WATER BATHS

User's Manual



Natural convection and forced circulation waterbath with microprocessor temperature control.

Model Description Temperature range		Temperature range
WB-5 Natural convection waterbath 5L (usable volume) From + 5°C above room temperature to +		From + 5°C above room temperature to +100°C
WB-12	Natural convection waterbath 12L (usable volume)	From + 5°C above room temperature to +100°C
WB-22 Natural convection waterbath 22L (usable volume) From + 5°C above room temperature to +100		From + 5°C above room temperature to +100°C
WB-22 Pump Forced circulation waterbath 22L (useful volume) From + 5°C above room temperature to +85		From + 5°C above room temperature to +85°C
WB-40 Pump	Forced circulation waterbath 40L (useful volume)	From + 5°C above room temperature to +85°C

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1.Security Information

Definitions of warning words and symbols

The safety information in this manual is essential in order to avoid personal injury, damage to the instrument, malfunctions or incorrect results resulting from failure to follow the instructions. It is essential to read the entire manual carefully and become familiar with the instrument before using it. The manual should be kept close to the instrument so that the operator can easily consult it if necessary. Safety warnings are expressed through warning terms or symbols.

Reporting deadlines

ATTENTION / WARNING / DANCER	For a hazardous situation that could lead to minor or moderate
ATTENTION / WARNING / DANGER	injury, serious injury or death if not avoided.
NOTICE	For important product information.
NOTES	For useful information.

Warning symbols



DANGER

This symbol indicates an **imminently hazardous** situation which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious (irreversible) injury.



WARNING

This symbol indicates a potentially dangerous situation which, if not avoided, may result in death or serious (irreversible) injury.



ATTENTION

This symbol indicates a potentially dangerous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate (reversible) injury.

NOTICE

This symbol draws attention to possible damage to the instrument or instrumental parts.



NOTES

This symbol identifies useful product information.

<u>Pictograms</u>

Within this manual there are different symbols identifying dangers, prohibitions and obligations as illustrated below.

Danger	Svm	bo	S
Danger	J		

Danger of electric shock
Danger of explosion
Fire hazard
Danger of poisoning
Danger of overheating surfaces
Danger of damage to health caused by toxic substances
Risk of injury from tipping objects
Risk of injury from lifting heavy objects
Danger of environmental damage
Danger of corrosion

Prohibition symbols

S	Do not wet with water
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Symbols of obligation

Disconnect the instrument from the power supply by pulling the plug
Eye protection must be used

2.General safety instructions

Installation, commissioning, cleaning, adjustment or calibration of the waterbath, if carried out incorrectly, can lead to a risk of malfunctioning, resulting in personal injury and material damage to the instrument and samples. For this reason, all such operations should only be carried out by qualified personnel.

	Danger of electric shock and Danger of death
5	\odot Do not get the instrument wet during installation,
	commissioning or maintenance.
	igtriangle Do not connect the instrument to the power supply if the
	rear panel is dented or damaged.
14	Before opening the rear panel, remove the plug from the power supply.
	immediately, upply it from the newer supply and contact your dealer for the
	nonnediately, unplug it from the power supply and contact your dealer for the
	> All work on the electrical components of the instrument must only be carried out
	by qualified personnel.
	Danger of explosion
	Only install the instrument where there is no risk of explosion.
	O not keep air/solvent mixtures or explosive dusts nearby.
	Never introduce materials into the instrument that are explosive or flammable at the selected exercise temperature.
	Never introduce materials containing flammable or explosive selvents into the
	instrument
	\bigcirc Never introduce materials into the instrument which, by sublimation or pyrolysis.
	give rise to the formation of flammable materials at working temperature
	selected.
	Danger of Poisoning and Danger of Death
	○ Never introduce materials into the instrument whose disintegration could result in
	the formation of poisonous gases at the selected operating temperatures.

WARNING		
	 Fire hazard The stoves/incubators must not be used if the class2 safety thermostat has failed. If the safety thermostat check fails, stop using the waterbath immediately, unplug it from the power supply and contact your dealer for the necessary repairs. Always place the instrument on a work surface that is resistant up to a temperature of 100 °C. Do not put anything under the instrument (paper, plastic film, etc.). Always connect the instrument only to a fused power supply of at least 10A. Follow the recommendations of your local power supply company electrical. 	

