



# Instructions For Use

## **TLA-120.2 Fixed-Angle Rotor**

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# Safety Notice

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This safety notice summarizes information basic to the safe use of the rotor described in this manual. The international symbol displayed to the left is a reminder to the user that all safety instructions should be read and understood before operation or maintenance of this equipment is attempted. When you see the symbol on other pages of this publication, pay special attention to the safety information presented. Observance of safety precautions will also help to avoid actions that could damage or adversely affect the performance of the rotor.

## Alerts for Warning, Caution, and Note

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### **WARNING**

**WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



### **CAUTION**

**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

**NOTE** NOTE is used to call attention to notable information that should be followed during installation, use, or servicing of this equipment.

## Safety Information for the TLA-120.2 Rotor

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Handle body fluids with care because they can transmit disease. No known test offers complete assurance that such fluids are free of micro-organisms. Some of the most virulent – Hepatitis (B and C) viruses, HIV (I–V), atypical mycobacteria, and certain systemic fungi – further emphasize the need for aerosol protection. Handle other infectious samples according to good laboratory procedures and methods to prevent spread of disease. Because spills may generate aerosols, observe proper safety precautions for aerosol containment.

Do not run toxic, pathogenic, or radioactive materials in this rotor without taking appropriate safety precautions. Biosafe containment should be used when Risk Group II materials (as identified in the World Health Organization *Laboratory Biosafety Manual*) are handled; materials of a higher group require more than one level of protection.

## **Safety Notice**

### Safety Information for the TLA-120.2 Rotor

The rotor and accessories are not designed for use with materials capable of developing flammable or explosive vapors. Do not centrifuge such materials in nor handle or store them near the ultracentrifuge.

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Make sure that filled containers are loaded symmetrically into the rotor and that opposing tubes are filled to the same level with liquid of the same density. Make sure that cavities in use have the proper spacers and/or floating spacers inserted before installing the rotor lid.

If disassembly reveals evidence of leakage, you should assume that some fluid escaped the rotor. Apply appropriate decontamination procedures to the centrifuge and accessories.

Never exceed the maximum rated speed of the rotor and labware in use. Refer to the section on [Run Speeds](#).

Do not use sharp tools on the rotor that could cause scratches in the rotor surface. Corrosion begins in scratches and may open fissures in the rotor with continued use.

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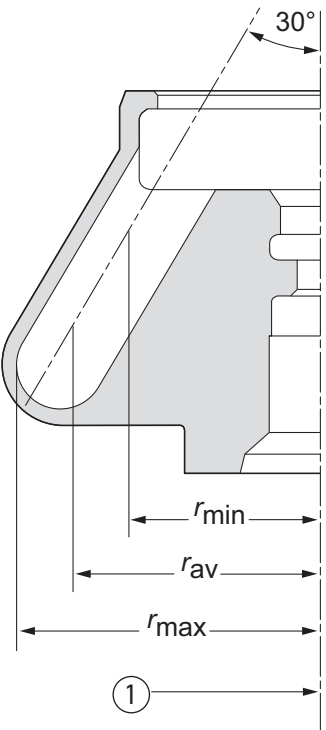
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# TLA-120.2 Fixed-Angle Rotor

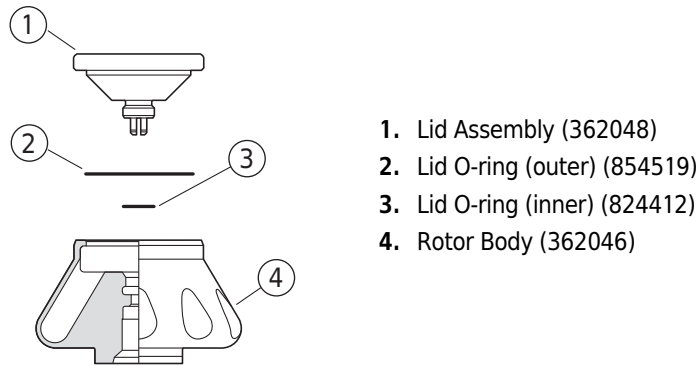
## Specifications

 <p>U.S. Pat. No. 4,372,483 Japanese Pat. No. 1,551,443 Swiss Pat. No. 646,881</p>	Maximum speed	120,000 RPM
	Density rating at maximum speed	1.7 g/mL
	Relative Centrifugal Field <sup>a</sup> at maximum speed	
	at $r_{\max}$ (38.9 mm)	$627,000 \times g$
	at $r_{\text{av}}$ (31.8 mm)	$513,000 \times g$
	at $r_{\min}$ (24.5 mm)	$395,000 \times g$
	$k$ factor at maximum speed	8
	Conditions requiring speed reductions	see <a href="#">Run Speeds</a>
	Number of tube cavities	10
	Available tubes	see <a href="#">Table 1</a>
	Nominal tube dimensions (largest tube)	11 × 34 mm
	Nominal tube capacity (open-top)	1.0 mL
	Nominal tube capacity (Quick-Seal)	2.0 mL
	Nominal rotor capacity	20 mL
	Approximate acceleration time to maximum speed (fully loaded)	2 1/2 min
	Approximate deceleration time from maximum speed (fully loaded)	2 min
	Weight of fully loaded rotor	0.6 kg (1.2 lb)
	Rotor material	titanium
<b>1. Axis of Rotation</b>		

- a. Relative Centrifugal Field (RCF) is the ratio of the centrifugal acceleration at a specified radius and speed ( $rw^2$ ) to the standard acceleration of gravity ( $g$ ) according to the following formula:  $RCF = \omega^2 r / g$  — where  $r$  is the radius in millimeters,  $\omega$  is the angular velocity in radians per second ( $2 \pi \text{ RPM} / 60$ ), and  $g$  is the standard acceleration of gravity ( $9807 \text{ mm/s}^2$ ). After substitution:  $RCF = 1.12r (\text{RPM}/1000)^2$

## Description

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*This Beckman Coulter rotor has been manufactured in an ISO 9001 or 13485 facility for use with the specified Beckman Coulter centrifuges.*

The TLA-120.2 fixed-angle rotor has a tube angle of 30 degrees from the axis of rotation. The rotor can centrifuge up to 10 tubes.

The rotor is made of titanium and is finished with black polyurethane paint. The lid is made of aluminum and anodized to resist corrosion. A plunger in the lid locks the rotor to the drive hub before beginning the run, and two lubricated O-rings made of Buna-N rubber maintain atmospheric pressure inside the rotor during centrifugation. The tube cavities are numbered to aid in sample identification.

