

# User Manual

## Sterilizer 75

Dry-heat sterilizer



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# Chapter 1 – General safety information

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When operating the device, comply with the following safety instructions as well as those contained in subsequent chapters. Use the device only for the purpose named in these instructions. Failure to comply with the set-up conditions can result in malfunctions or damage to the device and/or human injury.

## **Power cable and power plug**

- Only the power cable included in the scope of delivery may be connected to the device.
- The power cable may not be replaced by a cable determined to be insufficient.

## **Set-up installation and commissioning**

- Only have the device set up, installed, and started up by people authorized by MELAG.
- In accordance with current VDE specifications, the device is unsuitable for operation in explosive atmospheres.
- The device may only be repaired by the manufacturer or an agency which he has authorized to do so (stockist or customer services).
- Check the device for any damage suffered during transport after unpacking.
- In the case of obvious or suspected damage/defects, the device may not be operated further. In such cases, the device has to be repaired.

## **Danger of short circuit**

- Liquids may not be permitted to reach the interior of the device. This could result in an electrical shock or short circuiting.

## **Preparation and sterilization**

- Do not place the objects to be sterilized on material produced from cellulose (e.g., paper, paper towels, staple fiber, bandage material, etc.); this material would produce excessive heat accumulation which would prevent the required heat equalization in the sterilizer.
- Observe the relevant standards and directives for the preparation of instruments.

## **Repair**

- Never open the housing of the device. Incorrect opening and repair can compromise electrical safety and pose a danger to the user. The guarantee and warranty are forfeited as soon as the device is opened by anyone other than a member of a MELAG-authorized technical customer service.

## Chapter 2 – General Guidelines




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Please read this operating manual carefully before commissioning the product. The instructions include important safety information. The functionality and value-retention of this device depend primarily on the care accorded to it. Make sure to keep the Operating Manual near to the device. It represents a component of the product.

### Formatting rules

Example	Explanation
see <a href="#">Chapter 2</a>	Reference to another text section within this document

### Symbols used

Symbol	Explanation
	Indicates a dangerous situation, which if not avoided, could entail slight to life-threatening injuries.
	Draws your attention to a situation, which if not avoided, could result in damage to the instruments, the practice fittings or the device.
	Draws your attention to important information.

## Formatting rules



Manufacturer of the product



Date of manufacture of the product



Product serial number from the manufacturer



Article number of the product



The operating manual includes important safety information. Failure to comply with these instructions can result in injury and material damage.



Please read this user manual carefully before commissioning the device.



In affixing the CE mark, the manufacturer declares that this product fulfils the basic requirements of the EMC and low voltage directive.



Draws your attention to a hot surface. Should the fan fail, the cooling unit fins can become hot.



The device may not be disposed as domestic waste. The vendor is responsible for appropriate disposal of the device - it must be delivered to the vendor to be disposed of. In affixing this symbol, the manufacturer furthermore declares that he has satisfied all the legal requirements pertaining to the release, redemption and environmentally sound disposal of electric and electronic appliances. MELAG devices are synonymous with long-term quality. When you eventually need to decommission your MELAG device, we offer a special disposal service. Simply contact your stockist.

## Chapter 3 – Description of the device

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### Scope of delivery

Please check scope of delivery before connecting the device.

#### ***Standard scope of delivery***

- 1x Sterilizer 75
- 1x User manual
- 1x Declaration of conformity
- 1x Warranty certificate
- 1x Power cable
- 1x Mount 1 or mount 2 (depending on the order)

#### ***Optionally***

- Tray
- Tray jack
- Standard tray jack
- Standard tray cassette (unperforated)

### Intended use

This hot air sterilizer is intended for use in the cosmetics sector, the cosmetic chiropody and the veterinary sector. It was designed for the sterilization of objects made of non-flammable (inorganic) materials with a minimum temperature resistance of 220 °C (e.g. metal, glass, porcelain, stone or enamel). Comply with the restricting information from the instrument manufacturer. Porous sterilization material is unsuitable for hot air sterilization.

