results in routine fat determination procedures.

The sample is mixed with diluted hydrochloric acid (normally 4N) and heated to break down proteins and high molecular weight carbohydrates into acid soluble constituents. Then it is filtrated and washed with water to remove any impurities. Finally, water is dried from the filter residue for fat extraction.



# KJELDAHL DIGESTION WITH OUR COMPACT BLOCK DIGESTION SYSTEM CONNECTED WITH OUR SCRUBBER



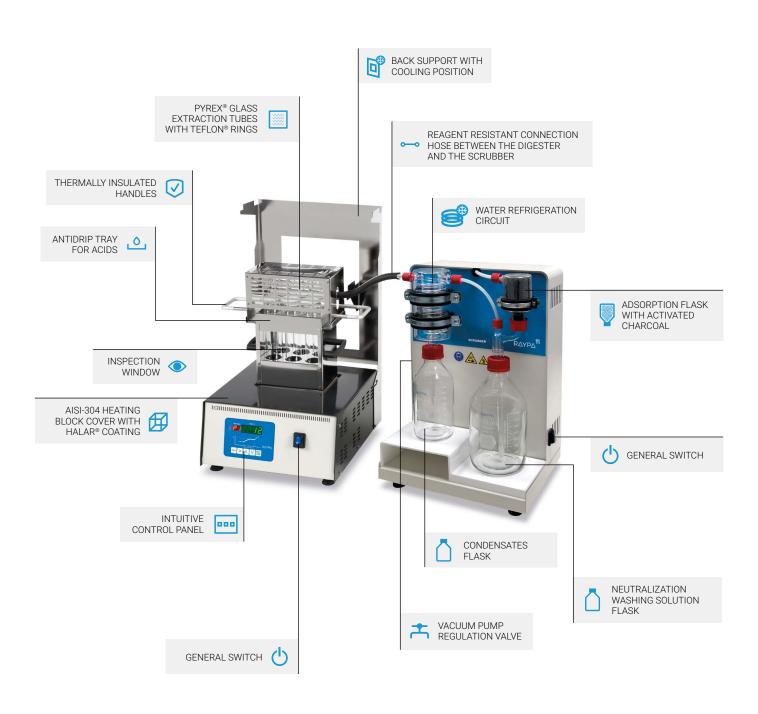
After loading the samples with the corresponding reagents within the samples tubes rack, the sample tubes rack is placed inside the heating block and the fumes collector is placed on top of the sample tubes rack. The next step is choosing the appropriate program and the equipment starts to heat up, following the predefined time and temperature segments.

In the process, exhaust fumes generated are completely captured by the fumes collector which in turn are mechanically displaced into the SCRUBBER through the vacuum pump that the SCRUBBER posseses.

The exhaust fumes that enter the SCRUBBER undergo a phase of condensation that acts as a preliminary extractor for steams and dragged liquids, avoiding warming or volume increasement in the posterior wash-up solution. The acid or alkaline vapors are then washed and neutralized in the next step. In the final step, most of the remaining particles are retained through granules of activated charcoal.



# MAIN FEATURES OF OUR SOLUTION FOR DIGESTIONS WITH INTEGRATED FUMES NEUTRALIZATION









### **TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

- Wide model range with units ranging from 6 to 40 sample positions compatible with sample tubes ranging from 100 to 250ml.
- Vertically assembled and mobile sample tubes rack and fumes collector for a faster cooling and minimum footprint.
- Heating block with extensive thermal insulation by rock wool and ceramic fiber and covered with Halar® resin coating.
- Built-in temperature regulator with 9 programs that can be set up with up to 18 individual segments adjustable by maintenance temperature, maintenance time and temperature increase speed.
- Programmable auto-start.
- Easy-to-clean and corrosion resistant fumes collector and external frame made of AISI-304.
- · Safety thermostat to prevent overheating.
- Contains calibration port for external probes.

# SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- · Heating block.
- Fumes collector
- · Acid antidrip tray.
- · Sample tubes support.
- · Sample tubes rack.
- · Back support.
- Complete set of either Micro (100ml) or Macro (250ml) sample tubes.

