

Vacuum Oven



Power-saving feature and quick and economical program customization

Under low pressure environment, specimens dry at lower temperature and boiling point is also lower, which reduces stress on specimens.

With a wider range of applications that take advantage of the vacuum drying function, there is an increased need for the high thermal characteristics of a vacuum drier as well as for improved production efficiency and reduced power consumption.

To meet this demand, ESPEC upgraded the vacuum oven VAC Series.

The new instrumentation achieves excellent usability and advanced functionality. For example, program operation can be selected for precise, automated control of pressure and temperature. A 20 to 40% power savings is achieved thanks to improved air-tightness and sealing capacity of the chamber.

A variety of options are available including the absolute pressure sensor.

Furthermore, extensive safety designs complying to globalization trend have been added to meet the CE certification requirements.

Based on the achieved temperature and pressure control capabilities for testing equipment, in which high reliability and high accuracy are expected, ESPEC further refines the capacities required for manufacturing equipment.

VAC-301P

VAC-201P





VAC-101P

LCV-233P





Characteristics

A broad array of energy-saving mechanisms and support for wider range of vacuum drying treatments



Power consumption comparison of vacuum pumps under automated operation mode

Example of application: Aircraft component testing Temperature setting: +200°C Pressure setting: 267×10²Pa



Vacuum drying treatment for a wider array of uses

A vacuum (low-pressure) environment has a lower boiling point, allowing drying treatments at a lower temperature. The vacuum oven enables drying treatment at a lower temperature for specimens that cannot be treated by conventional high-temperature drying. Furthermore, the vacuum and N₂ gas exchange modes enable drying of oxidation-averse specimens, as well as drying and heat treatment within a clean environment by eliminating impurities in the chamber through repeated heat treatments or gas exchanges.

A versatile equipment

The ovens are ideal for many applications, especially in electronic component production: defoaming when mixing silicone rubber or resins in LED production, deaerating during resin forming, hardening when injecting epoxy for hybrid ICs, or drying electronic components after washing.

Uncompromising energy-saving mechanisms

Power consumption was reduced through improved air-tightness and insulation achieved by using superior insulation materials and by changing both the door locking mechanism and the enclosure construction.

Air-tightness and insulation capacity have a significant impact not only on temperature control but also on pressure control. Through improvement of these properties, the VAC-101 achieves up to 40% energy savings.

In addition, the enhanced air-tightness helps prevent a temperature rise in the surrounding area of the chamber.

Excellent temperature uniformity and ease of operation

Double-layered interior construction for great temperature uniformity

The vacuum chamber features doublelayered construction. A heater on the exterior of the test area minimizes heat loss and improves temperature uniformity. This allows even more uniform heat treatment and improves machine efficiency by reducing heat up time.

International safety standard compliance

Complies with safety of Machinery (ISO 12100), Low Voltage (IEC 60204), EMC (EN 61000-6-2, 55011).



Test area (The shelves and hermetic terminals are optional.)

Double-layered construction of the test area



Test area temperature uniformity measurement example



Model: VAC-301P Temperature setting: +200°C Pressure setting: 1×10²Pa Ambient temperature: +23°C Measurement point: 9 Number of measurement: 10

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Point	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Uniformity
Temp. (°C)	+193.6	+194.2	+196.9	+197.2	+197.6	+190.4	+194.7	+198.4	+196.0	±1.9

Characteristics

Quick and economical customization





USB port (option)

Pressure operation (option)



Viewing window (option)

Variety of options for greater usability

There are 20 options available. Product will be factory-customized to best suit your application.

Viewing window for specimen observation (option)

The viewing window is slightly curved to eliminate exterior reflections.

Simple design for improved scalability

The construction of the main chamber unit adopts a simple design in order to accommodate requests for major modifications and achieve shorter treatment time, by adding -for examplea refrigeration unit to reduce recovery time to ambient temperature.

Custom-made Equipment



LIB Electrode Oven

The chamber can perform heat treatment of a high-volume specimen using the vacuum or gas exchange mode. The product also features a refrigeration system and fan to decrease the specimen's recovery time to ambient temperature.

Temperature range	+30 to +250°C
Pressure range	933×10^2 to 1×10^2 Pa
Internal volume	500 to 2000L
Operating mode	Program: 20patterns 99-steps Constant

Vacuum control modes suitable for a wide range of applications

Pressure operation modes to choose from for flexible programming

There are five operation modes available to select the pressure control. A wide variety of programs can be designed by combining constanttemperature operation and programmed operations. There are 40 pattern settings available, in which up to 99 steps can be programmed for each pattern of operation.

