

## **Cryo Preservation Equipment**

**Storage and Transport Systems for Biological Materials** 



## **MVE Biological Systems**

Chart-MVE is the world's leading manufacturer of vacuum insulated products and cryogenic systems. More than thirty years ago, we set the standard for storage of biological materials at low temperatures. Today, we continue to exceed these standards. Industries, from around the world, look to Chart-MVE for excellence and innovation. Our solutions empower industries to better utilize cryogenic technology. In this manner, Chart-MVE continues to make a vital contribution to the successes of today's biomedical industry.

Chart-MVE has the solution for all of your cryogenic storage needs. We offer the broadest range of storage capacities for your biological products with the most advanced vacuum technology.

Chart-MVE is the market leader in the manufacturing of Bulk Storage, Liquid Cylinder and Vacuum Insulated Pipe products. Chart-MVE applied this knowledge to the development and creation of "Turn Key" liquid nitrogen supply systems that can provide your freezer with the most economical use of liquid nitrogen and the best return on your storage investment.

Every Chart-MVE freezer is designed for optimum vacuum performance for the duration of its use. Chart-MVE freezers are engineered to hold and maintain specific temperatures whether samples are in liquid or vapor. Chart-MVE has the widest range of

storage capacities and storage options (from -125° to -196°C) for your biological product needs.

By choosing Chart-MVE, you are installing a secure and viable environment, free of the noise and heat created by mechanical

refrigeration systems. Chart-MVE products meet worldwide standards of excellence such as CE, MDD, UL, IATA, and ISO 9001. Chart-MVE vessels are factory tested to ensure reliability in the field and are backed by the strongest and longest warranty in the industry.

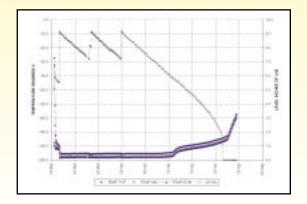
#### Service to Match Your Expectations.

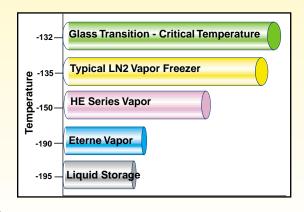
 Worldwide network of distributors who are second to none. Each distributor is factory trained in sales and service designed to provide to you the expertise and assistance you need and deserve.

#### Warranties that Surpass Industry Standards.

- Standard two (2) year warranty on all equipment (parts and labor).
- Three (3) year vacuum warranty on CryoSystem Series and Vapor Shippers.
- Five (5) year vacuum warranty on Stainless Steel Freezers and XC/SC Aluminum Units.

|                                     | MVE 810     | MVE 810       | MVE1520      | MVE 1520      | MVE1830      | MVE 1830    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                     | Eterne/HE   | Plus Series   | Eterne/HE    | Plus Series   | Eterne/HE    | Plus Series |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                     |             |               |              |               |              |             |
| LN2 Capacity (Liters)               | 370         | 377           | 756          | 797           | 1672         | 1829        |
| LN2 Capacity Under Platform (L)     | 52          | 52            | 133          | 133           | 296          | 296         |
| Neck Opening (In/mm)                | 12.5 / 317  | 12.5 / 317.5  | 17.5 / 444.5 | 17.5 / 444.5  | 25 / 635     | 25 / 1735   |
| Useable Internal Height (In/ mm)    | 27.5 / 698  | 31.75 / 806.5 | 28.6 / 726.4 | 30.8 / 781.8  | 28.6 / 726.4 | 34.5 / 876  |
| Inner Diameter (In/mm)              | 28.7 / 729  | 28.78 / 731   | 38.5 / 997.9 | 38.5 / 977.9  | 56 / 1422.4  | 56 / 1422   |
| Overall Height (In/mm)              | 47.3 / 1202 | 53.3 / 1353.3 | 53.2 / 1351  | 62.8 / 1595.7 | 63.3 / 1608  | 68.3 / 1735 |
| Outer Diameter (In/mm)              | 32 / 812.8  | 32 / 812.8    | 42 / 1066.8  | 42 / 1066.8   | 60 / 1524    | 60 / 1524   |
| Weight Empty (Lbs/Kg)               | 475 / 216   | 378 / 171     | 750 / 341    | 1388 / 629    | 1500 / 681   | 1545 / 701  |
| UNIT CAPACITIES - VIALS             |             |               |              |               |              |             |
| 1.2 & 2 ml Vials (Internally Thread | ded)        |               |              |               |              |             |
| Number of Racks (100 cell boxes     | ) 12        | 12            | 24           | 24            | 54           | 54          |
| Number of Racks (25 cell boxes)     | 4           | 4             | 12           | 8             | 30           | 30          |
| Number of Stages per Rack           | 12          | 14            | 13           | 14            | 13           | 15          |
| Total Vial Capacity                 | 15,600      | 18,200        | 33,800       | 36,400        | 79,950       | 92,250      |





