



# Instruction For Use

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- Table 1, Available Tubes and Bottles for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Use only the items listed here.
- Certified Free Tubes
- Sterile Tubes
- Sterilization and Disinfection
- Supply List

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- [Table 1, Available Tubes and Bottles for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Use only the items listed here.](#)

**Note:** *Changes that are part of the most recent revision are indicated in text by a bar in the margin of the amended page.*



# Safety Notice

Read all product manuals and consult with Beckman Coulter-trained personnel before attempting to operate instrument. Do not attempt to perform any procedure before carefully reading all instructions. Always follow product labeling and manufacturer's recommendations. If in doubt as to how to proceed in any situation, contact your Beckman Coulter Representative.

## Alerts for Danger, Warning, Caution, Important, and Note

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



**CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

**IMPORTANT** IMPORTANT is used for comments that add value to the step or procedure being performed. Following the advice in the Important adds benefit to the performance of a piece of equipment or to a process.

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

## Safety Notice

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This safety notice summarizes information basic to the safe use of the rotor described in this manual. The international symbol displayed above is a reminder to the user that all safety instructions should be read and understood before operation or maintenance of this equipment is attempted. When you see the symbol on other pages throughout this publication, pay special attention to the specific safety information presented. Observance of safety precautions will also help to avoid actions that could damage or adversely affect the performance of the rotor. This rotor was developed, manufactured, and tested for safety and reliability as part of a Beckman Coulter ultracentrifuge/rotor system. Its safety or reliability cannot be assured if used in a centrifuge not of Beckman Coulter's manufacture or in a Beckman Coulter ultracentrifuge that has been modified without Beckman Coulter's approval.

- Handle body fluids with care because they can transmit disease. No known test offers complete assurance that such fluids are free of micro-organisms. Some of the most virulent—Hepatitis

(B and C) viruses, HIV (I–V), atypical mycobacteria, and certain systemic fungi—further emphasize the need for aerosol protection.

- Handle other infectious samples according to good laboratory procedures and methods to prevent spread of disease. Because spills may generate aerosols, observe proper safety precautions for aerosol containment. Do not run toxic, pathogenic, or radioactive materials in this rotor without taking appropriate safety precautions. Biosafe containment should be used when Risk Group II materials (as identified in the World Health Organization *Laboratory Biosafety Manual*) are handled; materials of a higher group require more than one level of protection.
- The rotor and accessories are not designed for use with materials capable of developing flammable or explosive vapors. Do not centrifuge such materials in nor handle or store them near the ultracentrifuge.
- Although rotor components and accessories made by other manufacturers may fit in the MLA-55 rotor, their safety in this rotor cannot be ascertained by Beckman Coulter. Use of other manufacturers' components or accessories in the MLA-55 rotor may void the rotor warranty and should be prohibited by your laboratory safety officer. Only the components and accessories listed in this publication should be used in this rotor.
- Make sure that filled containers are loaded symmetrically into the rotor and that opposing tubes are filled to the same level with liquid of the same density. Make sure that cavities in use have the proper spacers and/or floating spacers inserted before installing the rotor lid.
- If disassembly reveals evidence of leakage, you should assume that some fluid escaped the rotor. Apply appropriate decontamination procedures to the centrifuge and accessories.
- Never exceed the maximum rated speed of the rotor and labware in use. Refer to the section on [Run Speeds](#), and derate the run speed as appropriate.
- Do not use sharp tools on the rotor that could cause scratches in the rotor surface. Corrosion begins in scratches and may open fissures in the rotor with continued use.

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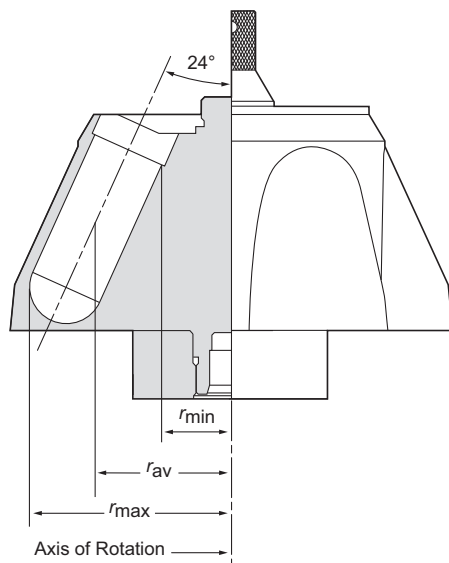
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# Type 45 Ti Rotor

## Specifications



Maximum speed	45 000 rpm
Density rating at maximum speed	1.2 g/mL
Relative Centrifugal Field* at maximum speed	
At $r_{\max}$ (84.5 mm)	$235\,000 \times g$
At $r_{\text{av}}$ (64.0 mm)	$158\,000 \times g$
At $r_{\min}$ (45.0 mm)	$81\,400 \times g$
$k$ factor at maximum speed	133
Conditions requiring speed reductions	see <a href="#">Run Speeds</a>
Number of tube cavities	6
Available tubes	see <a href="#">Table 1</a>
Nominal tube dimensions (largest tube)	$38 \times 102$ mm
Nominal tube capacity (largest tube)	94 mL
Nominal rotor capacity	564 mL
Approximate acceleration time to maximum speed	
(fully loaded)	9 min
Approximate deceleration time from maximum speed	
(fully loaded)	9½ min
Weight of fully loaded rotor	12 kg (26 lb)
Rotor material	titanium