## Views of the device

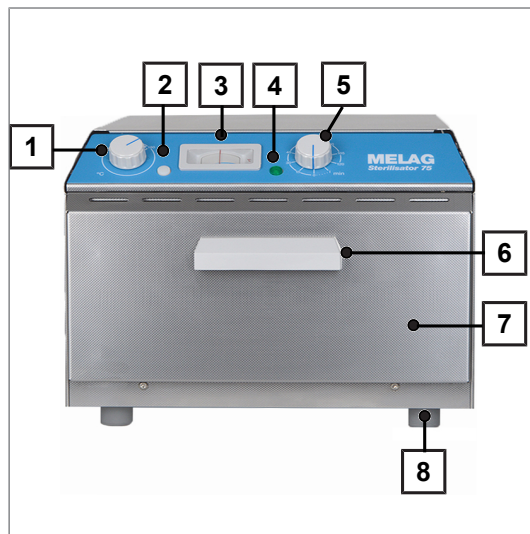


Fig. 1: Fore device view

- 1 Temperature controller
- 2 Indicator lamp heating
- 3 Thermometer
- 4 Indicator lamp network
- 5 On/Off switch and time setting
- 6 Door handle
- 7 Door (opens forwards)
- 8 Device foot

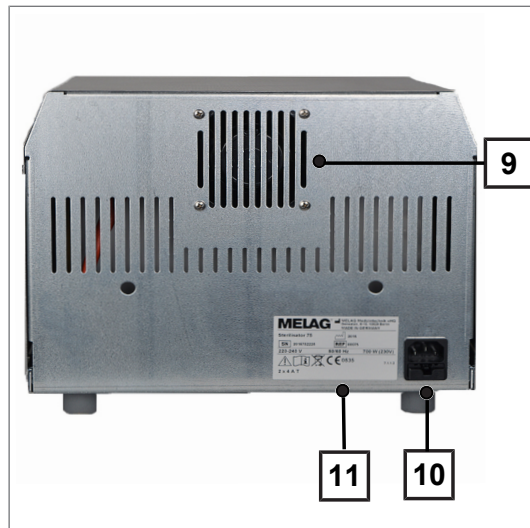


Fig. 2: Rear view of the device

- 9 Fan
- 10 Connection for the power supply and the device fuse
- 11 Type plate



Fig. 3: Inside view of the device

- 12 Sterilization chamber
- 13 Mounting

## Loading variations

The hot air sterilizer is delivered with a mount for the acceptance of trays or standard tray cassettes. If one or two trays are ordered with the device, the scope of delivery will include a tray jack.

The loading versions with devices with trays and standard tray cassettes are possible in the following sizes:

- Tray (WxHxD): 19x2x29 cm
- Standard tray cassette (WxHxD): 19x4x29 cm

### Mounting 1

Mount 1 belongs to the standard can accept max. two trays.



### Mounting 2

Mount 2 can accept a tray or a closed standard tray cassette.



Both mounts are easy to replace. Comply with the instructions under point [Changing the mount](#) [▶ page 12] in chapter [First steps](#) [▶ page 11].

## Chapter 4 – Setup and Installation

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### Requirements of the installation location

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#### **NOTICE**

**The mains plug and the fuse must be easily accessible.**

- Set up the device in such a fashion that the power plug can be disconnected from the mains quickly following danger and that the fuse is easy to access.
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Please observe and comply with the following instructions relating to the set-up.

- ▶ Install the device in a dry and dust-protected location.
- ▶ Install the device with a minimum clearance of 10 cm to other devices and walls, especially flammable parts.
- ▶ Ensure sufficient ventilation. Ensure sufficient clearance to the top for free removal of the warm air. The device may not be used as an installation device and not be used in the immediate treatment area.
- ▶ The installation surface must be level and able to support the weight of the unit.

