

Discotom-100

Instruction Manual

Original Instructions



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1 About this manual



CAUTION

Struers equipment must only be used in connection with and as described in the Instruction Manual supplied with the equipment.



Note

Read the Instruction Manual carefully before use.



Note

If you want to view specific information in detail, see the online version of this manual.

1.1 Accessories and consumables

Accessories

For information about the available range, see the Discotom-100 brochure:

The Struers Website (http://www.struers.com)

Consumables

The machine is designed to be used only with Struers consumables specifically designed for this purpose and this type of machine.

Other products may contain aggressive solvents, which dissolve e.g. rubber seals. The warranty may not cover damaged machine parts (e.g. seals and tubes), where the damage can be directly related to the use of consumables not supplied by Struers.

For information about the available range, see: The Struers Website (http://www.struers.com).

2 Safety

2.1 Intended use

For professional semi-automatic or manual wet abrasive cutting of metallic or other solid materials for further material inspection and only to be operated by skilled/trained personnel. The machine is intended only to be used with cooling fluids and cut-off wheels developed for this purpose and this type of machine.

The machine is for use in a professional working environment (e.g. a materialographic laboratory).

Do	not	use	the	machine
for	the	follo	owir	ng

Cutting of materials other than solid materials suitable for materialographic studies. In particular, the machine must not be used for cutting of any type of explosive and/or flammable material, or materials which are not stable during machining, heating or pressure.

The machine may not be used with cut-off wheels which are not compatible with the machine requirements (e.g. saw-blade or toothed cut-off wheels).

Model

- Discotom-100 with fixed table
- Discotom-100 with automatic x-table

2.2 Discotom-100 safety precautions

2.2.1



Read carefully before use

- 1. Ignoring this information and mishandling of the equipment can lead to severe bodily injuries and material damage.
- 2. The machine must be installed in compliance with local safety regulations.
- 3. The machine must be placed on a safe and stable support table.
- 4. When lifting the machine using a forklift, lift from front or rear never lift the machine from the side.
- 5. When lifting the machine using lifting straps, ensure that the straps are crossed and do not press on the sides of the machine.
- 6. The operator(s) must read the Safety and Operate the device sections of this manual and the relevant sections of the manuals for any connected equipment and accessories. The operator(s) must read the Instructions for Use and, where applicable, Safety Data Sheets for the applied consumables.
- 7. For maximum safety and lifetime of the machine, use only original Struers consumables.
- 8. Use only intact cut-off wheels. The cut-off wheels must be approved for use with rotational speeds between 1,500 and 3,000 rpm.
- 9. The machine is not for use with saw-blade type cut-off wheels.
- 10. Do not use the machine for cutting materials that are flammable or unstable during the cutting process (e.g. combustible or explosive materials). Do not use the machine for cutting materials that are not suitable for materialographic cutting.
- 11. Observe the current safety regulations for handling, mixing, filling, emptying and disposal of the additive for cooling fluid.
- 12. Do not use flammable cooling fluid.
- 13. All safety functions and guards of the machine must be in working order.
- 14. Modifying or disabling the protective cover may cause serious hazard.
- 15. The workpiece must be securely fixed in a quick-clamping device or similar. Large or sharp workpieces must be handled in a safe way.

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- 16. Use of working gloves is recommended as workpieces may be both very hot and produce sharp edges. Wearing of gloves is also recommended when flushing and cleaning the machine.
- 17. Use of safety shoes is recommended when handling large or heavy workpieces or moving the machine.
- 18. Use of safety goggles is recommended when using the flushing hose.
- 19. Cooling fluid may become hot.
- 20. Do not work on or around cutting table when the table is repositioned using the positioning joystick.
- 21. The cutting arm should be lowered slowly and carefully, in order to avoid breaking the cut-off wheel.
- 22. Laser radiation. Do not stare into beam or expose users of telescopic optics. Class 2M laser product.
- 23. Struers recommends the use of an exhaust system as the materials being cut may emit harmful gasses or dust.
- 24. The machine emits only moderate noise. However, the cutting process itself may emit noise, depending on the nature of the workpiece. Use hearing protection if exposure to noise exceeds levels set by local regulations.
- 25. If any of the cutting-chamber cover springs are damaged (at the rear of machine), they must be replaced before the machine is used again.
- 26. Standard components, like nuts, bolts, springs etc., must be of the same quality and properties as those provided by Struers.
- 27. Always use a recirculation cooling unit. Observe the current safety regulations for handling, mixing, filling, emptying and disposal of the cooling fluid with additives. Only use suitable cooling fluids that are compatible with the materials and function of the cut-off machine. Use of gloves and goggles is recommended.
- 28. In case of fire, alert bystanders, the fire brigade and cut power. Use a powder fire extinguisher. Do not use water.
- 29. The machine must be disconnected from the electrical power supply before any service.
- 30. Prior to any service, disconnect the machine and wait for 10 minutes until the residual potential on the inverter capacitors is discharged.
- 31. Do not restart the Discotom-100 or cycle the electrical power supply more than once every three minutes. This may result in damage to the frequency inverter.

2.3 Safety messages

Struers uses the following signs to indicate potential hazards.



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

This sign indicates an electrical hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death, or serious injury.



WARNING

This sign indicates a hazard with a medium level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in death, or serious injury.



WARNING: LASER BEAM

This sign indicates a laser beam hazard which, if not avoided, could result in minor, moderate, or serious injury.



CRUSHING HAZARD

This sign indicates a crushing hazard which, if not avoided, could result in minor, moderate, or serious injury.



HEAT HAZARD

This sign indicates a heat hazard which, if not avoided, can result in minor, moderate, or serious injury.



CAUTION

This sign indicates a hazard with a low level of risk which, if not avoided, could result in minor, or moderate injury.



Emergency stop

Emergency stop

General messages



Note

This sign indicates that there is a risk of damage to property, or a need to proceed with special care.



Hint

This sign indicates that additional information and hints are available.

2.4 Safety messages in this manual

Specific safety precautions - residual risks



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Switch off the electrical power supply before installing electrical equipment. The machine must be earthed (grounded).

Make sure that the actual electrical power supply voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the name plate of the machine.

Incorrect voltage can damage the electrical circuit.

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ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Disconnecting the unit from the electrical power supply must only be done by a qualified technician.



WARNING: LASER BEAM

Laser radiation. Do not stare into beam or expose users of telescopic optics. Class 2M laser product.



WARNING

The machine must not be used for any type of explosive and/or flammable material, or materials which are not stable during machining, heating or pressure.



WARNING

To ensure its intended safety, the PETG screen must be replaced every 5 years. A label on the screen indicates when it is due to be replaced.

Replacement of the screen is required to remain compliant with the safety requirements in the European standard EN 16089.



WARNING

Replace the cover screen immediately if it has been weakened by collisions with projectile objects or if there are visible signs of deterioration or damage.



WARNING

If any of the following checks fail, do not use the machine until problems are resolved.



WARNING

Do not use the machine with defective safety devices.



WARNING

Safety critical components must be replaced after a maximum lifetime of 20 years.



CAUTION

This machine must be operated and maintained only by skilled/trained personnel.



CAUTION

The machine is designed to be used only with Struers consumables specifically designed for this purpose and this type of machine.



CAUTION

The protective cover will minimize the risk of ejection but will not eliminate it completely.



CAUTION

Prolonged exposure to loud noises may cause permanent damage to a person's hearing.

Use hearing protection if the exposure to noise exceeds the levels set by local regulations.



CAUTION

Risk of hand to arm vibration during manual preparation.

Prolonged exposure to vibration may cause discomfort, joint damage or even neurological damage.



CAUTION

An inadequately clamped workpiece can be propelled and cause damage. Make sure that the workpiece is securely fixed in a quick-clamping device or similar



CAUTION

Avoid skin contact with the coolant additive.



CAUTION

Wear suitable gloves and safety goggles when handling coolant.



CAUTION

Do not start flushing until the flushing gun points into the cutting chamber.



CAUTION

Only use the flushing gun for cleaning inside the cutting chamber.



CAUTION

Always wear protective gloves and safety goggles when you use the flushing gun.



CRUSHING HAZARD

Take care of your fingers when handling the machine. Wear safety shoes when handling heavy machinery.



HEAT HAZARD

Wear suitable gloves to protect fingers from abrasives and warm/sharp specimens.

General safety precautions



WARNING

Struers equipment must only be used in connection with and as described in the Instruction Manual supplied with the equipment.



WARNING

Switch off the machine, disconnect the electrical power cable and wait 5 minutes before you dismantle the machine or install additional components.



WARNING

In case of fire, alert bystanders, the fire brigade and cut power. Use a powder fire extinguisher. Do not use water.

3 Get started

3.1 Device description

Discotom-100 is a manual/automatic cut-off machine with a motorized Y-table and optional X-table. The machine is designed for wet, abrasive cutting of all stable and non-explosive metals.

The machine must be connected to a suitable recirculation system, which supplies cooling fluid to the workpiece and cut-off wheel during cutting.

The cutting process starts by securing the workpiece to the cutting table with clamping tools. The operator selects the cutting parameters (e.g. cut-off wheel, RPM, feed and cutting length). The protective cover locks when the operator starts the machine, and it remains locked for the duration of the cutting. When the cut-off wheel stops, the lock releases and the workpiece and the specimen can be removed.

Finally, the category B emergency stop cuts the power to the cut-off wheel. The protective cover can be opened once the cut-off wheel comes to a standstill.

The machine can be connected to an external exhaust system to remove fumes from the cutting process.

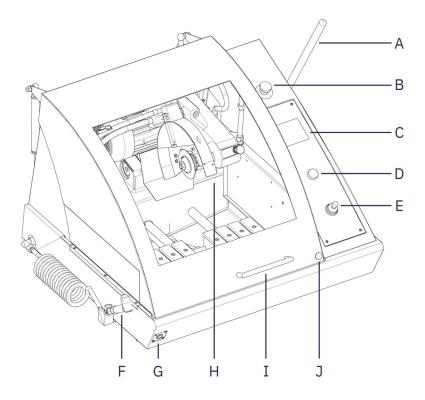


Note

In case of a power loss during a cutting process, use the special key to open the power-to-open protective cover.

3.2 Overview

Front view



- A Cutting handle
- **B** Emergency stop
- **C** Control panel
- **D** Turn/push knob
- **E** Joystick for table movement

- F Flushing gun
- **G** Hold-to-run button
- H Cutting arm
- I Protective cover
- **J** Safety lock release



Emergency stop

The emergency stop button is located on the front of the machine.

- Push the red button to activate.
- Turn the red button clockwise to release.

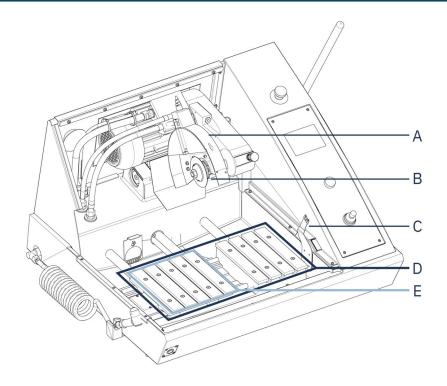


Note

The protective cover can only be opened when the machine is connected to power and switched ON. If power is lost, follow these steps to deactivate the lock and open the cover:

- 1. Insert the triangle key into the safety lock release.
- 2. Gently, turn the triangle key 180° clockwise to unlock.
- 3. Remember to reactivate the safety lock release before operating the machine.

Cutting chamber



- A Cut-off wheel guard
- **B** Cut-off wheel flanges
- C Safety lock key

- **D** Y-table
- E X-table (optional)



Note

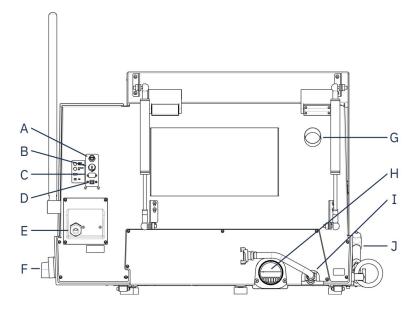
Do not use the emergency stop for operational stop of the machine during normal operation.



Note

Before releasing (disengaging) the emergency stop, investigate the reason for activating the emergency stop and take any necessary corrective action.

Rear view



- **A** AUX Out, 24 VDC, 0.5 A
- **B** Cooling unit connection
- **C** Service socket
- **D** USB port for software update
- **E** Power supply cable connection
- F Main switch
- **G** Exhaust outlet flange
- H Cooling fluid outlet flange
- I Cooling fluid inlet
- J Flushing gun

Main switch

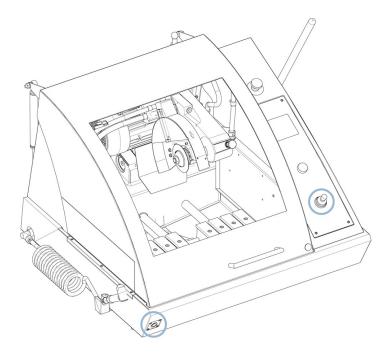
• Turn the main switch clockwise to switch on the power.