\*Relative Centrifugal Field (RCF) is the ratio of the centrifugal acceleration at a specified radius and speed ( $r\omega^2$ ) to the standard acceleration of gravity ( $g$ ) according to the following formula:

$$\text{RCF} = \frac{r\omega^2}{g}$$

where  $r$  is the radius in millimeters,  $\omega$  is the angular velocity in radians per second ( $2\pi \text{ RPM}/60$ ), and  $g$  is the standard acceleration of gravity ( $9807 \text{ mm/s}^2$ ). After substitution:

$$\text{RCF} = 112r\left(\frac{\text{RPM}}{1000}\right)^2$$

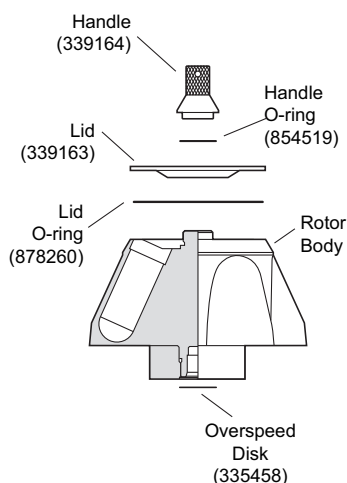
## Description

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

The Type 45 Ti, rated for 45 000 rpm, is a fixed angle rotor designed to centrifuge up to six tubes at a 24-degree angle to the axis of rotation. Used in Beckman Coulter class H, R, and S preparative ultracentrifuges, the rotor develops centrifugal forces sufficient for applications including

pelleting of small particles, and purification of viruses and subcellular organelles using sucrose gradients. Up to 564 mL of sample and gradient can be centrifuged per run.

The rotor is made of titanium and is finished with black polyurethane paint (a slightly rough, or grainy, surface is normal). The aluminum lid and handle are red-anodized for corrosion resistance. The color also identifies the rotor as a high-performance rotor that uses red or blue aluminum caps with maximum-diameter plastic tubes. O-rings made of Buna N rubber in the lid and handle maintain atmospheric pressure inside the rotor during centrifugation, if they are properly lubricated. Four small holes in the lid provide a temporary vent, preventing pressure build-up and extrusion of the large lid O-ring in the event of leakage. Because of the weight of the rotor, drive pins are not required in the rotor drive hub cavity.



The rotor is equipped with an overspeed disk on the rotor bottom. Rotor speed exceeding 45 000 rpm will be detected in instruments with the photoelectric overspeed detection system.

See the Warranty at the back of this manual for warranty information.

## Preparation and Use

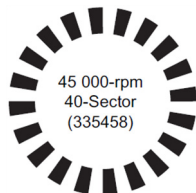
*Specific information about the Type 45 Ti rotor is given here. Information common to this and other rotors is contained in *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24) which accompanies this manual. Use this rotor manual, together with publication LR-IM-24, for complete rotor and accessory operation.*

**NOTE** Although rotor components and accessories made by other manufacturers may fit in the Type 45 Ti rotor, their safety in this rotor cannot be ascertained by Beckman Coulter. Use of other manufacturers' components or accessories in the Type 45 Ti rotor may void the rotor warranty and should be prohibited by your laboratory safety officer. Only the components and accessories listed in this publication should be used in this rotor.

## Prerun Safety Checks

*Read the Safety Notice page at the front of this manual before using the rotor.*

- 1 Make sure that the rotor and lid are clean and show no signs of corrosion or cracking.
- 2 Make sure that the 40-sector (45 000 rpm) overspeed disk is properly attached to the rotor bottom. If the disk is missing or damaged, replace it according to the instructions in *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24).

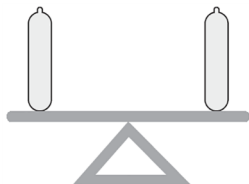


- 3 Check the chemical compatibilities of all materials used (refer to Appendix A in *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24)).
- 4 Verify that the tubes and bottles being used are listed in [Table 1](#).

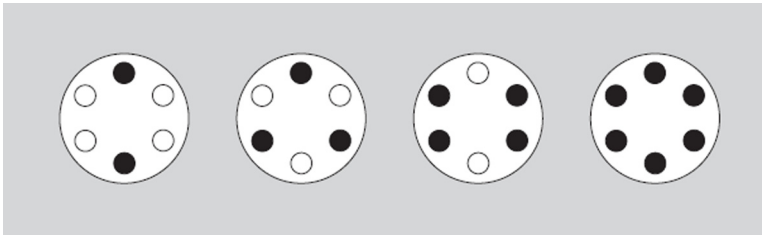
## Rotor Preparation

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

- 1 Be sure that metal threads in the rotor are clean and lightly but evenly lubricated with Spinkote lubricant (306812). Also ensure that O-rings are lightly but evenly coated with silicone vacuum grease (335148).
- 2 Load the filled containers symmetrically into the rotor. (Refer to [Tubes and Bottles](#) on -5 for information about containers.) If fewer than six tubes are being run, they must be arranged symmetrically in the rotor (see [Figure 1](#)). Opposing tubes must be filled to the same level with liquid of the same density.



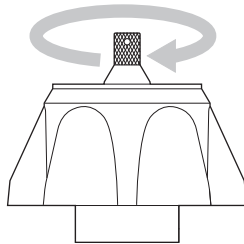
**Figure 1** Arranging Tubes in the rotor. Two, three, four, or six, tubes can be centrifuged per run if they are arranged in the rotor as shown.



- 3 Complete loading by placing the correct spacers (if required) over the tubes.

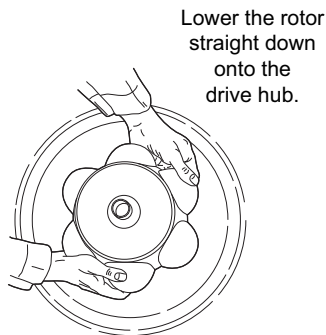
**NOTE** Place filled tubes in at least two opposing cavities. Make sure that cavities in use have the proper spacers inserted (if applicable) before installing the rotor lid.

- 4 Put the lid in place, and tighten by hand as firmly as possible.



## Operation

- 1 Carefully place the rotor on the drive hub.



- 2 Refer to the applicable instrument instruction manual for ultracentrifuge operation.

- 3 For additional operating information, see the following:
  - [Run Times](#) page -10 for using  $k$  factors to adjust run durations.
  - [Run Speeds](#) page -11 for information about speed limitations.
  - [Selecting CsCl Gradients](#) page -13, for methods to avoid CsCl precipitation during centrifugation.

