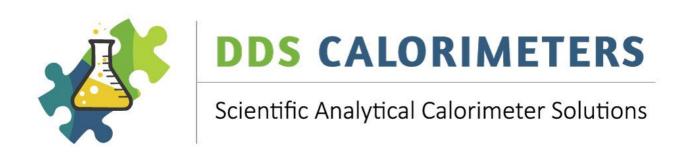


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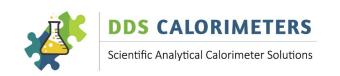


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READ THIS SECTION BEFORE OPERATING THE CAL3K BOMB CALORIMETER

1 SAFETY OF BOMB CALORIMETERS



A 'BOMB CALORIMETER' uses a vessel which is filled with oxygen and the sample material, and then the sample is ignited. The sample burns and the resultant temperature increase of the vessel is measured and converted to a calorific value.

During the burning the gas temperature rises and the pressure increases. The pressure increase depends on the speed of the burning process and to a lesser extent on the sample volume. The safety is therefore mainly concerned with the burning process.

1.1 SAFETY RULES

- 1. **Do not** burn powdery substances by themselves. They can explode. Use a gelatin capsule or press the sample material in to a tablet or pellet.
- 2. Choose a sample volume according to the following guidelines:

Low calorific value (sugar): $\sim 0.75g$ Medium calorific value (Benzoic Acid): $\sim 0.5g$ High calorific value (Oil, Fat) $\sim 0.3g$

- 3. Examine the vessel inner wall after a sample burn for any sample residue. If found then the sample has exploded.
- 4. **Do not** use oil on any part of the calorimeter. It will ignite under pressure and elevated temperature and may cause destruction of the apparatus.
- 5. Reduce the oxygen pressure down to 20bar if the sample explodes. This slows the burning process and can prevent explosions.
- 6. **Do not** store a vessel with pressure. Deflate it and leave the lid open.
- 7. Clean the vessel with a paper towel after each use
- 8. Check O-Rings regular for wear, leakage and aging.
- 9. Check O-Ring seats for sample deposits. Clean the seats regular.

2 INTRODUCTION

Digital Data Systems (Pty) Ltd (**dds**) specializes in the design and manufacture of scientific bomb calorimeter systems for various types of industries and applications from the coal mining industry to educational institutes. **dds** bomb calorimeter systems are the most advanced combustion calorimeter systems available today. The system is used to measure the calorific value of both solids and liquids. **dds** has a wide range of systems to suit different applications and sample requirements. Please visit our website: www.ddscalorimeters.com to find out more

You have chosen the **CAL3K-A** Bomb Combustion Calorimeter System, which is best suited for fast and accurate calorimetry operations.

2.1 PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL

It serves as a short introduction to the CAL3K-A system and the various components. Special attention is given to SAFETY and good installation practice. The basic and advanced operation of the CAL3K-A is explained in the operators manual.



We have strived to make the most used setup parameters accessible from the keyboard. But, there are some very advanced items for which you need a PC or laptop to change or display them. This is not explained here but in an ON-LINE version.

2.2 HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This Manual makes use of some informative symbols or icons, in order to bring your attention to the text.

2.2.1 WARNING SYMBOL

This yellow triangle with an exclamation mark inside it indicates a WARNING message or a message that is instructing you NOT to do something. Please take note of this message, because if you ignore it you could damage the Calorimeter equipment.

2.2.2 INFORMATION (NOTE) SYMBOL

This white hand with a finger pointing indicates a NOTE or INFORMATIVE message. It indicates something that you need to pay attention to. Please take note of this message, as it provides special or detailed information about a particular item.

3 USER INFORMATION AND HELP AIDS

Included in your shipment is this printed Installation Guide.

The on-line Help Guide for basic system operations, trouble-shooting and solutions, application notes as well as how everything functions is available on-line and can be found at www.ddscalorimeters.com. Please note the CAL3K-A Windows Software can be downloaded from the following link: https://ddscalorimeters.com/dds-software/cal3k/



4 SYSTEM COMPONENTS

4.1 THE CAL3K-A SYSTEM CHECK LIST

The system consists of the following:

