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## Preface

Before starting to use the centrifuge, read through this instruction manual carefully and follow the instructions.

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Failure to follow the instructions and safety information in this instruction manual will result in the expiration of the sellers warranty.

## Scope of Supply

Article Number		Quantity	Check
	Centrifuge Heraeus Pico 17 / 21	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Power supply cable	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rotor	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
20360104	Square box wrench	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
50134706	CD with Manual	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

If any parts are missing, please contact your nearest Thermo Fisher Scientific representative.



This symbol refers to general hazards.  
WARNING means that injuries or material damage or contamination could occur.  
CAUTION means that material damage could occur.



This symbol refers to biological hazards.  
Observe the information contained in the instruction manual to keep yourself and your environment safe.



This symbol refers to hot surfaces.  
Observe the information contained in the instruction manual to keep yourself and your environment safe.

## Intended Use

- This centrifuge is a laboratory product designed to separate components by generation of a relative centrifugal force. It separates human samples (e.g. blood, urine and other body fluids) collected in appropriate containers, either alone or after addition of reagents or other additives.
- As general-purpose centrifuge, it is designed to also run other containers filled with chemicals, environmental samples and other non-human body samples.
- Together with the hematocrit rotor 75003473 the centrifuge can be used as an in-vitro diagnostics device to define the hematocrit value by centrifugation. Apply DIN 58933 to define the hematocrit value.
- The centrifuge is to be used for separating materials of different density or particle size suspended in a liquid.

Maximum sample density at maximum speed:  $1.2 \frac{g}{cm^3}$

## Accident Prevention



**WARNING** If a hazardous situation occurs, turn off the power supply to the centrifuge and leave the area immediately.



**WARNING** In case of rotor failure the centrifuge can be damaged. The coolant can escape. Ventilate the room well and leave it. Inform customer service.



**WARNING** Plug the centrifuge only into sockets which have been properly grounded.

Prerequisite for the safe operation of the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 is a work environment in compliance with standards, directives and trade association safety regulations and proper instruction of the user.

The safety regulations contain the following basic recommendations:

- Maintain a radius of at least 30 cm around the centrifuge.
- Implementation of special measures which ensure that no one can approach the centrifuge for longer than absolutely necessary while it is running.
- The mains plug must be freely accessible at all times. Pull out the power supply plug or disconnect the power supply in an emergency.



# Precautions

In order to ensure safe operation of the Heraeus Fresco 17 / 21, the following general safety regulations must be followed:

- The centrifuge should be operated by trained specialists only.
- The centrifuge is to be used for its intended use only.
- While handling centrifuge, rotor, and samples you must wear laboratory clothing (e.g. gloves).
- Do not move the centrifuge while it is running.
- Do not lean on the centrifuge.
- Use only rotors and accessories for this centrifuge which have been approved by Thermo Fisher Scientific. Exceptions to this rule are commercially available glass or plastic centrifuge tubes, provided they have been approved for the speed or the RCF value of the rotor.
- Do not use rotors which show any signs of corrosion and/or cracks.
- Do not touch the mechanical components of the rotor and do not make any changes to the mechanical components.
- Use only with rotors which have been properly installed. Follow the instructions in section “Rotor Installation” on page 4-2.
- Use only with rotors which have been loaded properly. Follow the instructions given in the rotor manual.
- Never overload the rotor. Follow the instructions given in the rotor manual.
- Never open the lid until the rotor has come to a complete stop and this has been confirmed in the display.
- The lid emergency release may be used in emergencies only to recover the samples from the centrifuge, e.g. during a power failure (see section “Mechanical Emergency Door Release” on page 6-2).
- Never use the centrifuge if parts of its cover panels are damaged or missing.
- Do not touch the electronic components of the centrifuge or alter any electronic or mechanical components.
- Please observe the safety instructions.





Please pay particular attention to the following aspects:

- Location: well-ventilated environment, set-up on a level and rigid surface with adequate load-bearing capacity.
- Rotor installation: make sure the rotor is locked properly into place before operating the centrifuge.
- Especially when working with corrosive samples (salt solutions, acids, bases), the accessory parts and vessel have to be cleaned carefully.
- Always balance the samples.

Centrifuging hazardous substances:

- Do not centrifuge explosive or flammable materials or substances which could react violently with one another.
- The centrifuge is neither inert nor protected against explosion. Never use the centrifuge in an explosion-prone environment.
- Do not centrifuge inflammable substances.

**Remaining risk: Improper use can cause damages, contamination, and injuries with fatal consequences.**



- Do not centrifuge toxic or radioactive materials or any pathogenic micro-organisms without suitable safety precautions.

When centrifuging microbiological samples from the Risk Group II (according to the Bio-safety Manual" of the World Health Organization (WHO)), aerosol-tight biological seals have to be used.

For materials in a higher risk group, extra safety measures have to be taken.

- If toxins or pathogenic substances have gotten into the centrifuge or its parts, appropriate disinfection measures have to be taken (see ["Disinfection" on page 5-3](#)).

**Remaining risk: Improper use can cause damages, contamination, and injuries with fatal consequences.**

- Highly corrosive substances which can cause material damage and impair the mechanical stability of the rotor, should only be centrifuged in corresponding protective tubes.

# Introduction and Description

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## Characteristics of the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21

Several rotors with a wide range of tubes can be used.

The set speed is reached within seconds. The maintenance-free induction motor ensures quiet and low-vibration operation even at high speeds, and guarantees a very long lifetime.

The user-friendly control panel makes it easy to pre-set the speed, RCF value, run time, and temperature. You can choose between the display of speed and RCF or the entry mode.

These settings can be changed even while the centrifuge is running.