### **TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

- Efficient and closed fumes evacuation system assisted by a vacuum pump.
- Manually adjustable vacuum pump, with acoustic insulation and an adjustable absolute vacuum between 10mBar and 800mBar.
- Adsortion flask filtrates and neutralizes fumes by a filter of activated charcoal.
- Water refrigeration circuit that condensates the fumes produced during digestions.
- Washing solution flask neutralizes acid or basic fumes.

# **SUPPLIED WITH THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:**

- Scrubber with vacuum pump.
- · Refrigeration unit.
- · Condensates flask of 1L.
- · Neutralization flask of 2L.
- · Adsorption flask.
- Complete Teflon® gasket set.
- Complete fluorinated elastomer hoses set.
- · Anti-drip tray for neutralization flask.
- · Support for condensates flask.

# **TECHNICAL SUMMARY OF MBC SERIES**

	Reference	MBCM (micro)	MBC/N (macro)	
	Standards compliance	AOAC, DIN, EPA, ISO		
General	Sample positions per model	12, 24 or 40	6, 12 or 20	
information	Compatible sample tubes volume ml	100	250	
	Compatible sample tubes size Ø x H mm	26 x 300	42 x 300	
	Kjeldahl digestions	<b>✓</b>		
Main	Chemical Oxygen Demand	✓		
applications	Heavy metals analysis	<b>~</b>		
	Fat hydrolisis	<b>~</b>		
	Sample tubes rack, back support, antidrip tray and fumes collector	AISI-304 stainless steel		
	Heating block cover	AISI-304 stainless steel with Halar® resin coating		
	Heating block	Aluminum		
Materials	Heating block thermal insulators	Rock wool and ceramic fiber		
	Tube that connects fumes collector and SCRUBBER	Fluorinated elastomer		
	Gaskets between sample tubes and tubes of fumes collector	Teflon®		
	Sample tubes and tubes of fumes collector	Borosilicate 3.3		
	Microprocessor type	PID digital		
	Screens type	LCD		
	Screens size	2 digits x 1 line & 8 digits x 1line		
	Screen displays values of	Current temperature, program number and current segme in execution		
Control nanel	Screen displays error messages	Electric failure, faulty temperature sensor		
Control panel	Visual and acoustic alarms	End of digestion		
	Total number of push-buttons	5		
	Total number of pilot lights	6		
	Pilot lights functions	Heating is activated, temperature is being edited, temp ramp is ongoing or being edited, temperature mainten ongoing or being edited and delay time is ongoin		
	Total number of programs	9		
Adjustable program parameters	Maximum number of ramps per program	18		
	Initial time delay of each program hours:minutes	00:00 - 99:59		
	Time to reach target temperature of the next ramp hours:minutes	00:00 - 99:59		
	Maintenance time of target temperature of each ramp hours:minutes	00:00 - 99:59		
	Target temperature of each ramp °C	Ambient temp. +5 - 450		
Performance data and	Typical capacity for solid loads	Up to 1 g per tube	Up to 5 g per tube	
	Typical capacity for liquid loads	Up to 3 ml per tube	Up to 20 ml per tube	
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	Heating time to 400 °C (depending on model) min	1		
data and recommended	Heating time to 400 °C (depending on model) min  Temperature resolution °C			
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	Main applications  Materials  Control panel	Standards compliance  Sample positions per model Compatible sample tubes volume ml Compatible sample tubes size ØxHmm  Kjeldahl digestions Chemical Oxygen Demand Heavy metals analysis Fat hydrolisis  Sample tubes rack, back support, antidrip tray and fumes collector Heating block cover Heating block Heating block thermal insulators Tube that connects fumes collector and SCRUBBER Gaskets between sample tubes and tubes of fumes collector Sarcens size Screen displays values of Screen displays values of Screen displays error messages Visual and acoustic alarms Total number of push-buttons Total number of pilot lights Pilot lights functions  Adjustable program parameters Minitial time delay of each program hours:minutes Fire to reach target temperature of the next ramp hours:minutes Maintenance time of target temperature of each ramp hours:minutes Target temperature of each ramp °C Typical capacity for solid loads	General information         AOAC, DI           General information         Sample positions per model         12,24 or 40           Compatible sample tubes volume ml         100           Main applications         Kjeldahl digestions         Chemical Oxygen Demand           Heavy metals analysis         Feat hydrolisis           Feat hydrolisis         AISI-304 stainless steel           Heating block cover         AISI-304 stainless steel           Heating block cover         AISI-304 stainless steel           Heating block thermal insulators         Rock wool an           Tube that connects furnes collector and SCRUBBER         Fluorinate           Gaskets between sample tubes and tubes of fumes collector         Test           Sample tubes and tubes of fumes collector         Borosil           Screens size         2 digits x1 lines           Screens size         2 digits x1 lines           Screen displays values of         Current temperature, program           Visual and acoustic alarms         End of           Total number of pilot lights         End of           Visual number of pilot lights         Heating is activated, temperature of being edited           Adjustable program         Maximum number of ramps per program           parameters         Intial time delay of each program hours:minutes	

