

**XENOWORKS™ BRE**  
**DIGITAL MICROINJECTOR**  
WITH COMPENSATION PRESSURE RANGE  
CONTROL & USB INTERFACE  
**OPERATION MANUAL**  
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The XenoWorks Digital Microinjector Model BRE is designed for the specific use of creating micropipettes and no other use is recommended.

This instrument creates items that should only be used in a laboratory environment for use on animal tissues. It is not intended for use, nor should be used, in human experimentation, or applied to humans in any way. This is not a medical device.

Do not open or attempt to repair the instrument without expressed and explicit instructions from Sutter Instrument Company. Extreme heat and high voltages are present and could cause injury.

Do not allow unauthorized and or untrained operatives to use this device.

Any misuse will be the sole responsibility of the user/owner and Sutter Instruments assumes no implied or inferred liability for direct or consequential damages from this instrument if it is operated or used in any way other than for which it is designed.

## SAFETY WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### Electrical

- **Operate the XenoWorks BRE Digital Microinjector using 110-240 V AC., 50-60 Hz line voltage. This instrument is designed for connection to a standard laboratory power outlet (Overvoltage Category II), and because it is a microprocessor--controlled device, it should be accorded the same system wiring precautions as any 'computer type' system. A surge protector and power regulator are recommended.**
-  **Fuse Replacement: Replace only with the same type and rating:**  
**Type: 5 x 20 mm glass tube, Medium Time Delay (IEC 60127-2, Sheet III) or Time Lag, RoHS compliant.**  
**Rating: T4A 250V (Time Delay, 4 Amps, 250 Volts)**  
**Examples: Bussmann GMD-4-R or Littelfuse 219 004.P**  
**A spare fuse is located in the power input module. Please refer to the fuse-replacement appendix for more details on fuse ratings and for instructions on how to change the fuse.**

### Avoiding Electrical Shock and Fire-related Injury

-  **Always use the grounded power supply cord set provided to connect the system to a grounded outlet (3-prong). This is required to protect you from injury in the event that an electrical hazard occurs.**
- **Do not disassemble the system. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.**
-  **To prevent fire or shock hazard do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.**

### Operational

Failure to comply with any of the following precautions may damage this device.

- **Please read this manual carefully before operating the instrument.**

- Use this instrument only for microinjection purposes in conjunction with the procedures and guidelines in this manual. This device is intended only for research purposes.
-  Some applications, such as piezo-impact microinjection call for the use of mercury in the micropipette tip. The use of any hazardous materials with any XenoWorks instrument is undertaken at users' own risk and therefore not recommended.
- Do not operate if there is any obvious damage to any part of the instrument.
- The XenoWorks BRE is designed for operation in a laboratory environment (Pollution Degree II) and at temperatures between 5°C - 40°C.
- This unit is not designed for operation, nor has it been tested for safety, at altitudes above 2000 meters (6562 feet).
- This unit was designed to operate at maximum relative humidity of 80% for temperatures up to 31°C, decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 40°C.
-  Operate only in a location where there is a free flow of fresh air on all sides. **NEVER ALLOW THE FREE FLOW OF AIR TO BE RESTRICTED.**
- Please retain the original packaging for future transport of the instrument. Always transport the instrument in its original packaging, and install shipping plate screws before shipping.
- This instrument contains no user-serviceable components — do not open the instrument casing. This instrument should be serviced and repaired only by Sutter Instrument or an authorized Sutter Instrument servicing agent.
- Sutter Instrument reserves the right to change specifications without prior notice.

### Handling Micropipettes

 Failure to comply with any of the following precautions may result in injury to the users of this device as well as those working in the general area near the device.

- The micropipettes used with this instrument can be very sharp and relatively fragile. Contact with micropipette tips, therefore, should be avoided to prevent accidentally impaling yourself.
- Always dispose of micropipettes by placing them into a well-marked, spill-proof “sharps” container.
- As with all microinjection devices, sharp micropipettes can fly out of their holder unexpectedly. Always take precautions to prevent this from happening. Never loosen the micropipette holder chuck when the tubing is pressurized, and never point micropipettes at yourself or others. Always wear safety glasses when using sharp glass micropipettes with pressure microinjectors.

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Introduction

The XenoWorks Digital Injector is a injection system comprised of five basic parts: the controller/compressor, remote user interface, foot switch, pipette holder, and pressure tubing.

### 1.2 About This Manual

In the next, few pages you will find a product description to help you become acquainted with the parts, followed by installation instructions, and then detailed operating instructions. Please take the time to read these instructions to assure the safe and proper use of this instrument.

### 1.3 Technical Support

Unlimited technical support is provided by Sutter Instrument Company at no charge to our customers. Our technical support staff is available between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Pacific Time) at 415 883-0128. You may also E-mail your queries to [info@sutter.com](mailto:info@sutter.com).

### 1.4 Product Description

#### 1.4.1 Packing List

The XenoWorks™ Digital Microinjector is shipped with the following components:

1. Digital Microinjector cabinet (controller/compressor)
2. Digital Microinjector control box (remote user interface)
3. Cable to connect remote user interface with controller.
4. Foot switch
5. Micropipette holder (2)
6. Tubing kits (2). Each includes 2.5 m (8 ft) clear ETFE tubing with pressure fittings, and five spare ferrules
7. Power cord
8. Instruction Manual

If any items are missing or damaged, contact Sutter Instrument immediately.

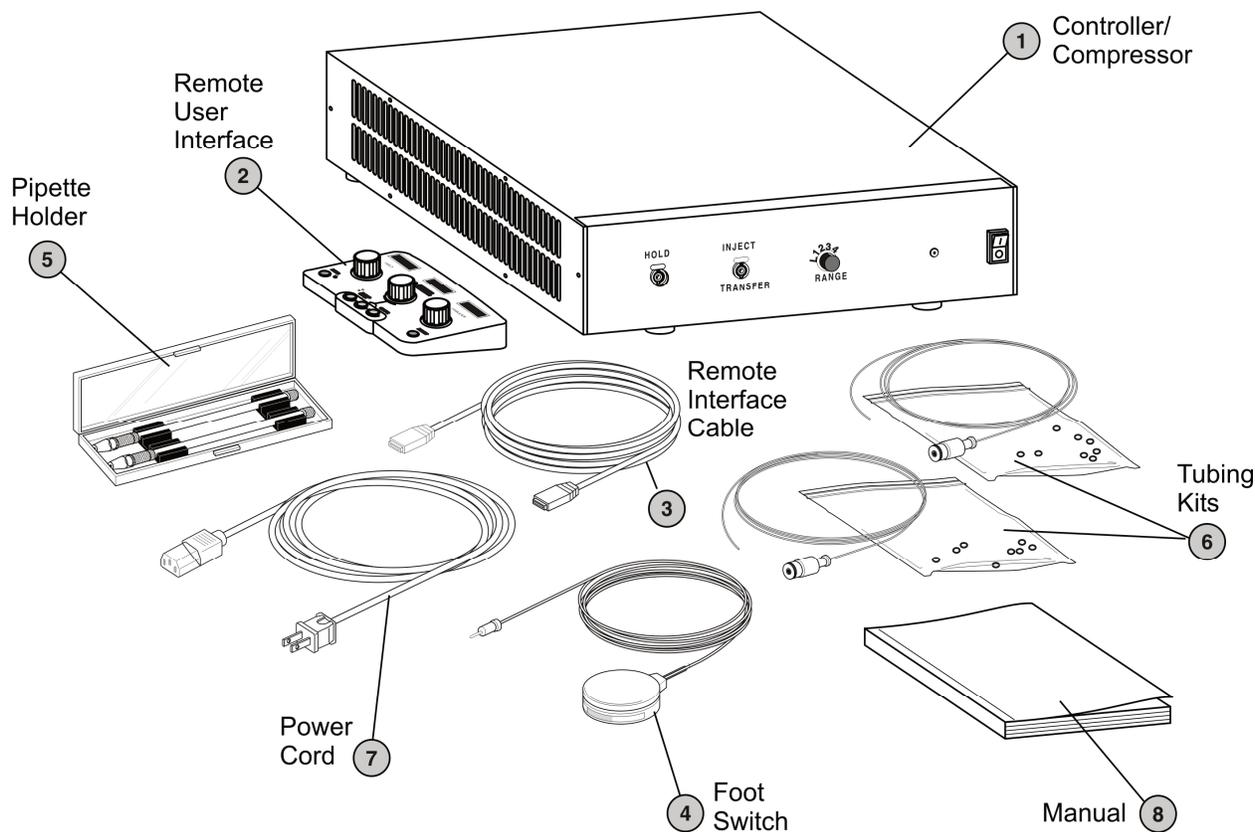


Figure 1-1. Components of the XenoWorks Digital Microinjector (BRE).