 Danger of burns The air intake cover on the back of the instrument gets hot and must not be touched during operation of the stove.
 Risk of injury and Danger of breakage Always place the instrument only on surfaces that can support its weight.
 Tipping hazard and Risk of injury Never stack waterbaths. Always secure the 2 stacked stoves with the fixing plates supplied.
 Risk of injury, Risk of slipping or tipping the instrument and Risk of damage to the instrument The instrument must be lifted by 2 persons. The instrument must only be transported in its original packaging. The instrument must always be lifted from below with mechanical tools (e.g. forklift truck) together with the supporting pallet. The instrument must not be lifted directly from below with mechanical tools without supporting pallets (e.g. forklift truck). The instrument must not be lifted or dragged by pulling the door.

3.CE marking data

ArgoLab instruments are designed and manufactured in accordance with Directive 2006/42/EC and other relevant EU Directives applicable at the time they are placed on the market (see facsimile below).

SUZHOU BEING MEDICAL DEVICE.CO.,LTD	DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY UE In accordance with Annex II A - Directive 2006/42/CE Annex IV - EMC Directive and Annex VI - Directive 2011/65/UE (RoH5)	E
No. ISETC.002420200624		
Manufacturer's Name	: SUZHOU BEING MEDICAL DEVICE CO., LTD	
Manufacturer's Address	: NO. 108 GONGXIANG RD QIANDEN S TOWN, KUNSHAN CHINA	
Object of Declaration:	: FORCED AIR INCUBATORS	
This declaration of conformity is issue	ed under the sole responsibility of the numufacturer.	
Product names:		
Product description	FORCED AIR INCUBATE IS	
Model:	BI-120FL, BI-120F, BI-, ""FL, BI-, "OF, BI-400FL, BI-400F	
Serial Number:	from s/n xxxx txxxx to xx. xxxxxxxx	
Product options:	This declaration salls tions of the above products	
 The object of the declaration following applicable Europ 	on describe abr /e complies with the essential requirements of the bean E /ectives, and carries the CE marking accordingly:	

EMC directive: 2014/30/UE	Directive14/30/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the
RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU	ective 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the triction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.
LVD Directive: 2014/35/UE	Directive 2014/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits Text with EEA relevance.
Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC	DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 17 May 2006 on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast)

• and conforms with the following standards:

EN 61010-1:2010+A1:2019

EN 61326-1:2013

EN 61000-3-2:2014

EN 61000-3-3:2013

EN 60204:2018

EN ISO 12100:2010

Facsimile of the CE marking plate:

Add:108 Gongxiang Rd.,Kunshan China	Name Inc	ame Incubator	
	Model BIT-200/	BIT-200/ICN-200 Plus	
CE	Volts 220V/50Hz	Watts 600W	
	Temp.Range _{RT} + 5 [°] [°] ~ 70 [°] [°]		
X	S/N 220632062	Date: 2022.06	
	ARGO LAB	Made in P.R.C.	

4. Equipment

The instrument will be delivered complete with the following parts:

- Stainless steel bottom plate.
- > Tank emptying kit with quick coupling
- Power cable.
- ➤ Fuses.
- Instruction manual.

5. Transport

Instructions for safe transport



Transport of an already used water bath

- Switch off the ArgoLab thermostatic bath using the main switch.
- > Disconnect the power cable by removing the plug from the power socket.
- Remove the bottom plate from the tank.
- > Thoroughly clean the ArgoLab thermostat bath and bottom plate (see Chapter 16 for cleaning instructions).
- Completely dry the inside of the tank, the bottom plate and the drain kit.
- Protect accessories (bottom plate, emptying kit and power cable) by wrapping them in bubble wrap or other material and placing them inside the tank.
- Pack the thermostatic bath using the original packaging or a different one of adequate strength, ensuring that it is well protected.
- > Avoid contact with water during transport to prevent damage.
- Maintain the permissible ambient temperature during transport (between -10 °C and +60 °C).

