

Laboratory freeze drying systems Advanced applications



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Perfect process operation

for first-class products

Optimal process control and reproducibility for quick and reliable freeze drying

We are the leading manufacturer of freeze drying systems, with over 70 years of experience in all aspects of freeze drying, including devices for special applications. We offer you a closely graduated series of systems for product-specific freeze drying with a wide range of optimization options. The highly diverse, modularly structured range of accessories allows the laboratory freeze drying systems to be used for a wide variety of tasks.

Outstanding products thanks to superior technology and comprehensive service

We developed the LSCplus control unit, featuring intuitive operation, for better process management and process control of freeze drying systems. It is used in all laboratory and pilot freeze drying systems and enables perfect control matched to the process concerned. A variety of PAT tools are integrated and offer excellent opportunities for product development and automatic control of the process sequence.

The best possible overall system for advanced applications

- Innovative LSCplus-controller with color touchscreen
- Manual or automatic processes
- Easy operation with Wireless Shelf Technology (WST)
- Precise regulation of shelf temperature for uniform temperature distribution
- Drying chamber above the ice condenser chamber for high sublimation performance and short process times
- Ice condenser chamber with internal condenser coils, all made of high-grade stainless steel
- Integrated hot gas function for quick defrosting
- Modular structure for an extremely wide range of applications
- Extensible with numerous accessories

Detailed application examples:

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Make the right choice

Graduated ice condenser temperatures and drying capacities

The laboratory freeze dryers in the LSCplus series are available in several sizes with a wide range of accessories to match individual applications.

Product designation format



Laboratory freeze dryer systems are also available with two different ice condenser temperatures:

| Temperature | Temperature | Typical application area |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | –55 °C | Aqueous products |
| 2 | −85 °C | Products with low freezing points |

The various models have different maximum ice capacities:

| Maximum ice capacity | System type | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| 4 kg | Alpha 1-4 LSCplus Alpha 2-4 LSCplus | | |
| 8 kg | Beta 1-8 LSCplus Beta 2-8 LSCplus | | |
| 16 kg | Gamma 1-16 LSCplus Gamma 2-16 LSCplus | | |
| 24 kg | Delta 1-24 LSCplus Delta 2-24 LSCplus | | |

Tell us your task requirements – we will be pleased to advise you.



Alpha 1-4 LSCplus Alpha 2-4 LSCplus



Beta 1-8 LSCplus Beta 2-8 LSCplus



Gamma 1-16 LSCplus Gamma 2-16 LSCplus



Delta 1-24 LSCplus Delta 2-24 LSCplus

Wireless Shelf Technology Convenience and time savings thanks to wireless technology.

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Wireless technology for individual handling

Wireless Shelf Technology (WST)

Unique wireless technology with individual handling of each shelf

Unique and innovative Wireless Shelf Technology (WST) eliminates the need for cables between the freeze drying system and the heated shelves. Each shelf is equipped with an easily removable LyoBus module. This system also gives you significantly better process control and process monitoring options.

- Heated shelves without a separate controller, for a fast and regulated drying process
- Uniform drying thanks to a temperature distribution of ±1 K over each shelf
- Easy shelf handling. The shelves with the grips on the sides are easy to insert and remove from the rack
- A temperature sensor or a LyoRx sensor (for freezing point determination and process control) can be connected to each LyoBus module



Drying methods for laboratory systems

Single-chamber and double-chamber methods

The freeze drying systems with the LSC-plus controller set standards for application diversity and process control. The modular range of accessories enables application-specific system configurations that fulfil all requirements. Two different drying methods are available to handle virtually every task.

Single-chamber method

With this unique configuration, the product is frozen inside the ice condenser chamber and then dried. This method is particularly suitable for substances with a low freezing point or thermally unstable substances. In this method, the shelves are located directly in the ice condenser chamber. Freezing can also be assisted by a fan. A sealing device for vials can optionally be used.

Double-chamber method

With this configuration the product is separately pre-frozen and then dried above the ice condenser chamber. This method allows a large variety of accessories to be used. An intermediate valve can be used to separate the product chamber from the ice condenser chamber for the pressure rise test.



Single-chamber method



Double-chamber method

Intuitive touchscreen user interface

system controller LSCplus

The LSCplus system controller incorporates pioneering technologies to provide a simple, intuitive user interface. All of the accessories are also integrated.

Reproducible results are assured by automatic process sequences.

- Color touchscreen with clear presentation
- Automated or manual sequencing of freeze drying processes
- Intuitive program entry using various freeze drying sequences or recipes
- Memory for 32 user-defined programs with the optional program selector
- Graphical display of freeze drying sequence
- Choice of several continuation conditions, depending on the system configuration
- Detailed messages
- Large selection of languages
- Selectable units for temperature (°C, °F) and pressure (mbar, hPa, Torr)
- Optional password protection
- Process data acquisition and optional data exchange over USB or Ethernet



Graphical display of freeze drying sequence (set values)





Seamless documentation and analysis guaranteed With LyoLogplus and LPCplus

Laboratories in particular are increasingly subject to stringent requirements such as validation or process monitoring.