This rotor was tested\* to demonstrate containment of microbiological aerosols under normal operating conditions of the associated Beckman Coulter centrifuge, when used and maintained as instructed.

The rotor is specially designed with a fluid-containment annulus located below the O-ring sealing surface (see [Figure 1](#)). The annulus retains fluid that may escape from leaking or overfilled tubes, thereby preventing the liquid from escaping into the instrument chamber.

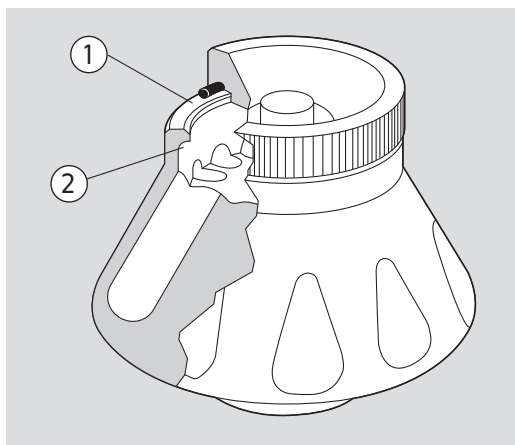
The ultracentrifuge identifies rotor speed during the run by means of a magnetic speed sensor in the instrument chamber and magnets on the bottom of the rotor. This overspeed protection system ensures that the rotor does not exceed its maximum permitted speed.

Refer to the Warranty at the back of this manual for warranty information.

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\* Validation of microbiological containment was done at an independent third-party testing facility (CAMR, Porton Down, UK, or USAMRIID, Ft. Detrick MD, U.S.A.). Improper use or maintenance may affect seal integrity and thus containment.

**Figure 1** Fluid-Containment Annulus



1. O-ring Sealing Surface      2. Annulus

## Preparation and Use

*Specific information about the TLA-120.2 rotor is given here. Information common to this and other rotors is contained in *Rotors and Tubes for Tabletop Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication TLR-IM), which should be used together with this manual for complete rotor and accessory operation. Publication TLR-IM is included in the literature package shipped with the rotor.*

**NOTE** Although rotor components and accessories made by other manufacturers may fit in the TLA-120.2 rotor, their safety in this rotor cannot be ascertained by Beckman Coulter. Use of other manufacturers' components or accessories in the TLA-120.2 rotor may void the rotor warranty and should be prohibited by your laboratory safety officer. Only the components and accessories listed in this publication should be used in this rotor.

## Prerun Safety Checks



Read the [Safety Notice](#) section at the front of this manual before using the rotor.

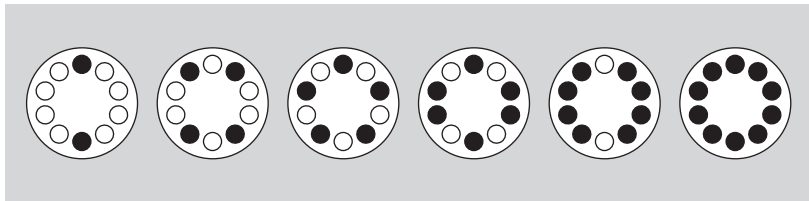
- 1 Inspect the O-rings and plunger mechanism for damage—the high forces generated in this rotor can cause damaged components to fail.
- 2 Use only tubes and accessories listed in [Table 1](#).
- 3 Check the chemical compatibilities of all materials used (refer to *Chemical Resistances*, publication IN-175).

## Rotor Preparation

*For runs at other than room temperature, refrigerate or warm the rotor beforehand for fast equilibration.*

- 1 Lightly but evenly lubricate metal threads with Spinkote lubricant (306812).
- 2 Apply a thin film of silicone vacuum grease (335148) to the two O-rings in the rotor lid.
- 3 Load the filled and sealed (if required) tubes symmetrically into the rotor (see page 6 for tube information).
  - If fewer than ten tubes are being run, they must be arranged symmetrically in the rotor (see [Figure 2](#)).
  - Opposing tubes must be filled to the same level with liquid of the same density.

**Figure 2** Arranging Tubes in the Rotor



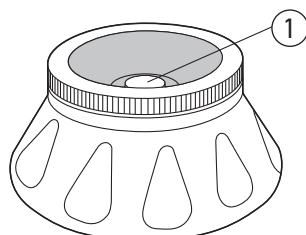
**NOTE** Two, four, five, six, eight, or ten tubes can be centrifuged per run if they are arranged in the rotor as shown.

- 4 Use the required spacers, if necessary (see [Table 1](#)), to complete the loading operation.
- 5 After the rotor is loaded, insert it into the portable polypropylene rotor vise (346133).
  - a. Place the lid on the rotor and tighten it firmly to the right (clockwise) by hand.
    - No tool is required.

## Operation

- 1 Use an absorbent towel to wipe off condensation from the rotor, then carefully place the rotor on the drive hub.

- 2 Lock the rotor in place by gently pressing the plunger down until you feel it click.
  - When you remove your finger, the plunger will remain flush with the rotor body if it is properly engaged.



1. Plunger Engaged

- a. If the plunger pops up, repeat the procedure.
  - The Optima MAX-TL, MAX-XP, MAX, and MAX-E ultracentrifuges automatically secure the rotor to the drive shaft without the need for engaging the plunger.

**CAUTION**

In all ultracentrifuge models except the Optima MAX-TL, MAX-XP, MAX, and MAX-E, it is very important to lock the rotor in place before beginning the run to ensure that the rotor remains seated during centrifugation. Failure to lock the rotor in place before beginning the run may result in damage to both rotor and instrument.

- 3 Refer to the instrument instruction manual for ultracentrifuge operation.

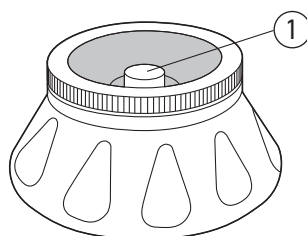
- 4 For additional operating information, see the following:
  - [Run Times](#), page 8, for using  $k$  factors to adjust run durations.
  - [Run Speeds](#), page 9, for information about speed limitations.
  - [Selecting CsCl Gradients](#), page 11, for methods to avoid CsCl precipitation during centrifugation.

## Removal and Sample Recovery



If disassembly reveals evidence of leakage, you should assume that some fluid escaped the rotor. Apply appropriate decontamination procedures to the centrifuge and accessories.

- 1 To release the plunger at the end of the run, gently press it down until you feel it click.
  - When you remove your finger the plunger will pop up to its released position.