## **MVE Eterne/HE & HE Plus Series**

-190°C Vapor Storage / High Efficiency Storage In Liquid Vapor





There is a critical temperature for most biological samples that are cryopreserved. Known as the Glass Transition Temperature (Tg), this is widely accepted as being in the order of -130 to -135°C. The long term viability of frozen samples can be seriously compromised if stored above this temperature. Further, if they experience several transitions through the temperature, in either thermal direction additional deterioration may occur. It is important that the  $LN_2$  freezer maintain a lower temperature, even during filling and sample retrieval cycles. This is much more likely to be achieved if the freezer maintains -190°C than if the system is at or near the critical temperature at normal equilibrium. Chart-MVE's approach to this problem was to improve the fundamental design of freezers used in vapor phase and to design and build a nitrogen vapor freezer which addresses the previous issues associated with storage in vapor.

|                    |            |           | Blood | Bag Capacities       |            |           |       |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Unit Capacities    | Bags/Frame | No Frames | Total | Unit Capacities      | Bags/Frame | No Frames | Total |
| MVE 810 Eterne/HE  |            |           | Bags  | MVE 810 Plus Series  |            |           | Bags  |
| 4R9951             | 6          | 111       | 666   | 4R9951               | 7          | 111       | 777   |
| 4R9953             | 4          | 95        | 380   | 4R9953               | 4          | 95        | 380   |
| 4R9955             | 4          | 68        | 272   | 4R9955               | 4          | 68        | 272   |
| MedSep 810         | 6          | 138       | 828   | MedSep 810           | 8          | 140       | 1120  |
| MVE1520 Eterne/HE  |            |           |       | MVE1520 Plus Series  |            |           |       |
| 4R9951             | 6          | 224       | 1,344 | 4R9951               | 7          | 248       | 1,736 |
| 4R9953             | 4          | 190       | 760   | 4R9953               | 4          | 190       | 760   |
| 4R9955             | 4          | 180       | 720   | 4R9955               | 4          | 180       | 720   |
| MedSep 1520        | 6          | 428       | 2568  | MedSep 1520          | 8          | 428       | 3,424 |
| MVE 1830 Eterne/HE |            |           |       | MVE 1830 Plus Series |            |           |       |
| 4R9951             | 6          | 480       | 2,880 | 4R9951               | 8          | 828       | 6,624 |
| 4R9953             | 4          | 390       | 1,560 | 4R9953               | 5          | 390       | 1,950 |
| 4R9955             | 4          | 276       | 1,104 | 4R9955               | 5          | 276       | 1,380 |
| MedSep 1830        | 7          | 828       | 5796  | MedSep 1830          | 8          | 828       | 6,624 |

TWO Year Standard Warranty FIVE Year Vacuum Warranty

## MVE 600 / 1400 Series



The MVE 600 and 1400 Cryo-Preservation Systems are designed to provide reliable storage of biological products in liquid or vapor. New design with improved ergonomics and easier sample access, all aluminum cabinet and lid with stainless steel top deck. With vial storage capacities ranging from 16,900 to 26,650, combined with our low maintenance design, industry leading warranty, and the TEC 2000 electronics the MVE 600 and 1400 Series are world class wide neck freezers.

\*\* The MVE 600/1400 Series Freezers are designed primarily for liquid phase storage. If vapor phase storage is required, ask your distributor about the available vapor phase storage accessory package.

| MODEL                                        | MVE 600            | MVE1400                |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| MAXIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY                     |                    |                        |
| Number of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials in racks (13/2) | 16,900             | 26,650                 |
| Number of racks (100 vials)                  | 12                 | 18                     |
| Number of racks (25 vials)                   | 4                  | 10                     |
| Total number of racks                        | 16                 | 28                     |
| No of Blood Bags Stored (Fenwal 4R-9953)     | 352                | 512                    |
| PERFORMANCE                                  |                    |                        |
| Liquid nitrogen capacity (liters)            | 236                | 375                    |
| Power supply                                 | 24 VDC             | 24 VDC                 |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                              |                    |                        |
| Neck opening (in/mm)                         | 25.13 / 638        | 31.75 / 806            |
| Usable height (in/mm)                        | 29.06 / 738        | 28.9 / 735             |
| Overall height (in/mm)                       | 40.38 / 1026       | 40.38 / 1026           |
| Outside dimensions (in/mm)                   | 28x35.13 / 711x892 | 34.75x41.13 / 882x1044 |
| Internal diameter (in/mm)                    | 25.13 / 638        | 31.75 / 806            |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)                        | 330 / 150          | 530 / 240              |
| Weight full (lbs/kg) w/LN2                   | 751 / 341          | 1198 / 543             |

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## **MVE Series**



MVE Cryo-Preservation Systems are designed for the user requiring either vapor or liquid storage. A wide neck opening and stainless steel construction provides the most durable environment for your biological samples. With advanced features and storage from 3,200 to 39,000 vials, the MVE series is the choice of laboratories worldwide.