6. Conservation

- Store the ArgoLab waterbath only in closed, dry rooms.
- The permissible storage temperature is 10 °C to 60 °C, and the maximum permissible storage humidity is 85% RH in the absence of condensation.

7. First Installation

Preliminary Operations

NOTICE

The water bath must be installed under the following conditions:

- Stable worktop with a heat-resistant, dry and clean flat surface.
- Minimum spacing of 30 cm around the instrument.
- Ambient temperature between 10 °C and 40 °C and relative humidity not exceeding 85%.
- Grounded power socket.
- Power supply 220-240 V 50 Hz.





> Make sure there is sufficient ventilation to disperse heat.











8. Instrument parts





COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
\$	The SET/PROG key is used to set operating parameters and to enter/exit programmes. In combination with the SHIFT key, it allows access to menus with passwords (see paragraph 12).
<	The SHIFT key allows you to quickly change the digit (decimal, unit, ten, etc.) of the parameter being edited.
~ ^	The adjustment keys allow you to increase or decrease the parameter value.
	The START/STOP button starts or stops a cycle or programme.
- 0	The ON/OFF button is used to switch the instrument on and off. The ON/OFF button 'Pump' allows the circulation pump to be switched on or off (if any).

9. Technical Specifications

Natural convection waterbath	WB-5	WB-12	WB-22
Useful volume	5 litres	12 litres	22 litres
Max. temperature / Resolution	+ 100 / 0,1°C	+ 100 / 0,1°C	+ 100 / 0,1°C
Homogeneity at 37°C	± 0,2 °C	± 0,5 °C	± 0,5 °C
Temperature variation at 37°C	± 0,1 °C	± 0,1 °C	± 0,1 °C
Recirculation pump	No	No	No
Timer	99:59 e∞	99:59 e ∞	99:59 e∞
Overtemperature protection	Yes	Yes	Yes
Security class	2	2	2
Bottom plate size	270 x 125 mm	250 x 205 mm	450 x 265 mm
Useful height with closed lid	110 mm	150 mm	150 mm
Power supply / Power	230 V / 700 W	230 V / 900 W	230 V / 1100 W
External dimensions	480 x 215 x 350 mm	480 x 380 x 310 mm	680 x 390 x 365 mm
Weight	8 Kg	12 Kg	18 Kg
Module capacity	2	4	8

Forced circulation waterbath	WB-22 Pump	WB-40 Pump
Useful volume	22 litres	40 litres
Max. temperature / Resolution	+ 85 / 0,1°C	+ 85 / 0,1°C
Homogeneity at 37°C	± 0,2 °C	± 0,5 °C
Temperature variation at 37°C	± 0,1 °C	± 0,2 °C
Recirculation pump	Yes	Yes
Timer	99:59 e ∞	99:59 e ∞
Overtemperature protection	Yes	Yes
Security class	2	2
Bottom plate size	450 x 265 mm	620 x 380 mm
Useful height with closed lid	150 mm	150 mm
Power supply / Power	230 V / 1100 W	230 V / 2200 W
External dimensions	680 x 390 x 365 mm	830 x 390 x 460 mm
Weight	18 Kg	28 Kg
Module capacity	8	16

10. Filling the tank



To ensure proper functioning and preserve the integrity of the instrument, fill the tank with deionised or osmosis water only.

Water level

The water level must always be sufficient to completely cover the pump outlet nozzle (if present) and to keep the heating element immersed, as shown in the figure.

During use, the water level must be monitored to compensate for natural evaporation. Ensure that the level is always adequate, maintaining at least 4-5 cm of clearance from the top edge of the tank (see Figure).

Important note

An insufficient water level can damage the heating system or impair circulation, which can have negative consequences for the performance of the instrument. Check the level regularly and add water if necessary. Suggestion for use

To reduce evaporation and maintain a more stable water level, we recommend covering the tank whenever possible, using the dedicated cover or a compatible accessory such as a beaker holder.







11. Emptying the tank

	 Danger of injury Empty the instrument when the waterbath is not heating and the heating is not hot. Before proceeding with water removal, wait until the water is arrived at room temperature. Ø DO NOT empty the instrument when the waterbath is running.