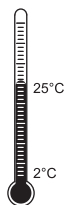


1. Plunger Released

- 2 Remove the rotor from the ultracentrifuge and place it in the rotor vise.
- 3 Remove the lid by unscrewing it to the left (counterclockwise).
- 4 Use a tube removal tool to remove the spacers and tubes.

## Tubes and Accessories

The TLA-120.2 rotor uses tubes and accessories listed in [Table 1](#). Be sure to use only those items listed, and to observe the maximum speed limits shown. Refer to Appendix A in *Rotors and Tubes* for information on the chemical resistances of tube and accessory materials.



### Temperature Limits

- Plastic tubes have been centrifuge tested for use at temperatures between 2 and 25°C. For centrifugation at other temperatures, pretest tubes under anticipated run conditions.
- If plastic containers are frozen before use, make sure that they are thawed to at least 2°C prior to centrifugation.

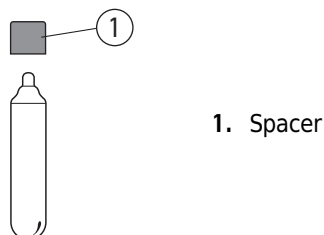
**Table 1** Available Tubes for the TLA-120.2 Rotor<sup>a</sup>

Tube			Required Accessory		Max. Speed/ RCF/k Factor
Dimensions and Volume	Description	Part Number	Description	Part Number	
11 × 34 mm 1.0 mL	thickwall polycarbonate	343778 (pkg/100)	none	—	120,000 RPM $627,000 \times g$ 8
11 × 34 mm 1.0 mL	thickwall polypropylene	347287 (pkg/100)	none	—	80,000 RPM $279,000 \times g$ 18
11 × 25 mm 1.5 mL	Quick-Seal polypropylene	344624 (pkg/50)	Noryl <sup>b</sup> spacer	344636 (pkg/6)	120,000 RPM $627,000 \times g$ 14
11 × 32 mm 2.0 mL	Quick-Seal polypropylene	344625 (pkg/50)	Noryl spacer	344674 (pkg/6)	120,000 RPM $627,000 \times g$ 16

- a. Use only the items listed here and observe maximum fill volumes and speeds shown.  
b. Noryl is a registered trademark of GE Plastics.

## Quick-Seal Tubes

Quick-Seal tubes must be sealed prior to centrifugation. These tubes are heat sealed and do not need caps; however, spacers are required on top of the tubes when they are loaded into the rotor.



- 1 Fill Quick-Seal tubes leaving a *small* bubble of air at the base of the neck.
  - a. Do not leave a large air space—too much air can cause excessive tube deformation.
- 2 Refer to *Rotors and Tubes* for detailed information on the use and care of Quick-Seal tubes.



## Thickwall Tubes

Thickwall polypropylene and polycarbonate tubes can be run partially filled (at least half filled) without caps, but all opposing tubes for a run must be filled to the same level with liquid of the same density. Do not overfill capless tubes; be sure to note the reduction in run speed shown in [Table 1](#).

## Run Times

The  $k$  factor of the rotor is a measure of the rotor's pelleting efficiency. Beckman Coulter has calculated the  $k$  factors for all of its preparative rotors at maximum rated speed and using full tubes. The  $k$  factor is calculated from the formula:

EQ 1

$$k = \frac{\ln(r_{\max}/r_{\min})}{\omega^2} \times \frac{10^{13}}{3600}$$

where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity of the rotor in radians per second ( $\omega = 0.105 \times \text{RPM}$ ),  $r_{\max}$  is the maximum radius, and  $r_{\min}$  is the minimum radius.

After substitution:

EQ 2

$$k = \frac{(2.533 \times 10^{11}) \ln(r_{\max} / r_{\min})}{(\text{RPM})^2}$$

Use the  $k$  factor in the following equation to estimate the run time  $t$  (in hours) required to pellet particles of known sedimentation coefficient  $s$  (in Svedberg units, S).

EQ 3

$$t = \frac{k}{s}$$

Run times can be estimated for centrifugation at less than maximum speed by adjusting the  $k$  factor as follows:

EQ 4

$$k_{\text{adj}} = k \left( \frac{120\,000}{\text{actual run speed}} \right)^2$$

Run times can also be estimated from data established in prior experiments if the  $k$  factor of the previous rotor is known. For any two rotors,  $a$  and  $b$ :

EQ 5

$$\frac{t_a}{t_b} = \frac{k_a}{k_b}$$

For more information on  $k$  factors see *Use of  $k$  Factor for Estimating Run Times from Previously Established Run Conditions* (publication DS-719).

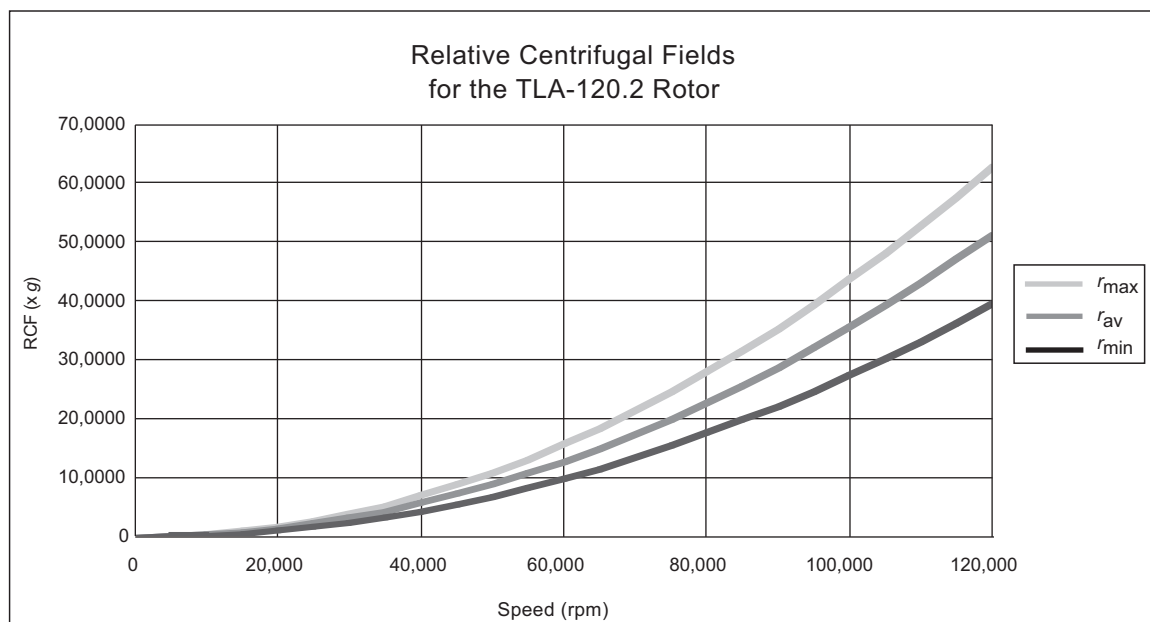
## Run Speeds

The centrifugal force at a given radius in a rotor is a function of speed. Comparisons of forces between different rotors are made by comparing the rotors' relative centrifugal fields (RCF). When rotational speed is adjusted so that identical samples are subjected to the same RCF in two different rotors, the samples are subjected to the same force. The RCF at a number of rotor speeds is provided in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2** Relative Centrifugal Fields for the TLA-120.2 Rotor<sup>a</sup>