\*\* The MVE 611/1411 Series Freezers are designed primarily for liquid phase storage. If vapor phase storage is required, ask your distributor about the available vapor phase storage accessory package.

| MODEL                                        | MVE 230*     | MVE 230II     | MVE 511       | MVE 611       | MVE 1411       | MVE 1841       |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| MAXIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY                     |              |               |               |               |                |                |
| Number of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials in racks        | 3200         | 5200          | 10,400        | 16,900        | 26,650         | 39,000         |
| Number of racks (100 vials)                  | 4(13/2 rack) | 4 (13/2 rack) | 7 (13/2 rack) | 12(13/2 rack) | 18 (13/2 rack) | 28 (13/2 rack) |
| Number of racks (25 vials)                   | -            | -             | 4 (13/2 rack) | 4 (13/2 rack) | 10 (13/2 rack) | 8 (13/2 rack)  |
| Total number of racks                        | 4            | 4             | 11            | 16            | 28             | 36             |
| Number of blood bags stored (Fenwal 4R-9953) | -            | 132           | 224           | 352           | 512            | 980            |
| PERFORMANCE                                  |              |               |               |               |                |                |
| Liquid nitrogen capacity (liters)            | 63           | 89            | 158           | 236           | 375            | 669            |
| Power supply                                 | -            | 24 VDC        | 24 VDC        | 24 VDC        | 24 VDC         | 24 VDC         |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                              |              |               |               |               |                |                |
| Neck opening (in/mm)                         | 16.1 / 408   | 16.0 / 408    | 21 / 533      | 25.13 / 638   | 31.75 / 806    | 39.5 / 1003    |
| Usable height (in/mm)                        | 19.38 / 492  | 28.9 / 735    | 29.8 / 756    | 29.81 / 757   | 28.7 / 726     | 33.3 / 846     |
| Overall height (in/mm)                       | 30.25 / 768  | 45.25 / 1150  | 44 / 1118     | 40.69 / 1 033 | 40.69 / 1034   | 48 / 1219      |
| Outside diameter (in/mm)                     | 18 / 457     | 18.0 / 457    | 22.75 / 579   | 27.38 / 695   | 33.75 / 857    | 42 / 1067      |
| Internal diameter (in/mm)                    | 16.1 / 408   | 16.0 / 408    | 21 / 533      | 25.13 / 638   | 31.75 / 806    | 39.5 / 1003    |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)                        | 79/36        | 125 / 57      | 228 / 103.6   | 283 / 128     | 530 / 240      | 675 / 306      |
| Weight full ( lbs/kg )                       | 191 / 87     | 283 / 129     | 511 / 232.3   | 704 / 319     | 1198 / 543     | 1867 / 847     |

\*Number of SUC-1 Canisters is 22

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### **MVE Stock Series**



MVE Stock Series tanks are primarily designed for storage of either vials/straws on canes in liquid nitrogen. In addition to a build intended for long life and durability in service, the ergonomics of sample retrieval is of vital importance in this type of storage environment. Dual lids on the MVE 1370 aid in sample removal while retaining critical temperatures inside the storage area. The rotating sample tray in the 1830 allows for maximized storage space and easy access. All MVE Stock units are built with the emphasis on sample security and the ability to provide safe long-term storage for your most valuable samples.

| MODEL                                         | MVE 140    | MVE 810       | MVE 1370      | MVE 1830    | MVE 18302T   |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| MAXIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY                      |            |               |               |             |              |
| Number of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials in racks         | -          | 11,700        | 20,800        | -           | -            |
| Number of racks (100 vials)                   | -          | 12 (9/2 rack) | 24 (8/2 rack) | -           | -            |
| Number of racks (25 vials                     | -          | 4 (9/2 rack)  | 8 (8/2 rack)  | -           | -            |
| Total number of racks                         | -          | 16            | 32            | -           | -            |
| Number of blood bags stored (Fenwal 4R-5461)  | -          | N/A           | N/A           | N/A         | N/A          |
| Number of SUC-1 canisters (2.5" x 2.5" x 11") | 22         | 61            | 129           | 300         | 561          |
| Number of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials on canes         | 3696       | 11,346        | 23,994        | 55,800      | 104,346      |
| Number of 1/2 cc straws (10/cane)             | 6820       | 18,910        | 39,990        | 93,000      | 173,910      |
| PERFORMANCE                                   |            |               |               |             |              |
| Liquid nitrogen capacity (liters)             | 39         | 230           | 482           | 860         | 1400         |
| Power supply                                  | -          | 24 VDC        | 24 VDC        | 24 VDC      | 24 VDC       |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                               |            |               |               |             |              |
| Neck Opening (in/mm)                          | 16.0 / 406 | 25 / 635      | 35.5 / 902    | 25 / 635    | 25 / 635     |
| Usable height (in/mm)                         | 12.0 / 305 | 21.4 / 544    | 19.4 / 492    | 13 / 330    | 2x13 / 2x330 |
| Overall height (in/mm)                        | 16.3 / 414 | 41.5 / 1054   | 44 / 1118     | 40.9 / 1039 | 53.9 / 1368  |
| Outside diameter (in/mm)                      | 18.0 / 457 | 31 / 787      | 42 / 1067     | 60 / 1524   | 60 / 1528    |
| Internal diameter (in/mm)                     | 16.0 / 406 | 28.2 / 716    | 39.5 / 1003   | 56 / 1422   | 56 / 1422    |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)                         | 48 / 22    | 250 / 114     | 410 / 186     | 984 / 447   | 1184 / 538   |
| Weight full (lbs./kg)                         | 117 / 53   | 660 / 300     | 1269 / 577    | 2517 / 1144 | 3700 / 1682  |

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# Recommended maximum temperatures for storage of biological samples.