## Removal and Sample Recovery

### CAUTION

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

- 1 Remove the rotor from the centrifuge by lifting it straight up and off the drive hub.
- 2 Remove the rotor lid.
- 3 Use the appropriate removal tool (listed in the [Supply List](#)) to remove the spacers and tubes.



Quick-Seal Tube  
Removal Tool  
(361668)

## Tubes and Bottles

The Type 45 Ti rotor uses the tubes and bottles listed in [Table 1](#). Be sure to use only those items listed, and to observe the maximum speed limits and fill volumes shown. (Maximum fill volume is the maximum amount that can be centrifuged in the container listed.) Refer to Appendix A in *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24) for chemical compatibilities of tube, bottle, and accessory materials.

**Table 1** Available Tubes and Bottles for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Use only the items listed here.

Tube				Required Accessory		Max Speed/ RCF/ k Factor
Dimensions	Description	Part Number	Max Fill Volume	Description	Part Number	
38 × 102 mm	Quick-Seal Ultra-Clear	345778 (pkg/25)	94 mL	titanium spacer	342697	45 000 rpm 235 000 × g 133
38 × 102 mm	Certified Free & Sterile Polypropylene Quick-Seal	C14305 Carton of 24 (4 packs of 6)	94 mL	titanium spacer	342697	45 000 rpm 235 000 × g 133
	Certified Free Polypropylene Quick-Seal	C14289 (pkg/25)				
	Standard Polypropylene Quick-Seal	345776 (pkg/25)				
38 × 102 mm	Ultra-Clear	345777 (pkg/25)	94 mL	red aluminum cap	330901 <sup>a</sup>	45 000 rpm 235 000 × g 133
38 × 102 mm	thickwall polypropylene	355643 (pkg/25)	81 mL	blue aluminum cap	338905	45 000 rpm 235 000 × g 133
			47 mL	none	—	15 000 rpm 26 200 × g 1195
38 × 102 mm	thickwall polycarbonate	355628 (pkg/25)	81 mL	blue aluminum cap	338905	45 000 rpm 235 000 × g 25
			47 mL	none	—	15 000 rpm 26 200 × g 1195
38 × 102 mm	polycarbonate bottle assembly (bottle only—355655)	355622 (pkg/6)	70 mL	aluminum cap	355623	45 000 rpm <sup>b</sup> 235 000 × g 133
16 × 76 mm	Ultra-Clear	344085 (pkg/50)	13.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303448	39 000 rpm 149 000 × g 107
				aluminum cap	330860	
16 × 76 mm	thinwall polypropylene	326814 (pkg/50)	13.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303448	39 000 rpm 149 000 × g 107
				aluminum cap	330860	
16 × 76 mm	thickwall polypropylene	355640 (pkg/25)	10 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303448	39 000 rpm 149 000 × g 107
				aluminum cap <sup>d</sup>	338907	



**Table 1** Available Tubes and Bottles for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Use only the items listed here. (Continued)

Tube				Required Accessory		Max Speed/ RCF/ k Factor
Dimensions	Description	Part Number	Max Fill Volume	Description	Part Number	
16 × 76 mm	thickwall polycarbonate	355630 (pkg/25)	10 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303448	39 000 rpm 149 000 × g 107
				aluminum cap <sup>e</sup>	338907	
13 × 89 mm	Ultra-Clear	344087 (pkg/50)	10.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303459	39 000 rpm 156 000 × g 110
				aluminum cap	346256 <sup>f</sup>	
13 × 89 mm	thinwall polypropylene	326822 (pkg/50)	10.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303459	39 000 rpm 156 000 × g 110
				aluminum cap	346256 <sup>f</sup>	
13 × 89 mm	thickwall polypropylene	355639 (pkg/25)	6.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303459	39 000 rpm 156 000 × g 110
13 × 89 mm	thickwall polycarbonate	355629 (pkg/25)	6.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303459	39 000 rpm 156 000 × g 110
13 × 64 mm	Certified Free & Sterile Ultra-Clear Open-Top	C14296 Carton of 48 (8 packs of 6)	6.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303449	39 000 rpm 138 000 × g 90
	Certified Free Ultra-Clear Open-Top	C14280 (pkg/50)				
	Standard Ultra-Clear Open-Top	344088 (pkg/50)		aluminum cap	346256 <sup>f</sup>	
13 × 64 mm	thinwall polypropylene	326820 (pkg/50)	6.5 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303449	39 000 rpm 138 000 × g 90
				aluminum cap	346256 <sup>e</sup>	
13 × 64 mm	thickwall polypropylene	355644 (pkg/25)	4 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303449	39 000 rpm 138 000 × g 90
13 × 64 mm	thickwall polycarbonate	355645 (pkg/25)	4 mL	Acetal adapter <sup>c</sup>	303449	39 000 rpm 138 000 × g 90

- Use only neoprene O-ring (346242)
- For lower fill volumes (not less than 15 mL) reduce maximum speed to 35 000 rpm.
- Each adapter holds one tube.
- Caps are optional with these tubes; capless fill volume is 8 mL. When run without caps, reduce speed to 15 000 rpm.
- Caps are optional with these tubes; capless fill volume is 8 mL. When run without caps, reduce speed to 30 000 rpm.
- Cap assembly includes neoprene gasket (344672) and stem (346246).

## Temperature Limits



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

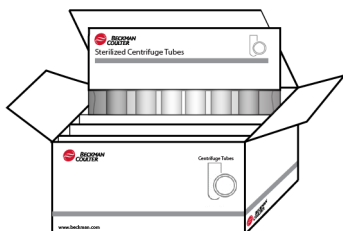
## Certified Free Tubes



Based on Sample  
Results Below  
Detectable Limit

Certified free tubes are lot traceable to testing that confirms absence of endotoxin, DNase, RNase, and human & mouse dna below a detectable limit.