### 1.4.2 Instrument Design

The XenoWorks Digital Microinjector is a pneumatic pressure control system for single-cell microinjection and manipulation. Two independently controlled pressure channels are available: Hold and Inject/Transfer.

**Hold Channel:** Designed to create negative and positive pressure sufficient to gently hold and release a single cell, usually a mammalian oocyte, zygote or early embryo (including fully hatched blastocyst stage embryos), against a hollow, fire-polished glass micropipette. Ascidian, amphibian and insect embryos can be immobilized in a similar fashion, depending upon their physical characteristics and the type of micropipette used.

**Inject/Transfer Channel:** Provides negative and positive pressures required to aspirate single cells (such as embryonic stem cells) into an appropriately fashioned micropipette in preparation for transfer to another location (such as the blastocyst of an early mammalian embryo). The transfer of cells occurs by reversing the pressure in the transfer micropipette and gently injecting.

The **Transfer/Compensation Channel** has 5 range settings available allowing for the fine-tuning of the pressure range for a given application.

The **Inject/Transfer Channel** is capable of providing the high positive pressure required to inject solutions through very small microinjection pipettes. These high-pressure injections are typically needed for the following types of injections: Pronuclear, Cytoplasmic, Adherent Cell, C. Elegans, Drosophila, Zebrafish, Sea Urchin Eggs, and Xenopus.

Users should refer to later sections of this manual (see 3.5 Application Notes on Page 16) for information on specific microinjection applications. Additional resources include the Pipette Cookbook and the “Introduction to Microinjection” document, both available upon request or for downloading from <http://www.sutter.com>.

### 1.4.3 Identification of Instrument Components and Controls

The following figures illustrate the features on the front and rear of the controller/compressor and the controls on the remote user interface .

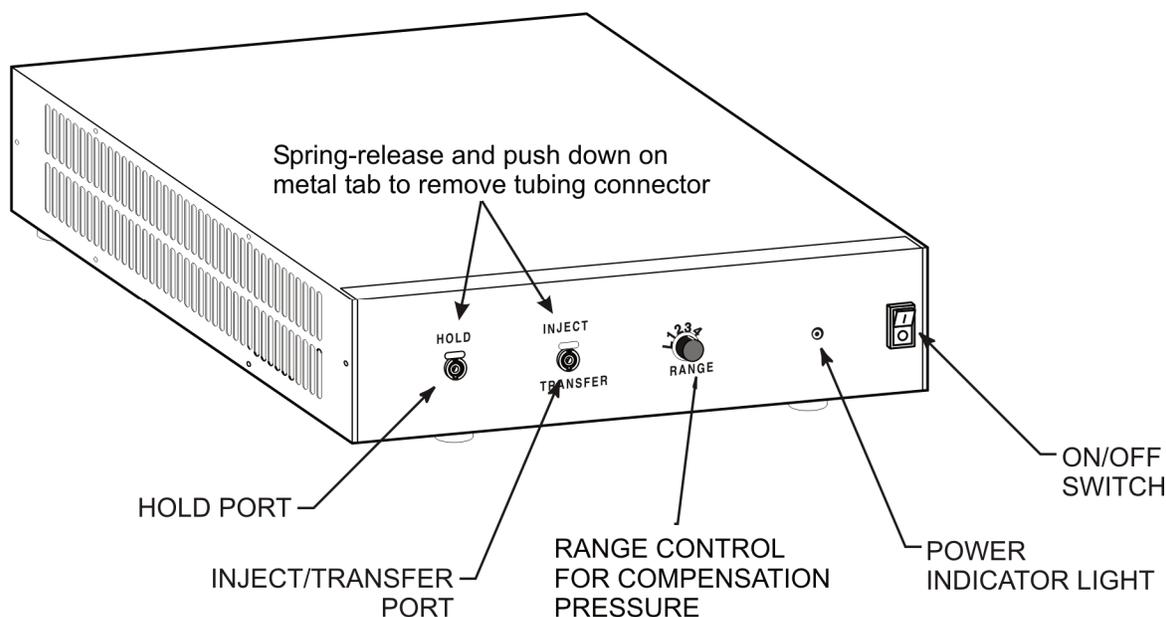


Figure 1-2. Controller/Compressor features (front view).

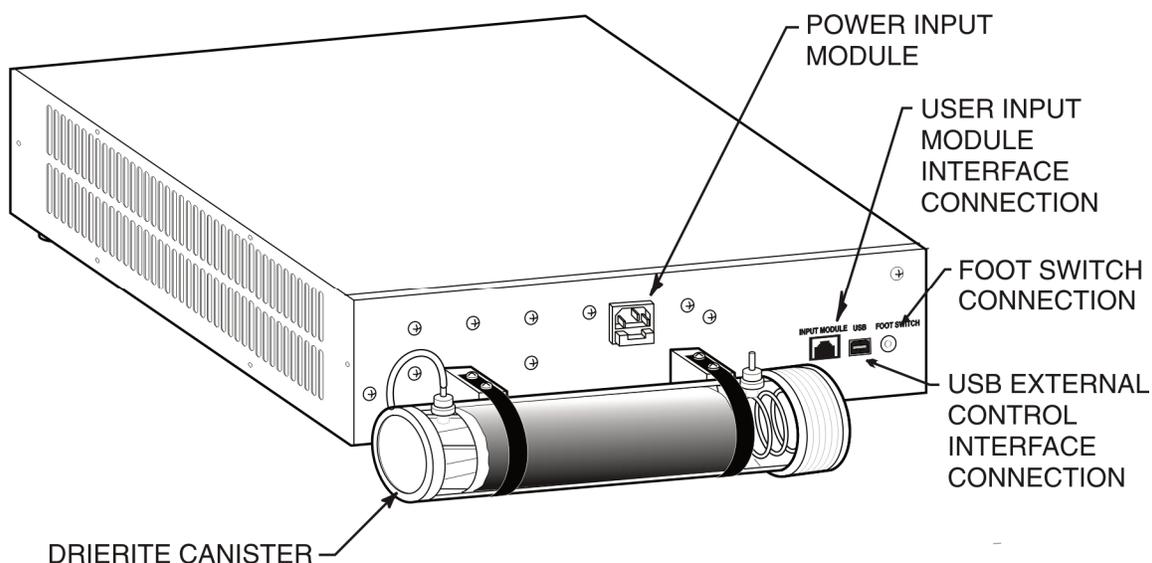


Figure 1-3. Controller/Compressor features (rear view).

#### 1.4.3.1 Drierite Canister

The XenoWorks Digital Microinjector incorporates an integral compressor, which takes its air supply from the ambient air. The canister of Drierite granules dries the air before it is compressed, to ensure a minimum of condensation and a long working life for the compressor components. The blue Drierite granules slowly turn pink as they absorb moisture from the input air. Once all the granules have turned pink, the Drierite should be desiccated or replaced (described in the Maintenance chapter later in this manual). The approximate life of the Drierite canister is one year under normal conditions.

#### 1.4.4 Controls and Features

**Hold Port:** This port supplies a pressure range from  $-350$  hPa to  $+350$  hPa ( $\pm 7$  hPa) and is typically used to control the pressure in the holding micropipette. The pressure can be varied using the Hold Dial on the remote user interface.

**Inject/Transfer Port:** This port supplies five possible transfer/compensation ranges. Range setting “1” is the default setting, providing from  $-175$  hPa to  $+175$  hPa ( $\pm 7$ hPa), and is typically used to control the pressure in the transfer micropipette during embryonic stem cell transfer experiments and to create a compensation pressure for high-pressure injection of solutions. The compensation pressure can be varied using the Transfer Dial on the user interface module. The pressure pulse duration for pronuclear and adherent cell injection can be set with the Pressure Pulse Width dial.

**Range Setting for Transfer and Compensation Pressures:** This rotary switch is used to set the compensation pressure range on the Inject/Transfer port. The following table shows the compensation pressure range for each of the five settings.

Table 1-1. Pressure/vacuum range settings.

Range Setting	Scale	Pressure				Applications
		Range		1 Unit/Transfer Dial (approx.)		
		psi	hPa	hPa	psi	
L	Very Low	+1.25 to -1.25	+86 to -86	0.5	0.0075	Used in cases where pipettes are broken to attain tip sizes over 5 microns and requiring smaller increments of compensation pressure.
1	Low	+2.5 to -2.5	+172 to -172	1	0.015	Standard setting for ICSI, NT, ES Cell, Pronuclear Injection, and Adherent Cell microinjection.
2	Medium	+5 to -5	+345 to -345	2	0.03	Used when higher compensation pressures are needed for smaller volumes back-loaded into injection needle. Also used for single cell collections.
3	Medium-High	+10 to -7	+689 to -483	4	0.06	
4	High	+15 to -7	+1034 to -483	8	0.12	Used for front-loading pipette with very small volumes (femtoliters) and to create higher compensation pressures for these small volumes.