| MATERIAL<br>TO BE STORED | VOLUME            | CONTAINER               | INVENTORY<br>CONFIGURATION | CRITICAL<br>TEMPERATURE |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Algae                    | 0.5 - 1.0 m       | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Bacteria                 | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -80°C                   |
| Bacteriophage            | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial/Eppendorf Tube | Boxes or canes             | -80°                    |
| Blood                    | 0.5 - 500 ml      | Cryovial/Blood Bag      | Boxes or canes/bag rack    | -150°C                  |
| Cells:                   |                   |                         |                            |                         |
| Animals/Human            | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Plant                    | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Embryos                  |                   | Straw                   | Canes                      | -150°C                  |
| Fungi:                   |                   |                         |                            |                         |
| Mycelium                 | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Spores                   | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -80°C                   |
| Hybridomas               | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Nucleic Acids:           |                   |                         |                            |                         |
| DNA                      | milli/micro grams | Cryovial/Eppendorf Tube | Boxes                      | >-20°C                  |
| RNA                      | milli/micro grams | Cryovial/Eppendorf Tube | Boxes                      | >-20°C                  |
| Phage:                   |                   |                         |                            |                         |
| Libraries                | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Plasmids                 | milli/micro grams | Cryovial/Eppendorf Tube | Boxes                      | -80°C                   |
| Proteins                 | mm, more grame    | oryovia, Eppondon Tubo  | Boxes                      | >-20°C                  |
| Protozoa                 | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
|                          |                   | 2.72                    |                            |                         |
| Viruses: Animal          |                   |                         |                            |                         |
| Cell-Free                | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes                      | -80°C                   |
| In Cells                 | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes or canes             | -150°C                  |
| Plant                    | 0.5 - 1.0 ml      | Cryovial                | Boxes                      | -80°C                   |

Source: F. Simeone, American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA



## **MVE CryoSystem Series**



The MVE CryoSystem 2000, 4000 and 6000 combine the benefits of low nitrogen consumption with mid-range vial capacity to meet the diverse needs of today's professionals worldwide. The light weight and low space demands of these containers make them the most economical units in their class. Chart-MVE cryogenic vessels are performance leaders through innovation, super insulation and vacuum technology.

| MODEL                                  | CryoSystem 750 | CryoSystem 2000 | CryoSystem 4000 | CryoSystem 6000 |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MAXIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY               |                |                 |                 |                 |
| Number Of Racks                        | 6              | 4               | 4               | 6               |
| Number of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials (100/Box) | 750            | 2000            | 4000            | 6000            |
| Boxes Per Rack                         | 6 (25 Cell)    | 5               | 10              | 10              |
| PERFORMANCE                            |                |                 |                 |                 |
| Liquid nitrogen capacity (liters)      | 47.4           | 61              | 121             | 175             |
| Static Evaporation Rate (liters/day)   | 0.39           | .85             | .99             | .99             |
| Working Volume (liters)                | 47             | 51              | 111             | 165             |
| Normal Working Duration (Days)         | 76             | 38              | 70              | 104             |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                        |                |                 |                 |                 |
| Neck opening (in/mm)                   | 5 / 127        | 8.5 / 216       | 8.5 / 216       | 8.5 / 216       |
| Overall height (in/mm)                 | 26.5 / 673     | 27.5 / 680      | 37.5 / 950      | 37.5 / 950      |
| Outside diameter (in/mm)               | 20 / 508       | 22 / 559        | 22 / 559        | 26 / 665        |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)                  | 42 / 19        | 53 / 24         | 96 / 43         | 107 / 48        |
| Weight full (lbs/kg)                   |                | 161 / 73.3      | 312 / 141.5     | 419 / 190       |

<sup>\*</sup> Static evaporation rate and static holding times are nominal. Actual rate and holding time will be affected by the nature of container use, atmospheric conditions, and manufacturing

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Normal Working Duration is an arbitrary reference, to estimate container performance under normal operating conditions. Actual working time may vary due to current atmospheric conditions, container history, manufacturing tolerances and any individual patterns of use.

## **MVE Lab Series**



The Lab Series cryogenic liquid dewars are named for their acceptance in laboratories and medical facilities worldwide. These high-efficiency, super insulated dewars are the most convenient, economical way to store and dispense liquid nitrogen. Many lab units can be fitted with pouring spouts, pressurized dispensing devices or dippers to aid in the transfer of liquid nitrogen.

| MODEL                                | LAD 4      | LADE       | LAD 40     | LAD 00     | LADO       | L AD 50    | CC Trougefor Unit |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| MODEL                                | LAB 4      | LAB 5      | LAB 10     | LAB 20     | LAB 30     | LAB 50     | SS Transfer Unit  |
| Net Capacity (liters)                | 4          | 5          | 10         | 21         | 32         | 50         | 5                 |
| PERFORMANCE                          |            |            |            |            |            |            |                   |
| Static Evaporation Rate (liters/day) | 0.19       | 0.15       | 0.18       | 0.18       | 0.22       | 0.49       | N/A               |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                      |            |            |            |            |            |            |                   |
| Neck opening (in/mm)                 | 1.4 / 35.5 | 2.2 / 56   | 2.2 / 56   | 2 / 51     | 2.5 / 64   | 2.5 / 64   | 6 / 152           |
| Usable height (in/mm)                | 7.8 / 198  | 10.5 / 266 | 13.5 / 343 | 13.7 / 348 | 14.9 / 378 | 22 / 559   | 14 / 356          |
| Overall height (in/mm)               | 16.8 / 426 | 18.2 / 462 | 21.5 / 546 | 24.7 / 627 | 24.1 / 611 | 30.7 / 779 | 16.5 / 419        |
| Outside diameter (in/mm)             | 7.3 / 185  | 8.8 / 222  | 10.3 / 260 | 14.5 / 368 | 17 / 432   | 17 / 432   | 8 / 203           |
| Internal diameter (in/mm)            | 5.5 / 139  | 6.5 / 165  | 8.3 / 210  | 11.4 / 289 | 14 / 356   | 14 / 356   | 6 / 152           |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)                | 6 / 2.7    | 8 / 4      | 13 / 6     | 19 / 9     | 27 / 12    | 34 / 15    | 11 / 5            |
| Weight full (lbs/kg)                 | 13/6       | 17 / 8     | 31 / 14    | 56 / 26    | 84 / 38    | 123 / 56   | 20 / 9            |