Note

The AUX output is turned on during the cutting process.

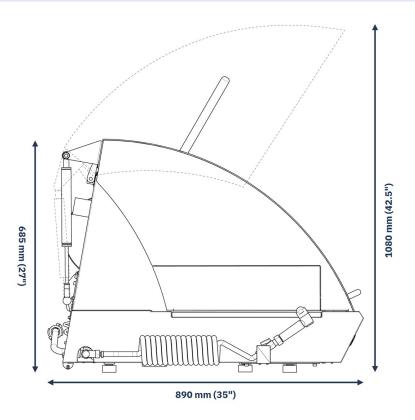
Hold-to-run button



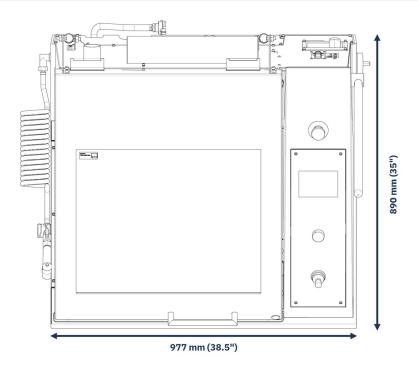
• To position the cutting table while the protective cover is open, press the hold-to-run button while you operate the joystick.

3.3 Dimensions

Side view



Footprint



3.4 Control panel functions

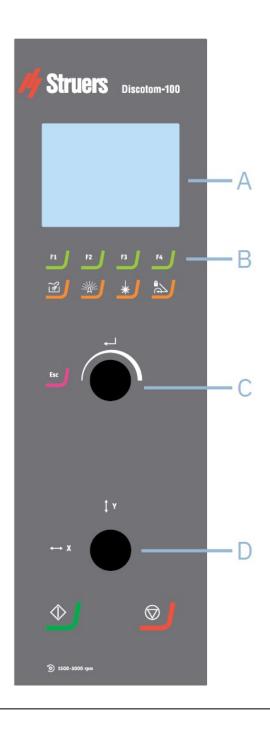
A Display

B F1-F4

Menu dependent multifunction keys. See the bottom line of the individual screens.

Multifunction knob.

- Push the knob to select a function.
- c Turn/push knob
- Turn the knob to adjust settings.
- Push the knob to store modified settings.
- Move up-or down to position the Y-table.
- D Joystick
- Move left or right to position the X-table (optional)





4 Transport and storage

If, at any time after the installation, you have to move the unit or place it in storage, there is a number of guidelines we recommend that you follow.

- Package the unit securely before transportation. Insufficient packaging could cause damage to the unit and will void the warranty. Contact Struers Service.
- We recommend that you use the original packaging and fittings.

4.1 Storage



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Disconnecting the unit from the electrical power supply must only be done by a qualified technician.



CRUSHING HAZARD

Take care of your fingers when handling the machine. Wear safety shoes when handling heavy machinery.



Note

We recommend that you keep all original packaging and fittings for future use.

- 1. Disconnect the unit from the electrical power supply, the recirculation unit and the exhaust system.
- 2. Remove any accessories.
- 3. Clean and dry the unit before storage.
- 4. Place the machine on the blocks on the pallet.
- 5. Secure the machine using the transport brackets.
- 6. Build the crate.
- 7. Place the machine and accessories in their original packaging. To keep the machine dry, plastic-wrap the machine and place a bag of desiccant (silica gel) with the machine.

4.2 Transport



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Disconnecting the unit from the electrical power supply must only be done by a qualified technician.



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Note

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To transport the machine safely, follow these instructions.

Preparing for transport

- Disconnect the unit from the electrical power supply, the recirculation unit and the exhaust system disconnect
- 2. Remove any accessories.
- 3. Secure the cutting arm with the transportation support.
- 4. Move the recirculation cooling unit.
- 5. Place the lifting straps on the designated lifting points on the machine.



Note

The crane and the straps must be approved to at least twice the weight of the load.

5 Installation

5.1 Unpack the machine



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Note

We recommend that you keep all original packaging and fittings for future use.

- 1. Carefully open and remove the sides and the top of the packing crate. Remove the transport brackets that secure the machine to the pallet.
- 2. Remove the bolts from all the transport brackets that secure the machine to the transport pallet.
- 3. Remove the brackets.

Transportation support

A transportation support is mounted to support the cutting arm during transport.

• Remove the transportation support before moving the cutting table.

5.2 Check the packing list

Optional accessories may be included in the packing box.

The packing box contains the following items:

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Pcs.	Description
1	Discotom-100
1	Fork spanner for cut-off wheel: 24 mm
1	Triangle key for safety lock release
1	Connector pipe for water outlet
1	Elbow pipe for water outlet
1	Outlet hose for connection to external cooling unit: 2 m
1	Filter tube connection kit
1	Hose clamp: 70-90 mm
1	Grease gun
1	Instruction Manual set

5.3 Lift the machine



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Note

The straps must be approved for at least twice the weight of the machine. The straps must be long enough so that they do not place stress on the cover of the machine.



Note

The machine's cover can only be opened when the machine is connected to a power supply and the main power switch is on.

To open the cover when the power is not connected, insert the triangle key through the access hole at the front to release the safety lock.

Remember to re-activate the safety lock release before operating the machine.

Weight		
Discotom-100	204 kg (450 lbs)	

Transportation support

A transportation support is mounted to support the cutting arm during transport.

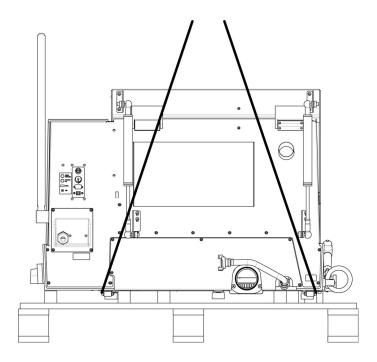
Remove the transportation support before moving the cutting table.

Using a crane

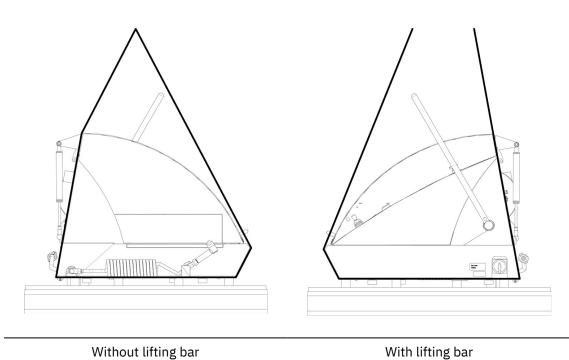
You need a crane and two lifting straps to lift the machine off the shipment pallet.

Before lifting the machine into its final position, do as follows:

- 1. Remove the screws on the base of the packaging create and remove the top part of the crate.
- 2. Remove the metal brackets securing the machine to the pallet using a Torx bit T30 key.



- 3. Place the two straps under the machine.
- 4. Place the straps outside the feet on the machine.



- 5. Struers recommends the use of a lifting bar to keep the straps apart below the lifting point.
- 6. Lift the machine onto the table.

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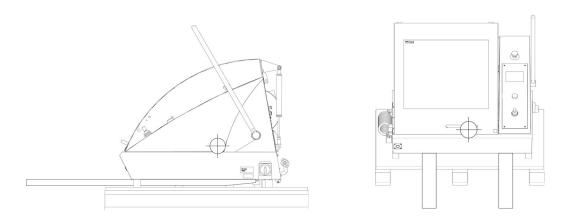
7. Lift the front of the machine and carefully move into place using the rollers.

Using a forklift

You can use a forklift to lift the machine off the pallet.

Before lifting the machine into its final position, do as follows:

- 1. Remove the screws on the base of the packaging create and remove the top part of the crate.
- 2. Remove the metal brackets securing the machine to the pallet using a Torx bit T30 key.
- 3. Lift the machine from the pallet using a forklift truck.
- 4. Position the forks so that the center of mass is between the forks.



- 5. Lift the machine onto the table.
- 6. Lift the front of the machine and carefully move into place using the rollers.



Note

We recommend that you keep all original packaging and fittings for future use.

5.4 Location



CRUSHING HAZARD

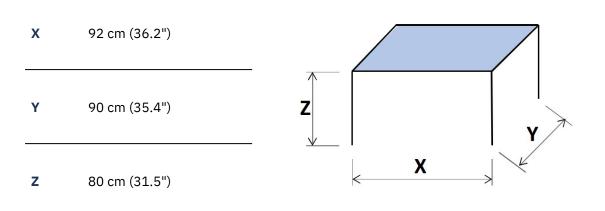
Take care of your fingers when handling the machine. Wear safety shoes when handling heavy machinery.

Make sure that the following facilities are available:

Power supply

The machine must be placed on a safe and stable table with an adequate working height. The table must be able to carry at least the weight of the machine and the accessories. A workbench designed for Struers table top machines is available as an accessory.

Recommended workbench dimensions



- The machine must be placed close to the electrical power supply, main water supply and waste water drain.
- The machine must be placed in a well-ventilated room or connected to an exhaust system.
- The machine must rest securely with all 4 feet on the table.
- The machine must be completely level.
- Make sure that there is enough room behind the machine for the inlet and outlet hoses.
- Make sure that there is enough room behind the machine to fully open the cover.
- Make sure that there is enough room to access the main switch.
- Make sure that there is enough room around the machine for service access.
- Make sure that there is enough room in front of the machine: 100 cm (40").

Exhaust system (optional)

• Make sure there is at least 17 cm (7") of space for the hose.

Extension tunnel (optional)

• Make sure that there is at least 1 m (40") to the left of the machine for access to the extension tunnel.

Illumination

 Make sure that the work station has adequate lighting. Avoid direct glare (dazzling light sources within the operator's line of vision) and reflected glare (reflections of light sources).

A minimum of 300 Lumen is recommended to illuminate the controls and other work areas.

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Ambient conditions					
	Surrounding temperature	Operation: 5 - 40°C (41 - 104°F)			
		Storage: 0 - 60°C (32 - 140°F)			
Operating environment	Humidity	Operation: 35 - 85% RH non- condensing			
		Storage: 0 - 90% RH non- condensing			

5.5 Power supply



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

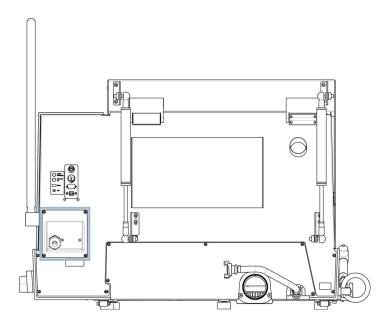
Switch off the electrical power supply before installing electrical equipment. The machine must be earthed (grounded).

Make sure that the actual electrical power supply voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the name plate of the machine.

Incorrect voltage can damage the electrical circuit.

5.5.1 Connection to the machine

Procedure



- 1. Open the electrical connection box.
- 2. Connect the power cable as described below:

EU cable	UL cable
L1: Brown	L1: Black
L2: Black	L2: Red
L3: Black/Gray	L3: Orange/Turquoise
Earth (ground): Yellow/Green	Earth (ground): Green (or Yellow/Green)
Neutral: Blue - Not used	Neutral: White - Not used

The other end of the cable can be fitted with an approved plug or hard-wired into the mains, according to the electrical specifications and local regulations.

5.5.2 Power supply cable - recommended specifications

Local standards can override the recommendations for the main electrical power supply cable. Always contact a qualified electrician to verify which option is suitable for the local installation setup.

Voltage/frequency	Min. fuse size	Minimum cable size at minimum fuse	Max. fuse size	Minimum cable size at maximum fuse
3 x 200-240 V	30	3x AWG12 / 2.5 mm² + PE	50	3x AWG10 / 4 mm² + PE
3 x 380-480 V	15	3x AWG14 / 1.5 mm ² + PE	50	3x AWG10 / 4 mm² + PE

Electrical data

The other end of the cable can be fitted with an approved plug or hard-wired into the power supply according to the electrical specifications and local regulations.



Note

The machine must always be protected by external fuses. See the electrical table for details on the fuse size required.

Voltage/frequency	Nominal load	Max. load
3 x 200 - 240V	16 A	30 A
3 x 380 - 480V	8 A	15 A

5.5.3 External short circuit protection



Note

The machine must always be protected by external fuses. See the electrical table for details on the fuse size required.

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5.5.4 Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB)



Note

Local standards can override the recommendations for the main electrical power supply cable. Always contact a qualified electrician to verify which option is suitable for the local installation setup.