#### **Tests after set-up**

Perform a temperature check after setting-up the device using thermo sensors or bio indicators. Place the test equipment in the area of the sterilization chamber in which the sterilization temperature is reached the most slowly. This also depends on the arrangement and nature of the sterilization material.

## Chapter 5 – First steps

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### Switching the hot air sterilizer on and off again.

The hot air sterilizer is activated via the time switch (On/Off switch) and switches itself off after a pre-set time. The fan comes to standstill after c. 45 seconds.



#### PLEASE NOTICE

**Disconnect the mains plug if the device has not been operated for a long period of time.**

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*Setting the operating time:*

- ▶ Set the On/Off switch to the required operating time (turn clockwise).
  - ↳ The control lights network and heating will remain illuminated until the time expires.
  - ↳ The hot air sterilizer can be set to continuous operation. In this case, the hot air sterilizer must be switched off manually.

*Activating and deactivating continuous operation:*

- ▶ Switch the On/Off switch to the "I" position (turn anti-clockwise).
  - ↳ The control lamp will remain illuminated; the control lamp for the heating will switch on and off. The set temperature will be kept constant by the heating switching on and off.
- ▶ Switch the On/Off switch to the "0" position to switch off continuous operation.
  - ↳ The control lamps network and heating will extinguish.

## Opening and closing the door



### CAUTION

#### Danger of burns from hot metal surfaces

- Allow the device to cool sufficiently before opening.
- Do not touch any hot metal parts.

✓ *The device must always be deactivated before it is opened. Do not open the door or add any objects after the sterilization procedure has started; this could result in cooling and the object not being sterilized for a sufficient time.*

1. Move the On/Off switch to the "0" position to switch off.
2. Open the door forwards to open.
3. Move the door forwards to open.

## Changing the mount

The mounts are installed to the left and the right in the sterilization chamber and can be replaced as follows:

1. Slide the mount upwards from below and pull off to the side.
2. Set the mount with the screws into the larger aperture and press the mount downwards.



# Chapter 6 – Sterilization

## Preparing the sterilization material

Cleaning and disinfection must always have been performed before sterilization. Only in this way is it possible to guarantee the subsequent sterilization of the Sterilization material. The materials used, the cleaning fluid and treatment procedures used are of decisive significance.

Please observe the following information before loading:

- ▶ Clean, disinfect and dry the instruments before every sterilization.
- ▶ Comply with the specifications of the manufacturer's cleaning and care information when treating the sterilization material. Only so is it possible to guarantee correct cleaning and disinfection and subsequent sterilization.
- ▶ Never place the sterilization material together in blocks, as this will prevent heat equalization.
- ▶ Do not place the sterilization material on cellulose, as this can result in a heat build-up.
- ▶ Always pack the sterilization material in aluminium containers. Stainless steel is unsuitable due to its reduced heat conductivity. Do not use any textiles, paper or polyamide film as packaging. This packaging is unsuitable for high sterilization temperatures.

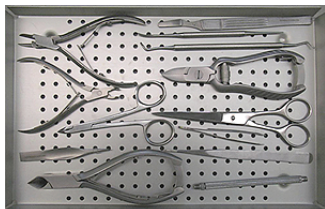
## Heißluftsterilisator beladen

Only when correctly loaded is effective sterilization and good drying possible. Ensure the following during loading:

- ▶ Insert trays or standard tray cassettes in the chamber only with their appropriate mount.
- ▶ When loading, ensure that air can circulate around the instruments unhindered. Do not load the trays or standard tray cassettes one-sided and do not stack the sterilized equipment.

### Example of a correct load

Tray

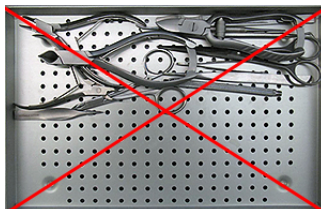


Standard tray cassette



### Example of an incorrect load

Tray



Standard tray cassette



## Information regarding routine operation

The sterilization temperature before every sterilization procedure must amount to 180 °C. To this end, the setting of the sterilization time must take into account the Equilibration time. The pure aborticide time amounts to 30 minutes at 180 °C.