#### **FIVE Year Vacuum Warranty**



## **MVE SC Series**



MVE offers the widest range of compact aluminum storage tanks available on the market today. Whatever the application, you will find the perfect solution within the XC and SC product lines. Over the past 40 years, our product designs have benefited from end-user input and have evolved into a unique selection of units. Each unit is perfectly designed for various applications.

| MODEL                               | SC 3/3    | SC 8/5     | SC 11/7     | SC 16/11   | SC Millennium 20 | SC 20/20    | SC 36/32   | SC 33/26    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| MAX. STORAGE CAPACITY               |           |            |             |            |                  |             |            |             |
| Number of canisters                 | 6         | 6          | 6           | 9          | 6                | 6           | 6          | 6           |
| No. of 1/2 cc straws (10/cane)      | -         | -          | 540         | -          | 540              | 540         | 540        | 540         |
| No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk) | 732       | 732        | 732         | 1098       | 780              | 780         | 780        | 780         |
| No. of 1.2 & 2.0 ml vials (5/cane)  | -         | -          | 150         | -          | 150              | 150         | 150        | 150         |
| No. of Racks (25 Vials)             | -         | -          | -           | -          | -                | -           | -          | -           |
| PERFORMANCE                         |           |            |             |            |                  |             |            |             |
| Liquid nitrogen capacity (liters)   | 3.6       | 8.4        | 11.0        | 16.4       | 20.5             | 20.5        | 36.5       | 33          |
| Static evaporation rate (lit/day)*  | 0.12      | 0.15       | 0.15        | 0.14       | .095             | 0.09        | 0.10       | 0.13        |
| Normal Working Duration (days)**    | 19        | 35         | 46          | 74         | 135              | 142         | 224        | 182         |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                     |           |            |             |            |                  |             |            |             |
| Neck opening (in/mm)                | 2/51      | 2 / 51     | 2 / 51      | 2/51       | 2.18 / 55.4      | 2/51        | 2 / 51     | 2/51        |
| Overall height (in/mm)              | 16 / 406  | 18.5 / 470 | 21.6 / 549  | 17.5 / 444 | 25.7 / 652       | 25.7 / 652  | 27.2 / 690 | 25.9 / 657  |
| Outside diameter (in/mm)            | 8.7 / 222 | 10.2 / 260 | 10.2 / 260  | 17.2 / 438 | 14.5 / 368       | 14.5 / 368  | 18.2 / 464 | 18.2 / 464  |
| Canister height (in/mm)             | 5 / 127   | 5 / 127    | 11 / 279    | 5 / 127    | 11 / 279         | 11 / 279    | 11 / 279   | 11 / 279    |
| Canister diameter (in/mm)           | 1.5 / 38  | 1.5 / 38   | 1.5 / 38    | 1.5 / 38   | 1.5 / 38         | 1.5 / 38    | 1.5 / 38   | 1.5 / 38    |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg)               | 8 / 3.6   | 12 / 5.3   | 17 / 7.7    | 14 / 6.4   | 23 / 10.5        | 26 / 11.8   | 34 / 15.4  | 34 / 15.4   |
| Weight full (lbs/kg)                | 14.4 / 65 | 27 / 12.1  | 36.6 / 16.6 | 43 / 19.6  | 59.5 / 27        | 62.5 / 28.3 | 100 / 44.8 | 93.4 / 42.4 |

<sup>\*</sup> Static evaporation rate and static holding time are nominal. Actual rate and holding time will be affected by the nature of container use, atmospheric conditions, and manufacturing tolerances.

Normal Working Duration is an arbitrary reference, to estimate container performance under normal operating conditions. Actual working time may vary due to current atmospheric conditions, container history, manufacturing tolerances and any individual patterns of use.



MVE XC Series tanks have capacities ranging from 700 - 5000 straws and 150 to over 1000 vials. Manufactured to a world class level of excellence and backed by an industry leading 5 year vacuum warranty, these durable, lightweight units can be relied on to perform in the most demanding of environments.

