

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
SpinVessel® VP 418SV3-1-850RB-CC
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**SpinVessel® System, with Computer Control feature, for the 850ml SpinVessel®,
shown with the BioTek MultiFloFX microplate dispenser:**

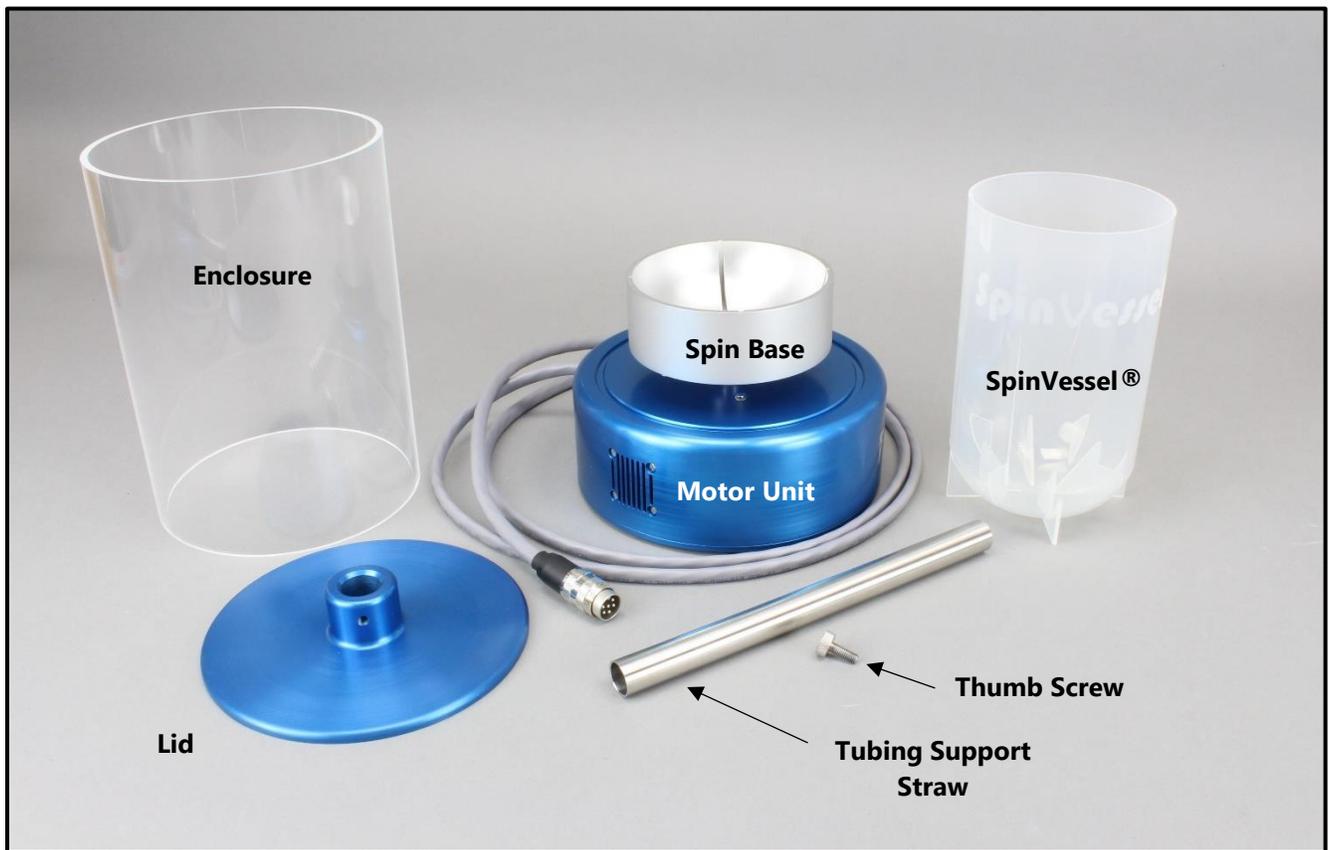
**SpinVessel® System VP 418SV3-1-850RB-CC includes Motor Unit, Spin Base, Enclosure, Lid System,
Controller and Power Supply. Shown with the VP 830SV-850RB SpinVessel® which is sold separately.
Contact BioTek for information regarding the MultiFloFX microplate dispenser.**

SET-UP

POSITION THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM NEXT TO A MICROPLATE DISPENSER

1. Place the motor unit on a sturdy lab bench or table next to the microplate dispenser.
2. SpinVessel® Motor Unit needs to be placed close to the microplate dispenser so that the aspiration tubing can reach the bottom of the SpinVessel® Tube.
3. Since the Controller Cable is 6 feet long, the Controller and computer can be placed at a distance from the Motor Unit.

ASSEMBLE THE SpinVessel® WITH VESSEL AND LID SYSTEM



1. Insert the SpinVessel® VP 830SV-850RB into the SpinVessel® Spin Base.
2. Ensure that the tabs on the outside of the SpinVessel® are seated flat and registered to the slots in the aluminum Spin Base.
3. Place the cylindrical Enclosure on top of the motor unit, making sure that it rests firmly in the groove.
4. Place the Lid on top of the Enclosure also making sure it is resting firmly.