1. Wait 15 minutes after the thermometer has reached 180 °C.
2. Set the required sterilization time. Comply with the specifications under [Selecting the sterilization times](#) [▶ page 14] .
3. Check the ventilator noise: ensure that the mechanical air movement is functioning correctly.

## Setting the temperature

Set the temperature for the hot air sterilizer as follows:

1. Turn the temperature control to 180 °C.
2. Wait until the thermometer reaches 180 °C and allow the device to heat up for 15 minutes.  
 ➔ During this time, the hot air sterilizer heats up the complete sterilization chamber.
3. Set the sterilization time via the “On/Off switch”. Comply with the information of the sterilization times table.

## Selecting the sterilization times

Do not exceed the specified loading quantities. Use only trays and cartridges made of aluminium. When needing to pack with foil, use aluminium foil.

Table 1: Load type and operating time

load	Packaging	Pre-heating time	Operating time
max. of 500 g, including 2 trays	unwrapped	15 min	60 min
max. of 2 kg, including 2 trays	unwrapped	15 min	75 min
max. 500 g inc. 1 standard tray cassette	wrapped	15 min	75 min
max. 2 kg inc. 1 standard tray cassette	wrapped	15 min	120 min

## Removing the sterilized equipment



### CAUTION

**Danger of burns from hot metal surfaces**

- Allow the device to cool sufficiently before opening.
- Do not touch any hot metal parts.



### CAUTION

**Unsterile instruments resulting from damaged packaging. This endangers the health of the patient and the practice team.**

- Should the packaging be damaged, re-pack the sterilization material and re-sterilize it.

Comply with the following when removing the sterilized equipment:

- ▶ Use a tray jack to remove the tray.
- ▶ Never touch the sterilized equipment, the device interior or the inside of the the door with unprotected hands. The components are hot.

## Storing sterile instruments

The maximum storage time is dependent on the packaging and the storage conditions. For standard-conform packaged Sterilized equipment – (if protected from dust) it can amount to up to six months. Comply with the provisions of DIN 58953, part 8 and the criteria specified below for the storage of sterilized equipment:

- ▶ The possible length of storage depends on the type of packaging
- ▶ Do not store the Sterilized equipment in the treatment room
- ▶ Protected against dust e.g. in a closed instrument cupboard
- ▶ Protected from damage to their shiny surfaces
- ▶ Protected from significant temperature differences
- ▶ Protected from moisture (e.g. from alcohol, disinfection fluids)

## Chapter 7 – Function tests

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### Periodical checks

We recommend an annual inspection using bio-indicators, thermocouples or maximum thermometers.

- Comply with the valid regional legal specifications.
- When performing the spore test using biological indicators, the spore packets are to be clamped under an instrument in order to prevent the package from being sucked into the fan motor.

## Chapter 8 – Maintenance

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### Checks and cleaning

Check the chamber, including the door seal and chamber sealing face and the mount once a week for impurities, deposits or damage. If you find any impurities, remove the standard tray cassettes or cartridges and the mount from the chamber. Clean the soiled components. When cleaning the chamber, the mount for the load, chamber seal face and the door seal, please comply with the following:

- Switch off the steam sterilizer before cleaning and remove the power plug from the socket.
- Ensure that the chamber is not hot.
- Use a soft, non-fuzzing cloth.
- Use a chlorine- and vinegar-free cleaning fluid.
- First soak the cloth with the cleaning alcohol or spirit and attempt to remove the impurities with this method.
- Only if the chamber, mount or chamber seal face has persistent soiling should you use a mild stainless steel cleaning agent, with a pH value between 5 and 8.
- To clean the door seal, use a neutral liquid cleaning agent.
- You should not allow cleaning fluid to enter the piping coming from the chamber.
- Do not use any hard objects such as metal saucepan cleaner or a steel brush.
- Check the door seal for damage on a daily basis. Replace the door seal if necessary.
- Check the contact pressure of the door The entire surface of the door must be in contact with the frame.