The XC Series is designed for the user who requires large capacity storage and low liquid nitrogen consumption in a convenient lightweight package.

| XC Millennium 20 | XC 21/6     | XC 22/5    | XC 32/8    | XC 33/22   | XC 34/18   | XC 43/28   | XC47/11-6SQ  | XC 47/11-6   | XC 47/11-10  |
|------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6                | 9           | 6          | 9          | 6          | 6          | 6          | 6 sq.        | 6            | 10           |
| 720              | N/A         | 2,400      | 2,520      | 1,260      | 2,100      | 1,260      | -            | 4,500        | 3,500        |
| 1122             | 3,870       | 3,666      | 3,960      | 1,764      | 3,000      | 1,764      | -            | 6,216        | 5,000        |
| 210              | N/A         | 810        | 855        | 360        | 630        | 360        | -            | 1,320        | 1,050        |
| -                | -           | -          | -          | -          | -          | -          | 750          | -            | -            |
|                  |             |            |            |            |            |            |              |              |              |
| 20.5             | 21          | 22.4       | 32         | 33.4       | 34.8       | 42.2       | 47.4         | 47.4         | 47.4         |
| .095             | .25         | 0.35       | 0.35       | 0.14       | 0.18       | 0.14       | 0.39         | 0.39         | 0.39         |
| 140              | 53          | 40         | 57         | 154        | 123        | 193        | 76           | 76           | 76           |
|                  |             |            |            |            |            |            |              |              |              |
| 2.18 / 55.4      | 3.5 / 89    | 3.81 / 97  | 3.81 / 97  | 2.75 / 70  | 3.5 / 89   | 2.75 / 70  | 5 / 127      | 5 / 127      | 5 / 127      |
| 25.7 / 652       | 17.2 / 438  | 22 / 559   | 21.5 / 546 | 26 / 660   | 26.6 / 675 | 26.4 / 670 | 26.5 / 673   | 26.5 / 673   | 26.5 / 673   |
| 14.5 / 368       | 18.2 / 464  | 14.5 / 368 | 18.2 / 464 | 18.2 / 464 | 18.2 / 464 | 20 / 508   | 20 / 508     | 20 / 508     | 20 / 508     |
| 11 / 279         | 5 / 127     | 11 / 279   | 11 / 279   | 11 / 279   | 11 / 279   | 11 / 279   | -            | 11 / 279     | 11 / 279     |
| 1.65 / 41.9      | 2.75 / 70   | 3.09 / 79  | 2.62 / 67  | 2.22 / 56  | 2.81 / 71  | 2.22 / 56  | -            | 4 / 102      | 2.81 / 71    |
| 23 / 10.5        | 30 / 13.6   | 26 / 11.8  | 30 / 13.6  | 34 / 15.4  | 34 / 15.4  | 36 / 16.4  | 42 / 19      | 42 / 19      | 42 / 19      |
| 59.5 / 27        | 62.5 / 28.3 | 66 / 30    | 87 / 39.5  | 94 / 42.5  | 96 / 43.5  | 111 / 50.5 | 120.4 / 54.6 | 120.4 / 54.6 | 120.4 / 54.6 |

**FIVE Year Vacuum Warranty** 

### **MVE Doble Series**



The traditional method of export shipment and distribution for biological products such as semen and vaccines has been based around wet shipment under liquid nitrogen. Over the past few years, many of the traditional shipping companies have either prohibited the shipment of liquid nitrogen, or placed hazardous material surcharges on shipments to the point where this method is uneconomical.

In many cases, vapor shippers have become the method of choice for cryogenic shipment. These shippers hold product at cryogenic temperature and allow most shipping methods to be employed, even for export shipments. From a transport point of view, this is a perfect solution. From a distribution standpoint, it leaves much to be desired. Once at a destination, the samples have to be transferred into a liquid storage tank and the shipping container has to be recovered by the shipping company. Therefore, there is an additional "return shipment".

Since the early 1960's Chart/MVE has been at the forefront of innovation and excellence in the field of storage and transportation of frozen biological samples. Once again, Chart/MVE has taken a step in front of all other cryogenic manufacturers.

The Doble series tanks are the first units to be designed for both vapor shipment and liquid storage. A unique absorbent layer in the base of the storage tanks enable them to be charged with nitrogen and employed as dry shippers with hold times of up to 30 days. Once at the final destination, the tanks can be filled with liquid and used for long term storage.

