# **Dry Block Heater** User Manual & Setup Guide

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**Omron E5CC** 



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# 1. Symbol

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**Warning sign:** signifies a general warning, and indicates a risk to people specified by the supplementary sign that if not avoided, may result in death or serious injury.

General Warning Sign



Warning; Flammable **Warning; Flammable:** signifies a flammable warning, and indicates a risk of flammable content as specified by the supplementary sign that if not avoided, may result in a fire by igniting flammable material.



Warning; Electricity **Warning; Electricity:** signifies a electricity warning, and indicates a risk of contact with electricity as specified by the supplementary sign that if not avoided, could result in injury.



**Warning; Hot Surface:** signifies hot surface warning, and indicates a risk to people specified by the supplementary sign that if not avoided, will result in contact with hot surface.

Warning; Hot Surface



**General Prohibition:** signifies a prohibited action, indicates a risk to people specified by the supplementary sign that if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

#### General Prohibition Sign



**Do Not Expose Outside:** signifies prohibiting the exposure to direct sunlight, and indicates a raised temperature due to sunlight or placement on hot surface can cause harmful damage to cabinet.

# 2. General Information

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This user manual is intended for Thermoline's range of dry block heaters. We recommend that you read this user manual the whole way through before you start using the dry block heater. Consider this manual as a component of the dry block heater and an integral part to its function. We recommend keeping it close and within easy access.

#### **Intended Use**

The Thermoline Dry Block Heater is designed to provide uniform dry heating of various shapes and sizes of tubes and vials featuring a wide temperature range from ambient +10°C to 200°C with an accurate control stability of +/- 0.2°C.

Heating blocks provide a safe, convenient and productive alternative to heating mantles and hotplates for accurate heating of PCR tubes, PCR strips, microcentrifuge tubes, microplates and cuvettes. Our single and triple aluminium block designs offer precise temperature control in small vessels.

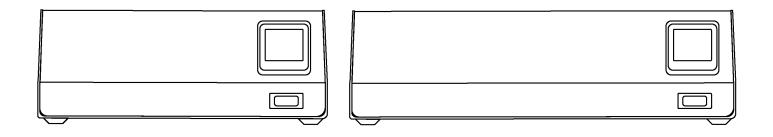
#### **Operating Range**

The Thermoline dry block heater is set to function with specific Operating Ranges. The optimum operating conditions will be explained further in this manual.



# 3. Product Specifications

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#### Dimensions

External	TDB-1	TDB-3				
WxDxH (mm)	245x180x120	425x180x120				
Internal						
WxDxH (mm)	80x100x50	240x100x50				
Technical Specifications						
Block Capacity	1	3				
Temperature Range	Ambient +10°C to 200°C					
Temperature Uniformity	+/-0.2°C to 100°C					
Controller Type	Omron E5CC PID Microprocessor					
Safety	Over Temperature Safety/Over Current Protection					
Electrical	125W/230V	250W/230V				
Weight	1.8kg	3kg				
Fibreglass Insulation	•	•				

# **Block Options**

<b>Block Configuration</b>	Qty of Holes Diameter (mm)		Depth (mm)	
DBAB 0	None	Single Plain	N/A	
DBAB-000	None	Single Plain	N/A	
DBAB-1	30	6	40	
DBAB-2	20	8	40	
DBAB-3	20	10	40	
DBAB-4 (2.0ml Micro Tubes)	20	12	40	
DBAB-5	20	14	40	
DBAB-6	12	15	40	
DBAB-7	12	16	40	
DBAB-8	12	17	40	
DBAB-9	8	18	40	
DBAB-10	8	19	40	
DBAB-11	8	20	40	
DBAB-12	8	21	40	
DBAB-13	8	22	40	
DBAB-14	6	23	40	
DBAB-15	6	24	40	
DBAB-16	6	25	40	
DBAB-17	6	26	40	
	Qty of Holes	Size (ml)	Depth (mm)	
DBAB-18	30	0.2	16*	
DBAB-19	20	0.5	28**	
DBAB-20	20	1.5	34**	
DBAB-21	96 Plate Well = 2 Blocks			

\* Parallel Holes (mm) \*\* Tapered Holes (mm)

# 4. Operating Environment

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## **Cabinet Location**

Ensure dry block heater is placed in the correct environment, away from direct sunlight or direct heat sources (**Fig 1**). The product shouldn't be placed in a room where the ambient temperature exceeds that of which it was designed to operate.