Gas exchange operation mode prevents oxidation and eliminates impurities inside the chamber

Oxygen inside the chamber can be eliminated by replacing it with N₂ gas, preventing oxidation during the drying operation. In addition, a high-precision environment can be created by repeatedly performing the exchanges.

This mode also removes organic substances in addition to preventing oxidation, reducing the impact on specimens.

Expert Mode demonstrates its capabilities in repeated high-volume processing (option)

The depressurization schedule used is stored and can be called up for subsequent operations to ensure accurate processing. Expert Mode eliminates the fussing with valve controls for each process, and is ideally suited for repeated high-volume processing of identical specimens.



Pressure operation modes



Characteristics

High-speed processing Instrumentation features improved operability and legibility



P-Instrumentation

Operating mode	Constant operation, Program operation			
Operation settings	 Constant mode settings Available settings 3 patterns Settings range and resolving power Temperature 40 to 200°C, 1°C units Pressure 0 to 1013×10² Pa, 1×10² Pa units Program mode settings Available settings 40 patterns (max. 99 steps per pattern) Settings range and resolving power Temperature 40 to 200°C, 1°C units Pressure 0 to 1013×10² Pa, 1×10² Pa units Time 0 hr 0 min. 1 sec - 999 hrs 59 min. 59 sec, 1 sec units 			
Language	English, Japanese, Chinese			
Auxiliary functions	Basic functions Operation control, alarm, information, accessory (integrating hour meter, feed valve/ventilation setting), help,chamber monitor (temperature pressure, external output, trend graph) Control setting functions Timer setting (start timer, end timer, quick timer), sampling setting, protection, alarm history display, version display, hour meter with reset, announcement Maintenance function Equipment operation settings (power outage recovery operation setting, back-up operation setting), settings criteria setting, time signal name entry, equipment details settings (external alarm, output setting), user password, date and time setting			

Tabbed user interface

- Controller's new layout includes tabs at the bottom of the screen to easily activate any section.
- Calculating and processing performances have been improved, and the screen layout optimized.

Register test patterns

Up to 40 patterns for program operation and 3 patterns for constant operation can be registered.

Program editing from a PC (option)

The chamber is equipped with an optional USB port, allowing you to program its operations on a PC using the dedicated application software. Programs created on a PC can be copied to the chamber using a USB memory stick.

Multi-lingual display

A simple operation changes display text to Japanese and Chinese (simplified). Select the language that suits your needs.



Program settings



Constant values settings

SPECIFICATIONS

Mode	۹I		VAC-101P	VAC-201P	VAC-301P		
Press	sure co	ontrol system	PID control				
υŦ	Temperature range		$+40 \text{ to } +200^{\circ}\text{C} (+104 \text{ to } +392^{\circ}\text{F})$				
eratur ance	Temperature constancy		$\pm 0.5^{\circ}$ C (vacuum), $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C (atmospheric)				
Tempe	Time to reach extreme temperature value *2		Within 50 min.	Within 70 min.	Within 80 min.		
-	Pressure range			933×10^2 to 1×10^2 Pa			
é. Ge	Ambient pressure *3		Less than 133 Pa				
ressui	Pull-c	lown time *3	Fi Within 7 min.	a Within 30 min.			
Perf	Atmo press	spheric ure recovery time *4	Within 4 min.	Inlet open to atmosphere Within 8 min.	Within 15 min.		
	Exter	ior material		Cold-rolled steel with baked finish			
_	Vacu	um chamber		Stainless steel sheet (SUS430)			
ction	Intern	al chamber		Stainless steel sheet (NSS432)			
struc	Insula	ation	Glass wool				
Con	Heate	er	Mica heater				
Ŭ	Inlet		R 1/4 inch, max. pressure 0.05 MPa (0.5 kg/cm ² G) or less				
	Exha	ust port	OD ϕ 28 mm, rubber hose connection port				
	Motor		200V AC 1φ ξ	50/60Hz 550W	200V AC 3ϕ 50/60Hz 550W		
Oil ro	tary	Pumping speed	200L/min. (50Hz), 240L/min. (60Hz)				
pump)	Ultimate pressure		6.7×10 ⁻² Pa			
		Auxiliary functions		Gas ballast valve, oil mist trap			
Fitting	gs		Leveling feet and caste	Leveling feet and casters (free wheel) 4pcs each, Time signal terminals $ imes$ 2pcs			
Effec	tive int	ernal volume	91 L	216 L	512 L		
Effec	tive int	ernal dimensions	W450×H450×D450 mm (W17.7×H17.7×D17.7 inch)	W600×H600×D600 mm (W23.6×H23.6×D23.6 inch)	W800×H800×D800 mm (W31.5×H31.5×D31.5 inch)		
Outsi	de dim	iensions *5	W902×H1392×D780 mm (W35.5×H54.8×D30.7 inch)	W1052×H1532×D930 mm (W41.4×H60.3×D36.6 inch)	W1252×H1772×D1130 mm (W49.3×H69.8×D44.5 inch)		
Weig	ht		320 kg	400 kg	610 kg		
Shelf support load resistance *6			up to 100kg up to 100kg (30kg/ stage, Total load of 5 stages) (20kg/ stage, Total load of 5 s				
Test area load resistance *6			up to 100kg				
Allowable ambient conditions				+12 to +35°C (+41 to +95°F)			
	200V	AC 1φ 50/60Hz	14.2 A	18.9 A			
≥	200V	AC 3φ 50/60Hz	10.7 A	13.9 A	14.2 A		
lddn	220V	AC 1φ 50/60Hz	13.2 A	17.5 A			
er s	220V	AC 3φ 60Hz			13.2 A		
Pow	230V	AC 1φ 50/60Hz	12.8 A	16.9 A			
	380V	AC 3φ 50Hz CE			8.2 A		
	400V	AC 3 ϕ 50Hz CE			7.9 A		