Requirements for electrical installations

With Residual Current Circuit Breakers (RCCB) - Type B time delayed, 30 mA (EN 8equired 50178/5.2.11.1)

5.6 Recirculation cooling unit



ELECTRICAL HAZARD

Switch off the electrical power supply before installing electrical equipment. The machine must be earthed (grounded).

Make sure that the actual electrical power supply voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the name plate of the machine.

Incorrect voltage can damage the electrical circuit.

To ensure optimal cooling, you must fit the machine with a recirculation cooling unit.

Minimum requirements

Pump capacity

125 L/min (33 gal/min) at 1 bar



Note

Before connecting the cooling unit to the machine, follow the instructions in the cooling unit Instruction Manual to prepare it for use.

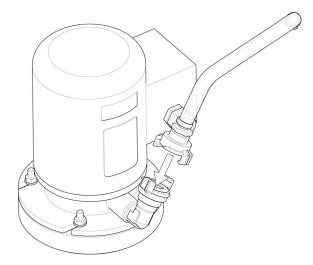


Hint

For intensive use, and for materials generating a lot of swarf, we recommend that you use a recirculation unit with band filter.

To connect the machine to a recirculation cooling unit:

1. Plug the communication cable of the cooling control unit into the machine's control socket.



- 2. Connect the water inlet hose to the pump using the quick coupling.
- 3. Connect the other end of the hose to the machine's water inlet.

Filter tube kit

Follow the instructions supplied with the filter tube kit.

During the first cutting operation:

• Check that the filter tube expands along its full length as it fills with water.



Note

If the filter tube is twisted or it has folds, stop cutting and reposition the tube. Do not use cooling systems without suitable filters as it can cause clogging and over-flow.

Do not use filter tubes without a suitable cooling fluid.

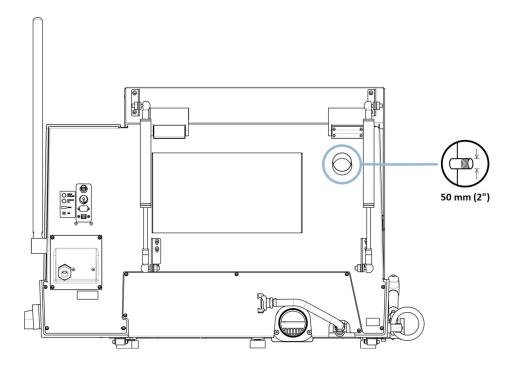
• Connect the cooling unit to the main power supply.

5.7 Exhaust (optional)

We recommend the use of an exhaust system, as workpieces can emit harmful gases when cut. The exhaust system will also reduce the level of water condensation on the sides of the cover.

Minimum capacity: 50 m³/h (1766 ft³/h).

To connect the machine to an exhaust system:



• Mount an exhaust hose from your local exhaust system onto the flange (50 mm (2") diameter).



Note

Without an exhaust system, damp air produced by the cutting process can escape from the cutting chamber, and penetrate other areas of the cabinet. This can damage the components and shorten the lifetime of the machine.

5.8 Noise

For information on the sound pressure level value, see this section: Technical data >89.

Different materials have different noise characteristics. Decreasing the rotational speed and/or the force with which the cut-off wheel is pressed against the workpiece, will lower the noise. Processing time may increase.



CAUTION

Prolonged exposure to loud noises may cause permanent damage to a person's hearing.

Use hearing protection if the exposure to noise exceeds the levels set by local regulations.

5.9 Vibration

For information on the total vibration exposure to hand and arm, see this section: Technical data > 89.

Manual cutting of workpieces causes vibrations. Take action to lower the vibration where possible; decrease the pressure on the handle or use a vibration-reducing glove.

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CAUTION

Risk of hand to arm vibration during manual preparation. Prolonged exposure to vibration may cause discomfort, joint damage or even neurological damage.

6 Operate the device

6.1 Change the cut-off wheel



Note

The spindle of the Discotom-100 is a left-hand thread.



Note

To protect the cut-off wheel and flanges, you must place conventional cut-off wheels based on Al_2O_3 or SiC abrasives between two cardboard washers. For maximum precision with diamond or CBN cut-off wheels, do not use cardboard washers.

- 1. Use the cutting handle to move the cut-off wheel into the top position and activate the cutting arm brake.
- 2. Press and hold down the spindle locking knob on the right-hand side of the cut-off wheel, turning the cut-off wheel until the spindle lock engages.
- 3. Remove the nut with a fork spanner.
- 4. Remove the flange, cardboard washers and the old cut-off wheel.
- 5. Mount the new cut-off wheel.
- 6. Mount the flange and the nut.
- 7. Tighten carefully and release the locking knob.
- 8. Release the cutting arm brake.

6.2 Clamp the workpiece



CAUTION

An inadequately clamped workpiece can be propelled and cause damage. Make sure that the workpiece is securely fixed in a quick-clamping device or similar.

Clamp the workpiece with the clamping device of your choice. For example, a quick clamping device.

- 1. Place the workpiece between the clamp and the back stop.
- 2. Push the clamp towards the workpiece and lock the clamp on the quick-clamping device.

Generally, we recommend that you clamp the workpiece as far back on the cutting table as possible.

How to clamp irregular workpieces

You must use special clamping tools to clamp irregular workpieces without flat clamping surfaces. Incorrectly clamped workpieces can move during cutting and damage the cut-off wheel or to the workpiece.

- Use the T-slots to mount the special clamping tools.
- For faster cutting, position the workpiece so that the cut-off wheel cuts the smallest possible cross-section.

6.3 Position the cutting table

Before you start cutting, position the table with the joystick.

How to cut long workpieces

To cut workpieces the exceed the width of the cutting chamber in the left-hand side:

- 1. Remove a plate in the cover and replace it with an extension tunnel.
- 2. Place the workpiece in the extension tunnel and clamp securely.

6.4 Basic operation

6.4.1 Flushing gun



CAUTION

Avoid skin contact with the coolant additive.



CAUTION

Do not start flushing until the flushing gun points into the cutting chamber.



CAUTION

Only use the flushing gun for cleaning inside the cutting chamber.



CAUTION

Always wear protective gloves and safety goggles when you use the flushing gun.

- 1. Remove the flushing gun from the holder.
- 2. Point the gun into the flushing chamber.



- 3. Open the valve on the flushing gun.
- 4. To avoid splashing water while cleaning, use the valve located just before the flushing gun to reduce the maximum water pressure.



5. Press Flush to start the water pump.



6. Press the rear of the nozzle and clean the cutting chamber.



- 7. Press Stop to stop flushing.
- 8. Close the valve and place the flushing gun back in the holder.
- 9. Leave the safety guard open to allow the cutting chamber to dry and to avoid corrosion.



Note

Always place the flushing gun back in its holder when you have finished using Do not use the flushing gun to clean the safety guard as this can result in water We recommend that the flushing gun is operated at a pressure of max. 3 bar.



Hint

For instructions on how to use the flushing gun to clean the machine, see Cutting chamber ►73.

6.4.2 Cutting table

Y-table

The Y-table is a motor driven, movable table which is used when cutting automatically. Use the joystick to move the table backwards and forwards. See: Control panel functions ►18.



Note

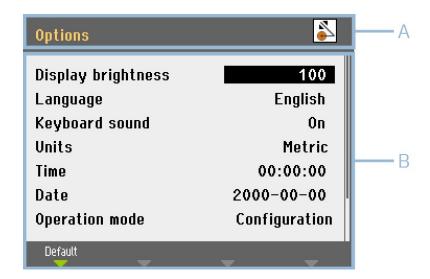
When you switch the machine on, a pop-up alerts you that the cutting table will move to the front reference position. Press **Enter** to continue.

6.4.3 Display

The display on the front panel provides different levels of status information. For example, when the machine is switched on using the main power switch, the display informs you about the physical configuration of the machine and the version of software that is installed:



The display is primarily divided into 2 areas. The position of these areas and the information they contain are explained in the illustration below, which uses the **Options** menu as an example:



A Heading: this indicates where you are in the software's hierarchy. An icon will indicate whether the handle is locked or unlocked:



Locked



Unlocked

B Information fields: these will be either numerical values or text fields, providing information associated with the process shown in the heading. The highlighted text shows the cursor position.

To select items in this menu:

- Turn the knob to select a menu, a method group or a parameter.
- 2. Push the knob to open or activate the selection.
- Press Esc to return to the Main menu.

Acoustic Signals

When you press a key, a short beep indicates that the command has been accepted, whereas a long beep indicates that the key cannot be activated at the moment. You can switch this sound on or off in Configuration, under Options.

6.4.4 Edit values

Edit numeric values



1. Turn the knob to select the value you want to change.



2. Push the knob to edit the value. A scroll box appears around the value.



Note

If there are only two options, the pop-up box is not displayed. Pushing the knob (Enter) will toggle between the 2 options.

- 3. Turn the knob to increase or decrease the numeric value (or to toggle between the two options).
- 4. Push the knob to accept the new value. If you press Esc, the changes are reversed to the original value.

Edit alphanumeric values



1. Turn the knob to select the text value you want to change.



2. Push the knob to toggle between the 2 options.



Note

If there are more than two options, a pop-up box is displayed. Turn the knob to select the correct option.

3. Press Esc to accept the option and return to the previous menu, or turn the knob to select and edit other options in the menu.

6.4.5 Software settings

When switching the machine on for the first time, the **Select language** screen will appear. To change the language after this, see Change the language ►39).



• Select the language you prefer.

You will now be prompted to set the time.



Use the knob to adjust and accept the settings.

You will now be prompted to set the date.

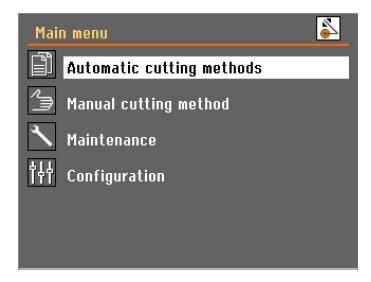


- 1. Use the knob to adjust and accept the settings.
- 2. Select Save & Exit.

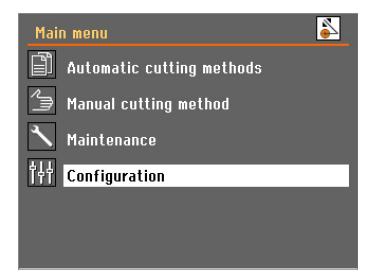
The **Main menu** now appears in the language you have chosen.

When you start the machine, it will open the last screen that was used before it was switched off.

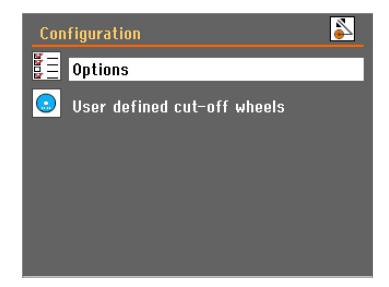
To go to the Main menu, press Esc.



Change the language



1. Open the **Configuration** menu.



2. Open the **Options** menu.



3. Open the **Language** pop-up menu.



4. Select the language you prefer.

6.4.6 Operation mode

There are 3 different user levels:

Production: Methods can be selected and viewed but no editing is possible.

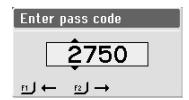
Development: Methods can be selected, viewed and edited.

Configuration: Methods can be selected, viewed and edited and all functions in **Configuration** are accessible.

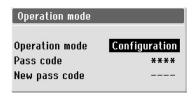
Change the operation mode

To change the operation mode:

- 1. Go to the **Options** menu, under **Configuration**.
- 2. Select Operation mode.
- 3. Select Pass code.



- 4. Use the F1 and F2 keys to select digits.
- 5. Turn the knob to change the digits and push knob to enter the pass code.



6. Select Configuration.



7. Select the desired operation mode.

New pass code

To set a new pass code:



- 1. Select New pass code.
- 2. Enter the new pass code.



Note

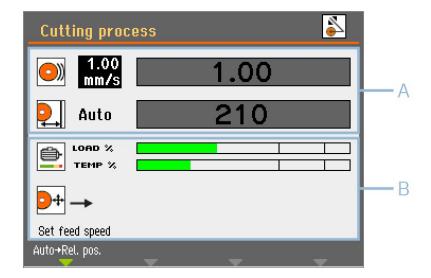
When a pass code is set, you have 5 attempts to enter the correct pass code, after which the machine will be locked.

Re-start the machine using the main switch, then enter the correct pass code.

6.4.7 Change the cutting mode and parameters

Cutting display

The cutting display shows two types of information:



- A Cutting parameters
- **B** Motor information

Cutting parameters

In **Automatic Cutting** mode, the upper area of the display shows information about the cutting parameters:

- Feed speed
- Stop position

The cutting parameters can be set both before and during cutting.