Rotor Speed (RPM)	Relative Centrifugal Field ( $\times g$ )			k Factor*
	At $r_{\max}$ (38.9 mm)	At $r_{\text{av}}$ (31.8 mm)	At $r_{\min}$ (24.5 mm)	
120,000	627,000	513,000	395,000	8
115,000	576,000	471,000	363,000	9
110,000	527,000	431,000	332,000	10
105,000	480,000	393,000	303,000	11
100,000	436,000	356,000	274,000	12
95,000	393,000	321,000	248,000	13
90,000	353,000	288,000	222,000	14
85,000	315,000	257,000	198,000	16
80,000	279,000	228,000	176,000	18
75,000	245,000	200,000	154,000	21
70,000	213,000	175,000	134,000	24
65,000	184,000	150,000	116,000	28
60,000	157,000	128,000	98,800	33
55,000	132,000	108,000	83,000	39
50,000	109,000	89,000	68,600	47

a. Entries in this table are calculated from the formula  $RCF = 1.12r (RPM/1000)^2$  and then rounded to three significant digits.



Speeds must be reduced under the following circumstances:

1. If nonprecipitating solutions more dense than 1.7 g/mL are centrifuged, the maximum allowable run speed must be reduced according to the following equation:

EQ 6

$$\text{reduced maximum speed} = (120,000 \text{ RPM}) \sqrt{\frac{1.7 \text{ g/mL}}{\rho}}$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the tube contents. This speed reduction will protect the rotor from excessive stresses due to the added tube load. *Note, however, that the use of this formula may still produce maximum speed values that are higher than the limitations imposed by the use of certain tubes or adapters.* In such cases, use the lower of the two values.

2. Further speed limits must be imposed when CsCl or other self-forming-gradient salts are centrifuged, as equation (6) does not predict concentration limits/speeds that are required to avoid precipitation of salt crystals. Precipitation during centrifugation would alter the density distribution of CsCl and this would change the position of the sample bands. [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#), together with the description and examples below, show how to reduce run speeds when using CsCl gradients.

## Selecting CsCl Gradients

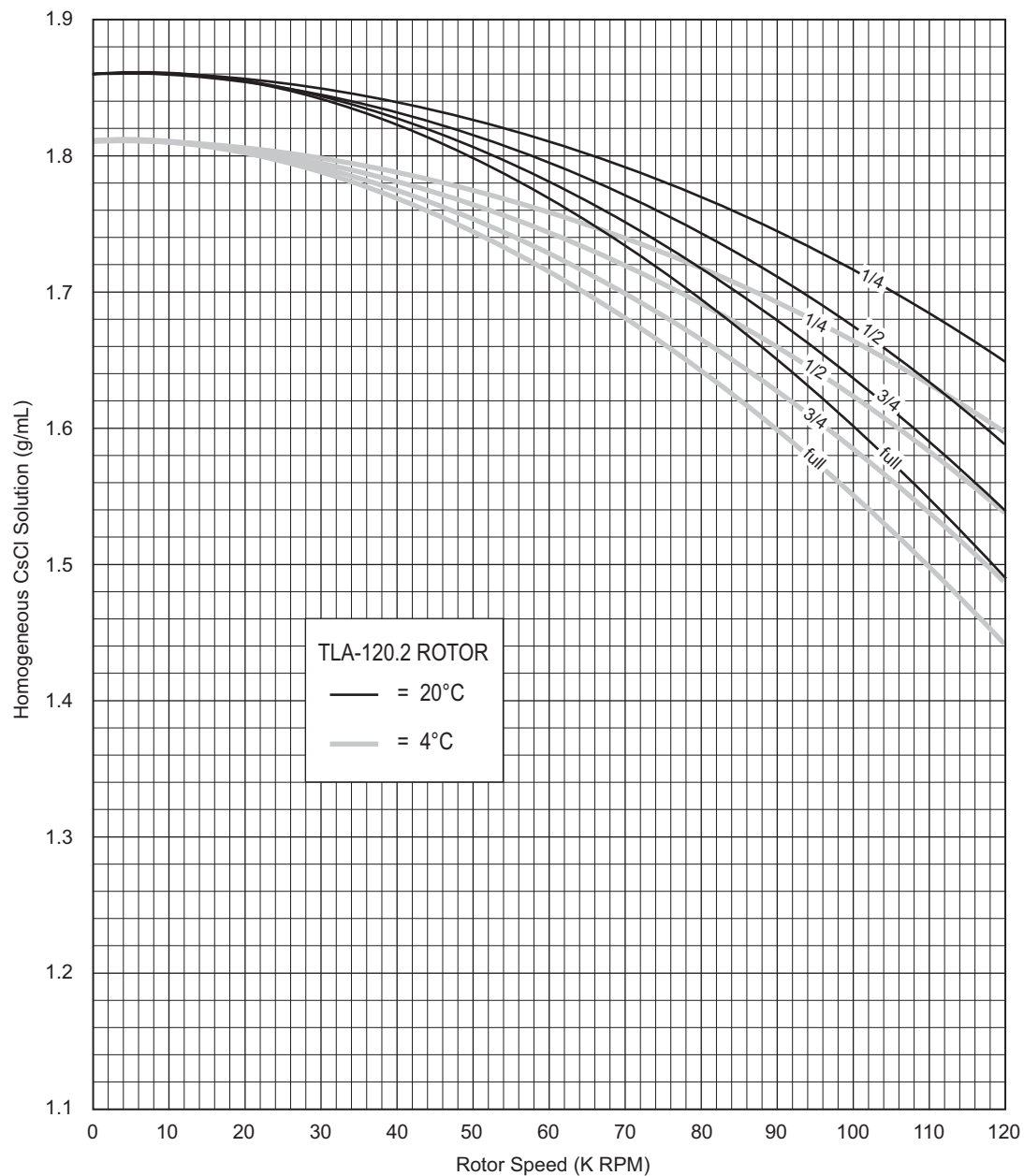
Precipitation during centrifugation would alter density distribution, and this would change the position of the sample bands. Curves in [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#) are provided up to the maximum rated speed of the rotor. (Curves in [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#) were generated using the 1.5-mL Quick-Seal tube.)