| MODEL PART NUMBER Number of Canisters     | <b>Doble-11</b> 110507886 6 | <b>Doble-20</b><br>11 <b>492151</b><br>6 | <b>Doble-28</b><br><b>11527730</b><br>6 | <b>Doble-34</b><br>11 <b>497948</b><br>6 | <b>Doble-47</b><br><b>11498684</b><br>6 | <b>Doble47-10 115543508</b> 10 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| No. of 1/2 cc Straws (10/cane)            | 480                         | 660                                      | 2400                                    | 2100                                     | 4500                                    | 3500                           |
| PERFORMANCE                               |                             |                                          |                                         |                                          |                                         |                                |
| Liquid Nitrogen Capacity (liters)         | 10                          | 18.5                                     | 28                                      | 32                                       | 46                                      | 46                             |
| Vapor Capacity (liters)                   | 3.4                         | 3.4                                      | 8.4                                     | 6.7                                      | 8.4                                     | 9.6                            |
| Static Evaporation Rate (liters/day)      | 0.17                        | 0.1                                      | 0.3                                     | 0.2                                      | 0.4                                     | 0.4                            |
| Normal Working Duration (days for liquid) | 42                          | 125                                      | 50                                      | 100                                      | 74                                      | 72                             |
| Normal Working Duration (days for vapor)  | 21                          | 21                                       | 24                                      | 30                                       | 21                                      | 21                             |
| UNIT DIMENSIONS                           |                             |                                          |                                         |                                          |                                         |                                |
| Neck Opening (in/mm)                      | 2 / 51                      | 2.18 / 55                                | 3.81 / 97                               | 3.5 / 89                                 | 5 / 127                                 | 5 / 127                        |
| Overall Height (in/mm)                    | 21.6 / 549                  | 25.7 / 652                               | 22 / 559                                | 26.6 / 676                               | 26.5 / 673                              | 26.5 / 673                     |
| Outside Diameter (in/mm)                  | 10.2 / 260                  | 14.5 / 368                               | 18.2 / 462                              | 18.2 / 462                               | 20 / 508                                | 20 / 508                       |
| Canister Height (in/mm)                   | 11 / 279                    | 11 / 279                                 | 11 / 279                                | 11 / 279                                 | 11 / 279                                | 11 / 279                       |
| Canister Diameter (in/mm)                 | 1.5 / 38                    | 1.65 / 42                                | 3.09 / 78                               | 2.81 / 72                                | 4 / 101.6                               | 2.81 / 72                      |
| Weight Empty (lbs/kg)                     | 19 / 8.7                    | 25.2 / 12                                | 34 / 16                                 | 39.2 / 18                                | 47 / 21.3                               | 48 / 21.8                      |
| Weight Charged (vapor lbs/kg)             | 24 / 11                     | 30.2 / 14                                | 49 / 22                                 | 51 / 23                                  | 63 / 28.6                               | 64 / 29                        |
| Weight Full (liquid lbs/kg)               | 36 / 16                     | 60 / 27                                  | 84 / 38                                 | 95 / 43                                  | 125 / 57                                | 120 / 54.5                     |
| Lbs/Kg of Cabosil                         | 1 / .45                     | 1 / .45                                  | 2.5 / 1.2                               | 2 / .9                                   | 2.5 / 1.2                               | 3.4 / 1.6                      |

**THREE Year Vacuum Warranty** 

## **MVE Vapor Shippers**



MVE Vapor Shipper containers are designed for the safe transportation of biological samples at cryogenic (-150°C or colder) temperatures. Fabricated from durable, lightweight aluminum, they employ a hydro-phobic absorbent that contains the liquid nitrogen for "spill free" shipping. The absorbent also repels moisture and humidity, assuring the maximum holding time. This eliminates the necessity to dry units between uses.

A protective shipping carton is available for all models (except the SC 20/12V) which protects the container from being placed on its side and helps in withstanding the rigors of transportation. These containers may be used to ship your samples with a "non-hazardous" classification throughout the world, thus reducing costs and helping to assure sample viability.

| MODEL         SC 2/1V         SC 4/2 V         SC 4/3V         SC 20/12V         XC 20/3V*         Moover         Moover         Shipper         Shipper           MAX. STORAGE CAPACITY         Number of canisters         1         1         1         6         4 + 1 Center         1         7         1 Rack         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (10/cane)         -         280         120         540         2,500/2,000*         60         3080         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk)         88         440         210         780         3,750/3,000*         88         4354         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk)         182         938         452         6,750/6,000*         7,410/6,000         8904         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk)         182         938         452         6,750/6,000*         7,410/6,000         8904         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk)         182         938         452         6,750/6,000*         7,410/6,000         8904         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk)         182         938         452         6,750/6,000*         7,410/6,000         8904         -           No. of 1/2 cc straws (1 Level Bulk) | er XC   |
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| Neck opening (in/mm) 1.4/35 2.75/70 2/51 2/51 3.81/96.7 1.4/35 3.8/97 8.5/216 8.5/2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |
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| Overall height (in/(mm) 13.5 / 343 18.4 / 468 19.4 / 492 25.7 / 652 25 / 635 19.5 / 495 22 / 558 21.5 / 546 23 / 58                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 34      |
| Outside diameter (in/mm) 7.25 / 184 8.7 / 222 8.7 / 222 14.5 / 368 14.50 / 368 7.2 / 184 18.3 / 464 14.5 / 369 15 / 38                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 31      |
| Canister height (in/mm) 5 / 127 11 / 278 11 / 278 11 / 279 11 / 278 11 / 278 - 12.5 / 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 317.5** |
| Canister diameter in (mm) 1.2/31 2.62/67 1.81/46 1.5/38 3.2/80 1.2/31 3.1/79                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |
| Weight empty (lbs/kg) 6/2.7 11/5 13/5.9 30/13.6 23/10.5 8/3.6 30.5/13.8 24/10.9 30/13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3.6     |
| Weight charged ( lbs/kg) 8.8 / 4 18 / 8.1 20 / 9.3 52 / 23.6 35 / 16 11.6 / 5 38 / 17.2 37.5 / 17 47 / 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 1     |

Static evaporation rate and static holding times are nominal. Actual rate and holding time will be affected by the nature of container use, atmospheric conditions, and manufacturing tolerances. Without center absorbent canister two week holding time, greater storage capacity

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<sup>\*</sup> With center absorbent canister (3 week holding time)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Useable Height

# MVE BIOLOGICAL OVERVIEW

Biological materials change and deteriorate over time, this is a simple fact of life. Some means of halting



these processes must
be used that will not
change the
biological material in
order for it to be
properly preserved for
later study. The most
effective means of
preserving biological
materials is storage at
low-temperatures,
known as Cryo-

preservation, is used throughout the biological and bio-medical research community.

