



CO<sub>2</sub> Incubator ICO<sub>170</sub>









# **Optimized Cellular Growth Environment**

- Superior temperature uniformity through fan-assisted circulation and direct heat + air jacket chamber design
- Precise CO<sub>2</sub> control utilizing dual infrared CO<sub>2</sub> sensors
- Rapid temperature and gas recovery without overshoot
- Integrated humidity monitoring and optional active humidification control



## **Enhanced Contamination Prevention**

- Seamless chamber with rounded edges mitigates microbial buildup
- 180°C high-temperature disinfection (HTD) for enhanced sterility
- Standard configuration includes durable stainless-steel chamber;
   antimicrobial copper chamber available as an option
- In-chamber HEPA filter effectively captures airborne contaminants



## **Ergonomic Design & Easy Maintenance**

- Left/Right-handed door orientation options
- Magnetically sealed outer door requires minimal force to open
- Inner door latch to ensure perfect closure during operation
- Chamber features rounded edges and mirror finish for easy cleaning
- No need to remove CO<sub>2</sub> and humidity sensors during high-temperature disinfection (HTD)
- Stands and shelves features screw-less design allowing easy dismantling



# **Optimized Cellular Growth Environment**

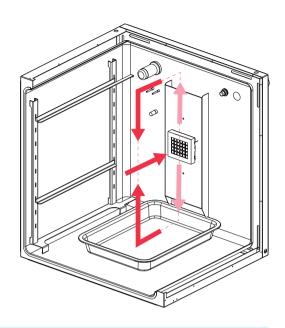
CO<sub>2</sub> incubators provide a controlled atmosphere conducive to cellular growth by regulating temperature, humidity, and CO<sub>2</sub> levels. Optimizing cell culture conditions in these incubators is critical for obtaining consistent and reproducible results.

## How to maintain an optimal growth environment inside the chamber?

Maintaining precise temperature control within CO<sub>2</sub> incubators ensures that cells are cultured at the optimal temperature for growth and metabolism.

### **Fan-assisted Circulation**

Variations in temperature and environmental parameters can significantly impact cell growth. The integrated circulation fan ensures homogeneous distribution of gas concentration, temperature, and humidity throughout the chamber. The airflow is engineered to move along the chamber walls rather than directly over the cultures, ensuring precise temperature control and uniformity while minimizing turbulence around the samples.





# 6-sided Direct Heating & Air Jacket

The combination of 6-sided direct heating and an air jacket ensures uniform temperature distribution throughout the entire chamber. This air jacket direct heat approach offers a lighter weight alternative to water jacket systems, making it more suitable for laboratory benchtop installations.

Using the direct heat technology in the CO<sub>2</sub> incubator offers the following benefits

- Lightweight design and rapid initial stabilization (< 8 hours)
- Rapid Temperature Recovery
- Reduced maintenance requirements
- High Heat Disinfection Capability
- Condensation-free operation

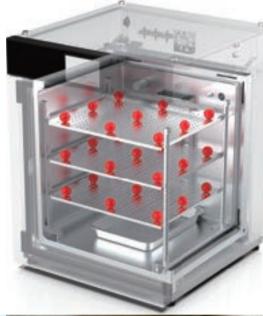


The 6-sided direct heating is achieved through heating elements on five sides of the chamber, complemented by a heated inner door. This design ensures temperature uniformity and effectively prevents condensation. A microprocessor controls these elements to maintain consistent sample temperatures.

# Temperature Uniformity: verified at 27 spots inside the incubator

To ensure uniform cell cultures in vessels located at different positions within the chamber, temperature must be consistently uniform. Our advanced temperature control technology achieves this through features such as fan circulation for even heat distribution, 6-sided direct heating technology, and sophisticated microprocessor control.

Temperature uniformity inside the  $CO_2$  incubator is verified according to the YY1621-2018 standard, measuring temperature deviation across 27 locations within the incubator. The temperature difference between any two points is maintained at less than  $0.3^{\circ}C$ 

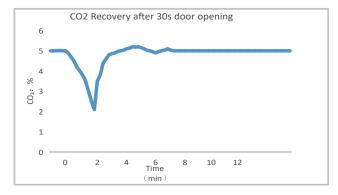


# Precise CO₂ Control with Dual IR CO₂ Sensor

Precise regulation of  $CO_2$  levels in the incubator atmosphere is essential for maintaining physiological pH levels in cell culture media and supporting cellular functions. Proper  $CO_2$  levels ensure that cells can perform their metabolic functions efficiently, promoting enhanced growth and viability. Many cell types are cultured to mimic their natural environment as closely as possible. The typical  $CO_2$  concentration in tissues is approximately 5%, so incubators are calibrated to replicate these conditions, providing a more physiologically relevant environment for the cells.