The set value is displayed to the left of the bar graph. The actual value (during cutting) is displayed inside the bar graph.

Motor information

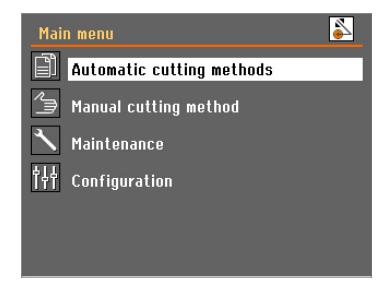
The bottom area of the display shows the motor information:

- Load %: Motor load.
- Temp %: Motor temperature.

The values displayed are in relative (%) values.

Change the cutting mode

The Discotom-100 has two cutting modes: **Manual cutting methods** and **Automatic cutting methods**.



• Select the mode you want to use in the **Main menu**.

Change the cutting parameters

In automatic cutting mode, the machine applies the selected cutting parameter values for:

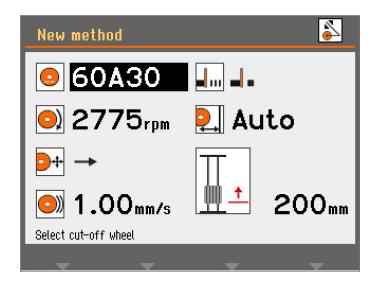
- Wheel type
- Wheel speed
- Cutting mode
- Feed speed
- MultiCut (with automatic x-table only)
- Stop mode

To adjust the values of these parameters:

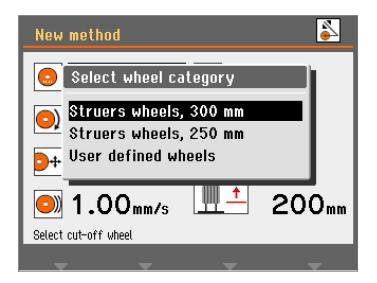
- 1. Use the knob to select a cutting parameter.
- 2. Turn the knob to change the value of the parameter.
- 3. Push the knob to store the new value.

Cut-off wheel

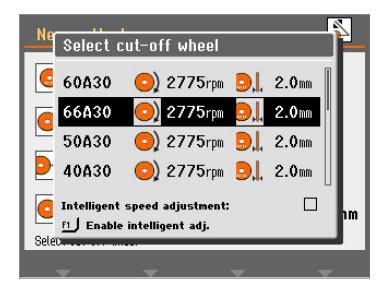
To select or change the cut-off wheel:



1. Select the **cut-off wheel** parameter.



2. Select a wheel category.

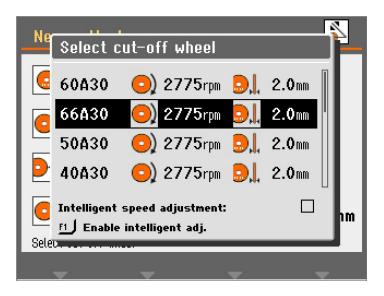


3. Select a cut-off wheel from the list.

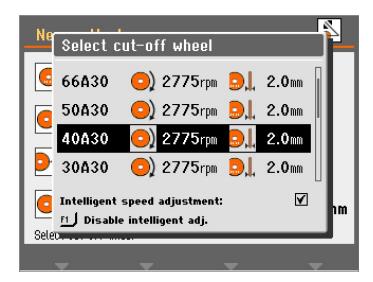
The selected cut-off wheel is now displayed, and the rotational speed of the wheel is inserted.

Intelligent speed adjustment

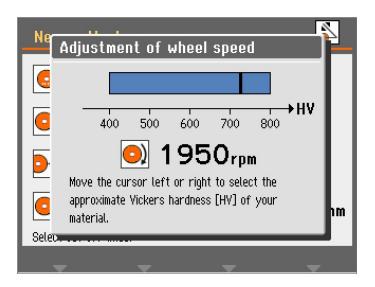
To use the intelligent predefined rpm adjustment:



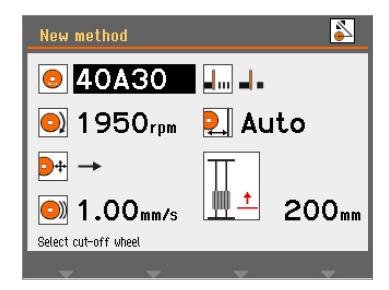
1. Press F1 in the **Select cut-off wheel** menu to enable the intelligent adjustment.



2. Select a cut-off wheel to adjust the rpm.



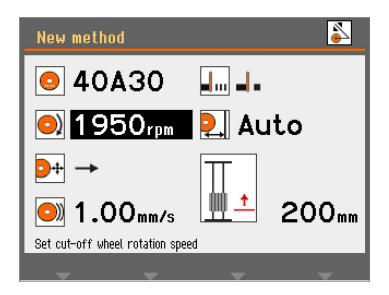
3. Select the Vickers hardness of the material you want to cut. The rpm setting for the cutoff wheel is changed accordingly.



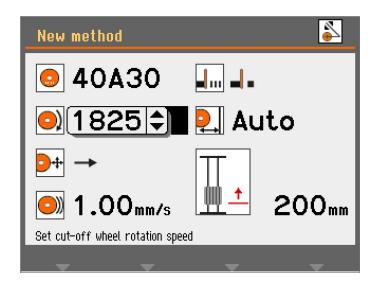
4. Push the knob to store the value.

Wheel speed

To change the cut-off wheel speed:



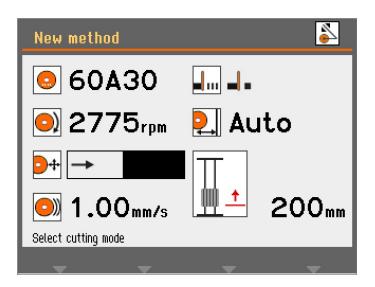
1. Select the speed parameter.



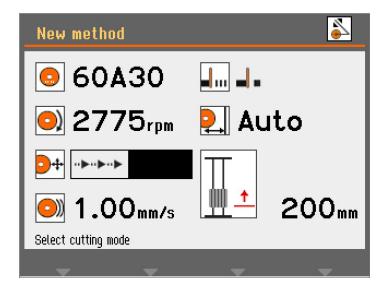
2. Use the knob to adjust the wheel speed (1500 - 3000 rpm).

Cutting mode

To change the cutting mode:



1. Select the cutting mode parameter.



2. Push the knob to change the cutting mode.

Direct cutting

Direct cut is the normal and most economic cutting mode and can be used for most cutting operations.



Impact cutting



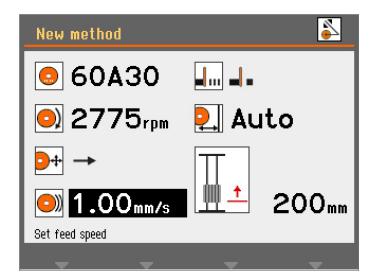
Impact cutting can be used when it is not possible to find the correct cut-off wheel for a specific material, and the abraded material clogs the wheel, or the wheel is not wearing enough.

Impact cutting will frequently accelerate the cutting table and thus move the workpiece at higher speed against the cut-off wheel. This will break down the wheel and release fresh and sharp abrasive grains that can work properly.

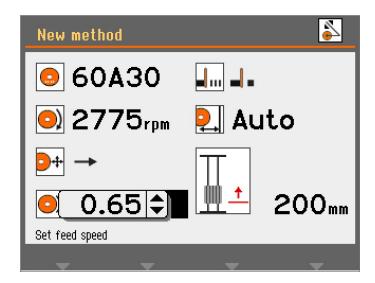
Impact cutting can result in higher wheel wear, but will reduce the risk of overheating the workpiece that otherwise can take place with an inaccurate wheel / material combination.

Feed speed

To set the feed speed:



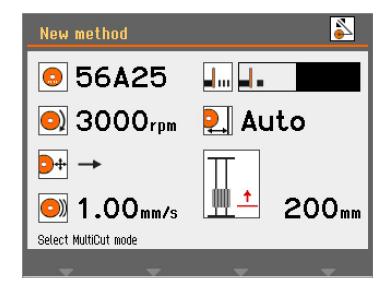
1. Select the feed speed parameter.



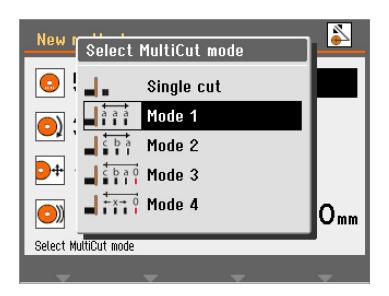
2. Use the knob to adjust and accept the settings.

MultiCut (Optional)

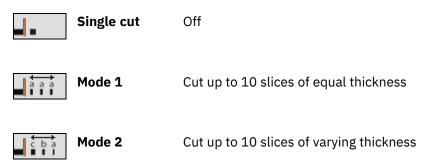
To select the **MultiCut** mode:



1. Select the **MultiCut** parameter.



2. Select the desired setting.





Mode 3

Cut up to 10 slices of varying thickness counted from a common 0-position

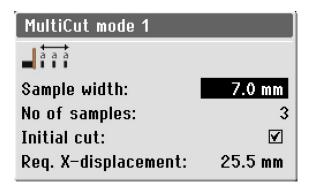


Mode 4

The thickness of the cuts are set by moving the joystick then pressing Enter to set the position of the cut

MultiCut 1

With the **MultiCut 1** mode, you can cut up to 10 samples of equal width.



Parameters

Sample width Sets the width of the samples that will be cut.

No of samples Sets the number of samples that will be cut.

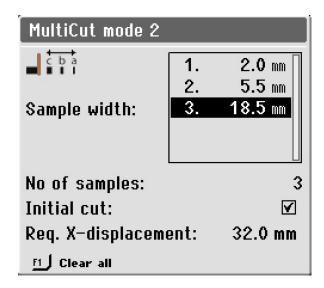
Initial cut

Select this parameter if you need to make an initial cut, before you start cutting the samples. This cuts a scrap sample, which you will not use. For example, if the workpiece has an uneven edge that makes it unsuitable as a first sample.

Required Xdisplacement This parameter is automatically calculated, and it displays the required movement of the X-table to cut the samples, based on the parameter settings.

MultiCut 2

With the **MultiCut 2** mode, you can cut up to 10 samples of different widths.



Parameters

Sample width Sets the width of the samples that will be cut.

No of samples Sets the number of samples that will be cut.

Initial cut

Select this parameter if you need to make an initial cut, before you start cutting the samples. This cuts a scrap sample, which you will not use. For example, if the workpiece has an uneven edge that makes it unsuitable as a first sample.

Required Xdisplacement This parameter is automatically calculated, and it displays the required movement of the X-table to cut the samples, based on the parameter settings.



Hint

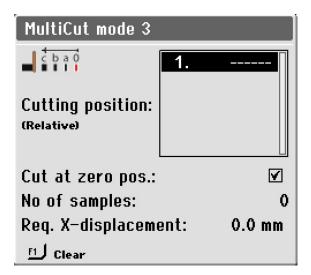
Press F1 to clear all sample values and return the menu to its default.

MultiCut 3

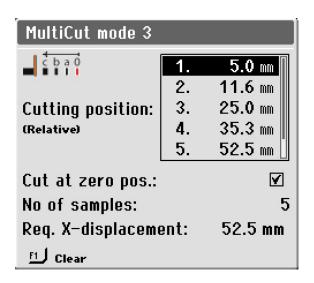
With the **MultiCut 3** mode, you can cut up to 10 samples at different relative distances from the zero, or starting position.

The distances are manually entered.

To set up the distances:



1. Select Mode3 in the Select MultiCut mode menu.



2. Select the cutting positions.

Parameters

Cutting position distance to the zero position. (Relative) Cut at zero position Select this parameter to make an initial cut at zero position. Otherwise, the machine will start cutting at position 1.

Parameters

No of samples Sets the number of samples that will be cut.

Required Xdisplacement

This parameter is automatically calculated, and it displays the required movement of the X-table to cut the samples, based on the parameter settings.

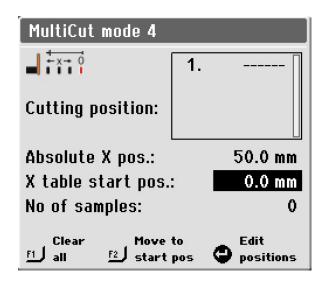
Hint

Press F1 to clear the highlighted value in this menu. If the cursor is placed outside the cutting position box, F1 will clear all positions.