With the help of the  key, you can also centrifuge a sample for just a few seconds, if called for.

The Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 is equipped with various safety features:

- The housing is made of impact-resistant plastic and the interior of armor steel.
- The door is equipped with a view port and a lock.
- The centrifuge door can only be opened while the centrifuge is switched on and the rotor has come to a complete stop. The centrifuge cannot be started until the door has been closed properly.
- Door emergency release: For emergencies only, e.g. during power failures (see [“Mechanical Emergency Door Release”](#) on page 6-2)

## Technical Data

The technical data of the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 is listed in the following table.

**Table 1-1.** Technical data Heraeus Pico 17

Feature	Value		
Environmental Conditions	-Use in interior Spaces -Altitudes of up to 2,000 m above Sea Level -Max. relative Humidity 80% up to 31°C; decreasing linearly up to 50% relative Humidity at 40°C.		
Permissible Ambient Temperature during Operation	+5°C to +40°C	+5°C to +40°C	+5°C to +40°C
Permissible Ambient Temperature during Storage and Transport	-10°C to +50°C	-10°C to +50°C	-10°C to +50°C
Overvoltage Category	II	II	II
Pollution Degree	2	2	2
Heat Dissipation	Heraeus Pico 17	Heraeus Pico 17	Heraeus Pico 17
	230 V	120 V	100 V
	614 BTU/h	614 BTU/h	580 BTU/h
IP	20	20	20
Run Time	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited

**Table 1-1.** Technical data Heraeus Pico 17

Feature	Value		
Max Speed $n_{max}$	13 300 rpm (depending on the Rotor)	13 300 rpm (depending on the Rotor)	13 300 rpm (depending on the Rotor)
Min Speed $n_{min}$	300 rpm	300 rpm	300 rpm
Maximum RCF-Value at $n_{max}$	17,000 x g	17,000 x g	17,000 x g
Maximum Kinetic Energy	<1.90 kNm	<1.90 kNm	<1.90 kNm
Noise Level at maximum Speed	< 56 dB (A)	< 56 dB (A)	< 56 dB (A)
Dimensions			
Height	230 mm	230 mm	230 mm
Width	240 mm	240 mm	240 mm
Depth	350 mm	350 mm	350 mm
Weight with emptyRotor	10.5 kg	10.5 kg	10.5 kg

**Table 1-2.** Technical data Heraeus Pico 21

Feature	Value		
Environmental Conditions	-Use in interior Spaces -Altitudes of up to 2,000 m above Sea Level -max. relative humidity 80% up to 31°C; decreasing linearly up to 50% relative humidity at 40°C.		
Permissible Ambient Temperature during Operation	+5°C to +40°C	+5°C to +40°C	+5°C to +40°C
Permissible Ambient Temperature during Storage and Transport	-10°C to +50°C	-10°C to +50°C	-10°C to +50°C
Overvoltage Category	II	II	II
Pollution Degree	2	2	2
Heat Dissipation	Heraeus Pico 21	Heraeus Pico 21	Heraeus Pico 21
	230 V	120 V	100 V
	785 BTU/h	751 BTU/h	785 BTU/h
IP	20	20	20
Run Time	unlimited	unlimited	unlimited
Max Speed $n_{max}$	14 800 rpm (depending on the Rotor)	14 800 rpm (depending on the Rotor)	14 800 rpm (depending on the Rotor)
Min Speed $n_{min}$	300 rpm	300 rpm	300 rpm
Maximum RCF-Value at $n_{max}$	21,100 x g	21,100 x g	21,100 x g
Maximum Kinetic Energy	<2.35 kNm	<2.35 kNm	<2.35 kNm
Noise level at maximum Speed	< 56 dB (A)	< 56 dB (A)	< 56 dB (A)
Dimensions			

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Directives, Standards and Guidelines

**Table 1-2.** Technical data Heraeus Pico 21

Feature	Value		
Height	230 mm	230 mm	230 mm
Width	240 mm	240 mm	240 mm
Depth	350 mm	350 mm	350 mm
Weight with empty Rotor	10.5 kg	10.5 kg	10.5 kg

## Directives, Standards and Guidelines

**Table 1-3.** Directives, Standards and Guidelines

Tension / Frequency	Marking	Produced and inspected according to the following standards and guidelines
230V 50Hz/60Hz,	CE: 98/79/EC In-vitro-Diagnostika (IvD) 2006/42/EC Machine Directive: 2004/108/EC EMC Directive 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive:	EN 61010-1, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition EN 61010-2-020, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition EN 61010-2-101 EN 61326-1 EN 61326-2-6 EN 55011B EN 61000-6-2 EN ISO 13485
100V 50Hz	cCSAus:	UL Std. No. 61010-1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition) /CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1, -04 <sup>nd</sup> Edition CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-2-020-09 Part 2-020: IEC61010-2-020 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition) (Pollution degree 2, Overvoltage category II) IEC 61010-2-101

## Functions and Features

The following table gives an overview of the important functional and performance characteristics of the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21.

**Table 1-4.** Functions and Features

Component / Function	Description / Features
Structure / Housing	Sheet Metal with attached Plastic Housing and Steel Chamber
Rotor Chamber	Plastic Up to 48 ml of spilled Liquid is retained in the Chamber and cannot enter the Instrument.
Drive	Induction Drive without Carbon Brushes
Keys and Display	Easy-to-clean Keypad and Display Surface
Control	Microprocessor-controlled
Internal Memory	The most recent Data is saved

**Table 1-4.** Functions and Features

Component / Function	Description / Features
Functions	RCE, Temperature, and pre-temp Selection
Door Lock	Automatic Door Closing and Locking starting from an initial hold Position

## Mains Supply

The following table contains an overview of the electrical connection data for the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21. This data is to be taken into consideration when selecting the mains connection socket.