*1 Performance figures are given for a $+23^{\circ}$ C ambient temperature, rated voltage, and no specimen inside the test area.

*2 Set point is 200°C. Time it takes for the center of the chamber's temperature to increase from 40°C to 200°C under vacuum.
 *3 Fixed temperature inside the chamber, vacuum pump connected with exhaust speed of more than 200L/min. and ultimate pressure of 13×10⁻² Pa or less,

no gases emitted from specimen.

*4 Recovery time to atmospheric pressure (1013×10² Pa) to 1010×10² Pa, recovery time may fluctuate depending on atmospheric pressure.

*5 Excluding protrusions.

*6 Includes shelf weight.

SAFETY DEVICES

- Leakage breaker
- Control panel door switch
- Back cover switch
- Control circuit overcurrent protection
- Control circuit short circuit protection cartridge fuse
- System error (error)
- System error (caution)
- Room temperature compensation burnout detection circuit
- Temperature sensor burnout detection circuit
- Pressure sensor burnout detection circuit
- Reverse-prevention relay
- Thermal fuse
- Heater overcurrent protector
- Vacuum pump overload protector
- Motor valve operation failure alarm function
- (built-in temperature/pressure controller) • Alarm function that indicates
- pressure has not been reached (with built-in temperature/pressure controller)
- Absolute upper/lower temperature limit alarm (built-in temperature/pressure controller)
- Absolute upper/ lower pressure limit alarm
 - (built-in temperature/pressure controller)
- Overheat protector
- Absolute upper/lower temperature deviation alarm function (temperature/pressure controller)
- Absolute upper/lower pressure deviation alarm function (temperature/pressure controller)
- Specimen power supply control terminal

ACCESSORIES

- Cartridge fuse (3A)
- User's manual
- * Shelves and power cables are not included.

OPTIONS (VAC)

Expert Mode

The jog dial can be used to precisely control, record, and reproduce depressurization.



Atmospheric pressure recovery time reduction

An atmospheric release valve with larger piping port is added. The valve opens and closes manually. Atmospheric pressure recovery time:

within 2 min.

*The optional air filter cannot be fitted.

Pirani vacuum gauge

Pressure is displayed digitally, while this gauge is used to measure pressure accurately below 2700 Pa. Measurement range: 0.4 to 2700 Pa Measurement precision:

within $\pm 3\%$ of full-scale (converted to linear scale)



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Hermetic terminals for voltage application

Used when applying voltage to specimens. Specifications: Hermetic terminal (four-core)

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Max. current: 6 A Max. voltage: 200V AC, 250V DC

Mounted location: Oven rear side

- * Maximum 4 (total quantity of both thermocouple
- and impressed voltage combined).