Cooling and freezing of biological materials is a complex process. This is due to the chemical and physiological process that takes place when material is cooled. Proper maintenance and handling of biological materials is critical to ensure their continued stability at low temperatures. Since biological materials vary, an important aspect of setting up and operating an effective bio-repository is an understanding of the materials to be maintained. While biological materials can be preserved by several means, low-temperature storage is the only preservation method that minimizes changes in the material. Cryo-preservation has been used for decades to ensure the maintenance of living cells and organisms.

Once biological materials are properly cryo-preserved, there is virtually no risk of change if they are properly maintained. Proper maintenance requires assuring a constant critical temperature.

From a good practice point of view, safety margins and modes of failure are also important and very worthy of consideration. Safety margins and critical temperatures are vital considerations. Initially it is important to realize that once a substance is in the solid phase (i.e., frozen); there is no such thing, in terms of cryobiology, as too cold. There is no state below solid; further cooling simply reduces the energy for every degree it is cooled, otherwise it may cause structural changes. Secondly, it is vital to appreciate that the critical temperature for long term viability of the sample will be, in many cases, a temperature far below the nominal fusion temperature. In other words, keeping the sample frozen simply is not sufficient.

Therefore, from a cryobiological point of view; the sample must be stored at a temperature sufficiently below the critical temperature so that normal operation of the storage system will ensure that the samples will not inadvertently rise above that temperature. In addition, the failure mode of the system employed should allow for sufficient time to take remedial action in the event such a failure should occur within normal working conditions. Finally, all of these factors combined with the expected storage period determine the optimum mode of storage.

The most important element of a low-temperature storage system is ensuring a constant range of temperatures below a minimum critical threshold. The upper limit of the range should

be well below the critical temperature for



the material to allow for any effects or compromise during stocking and retrieval activities.

For example, the critical temperature for

living cells is below-130°C; therefore maintaining cells in a liquid nitrogen freezer at -150°C to -196°C is ideal. So in making a decision as to what method and type of storage will be employed, it is necessary to consider the following.

- Safety racks full of liquid nitrogen are heavy to lift and must be drained before sample removal. This can cause splashing and potential cryogenic burn injury.
- Sample integrity storing under liquid can lead to LN<sub>2</sub> leaking into improperly sealed sample containers. These containers may explode on removal, causing loss of sample and potential contamination in the laboratory.
- Cross contamination cases of sample to sample pathogen transfer have been recorded between samples stored under liquid nitrogen.

It is vital to consider the quality of the tank itself and the control options available even if the issues associated with full liquid storage are considered unimportant.

 Chart-MVE has been manufacturing high quality vacuum systems for more than 40 years. This experience and high



technology allows us to offer an industry leading 5-year warranty on all stainless steel vacuum vessels. Some manufacturers have less than 5 years experience

of producing their own vacuum units.

 The Chart-MVE TEC 2000 system is a state-of-the-art controller unit. The system offers password protection; twin platinum RTD temperature probes with 2-point altitude adjusted calibration, seamless level measurement and LN<sub>2</sub> usage statistics. In addition, the system offers self-diagnosis



on start up and a serial interface, which allows access to all stored parameters (the system memory retains time and

date stamped information on controller events).

• Chart-MVE freezers offer full function alarm systems with alarms for low and high liquid level, high and low temperature for each of the 2 RTD probes, LN2 supply, valve, and power failure. Additional controller options allow for battery back-up systems for protection from electrical supply problems and a hot gas bypass system which will vent incoming filling gas until liquid reaches the valve, minimizing the normal filling losses associated with filling from liquid cylinders.

The above features are common to all Chart-MVE freezers. If vapor storage is the method of choice, additional considerations must be made:

- What temperature will be maintained at the warmest point in the freezer?
- What mechanism is used within the freezer to generate this temperature -- are any artificial measures used which increase nitrogen consumption and costs?
- History of the manufacturer and warranties.
- Control systems.
- Failure modes.
- Liquid Reserve, "Operational Hold Time".

The Chart-MVE Eterne series freezers have been specifically designed for vapor storage. The units feature a smaller, offset lid. This allows for more of the top of the unit to be protected by a vacuum insulated surface. This ensures that samples are always maintained in a -190°C (-150°C option is available) environment. The vacuum protection allows the unit to maintain this temperature in excess of 20 days without additional filling.



For lower capacity storage requirements Chart-MVE also manufactures the largest range of aluminum storage Dewars.

Canister configurations are available for straw or vial storage. Shipping of cryogenically preserved samples is made simple and safe with our

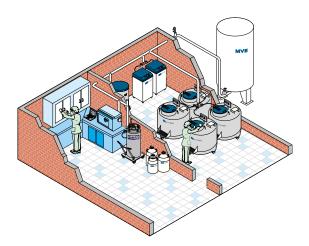
vapor shippers.



For applications that require shipping and subsequent long term storage, the dual use Doble series is a unique container.



Chart-MVE is committed to meeting your cryogenic requirements from the bulk storage tank, through the vacuum delivery pipe, to the freezer.



NOTE: Temperature specifications in this guide are made according to measurement with the most accurate systems available. Environment, measurement system accuracy and operational considerations may lead to different experimental measurements.





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