**NOTE** The curves in [Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#) are for solutions of CsCl salt dissolved in distilled water only. If other salts are present in significant concentrations, the overall CsCl concentration may need to be reduced.

Rotor speed is used to control the slope of a CsCl density gradient, and must be limited so that CsCl precipitation is avoided. Speed and density combinations that intersect on or below the curves in [Figure 3](#) ensure that CsCl will not precipitate during centrifugation in the TLA-120.2 rotor. Curves are provided at two temperatures: 20°C (black curves) and 4°C (gray curves).

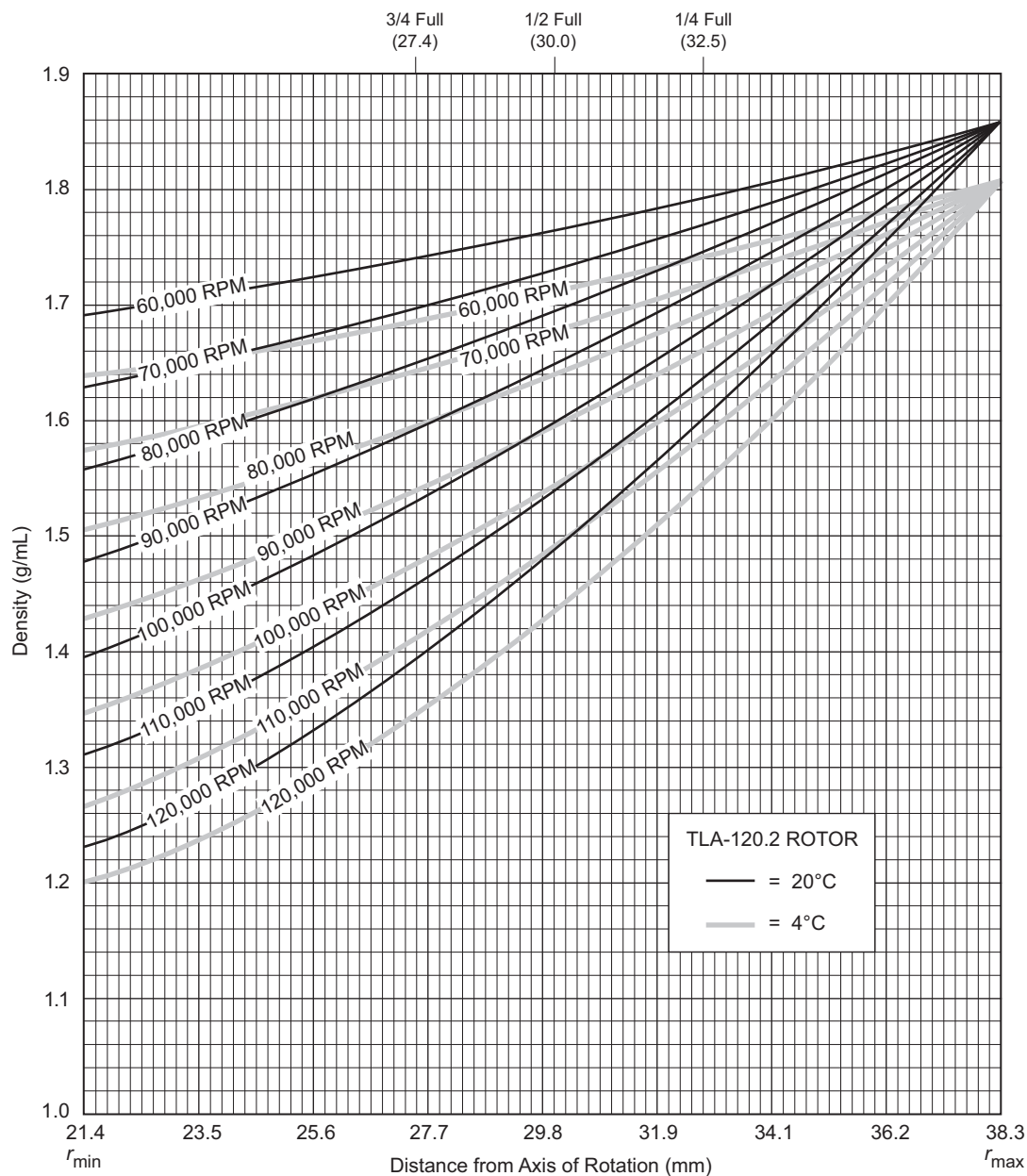
The reference curves in [Figure 4](#) show gradient distribution at equilibrium. Each curve in [Figure 4](#) is within the density limits allowed for the TLA-120.2 rotor: each curve was generated for a single run speed using the maximum allowable homogeneous CsCl densities (one for each fill level) that avoid precipitation at that speed. (The gradients in [Figure 4](#) can be generated from step or linear gradients, or from homogeneous solutions. But the total amount of CsCl in solution must be equivalent to a homogeneous solution corresponding to the concentrations specified in [Figure 3](#)). [Figure 4](#) can also be used to approximate the banding positions of sample particles.

**Figure 3** Precipitation Curves for the TLA-120.2 Rotor\*



\* Using combinations of rotor speeds and homogeneous CsCl solution densities that intersect on or below these curves ensures that CsCl will not precipitate during centrifugation.

**Figure 4** CsCl Gradients at Equilibrium for the TLA-120.2 Rotor\*



## Adjusting Fill Volumes

Figure 3 and Figure 4 show that several fill volumes are possible in a tube. If a tube is partially filled with gradient solution, float mineral oil (or some other low-density, immiscible liquid) on top of the tube contents to fill the tube to its maximum volume. Note that for a given CsCl density, as the fill level decreases the maximum allowable speed increases. Partial filling may be desirable when there is little sample or when you wish to shorten the run time.

\* Centrifugation of homogeneous CsCl solutions at the maximum allowable speeds (from Figure 3) results in gradients presented here. The homogeneous CsCl solution density used to generate each curve is printed along the curve.