5. Insert the Tubing Support Straw into the hole in Lid and position it close to the bottom of the SpinVessel®. Tighten the thumb screw on the lid to hold the Support Straw in place.
6. Then insert the aspiration tubing bundle of the plate dispenser into the Tubing Support Straw. Push the bundle until the tubing anchor is just visible at the bottom of the Tubing Support Straw but not touching the bottom of the SpinVessel®.
7. The Lid is made of anodized aluminum and Tubing Support Straw is made of stainless steel so that both can be sterilized by autoclaving. It is recommended that they be autoclaved and assembled so that there is no need to touch the Tubing Support Straw when placing the Lid and Straw on top of the Enclosure.

CONNECT PARTS OF THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM



1. Connect the Power Cord from Power Supply to an outlet.
2. Connect Power Cable from Power Supply to Controller.

Warning: Do not plug the Controller in while the power is on. Ensure that the Power Switch is in the off position ("0" is down). Always have the Controller plugged in before powering up.

3. Connect Controller Cable from the Motor Unit to the Controller.
4. Connect the USB Cable from the Controller to the computer.



OPERATION

POWERING UP THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM

1. The Power Switch (I/O) is located on the top of the Controller.
2. To power up the Controller, depress the "I" of the switch.

OPERATING THE SpinVessel® SYSTEM WITH COMPUTER CONTROL

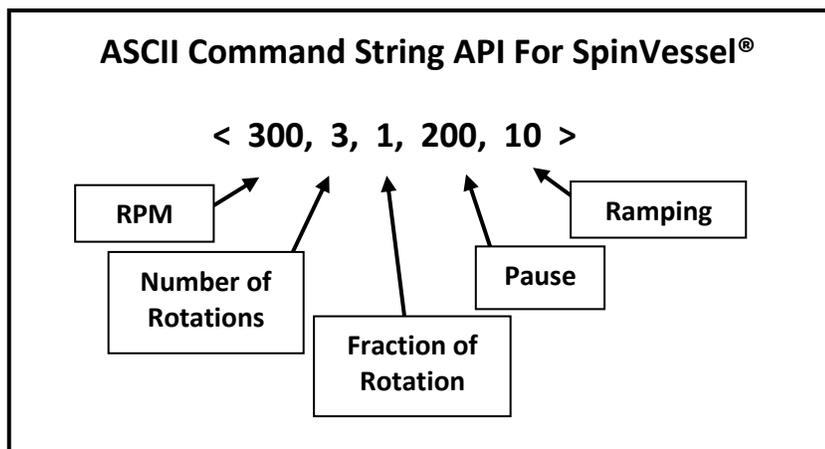
The SpinVessel® Models with "-CC" in the part number are controlled using a computer. The Controller for the computer controllable SpinVessel® is connected by a USB communication cable to a computer. The Controller accepts simple ASCII commands to set the speed of the rotations, the number of rotations before reversing direction (including fractions of a rotation), the duration of pause before reversing direction, and degree of ramping to set speed.

Software details

1. The SpinVessel® Controller uses an internal CH340G USB to Serial Converter (set to 9600,8,N,1) which will require driver software. Windows may already have the needed USB driver software installed. If not, download the "CH340 USB DRIVER" from the provided USB flash drive and run "CH341SER.exe" to install it (Windows typically auto-installs once downloaded). If your company policy does not allow the use of the provided USB stick, this driver is also available for download from the internet (contact your IT department for assistance if necessary).
2. The basic command language for this computer-to-stirrer communication is ASCII.
3. Commands can be sent from the computer using a standard terminal program like HyperTerminal or Realterm. Or, if needed, download the V&P Scientific Serial Terminal program from the provided USB flash drive. If your company policy does not allow the use of the provided USB stick, we suggest asking your IT department for a recommendation.
4. Alternatively, the ASCII commands can be sent by an automated microplate dispenser's software to control the SpinVessel®. Since there are many different automated microplate dispensers available, please contact a technical representative from the company that makes your automated microplate dispenser.

Connecting and sending commands

1. Set up the system as described in the Set-Up section of the SpinVessel® Technote with the USB cable connected to the computer to be used.
2. Open the Serial Terminal program (V&P Scientific version or other).
3. Turn on the SpinVessel® instrument as described.
4. Select the appropriate COM port and click CONNECT to establish a line of communication between the instrument and the computer.
5. Create ASCII command strings as outlined in the diagram shown below to control the instrument with the following parameters:
 - a. Speed of rotation in revolutions per minute (RPM).
 - b. Number of rotations before reversing direction.
 - c. Fraction of a rotation (input 0-9 for fractions of a rotation).
 - d. Pause, in milliseconds, before reversing direction.
 - e. Ramping, 0-100, where 0 is no ramping (rapid acceleration) and 100 is full ramping (slow acceleration)
6. Hit ENTER to send command and start rotation of the SpinVessel® instrument.
7. To stop, type <0> and hit ENTER.