Documentation and archiving of all process data is possible with the LyoLogplus software, which can be installed on a separate PC. The data can be transferred from the freeze drying system to the PC on a USB stick or directly over Ethernet. LyoLogplus enables seamless documentation and post-process analysis with an intuitive user interface.

You can also use the LPCplus SCADA software. With LPCplus, you can develop programs for freeze drying and view process data in real time on a graphical display. LPCplus additionally offers the same capabilities as LyoLogplus. Consistent and uniform operation over all system sizes is ensured by the fact that LPCplus is also used in pilot and production freeze drying systems.

- Data recording on USB data storage media
- Easy process documentation with LyoLogplus
- LPCplus for process control and documentation
- Process monitoring with the LyoRx sensor
- Automatic freezing point determination with LyoControl for reliable process control
- Multilingual user interface

The system design of our freeze drying systems is based on the cGMP and GLP guidelines. The optional LPCplus software conforms to the current GAMP guidelines.

System qualification (IQ/OQ) is available upon request.



LyoLogplus documentation software



LCPplus control and documentation software

Perfect tools

for optimizing your freeze drying processes

The freeze drying systems in the LSCplus series offer various options for the optimization of freeze drying processes. Along with the documentation and analysis of many types of essential data, critical product data can be acquired and used for monitoring and process control in fully automatic programs. In this way, theses laboratory freeze drying systems offer many features to support process development and optimization, which can provide important information for

scale-up analyses.

Freezing point

The LyoRx sensor can be used to measure the electrical resistance and temperature of the product. From the curves of these two variables, the LyoControl tool can automatically determine the freezing point. This enables estimation of this critical product temperature, which should not be exceeded during the main drying process in order to avoid thawing of the product.

Product resistance

The LyoRx sensor allows the energy supply to the individual shelves to be controlled automatically during the main drying phase, which reduces the risks of product thawing and other problems. The LyoBus module provides the connection.

Product temperature

The product temperature can be measured with a Pt100 sensor for each shelf. The product temperatures on the individual shelves can be displayed on the LSCplus system controller. The LyoBus module provides the connection.

Pressure rise test

The transition between main drying and final drying can be determined using the pressure rise test. For this a valve is placed between the product chamber and the ice condenser (see the figure on page 8). It is briefly closed during the main drying phase. If the pressure rise in the product chamber with the valve closed remains below a defined limit value, moisture is no longer sublimating from the product and final drying can be started automatically.



Freezing point determination using LyoLogplus software



LyoBus module with LyoRx sensor



Double-chamber method

Example configurations

4 kg ^{-55 °C} -85 °C

Alternative configurations possible — ask us!

| Alpha | 1-4 | LSCplus |
|-------|-----|---------|
| Alpha | 2-4 | LSCplus |

| | Manifold ¹⁾ | | She | elves | Application | |
|-----|------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| No. | Number of vessels | Number | Ø | A _{tot} | Spacing | Special features |
| 1 | - | 1 | 200 mm | 0.031 m² | 70 mm | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on a heatable shelf, optionally with a fan. |
| 2 | - | 1 | 200 mm | 0.031 m² | 70 mm ²⁾ | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on a heatable shelf with a sealing device for vials, optionally with a fan. |
| 3 | 2 x 12 | - | - | - | _ | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 4 | 8 | - | - | - | - | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 5 | 12 | 5 | 200 mm | 0.155 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individual shelves, additional optional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 6 | - | 10 | 200 mm | 0.31 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individ- ual shelves. |
| 7 | 12 | 2 | 250 mm | 0.09 m ² | 45 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, shelf spacing can be increased to 110 mm by removing a shelf, additional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 8 | - | 4 | 250 mm | 0.18 m ² | 50 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, variable spacing up to 290 mm by removing individual shelves. |
| 9 | _ | 5 | 256 x 300 mm | 0.38 m ² | 55 mm | LyoCube stainless steel with heatable shelves, spacing variable by removing individual shelves. |
| 10 | 20 | - | - | - | - | F for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 1 | _ | 5 | 256 x 300 mm | 0.38 m ² | 55 mm | LyoCube acrylic glass with heated shelves. |

1) For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors

2) Spacing for sealing device























Alternative configurations possible — ask us!