**Table 1-5.** Electrical connection data

Cat.		Mains Voltage	Frequency	Rated Current	Power Consumption	Equipment Fuse	Building Fuse
75002410	PICO 17	230 V	50 / 60 Hz	1.4 A	180 W	4 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	16 AT
75002411	PICO 17	120 V	60 Hz	2.6 A	180 W	8 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	15 AT
75002412	PICO 17	100 V	60 Hz	2.9 A	170 W	8 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	16 AT
75002415	PICO 21	230 V	50 / 60 Hz	1.7 A	230 W	4 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	16 AT
75002416	PICO 21	120 V	60 Hz	3.4 A	220 W	8 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	15 AT
75002417	PICO 21	100 V	60 Hz	3.9 A	230 W	8 A, 2-pole circuit breaker	16 AT

## Rotor Selection

The Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 is supplied with a rotor.

Various rotors are available to choose from.

Microliter 24 x 2	7500 3424
Microliter 36 x 0.5	7500 3436
Dual Rotor 18 x 2 / 0.5	7500 3418
PCR Rotor 4x8	7500 3440
PCR Rotor 8x8	7500 3489
Hematocrit Rotor	7500 3473

The technical data of the rotors and the corresponding adapters and reduction sleeves for various commercially available containers can be found in the corresponding rotor operating manuals.

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## Before Setting up

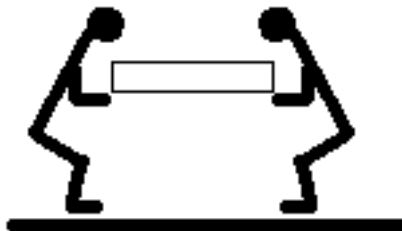
1. Check the centrifuge and the packaging for any shipping damage.  
Inform the shipping company and Thermo Fisher Scientific immediately if any damage is discovered.
2. Remove the packaging.
3. Remove the rotor transport protection. The cardboard is suppose to prevent damage due to impact.
4. Check the order for completeness (see “[Scope of Supply](#)” on [page iii](#)).  
If the order is incomplete, please contact Thermo Fisher Scientific.

## Transporting the Centrifuge



**WARNING** Always lift the centrifuge on both sides. Never lift the centrifuge by its front or the back panel.  
Transport the centrifuge if possible in its packaging and with the rotor transport protection.

- Due to its weight (see “[Technical Data](#)” on [page 1-2](#)), the centrifuge should be carried by several people.
- Always lift the centrifuge at both sides on the bottom plate.



**Figure 2-1.** Lifting the centrifuge at both sides.

- The centrifuge can be damaged by impacts.

## Location

The centrifuge should only be operated indoors.

The set-up location must fulfill the following requirements:

- A safety zone of at least 30 cm must be maintained around the centrifuge.  
People and hazardous substances must be kept out of the safety zone while centrifuging.
- The supporting structure must be stable and free of resonance, for example a level laboratory bench.
- The supporting structure must be suitable for horizontal setup of the centrifuge.

- The location must be free of grease and dust.
- The centrifuge should not be exposed to heat and strong sunlight.



**WARNING** UV rays reduce the stability of plastics.  
Do not subject the centrifuge, rotors and plastic accessories to direct sunlight.

- The set-up location must be well-ventilated at all times.

## Leveling the Centrifuge

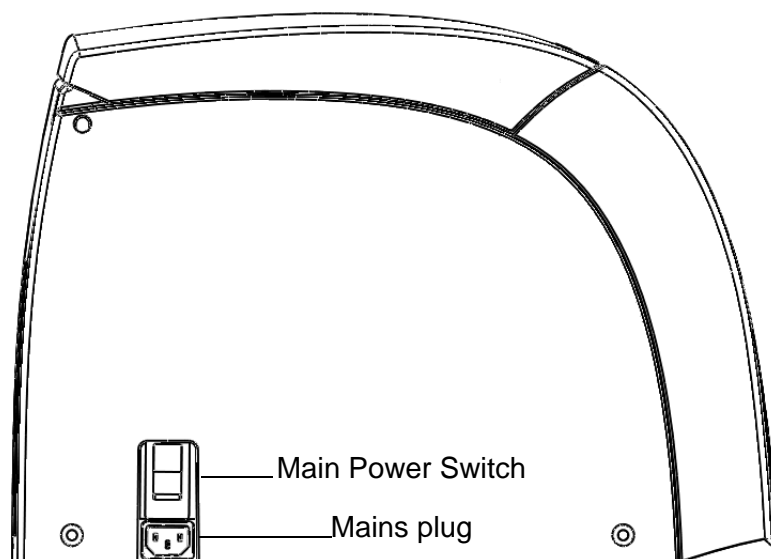
The horizontal leveling of the centrifuge must be checked every time after moving it to a different location.

The supporting structure must be suitable for horizontal setup of the centrifuge.



**CAUTION** If the centrifuge is not level, imbalances can occur and the centrifuge can be damaged.  
Do not place anything under the centrifuge to level.

## Mains Connection



**Figure 2-2.** Mains Connection

1. Turn off the power supply switch on the back (press "0").
2. Plug the centrifuge into grounded electrical sockets only.

**Note** The centrifuge must be connected directly to the socket. Extension cords and multiple sockets are not allowed.

3. Check whether the cable complies with the safety standards of your country.

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4. Make sure that the voltage and frequency correspond to the figures on the rating plate.  
Establish the connection to the power supply with the connecting cable.