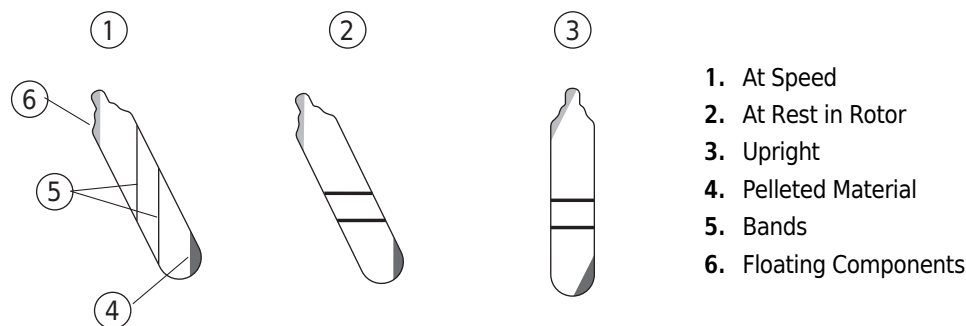
For example, a *one-quarter-filled* tube of a 1.70 g/mL homogeneous CsCl solution at 20°C may be centrifuged at 105,000 RPM (see [Figure 4](#)). The segment of the 105,000 RPM curve ([Figure 4](#)) from the one-quarter-filled line to 1.86 g/mL at the tube bottom represents this gradient. The same solution in a *three-quarter-filled* tube may be centrifuged at 84,000 RPM; [Figure 4](#) presents the gradient profile (use the three-quarter-filled segment only). A tube full of the 1.70 g/mL CsCl solution may be centrifuged no faster than 79,000 RPM.

## Typical Examples for Determining CsCl Run Parameters

### Example A:

A separation that is done frequently is the banding of plasmid DNA in cesium chloride with ethidium bromide. The starting density of the CsCl solution is 1.55 g/mL. In this separation the covalently closed, circular plasmid bands at a density of 1.57 g/mL, while the nicked and linear species band at 1.53 g/mL. At 20°C, where will particles band?

- 1 In [Figure 3](#), find the curve that corresponds to the required run temperature (20°C) and fill volume (full).
  - The maximum allowable rotor speed is determined from the point where this curve intersects the homogeneous CsCl density (110,000 RPM).
- 2 In [Figure 4](#), sketch in a horizontal line corresponding to each particle's buoyant density.
- 3 Mark the point in the figure where each particle density intersects the curve corresponding to the selected run speed and temperature.
- 4 Particles will band at these locations across the tube diameter at equilibrium during centrifugation.



In this example, particles will band about 32.1 and 30.0 mm from the tube bottom, about 2.1 mm of centerband-to-centerband separation at the rotor's 30-degree tube angle. When the tube is removed from the rotor and held upright (vertical and stationary), there will be about 2.4 mm of

centerband-to-centerband separation. This interband distance,  $d_{up}$ , can be calculated from the formula:

EQ 7

$$d_{up} = \frac{d_{\theta}}{\cos \theta}$$

where  $d_{\theta}$  is the interband distance when the tube is held at an angle,  $\theta$ , in the rotor.

**Example B:**

Knowing particle buoyant densities (for example, 1.66 and 1.62 g/mL), how do you achieve good separation (using open top tubes)?

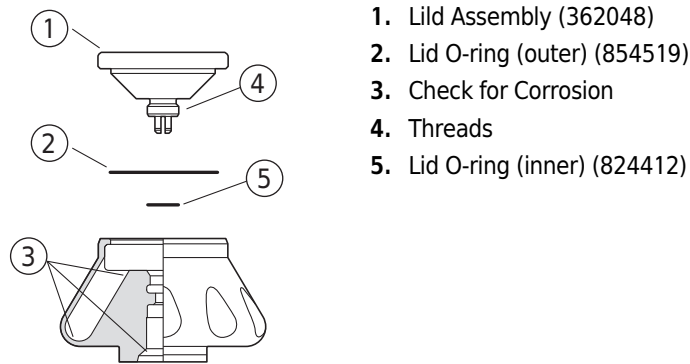
- 1 In [Figure 4](#), sketch in a horizontal line corresponding to each particle's buoyant density.
- 2 Select the curve at the required temperature (20°C) and fill volume that gives the best particle separation.
- 3 Note the run speed along the selected curve (80,000 RPM).
- 4 From [Figure 4](#), select the maximum homogeneous CsCl density that corresponds to the temperature and run speed established above.
  - These parameters will provide the particle-banding pattern selected in Step 2.

## Care and Maintenance

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### Maintenance

**NOTE** Do not use sharp tools on the rotor that could cause scratches in the rotor surface. Corrosion begins in scratches and may open fissures in the rotor with continued use.



- 1 Regularly lubricate the metal threads in the rotor plugs with a thin, even coat of Spinkote lubricant.
  - Failure to keep these threads lubricated can result in damaged threads
- 2 Regularly apply silicone vacuum grease to the O-rings.
  - a. Replace O-rings about twice a year or whenever worn or damaged.

Refer to Appendix A in *Rotors and Tubes* for the chemical resistances of rotor and accessory materials. Your Beckman Coulter representative provides contact with the Field Rotor Inspection Program and the rotor repair center.

### Cleaning

*Wash the rotor and rotor components immediately if salts or other corrosive materials are used or if spillage has occurred. Do not allow corrosive materials to dry on the rotor.*

Under normal use, wash the rotor frequently (at least weekly) to prevent buildup of residues.

- 1 Remove the O-rings before washing.



**2** Wash the rotor and lid in a mild detergent, such as Beckman Solution 555 (339555), that won't damage the rotor.

- The Rotor Cleaning Kit contains two plastic-coated brushes and two quarts of Solution 555 for use with rotors and accessories.
- Dilute the detergent 10 to 1 with water.

**NOTE** Do not wash rotor components in a dishwasher. Do not soak in detergent solution for long periods, such as overnight.

**3** Rinse the cleaned rotor and components with distilled water.

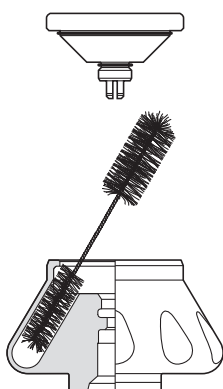
**4** Air-dry the rotor and lid upside down.

- Do not use acetone to dry the rotor.

**5** Apply a thin, even coat of silicone vacuum grease to both lid O-rings before replacing them in the grooves in the lid.

**6** Clean metal threads as necessary (at least every 6 months).

- a. Use a brush and concentrated Solution 555.
- b. Rinse and dry thoroughly, then lubricate lightly but evenly with Spinkote to coat all threads.