Example configurations

Beta 1-8 LSCplus Beta 2-8 LSCplus

| S | E | 8 kg | <mark>≉ -</mark> 55 °C _85 °C |
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| | Manifold ¹⁾ | Shelves | | | | Application |
|-----|------------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| No. | Number of vessels | Number | Ø | A _{tot} | Spacing | Special features |
| 1 | - | 1 | 200 mm | 0.031 m ² | 70 mm | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on a heatable shelf, optionally with a fan. |
| 2 | - | 1 | 200 mm | 0.031 m² | 70 mm ²⁾ | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on a heatable shelf with a sealing device, optionally with a fan. |
| 3 | 2 x 12 | - | - | - | - | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 4 | 8 | - | - | - | - | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 5 | 12 | 5 | 200 mm | 0.155 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individual shelves, additional optional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 6 | 12 | 10 | 200 mm | 0.31 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individual shelves, additional optional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 7 | 12 | 2 | 250 mm | 0.09 m ² | 45 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, shelf spacing can be increased to 110 mm by removing a shelf, additional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 8 | - | 5 | 256 x 300 mm | 0.38 m ² | 55 mm | LyoCube stainless steel with heatable shelves, spacing variable by removing individual shelves. |
| 9 | 20 | _ | - | _ | _ | Manifold for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |

1) For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors

2) Spacing for sealing device



















Example configurations

Gamma 1-16 LSCplus Gamma 2-16 LSCplus



| | Manifold ¹⁾ | Shelves | | | Application | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| No. | Number of vessels | Number | Ø | A _{tot} | Spacing | Special features |
| 1 | _ | 5 | 200 mm | 0.155 m² | 25 mm | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on heatable shelves, spacing variable by removing individual shelves, optionally with a fan. |
| 2 | - | 2 | 250 mm | 0.09 m ² | 45 mm ²⁾ | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on heatable shelves with sealing device, spacing can be increased to 110 mm by remov- ing a shelf, optionally with a fan. |
| 3 | 2 x 12 | _ | - | - | _ | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 4 | 8 | - | - | - | - | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 5 | 12 | 5 | 200 mm | 0.155 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing indi- vidual shelves, additional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 6 | - | 10 | 200 mm | 0.31 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individ- ual shelves. |
| 7 | 12 | 2 | 250 mm | 0.09 m² | 45 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, shelf spacing can be increased to 110 mm by removing a shelf, additional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 8 | - | 4 | 250 mm | 0.18 m² | 50 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, variable spacing up to 290 mm by removing individual shelves. |

1) For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors

2) Spacing for sealing device

Alternative configurations possible — ask us!



















Example configurations

Delta 1-24 LSCplus Delta 2-24 LSCplus



| | Manifold ¹⁾ | Shelves | | | Application | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| No. | Number of vessels | Number | Ø | A _{tot} | Spacing | Special features |
| 1 | - | 10 | 200 mm | 0.31 m² | 25 mm | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on heatable shelves, spacing variable by removing individual shelves, optionally with a fan. |
| 2 | - | 4 | 250 mm | 0.18 m² | 45 mm ²⁾ | Freezing and drying inside the ice condenser (sin- gle-chamber method) on heatable shelves with sealing device, spacing can be increased to 110 mm by remov- ing a shelf, optionally with a fan. |
| 3 | 2 x 12 | _ | - | - | _ | For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 4 | 12 | 10 | 200 mm | 0.31 m² | 25 mm | Heatable shelves, variable spacing by removing individual shelves, additional optional connectors for round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors. |
| 5 | _ | 4 | 250 mm | 0.18 m² | 50 mm ²⁾ | Heatable shelves with sealing device, variable spacing up to 290 mm by removing individual shelves. |
| 6 | - | 8 | 375 mm | 0.88 m² | 48 mm | Heated shelves, larger spacing available upon request, optional hoist for drying chamber available. |

1) For round-bottom flasks, wide-neck filter bottles or ampoule distributors

2) Spacing for sealing device











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Easy front loading

LyoCube stainless steel and LyoCube acrylic glass



View LyoCube acrylic glass product video

Front loader for extremely simple operation with large capacity

LyoCube is the ideal solution when fast and convenient loading is a primary consideration or bulky products have to be freeze dried.

- It is compatible with every Martin Christ laboratory freeze drying system with an LSCplus controller
- Rectangular shelves with a hinged door for convenient operation
- With WST Wireless Shelf Technology (WST), which means no cables between the shelves and the base unit
- One temperature sensor or LyoRx sensor per shelf for optimal process management
- Easy removal of shelves and rack, e.g. for tall containers
- Standard configuration with five shelves (0.38 m²)
- Maximum eight shelves for optimal utilization with MTP or deep-well plates
- Also available with six connectors for flask drying (only LyoCube stainless steel)
- Extensive accessories including thermoblocks, product trays and product screens