Hermetic terminals for thermocouples

Used for connection to thermocouples from specimens or chamber interior. Specifications: Hermetic terminal

(eight-core, four pairs) Mounted location: Oven rear side

* Maximum 4 (total quantity of both thermocouple and impressed voltage combined).



for thermocouples

Recorder output terminal

This terminal outputs the test area temperature and pressure via 1 to 5V DC linear output. Temperature: $+20^{\circ}$ C to $+220^{\circ}$ C Pressure: 0 to 106.7 kPa

OPTIONS (VAC)

Paperless recorder

Records temperature and pressure inside the chamber. Additional inputs may also be recorded. Temperature range: +20 to +220°C Pressure range: 0 to 106.7kPa Number of inputs: Temperature 1 Presure 1 (4 more channels can be turned ON) Scan interval: 5 sec Interface: CF memory card port (Includes a 256MB CF card) USB memory port



Temperature and pressure recorder

Records the oven internal temperature and pressure. Temperature range: +20 to +220°C Pressure range: 0 to 106.7 kPa Input: Temperature (×1), Pressure (×1) Recording method: Dot

Absolute pressure sensor

The standard gauge pressure is replaced by absolute pressure sensor as pressure indication method.

External alarm terminal

If the safety device of the chamber is activated, external alarm terminal will notify it to a remote point. Power capacity: 250V AC, 3A Operation: Connection output when error occurs (closed) Mounted location: Oven rear side (above inlet)

Time up output

A contact signal is sent when a step in the program changes, or when the program ends.

External device alarm input terminal

When the chamber is interlocked with an external device, this option is used to stop chamber operation when an error is issued from the external device.



Status indicator light

Illuminates to indicate errors when the safety device activates.

Emergency stop pushbutton

Stops the chamber immediately.



Operation status indicator

The LED light above the instrumentation panel indicates the chamber status.

Door with viewing window

Used for observation of the specimens inside the chamber. Size : W324×H336 mm



Power meter

Displays the integral power consumption for the chamber.



Floor reinforcement

To enhance the floor load capacity inside the chamber. Machinery compartment is also reinforced.

OPTIONS (VAC)

Air filter

Filtering air introduced into the chamber. Port size: 0.2 µm Pressure resistance: 4.2 kg/cm² Connector port: NPT 1/8, male screw Location: Air inlet

Vacuum pump oil

Model: SMR-100 (500mL × 2)

Cold trap

Cools and removes moisture and organic solvents contained in the outside air before being drawn into the vacuum pump. (Separate from oven) Outside dimensions:

 $W300\!\times\!H835\!\times\!D350\ mm$

Vacuum pump exhaust port

Exhaust gas from vacuum pump outside. External connection port: NW25 (ISO standard) Connection: Quick coupling Center ring with O-ring (not provided) Location: Rear side

Removal of pump

The standard fitted vacuum pump is removed. Terminal block for vacuum pump power supply and pump intake port connection hose are prepared inside the chamber.

* the chamber main unit weight, electric current, and power supply voltage will be changed.

Stainless steel shelf

Stainless steel punching plate Max. allowable number of shelves: Up to 5 shelves



Model	W (mm)	D (mm)	Load resistance <i>*</i> Up to (kg)	Shelf weight (kg)
VAC-101P	435	435	30	1.6
VAC-201P	585	585	30	2.7
VAC-301P	785	785	20	4.8
* Shelf load resistance : Equally distributed load				

Total load weight : Up to 100 kg

Heavy-duty shelf

Used to hold heavy specimens exceeding the load capacity of the standard shelf. Load resistance: 40 kg/level (Equally distributed load) Shelf weight: 2.7kg (VAC-201P) 5.6kg (VAC-201P) 5.6kg (VAC-301P) Max. allowable umber of shelf: up to 4 shelves Test area load resistance : 160kg(Inculdes shelf weight) * VAC-201P and 301P only

USB external memory port

Logging, and program reading & writing are available.



Interface

Communication ports to connect the chamber to a PC.

- RS-485
- RS-232C
- GPIB

Communication cables

- RS-485 5m/ 10m/ 30m
- RS-232C 1.5m/ 3m/ 6m
- GPIB 2m/4m

Power cable

- 2.5m
- 5m
- 10m

* 200V/ 220V/ 230V AC only

CE marking

VAC-101P: 200V 1¢	220V 1φ
230V 1φ	200V 3φ
VAC-201P: 200V 1 <i>φ</i>	220V 1φ
230V 1φ	$200V 3\phi$
VAC-301P: 200V 3 \u03c6	$220V 3\phi$

* This CE marking option is not necessary for the VAC-301P with 380V 3 ϕ or 400V 3 ϕ option which is already including CE marking.

A Safety precautions

- •Do not use specimens which are explosive or inflammable, or which contain such substances. To do so could be hazardous, as this may lead to fire or explosion.
- •Do not place corrosive materials in the chamber. If corrosive substances or liquid is used, the life of the unit may be significantly shortened specifically because of the corrosion of stainless steel, resin and silicone materials.
- $\bullet \mbox{Do}$ not place life forms or substances that exceed allowable heat generation.
- •Read the User's manual thoroughly prior to use to ensure correct operation of the vacuum pump.