## Sterile Tubes



Sterile tubes are sterilized via ethylene oxide in compliance with ISO 11135:2014. Cartons include several peel packages, each containing a typical run quantity of tubes per the tube details in [Table 1](#). Packaging meets requirements of ISO 11607:2006.

## Quick-Seal Tubes



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

- Fill Quick-Seal tubes leaving a *small* bubble of air at the base of the neck. Do not leave a large air space—too much air can cause excessive tube deformation.
- Refer to *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24) for detailed information on the use and care of Quick-Seal tubes.

## Thinwall Tubes



Thinwall polypropylene and Ultra-Clear tubes require caps for tube support. Fill the tubes as full as possible to prevent tube collapse during centrifugation. If necessary, float mineral oil (or some other low-density, immiscible liquid) on top of the tube contents to fill the tube to its maximum volume. (Do not use an oil overlay in Ultra-Clear tubes.)

## Thickwall Tubes

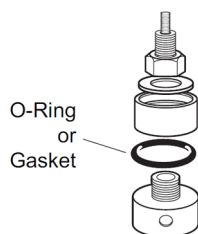


Thickwall polypropylene and polycarbonate tubes can be run partially filled (at least half filled) with or without caps, but all opposing tubes for a run must be filled to the same level with liquid of the same density. Do not overfill capless tubes; be sure to note the reductions in fill volume and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

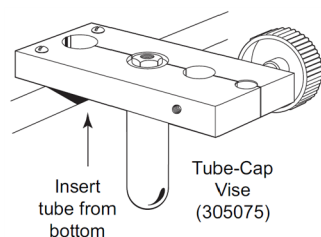
## Tube Caps

Thinwall tubes require caps for tube support during centrifugation; thickwall tubes and bottles can be run with or without caps (speed reduction may be required). Use only the caps listed in [Table 1](#). Refer to *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24) for the use, assembly, and maintenance of caps.

- Inspect tube caps before use as described in *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24). Replace any damaged components.
- Inspect the O-rings or gaskets in the caps for cracks, nicks, or flattened areas. Be sure that they are dry and free of lubricant during assembly.



- Tighten caps with a hex driver while the tube is held in the tube-cap vise (305075).



- Tighten bottle caps by hand.

**NOTE** *Thinwall tubes with red- or blue-anodized caps must be capped.* The high-strength aluminum caps listed have been specially designed for use with the 38-mm diameter thinwall Ultra-Clear and polypropylene tubes; **do not** use any other caps with these tubes. Refer to *Instructions for Using Aluminum Tube Caps* (publication L5-TB-060) for the use, assembly, and maintenance of these caps. Tighten the caps with a torque wrench to 11 N•m (100 in.-lb).

## Polycarbonate Bottles



The polycarbonate bottles may be centrifuged completely filled, or partially filled (not less than half full). Again, all opposing containers for a run must be filled to the same level. Be sure to note the reductions in run speed shown in [Table 1](#) if bottles are partially filled.

## Run Times



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

$$k = \frac{\ln(r_{\max}/r_{\min})}{\omega^2} \times \frac{10^{13}}{3600} \quad \text{EQ 1}$$

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

After substitution:

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

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

$$t = \frac{k}{s} \quad \text{EQ 3}$$

\* For the MLA-55 rotor, the  $k$  factor was calculated using the maximum volume allowed in a 10-mL open top tube.

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

$$k_{\text{adj}} = k \left( \frac{45000}{\text{actual run speed}} \right)^2 \quad \text{EQ 4}$$

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

$$\frac{t_a}{t_b} = \frac{k_a}{k_b} \quad \text{EQ 5}$$

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

## Run Speeds



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

Do not select rotational speeds that exceed the limits in [Table 1](#). In addition, speeds must be reduced under the following circumstances:

1. If nonprecipitating solutions more dense than 1.2 g/mL are centrifuged, the maximum allowable run speed must be reduced according to the following equation:

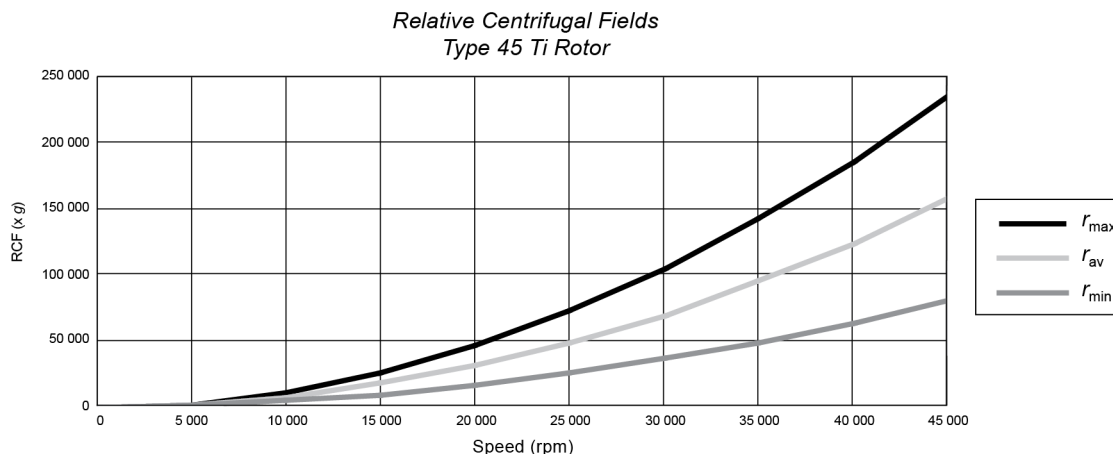
$$\text{reduced maximum speed} = (45000 \text{ rpm}) \sqrt{\frac{1.2 \text{ g/mL}}{\rho}} \quad \text{EQ 6}$$

where  $\rho$  is the density of the tube contents. This speed reduction will protect the rotor from excessive stresses due to the added tube load. *Note, however, that the use of this formula may still produce maximum speed values that are higher than the limitations imposed by the use of certain tubes or adapters (see [Table 1](#)).* In such cases, use the lower of the two speeds.