Possible number of shelves

Dimensions (W x D): 256 x 300 mm

| Usable shelf area | Total shelf area A _{tot} | Shelf spacing |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 shelf | 0.08 m ² | 348.0 mm |
| 2 shelves | 0.15 m ² | 165.0 mm |
| 3 shelves | 0.23 m ² | 105.4 mm |
| 4 shelves | 0.31 m ² | 73.5 mm |
| 5 shelves | 0.38 m² | 55.2 mm |
| 6 shelves | 0.46 m ² | 43.0 mm |
| 7 shelves | 0.54 m² | 34.2 mm |
| 8 shelves | 0.61 m ² | 27.7 mm |



LyoCube acrylic glass



LyoCube stainless steel with six connectors for flask drying (option)

Technical data

| Technical data | Alpha 1-4 LSCplus | Alpha 2-4 LSCplus | Beta 1-8 LSCplus | Beta 2-8 LSCplus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ice condenserMaximum capacityTemperatureChamber volume | 4 kg approx. –55 °C approx. 6.5 l | 4 kg approx. –85 °C approx. 6.5 l | 8 kg approx. –55 °C approx. 11 l | 8 kg approx. –85 °C approx. 11 l |
| Shelf temperature or product tempera- ture during freezing inside the ice condenser with a fan (single-chamber method) | approx. –25 °C | approx. –35 °C | approx. –25 °C | approx. –35 °C |
| Dimensions of base unit (W x H x D) | 390 x 415 x 555 mm | 390 x 415 x 555 mm | 780 x 415 x 540 mm | 780 x 415 x 540 mm |
| Weight | approx. 48 kg | approx. 60 kg | approx. 63 kg | approx. 78 kg |
| Electrical connection (other variants available upon request) | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz |
| Nominal power of the base unit | 0.4 kW | 1.1 kW | 0.75 kW | 1.1 kW |
| Noise level as per DIN 45635 | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) |
| Defrost function | Hot gas | Hot gas | Hot gas | Hot gas |
| Vacuum sensor Pirani Capacitive | • 0 | • 0 | • 0 | • 0 |
| Vacuum control | • | • | • | • |
| Temperature Ice condenser (display) Shelf (display and control) Product (display of max. 10 sensors) | • • | • • | • • | • • |
| End point determinationProduct temperature measurementPressure rise test | • | • | • | • |
| Communication Ethernet (LAN) | • | • | • | • |
| Program selector USB | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LyoControl | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LyoLogplusLPCplus | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 |

The data provided refers to the base unit with ambient conditions of +10 °C to +25 °C.

• Standard • Optional

Subject to change without prior notice.

Technical data

| Technical data | Gamma 1-16 LSCplus | Gamma 2-16 LSCplus | Delta 1-24 LSCplus | Delta 2-24 LSCplus |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ice condenser Maximum capacity Temperature Chamber volume | 16 kg approx. –55 °C approx. 30 l | 16 kg approx. –85 °C approx. 30 l | 24 kg approx. –55 °C approx. 45 l | 24 kg approx. –85 °C approx. 45 l |
| Shelf temperature or product tempera- ture during freezing inside the ice condenser with a fan (single-chamber method) | approx. –25 °C | approx. –35 °C | approx. –25 °C | approx. –35 °C |
| Dimensions of base unit (W x H x D) | 860 x 485 x 650 mm | 860 x 485 x 650 mm | 860 x 1050 x 650 mm | 860 x 1050 x 650 mm |
| Weight | approx. 135 kg | approx. 160 kg | approx. 215 kg | approx. 250 kg |
| Electrical connection (other variants available upon request) | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz | 220 V / 50 Hz 230 V / 60 Hz 208 V / 60 Hz | 3x 400 V / 50 Hz | 3x 400 V / 50 Hz |
| Nominal power of the base unit | 0.83 kW | 1 kW | 0.63 kW | 1.3 kW |
| Noise level as per DIN 45635 | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) | 54 dB(A) |
| Defrost function | Hot gas | Hot gas | Hot gas | Hot gas |
| Vacuum sensorPiraniCapacitive | • 0 | • 0 | • 0 | • 0 |
| Vacuum control | • | • | • | • |
| Temperature Ice condenser (display) Shelf (display and control) Product (display of max. 10 sensors) | • • | • • | • • | • • |
| End point determinationProduct temperature measurementPressure rise test | • | • • | • | • |

• Standard • Optional

The data provided refers to the base unit with ambient conditions of +10 °C to +25 °C.

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Our product range

With a unique and broad graduated range of devices and accessories, we can supply freeze drying systems and vacuum concentrators for every application. Let us show you what we can do!





Freeze drying systems for industrial production with ice condenser capacity from 20 to 500 kg; custom system design including LyoShuttle loading and unloading system.

- 2 Pilot freeze drying systems for process development and process optimization with ice condenser capacity from 4 to 16 kg.
- **3** Freeze drying systems for routine applications or R&D with ice condenser capacity from 2 to 24 kg.
- 4 Rotational vacuum concentrators for applications extending from routine to evaporation concentration in the high-end range of pharmaceutical research.



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