Dry Block Heater should be stored inside at all times. Failure to adhere to this could cause significant drops in cabinet performance and damage to items stored inside. **Extreme Operating Environment:** 

- Temp: 10°C to 32°C
- Humid: Up to 85%RH
- Optimal Temperatures:
- 23°C (+/-5°C)
  - 50%RH (+/- 25%RH)





Fig 1. Suitable Environment

• Ensure that warmers are kept away from water (Fig 2).

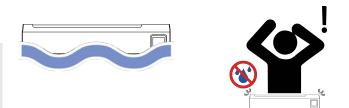


Fig 2.

## 4. Operating Environment

#### **Electrical Connections**

Dry block heaters are suitable for connection to a standard 10Amp, 230 volt, 50Hz, supply. A dedicated outlet should be used for the supply, do not use power boards or the like.

#### Electrical:

- Included with the dry block heater is a 2.5m removable mains power lead with a three pin plug and right angle female IEC plug. Ensure the product is reasonably distanced from the power supply. (Fig 1)
- On the dry block heater itself is a 10 amp male IEC socket. (Fig 2)

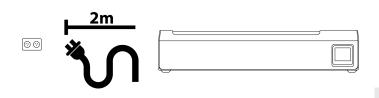


Fig 1. Suitable distance from power supply (2m)

### **Operating Environment Warnings**

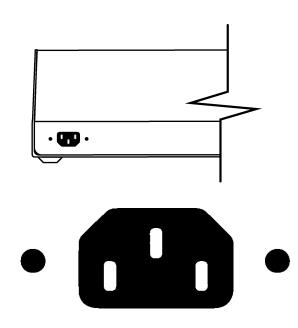


All Dry Block Heater require an even surface to ensure consistent performance. Internal contents can also be damaged by the cabinet being on an uneven surface.

Dry Block Heater should be stored inside at all times. Failure to adhere to this could cause significant drops in cabinet performance and damage to items stored inside.



Dry block heaters are not suitable for use with flammable solvents! They are fitted with components that may be the source of ignition.



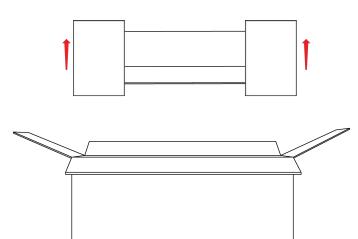


# 5. Setup

## Unpacking

#### Unpacking Process for carton:

- Before proceeding make sure that all internal and external packaging has been removed from the appliance and that all tape, plastic bags and pieces of foam have been removed.
- Removing the box requires the cling wrap and straps to be cut, then expose the cabinet by carefully sliding the box upwards. (Fig 1)
- If upon opening your package damage is present, notify the detail of any damage to your supplier or to Thermoline Scientific without delay at +61 2 9604 3911 or email at service@thermoline.com.au.



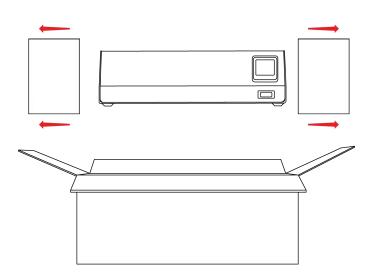


Fig 1 . Unpacking Process (Box)

### Moving

While the dry block heater is not heavy please note that it can be very hot at the top. Please take caution not to get injured from the hot surface. (Fig 2)

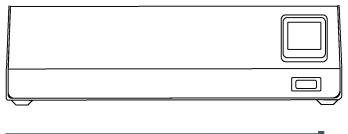


Fig 2.