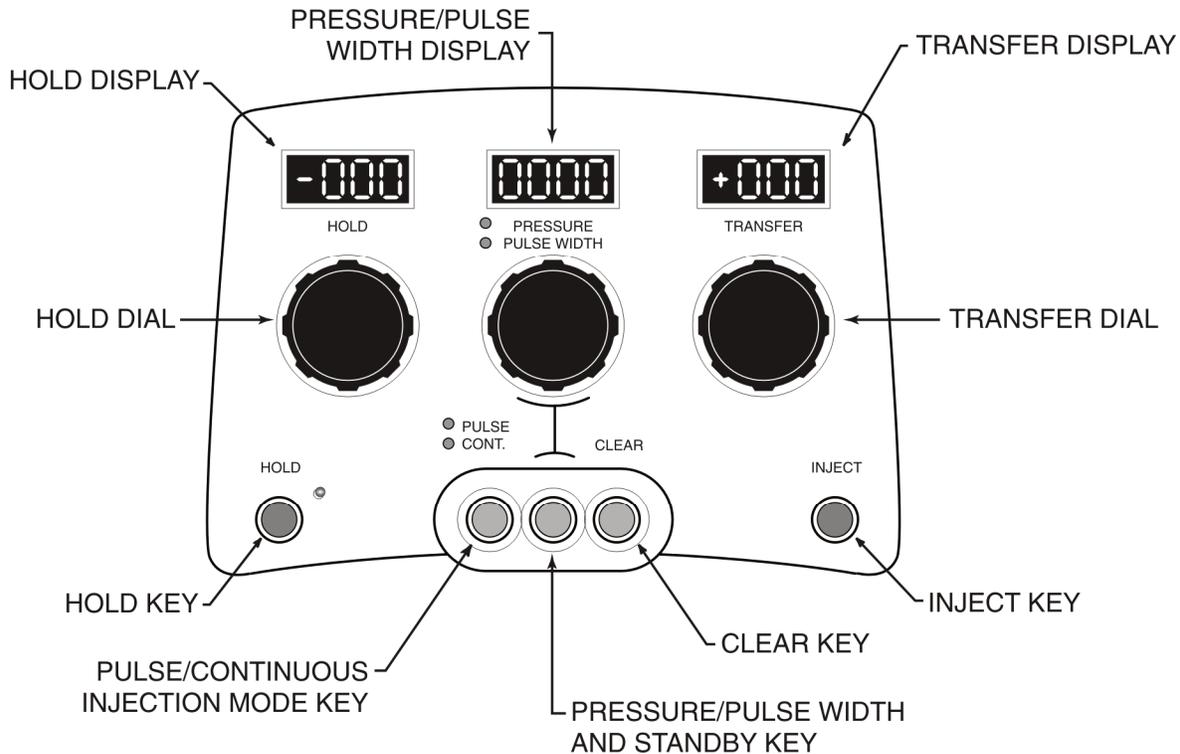


Figure 1-4. Remote User Interface`.

**Hold Key:** This key is used to toggle the **Hold** pressure on and off. In the OFF position, no pressure is applied to the **Hold Port**. In the ON position, the pressure, in hPa, shown in the **Hold LED Display** (above the **Hold Dial**) is applied to the **Hold Port**.

**Hold Dial:** Controls the pressure delivered to the **Hold Port** when the **Hold Key** is in the ON position. The range is, continuous from  $-350$  hPa to  $+350$  hPa ( $\pm 7$  hPa).

**Hold Display:** Displays the pressure delivered to the **Hold Channel** (in hPa).

**Pulse/Continuous Injection Mode Key:** This key toggles between the pulse mode and continuous mode used for high-pressure injections. The pulse pressure and duration are set with the **Pressure/Pulse Width Dial**. The continuous pressure is active as long as the **Inject Key** or footswitch is held down. The mode selected and active is indicated with a green LED.

**Pressure/Pulse Width Dial:** This dial is used to adjust the pressure and duration of injection. Injection pressure can be adjusted from 0 to 5600 ( $\pm 50$  hPa) in 70 hPa increments. Pulse duration can be adjusted from 0.01 to 10 seconds in 0.01-second increments.

**Pressure/Pulse Width Display:** This display indicates either the injection pressure (in hPa) or the injection duration (in seconds) when in Pulse Mode. Toggling between these two values is accomplished with the **Pressure/Pulse Width Key**.

**Pressure/Pulse Width and Standby Key :** This key is used to toggle the **Pressure/Pulse Width Dial/Display** between “Pressure” and “Pulse Width”.

**Standby Mode:** While the Transfer Function is active, the pressure can be turned off by pressing and holding down the **Pressure/Pulse Width and Standby** key for three (3) seconds until the **Transfer Display** shows “SDBY”. Pressure resumes when **Standby Mode** is cancelled (depress the same key again for 3 seconds).

**Clear Key:** Applies maximum pressure to the right hand (**Inject/Transfer**) channel and is used to clear blockages of the micropipette. When the key is pressed and held down, the pressure applied increases from zero to maximum pressure (97 psi).

 **CAUTION: DO NOT USE THE CLEARING FUNCTION WITH MICROPIPETTES THAT HAVE TIP INNER DIAMETERS GREATER THAN APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MICRON.**

**Inject Key:** This key applies the pressure (set by the center **Pressure/Pulse Width Dial**) to the Inject/Transfer pressure port. When the instrument is in **Pulse Mode**, the duration of the pressure will be for the time set by the **Pulse Width Dial**. When the instrument is in **Continuous Mode**, the pressure is applied for as long as the **Inject Key** (or footswitch) is held down.

**Transfer Dial:** This dial controls the pressure continuously supplied to the Inject/Transfer Port (aka, compensation pressure). Range Setting 1 (standard setting) provides  $-175$  hPa to  $+175$  hPa ( $\pm 7$  hPa) of pressure.

**Transfer Display:** This display indicates the low pressure being constantly delivered to the Transfer Channel (in hPa) or shows “**SDBY**” when the Transfer Channel is turned off and in Standby mode.

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## 2. INSTALLATION

**NOTE:** These instructions refer to the use of the XenoWorks Digital Microinjector with the XenoWorks Micromanipulator. While the Digital Microinjector is supplied with micropipette holders that are compatible with a number of different micromanipulators, the setup procedure used with those micromanipulators may vary slightly.

1. Unpack the XenoWorks Digital Microinjector.
2. Remove the shipping plate and (4) screws from the right side of the instrument. (Retain shipping plate and screws for possible future transport.)
3. Connect the microinjector compressor and user interface modules using the cable provided.
4. Place the compressor module on a flat, solid surface, away from the microscope and on a different surface from microscope.
5. Ensure that the compressor is located close enough (within 5 feet) to the microscope that the pressure lines will reach without placing any strain on the micropipette holders or micromanipulators. The user interface module can be located conveniently next to the microscope.
6. Remove the micropipette holders from their cases and connect them to the free end of the pressure tubing as shown below.

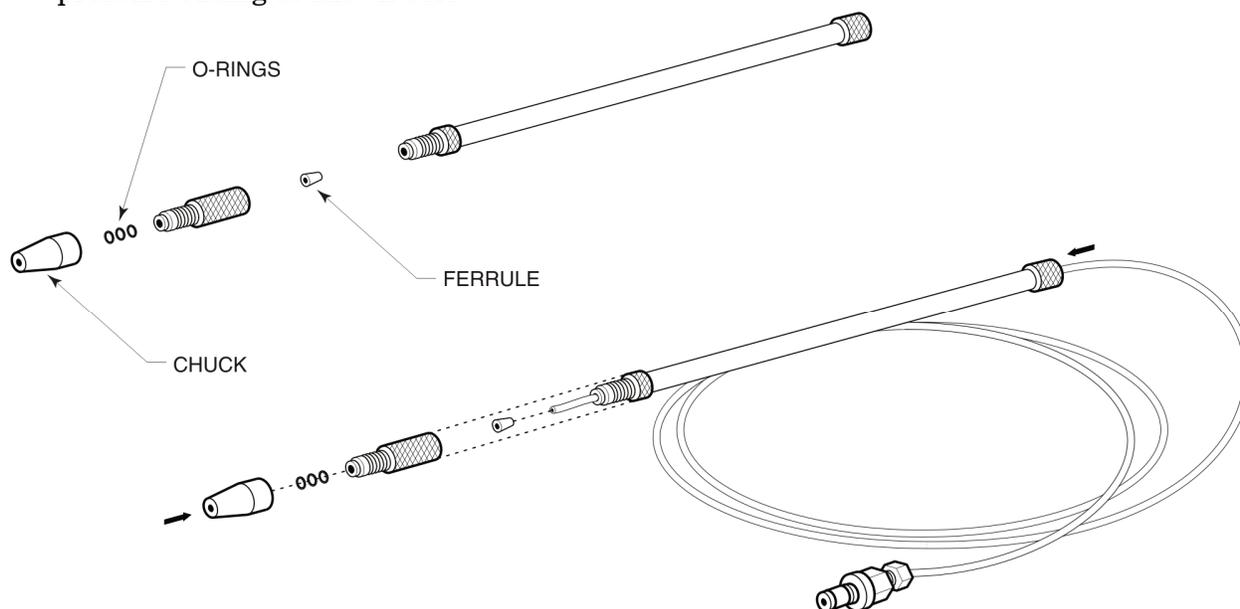


Figure 2-1. Connecting the micropipette holder to the pressure tubing.