## Storage

- Before storing the centrifuge and the accessories it must be cleaned and if necessary disinfected and decontaminated.
- Store the centrifuge in a clean, dust-free location.
- Be sure to place the centrifuge on its feet.
- Avoid direct sunlight.



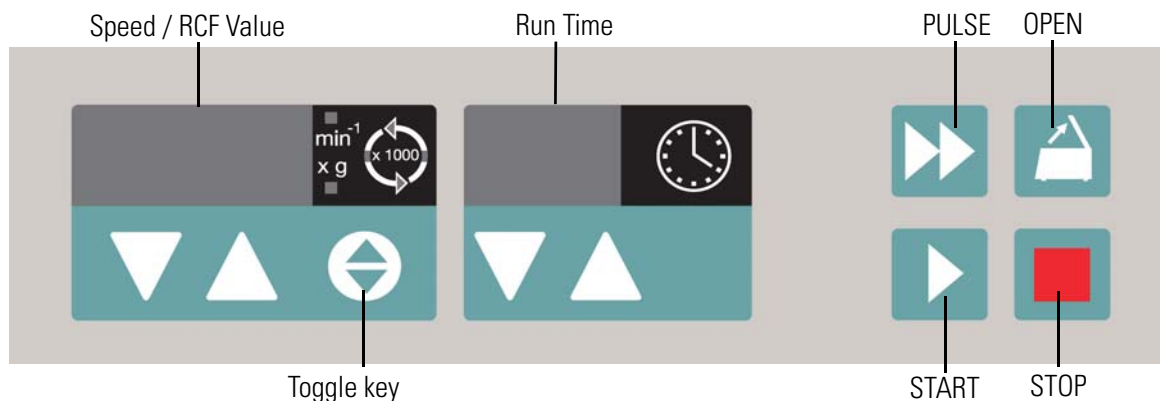
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## Control Panel

In the control panel you find the keys and displays of the centrifuge. The main power switch is located on the left side. All parameters can be selected and changed during operation.



## Keys

The keys allow user intervention for controlling the operating mode as follows:

Key	Display contents
 <b>Start</b>	Normal start of the centrifuge.
 <b>Stop</b>	End run manually.
 <b>Open door</b>	Automatic release (possible only when device is switched on); Emergency release (see <a href="#">“Mechanical Emergency Door Release”</a> on page 6-2).
 <b>Pulse</b>	By pressing the  key the centrifuge starts immediately and accelerates up to the end speed. Releasing the key initiates a stopping process at the highest braking curves.
	By pressing the  key up and down you change the value in the display. If you hold the key pressed, the display changes continuously at first slowly and after a few seconds at an accelerated pace to the higher or lower values. By pressing the key briefly, you increase or decrease the speed in one step. When pressing both arrows the cursor moves to the left.
 <b>Changing the display mode</b>	Use the key  to change the display mode. (speed / RCF value, sample / chamber temperature, run time counter from start or preset speed on)

# Operation


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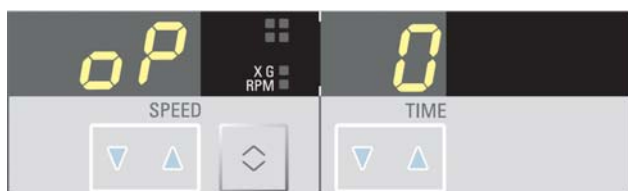
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## Switch on Centrifuge

1. Switch on the centrifuge.  
The centrifuge shows the actual value in the display. Speed and run time show **0**. The display shows the current temperature of the sample.

## Lid Opening

1. Press the  key.  
The display shows the following message:



**Note** Use the emergency release only for malfunctions and power failures (see “[Mechanical Emergency Door Release](#)” on page 6-2).

## Close Door

1. Close the door by pressing down on it lightly in the middle or on both sides of it.

**Note** The door should audibly click into place.



**CAUTION** Do not slam the door.

## Rotor Installation

The approved rotors for the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 are listed in section “[Rotor Selection](#)” on page 1-5. Use only the rotors and accessories from this list in the centrifuge.



**CAUTION** Unapproved or incorrectly combined accessories can cause serious damage to the centrifuge.

Proceed as follows:

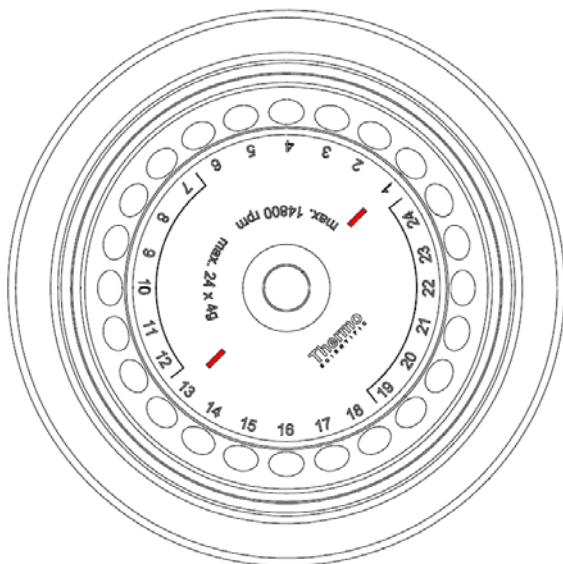
1. Open the door of the centrifuge and if necessary remove any dust, foreign objects or residue from the chamber.  
Thread and o-ring must be clean and undamaged.