**Table 2** Relative Centrifugal Fields for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Entries in this table are calculated from the formula  $RCF = 1.12r(RPM/1000)^2$  and then rounded to three significant digits

Rotor Speed (rpm)	Relative Centrifugal Field ( $\times g$ )			k Factor <sup>a</sup>
	At $r_{\max}$ (84.6 mm)	At $r_{av}$ (64.0 mm)	At $r_{\min}$ (44.6 mm)	
45 000	235 000	158 000	81 400	133
41 000	195 000	131 000	67 600	160
40 000	186 000	125 000	64 000	168
35 000	142 000	95 800	49 300	220
30 000	105 000	70 400	36 200	299
25 000	72 700	48 900	25 100	430
20 000	46 500	31 300	16 100	672
15 000	26 200	17 600	9 050	1 195
10 000	11 600	7 810	4 010	2 689

a. Calculated for all Beckman Coulter preparative rotors as a measure of the rotor's relative pelleting efficiency in water at 20°C.



- Further speed limits must be imposed when CsCl or other self-forming-gradient salts are centrifuged, as EQ 6 does not predict concentration limits/speeds that are required to avoid precipitation of salt crystals. Solid CsCl has a density of 4 g/mL, and if precipitated during centrifugation may cause catastrophic rotor failure and instrument damage. Figure 2 and Figure 3, together with the description and examples below, show how to reduce run speeds when using CsCl gradients.

## Selecting CsCl Gradients



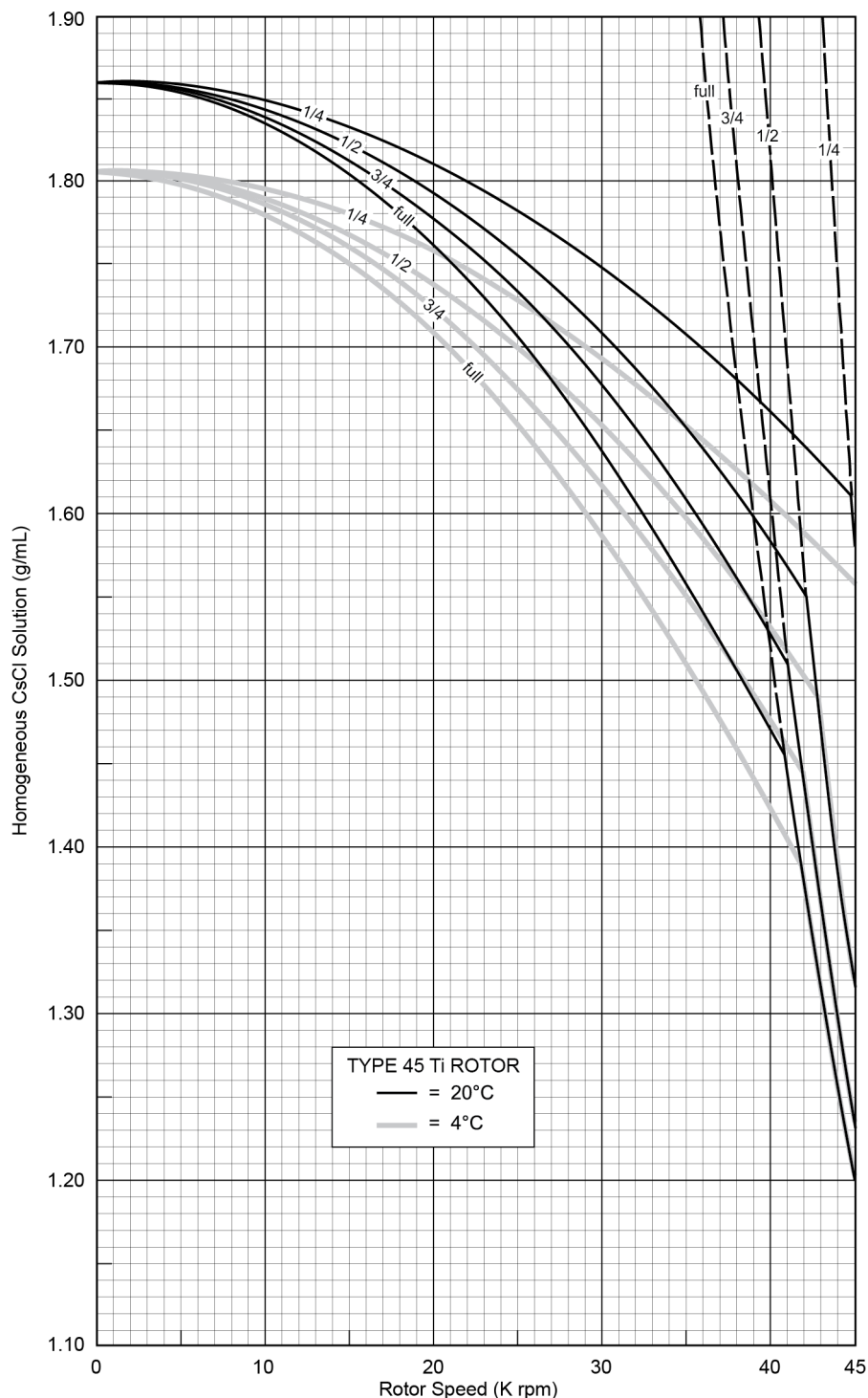
Precipitation during centrifugation would alter density distribution, and this would change the position of the sample bands. Curves in [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#) are provided up to the maximum rated speed of the rotor, but note also that *tubes or bottles must never be centrifuged faster than the limits in Table 1.*

**NOTE** The curves in [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#) are for solutions of CsCl salt dissolved in distilled water only. If other salts are present in significant concentrations, the overall CsCl concentration may need to be reduced.