9. Pressure fittings are preinstalled onto the tubing that is supported by Sutter Instrument. A diagram of the assembly is provided below. Spare tubing is also provided. If additional tubing with pressure fittings are required, please contact Sutter Instrument.

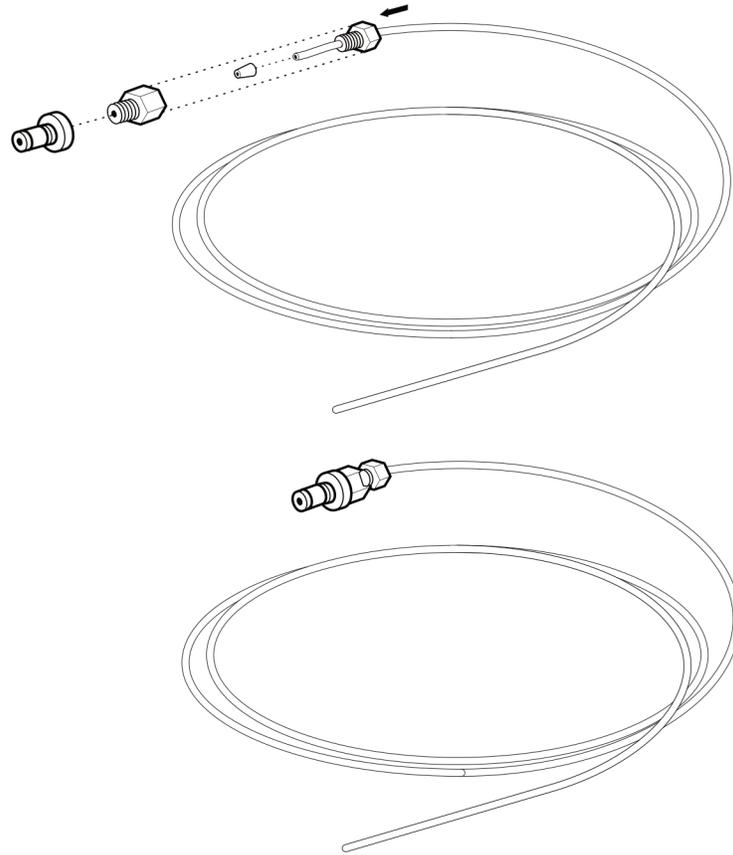


Figure 2-2. Tubing with pressure fitting assembly attached.

10. Connect each of the pressure lines to the appropriate ports of the compressor module. You will hear a “click” sound as the fittings engage in the port.
11. Connect the power cord to the power input module on the rear of the compressor and a mains power outlet.

The XenoWorks Digital Microinjector is now set up and ready for use.

## 3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 The Hold Function

If injecting adherent cells, or if no Hold Function is required, skip this section and move on to the Transfer Function. The left hand rotary control and its associated LED display correspond to the pressure control of the left-hand port on the front of the compressor module, and of any tubing, micropipette holder, and micropipette attached to that port. The pressure delivered by this port ranges from -350 hPa to 350 hPa ( $\pm 7$ hPa), and is designed to allow a typical holding micropipette to hold a mammalian oocyte, blastocyst or zygote, for example. The Hold Function is used in a manner similar to that of a traditional micrometer-type air microinjector, by “dialing” the pressure up or down to release or hold the cell in place. A setting of +20 to +40 will advance the meniscus to the top and then reducing the pressure to +10 will draw in the cell or egg.

Setting up the holding channel and micropipette:

1. First, ensure that the Hold Function is switched off (the default position of the Hold Function after first powering up the unit), then check that the tubing and fitting are properly engaged in the Hold Channel port, (the left hand port on the front of the compressor module) and that all fittings are finger-tight.
2. Fit the holding micropipette into the micropipette holder by loosening the clear plastic chuck  $\frac{1}{4}$  turn, gently inserting the micropipette, and tightening the chuck until the micropipette cannot be moved in or out of the holder.

**⚠ CAUTION:** *Do not over tighten the chuck; doing so could crush the O-rings and prevent them from making a airtight seal around the base of the micropipette. Take care not to force the micropipette into a holder. If the micropipette will not easily slide in, it is because either the chuck is locked down, or there is an obstruction such as broken glass in the holder. Care should be taken to ensure the back end of the micropipette is clean and free of cracks or breakages to avoid damage to the O-rings. Despite these precautions, the O-rings will eventually wear, and they should be inspected from time to time and replaced when necessary.*

3. Once the micropipette is inserted and clamped into the pipette holder, the holder can be locked into the clamp on the micromanipulator. Then the tip of the micropipette can be lowered into the injection chamber.

**⚠ CAUTION:** *Take care not to let the holder “snap” into the spring-loaded clamp, since this may cause damage to the micropipette tip.*

4. Turn the Hold Port ON and dial the hold pressure up to +40. This will prevent oil or media from drawing into the pipette.
5. When the micropipette is lowered into the medium, a small quantity of medium oil might be aspirated by capillary action into the tip. If this happens, reduce and increase the Hold pressure to wash the tip clear of oil and set the Hold Pressure to +30 so a small amount of medium is in the holding pipette.

6. Under certain conditions (such as a broken micropipette), it is possible to inadvertently aspirate fluid from the injection chamber, through the tubing and into the compressor module. Particular care should be taken not to allow this to occur. To safeguard against this event, a fluid sensor has been installed inside the controller. If fluid is drawn into the controller, the fluid sensor will be activated and a compensating positive pressure will turn on to expel the fluid. The positive pressure will stay on continuously even if you power off and on the injector.

To avoid aspirating fluid into the controller:

- a. Make sure that the micropipettes are removed from the injection chamber when the injection rig is left unattended by using the micromanipulator's Home function or using the micromanipulator controls to raise the pipette out of the prep.
- b. Switch off the Hold Pressure Port and put the Transfer pressure into Standby Mode when the device is to be left unattended.

If fluid has been inadvertently aspirated into the Hold port tubing, it can be purged by connecting the Hold Port to the Inject/Transfer Port and then pressing the CLEAR key to push out the fluid from the tubing. Fluid in the Hold Port tubing can also be purged by turning the HOLD dial to maximum positive pressure (+172) until the fluid is drained.

**⚠ CAUTION: Never leave the unit unattended when there is fluid in the tubing. If this happens, contact Sutter Instrument for tech support and instructions on how to resolve this matter.**

### 3.2 The Transfer Function

The Transfer Function works in a similar manner to the Hold Function, but includes the Standby mode that turns off transfer pressure until reinstated. Pressure ranges from -175 hPa to 175 hPa (Range 1), and is applied to the pressure port used to control the pressure in the transfer/inject micropipette. A typical application for which this function is used includes the transfer of embryonic stem cells into a blastocyst and to create compensation pressure when performing high-pressure injections. See the table in Appendix G for transfer channel range settings and applications.

**⚠ CAUTION: Do not shut down and restart the device with a micropipette immersed in the dish, since during the device's initialization process, a small amount of pressure is sometimes released.**

#### 3.2.1 Standby Mode

While the Injection Function is active, the transfer/compensation pressure can be turned off by pressing and holding down the Pressure/Pulse Width key for three seconds until the Transfer display shows "SDBY". To cancel Standby Mode and turn transfer/compensation pressure back on, depress the same key again for 3 seconds.

#### 3.2.2 Transfer Channel and Settings

1. As with the holding channel, all fittings should be tight and fully engaged, and the transfer micropipette inserted into the holder with care. Remember not to tighten the chuck too far to avoid crushing the O-rings.