#### NOTICE

**Inappropriately performed cleaning can lead to the scratching of and damage of surfaces and the development of leaks in sealing surfaces. This creates conditions favourable to dirt deposits and corrosion in the sterilization chamber.**

**Comply with all information regarding cleaning of the part affected.**

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## Chapter 9 – Malfunctions

### General events

Incident	Possible cause	What you can do
The temperature display of the thermometer deviates by more than 8 °C than set on the controller.	The control button has been maladjusted.	Increase or reduce the temperature by turning the temperature controller: <b>Higher temperature:</b> Anti-clockwise <b>Lower temperature:</b> Clockwise
The device does not switch off. The indicator lamp "network" and "heating" illuminate.	The timer is defective or is set to continuous operation.	Check that the "On/Off switch" is set to "I" or "0". If the timer is defective, inform an authorized customer services. The device can be operated provisionally on a semi-automatic basis by actuating the "On/Off switch" manually.
The temperature displayed deviates from the set temperature. The thermometer displays less than 180 °C or falls from 180 °C to c. 150 °C within c. 5 min. and continues to fall. Under circumstances, there is no audible ventilator noise.	The temperature has been set too low. The temperature controller rotary knob was unintentionally turned or mal-adjusted during unpacking or incorrect handling e.g. during cleaning.	Set a higher temperature. The temperature controller must be readjusted by a service technician. Inform an authorized customer services. Provisionally, turn the temperature controller so that the desired temperature is displayed on the device thermometer.
The device is too hot (over 180 °C). The temperature fluctuates between 210-240 °C. The indicator lamp network is illuminated. The indicator lamp heating is continuously off or on/off every 20 seconds.	The "Temperature controller" has been set incorrectly or is defective.	Set the temperature controller to e.g. 180 °C and check whether this temperature has been reached / is displayed on the thermometer (note the heating and equilibration time). Should values deviate, the rotary knob must be readjusted. Task an authorized customer services. If the thermostat is defective, inform an authorized customer services. Provisionally, turn the "temperature control" rotary knob so that the desired temperature is displayed on the device thermometer.

## Chapter 10 – Technical Data

Device type	Sterilizer 75
Electrical power	700 W
Electrical connection	220-240V 50/60 Hz
Device fuse	2 x 4 A T
Noise emission	56 dB
Waste heat	1.1 MJ
Weight	12 kg
Please observe the maximum load:	2 kg including trays
Maximum mains voltage supply variations:	+/- 10 %
Maximum voltage range	207 - 253 V
Relative humidity	up to 31°C max. 80%   up to 40°C max. 50%
Degree of protection	IP 20
Protection category	I
Sterilization chamber (WxHxD) <sup>1</sup>	18 x 7.4 x 29.5 cm
Dimensions (WxHxD)	31 x 26 x 40 cm
Ambient temperature	5°C - 40°C
Volume of the sterilization chamber	4 litres

<sup>1</sup> with installed mounts

## Chapter 11 – Accessories

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Table 2: Accessories

Designation of article	Order.-No.
Mounting 1	59030
Mounting 2	59040
Tray	02075
Standard tray cassette	00287
Tray jack	28890
Jack for standard tray cassette	28895

## Glossary

**DIN 58953**

Standard – sterilization, sterile equipment supply

**Equilibration time:**

The equilibration time comprises the time required to heat all the locations of the device and the sterilization material to the required temperature of 180 °C.

**Sterilization material**

Unsterile, sterilizable material which is still to be sterilized.

**Sterilized equipment**

Also referred to as a batch: a load which has already been sterilized, i.e. is sterile

**VDE**

German abbreviation "Verband der Elektrotechnik, Elektronik und Informationstechnik e.V." (Alliance of the Electronics, Electrotechnical and IT Industry).

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