**7** Periodically remove the O-rings and wipe clean as necessary.

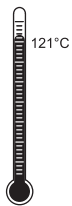
- a. Clean the O-ring grooves with a cotton-tipped swab.
- b. Reapply a light film of silicone vacuum grease.

## Decontamination



If the rotor or other components are contaminated with radioactive, toxic, or pathogenic materials, follow appropriate decontamination procedures as outlined by appropriate laboratory safety guidelines and/or other regulations. Consult Appendix A in *Rotors and Tubes* to select an agent that will not damage the rotor

## Sterilization and Disinfection



- The rotor and all rotor components can be autoclaved at 121°C for up to one hour. Remove the lid from the rotor and place the rotor, lid, and O-ring in the autoclave upside down.
- Ethanol (70%)\* or hydrogen peroxide (6%) may be used on all rotor components, including those made of plastic. Bleach (sodium hypochlorite) may be used, but may cause discoloration of anodized surfaces. Use the minimum immersion time for each solution, per laboratory standards.

While Beckman Coulter has tested these methods and found that they do not damage the rotor or components, no guarantee of sterility or disinfection is expressed or implied. When sterilization or disinfection is a concern, consult your laboratory safety officer regarding proper methods to use.

## Storage

When it is not in use, store the rotor in a dry environment (not in the instrument) with the lid removed to allow air circulation so moisture will not collect in the tube cavities.

## Returning a Rotor

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Before returning a rotor or accessory for any reason, prior permission must be obtained from Beckman Coulter, Inc. This form may be obtained from your local Beckman Coulter sales office. The form, entitled *Returned Material Authorization* (RMA) for United States returns or *Returned Goods Authorization* (RGA) for international returns, should contain the following information:

- rotor type and serial number,
- history of use (approximate frequency of use),
- reason for the return,
- original purchase order number, billing number, and shipping number, if possible,
- name and email address of the person to be notified upon receipt of the rotor or accessory at the factory,
- name and email address of the person to be notified about repair costs, etc.

\* Flammability hazard. Do not use in or near operating ultracentrifuges.

To protect our personnel, it is the customer's responsibility to ensure that all parts are free from pathogens and/or radioactivity. Sterilization and decontamination must be done before returning the parts. Smaller items (such as tubes, bottles, etc.) should be enclosed in a sealed plastic bag.

*All parts must be accompanied by a note, plainly visible on the outside of the box or bag, stating that they are safe to handle and that they are not contaminated with pathogens or radioactivity. **Failure to attach this notification will result in return or disposal of the items without review of the reported problem.***

Use the address label printed on the RGA/RMA form when mailing the rotor and/or accessories.

Customers located outside the United States should contact their local Beckman Coulter office.

## Supply List

**NOTE** Publications referenced in this manual can be obtained at [www.beckmancoulter.com](http://www.beckmancoulter.com) or by calling Beckman Coulter at 1-800-742-2345 in the United States, or by contacting your local Beckman Coulter office.

Contact Beckman Coulter Sales (1-800-742-2345 in the United States) or see the Beckman Coulter *Ultracentrifuge Rotors, Tubes & Accessories* catalog (BR-8101, available at [www.beckmancoulter.com](http://www.beckmancoulter.com)) for detailed information on ordering parts and supplies. For your convenience, a partial list is given below.

## Replacement Rotor Parts

Description	Part Number
TLA-120.2 rotor assembly	362046
Lid assembly	362048
Lid O-ring (outer)	854519
Lid O-ring (inner)	824412
Rotor vise	346133

## Other

**NOTE** For MSDS information, go to the Beckman Coulter website at [www.beckmancoulter.com](http://www.beckmancoulter.com).

Description	Part Number
Tubes and accessories	see <a href="#">Table 1</a>
Tube rack	349387
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 60 Hz	358312
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Europe)	358313
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Great Britain)	358314

Description	Part Number
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Australia)	358315
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50-Hz (Canada)	367803
Tube removal tool	361668
Curved hemostat (6-in.)	927208
Fraction Recovery System	342025
Fraction Recovery System Adapter Kit for TL-series tubes	347828
Beckman Coulter CentriTube Slicer	347960
CentriTube Slicer replacement blades (pkg of 10)	348299
CentriTube Slicer adapter (for 13-mm tubes)	354526
Spinkote lubricant (2 oz)	306812
Silicone vacuum grease (1 oz)	335148
Rotor Cleaning Kit	339558
Rotor cleaning brush	347404
Beckman Solution 555 (1 qt)	339555

# Beckman Coulter, Inc.

## Ultracentrifuge Rotor Warranty

All Beckman Coulter ultracentrifuge Fixed Angle, Vertical Tube, Near Vertical Tube, Swinging Bucket, and Airfuge rotors are warranted against defects in materials or workmanship for the time periods indicated below, subject to the Warranty Conditions stated below.

Preparative Ultracentrifuge Rotors	5 years — No Proration
Analytical Ultracentrifuge Rotors	5 years — No Proration
ML and TL Series Ultracentrifuge Rotors	5 years — No Proration
Airfuge Ultracentrifuge Rotors	1 year — No Proration
For Zonal, Continuous Flow, Component Test, and Rock Core Ultracentrifuge Rotors, see separate warranty.	

### Warranty Conditions (as applicable)

1. This warranty is valid for the time periods indicated above from the date of shipment to the original Buyer by Beckman Coulter or an authorized Beckman Coulter representative.
2. Maintain one copy of this software for backup purposes (the backup copy shall be supplied by Beckman Coulter);
3. This warranty covers the Beckman Coulter Centrifuge Systems only (including but not limited to the centrifuge, rotor, and accessories) and Beckman Coulter shall not be liable for damage to or loss of the user's sample, non-Beckman Coulter tubes, adapters, or other rotor contents.
4. This warranty is void if the Beckman Coulter Centrifuge System is determined by Beckman Coulter to have been operated or maintained in a manner contrary to the instructions in the operator's manual(s) for the Beckman Coulter Centrifuge System components in use. This includes but is not limited to operator misuse, abuse, or negligence regarding indicated maintenance procedures, centrifuge and rotor classification requirements, proper speed reduction for the high density of certain fluids, tubes, and tube caps, speed reduction for precipitating gradient materials, and speed reduction for high-temperature operation.
5. Rotor bucket sets purchased concurrently with or subsequent to the purchase of a Swinging Bucket Rotor are warranted only for a term co-extensive with that of the rotor for which the bucket sets are purchased.
6. This warranty does not cover the failure of a Beckman Coulter rotor in a centrifuge not of Beckman Coulter manufacture, or if the rotor is used in a Beckman Coulter centrifuge that has been modified without the written permission of Beckman Coulter, or is used with carriers, buckets, belts, or other devices not of Beckman Coulter manufacture.
7. Rotor parts subject to wear, including but not limited to rotor O-rings, VTi, NVT, TLV, MLN, and TLN rotor tube cavity plugs and gaskets, tubing, tools, optical overspeed disks, bearings, seals, and lubrication are excluded from this warranty and should be frequently inspected and replaced if they become worn or damaged.
8. Keeping a rotor log is not mandatory, but may be desirable for maintenance of good laboratory practices.