2. Insert the micropipette holder into the clamp on the micromanipulator. Take care not to let the holder “snap” into the spring-loaded clamp, since damage may occur to the micropipette tip.
3. Adjust the micropipette holder, by sliding it up or down the clamp, so that the tip of the micropipette projects into the optical axis of the microscope. For details on aligning micropipettes, please refer to the instruction manual of the micromanipulator. If using a micropipette with a bend, rotate the holder in the clamp until the bend section is parallel to the bottom of the injection chamber region.
4. For high pressure injection applications, set the transfer pressure between +6 and +40 hPa to provide sufficient compensation pressure to “hold” the injection solution at the tip and to prevent backflow.
5. For ES Cell transfers, turn the Transfer Pressure Dial +80 and lower the micropipette into the injection medium.
6. A small amount of medium will be drawn into the micropipette by capillary action. Wait approximately 30 seconds for the pressure to equalize, and then slowly turn the Transfer Dial clockwise until the meniscus between air and medium is less than approximately 2 mm from the micropipette tip. The Transfer Dial should read between +060 to +090 at this point.
7. The micropipette can now be loaded with embryonic stem cells by placing the tip close to the material to be aspirated and slowly turning the Transfer Dial counter-clockwise to lower settings (e.g., between +30 - +70).
8. Expelling cells from the micropipette is achieved by gently turning the dial clockwise, in much the same way as with a standard micrometer microinjector.

### 3.2.3 Performance Advice

The Xenoworks Digital Microinjector uses precision-regulated air pressure to hold, inject and manipulate cells and other tissue samples. The best control is attained when the interface (meniscus) between the air in the micropipette and the medium in the dish is as close as possible to the tip of the micropipette. The optimum position of the meniscus will depend upon a number of factors including the type, size and diameter of the micropipette, the viscosity of the medium and the depth of the injecting chamber. In general, though, the closer to the micropipette tip the meniscus can be brought, the better the control over the pressure. During the course of an experiment, it may be necessary to ensure that the meniscus has not been allowed to be pulled too far up inside the micropipette. If the meniscus is too close to the micropipette tip, control can become too sensitive, and will not be smooth. This is particularly so with embryonic stem cell transfer micropipettes. If this is the case, simply draw a little more medium into the micropipette by turning the Transfer Dial counter-clockwise.

**⚠ CAUTION:** *Care should be taken not to apply too much positive pressure to the micropipette; as with any other microinjection device, it is possible to purge all the medium from the micropipette and stream bubbles into the injection chamber, which may damage tissues and obscure the microscope optics.*

**NOTE:** The pressure reading on the LED display is a guide only; it is possible to maintain embryonic stem cells stationary in the transfer micropipette tip, yet still show a positive pressure in the display. The display is showing only the pressure supplied to the

micropipette, even though the pressure effects observed at the micropipette tip are a combination of pressure supplied by the injector and capillary forces.

**⚠ CAUTION:** *Under certain conditions (such as a broken micropipette), it can become possible to aspirate fluid from the injection chamber, through the tubing and into the compressor. Particular care should be taken not to allow this to happen, since the compressor module could be damaged. Safeguard against such damage by:*

1. *Making sure that the micropipettes are removed from the injection chamber when it is left unattended (by using the micromanipulator's Home Function, for example).*
2. *Switch off the Hold Pressure Port and turn the Transfer pressure to zero when the device is to be left unattended.*

*Fluid that has been inadvertently aspirated into the Inject/Transfer tubing can be purged by pressing the Clear Key (ensure there is no micropipette in the holder before doing this). Never leave the unit unattended when there is fluid in the tubing.*

A fluid sensor is installed on each pressure line to protect the manifold and valves in the compressor module. In the case that fluid from the injector chamber is drawn into the compressor, the solution in the line will activate the fluid sensor and cause a continuous positive pressure of 5 psi to blow the fluid out of the compressor and tubing. This helps protect the manifold and pressure valves from further damage. Only when the sensor is dry will this positive pressure turn off. For instructions on how to replace or dry the fluid sensor, contact Sutter Instrument for technical support.

### 3.3 The Inject Function

#### 3.3.1 Setting up the High Pressure Injection Channel and Micropipette

If the digital microinjector is being used for the high pressure injection of solutions (such as DNA, RNA, proteins etc.) into cells through small microinjection micropipettes (tip sizes less than 1 micron), the Transfer Function should be used as an adjustable positive pressure ("base" pressure) applied to the tip of the injection micropipette. This ensures that there is a gentle, constant flow of solution from the micropipette, preventing dilution of the injection solution by the medium in the chamber. The compensation pressure also minimizes blockage of the micropipette tip by foreign objects in the surrounding medium. The wider the tip of the injection micropipette, the less compensation pressure is required. As a rule, start at 5 hPa and increase slowly until a gentle stream of material can be seen coming from the tip. Under certain microscope optics, this stream is easily visible as a "Schlieren" pattern resulting from the different densities of injected solution and surrounding medium. Once the stream can be seen issuing from the micropipette tip, reduce the base pressure until the stream almost disappears. Two modes of high-pressure injection are available to suit different users' preferences: Continuous and Pulse.

#### 3.3.2 Continuous Mode

High pressure of a predetermined value is applied for as long as the Inject Key or the footswitch is held down.

Table 3-1. Continuous mode actions and controls.

Action	Control Used
Adjust compensation pressure	Transfer dial
Select continuous injection mode	Pulse/Continuous Injection key to "Cont."
Select high-pressure adjustment	Pressure/Pulse Width and Standby key to "Pressure"
Adjust high-pressure value	Pressure/Pulse Width dial
Inject	inject key or footswitch
Standby mode for Compensation Pressure Port	Pressure/Pulse Width and Standby key for 3 seconds until "SDBY" displayed. Press for 3 seconds again to turn off SDBY.

### 3.3.3 Pulse Mode

Pulse Mode provides high-pressure injection by discrete pulses of a given pressure (in hPa) for a predetermined amount of time. Pressure is applied for a predetermined duration no matter how long the Inject Key or footswitch is pressed. This mode is useful for the injection of DNA into the pronucleus of a mammalian zygote for example, where successful injection requires a high pressure and a slight inflating (approximate doubling in size) of the pronucleus can be seen. This mode is useful when injecting a field of cultured adherent cells, where long durations and/or high pressures will rupture and kill the cells. The pressure can be set low, and the duration short to deliver tiny, discrete and reproducible volumes to each cell.

Table 3-2. Pulse mode actions and controls.

Action	Control Used
Adjust compensation pressure	Transfer dial
Select pulse injection mode	Pulse/Cont. key to "Pulse"
Select high-pressure adjustment	Pressure/Pulse Width key to "Pressure"
Adjust high-pressure value	Pressure/Pulse Width dial
Select injection duration adjustment	Pressure/Pulse Width key to "Pulse Width"
Adjust injection duration	Pressure/Pulse Width dial
Inject	Inject key or footswitch
Standby mode for Compensation Pressure Port	Pressure/Pulse Width and Standby key for 3 seconds until "SDBY" displayed. Press for 3 seconds again to turn off SDBY.

Once the base pressure, injection pressure and, if used, injection duration have been set, the system is ready to begin injection. Consult the application note "Introduction to Microinjection" for more information on microinjection techniques.

### 3.4 External-Control Operations Using the USB Interface

As of the publication of this revision of this manual, the XenoWorks Digital Microinjector (BRE) is equipped with a functional USB port located on the rear panel of the controller. This port allows the BRE to be connected as a “USB device” to a host computer, providing a communications interface over which the user can issue commands for operations and control. For information on how to use the USB port for external control of the BRE, please contact Sutter Instrument Technical Support +1-415-883-0128 or [tech@sutter.com](mailto:tech@sutter.com)).

### 3.5 Application Notes

The following table lists several applications for which the BRE is often used, each showing the appropriate pressure and duration settings.

Table 3-3. XenoWorks Digital Microinjector (BRE) pressure settings.