The infrared (IR) sensor's measurements are unaffected by temperature or humidity fluctuations, and it can withstand high temperatures, enabling it to stay inside the during the high-temperature disinfection cycle. The CO<sub>2</sub> IR sensor is equipped with a filter that removes microorganisms, particulates, and aerosols from the chamber air before it reaches the sensor. This enhances detector performance and prevents interference that could cause detector drift





The infrared  $CO_2$  sensor is engineered to establish, maintain, and recover the  $CO_2$  concentration to the desired setpoint with high precision. It ensures accurate control with rapid recovery to the setpoint after door openings, typically within less than 4 minutes.

# **Humidification Monitoring and Control**

Controlling humidity levels is crucial to prevent desiccation of cell cultures and ensure a stable environment conducive to cell growth.

The standard ICO170 CO<sub>2</sub> incubator incorporates a passive humidification system with an easily accessible water reservoir for simple removal, emptying, and refilling. Additionally, it features an integrated humidity sensor that continuously monitors chamber humidity, a feature uncommon in many CO<sub>2</sub> incubator models.

An optional water level alarm for the water pan notifies users when the water level is low, prompting timely refills. For applications requiring more precise control, an optional active humidification control system offers rapid recovery after door openings and minimizes evaporation.







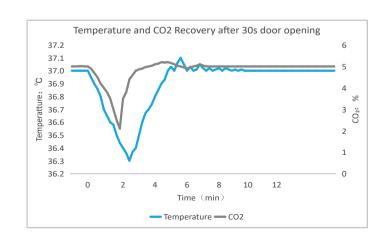
**Active Humidification** 

During high temperature disinfection, humidity sensor does not need to be covered, shortening sterilization preparation.

# **Rapid Recovery Without Overshooting**

Minimizing environmental fluctuations within the incubator is crucial for ensuring experimental reproducibility. To achieve this, it is essential to avoid significant disturbances, such as by reducing the duration and frequency of door openings. Moreover, the environment must rapidly recover without significant overshoot (e.g., temperature exceeding the setpoint).

Our incubator accomplishes this through a combination of fast -response sensors, advanced microprocessor control of gas input valves, and individually controlled heating circuits in each wall (6-sided direct heating). This configuration guarantees rapid air circulation and thorough mixing. The glass inner door allows for easy cell culture observation without disturbing the cell culture environment. Consequently, recovery times and the risk of contamination are effectively minimized, ensuring consistent culture conditions.





# **Efficient Contamination Protection**

CO<sub>2</sub> incubators control temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> levels while maintaining a humidified atmosphere to create optimal conditions for cell growth. However, these conditions also promote the growth of contaminants such as bacteria, yeast, molds, and other fungi. When selecting an incubator, it is essential to consider features that minimize contamination risk. Our solutions to combat contaminants include:

## 180°C High-Temperature Disinfection (HTD) for Sterile Environment

#### 1. Comprehensive Elimination of Contaminants

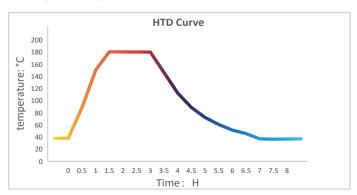
The high temperature used in HTD effectively eliminates a broad spectrum of contaminants, including bacteria, yeast, molds, and fungi.

#### 2. No Chemical Residues

Unlike chemical disinfection methods, HTD does not leave potentially harmful residues that could affect cell cultures.

## 3. Minimal Preparation Time

The HTD process requires less setup time compared to other sterilization methods.

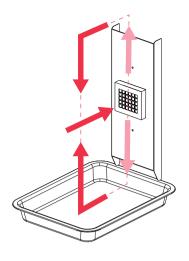


#### 4. Reduced Re-contamination Risk

The chamber can be used immediately after the HTD cycle, minimizing the chance of re-contamination.

#### 5. Step-by-step HTD guide

The user interface provides clear, illustrated step-by-step instructions to ensure a standardized and thorough pre-HTD operation.



# In-chamber HEPA and Gas Inlet Filter

The in-chamber HEPA filter effectively captures airborne microorganisms, minimizing the risk of cross-contamination. The gas inlet, located outside the chamber, includes an easily replaceable filter that purifies incoming gas, reducing the ingress of particulates and potential contaminants. Together, these filtration systems maintain chamber cleanliness and significantly reduce the risk of cross-contamination affecting cell growth.

# Seamless Chamber Design

Our  $CO_2$  incubator features a seamless interior, minimizing crevices where contaminants can accumulate and facilitating easier cleaning and sterilization. This design reduces potential harborage sites for bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms, thereby lowering the risk of contamination.