### Start Up Procedure

#### Start Up process for Dry Block Heater:

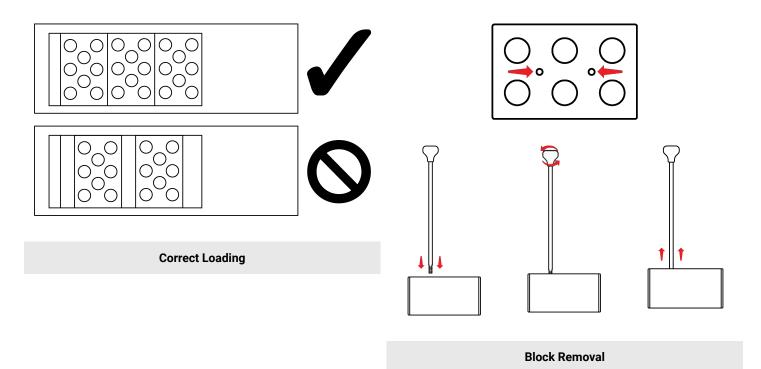
- Take the supplied lead and plug it into the male IEC socket on the rear of the incubator. Next, plug the 3 pin plug into a 10amp General Purpose Outlet.
- Turn the main switch adjacent to the temperature control to 'ON' to start the incubator.
- The controller will go through a warm up period where all segments of the display will be on, before indicating the set temperature (SV) on the lower display and incubator actual temperature (PV) on the top display.
- The fan ON/OFF switch allows you to switch between fan forced or natural convection modes.





### Loading

When in use please ensure the dry block heater is loaded with a full compliment of blocks. Included with the dry block heater is a handy tool that can be screwed into the threaded hole of the block to remove them (please take caution if the blocks are hot).



## **Cabinet Location**

#### Location Requirements:

- Dry block heaters cabinets require a level surface to operate best. (Fig 1)
- Do not place the warming plate in any amount of water, this will result in premature component damage.
- While the dry block heater doesn't have an internal fan for ventilation, there is still a vent on the side to allow heat to escape. Thermoline still suggests 100mm on the sides to allow hot air to escape.

## Cleaning

The Thermoline Dry Block Heaters require no routine maintenance other than normal levels of cleanliness. The external surface powder coated steel and may be wiped clean using a damp, soft cloth. Never use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads as these will scratch the surface and may result in corrosion. Never use caustic type cleaning agents.



All dry block heaters have electrical components such as the temperature controller. These should not be subjected to any levels of moisture.

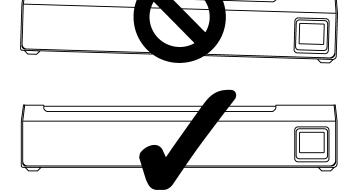


Fig 1. Correct Levelling

**Setup Warnings** 



Never block off air vents on the dry block heater. It can cause damage due to excess build up of heat.



When you remove packaging from the dry block heater, you should be careful when using knives to cut tape and cardboard.



# 7. Omron User Guide

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The controller used in the dry block heater is an Omron E5CC microprocessor based instrument with digital indication of set temperature and operating temperature.



**Note**: There is limited access to the controller's parameters. The operator can alter the temperature set point and has access to parameters used for calibration purposes.

$\mathbf{P}$	<b>Scroll Button:</b> Used to view the set temperature target and start/reset the ramp/dwell function.
	<b>Page Button:</b> Used to view calibration offset parameter and the ramp/dwell control parameters.
∧ ∨	<i>Increase/Decrease Buttons:</i> Used to increase and decrease the parameter settings.
<b>≪</b> РF	Side Arrow: Used to move the flashing digit.
PV	<b>Process Value:</b> Current temperature of the cold plate.
sv	Set Value: Set temperature of the cold plate.