ArgoLab waterbath **are equipped with an emptying kit** with a quick coupling to facilitate the removal of water from the tank. To proceed with emptying, carefully follow the steps below:

1. Interrupting the work cycle: Stop the operation of the instrument using the controls on the control panel.



- 2. Wait for the water to cool: Allow the water in the tank to cool down to a temperature safe for handling.
- 3. **Switch off the circulation pump**: In models equipped with a pump, switch off the pump via the ON/OFF button 'Pump'.
- 4. Connect the **emptying** kit: Connect the supplied kit to the emptying valve at the front of the instrument. Ensure that the connection is stable.
- 5. Place the end of the hose in a **suitable container**: Place the end of the hose in a container with sufficient capacity to collect all the water in the tank.
- 6. Automatic emptying: Water will start to drain automatically through the emptying kit.
- 7. **Removing residual water**: If there is residual water in the tank, remove it using a dry cloth or absorbent paper.
- 8. **Disconnect the emptying kit**: Remove the kit from the emptying valve using the metal clamping block located above the valve. Be sure to close the valve again to prevent accidental spillage.





12. **Operation**

Switching on the instrument

Connect the power cable to a grounded power outlet that complies with current safety regulations and turn the instrument on by pressing the **ON/OFF** button. Upon switching on, the display will light up and show the initialisation sequence. Once this sequence is complete, the instrument will be ready for use.

Note: When switched on for the first time, the instrument is set to standby mode, identifiable by the word 'time End' in the top right-hand corner of the display. To start the work cycle, press and hold the **START/STOP** button for a few seconds.

<u>Turning on/off of recirculation pump (where</u> <u>fitted)</u>

The circulation pump, if present, can be switched on or off at any time by pressing the ON/OFF button '**Pump**'. However, the pump can only be switched on if the instrument's main **ON/OFF** switch is in the ON position. **Note:** On first use or after emptying the tank, an air bubble may form inside the pump, causing it to run 'empty'. In this case, an abnormal suction noise may be heard during suction. If this happens, switch off the pump immediately and ensure that the water level is above the outlet nozzle of the pump circuit.

Setting Parameters

Operating temperature

When the instrument is switched on, pressing the **SET/PROG** button once will start the set temperature value flashing. You can adjust the desired temperature value (in degrees Celsius) using the **adjustment keys**. To move quickly between digits, press the **SHIFT** button. Once the temperature has been set, confirm the value by pressing the **SET/PROG** button again.

Operating time

After setting and confirming the temperature value using the **SET/PROG** button, the display will show the last set time value (timer), which will start flashing. Set the desired time value (hh:mm) using the **adjustment keys**. You can move quickly between the digits by pressing the **SHIFT** key. Confirm the value by pressing the **SET/PROG** key again.

Note: Setting the value "00:00" activates the "**continuous**" operating mode. In this mode, once the cycle has been started using the **START/STOP** button, the instrument will maintain the set temperature until operation is manually interrupted by pressing the **START/STOP** button again.

Starting and stopping the heating cycle

After setting the operating parameters, the heating cycle can be started by pressing and holding the **START/STOP** button for 4-5 seconds. The cycle will start for the set time (in hh:mm format) or, in continuous mode, if the timer is set to 00:00. At start-up, the word **"end**" disappears from the top right of the display, the word **"RUN**" appears in the bottom left, and the display will simultaneously show the timer, the set temperature and the temperature measured inside the tank.

The cycle can be interrupted at any time by pressing again and holding the **START/STOP** button for 4-5 seconds.

At the end of the set time, the instrument will emit an intermittent beep and the word '**end**' will reappear on the display. The beep can be muted by pressing any button.

Note: The audible signal will continue until muted by the operator. However, at the end of the heating cycle, the tank will not be automatically cooled, so the samples will remain exposed to the temperature inside the tank.

13. Access to submenus with password

To access password-protected functions and parameters, press and hold down **SET/PROG** and **SHIFT** simultaneously for a few seconds. To avoid accidentally entering operating parameter settings, it is recommended to first press **SHIFT** and, while holding it down, also **SET/PROG** for a few seconds.