✓: Included



# **TECHNICAL SUMMARY OF SCRUBBER**

<b>(</b>	General information	Туре	Closed fumes evacuation system with vacuum pump
		Aspiration	Adjustable vacuum pump
П	Included	Condensation	Circulating water through refrigeration circuit
<u> </u>	processes	Neutralization	Washing alkaline or acid solution
		Filtration and adsorption	Activated charcoal
Q	Performance data	Vacuum pump maximum vacuum mBar	10
		Scrubber water consumption (depending on exhaust fumes) L/min	3 - 5

# Accessories

# **DISTILLATION TUBES**

Reference		TB-26300	TB-42300	TB-42300E*
Sample vol. ml		100	250	250
Material		glass	glass	reinforced glass
Dimensions Ø x H mm		26 x 300	42 x 300	42 x 300
	MBC-6/N	-	6	6
	MBC-12/N	-	12	12
Compatible maximum	MBC-20/N	-	20	20
number of sample tubes per model	MBCM-12	12	-	-
	MBCM-24	24	-	-
	MBCM-40	40	-	-



# **FUMES NEUTRALIZATION UNIT**

Reference		SCRUBBER	
Dimensions L x D x H mm		375 x 310 x 540	
Power W		100	
Weight Kg		13	
Voltage ∨		230	
Frequency Hz		50/60	
Environment	Temperature	between 5°C and 40°C	
conditions	Humidity	between 30% and 80%	



 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}}\xspace$  Reinforced distillation tube for waste water or slurry analysis.

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

### **Dimensions** لكلتال لسسط 7 0 and performance MBC-6/N MBC-12/N MBC-20/N MBCM-12 MBCM-24 MBCM-40 **SCRUBBER** Reference **External dimensions** 350x400x635 350x560x635 460x560x635 350x400x635 350x560x635 460x560x635 375x310x540 LxDxHmm Power W 1500 2000 2500 1500 2000 2500 100 Voltage\* V 230 230 230 230 230 230 230 47 Weight Kg 27 38 30 39 48 13 Frequency Hz 50/60 50/60 50/60 50/60 50/60 50/60 50/60 Sample positions 6 12 20 12 24 40 Compatible sample tubes ml 250 250 250 100 100 100 Temperature stability at 400°C ±1 ±1 ±1 ±1 ±1 ±1 45 - 450 45 - 450 45 - 450 45 - 450 45 - 450 45 - 450 Adjustable temperature °C

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# Safety

- · Alarms and error messages for maximum safety.
- Integrated antipdip tray on fumes collector for eventual acid splashes after equipment cools down.

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- Corrosion-resistant easy-to-clean external frame made of AISI-304 stainless steel.
- · Heating block cover with Halar® coating.

# Regulations

Our MBC Compact digestion system is designed to comply with the strictest international directives and standards, including the following:

- EN-61010-1 Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use. Part 1: General requirements.
- EN-61010-2-010 Part 2-010 Particular requirements for laboratory equipment for the heating of materials.
- EN-61326 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use. EMC Requirements.
- · 2014/35/UE Low voltage.
- 2014/30/UE Electromagnetic compatibility.

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# International standardized methods

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MBC Series compact block digesters are fabricated guaranteeing compliance with a variety of international standards such as AOAC, ISO, EPA and DIN.

# Main fields of application

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FOOD, FEED & BEVERAGES



ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY



CHEMICAL INDUSTRY











Installation guide available, please contact us.

Homegeneity at 420°C

\* Also available with a voltage of 115 V.