USING the 850 mL SpinVessel® SYSTEM

The optimal stirring mode is dependent upon the application and needs to be empirically determined.

Factors to consider in determining optimal 850 mL SpinVessel operation are the density of the particulates, their size, and shape, as well as the volume and viscosity of the liquid. Start with (300 RPM) and 3.1 rotations before reversing direction, then test to determine the appropriate RPMs and number of rotations for the particulate's density, fragility, and solution viscosity. We have found that smaller circumference SpinVessels® require higher RPMs than larger circumference SpinVessels® because the critical factor is the linear speed generated at the circumference, not the RPMs. See page 501 of our [SLAS Technology paper](#) for a full discussion of this phenomenon.

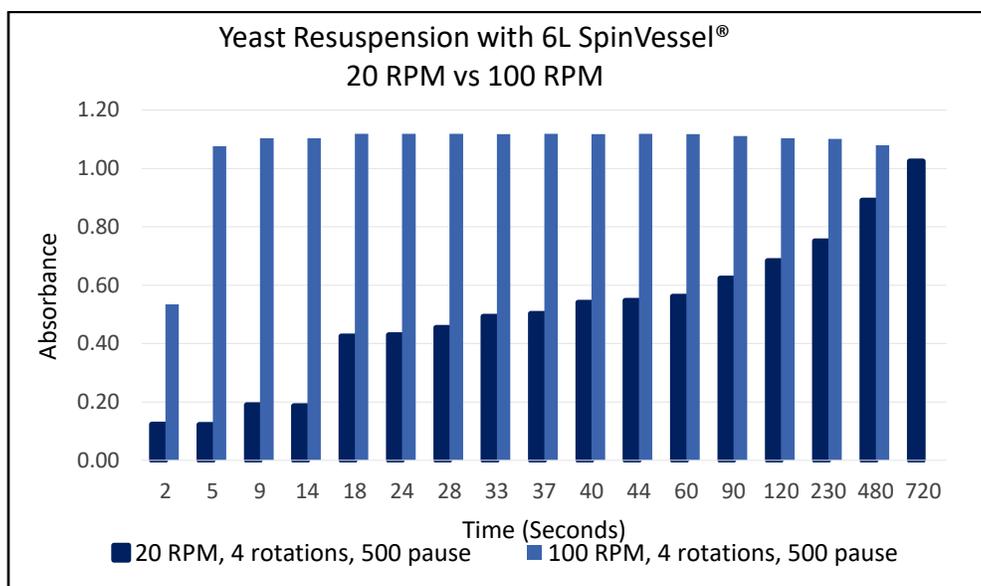
The following settings are ones to use when starting out with the VP 418SV3-1-850RB-CC:

Speed: 300 RPM Rotate: 3.1 times Pause: 200 milliseconds Ramp: 10

It is always a good idea to practice with water in the SpinVessel® to determine safe RPM, rotation, pause and ramp numbers before using expensive reagents.

The VP 418SV3-1-850CB-CC SpinVessel® is designed to be used with VP 830SV-850CB SpinVessel® tubes. Please contact V&P Scientific for pricing.

See below for an example of low versus high RPM for a solution of yeast cells in a large circumference, 6-liter SpinVessel®. Note that, when given a longer mixing time, even the slower speed (20 RPM for more gentle mixing) was able to suspend the yeast cells.



PRODUCT MAINTENANCE

GENERAL PRODUCT CARE

When not in use, turn the power switch off.

Do not place the control unit in chambers with temperatures above 40°C.

To clean the stirrer, wipe it down with a cloth and mild detergent followed by a water wipe.

Do not immerse SpinVessel® Motor or Control in liquid.

The motor of the SpinVessel® is a stepper motor, 100-240 Volts, 50/60 Hz, CE compliant.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The use of motor controls, like that of all utilization of concentrated power, is potentially hazardous. The degree of hazard can be greatly reduced by proper design, selection, installation, and use, but all hazards cannot be completely eliminated.

The following safety precautions must be observed during all phases of installation, operation, service, and repair of this motor control product. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture and intended use of the products. V&P Scientific assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with safety requirements and practices.

WARNING
To avoid personnel injury caused by electrical shock, do not remove the cover of the controller when the power is ON.

CAUTION
Do not disconnect the motor during operation. Otherwise, over-current breakdown may result.

WARRANTY

V&P Scientific, Inc. warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship when used under normal laboratory conditions for one year. This warranty begins from the date of delivery by V&P Scientific.

In the event this product fails under normal laboratory conditions within the specified period of time because of a defect in material or workmanship, V&P Scientific will, at its option, repair or replace the product. Damage to the product caused by user negligence is not covered.

Please keep the special shipping carton in case the unit needs to be shipped back to V&P Scientific. Please contact V&P Scientific for return authorization and shipping instructions.

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