Rotor speed is used to control the slope of a CsCl density gradient, and must be limited so that CsCl precipitation is avoided. Speed and density combinations that intersect on or below the curves in [Figure 3](#) ensure that CsCl will not precipitate during centrifugation in the Type 45 Ti rotor. Curves are provided at two temperatures: 20°C (black curves) and 4°C (gray curves).

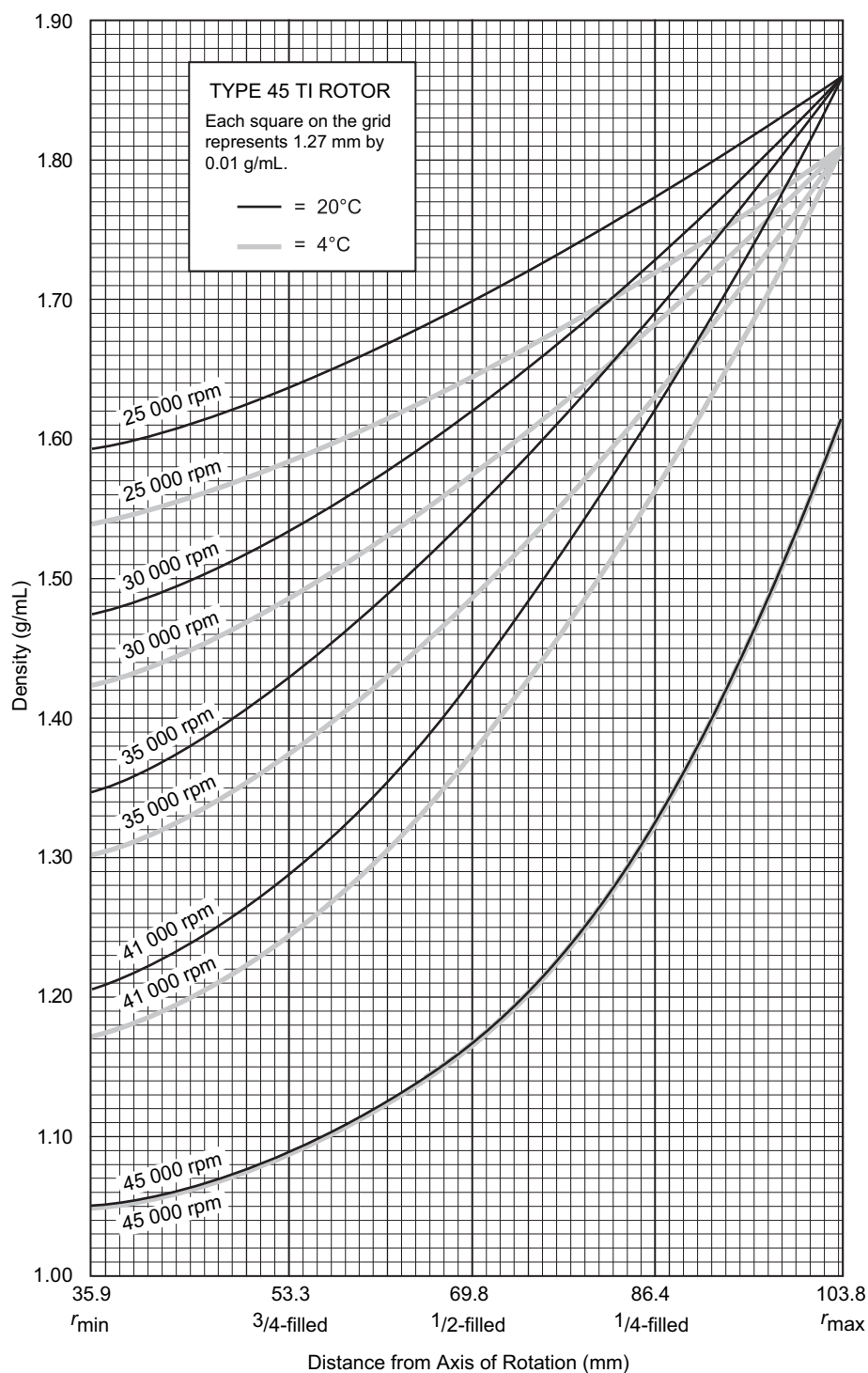
The reference curves in [Figure 3](#) show gradient distribution at equilibrium. Each curve in [Figure 3](#) is within the density limits allowed for the Type 45 Ti rotor: each curve was generated for a single run speed using the maximum allowable homogeneous CsCl densities (one for each fill level) that avoid precipitation at that speed. (The gradients in [Figure 3](#) can be generated from step or linear gradients, or from homogeneous solutions. But the total amount of CsCl in solution must be equivalent to a homogeneous solution corresponding to the concentrations specified in [Figure 3](#).) [Figure 3](#) can also be used to approximate the banding positions of sample particles.

**Figure 2** Precipitation Curves for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Using combinations of rotor speeds and homogeneous CsCl solution densities that intersect on or below these curves ensures that CsCl will not precipitate during centrifugation. The dashed line is a representation of [EQ 6](#), and is shown here to illustrate the inability of that equation to predict CsCl precipitation.





**Figure 3** CsCl Gradients at Equilibrium for the Type 45 Ti Rotor. Centrifugation of homogeneous CsCl solutions at the maximum allowable speeds (from [Figure 2](#)) results in gradients presented here.



## Adjusting Fill Volumes

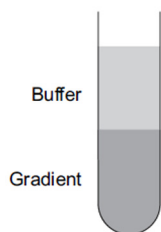


Figure 2 and Figure 3 show that several fill volumes are possible in a tube. If a tube is partially filled with gradient solution, float mineral oil (or some other low-density, immiscible liquid) on top of the tube contents to fill the tube to its maximum volume. (Do not use an oil overlay in Ultra-Clear tubes.) Note that for a given CsCl density, as the fill level decreases the maximum allowable speed increases. Partial filling may be desirable when there is little sample or when you wish to shorten the run time.