LCV



Direct heating system for fast vacuum-dry

In addition to the gas exchange function, it can treat specimens in oxygen-free atmospheres using nitrogen or other gases, and supports baking, degassing, hardening, deaeration and numerous other applications.

Easy operation

Temperature setting and upper/lower temperature limit alarm setting can be done with simple key operation.



Temperature heat-up time (Example)



* Measurement results above are shown as an example.

Model		LCV-233	LCV-243		
System		Direct PID control			
Vacuum control		Manual LEAK-VACUUM balance system			
Performance *1	Temperature range *2	(Ambient+20)℃ to +200℃ (±392°F)			
	Pressure range	0 to -101kPa (Gauge)			
	Temperature fluctuation *2	±1.0°C			
	Temperature heat-up time *2	Ambient temperature 70 min.	to +200°C (±392°F) 110 min.		
	External material	Cold rolled and rust-ploof stee	I rolled and rust-ploof steel plate (melamine baked finish)		
ction	Internal material	18-8 Cr-Ni stainless steel plate			
struc	Door	Door handle, single door with viewing window (Reinforced glass)			
Con	Vacuum gauge	Bourdon tube vacuum gauge			
Ŭ	Heater	Mica heater			
Са	pacity	90 L	165 L		
Ins	ide dimensions	W450×H450×D450 mm (W17.7×H17.7×D17.7 inch)	W550×H550×D550 mm (W21.7×H21.7×D21.7 inch)		
Ou	tside dimensions	W670×H890×D700 mm (W26.4×H35.0×D27.6 inch)	W770×H990×D800 mm (W30.3×H39.0×D31.5 inch)		
Weight		170 kg 250 kg			
Shelf support load resistance		30 kg			
Test area load resistance		30 kg			
Power supply		AC200V 3 Ø 50/60Hz			
Maximum current		8A	9A		

*1 Figures for an ambient temperature of +23°C with no specimen in the chamber.
*2 The performance values are based on JTM K 05-1991 of Japan Testing Machinery Association.

Vacuum Oven with vacuum pump (Specification for Vacuum Oven is the same as stated above.)

Model	LCV-233P	LCV-243P		
Vacuum pump performance *	Direct coupled oil—s 6.7×10-² Pa (abs) wi 0.67Pa (abs) with gas	ealed vacuum pump th gas ballast valve closed s ballast valve open		
Power supply	AC200V 3 \$ 50/60Hz			
Pumping speed * 336/ 403		3L/ min.		
Outside dimensions	W670×H1540×D700 mm (W26.4×H60.6×D27.6 inch)	W770×H1640×D800 mm (W30.3×H64.6×D31.5 inch)		
Weight	240 kg	320 kg		

* Individual performance rate of vacuum pump.

Temperature indicator controller

Operating mode	Program operation, Constant operation		
Program capacity	9 steps / 1 pattern (Number of repetition: 1 to 99)		
Setting and indication ranges	Temperature : 0 to +215°C Time : 0 to 99hours 59min., 100 to 999hours		
Setting and indication	Temperature : 1°C Time : 1min.		
Input	Thermocouple type K (Nickel-Chromium/ Nickel-Aluminum)		
Control	PID control		
Auxiliary functions	Input burn-out detection Upper and lower temp. limit alarm Self-diagnostic (Watchdog timer) Alarm indication Power cut protection Timer (automatic start/ stop)		

SAFETY DEVICES

- · Leakage breaker for power supply
- Thermal fuse
- Watchdog timer
- Overheat protector (independent type)
- Upper and lower temperature limit alarms
- Burn-out circuit

ACCESSORIES

Shelf (Stainless steel)				
Model	W (mm)	D (mm)	Shelf load resistance up to (kg) *	
LCV-233	440	430	F	
LCV-243 540 520 5				
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* Equally distributed load

User's manual 1 set

OPTIONS (LCV)

Hermetic terminal

The terminals are used to apply voltage to specimen inside chamber and to measure in-chamber temperatures. for thermocouple: $8P(\times 4 \text{ pairs})$ for voltage impression: 4P

Reverse flow prevention valve

The valve prevents lubricating oil inside vacuum pump from reverse flow when chamber is under vacuum state.

* LCV-233P, 243P models only.

Shelf, Shelf bracket

Equivalent to standard accessory.



Chamber stand

The stand is equipped with casters enabling the chamber to move easily. * LCV-233, 243 models only.

* Standard equippment in LCV-233P, 243P models.

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- •Do not place life forms or substances that exceed allowable heat generation.
- •Be sure to read the user's manual before operation.

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