The seamless construction, with fewer parts and joints, requires less maintenance and simplifies disassembly and reassembly during cleaning procedures. Additionally, this design promotes smoother airflow within the incubator, contributing to more consistent conditions for cell growth.





# **Chamber Material Options**

We offer a standard stainless-steel chamber for our  $CO_2$  incubator. Stainless steel provides exceptional durability, resistance to mechanical loads, and high resistance to corrosion, scratches, and abrasions.

In addition to the stainless-steel option, we also provide a copper chamber variant. Copper surfaces exhibit antimicrobial properties.





# **Ergonomic Design & Easy Maintenance Features**



## **Magnetic Outer Door and Inner Door Latch**

The outer door utilizes a magnetic closure mechanism that requires minimal force to open and close, facilitating quick and efficient access to the incubator. The inner door enables convenient monitoring of cell cultures without significantly disrupting the chamber atmosphere. It features a latching mechanism for optimal sealing and environmental stability.

#### **Optional Segmented Inner Doors**

Inner door openings can cause transient drops in temperature, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, and humidity. Segmented door also allows users to access specific sections of the incubator without disturbing other cultures, making it easier to manage and monitor multiple experiments simultaneously.



# Ergonomic Design Features Reversible Door Configuration:

We offer both left and right-handed options for flexible door -opening configurations, allowing users to select the door orientation that best suits their workspace layout and workflow requirements. Please note that the door orientation is factory -configured based on customer preference and cannot be changed by customers.

## **Easy to Maintain**

Maintaining a clean and sterile environment is crucial for successful cell culture, but cleaning and disinfecting CO₂ incubators has traditionally

been challenging for users. Our CO<sub>2</sub> incubator is designed with a focus on user -friendly and low-maintenance operation to minimize routine maintenance efforts:

- Chamber Design: The chamber features rounded edges and a mirror finish, facilitating easy cleaning and reducing the risk of microbial buildup.
- In Situ Sensors: Both the CO<sub>2</sub> and humidity sensors are designed to remain
  in the chamber during sterilization cycles, eliminating the need for removal
  and reducing preparation time.
- Tool-Free Removal of Stand and Shelves: Stands and shelves can be effortlessly removed without the need for tools or unscrewing, unlike some models that require disassembly before sterilization.



Model	TI-CO2-170-4E
Heating Method	Direct heat + Air jacket
Capacity	170L
Input Voltage	110V/220V 50/60HZ
Power	<60W/H(37°C)
Power (high temperature sterilization)	<1500W/H(180°C)
Convection	Fan
Heat Insulation	Foam
Display	7-inch touchscreen
Disinfect	180°C high temperature disinfection (HTD)
Chamber Humidity	95±5% R.H. (Relative Humidity)
Inner door material	Tempered glass
Access port (for cables etc.)	Inner diameter 30mm
Noise	< 50dB
	CO₂ concentration alarm, high & low temperature alarm, door-opening alarm,
Alarm	humidity alarm, low water level alarm (optional), O₂concentration alarm
	(optional)
Data transfer	USB, Ethernet port
Upgrade method	Wireless or Cable
Inner dimensions	557x518x597mm
Outer dimensions	718x744x956mm
Weight (accessories excluded)	≤80KG

# **Temperature Control**

Temperature range	Ambient+3°C $\sim$ 55°C (ambient: 5°C $\sim$ 35°C)
Temperature controller	PID
Temperature uniformity at 37°C	±0.3°C
Temperature stability at 37°C	±0.1°C
Temperature Recovery Time (recover to 37°C after 30s door-opening)	< 5 minutes

# CO₂ Control

CO₂ sensor	Dual IR sensor
CO₂ concentration range	0.1-20%
CO₂ accuracy	±0.1 %
CO₂ concentration recovery time (recover to 5% after 30s door-opening)	≤ 4 minutes
HEPA filter	Filter 99.97% of 0.22μm foreign particles
CO₂ connector	8mm tube (inner diameter)
CO <sub>2</sub> pressure	0.1MPa



### **Configurable Features**

Door handle location	Left / Right
Wheel type	Optional Caster (size: 40mm)
Chamber Material	Standard: 304 Stainless Steel / Optional: Copper
Number of shelves	Standard: 3 / Optional: 6 or 10
Number of inner doors	Standard: Unsegmented inner door Optional: 3 or 6-segmented inner doors
Humidification	Standard: Passive humidification water tray Optional: Active humidification external humidity reservoir
Water level monitor in the water tray	Optional
Tri-Gas	Optional

# O<sub>2</sub> Control (optional)

O <sub>2</sub> sensor	Zirconia
O₂concentration range	1~20%
O₂ accuracy	0.10%
O₂ connector	8mm tube (inner diameter)
O <sub>2</sub> pressure	0.1MPa