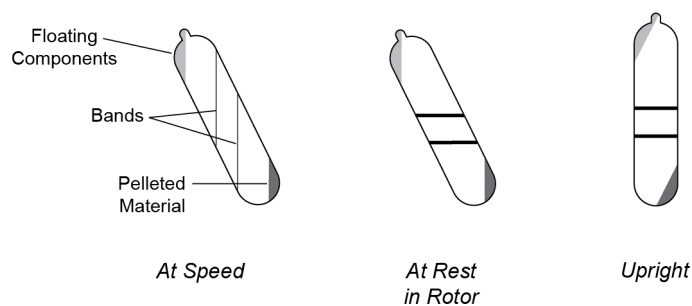
For example, a *quarter-filled* tube of 1.55-g/mL homogeneous CsCl solution at 20°C may be centrifuged at 45 000 rpm (see Figure 2). The segment of the 45 000-rpm curve (Figure 3) from the quarter-filled line to 1.86 g/mL at the tube bottom represents this gradient. The same solution in a *half-filled* tube may be centrifuged no faster than 42 500 rpm, and 41 000 rpm in a *three-quarter-filled* tube. (Gradient curves not shown in Figure 3 can be interpolated.) A tube *full* of the 1.55-g/mL CsCl solution may be centrifuged no faster than 35 000 rpm. (Note that the 45 000-rpm curves in Figure 3 are identical for 4 and 20°C.)

## Typical Examples for Determining CsCl Run Parameters

### Example A:

Knowing homogeneous CsCl solution density (1.44 g/mL) and approximate particle buoyant densities (1.39 and 1.46 g/mL), at 20°C, where will particles band?

1. In Figure 2, find the curve that corresponds to the desired run temperature (20°C) and fill volume (full). The maximum allowable rotor speed is determined from the point where this curve intersects the homogeneous CsCl density (41 000 rpm).
2. In Figure 3, sketch in a horizontal line corresponding to each particle's buoyant density.
3. Mark the point in the figure where each particle density intersects the curve corresponding to the selected run speed and temperature.
4. Particles will band at these locations across the tube diameter at equilibrium during centrifugation.



In this example, particles will band about 66 and 74 mm from the axis of rotation, about 8 mm of center-band to center-band separation at the rotor's 24-degree tube angle. When the tube is removed from the rotor and held upright (vertical and stationary), there will be about 9 mm of centerband-to-centerband separation. This interband distance,  $d_{up}$ , can be calculated from the formula:

$$d_{up} = \frac{d_{\theta}}{\cos \theta} \quad \text{EQ 7}$$

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

**Example B:**

**Knowing particle buoyant densities (1.70 and 1.65 g/mL), how do you achieve good separation?**

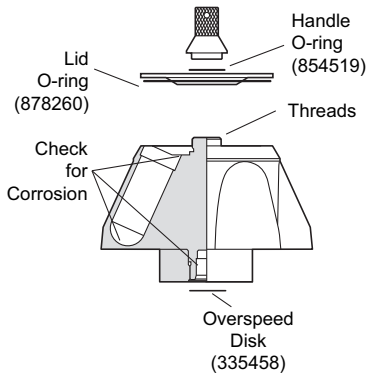
1. In [Figure 3](#), sketch in a horizontal line corresponding to each particle's buoyant density.
2. Select the curve at the desired temperature (4°C) and tube volume (full) that gives the best particle separation.
3. Note the run speed along the selected curve (25 000 rpm).
4. From [Figure 2](#), select the maximum homogeneous CsCl density (in this case, 1.65 g/mL) that corresponds to the temperature and run speed established above. These parameters will provide the particle-banding pattern selected in Step 2.

In this example, particles will band at about 71 and 83 mm from the axis of rotation (about 12 mm apart). When the tube is held upright there will be about 13 mm of center-of-band to center-of-band separation.

## Care and Maintenance

### Maintenance

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



- Periodically (at least monthly) inspect the rotor, specially inside cavities, for rough spots or pitting, white powder deposits (frequently aluminum oxide), or heavy discoloration. If any of these signs are evident, do not run the rotor. Contact your Beckman Coulter representative for information about the Field Rotor Inspection Program and the rotor repair center.
- Regularly lubricate the metal threads in the rotor with a thin, even coat of Spinkote lubricant (306812). Failure to keep these threads lubricated can result in damaged threads.
- Regularly apply silicone vacuum grease (335148) to the O-rings. Replace the O-rings about twice a year or whenever worn or damaged.
- Regularly inspect the overspeed disk. If a disk is scratched, damaged, or missing, replace it as described in *Rotors and Tubes*.



Refer to the chemical resistances table in Appendix A of *Rotors and Tubes for Preparative Ultracentrifuges* (publication LR-IM-24) for chemical compatibilities of rotor and accessory materials. Your Beckman Coulter representative provides contact with the Field Rotor Inspection Program and the rotor repair center.

### Cleaning

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

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

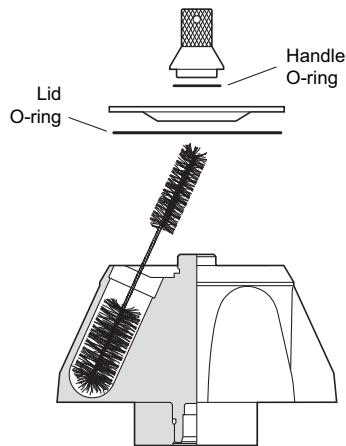
- 1 Remove the O-rings before washing.
- 2 Wash the rotor and lid in a mild detergent, such as Beckman Solution 555 (339555), that won't damage the rotor. The Rotor Cleaning Kit (339558) contains two plastic-coated brushes and two quarts of Solution 555 for use with rotors and accessories. Dilute the detergent 10 to 1 with water.