After this operation, "Lk" (lock) will appear in the upper right-hand corner of the display instead of the word **TIME**, with the digits "**0000**" (password) next to it. Below are the passwords and access sequences for the various parameters and functions.

PASSWORD	FUNCTION/ PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
0000	dy	Delayed start heating cycle
	tm	Temperature limit for sample protection
	Po	Restart mode after power failure
	AL	Temperature limit for over-temperature alarm
0003	Pb	Temperature offset at one point
	РК	Temperature offset over the entire ramp
	PA	Temperature offset on room temperature sensor

Delay start function – (dy)

A delay (in hours and minutes) can be set for the start of the operating cycle.

Use the adjustment keys to set the desired delay (hh:mm). Use the SHIFT key to move quickly between digits.

Confirm with **SET/PROG**, after which the display will return to the standby screen.

By pressing **START/STOP** for a long time (4-5 seconds), the instrument will start the programme, but will not start heating immediately. The word '**end**' and the delay time will flash alternately until the actual start of the programme, at which time the regular timer will appear on the display.

Temperature limit for sample protection - (tm)

The instrument allows you to limit the maximum working temperature to protect your samples from incorrect temperature settings. Follow the instructions in paragraph 13 and enter the password **0003** via the **adjustment keys**. Use **SHIFT** to move quickly between digits and confirm with **SET/PROG**. The parameter **tm** (maximum temperature) will appear on the display with the maximum value for the instrument.

Set the desired maximum temperature, beyond which the instrument must not go, using the **adjustment keys**. Confirm the value with **SET/PROG**.

NOTE: It is necessary to take into account the initial temperature peak that the waterbath may have during thermostatting.

Application example: If the set temperature is 100 °C and the tm limit is set at 70 °C, the instrument will attempt to reach 100 °C, but when 70 °C is reached, the alarm is activated and the heating element is switched off until the temperature falls below the set limit.

Restart mode after power failure - (Po)

The mode in which the instrument resumes operation after a power failure can be set:

Po VALUE	DESCRIPTION
0	When the power supply returns, the instrument does not automatically resume the cycle heating, but must be restarted manually.
1	When the power supply returns, the instrument automatically resumes the operation from the beginning of the interrupted heating cycle.
2	When the power supply returns, the instrument automatically resumes the operation from the precise point in the heating cycle where it was interrupted.

Follow the instructions in paragraph 13 and set the password **0003** using the **adjustment keys**. Use **SHIFT** to move between digits and confirm with **SET/PROG**. The display will show the parameter **tm** (maximum temperature) in the top right-hand corner. Press **SET/PROG** again to move to the next parameter **Po** (Power). Set the desired value (0, 1, 2) using the **adjustment keys** and confirm with **SET/PROG**.

Temperature limit for over-temperature alarm - (AL)

The instrument allows specific temperature limits to be set that trigger an alarm in the event of **over-** or **under- temperature**.

<u>Although the values can be changed, the parameter is factory preset and calibrated according to the instrument type</u>. It is advisable not to alter these settings, as normal temperature fluctuations, especially in natural convection models, may generate false alarms if the set limit is too close to the working temperature.

To change parameter **AL**, please refer to the instructions in paragraph 13. After entering the default password **0003** and confirming with **SET/PROG**, the parameter can be accessed. Using the **adjustment keys**, set the desired value for the alarm limit and confirm again with **SET/PROG**.

The value set for **AL** defines both the upper limit for the **over-temperature** alarm and the lower limit for the **under-temperature** alarm. The instrument will signal an abnormality if the detected temperature exceeds the upper limit or falls below the lower limit.

For example, with a set temperature of **37.0°C** and an **AL** value of **3.0°C**, the instrument will activate the alarm if the temperature exceeds **40.0°C** (37.0°C + 3.0°C) or if the temperature falls below **34.0°C** (37.0°C - 3.0°C). To silence the alarm, press any key.



14. Temperature Offset - Calibration

The instrument allows the user to set offset values, i.e. calibrations, on one temperature point, on the entire temperature ramp and on the ambient temperature ramp.