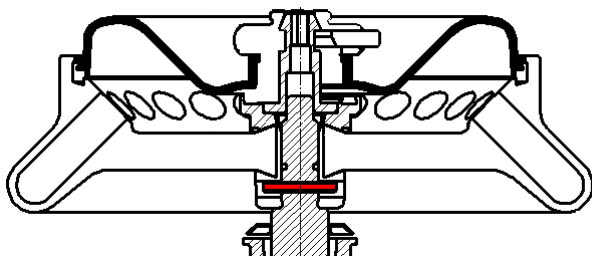
**CAUTION** Do not install the rotor when the temperature difference between shaft and rotor lock is  $>20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Otherwise the rotor might jam during the installation. A jammed rotor can lead to damages of centrifuge and rotor.

2. Hold the rotor over the centrifuge spindle. The two bars in the labeling on the upper side of the rotor (a) must be above the retaining pin (b) of the centrifuge spindle.

a



b



3. Let the rotor slide slowly down the centrifuge spindle.



**CAUTION** Do not force the rotor onto the centrifuge spindle. If the rotor is very light, then it may be necessary to press it onto the centrifuge spindle with a bit of pressure.

4. Thread the fastening tool into the centrifuge spindle clockwise. Hold the rotor with the other hand into position.
5. Close the rotor.
6. Check if the rotor is properly installed by lifting it slightly on the handle.



**WARNING** Check for any damage to the rotor: Damaged rotors must not be used. Keep the centrifuge spindle area of the rotor clear of objects.



**CAUTION** Check that the rotor is properly locked on the centrifuge spindle before each use by pulling it at its handle. Fasten the rotor if necessary.



Be sure to check all sealings before starting any aerosol-tight applications.



See the information in the rotor instruction manual.

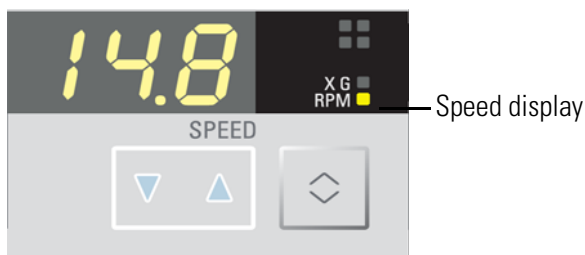
7. Close the centrifuge door.


## Entering Parameters

**Note** Due to limited display digits there is a need to round the values. The direct comparison between the two values speed and RCF is therefore restricted.

### Select Speed or RCF-Value




1. Press the  key under the left display. When the lower indicator is lit the display shows the speed. Press the  key to toggle between the two modes.



2. When the upper indicator is lit the display shows the RCF value. Press the  key to toggle between the two modes.






### Pre-selecting Speed

1. Enter the desired value by pressing the key   repeatedly, until the desired value shows.  
You can adjust the speed in 100 rpm increments.
2. Press the  key to confirm the pre-selected value.  
If you do not press any key, the display flashes for a few seconds. The new preselected value is now stored and the display shows the actual value.

**Note** The centrifuge speed can be set to a minimum of 300rpm.  
The maximum speed depends on the centrifuge variant.

### Pre-selecting RCF-Value

1. Enter the desired value by pressing the key   repeatedly, until the desired value shows.  
You can adjust the RCF pre-selected value in steps of 100 xg.
2. Press the  key to confirm the pre-selected value.  
If you do not press any key, the display flashes for a few seconds. The new preselected value is now stored and the display shows the actual value.

**Note** The RCF value can be set to a minimum of 100 xg.  
The maximum speed depends on the centrifuge variant.  
The displayed RCF value is always corresponding to the maximum of centrifuge radius of the micro liter rotor 24 x 2 (75003424).  
Refer to the “[Explanation of RCF-Value](#)” on [page 4-5](#) and the rotor manual for further information.

### Explanation of RCF-Value

The relative centrifugal force (RCF) is given as a multiple of the force of gravity g. It is a unitless numerical value which is used to compare the separation or sedimentation capacity of various centrifuges, since it is independent of the type of device. Only the centrifuging radius and the speed come into play in it:

$$\text{RCF} = 11,18 \times \left( \frac{n}{1000} \right)^2 \times r$$

r = centrifuging radius in cm

n = rotational speed in rpm




The maximum RCF value is related to the maximum radius of the tube opening.

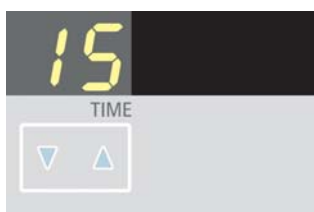
Remember that this value is reduced depending on the tubes and adapters used.

This can be accounted for in the calculation above if required.

## Run Time Preselection

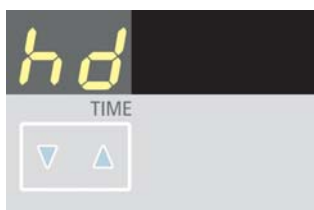
**Note** You can select a run time between 1 and 99 min or continuous operation.


1. Enter the desired value by pressing the key   below the display in the middle repeatedly, until the desired value shows.  
You can adjust the run time in steps of 1 min.
2. Press the  key to confirm the pre-selected value.  
If you do not press any key, the display flashes for a few seconds. The new preselected value is now stored and the display shows the actual value.



## Continuous Operation

1. Press the   key until **hd** is shown.






2. During continuous operation, the centrifuge will continue running until you stop it manually with the  key.



**CAUTION** Please note that the lifetime of particularly plastic rotor tubes is limited. Continuous operation (extended use) may cause damage to them.

## Changing the settings during the run

You can change the settings during the run as follows:


1. Press one of the two   keys in the control panel.  
The current value will switch into the pre-selecting value mode.
2. Enter the new value as described above.
3. Press the  key.  
The value is taken over immediately.

## Centrifugation

Once the rotor has been properly installed, the main switch has been turned on and the door has been closed, you can start centrifuging.



## Starting Centrifuge Program

Press the  key on the control panel. The centrifuge accelerates to the preset speed with the time display active.