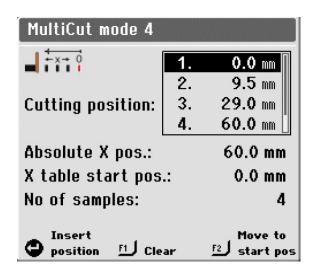
MultiCut 4

With the **MultiCut 4** mode, you can cut at different relative distances from the zero, or starting position. Enter the distances by using the X-table to position the workpiece in front of the cut-off wheel, where you want to cut the sample, and then record this position.

To set up the distances:



- 1. Position the workpiece relatively close to the cut-off wheel and clamp it.
- 2. Use the joystick to move the X-table to the position where the first cut is to be made.



- 3. Push the knob to insert the current position as the cutting position.
- 4. Repeat the steps to insert the cutting positions for all samples.

Parameters

Cutting position (Relative)

This parameter sets the position of the cuts. The values show the relative distance to the zero position.

Absolute X position

Actual absolute position of the X-table.

X-table start position

Here you can fine-tune the start position, if the work piece is slightly misaligned during clamping.

When you change the value of this parameter, all other positions are

corrected accordingly.

No of samples Sets the number of samples that will be cut.



Hint

Press F1 to clear the highlighted value in this menu. If the cursor is placed outside the cutting position box, F1 will clear all positions.

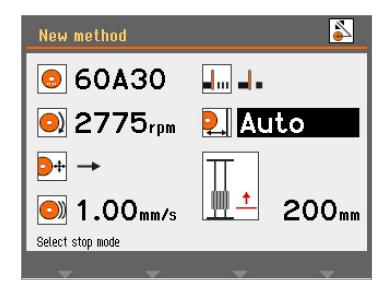


Hint

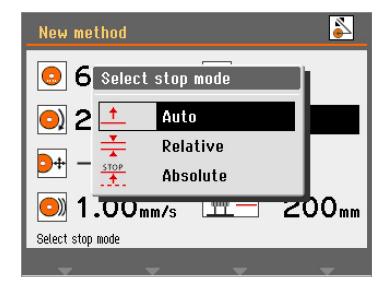
Press F2 to move the X-table until the sample is in the starter position.

6.4.8 Stop modes

To select a stop mode:



1. Select the stop mode parameter.



Select the desired setting.

The Discotom-100 has 3 stop modes:

- Auto
- Relative
- Absolute

Auto

When **Auto** stop mode is selected, the machine automatically stops when the workpiece has been cut through. We recommend that you use this mode for normal cutting.



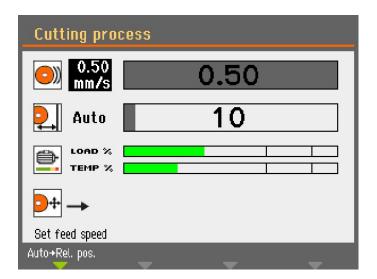
Note

We do not recommend that you use **Auto** stop when cutting tubes, or other workpieces which are not very dense or rigid. Use either **Relative** or **Absolute** stop instead.

The automatic stop function is based on monitoring the electrical current used by the cut-off wheel motor. For the automatic stop to function properly, two criteria have to be met:

- The current used at the start of a cutting operation has to exceed a minimum value. If it does not, the automatic stop will not be enabled.
- The current used during the cutting operation has to remain above a minimum value. When it falls beneath this value, cutting will stop.

In some samples, for example tubes, the current can fall beneath the minimum value when the wall of the tube has been cut through, and the center (hollow part) of the tube is reached during the cutting operation. If this happens, cutting will stop even though the sample has not been fully cut through.



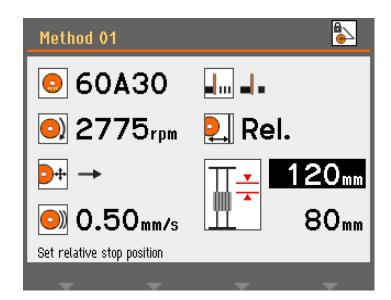
When you start the cutting process, the bar indicating the travel of the cutting table is gray, until the motor current exceeds the required value. The bar then changes to green to signal that the **Auto** mode is enabled.

When the motor current then falls below the specified minimum value, the bar color changes back to gray and the cutting stops.

If only a very small cross section is left at the end, cutting can stop before the workpiece is completely cut through. Here it is possible to specify an additional cutting distance in **Configuration** / **Options** to make sure that the workpiece is cut completely through. This is especially useful when using **MultiCut**.

Relative

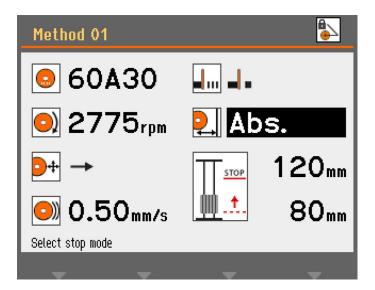
The Y-table is set to stop in a position relative to where cutting starts. After entering the stop position (approximate sample size + wheel wear) the cutting process will stop as soon as the specified position has been reached. The positioning range (table travel) is 0-200 mm.



If you set the relative stop position to a value exceeding the possible table travel, the value displayed is reduced automatically to the maximum possible when you press Enter. Moving the Y-table towards the front of the cutting chamber increases the amount of travel and this automatically updates the relative stop data.

Absolute

The Y-table is set to stop in a fixed position measured from the zero position, where the cutting table is at the very front of the cutting chamber. The positioning range is 0-200 mm.



6.4.9 Motor load and temperature display

The motor load and temperature values displayed are relative percentage (%) values.

Manual cutting mode

The **Load** % and **Temp** % displays indicate how much force is being applied to the workpiece and how hot the motor is. As more force is applied, motor load is increased resulting in a higher temperature.

A heavy force applied for an extended period of time can result in the motor's temperature becoming greater than the safe working limit. The machine will then automatically stop cutting to prevent damage to the motor.

Applying heavy force for a long period of time may also shorten the life of the cut-off wheel.

Automatic cutting mode

The feed speed is automatically reduced on overload by the OptiFeed feature.

OptiFeed

This feature protects the machine from damage due to continuous overloading of the motor.

If the feed speed is set too high and the motor is overloaded:

- The feed speed is reduced by 20%.
- If the motor load is still too high, the feed speed is again reduced by 20%.
- This is done up to 4 times until the feed speed is only 20% of the preset value.
- If the motor is still overloaded, the cutting process is stopped.

• If the motor is running with normal load again, the feed speed is gradually increased, in steps of 10% of the original feed speed, until the preset feed speed is reached without the motor being overloaded.

6.4.10 Start the cutting process



WARNING

The machine must not be used for any type of explosive and/or flammable material, or materials which are not stable during machining, heating or pressure.



WARNING: LASER BEAM

Laser radiation. Do not stare into beam or expose users of telescopic optics. Class 2M laser product.



HEAT HAZARD

Wear suitable gloves to protect fingers from abrasives and warm/sharp specimens.



CAUTION

Check that the protective cover is in full working condition prior to cutting.

Automatic cutting	The cut-off wheel is stationary, and the cutting table moves.	
Manual cutting	The cutting table is stationary, and the operator moves the cut-off wheel.	

Automatic cutting

- 1. Clamp the workpiece.
- 2. Release the cutting arm brake.
- 3. Lower the cut-off wheel by pulling the cutting handle downwards until the cut-off wheel is positioned ready to cut the workpiece.
- 4. Activate the cutting arm brake.
- 5. To align workpiece and cutting wheel, press the hold-to-run button and use the joystick to position the cutting table.
- 6. Close the cover of the machine.
- 7. Select a method in the **Automatic cutting methods** menu.
- 8. Press Start. The cut-off wheel starts rotating and the cooling water starts to flow. The cutting table moves towards the cut-off wheel at the preset feed speed.
- 9. When the workpiece is cut through or the set stop position has been reached, the cut-off wheel stops automatically. Depending on the return position setting, the cutting table will return to where the cutting started (**Start**) or it will stay where it is (**Stay**).



Hint

During cutting, you can move the sample away from the cut-off wheel by pressing the Y-table joystick downwards.

Manual cutting

- 1. Clamp the workpiece.
- 2. Release the cutting arm brake.
- 3. To align the workpiece and cutting wheel, press the Hold-to-run button and use the joystick to position the cutting table.



Hint

Place the workpiece slightly in front of the center of the cut-off wheel.

- 4. Close the cover of the machine.
- 5. Select a method in the **Manual cutting methods** menu.
- 6. Press Start. The cut-off wheel starts rotating and the cooling water starts to flow.
- 7. Pull the cutting handle down and let the cut-off wheel work itself into the workpiece. Increase the force and begin cutting.
- 8. Reduce the force when the cut-off wheel has almost cut through the workpiece.
- 9. When the cut-off wheel has cut through the workpiece, push the cutting handle back to its top position.
- 10. Press Stop to stop the machine.



Note

When cutting manually, use the motor load information to monitor the force on the workpiece.

Combine manual and automatic operation

To combine the manual and automatic cutting modes:

- 1. Cut into the workpiece using the **Manual cutting methods**.
- 2. Press Stop to stop the machine.
- Activate the cutting arm brake to secure the arm in this position, select a method from Automatic cutting methods and continue in automatic mode. The workpiece will move towards the cut-off wheel.



Note

Check that there is a steady flow of cooling fluid from the nozzles.

6.4.11 Stop the cutting process

You can stop the cutting process at any time during the cutting process.



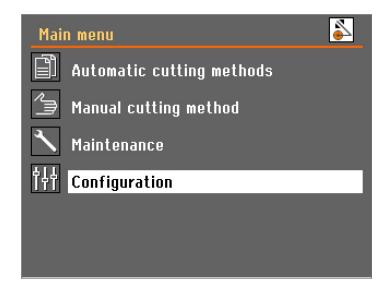
Note

The cut-off wheel may stop rotating if the speed is set to the lowest level. Do not use this function to stop the cutting process.

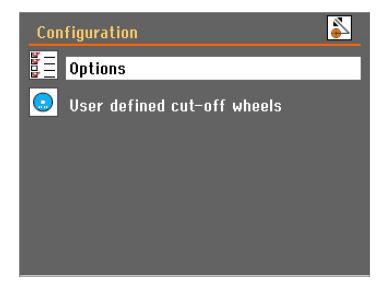
Press Stop to stop the cut-off wheel.

6.5 Configuration

6.5.1 Options



1. Select **Configuration** in the **Main menu**.



2. Open the **Options** menu.



Parameters

Display brightness The contrast settings of the display can be adjusted to suit

individual preferences (range 0-100).

The language can be set to English (default), German, French, Language

Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Russian or Korean.

Keyboard sound The keyboard sound can be set to **On** or **Off**. Default: **On**.

Units The **Feed** and **Stop** values in the display panel can be set to be

displayed in either mm (default) or inches.

Time Set the time to get correct readings from the log files.

Date Set the date to get correct readings from the log files.

Operation mode There are 3 different operation modes, which provide different

levels of access to parameters:

Configuration: Full functionality, access to all parameters.

- **Development**: Limited access to parameters in the Options menu.
- **Production**: No access to parameters except for Display brightness, Keyboard sound, and Additional cutting distance.

Parameters

Return position

After cutting or after pressing Stop, the return movement of the cut-off wheel can be set to two different modes:

- Start: The Y-table automatically retracts to the original position when you press Start.
- Stay: The Y-table will not move after cutting.



Note

Use the **Stay** function for Bakelite bonded diamond or CBN cut-off wheels, as retraction can destroy the rim of the cut-off wheel.

Additional cutting distance

When you use the **Auto** stop, cutting is stopped when the motor current is decreasing below a certain level.

When cutting small workpieces with a small cross section, **Auto** stop will stop the cutting process too early due to a very low motor current. In this case, you can specify an additional cutting distance to make sure that the workpiece is cut completely. The additional cutting distance can be specified between 0-25 mm.

6.5.2 User defined cut-off wheels

To set up a new cut-off wheel:

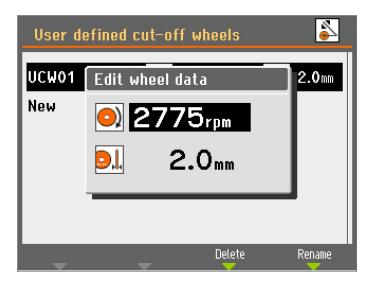
1. Select New in the User defined cut-off wheels menu.



2. Insert a name for the cut-off wheel or press F4 to accept the suggestion (UCW: **User defined cut-off wheels**).



3. Select the newly created cut-off wheel.



- 4. Use the knob to adjust and accept the settings.
- 5. Press Esc to save the changes.

6.5.3 Reset functions

To reset certain functions to factory settings, go to **Reset functions** from the **Maintenance** menu:

Reset methods

Select to delete all cutting methods at once.



Note

This action cannot be reversed.

Reset configuration

- 1. Select **Reset configuration** to set all configuration parameters back to their default settings.
- 2. Turn the machine off, then on again and reconfigure the settings.