Application	Taper Length	Tip Size	Glass Size	Special Note	Pipette Cookbook "Type"	Compensation Pressure (hPa)	Injection Duration (sec.)	Injection Pressure	
								(hPa)	(psi)
<b>Adherent Cell Microinjection (5 - 10 <math>\mu\text{m}</math> Neurons)</b>	7 - 8 mm	0.1 - 0.3 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Slightly larger tips necessary for injecting beads or quantum dots.	Type C	20 - 40	0.20	500 - 1000	6 - 15
<b>Adherent Cell Microinjection (20 - 40 <math>\mu\text{m}</math> Cells)</b>	4 - 6 mm	0.3 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10 or BF100-58-10	Tip may be "tapped off" (broken back) once tip cannot be cleared.	Type B	20 - 40	0.20	300 - 800	3 - 7.5
<b>Pronuclear &amp; Cytoplasmic Injection</b>	7 - 9 mm	0.3 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Tip may be "tapped off" (broken back) once tip cannot be cleared.	Type C	20 - 40	0.20	400 - 1200	4.5 - 15
<b>C. Elegans</b>	6 - 8 mm	0.5 - 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10 or BF100-58-10	Tip beveled or broken back to create a 1-3 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type B	5 - 10	0.20	50 - 200	0.75 - 3
<b>Drosophila</b>	6 - 8 mm	0.5 - 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Tip beveled or broken back to create a 1-3 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type B	5 - 10	0.20	50 - 200	0.75 - 3
<b>Zebrafish</b>	6 - 8 mm	0.5 - 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Tip beveled or broken back to create a 1-3 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type B	5 - 10	0.04	4600 - 5000	70 - 72
<b>Xenopus</b>	10 - 15 mm	0.5 - 0.9 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Tip beveled or broken back to create a 3-7 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type D & E	5 - 10	0.2 - 0.5	50 - 200	0.3 - 1.5
<b>Sea Urchin Eggs</b>	7 - 9 mm	0.3 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	BF100-78-10	Tip beveled or broken back to create a 0.5-2 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type C	10 - 20	0.2 - 0.5	50 - 200	0.3 - 1.5
<b>Small Fish Egg (100 - 500 <math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</b>	8 - 10 mm	0.3 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	AF100-64-10 (Alumino-silicate)	Tip is sometimes broken back to create a 0.5-2 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type C	10 - 20	0.40	500 - 1000 or 200 - 500 (Note 1)	7.5 - 15 or 3 - 7.5 (Note 1)
<b>Large Fish Egg (500 - 1500 <math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</b>	8 - 10 mm	0.3 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}$	AF100-64-10 (Alumino-silicate)	Tip is sometimes broken back to create a 0.5-2 $\mu\text{m}$ opening	Type C	10 - 20	0.40	500 - 1000 or 200 - 500 (Note 1)	7.5 - 15 or 3 - 7.5 (Note 1)

NOTE: Use the indicated pressure only in cases where the pipette's tip is broken back.

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## 4. MAINTENANCE

### 4.1 Regeneration of the Drierite Desiccant

The XenoWorks™ Digital Microinjector needs no routine maintenance except for periodic replacement or “regeneration” of the Drierite desiccant. The indicating Drierite, found in the canister on the rear of the microinjector, is a desiccant made of calcium sulfate (97%) and cobalt chloride (3%). Drierite is non-toxic and can be handled with few precautions. This material is used to remove water vapor from the air intake of the system. As it absorbs more moisture, it becomes pink in color and must eventually be “regenerated” (dried) or replaced with new indicating desiccant. New canisters are available from Sutter Instrument (order part number X870700), or the existing granules can be regenerated by following these instructions.

1. Turn off the device and unplug the power cord. To remove the canister from the device, pull off the output (left) air tube from the white plastic connector on the canister.
2. Release the two black plastic brackets that secure the canister to the rear panel by loosening the screws and removing the lower pair of screws to liberate the canister. Remove the canister and unscrew the plastic end cap, being careful not to lose the black rubber-sealing ring that forms the airtight seal within the cap.
3. With the cap off, remove the spring, the perforated aluminum plate and the filter. Keep the far aluminum plate in place. Pour the Drierite out onto a glass or metal tray, spreading it evenly, one granule deep, and heat it for one hour at 200°C.
4. Before refilling the canister, cool the Drierite granules in an airtight container. With the far keeper and filter in place, pour in the new or regenerated Drierite.
5. Next, insert the filter followed by the keeper and the spring.
6. Check that the rubber seal is in the proper position and, if possible, apply a thin layer of vacuum grease on to the rubber seal to ensure a tight fit. There is no need to over-tighten the cap, but a good seal is needed to prevent air leaks.
7. Reinstall the canister on the injector, with the air tube connections to the top.
8. Reattach the canister onto the cabinet by replacing and tightening the bracket screws.
9. At this point, re-connect the air-output tube (the one which enters into the rear panel of the injector).

 **CAUTION:** *Failure to maintain the Drierite may result in impaired instrument performance and can damage the instrument.*

### 4.2 Fitting New O-rings

Routine use will create wear on the three black O-rings located in the tip of the micropipette holder chuck. Occasionally, the O-rings will need to be replaced. To do this, gently remove the old O-rings with an appropriate tool (a bent paper clip, for example). Discard the old O-rings and insert three new ones, taking care to ensure that they are flat against the back of the chuck. The new O-rings can be pushed down inside the chuck by gently screwing the chuck onto the knurled black aluminum pressure fitting. Take care not to damage the chuck during this procedure.

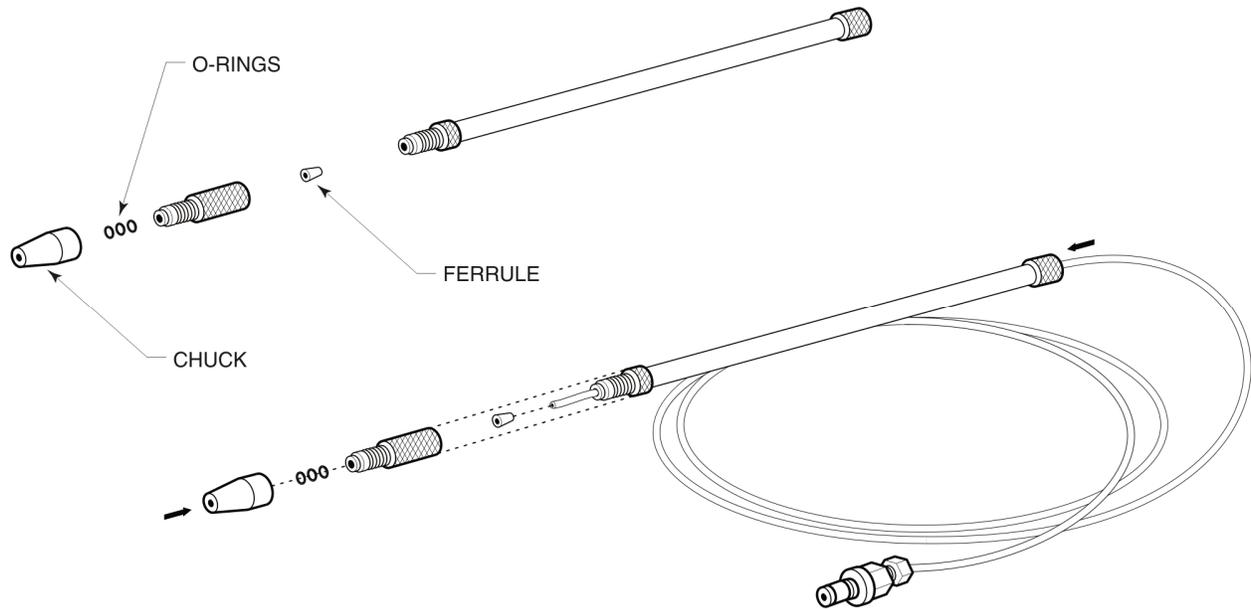


Figure 4-1. Connecting the micropipette holder to the pressure tubing.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

### 5.1 Instrument Power

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>The instrument does not activate when the power is switched on.</b>	1. The power cord is not connected to an appropriate supply.	Connect the power cord to the mains supply. Be sure that the power rating is matched to the requirements of the instrument.
	2. The protection fuse has blown.	Replace the fuse and check that the power supply is appropriate to the requirements of the device.
	3. The user interface module is not properly connected.	Connect the user interface module to the compressor module using the cable provided.

### 5.2 Hold Function

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>The holding pressure is insufficient to hold a cell, or the “hold” control seems unresponsive.</b>	1. The holding pressure is not activated.	Activate the holding pressure with the Hold on/off switch (green LED will light).
	2. The tubing is not connected to the holding pressure port.	Connect the tubing to the left hand (holding) port. There will be a positive click when the fitting is engaged.
	3. There is a leak in the tubing, or the pressure fittings are loose.	Check the tubing for kinks, holes and other damage and replace if necessary (order part # BR-DT). Tighten all fittings. Replace ferrules.
	4. The air/medium interface is too far inside the micropipette tip.	Slowly rotate the Hold control clockwise, until the air/medium meniscus is as close to the tip as possible. Note that it is possible to create an effective holding pressure and still show a positive value in the Hold LED display.
	5. The plastic tip of the pipette holder is not tightened down.	Carefully tighten the pipette holder’s plastic tip.
	6. The black parts on the rod holder behind the plastic tip are loose.	Carefully tighten the rod holder’s black parts located behind the plastic tip.

### 5.3 Transfer Function

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Solution</b>
<b>The Transfer pressure control seems unresponsive.</b>	1. The tubing is not connected to the transfer pressure port.	Connect the tubing to the right hand (inject/transfer) port. There will be a positive click when the fitting is engaged.
	2. There is a leak in the tubing, or the fittings are loose.	Check the tubing for kinks, holes and other damage and replace if necessary (order part # BR-DT). Tighten all fittings. Replace ferrules.
	3. The air/medium interface is too far inside the micropipette tip.	Slowly rotate the Transfer control clockwise, until the air/medium meniscus is as close to the tip as possible.
	4. The plastic tip of the pipette holder is not tightened down.	Carefully tighten the pipette holder's plastic tip.
	5. The black parts on the rod holder behind the plastic tip are loose.	Carefully tighten the rod holder's black parts located behind the plastic tip.