### Repair and Replacement Policies

1. If a Beckman Coulter rotor is determined by Beckman Coulter to be defective, Beckman Coulter will repair or replace it, subject to the Warranty Conditions. A replacement rotor will be warranted for the time remaining on the original rotor's warranty.
2. If a Beckman Coulter centrifuge is damaged due to a failure of a rotor covered by this warranty, Beckman Coulter will supply free of charge (i) all centrifuge parts required for repair (except the drive unit, which will be replaced at the then current price less a credit determined by the total number of revolutions or years completed, provided that such a unit was manufactured or rebuilt by Beckman Coulter), and (ii) if the centrifuge is currently covered by a Beckman Coulter warranty or

Full Service Agreement, all labor necessary for repair of the centrifuge.

3. If a Beckman Coulter rotor covered by this warranty is damaged due to a malfunction of a Beckman Coulter ultracentrifuge covered by an Ultracentrifuge System Service Agreement, Beckman Coulter will repair or replace the rotor free of charge.
4. If a Beckman Coulter rotor covered by this warranty is damaged due to a failure of a Beckman Coulter tube, bottle, tube cap, spacer, or adapter, covered under the Conditions of this Warranty, Beckman Coulter will repair or replace the rotor and repair the instrument as per the conditions in policy point (2) above, and the replacement policy.
5. Damage to a Beckman Coulter rotor or instrument due to the failure or malfunction of a non-Beckman Coulter tube, bottle, tube cap, spacer, or adapter is not covered under this warranty, although Beckman Coulter will assist in seeking compensation under the manufacturer's warranty.

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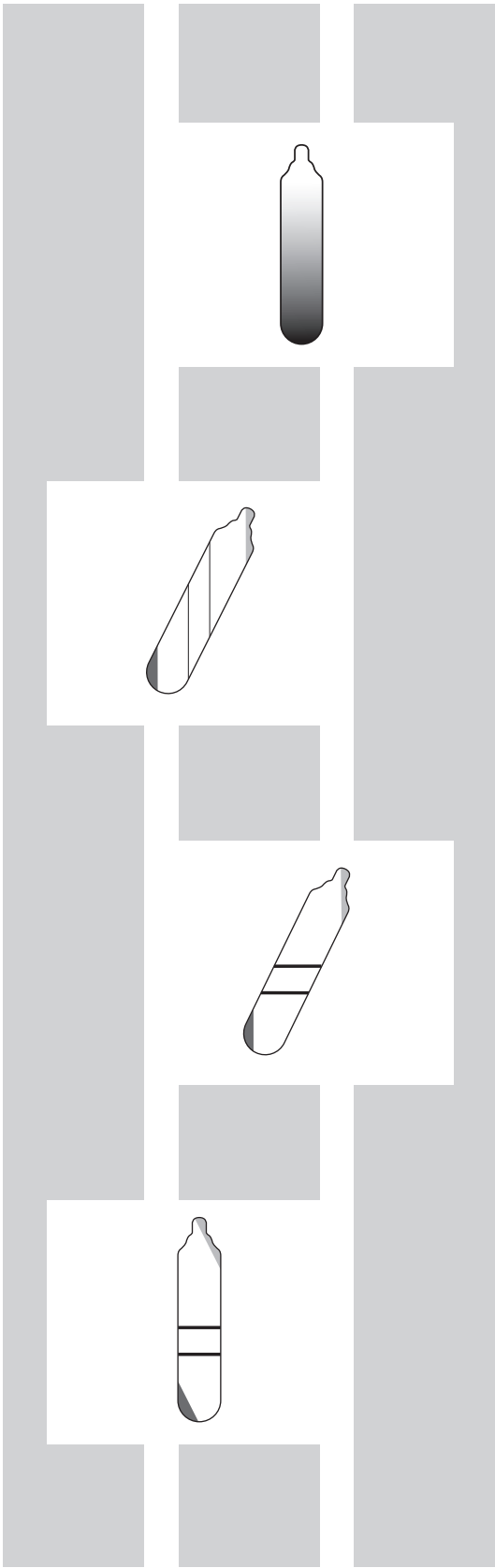
**Disclaimer**

IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED THAT THE ABOVE WARRANTY SHALL BE IN LIEU OF ALL WARRANTIES OF FITNESS AND OF THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY AND BECKMAN COULTER, INC. SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF THE MANUFACTURE, USE, SALE, HANDLING, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT.

**Factory Rotor Inspection Service**

Beckman Coulter, Inc., will provide free mechanical and metallurgical inspection in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, of any Beckman Coulter rotor at the request of the user. (Shipping charges to Beckman Coulter are the responsibility of the user.) Rotors will be inspected in the user's laboratory if the centrifuge in which they are used is covered by an appropriate Beckman Coulter Service Agreement. Contact your local Beckman Coulter office for details of service coverage or cost.

Before shipping, contact the nearest Beckman Coulter Sales and Service office and request a Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) form and packaging instructions. Please include the complete rotor assembly, with buckets, lid, handle, tube cavity caps, etc. A SIGNED STATEMENT THAT THE ROTOR AND ACCESSORIES ARE NON-RADIOACTIVE, NON-PATHOGENIC, NON-TOXIC, AND OTHERWISE SAFE TO SHIP AND HANDLE IS REQUIRED.



## Related Documents

### **Rotors and Tubes for Beckman Coulter Tabletop Preparative Ultracentrifuges (TLR-IM-9)**

- Rotors
- Tubes and Accessories
- Using Tubes and Accessories
- Using Rotors
- Care and Maintenance
- Chemical Resistances
- The Use of Cesium Chloride Curves
- Gradient Materials
- References

### **Additional References**

- Chemical Resistances for Beckman Coulter Centrifugation Products (IN-175)
- Ultracentrifuge Rotors, Tubes, and Accessories catalog (BR-8101)

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