6.6 Optimize cutting results

Question	Answer	Comments
How can I avoid discoloration or burning of the specimen?	Reduce the rotational speed.	Causes increased wheel wear.
	If reduced rotational speed fails to solve problem, change to a softer cut-off wheel.	
How can I avoid uneven cuts?	Reduce the rotational speed.	Causes increased wheel wear.
	Reduce the feed speed.	
How can I avoid smearing?	Reduce the rotational speed.	Causes increased wheel wear.
How can I avoid burrs?	Use a softer cut-off wheel.	Causes increased wheel wear.
	Secure the workpiece on both sides of the cut-off wheel.	
How can I prevent the cut- off wheel from wearing out too quickly?	Increase the rotational speed.	Can cause specimen discoloration and uneven cuts.
	Use a harder cut-off wheel.	
How can I cut faster?	Place the cut-off wheel as low as possible.	
	Place the workpiece in a position that allows the cut-off wheel to cut the smallest possible cross-section.	
	Increase the feed speed.	Can cause specimen discoloration and uneven cuts.
How can I avoid machine vibrations?	For minor vibrations, increase the feed speed in steps of 0.1 m/s	Can cause specimen discoloration and uneven cuts.
	For major vibrations, increase the rotational speed by 500 rpm.	Can cause specimen discoloration and uneven cuts.

7 Maintenance and service

Proper maintenance is required to achieve the maximum up-time and operating lifetime of the machine. Maintenance is important in ensuring continued safe operation of your machine.

The maintenance procedures described in this section must be carried out by skilled or trained personnel.

Safety Related Parts of the Control System (SRP/CS)

For specific safety related parts, see the section "Safety Related Parts of the Control System (SRP/CS)" in the section "Technical data" in this manual.

Technical questions and spare parts

If you have technical questions or when you order spare parts, state serial number and voltage/frequency. The serial number and the voltage are stated on the name plate of the machine.

7.1 General cleaning



Note

Do not use acetone, benzol or similar solvents.



Note

Accumulated dirt and swarf can restrict the movement and cause damage to the cutting table.



Note

Do not use a dry cloth as the surfaces are not scratch resistant.

• Clean the machine and all accessories thoroughly.

If the machine is not to be used for a longer period of time

To ensure a longer lifetime for your machine, we strongly recommend regular cleaning.

7.1.1 Recirculation unit

- 1. Clean the recirculation tank and the connected tubes thoroughly.
- 2. If you use a soap solution to clean the bowl or the recirculation tank, rinse with clean water before filling the recirculation tank.



Note

If the cooling fluid is contaminated by algae or bacteria, replace the cooling fluid immediately.

- 3. If the recirculation water has been infected with bacteria or algae, clean the tank and tubes with a suitable antibacterial disinfectant.
- 4. Clean the static filter: Remove it and rinse it with water.

Change the recirculation water



CAUTION

Avoid skin contact with the coolant additive.



Note

The recirculation water contains additive and grinding residue and you must not dispose of it into the waste water drain.

Recirculation water must be disposed of in compliance with local safety regulations.

7.1.2 AxioWash



CAUTION

Avoid skin contact with the coolant additive.



Note

Clean the cutting chamber thoroughly if you are not going to use the machine for a longer period of time.



Note

Only use AxioWash for cleaning the cutting chamber.



Note

You do not need to remove the cut-off wheel or the clamping tools while using AxioWash.

The AxioWashAxioWash cleaning program is an efficient way to automatically clean the cutting chamber. You can set values between 1-30 min, in steps of 30 seconds. Default value: 3 minutes.

To start the AxioWash function:

- 1. Remove the workpiece and tools from the cutting chamber.
- 2. Close the adjustable cleaning nozzles.
- 3. Close the cover.



- 4. Press the AxioWash key on the Control Panel.
- 5. Press F1 to start cleaning. The AxioWash program will run for the preset time.

7.2 Daily

7.2.1 The machine



Note

Do not use acetone, benzol or similar solvents.



Note

Avoid spraying cooling fluid or water into the safety lock mechanism.



Note

Do not use a dry cloth as the surfaces are not scratch resistant.



Hint

Grease and oil can be removed with ethanol or isopropanol.

- Clean all accessible surfaces with a soft, damp cloth.
- Clean the cutting chamber both automatically (using AxioWash) and then manually (using the flushing gun).

Automatic cleaning: AxioWash

See AxioWash ►70



CAUTION

Avoid skin contact with the coolant additive.



CAUTION

Do not start flushing until the flushing gun points into the cutting chamber. Only use the flushing gun for cleaning inside the cutting chamber.



CAUTION

Always wear protective gloves and safety goggles when you use the flushing gun.



CAUTION

Using the flushing gun to clean the inside of the protective cover can cause spillage of cooling fluid on the floor.

When AxioWash is finished:

- 1. Take the flushing gun and point it towards the bottom of the cutting chamber.
- 2. Open the valve on the flushing gun.
- 3. Press Flush to start the water pump.
- 4. Press the button on the rear of the nozzle and clean the cutting chamber thoroughly.
- 5. Press Stop to stop flushing.
- 6. Close the valve.
- 7. Place the flushing gun in the holder.



Note

To avoid corrosion, leave the cover open to let the cutting chamber dry completely.

7.2.2 Protective cover



WARNING

To ensure its intended safety, the PETG screen must be replaced every 5 years. A label on the screen indicates when it is due to be replaced.

Replacement of the screen is required to remain compliant with the safety requirements in the European standard EN 16089.



WARNING

Replace the cover screen immediately if it has been weakened by collisions with projectile objects or if there are visible signs of deterioration or damage.



WARNING

If any of the following checks fail, do not use the machine until problems are resolved.

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CAUTION

The protective cover will minimize the risk of ejection but will not eliminate it completely.

The protective cover consists of a metal frame and a composite material (PETG) screen that protects the operator. In the event of damage, the screen will be weakened and offer less protection.

• Visually inspect the cover and the screen for signs of deterioration, wear or damage (for example: dents, cracks, damage to the edge sealing).

7.2.3 Wheel guard

Visually inspect that the cut-off wheel guard is intact.

7.2.4 Safety lock

The interlock tongue must be checked regularly for damage and perfect fitting.

• Check the interlock tongue for correct function. It must slide unobstructed into the locking mechanism.

7.2.5 Clean the flushing gun nozzle

The flushing gun nozzle can collect swarf, inhibiting the flow of cooling fluid.

When necessary:

• Unscrew the nozzle head and rinse it under clean water.

7.3 Weekly

7.3.1 The machine

Clean the machine regularly to avoid damaging effects to the machine and the specimens from abrasive grains or metal particles.

- Clean painted surfaces, and the control panel with a soft damp cloth and common household detergents. For heavy duty cleaning, use Struers Cleaner.
- Clean the cover with a soft damp cloth and a common household anti-static window cleaning agent.
- Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaning agents.



Note

Make sure that no detergent or cleaning agent is flushed into the cooling unit tank, as this will cause excess foaming.

7.3.2 Cutting chamber

Clean the cutting table

Remove the clamping device(s).

- 2. Thoroughly clean the clamping device(s).
- 3. Store the clamping device(s) in a dry place or replace on the cutting table after cleaning.

Clean the cutting chamber thoroughly

- 1. Move the cutting table forwards and backwards to access the whole of the cutting chamber.
- 2. Clean along the length of the guide shafts with the flushing gun and a brush to remove accumulated swarf.
- 3. Clean under the cutting table with the flushing gun and a brush to remove accumulated swarf.
- 4. Wipe the gutter on the inside of the cutting-chamber cover and remove accumulated swarf.

7.3.3 Recirculation unit

- Check the level of the cooling water after 8 hours of use or at least every week.
- Check, and if necessary, clean the filters.

7.4 Monthly

7.4.1 Cooling fluid



CAUTION

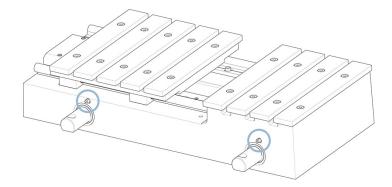
Wear suitable gloves and safety goggles when handling coolant.

Replace the coolant at least once a month.

7.4.2 Lubricate the cutting table

Lubricate the cutting table at regular intervals (approximately every 100 hours) to maintain optimum performance of the machine.

1. Move the cutting table to its position using the hold-to-run button and the joystick.



2. Place the grease gun on the grease nipples in front of the spindle for the cutting table and push twice to grease the guide shafts.

A grease gun with grease for lubricating the table spindle is supplied with the machine. When all the grease has been used, refill the grease gun.

7.4.3 Clamping devices

We recommended that you thoroughly clean and lubricate the quick clamping device and vertical quick clamping device at regular intervals.

7.5 Annually

7.5.1 Test the safety devices



WARNING

Do not use the machine with defective safety devices. Contact Struers Service.



Note

Testing should always be performed by a qualified technician (electromechanical, electronic, mechanical, pneumatic, etc.).

The safety devices must be tested at least once a year.

The cover has a safety switch system to prevent the cut-off wheel from starting while the cover is open.

Cutting table and arm movements are blocked if the protective cover is open. You can use the hold-to-run button to move the position of the cutting table. A locking mechanism prevents the operator from opening the cover until the cut-off wheel stops spinning.

Emergency stop

Test 1

- 1. Start a cutting process.
- Activate the emergency stop. If the machine does not stop the cutting process, press Stop and contact Struers Service.

Test 2

- Activate the emergency stop.
- 2. Press **Start**. If the machine starts the cutting process, press **Stop** and contact Struers Service.

Protective cover

Test 1

- Start a cutting process.
- 2. Try to open the protective cover do not use force. If the cover opens, press **Stop** and contact Struers Service.

Test 2

- Open the cover.
- Press Start. If the machine starts the cutting process, press **Stop** and contact Struers Service

Test 3

- Start a cutting process.
- 2. Press Stop. If it is possible to open the cover while the cut-off wheel still rotates, contact Struers Service.

Cover interlock

• Check the safety-catch for correct function. The safety-catch must slide unobstructed into the locking mechanism. If it does not, call Struers Service.

Fluid system

Test 1

- 1. Open the cover.
- 2. Start the water pump and activate the flushing gun. If cooling fluid starts to run from the cutoff wheel guard, press Stop and contact Struers Service.

Test 2

- 1. Activate the emergency stop.
- 2. Start the water pump by releasing the flushing gun. If cooling fluid starts to run, press Stop and contact Struers Service.

Hold-to-run button

- 1. Open the cover.
- 2. Without pressing the hold-to-run button, use the joy stick to move the cutting table and/or cutting arm. If the cutting table and/or the cutting arm move, contact Struers Service.

7.6 Cutting table

The stainless steel bands are available as spare parts and must be replaced if they become worn or damaged.

We recommend that you leave the cover open when the machine is not in use to allow humidity to escape from the cutting table and chamber.

Lubrication

Lubricate the cutting table at regular intervals (approximately every 100 hours) to maintain optimum performance of the machine. See <u>Lubricate the cutting table</u> ►74.

7.7 Cut-off wheels

How to store bakelite bonded Al₂O₃ cut-off wheels

Bakelite bonded cut-off wheels are sensitive to humidity. Therefore, do not mix new, dry cut-off wheels with used damp ones. Store the cut-off wheels in a dry place, horizontally on a flat support.

Maintenance of diamond and CBN cut-off wheels

Follow these instructions to maintain the precision and the quality of the cut of diamond and CBN cut-off wheels:

- Never expose the cut-off wheel to a heavy mechanical load, or heat.
- Store the cut-off wheel in a dry place, horizontally on a flat support, preferably under light pressure.
- Clean and dry the cut-off wheel before storing to avoid corrosion.
- Use ordinary detergents to clean the cut-off wheel.
- A clean and dry cut-off wheel does not corrode. Therefore, clean and dry the cut-off wheel before storing. If possible, use ordinary detergents for the cleaning.
- Dress the cut-off wheel regularly.

8 Spare parts

For specific safety related parts, see the section "Safety Related Parts of the Control System (SRP/CS)" in the section "Technical data" in this manual.

Technical questions and spare parts

If you have technical questions or when you order spare parts, state the serial number and the year of production. This information is stated in the name plate on the machine.

For further information, or to check the availability of spare parts, contact Struers Service. Contact information is available on Struers.com.

9 Safety Related Parts of the Control System (SRP/CS)

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WARNING

The PETG screen must be replaced after a lifetime of 5 years. A label on the screen indicates when it is due to be replaced.

The gas springs for the cover must be replaced after a lifetime of 1 year and 7 months.



WARNING

Safety critical components must be replaced after a maximum lifetime of 20 years.

Contact Struers Service.



Note

SRP/CS (safety-related parts of a control system) are parts that have an influence on safe operation of the machine.