The run display begins to count down from the pre-selected value. If the remaining run time is less than 1 minute, the remaining time is given in seconds.

The circulating indicators in the left display represent the spinning rotor.


In continuous operation **hd** the time display counts up. The displayed run time is first in seconds. After one minute the displays changes every minute.

## Stopping the Centrifugation Program

### With preset Run Time



If the run time has been pre-selected, and all you have to do, is to wait until the centrifuge terminates the run automatically.

As soon as the speed drops to zero, the message **END** will appear in the display. By pressing the  key, you can open the door and remove the centrifuge material.

You can also stop the centrifuging program manually at any time by pressing the  key.


### Continuous Operation

If you selected continuous operation (see “Continuous operation” on page 4-6), you will have to stop the centrifuge manually.

1. Press the  key on the control panel.  
The centrifuge will be decelerated at the designated rate.
2. Press the  key to open the centrifuge door and the remove the samples when the message **END** appears in the display.

## Short-term Centrifugation

For short-term centrifuging, the Heraeus Pico 17 / 21 has a PULSE- function.

By holding down the  key, spinning will start and continue until the key is let go.

The centrifuge accelerates and brakes at maximum power. The pre-selected value is ignored.

**Note** The centrifuge accelerates to the maximum speed.  
Check carefully whether you have to maintain a certain speed for your application.

The displayed run time is first in seconds. After one minute the displays changes every minute.

After an short-term centrifugations the set values are restored.

## Removing the Rotor

To remove the rotor, proceed as follows:

1. Open the centrifuge door.
2. Unscrew the rotor with the allen wrench.
3. Grab the rotor in the middle. Pull the rotor directly upwards and remove it from the centrifuge spindle. Make sure not to tilt the rotor while doing this.



**WARNING** Be careful, when you change a rotor after a run. Centrifuge spindle and motor bearing assembly can be hot (>55°C).

## Aerosol-tight Rotors

When using an aerosol tight lid the rotor can be removed with the lid closed. This is to protect you and the samples.

## Audible Alarm


### Error

Accompanying all error messages, a warning signal is given out.

Press any key to silence the warning signal.

### End of Run

By default there is an acoustic signal at the end of any centrifugation run. To switch off this signal proceed as follows:



Press the  key when you turn on the centrifuge.

The display shows:



or



4. Press the  key under the display in the middle.  
The acoustic signal is turned on or off.
5. Press the  key to confirm the pre-selected value.

## Turning off the Centrifuge

1. To turn off the centrifuge put the mains switch to "0".

**Note** The centrifuge is equipped with a special switch for balancing potential voltage discrepancies in the power grid. After pressing the mains switch the display therefore may still flash up to 10 seconds.

# Maintenance and Care

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## Cleaning Intervals

For the sake of personal, environmental, and material protection, it is your duty to clean and if necessary disinfect the centrifuge on a regular basis.

Maintenance	Recommended Interval
Clean Rotor Chamber	Daily or when polluted
Clean Rotor	Daily or when polluted
Accessories	Daily or when polluted
Cabinet	Once per Month
Filter Unit	Every three Months
Ventilation Holes	Every six Months



**CAUTION** Refrain from using any other cleaning or decontamination procedure than those recommended here, if you are not entirely sure that the intended procedure is safe for the equipment.  
Use only approved cleansers.  
If in doubt, contact Thermo Fisher Scientific.

## Cleaning

When cleaning centrifuge mind the following:

- Use warm water with a neutral solvent.
- Never use caustic cleaning agents such as soap suds, phosphoric acid, bleaching solutions or scrubbing powder.
- Rinse the cavities out thoroughly.
- Use a soft brush without metal bristles to remove stubborn residue.
- Afterwards rinse with distilled water.
- Place the rotors on a plastic grate with their cavities pointing down.
- If drying boxes are used, the temperature must never exceed 50°C, since higher temperatures could damage the material and shorten the lifetime of the parts.
- Use only disinfectants with a pH of 6-8.
- Dry aluminum parts off with a soft cloth.
- After cleaning, treat the entire surface of aluminum parts with corrosion protection oil (7000 9824). Also treat the cavities with oil.
- Store the aluminum parts at room temperature or in a cold-storage room with the cavities pointing down.



**CAUTION** Before using any cleaning or decontamination methods except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment.

Clean centrifuge and accessories as follows:

1. Open the centrifuge.
  2. Turn off the centrifuge.
  3. Pull out the power supply plug.
  4. Release the rotor.
  5. Grasp the rotor with both hands and lift it vertically off the centrifuge spindle.
  6. Remove the centrifuge tubes and adapters.
  7. Use a neutral cleaning agent with a pH value between 6 and 8 for cleaning.
  8. Dry all of the rotors and accessories after cleaning with a cloth or in a warm air cabinet at a maximum temperature of 50°C.
- After cleaning, treat the entire surface of aluminum parts with corrosion protection oil (7000 9824). Also treat the cavities with oil.



**CAUTION** When cleaning, do not allow liquids, especially organic solvents, to get on the drive shaft or the bearings of the centrifuge. Organic solvents break down the grease in the motor bearing. The drive shaft could freeze up.

## Disinfection

Disinfect the centrifuge immediately whenever infectious material has spilled during centrifugation.



**WARNING** Infectious material can get into the centrifuge when a tube breaks or as a result of spills. Keep in mind the risk of infection when touching the rotor and take all necessary precautions. In case of contamination, make sure that others are not put at risk. Decontaminate the affected parts immediately. Take other precautions if need be.

The rotor chamber and the rotor should be treated preferably with a neutral disinfectant.