### **Display Symbols**

The Omron E5CC controller comes with an array of functions. The table below is an overview of the LED indicators displayed throughout use. Familiarise yourself with them so you are able to recognise problems or faults easily.

LED	Name	Meaning
SUB1	Auxillary Output 1	N/A
SUB2	Auxiliary Output 2	N/A
SUB3	Auxiliary Output 3	Hi Alarm
OUT1 Control Output 1 Heat outp		Heat output ON
OUT2	Control Output 2	N/A
CMW	Communications Wiring	N/A
STOP	Stop	N/A
RSP	Remote SP	N/A
MANU	Manual	N/A
TUNE	TUNE AT/ST N/A	
Оп	Setting Change Protection	N/A

R	Ρ	Ε	d	Ε	F	6	Н	Ē	Ц
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	Т	J
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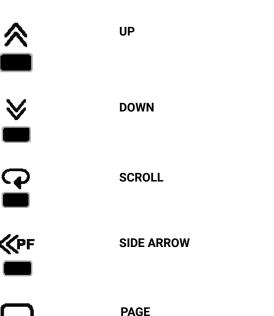
#### **Temperature Control**

#### How to

Use the " **<<PF** " button to move the cursor. The digits in **SV** will flash, indicating that it can be changed.

Change the temperature by using the "**UP** " or "**DOWN** " arrows. When the desired temperature is set, leave for a few seconds and the digits will stop flashing to confirm entry.





#### **Sensor Calibration**

There are a number of factors that will affect the accuracy of the temperature displayed in relation to the actual temperature of the dry blocks.

The Omron temperature control has a parameter that can correct the temperature displayed. This sensor correction parameter is displayed as " **iNS** " (Input Shift).

In simple terms, this parameter adds or subtracts a correction value to the displayed temperature to make it read the correct temperature.

Each block has two holes. One for the lifting tool and the other for a temperature sensor.

Once the dry block heater has stabilised, any difference in the temperature reading can be offset using the sensor correction parameter.

#### How to

Press PAGE to display sensor correction parameter.



Use the UP or DOWN button to adjust the sensor correction.

After this, allow the digit to stop flashing and the screen will display the adjusted value.

# 8. Troubleshooting

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#### Problem

The word "Stop" is showing on the Omron Controller

#### Fix

- 1. Press the 'PAGE' button and the "SCROLL' button simultaneously until 'oAPt' appears on the screen.
- 2. Press 'SCROLL' button until you see the parameter 'PMSK' on the screen.
- 3. Press the 'DOWN' button to turn off.
- 4. Press the 'PAGE' button and the 'SCROLL' button simultaneously to take you back to the main menu.
- 5. Press 'SCROLL' until you see 'R-S' on the screen.
- 6. Press the 'DOWN' button to turn 'STOP' to 'RUN'
- 7. Press the 'PAGE' and the 'SCROLL' button simultaneously until 'oAPt' appears on the screen
- 8. Press 'SCROLL' until you see the parameter 'PMSK' on the screen
- 9. Press the 'DOWN' button to turn on
- 10. Press the 'PAGE' and the 'SCROLL' button simultaneously to take you back to the main menu.

Please note if other parameters are changed by mistake further issues may occur.

#### **Technical and Repair Support**

When contacting Thermoline regarding information about the product, it is important to have the Serial Number and other related information with you. The serial number is on a silver sticker, usually located near the power IEC socket.

Contact Thermoline service on +61 2 9604 3911 or email at service@thermoline.com.au



# 9. Warranty

Have the following information available when you contact the service department. Model number and serial number. This is generally found on the exterior of the cabinet in the form of a stick-on label. The company name, address, contact name, contact phone number. A brief description of the problem. All warranty claims must be reported to, and agreed to by a Thermoline representative prior to any work being carried out.

### Standard 24 Month Warranty

#### Thermoline Scientific Equipment Pty Ltd ABN 80 000 859 129 ('Thermoline')

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calibration/certification services;

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