Note

Replacement of safety critical components must only be performed by a Struers engineer or a qualified technician (electromechanical, electronic, mechanical, pneumatic, etc.).

Safety critical components must only be replaced by components with at least the same safety level.

Contact Struers Service.

Safety related part	Manufacturer/Manufacturer description	Manufacturer catalog no.	Electrical ref.	Struers catalog no.	
Emergency stop,	Schlegel	Rondex type RV	S1	2SA10400	
Push button 22 mm	Johnoger	Nondex type KV	J1	23A1U4UU	
Emergency stop switch element	Schlegel	Rondex type MTO	-S1	2SB10071	
Safety relay	Omron	G9SB-3012-A	-KS1 and - KS2	2KS10006	
Interlock w. locking	Schmersal	AZM161SK- 12/12RK-024	-YS1	2SS00121	
Safety sensor	Schmersal	BNS 120-02Z	-SS1	2SS00130	
Hold-to-run button	Schurter	3-145-878	-S2	2SA00024	
Solenoid valve	Sirai	D132A22 G½x9 2F	-Y1 and -Y2	2YM10132	

Safety related part	Manufacturer/Manufacturer description	Manufacturer catalog no.	Electrical ref.	Struers catalog no.
Frequency inverter 380- 480 V/50-60 Hz)	Omron	3G3MX2- A4055E-EV2	-A1	2PU04055
Frequency inverter 200- 240 V/50-60 Hz)	Omron	3G3MX2- A4055E-EV2	-A1	2PU02055
PCB (Printed circuit board)	Struers		-A3	16013000

10 In-line filter

To clean the in-line filter:

- 1. Unscrew the filter housing.
- 2. Clean the filter.
- 3. Re-assemble the filter.



Hint

You can also fit the in-line filter to the quick coupling on the recirculation cooling unit pump. Make sure that the in-line filter is mounted so that the flow arrows indicate the flow of water towards the cut-off machine.

11 Service and repair

We recommend that a regular service check be carried out yearly or after every 1500 hours of use.

When the machine is started up, the display shows information about total operation time and the machines service information.

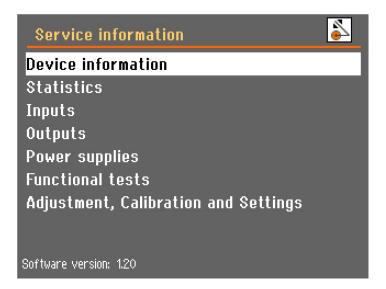
After 1500 hours of operation time, the display will show a message reminding the user that a service check should be scheduled.



Note

Service must only be performed by a qualified technician (electromechanical, electronic, mechanical, pneumatic, etc.).
Contact Struers Service.

11.1 Service information



You can find extensive information about the conditions of all different components in the **Service information** menu, located in the **Maintenance** menu.

Various topics can be selected for information on the condition of the different components.

Service information can also be used in cooperation with Struers Service for remote diagnostics of the equipment.

This menu contains read-only information; machine settings cannot be changed or modified.



Note

The Service Information menus are in English only.



A pop-up message appears after 1,000 hours operation time (or a specified number of months) to remind you that a service check must be scheduled. After the 1,500 hours operation time has

been exceeded, the pop-up message will change to alert you that the recommended service interval has been exceeded. Contact Struers Service.

12 Disposal



Equipment marked with a WEEE symbol contains electrical and electronic components and must not be disposed of as general waste.

Contact your local authorities for information on the correct method of disposal in accordance with national legislation.

For disposal of consumables and recirculation fluid, follow local regulations.



WARNING

In case of fire, alert bystanders, the fire brigade and cut power. Use a powder fire extinguisher. Do not use water.



Note

The recirculation fluid will contain additive and cutting or grinding swarf. Do not dispose of the recirculation fluid into a main drain. Follow the current safety regulations for handling and disposal of swarf and additive for recirculation fluid.

Keep track of which metals you cut or grind and the amount of swarf produced.

Depending on which metals you cut or grind, it is possible that the combination of the metallic swarf from metals with a large difference in electropositivity, can result in exothermic reactions when favorable conditions are present.

Examples:

The following are examples of combinations which can result in exothermic reactions if a large amount of swarf is produced during cutting or grinding on the same machine, and when favorable conditions are present:

- Aluminum and copper.
- · Zinc and copper.

13 Troubleshooting

13.1 Machine problems

Error	Cause	Action
The machine has stopped cutting.	The Auto stop function is active.	Switch the machine off and on at the main switch to reset Auto stop.
During cutting, the cutting table stops when reaching a specific point.	The Auto stop function is active.	Switch the machine off and on at the main switch to reset Auto stop.
The chamber light does not work.	Replace the lamp.	Remove the plastic cap to gain access to the fluorescent lamp. Pull out the lamp and replace it.
Water Leading	Leak in a recirculation cooling unit hose.	Check the hose and tighten the hose clamp.
Water leaking.	Water overflow in the cooling water tank.	Remove the excess water in the tank.
In-line filter needs cleaning often.	Filter tube needs to be changed.	Change the filter tube. In some cases, the In-line filter will require more frequent cleaning. To make this process easier, it can be moved to the quick coupling on the Cooli pump. See In-line filter ►79.
The workpieces or	Insufficient additive in cooling fluid.	Use an additive for cooling fluid in the cooling water, at the correct concentration as specified on the label. Check with a refractometer.
the cutting chamber are rusty.		See Accessories and consumables ►6.
chamber are rusty.	The cover is left closed after use.	Leave the cover open to let the cutting chamber dry.
Cutting chamber shows signs of corrosion.	The workpiece is made of copper or a copper alloy.	Use a coolant additive that is specifically formulated for copper and copper alloys.
		Contact Struers Service.
Forgotten pass code.		It is necessary to revert to the factory settings of the software to regain access to the machine.
		Note: Stored information and predefined processes will be lost.

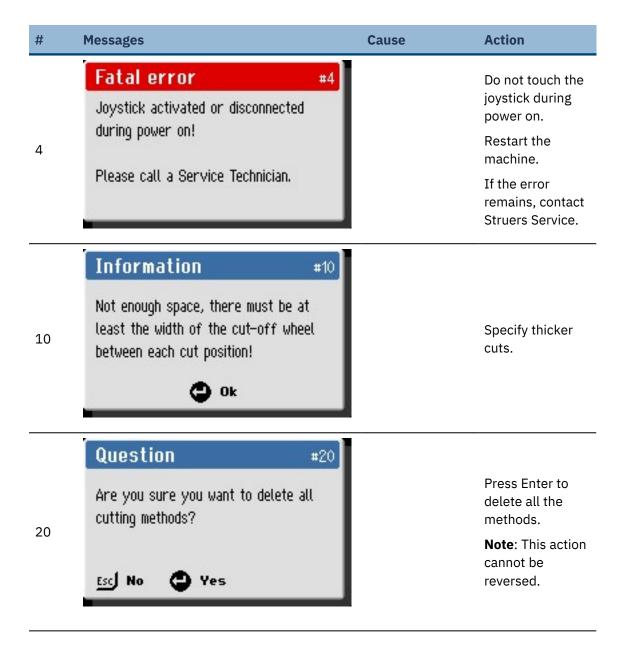
13.2 Cutting problems

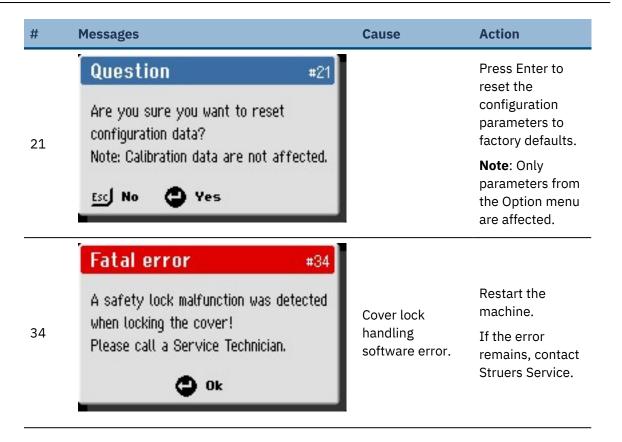
Error	Cause	Action
Discoloration or burning of the	The hardness of the cut-off wheel is inappropriate for the hardness / dimensions of the workpiece.	Reduce the rotational speed or change the cut-off wheel. See Accessories and consumables ►6.
workpiece.	Insufficient cooling fluid.	Check that there is enough water in the cooling unit.
	The cut-off wheel is too hard.	Reduce the rotational speed or change the cut-off wheel. See Accessories and consumables ►6.
Unwanted burrs.	The feed speed is too high at the end of the operation.	Reduce the feed speed near the end of the operation.
	Lack of support for the workpiece.	If possible, support the workpiece on both sides.
The cutting quality differs.	The cooling water hose is clogged.	Clean the cooling water hose and the cooling tube. Check the water flow by turning the cooling valve to cleaning position.
		Check that the bore/centre hole has the correct diameter.
	The cut-off wheel is mounted incorrectly.	Check the cardboard washer on both sides of the cut-off wheel and replace them if worn. The nut must be tightened properly.
The cut-off	The workpiece is clamped incorrectly.	Make sure that only one side of the workpiece is clamped securely. The other side should only be fixed lightly.
wheel breaks.	meorecity.	Use support tools (optional) if the geometry of the workpiece makes support necessary.
	The cut-off wheel is too hard.	Reduce the rotational speed or change the cut-off wheel. See Accessories and consumables ►6.
	The feed speed is set too high.	Reduce the feed speed.
	Insufficient cooling fluid.	Check that there is enough water in the cooling unit.
The cut-off	The rotational speed is too low.	Increase the rotational speed.
wheel wears	The feed speed is set too high.	Reduce the feed speed.
down too quickly.	Insufficient cooling fluid.	Check that there is enough water in the cooling unit.

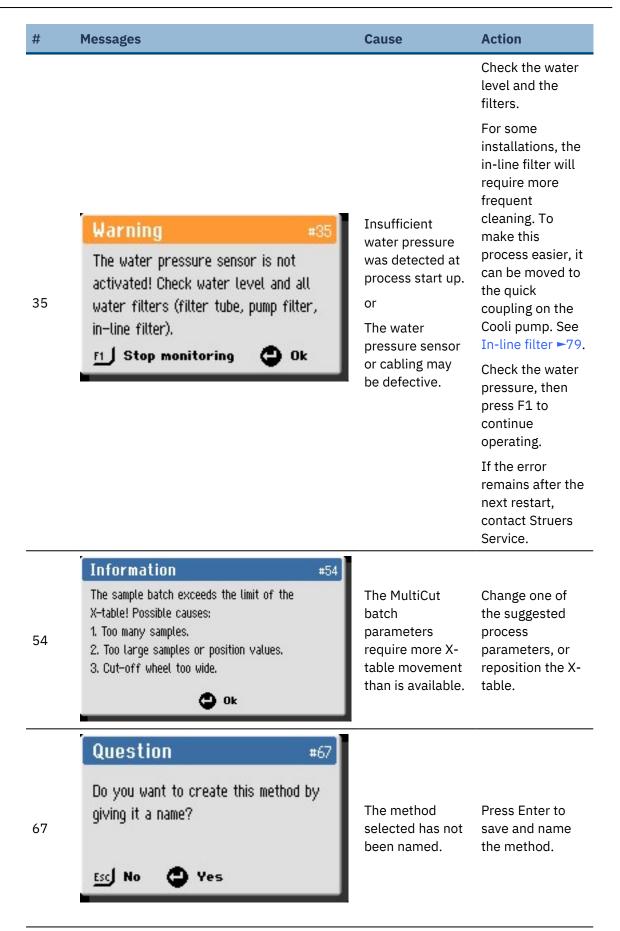
Error	Cause	Action
	The rotational speed is too low	Increase the rotational speed.
The cut-off wheel does not	The cut-off wheel is too soft for the task.	Select a harder cut-off wheel.
cut through the	Incorrect cut-off wheel.	Select and adequate cut-off wheel.
workpiece.	The cut-off wheel is worn.	Replace the cut-off wheel with a new cut-off wheel.
	The workpiece is clamped	Make sure that only one side of the workpiece is clamped securely. The other side should only be fixed lightly.
	incorrectly.	Use support tools (optional) if the geometry of the workpiece makes support necessary.
The cut-off wheel vibrates	The cut-off wheel is too soft for the task.	Select a harder cut-off wheel.
during the cutting process.		Exert more force on the cut-off wheel.
	Not enough cutting force.	Note : Large and/or very hard workpieces may require operator strength to cut through.
	The cutting force is too high.	Reduce the force on the cut-off wheel.
	The bearings are worn.	Contact Struers Service.
The workpiece	The cut-off wheel gets caught in the workpiece.	Support the workpiece and clamp it on both sides of the cut-off wheel so that the cut stays open.
breaks when clamped.	The modernies is builtie	Place the workpiece between two polystyrene plates.
	The workpiece is brittle.	Note :Always cut brittle workpieces very carefully.
	The sample has been left in the cutting chamber for too long.	Remove the sample directly after cutting. Leave the cover open when you leave the machine.
The sample is corroded.	Insufficient additive for cooling fluid.	Use an additive for cooling fluid in the cooling water at the correct concentration. Check with a refractometer.
		See Accessories and consumables ►6.