**Note that the Transfer LED display is a guide only and that it is possible to have a fully equalized micropipette (no net in- or out-flow of material), and still show a positive or a negative (i.e., non-zero) value in the display. If, after performing the above checks, the device is still unresponsive, please contact your Sutter Instrument distributor for assistance.**

<b>The Transfer display shows a positive or negative pressure, yet the cells are stationary inside micropipette.</b>	1. Factors such as viscosity of medium and capillary/surface tension forces create a negative pressure in the micropipette. It may take slight POSITIVE pressure from the microinjector to balance this action and even with a net negative pressure at the tip, the pressure applied to the tool may be slightly positive. If the Transfer pressure can be dialed up or down with no effect on the aspirated cells, there may be a problem with the pressure hose connection (see “The Transfer pressure control seems unresponsive”, above).	This is normal. Use the display pressure value as a guide only.
	2. Tubing connector not plugged in all the way into the port on the front panel of the digital injector.	Make sure that the tubing connector is plugged in all the way into the port.
	3. Plastic tip of the pipette holder is not tightened down.	Carefully tighten the pipette holder's plastic tip.

## 5.4 Inject Function

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>There is no material flowing from the tip of the micropipette, even when positive pressure is applied (80 psi; 5566 hPa on display).</b>	1. The microscope optics are unable to resolve the stream	Switch to suitable optics, if available. Brightfield illumination will be unlikely to resolve the stream, unless the injected solution is colored. Phase contrast will be more effective and Nomarski and Hofmann better still. A constant stream can also be detected by moving the micropipette tip close to a freely floating cell and trying to “blow it away”.
	2. The micropipette is blocked.	Press the Clear Key a number of times, holding the key down longer each time until the blockage is cleared. If this does not clear the blockage, the pipette should be replaced.

 **CAUTION:** *Some residual pressure may remain in the tubing. Take great care to point the micropipette in a safe direction when removing it from the holder.*

## 5.5 General

Problem	Cause	Solution
<b>Compressor motor runs continuously for more than five minutes when the instrument is on, but not in use. There is a continuous clicking noise from the inside of the compressor cabinet.</b>	1. There is a leak in one of the pressure lines.	Check each pressure line for kinks or holes. Replace lines if necessary - order part # BR-DT.
	2. The pressure fitting has not been fully engaged in the pressure port on the front of the compressor module.	Push the pressure fitting into its port until a click is felt. If no tubing is fitted to a port, check that the port is closed by pressing the release tab on top of the port.
	3. There is a loose pressure fitting.	All pressure fittings should be finger tight - no tools are necessary to tighten pressure fittings.
	4. There is no micropipette in the holder.	Insert a micropipette into the holder. If no micropipettes are being used, switch the Hold pressure off and turn the Transfer pressure down to zero.

If, after performing the above checks, the compressor motor continues to run for longer than five minutes, shut the instrument down and contact your Sutter distributor.

<b>The compressor is loud when activated.</b>	The shipping plate and screws on the right side panel have not been removed.	Turn off the compressor. Place the cabinet on its left side (front side up) and remove the hex-head screws and shipping plate.
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Problem	Cause	Solution
<p><b>NOTE: To replace the shipping plate before storage or shipping, place the cabinet on its side again so that the receiving holes inside on the compressor line up with the external holes.</b></p>		
<p><b>“ERR” appears on all B displays of the remote user interface.</b></p>	<p>1. There is an electronic short on the circuit board.</p> <hr/> <p>2. There is a constant/continuous positive pressure and the compressor is always on.</p> <p>It is possible that the solution is drawn back all the way into the tubing and into the compressor.</p> <p>If this has happened, the fluid sensor has been activated inside the injector to create continuous positive pressure to protect the compressor from water damage.</p>	<p>Contact Sutter Instrument.</p> <hr/> <p>Contact Sutter Instrument.</p>

## APPENDIX A. LIMITED WARRANTY

- Sutter Instrument Company, a division of Sutter Instrument Corporation, limits the warranty on this instrument to repair and replacement of defective components for two years from date of shipment, provided the instrument has been operated in accordance with the instructions outlined in this manual.
- Abuse, misuse, or unauthorized repairs will void this warranty.
- Warranty work will be performed only at the factory.
- The cost of shipment both ways is paid for by Sutter Instrument during the first three months this warranty is in effect, after which the cost is the responsibility of the customer.
- The limited warranty is as stated above and no implied or inferred liability for direct or consequential damages is intended.
- Consumables, PMTs, galvanometers, and Uniblitz<sup>®1</sup> shutters are exempt from this warranty.
- An extended warranty for up to three additional years can be purchased at the time of ordering, or until the original warranty expires. For pricing and other information, please contact Sutter Instrument.

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<sup>1</sup> Uniblitz<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Vincent Associates.

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## APPENDIX B. ACCESSORIES

<b>BR-DT</b>	Digital Tubing Kit includes 2 x 2 m ETFE tubing, pressure fitting, and 6 ferrules.
<b>BR-MH</b>	XenoWorks Micropipette Holder and 1.0mm Tip, includes micropipette holder body and 9 O-rings.
<b>BR-MH 1.0</b>	Micropipette replacement tip (1.0mm OD glass).
<b>BR-MH 1.2</b>	Micropipette replacement tip (1.2mm OD glass).
<b>BR-MH 1.5</b>	Micropipette replacement tip (1.5mm OD glass).
<b>X870700</b>	Drierite (canister) Ferrules (6) O-Rings (9)

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## APPENDIX C. FUSE REPLACEMENT

In the event that the instrument fails to power up when it is switched on, the line power fuses should be checked to determine whether they have blown. The fuses are located in the fuse holder in the power entry module on the rear of the control module.

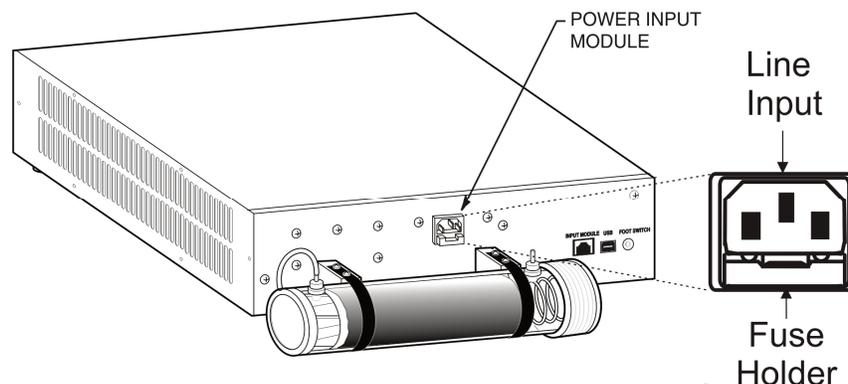


Figure C-1. XenoWorks BRE power entry module and fuse location.

To replace a fuse, first unplug the power cord from the power entry module, revealing the fuse holder below. Remove the fuse holder. Note that both fuses in the fuse holder are used simultaneously. Either one or both may have blown. Discard the blown fuse(s). Insert appropriately rated replacement fuses (see below). Replace the fuse holder in the power entry module and reconnect the power cord.

Table C-1. Mains fuse type and ratings.