Technical note: These values are already factory-calibrated with Accredia-referenced instruments. It is recommended not to change them unless you detect discrepancies between the instrument readings and those of a certified digital thermometer. Follow the instructions in section 13 and enter the password 0003. Use **SHIFT** to move between digits and confirm with **SET/PROG**. Scroll to the desired offset parameters and adjust as required.

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
	By modifying this parameter, it is possible to correct the reading of the PT100
Pb	temperature sensor inside the instrument to only one temperature point. The correction
	will therefore be referable to only one specific point.
	By modifying this parameter, it is possible to correct the reading of the instrument's
РК	internal PT100 temperature sensor over the entire temperature ramp, i.e. to vary
	the inclination of the reading ramp of the sensor itself.
	By modifying this parameter, it is possible to correct the reading of the PT100 room
PA	temperature sensor installed on the instrument (refrigerated versions only) to a single
	temperature point. The correction will therefore be referable to only one specific point.

NOTE: For quick correction of temperature readings on ArgoLab water baths, it is recommended to change the Pb offset.

To correct the Pb offset, follow the instructions:

- Calculate the temperature difference between the temperature measured by the external thermometer and the temperature read on the instrument.
 NOTE: It is recommended to take average values at regular time intervals (e.g. 10 measurements, one every 2 minutes).
- 2. <u>Algebraically</u> add the value of the difference just calculated to the value of the current parameter Pb of the instrument (take into account the sign)
- 3. Wait at least one hour and proceed with a calibration check.
- 4. Repeat the operation if the result is not sufficient.

Example:

Temperature measured by outdoor probe = 35.5° C Indicated waterbath temperature = 37.0° C Temperature difference = $(35.5 - 37.0)^{\circ}$ C = -1.5° C Instrument parameter Pb value = 2.3Calibration = -1.5 + 2.3 = 0.8

15. Cleaning and Maintenance

Proper maintenance and cleaning of the instrument ensures its good condition.

The internal tank of the instrument is made of stainless steel, so it can be cleaned with any detergent as long as it is not aggressive and/or corrosive.



It is recommended to clean the internal and external surfaces with a normal all-purpose cleaner sprayed on a soft dampened cloth. Before proceeding with cleaning or decontamination, the user must ensure that the method adopted does not damage the instrument.



IMPORTANT:

If the instrument is to be sent for service, it must be properly cleaned and possible decontamination from pathogens of the same. It is also recommended to return the instrument in its original packaging to the repair service. Any damage caused by incorrect shipment will not be covered by warranty.

16. Shipping in Technical Assistance

Should the instrument be **sent for service**, it must be properly cleaned and possibly decontaminated from pathogens. For shipping, it is recommended to use the instrument's original packaging. In the absence of this, it is important to provide **sturdy and suitable packaging** to ensure protection during transport.

We recommend removing the shelves and their supports and drying the instrument completely.

Please note that any damage caused by incorrect shipment will not be covered by the warranty. For detailed instructions on cleaning and decontamination, please refer to the "Cleaning and Maintenance" section of the manual or contact technical support directly.

17. Warranty

Under conditions of use in accordance with the specifications, this instrument is covered by warranty for a period of 24 months from the date of purchase.

The guarantee is only valid for the product in its original configuration.

It does not apply to products or components that have been damaged as a result of: installation not in accordance with specifications, improper electrical or mechanical connections, inappropriate use or use not in accordance with the operating manual, accidents or fortuitous events, operating conditions outside the specified parameters.

The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage resulting from use not in accordance with the instructions in the operating manual, failure to carry out prescribed maintenance procedures, unauthorized modifications and alterations made to the product.

Please consult the user manual for detailed instructions on the correct use and maintenance of the instrument.

18. Disposal of electronic equipment



This equipment is classified as an electronic device and is subject to specific regulations for the disposal of such devices. When disposing of this equipment, please strictly adhere to the legal requirements for electronic waste in your jurisdiction. It is recommended that you consult the relevant local authorities or the supplier of the equipment for details of disposal procedures in accordance with current environmental regulation.