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

- 3 Thoroughly rinse the cleaned rotor and components with distilled water.
- 4 Air-dry the rotor and lid upside down. *Do not use acetone to dry the rotor.*

- 5** Apply a thin, even coat of silicone vacuum grease to the lid O-ring before replacing it in the groove in the outer rim of the lid. Also apply silicone vacuum grease to the handle O-ring before reassembly.



Clean metal threads every 6 months, or as necessary. Use a brush and concentrated Solution 555. Rinse and dry thoroughly, then lubricate lightly but evenly with Spinkote to coat all threads.

Periodically remove the O-rings and wipe clean as necessary. Clean the O-ring grooves with a cotton-tipped swab. Reapply a light film of silicone vacuum grease.

## Decontamination



If the rotor (and/or accessories) becomes contaminated with radioactive material, it should be decontaminated using a solution that will not damage the anodized surfaces. Beckman Coulter has tested a number of solutions and found two that do not harm anodized aluminum: RadCon Surface Spray or IsoClean Solution (for soaking)\*, and Radiacwash†.

**NOTE** IsoClean can cause fading of colored anodized surfaces. Use it only when necessary and remove it promptly from surfaces.

\* In U.S., contact Nuclear Associates (New York); in Eastern Europe and Commonwealth States, contact Victoreen GmbH (Munich); in South Pacific, contact Gammasonics Pty. Ltd. (Australia); in Japan, contact Toyo Medic Co. Ltd. (Tokyo).

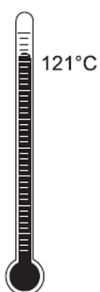
† In U.S., contact BIODex Medical Systems (Shirley, New York); internationally, contact the U.S. office to find the dealer closest to you.

While Beckman Coulter has tested these methods and found that they do not damage components, no guarantee of decontamination is expressed or implied. Consult your laboratory safety officer regarding the proper decontamination methods to use.



If the rotor or other components are contaminated with toxic or pathogenic materials, follow appropriate decontamination procedures as outlined by your laboratory safety officer.

## Sterilization and Disinfection



- The rotor and all rotor components can be autoclaved at 121°C for up to an hour. Remove the lid from the rotor and place the rotor, lid, and lid in the autoclave upside down.

### CAUTION

**Risk of personal injury or equipment damage. Ethanol is a flammability hazard. Do not use in or near operating ultracentrifuges.**

- Ethanol (70%) or hydrogen peroxide (6%) may be used on all rotor components, including those made of plastic. Bleach (sodium hypochlorite) may be used, but may cause discoloration of anodized surfaces. Use the minimum immersion time for each solution, per laboratory standards.

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

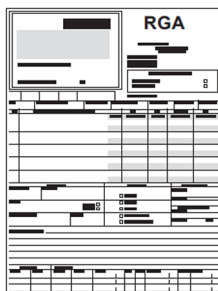
Where sterilization is critical in your application, consider using Beckman Coulter Certified Free & Sterilized Tubes. For tubes not available in the sterilized option, refer to *Use and Care of Centrifuge Tubes and Bottles* (publication IN-192) included in each box of tubes or bottles for sterilization and disinfection procedures. *Quick-Seal and thinwall open-top tubes are disposable and should be discarded after a single use.*

## Storage

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

## Returning a Rotor

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Before returning a rotor or accessory for any reason, prior permission (a Returned Goods Authorization form) must be obtained from Beckman Coulter, Inc. This RGA form may be obtained from your local Beckman Coulter sales office, and should contain the following information:

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

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

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

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

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

## Supply List

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See the *Beckman Coulter Ultracentrifuge Rotors, Tubes, & Accessories Catalog* (BR-8101, available at [www.beckman.com](http://www.beckman.com)) for detailed information on ordering parts and supplies or [contact us](#). For your convenience, a partial list is given below.

**NOTE** Publications referenced in this manual can be obtained by calling Beckman Coulter at 1-800-742-2345 in the United States, or by contacting your local Beckman Coulter office.



## Replacement Rotor Parts

Type 45 Ti rotor assembly.....	339160
Rotor Lid.....	339163
Rotor Handle.....	339164
Handle O-ring.....	854519
Lid O-ring.....	878260
Overspeed disk (45 000 rpm).....	335458

## Other

Tubes, bottles, and accessories.....	see <a href="#">Table 1</a>
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 60 Hz.....	358312
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Europe).....	358313
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Great Britain).....	358314
Quick-Seal Cordless Tube Topper kit, 50 Hz (Australia).....	358315
Tube Topper rack (38-mm dia. tubes).....	348125
Tool kit (for red and blue caps).....	331202
Tube removal tool (for capped tubes).....	301875
Torque wrench.....	858121
Socket for 3/4-in (19 mm) cap nuts.....	858123
Socket adapter.....	858122
Hex driver for 11-mm (7/16-in) cap nuts.....	870432
Tube-cap vise.....	305075
Removal tool (polycarbonate bottles).....	878133
Tube removal tool (Quick-Seal tubes).....	361668
Spinkote lubricant (2 oz).....	306812
Silicone vacuum grease (1 oz).....	335148
Rotor Cleaning Kit.....	339558
Beckman Solution 555 (1 qt).....	339555
Rotor cleaning brush.....	339379
Centering tool ( for replacing overspeed disk).....	331325



# Ultracentrifuge Rotor Warranty

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

Preparative Ultracentrifuge Rotors . . . . . 5 years — No Proration

Analytical Ultracentrifuge Rotors . . . . . 5 years — No Proration

ML and TL Series Ultracentrifuge Rotors . . . . . 5 years — No Proration

Airfuge Ultracentrifuge Rotors . . . . . 1 year — No Proration

For Zonal, Continuous Flow, Component Test, and Rock Core ultracentrifuge rotors, see separate warranty.

## Warranty Conditions (as applicable)

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

## Repair and Replacement Policies

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

the centrifuge is currently covered by a Beckman Coulter warranty or Full Service Agreement, all labor necessary for repair of the centrifuge.

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

### Disclaimer

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

### Factory Rotor Inspection Service

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

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



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