**CAUTION** Before using any cleaning or decontamination methods except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment. Observe the safety precautions and handling instructions for the cleaning agents used.

Contact the Service Department of Thermo Fisher Scientific for questions regarding the use of other disinfectants.

Disinfect the rotor and accessories as follows:

1. Open the centrifuge.
2. Turn off the centrifuge.
3. Pull out the power supply plug.
4. Release the rotor.
5. Grasp the rotor with both hands and lift it vertically off the centrifuge spindle.
6. Remove the centrifuge tubes and adapters and dispose of them or disinfect them.
7. Treat the rotor and accessories according to the instructions for the disinfectant. Adhere strictly to the given application times.
8. Be sure the disinfectant can drain off the rotor.
9. Rinse the rotor and accessories thoroughly with water.
10. Dispose of the disinfectant according to the applicable guidelines.
11. Dry all of the rotors and accessories after cleaning with a cloth or in a warm air cabinet at a maximum temperature of 50°C.
  - After cleaning, treat the entire surface of aluminum parts with corrosion protection oil (7000 9824). Also treat the cavities with oil.

## Decontamination

Decontaminate the centrifuge immediately whenever radioactive material has spilled during centrifugation.



**WARNING** Infectious material can get into the centrifuge when a tube breaks or as a result of spills. Keep in mind the risk of infection when touching the rotor and take all necessary precautions.

In case of contamination, make sure that others are not put at risk. Decontaminate the affected parts immediately. Take other precautions if need be.



**CAUTION** Before using any cleaning or decontamination methods except those recommended by the manufacturer, users should check with the manufacturer that the proposed method will not damage the equipment.

For general radioactive decontamination use a solution of equal parts of 70% ethanol, 10% SDS and water.

1. Open the centrifuge.
2. Turn off the centrifuge.
3. Pull out the power supply plug.
4. Release the rotor.
5. Grasp the rotor with both hands and lift it vertically off the centrifuge spindle.
6. Remove the centrifuge tubes and adapters and dispose of them or disinfect them.

7. Rinse the rotor first with ethanol and then with de-ionized water.
  - Adhere strictly to the given application times.
8. Be sure the decontamination solution can drain off the rotor.
9. Rinse the rotor and accessories thoroughly with water.
10. Dispose of the decontamination solution according to the applicable guidelines.
11. Dry all of the rotors and accessories after cleaning with a cloth or in a warm air cabinet at a maximum temperature of 50°C.
  - After cleaning, treat the entire surface of aluminum parts with corrosion protection oil (7000 9824). Also treat the cavities with oil.

## Autoclaving

1. Before autoclaving clean rotor and accessories as described above.
2. Place the rotor on a flat surface.
  - Rotors and adapter can be autoclaved at 121°C.
  - The maximum permissible autoclave cycle is 20 minutes at 121°C.

**Note** No chemical additives are permitted in the steam.



**CAUTION** Never exceed the permitted temperature and duration when autoclaving. If the rotor shows signs of corrosion or wear, it must be replaced.

## Service of Thermo Fisher Scientific

Thermo Fisher Scientific recommends having the centrifuge and accessories serviced once a year by an authorized service technician. The service technician checks the following:

- the electrical equipment
- the suitability of the set-up site
- the door lock and the safety system
- the rotor
- the fixation of the rotor and the drive shaft

Thermo Fisher Scientific offers inspection and service contracts for this work. Any necessary repairs are performed for free during the warranty period and afterwards for a charge.

This is only valid if the centrifuge has only been maintained by a Thermo Fisher Scientific service technician.



## Mechanical Emergency Door Release

During a power failure, you will not be able to open the centrifuge door with the regular electric lid release. A mechanical override is provided to allow sample recovery in the case of an emergency. However, this should be used only in emergencies and after the rotor has come to a complete stop.



**WARNING** The rotor can still be spinning at high speed. If touched, it can cause serious injuries.

Always wait a few minutes until the rotor has come to a stop without braking. The brake does not work when there is no current. The braking process lasts much longer than usual.

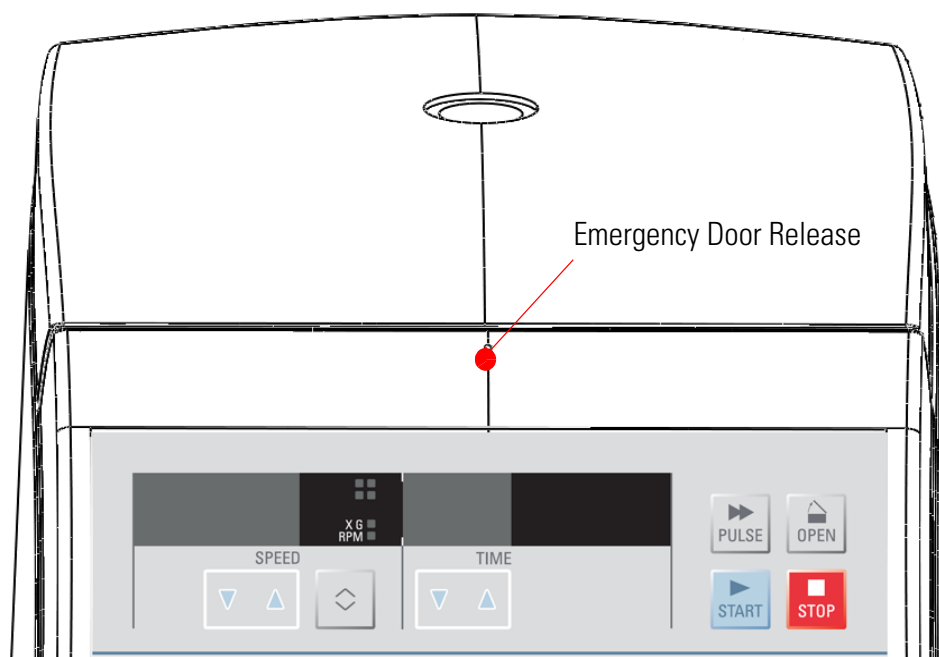
Proceed as follows:

1. Make sure the rotor has stopped (view port in the door).



**WARNING** Never use your hand or any tools to brake the rotor.

2. Pull out the power supply plug.
3. Insert a 3 inch long wire (e.g. a staple) into the hole above the control panel.
4. Press the centrifuge door down gently. Push the wire further into the hole until you hear and feel the door latch unlocking.
5. Remove the wire from the hole and open the centrifuge door.  
Now you can remove your samples.