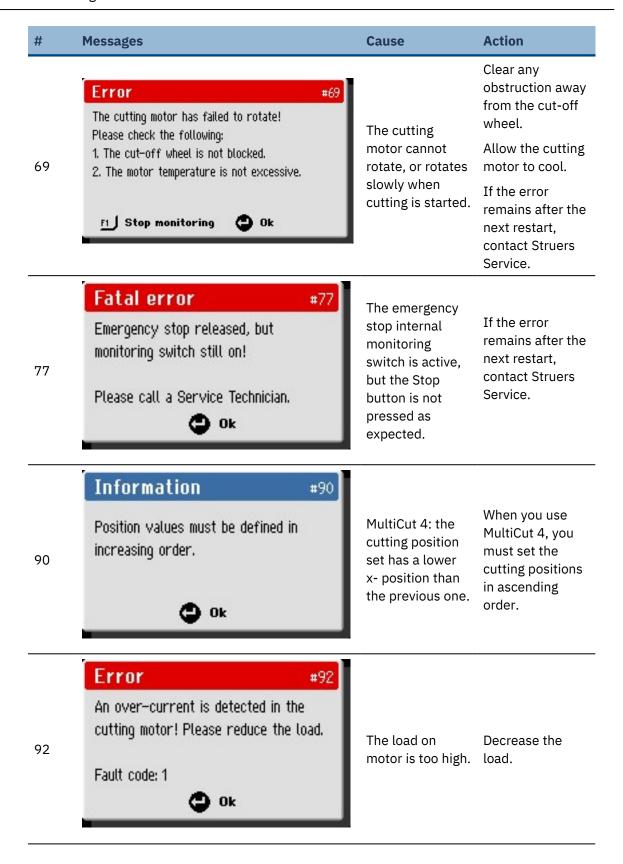
13.3 Error messages

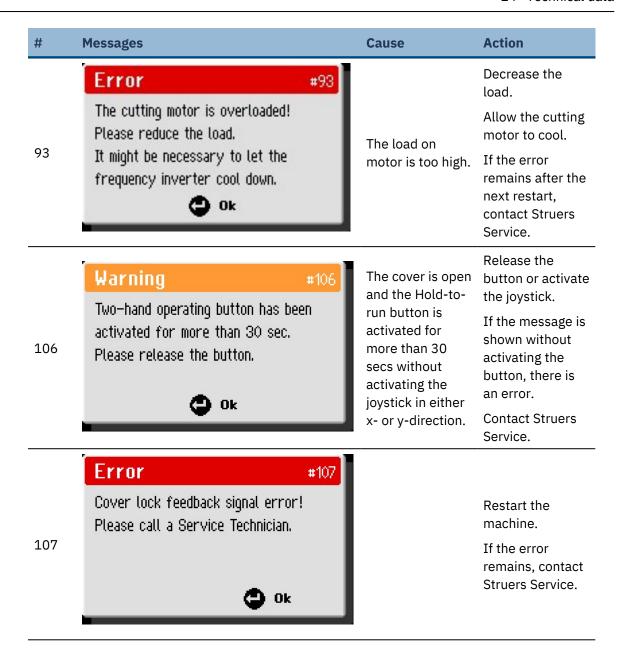
Errors must be corrected before operation can be continued. In some cases, the cutting process cannot continue before an authorized technician has rectified the error. Turn the machine off at the main switch immediately. Do not attempt to operate the machine before a technician has rectified the problem.











14 Technical data

14.1 Technical data

Capacity	Height x Length	65 x 160 mm (2.6 x 6.3")
	Diameter	119 mm (4.7")
	Cutting length	195 mm (7.7")

Cut-off wheel	Diameter	300 mm (12")	
	Arbor diameter	32 mm (1.26")	
Cut-off wheel motor	Rotational speed	1500 - 3000 rpm	
	Height adjustment of cut-off wheel	165 mm (6.5")	
Cutting table	Width	538 mm (21.2")	
	Depth	270 mm (10.6")	
	T-slots	10 mm (0.39")	
	Max. positioning speed	Y = 20 mm/s (0.8"/s). X = 10 mm/s (0.4"/s)	
	Feed speed	0.05 - 2.5 mm/s in 0.05 mm steps (2 - 200 mils/s in 2 mils steps)	
Laser		Optional (Laser class up to 2M)	
Software and electronics	Controls	Touch pad	
	Display	LCD, TFT-color 5.7", 320 x 240 dots with LED back light	
Safety standards		CE-labeled according to EU directives	
REACH		For information about REACH, contact your local Struers office.	
Operating environment	Surrounding temperature	5 - 40°C (41 - 104°F)	
	Humidity	35 - 85 % RH non-condensing	
Power supply 1	Voltage/frequency	3 x 200 - 240 V / 50 - 60 Hz	
	Power inlet	3L + (N) + PE	
	Power S1	4 kW (5.4 hp)	
	Current, nominal load	16 A	
	Current, max.	30 A	
	Ampere rating of the largest motor or load	14.7 A	

Power supply 2	Voltage/frequency	3 x 380 - 480 V / 50 - 60 Hz
	Power inlet	3L + (N) + PE
	Power S1	4 kW (5.4 hp)
	Current, nominal load	8 A
	Current, max.	15 A
	Ampere rating of the largest motor or load	8.5 A
Cooling system		Cooling system 4
Exhaust	Recommended capacity	50 m³/h (1766 ft³/h) at 0 mm (0") water gauge.
Advanced features	X-table, automatic	Yes, size 240 x 270 mm (9.4" x 10.6")
	X-stand, manual	No
	Rotary stand	No
Safety Circuit	Emergency stop	PL c, category 1
Categories/Performance Level		Stop category 0
	Safety guard	PL d, category 3
		Stop category 0
	Safety guard lock	PL a, category B
		Stop category 0
	Unintended start of recirculation fluid	PL b, category 1
	Hold-to-run function	PL d, category 3
		Stop category 0
Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCCB)		Type B, 30 mA (or better) is required
Noise level	A-weighted sound emission pressure	LpA = 79.5 dB(A) (measured value). Uncertainty K = 4 dB(A)
	level at workstations	Measurements made in accordance with EN ISO 11202
Vibration level	Declared vibration	Total vibration exposure to upper parts of the body does not exceed

Dimensions and weight	Width (main body)	92 cm (36.1")
	Width (with handle and flushing gun)	105 cm (41.4")
	Width (one tunnel)	Left: 140 cm (55.1")
	Width (two tunnels)	N/A
	Depth	89 cm (34.9")
	Height (guard closed, handle included)	87 cm (34.2")
	Height (guard open)	108 cm (42.5")
	Weight	204 kg (450 lbs)

14.2 Cutting capacity

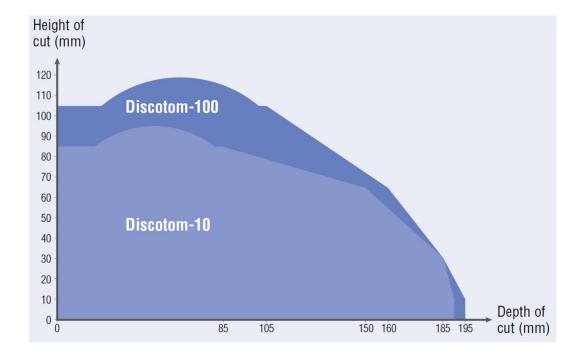
The graph shows the projected cutting capacity under the following conditions:

- A new cut-off wheel.
- The workpiece is laid directly on the cutting table, with overhang where appropriate.
- Vertical clamping is used.



Note

The actual cutting capacity depends on the specimen material, cut-off wheel and clamping technique.



14.3 Diagrams

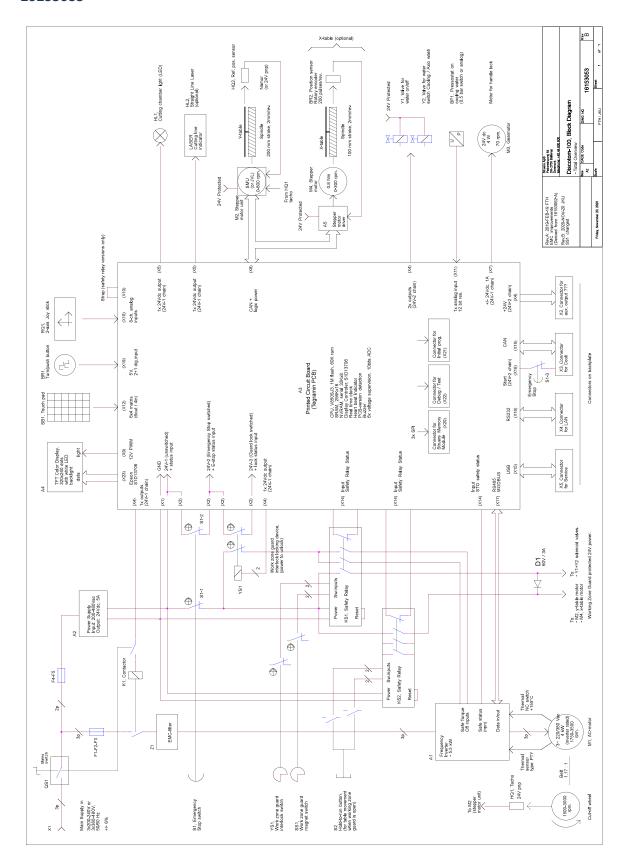


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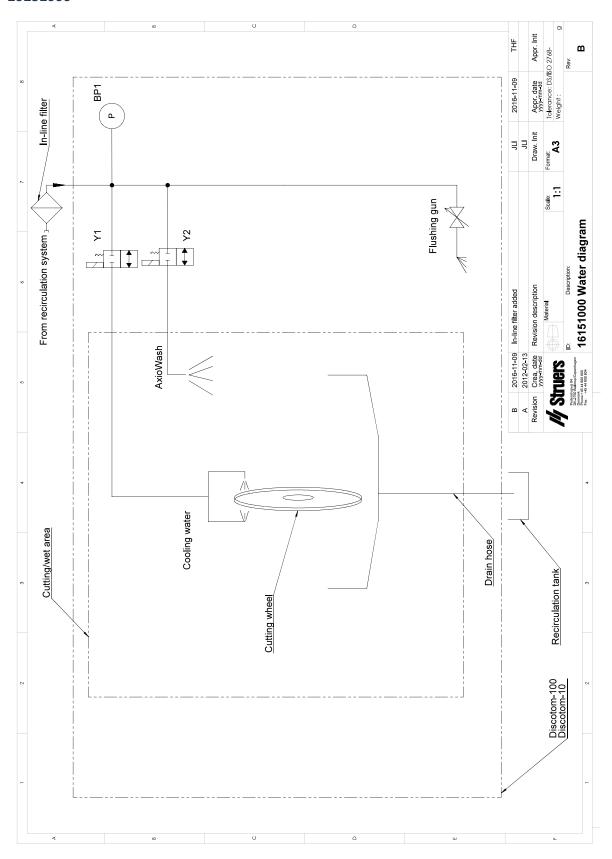
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Title Discotom-100	No.
Block diagram	16153053 ►94
Water diagram	16151000 ►95
Circuit diagram	See the diagram number on the name plate of the equipment, and contact Struers Service via Struers.com.

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14.4 Legal and regulatory information

FCC notice

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

15 Manufacturer

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Declaration of Conformity

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Name Discotom-100

Model N/A

Function Cut-off machine

Type 615

Cat. no. 06156129, 06156146, 06156229, 06156246

Accessories equipment: 06156901, 06156913

Serial no.

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Module H, according to global approach

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We declare that the product mentioned is in conformity with the following legislation, directives and standards:

2006/42/EC	FN ISO 12100:2010.	. FN ISO 13849-2:2012. FN	LISO 16089:2015.	EN ISO 13850:2015. EN ISO 13849-

1:2015, EN 60204-1:2018, EN 60204-1-2018/Corr.:2020

2011/65/EU EN 63000:2018

2014/30/EU EN 61000-6-2:2005/Corr.:2005, EN 61000-6-2:2005, EN 61000-6-4:2007, EN 61000-6-4-A1:2011

Additional standards

NFPA 79, FCC 47 CFR Part 15 Subpart B

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