Mains Power Source	Fuse (Type: Time Delay/Time Lag, 5mm x 20mm, glass tube)	
	Fuse Rating	Manufacturer Examples
110-240 VAC	T4A, 250V	Bussmann: GMD-4-R Littelfuse: 219 004.P

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## APPENDIX D. SPECIFICATIONS



<b>Pressure Channels:</b>	2, independently controllable
<b>Maximum Pressure:</b>	5600 hPa (+/- 50 hPa)
<b>High Pressure (range):</b>	0 to 5600 hPa (+/- 50 hPa) in 7 hPa increments
<b>Injection Time (duration)</b>	0.01 to 10 seconds, in 0.01 sec increments in Pulse Mode
<b>Inject Activation</b>	Transient; hand or foot switch
<b>Transfer Pressure</b>	-175 to +175 hPa (+/- 7 hPa) in 7 hPa increments (adjustable with range setting dial)
<b>Standby Hold Pressure</b>	-350 to +350 hPa (+/- 7 hPa) in 7 hPa increments
<b>Clear Function</b>	97+ psi maximum pressure
<b>Display</b>	3 x 7-segment LED
<b>Controls</b>	Tactile keys, rotary optical encoders
<b>Tubing</b>	2.5 m (8 ft) ETFE
<b>Micropipette Rod Holder</b>	4 mm OD (fits most)
<b>Micropipette Compatibility</b>	1 mm capillary glass (1.2 and 1.5 mm sizes available upon request)
<b>Piezo-Impact Drive Compatibility</b>	Prime Tech PMM-4G and others
<b>Storage Environment:</b>	
<b>Temperature:</b>	0 – 70°C (32 – 158°F)
<b>Humidity:</b>	0 – 95% (non-condensing)
<b>Operating Environment:</b>	
<b>Temperature:</b>	3.5 – 35°C (38.3 – 95°F)
<b>Humidity:</b>	0 – 80% (non-condensing) (80% @ 31°C (87.8°F), decreasing linearly to 67% @ 35°C (95°F))
<b>Cleaning</b>	70% alcohol (or e.g. UV)

**Dimensions (H x W x D)**

<b>Compressor module:</b>	407 x 440 x 150 mm (16 x 17 x 6 inches)
<b>User interface module:</b>	164 x 123 x 70 mm (6.5 x 4.8 x 2.8 inches)

**Weight**

<b>Controller/compressor:</b>	1504 g (3.36 lb (3 lb, 5 oz))
<b>Remote user interface:</b>	42 g (0.093 lb (1.48 oz))

**Electrical:**

<b>Mains voltage</b>	100–240 VAC ( $\pm 10\%$ ), 50-60 Hz
<b>Power consumption</b>	440W
<b>Power cord</b>	10A, 250V, with safety ground plug
<b>Mains fuse (rear of cabinet)</b>	Time delay (or time lag) 5 x 20 mm glass tube. For manufacturer examples, refer to <b>Table C-1</b> <b>Mains fuse type and ratings.</b>

## APPENDIX E. DRIERITE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

**IDENTITY:** INDICATING DRIERITE  
**DESCRIPTION:** 1/16" TO 1/4" BLUE GRANULES

**DATE PREPARED** 1-3-96

### SECTION I

**MANUFACTURER'S NAME:** W.A. HAMMOND DRIERITE CO. LTD.  
**ADDRESS:** P.O. BOX 460,  
 138 DAYTON AVE.,  
 XENIA, OH 45385  
**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** (513) 376-2927  
**INFORMATION PHONE NUMBER:** (513) 376-2927

### SECTION II

#### INGREDIENTS

CHEMICAL IDENTITY	%	OSHA PEL	ACGIH TLV	UNITS	C.A.S. #
CALCIUM SULFATE	97	15	10	mg/M <sup>3</sup>	7778-18-9
COBALT CHLORIDE *(AS COBALT METAL)	3	0.05*	0.05*	mg/M <sup>3</sup>	7646-79-9

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (HMIS)

HEALTH	FLAMMABILITY	REACTIVITY	PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
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### SECTION III

#### PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**SPECIFIC GRAVITY:(H<sub>2</sub>O=1):** 1.87  
**SOLUBILITY IN WATER:** 0.25 GRAMS PER LITER  
**MELTING POINT:** 1450° C DECOMPOSES  
**APPEARANCE:** BLUE GRANULES; NO ODOR

### SECTION IV

#### FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD DATA

**FLASH POINT:** NONE  
**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** NOT COMBUSTIBLE  
**SPECIAL FIREFIGHTING PROCEDURES:** NONE  
**UNUSUAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS:** NONE

### SECTION V

#### REACTIVITY DATA

**STABILITY:** STABLE  
**INCOMPATIBILITY (MATERIALS TO AVOID):** STRONG ACIDS  
**HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION BYPRODUCTS:** Cl<sub>2</sub> @ 318°C; SO<sub>3</sub> @ 1450°C  
**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** WILL NOT OCCUR

### SECTION VI

#### HEALTH HAZARD DATA

**EYES:** PARTICLES MAY CAUSE IRRITATION.  
**SKIN:** THIS MATERIAL IS NOT TOXIC. MAY DRY OR IRRITATE SKIN  
**INHALATION:** MAY CAUSE AN IRRITATION OF RESPIRATORY ORGANS OF SENSITIVE PERSONS RESULTING IN THE OBSTRUCTION OF AIRWAYS WITH SHORTNESS OF BREATH.  
**INGESTION:** MAY CAUSE VOMITING, DIARRHEA AND SENSATION OF WARMTH  
**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OVER EXPOSURE:** EYE, NOSE, THROAT, OR RESPIRATORY IRRITATION

**CARCINOGENICITY OF INGREDIENTS:**

<b>MATERIAL</b>	<b>IARC</b>	<b>NTP</b>	<b>OSHA</b>
CALCIUM SULFATE	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED
COBALT CHLORIDE	YES*	NO	NO

\*(COBALT & COBALT COMPOUNDS ARE CLASSIFIED AS GROUP 2B)

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS GENERALLY AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:**

PRE-EXISTING UPPER RESPIRATORY AND LUNG DISEASE SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BRONCHITIS, EMPHYSEMA & ASTHMA

**EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES:**

EYES: FLUSH WITH WATER  
 DUST INHALATION: REMOVE TO FRESH AIR  
 SKIN: WASH WITH WATER  
 INGESTION: NONE KNOWN

## SECTION VII SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES

**STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CASE MATERIAL IS RELEASED OR SPILLED:**

SWEEP OR VACUUM MATERIAL INTO APPROPRIATE WASTE CONTAINER FOR DISPOSAL. AVOID DUSTING CONDITIONS.

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** THIS MATERIAL CAN BE DISPOSED OF AS AN INERT

SOLID WASTE IN AN APPROVED LAND FILL OR BY OTHER PROCEDURES ACCEPTABLE UNDER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS.

**PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN HANDLING AND STORING:**

KEEP CONTAINER CLOSED  
 STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE  
 AVOID GENERATING DUST

## SECTION VIII CONTROL MEASURES

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION:** NIOSH/OSHA APPROVED FOR DUST

**VENTILATION:** TO MEET TLV REQUIREMENTS

**EYES:** SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES

**OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:** GLOVES OR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING ARE NOT USUALLY NECESSARY BUT MAY BE DESIRABLE IN SPECIFIC WORK SITUATIONS.

## SECTION IX REFERENCES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - OSHA FORM APPROVED OMB NO.1218 -0072.

OSHA HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD 29 CFR 1910.1200

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## APPENDIX F. TRANSPORTING THE MICROINJECTOR

When transporting, use the original packaging and the supplied shipping screws and shipping plate. If the packaging and shipping screws have been misplaced, contact your local Sutter distributor.

Install the four shipping screws and the shipping plate to the right side of the compressor module using the following procedure:

1. Align shipping plate holes with holes in the right side of the instrument.
2. Mount the shipping plate using the four 10-32 socket-head shipping screws provided by placing screws first through plate, then through instrument side panel and finally engaging screws into interval motor bracket.
3. Slowly advance the shipping screws in evenly to secure the compressor before storage or shipping.
4. Tighten the (4) shipping screws using a 5/32" Allen wrench.
5. The controller/compressor is now ready for transport, and can be placed into the original foam packaging for shipping.

** CAUTION: Do not transport the compressor module without using the provided shipping screws and plate or instrument damage may result. If screws and plate are misplaced and unavailable, please contact Sutter Instrument to obtain the proper hardware.**

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## APPENDIX G. PRESSURE CONVERSION

XenoWorks Digital Microinjector displays pressure in hecta-Pascals (hPa). The following conversion factors should be used for other pressure units:

1 hPa = 100 Pascals (Pa)	1 Pascal = 0.01 hPa
1 hPa = 1 millibars	1 millibar = 1 hPa
1 hPa = .001 bars	1 bar = 1000 hPa
1 hPa = 0.0145 psi	1 psi = 68.9655 hPa

Table G-2. Pressure/Vacuum range settings.

Range Setting	Scale	Pressure				Applications
		Range		1 Unit/Transfer Dial (approx.)		
		psi	hPa	hPa	psi	
L	Very Low	+1.25 to -1.25	+86 to -86	0.5	0.0075	Used in cases where pipettes are broken to attain tip sizes over 5 microns and requiring smaller increments of compensation pressure.
1	Low	+2.5 to -2.5	+172 to -172	1	0.015	Standard setting for ICSI, NT, ES Cell, Pronuclear Injection, and Adherent Cell microinjection.
2	Medium	+5 to -5	+345 to -345	2	0.03	Used when higher compensation pressures are needed for smaller volumes back-loaded into injection needle. Also used for single cell collections.
3	Medium-High	+10 to -7	+689 to -483	4	0.06	
4	High	+15 to -7	+1034 to -483	8	0.12	Used for front-loading pipette with very small volumes (femtoliters) and to create higher compensation pressures for these small volumes.

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