**Figure 6-1.** Emergency Door Release

Reconnect the centrifuge once the power has been restored. Switch on the centrifuge.

## Troubleshooting by User



If problems occur other than those listed in this table, the authorized customer service representative must be contacted.

Failure message	Problem with centrifuge	Possible causes and cures
Display remains dark.	The drive stops. The centrifuge decelerates without braking. The centrifuge door cannot be opened.	No mains connection. 1. Is the centrifuge turned on? 2. Check the mains connection. If the display remains dark, inform a service technician.
Display fails briefly	The drive stops. The centrifuge decelerates without braking.	Mains connection interrupted for some seconds. 1. Turn off mains switch. 2. Check whether the mains power cord is connected properly. 3. Restart the centrifuge. Restart the centrifuge.
The centrifuge door cannot be opened.	Pressing  key has no effect.	Centrifuge door is not correctly engaged or warped. 1. Check if mains connection is working and the instrument is switched on (display is lit). 2. If this is unsuccessful, you may open the centrifuge door using the mechanical emergency door release (" <a href="#">Mechanical Emergency Door Release</a> " on <a href="#">page 6-2</a> )
	Exceptionally running noise	Imbalance 1. Stop the centrifuge. Press the  key or unplug mains powercord. 2. Wait until the centrifuge comes to a complete stop. 3. Check whether the rotor is properly loaded. Check whether a broken tube, damage to the rotor or motor is responsible for the run noise. If the running noise remains exceptionally, inform a service technician.
Display <b>oP</b> appears although lid is closed.	Centrifuge does not start.	Centrifuge door not properly closed. Open the centrifuge door and repeat locking procedure. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>Lid</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill.	Centrifuge door was opened manually during the run. Close centrifuge door immediately. Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. For further centrifugation, you have to switch the instrument off and switch it on again
<b>bAL</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill.	Imbalance switch releases. 1. Open the centrifuge by pressing the  key. 2. Check whether the rotor is properly loaded. 3. Check whether a broken tube or damaged rotor released the imbalance switch. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.

Failure message	Problem with centrifuge	Possible causes and cures
<b>E-01 - E-13</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Internal program error Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-14</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Over-temperature in the centrifuge chamber. Switch the centrifuge off and turn it on again after approx. one minute. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-15 - E-16</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Temperature measurement error Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-22 - E-23</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Error in speed entry Switch the instrument off and on again. The display shows <b>BR</b> and a countdown from <b>100 - 0</b> . If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-24</b>	The centrifuge cannot be operated. The door cannot be opened.	Wrong status information from the door latch. 1. Switch the instrument off and on again. 2. After re-switching on, the display shows <b>Lid FaiL</b> . 3. If the centrifuge door has been already opened, the display shows <b>CLOSE Lid</b> . Thereupon close the door. 4. The centrifuge tries to open the door to switch for starting the normal operation mode. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-29</b>	Motor does not start.	Motor or rotor blocked 1. Switch the instrument off and on again using the mains switch. 2. Door Opening 3. Check whether the rotor can turn freely. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-31</b>	Rotor stops without deceleration to standstill or does not start.	Overtemperature in the motor. 1. Turn instrument off and unplug mains power cord. 2. Check and clean the venting slots if necessary and respectively the filter unit of the cooled centrifuge. 3. After approx. 60 minutes you can restart the instrument. Observe the maximum permissible environmental temperature. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.

Failure message	Problem with centrifuge	Possible causes and cures
<b>E-33</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill.	Overpressure in the refrigeration unit 1. Wait 15 minutes before switching off the centrifuge. The fan will operate at maximum power in order to reduce the overpressure. 2. Check the draft at the back of the centrifuge if you cannot here the fan. If you do not feel any draft: 1. Turn instrument off and unplug mains power cord. 2. Check and clean the venting slots if necessary and respectively the filter unit of the cooled centrifuge. 3. After approx. 30 minutes you can restart the instrument. Observe the maximum permissible environmental temperature. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-36</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Over-current or over-voltage, the brake resistance the hot. After approx. 60 minutes you can restart the instrument. Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-39</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Error in speed entry. Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-41 - E-56</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Internal program error Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-60</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill.	Under-temperature in the centrifuge chamber. 1. Stop the centrifugation run. 2. Open the centrifuge door and defrost the chamber. Never touch the chamber directly with your hands – you may freeze up. 3. After approx. 60 minutes you can restart the instrument. Observe the maximum permissible ambient temperature. 4. If a strong ice sheet is present in the internal chamber, be sure to remove all condensate after defrosting. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-63</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Temperature measurement error Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.
<b>E-64</b>	The cooling system could not be started.	Power supply undervoltage Check the power supply and contact you supplier if necessary. The message <b>LINE</b> appears in the display.
<b>E-65</b>	Rotor stops with deceleration to standstill. The centrifuge cannot be operated.	Temperature measurement error Switch the instrument off and on again. If the message appears again, inform a service technician.