3K-A	CAL3K-A Calorimeter with Manual Oxygen Filling	1	Received
3K-A-KT	CAL3K-A Calorimeter Installation Kit	1	
Included in Kit:			
3K-1-062	Power Supply 12V	1	
3K-1-122	Mains Cable 15A	1	
3K-1-117	Balance Cable	1	
3K-1-084	PC Cable (USB)	1	
3K-1-061	PC Keyboard (PS2)	1	
3K-4-049	Preparation Stand	1	
3K-1-081	Stainless Steel Tweezers	1	
3K-4-084	Certified Benzoic Acid Tablets (150 x 0.5g Tablets per Bottle)	1	
3K-4-106	Wire Brush	1	
3K-1-043	USB Memory Flash Drive with manuals, software etc	1	
3K-3-18	Emergency Deflate Cape	1	
3K-1-098	Printer Cable	1	
INSTALLATION_MANUAL	Printed Installation Guide for 3K-A	1	
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3K-2	CAL3K Air Cooler	1	
3K-2-KT	CAL3K Air Cooler Installation Kit	1	
Included in Kit:			
3K-1-055	Power Supply 12V	1	
3K-3	CAL3K Filling Station	1	
3K-3-KT	CAL3K Filling Station Installation Kit	1	
Included in Kit:			
3K-3-29	Nozzle O-ring used in defiller cap & filling station	5	
3K-3-21	Oxygen Regulator Connection - Quick Fit	1	
3K-3-22	De-filler Cap	1	
3K-3-27	High Pressure Oxygen Pipe 4mm (3.75m) (Clear)	3.75M	
3K-3-18	3K Emergency Deflate Cap	1	
3K-1-080	Nozzle O-ring used in filling station	2	
3K-3-32	Allen Key	1	
3K-1-086	Lubrication Grease Tube	1	
4K-4	CAL3K-A Thread Vessel	2	
4K-4-KT	CAL3k-A Thread Vessel Installation Kit	2	
Included in Kit:			
3K-4-096	Centre Electrode Complete	2	
3K-4-037	Outside Electrode	2	
3K-4-047	Crucibles	2	
3K-4-092	Deflector Plate	2	
3K-4-093	Firing Wire (1 packet of 5)	1	
3K-4-065	Firing Cotton Packet (1 packet of 100)	2	
3K-4-094	Lid O-Rings	5	
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4.2THE 3K-A CALORIMETER WITH EXTERNAL OXYGEN FILLING

The CAL3K-A uses the Dynamic method (Isothermal) of determination as default while still using the DRY method. The prepared vessel is filled with oxygen in the external filling station and placed in the calorimeter and the lid is closed. The rest is automatic. Two other operating modes can be set consult the CAL3k-A Operations Manual for the steps.

Width - 270mm Height - 200mm Depth - 380mm Weight - 8kg

Power - 220-240V / 12W

4.3 THE 3K-2 AIR COOLER

The air cooler requires no water, piping or other resource. It is supplied with an external 12V power supply and a suitable mains cable.

The cooler will cool the vessel in approximately 6-8 minutes to the specified setting. The operation of the cooler can be set via the USB port and the CAL3K-A application software or from the CAL3K-A The cooler is factory configured before shipment.

 Width
 155mm

 Height
 235mm

 Depth
 285mm

 Weight
 3 to 4kg

 Power
 12VDC





4.4 THE 4K-4 THREAD VESSEL



The ignition and burning process is contained within a chamber so that the energy released can be measured in the form of heat. The Vessel has temperature sensors built into it, so that the temperature rise can be measured.

Because of the high pressure of oxygen required for combustion, the Vessel is classified as a "Pressure Vessel" and is batch tested by an inspection authority to 10 times its normal pressure.

Diameter-63mmHeight-150mmWeight-2kg

4.5 THE 3K-3 OXYGEN FILLING STATION

The oxygen filling station is connected to the oxygen bottle via a regulator. The external regulator reduces the bottle pressure to 30bar, which is adjustable. The regulated pressure is then supplied to the filling station, which shows the supply pressure. Once a vessel is placed in the filling station and the lever is lowered the vessel pressure is indicated and the actual filling progress can be observed. The filling speed is set by the factory for an optimal filling speed (30-60 seconds) best suited for all sample material.

 Width
 220mm

 Height
 450mm

 Depth
 300mm

 Weight
 4.5Kg





5 INSTALLATION

5.1 UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

There are no special precautions to be taken when unpacking your system. The following check list is for your convenience:

- 1. Locate and tick-off the various system components as indicated on the CAL3K-A Check List as per above.
- 2. Unpack and inspect all the system components such as the 3K-A Calorimeter, 3K-2 Air Cooler, 3K-3 Filling Station and the 4K-4 THREAD Vessels according to the instructions in the relevant sections in this document.
- 3. Locate the LID LOCK LOOP inside the calorimeter well and remove it.
- 4. Inspect everything for any physical damage during transit. If damaged, consult your Agent immediately.
- 5. The Calorimeter has a GROUND (SAFETY EARTH) lug at the rear panel. This lug MUST be connected to the EARTH supply to insure operating personal safety in case the power supply fails.
- 6. Verify the earth connection of the mains outlet, which you intend to use. Ask a qualified electrician to check it.
- 7. Connect the power supply to the mains power and to the Calorimeter. Use the supplied power supply only.
- 8. Do the same for the COOLER. The Cooler does not require ground lug.
- 9. Plug in the external keyboard into the rear of the Cal3k-A Calorimeter.
- 10. Observe that the Display on the Calorimeter comes ON. If not, check the mains connections or consult your Agent immediately. Press the "ESC" key on the keyboard to open the lid of the calorimeter.
- 11. Observe that the Display on the COOLER comes ON. If not, check the mains connection or contact your agent.
- 12. The Lid lock mechanism has been dismantled for shipping and customs inspection. Install the loop with the two counter sunk screws but do NOT close the lid. It can only opened with power and a keyboard.



5.2 SETTING UP

5.2.1 PREREQUISITES

Prior to installation of the CAL3K-A System, the User must provide the following:

- 1. A mains outlet for the 3K-A Calorimeter power supply and a mains outlet for the 3K-2 Air Cooler power supplies.
- 2. **A supply of oxygen, regulated at a pressure of 3.0Mpa (30bars) (3000Kpa)** within 4 meters of the 3K-A Calorimeter. If bottled oxygen is used, a suitable high-pressure oxygen regulator must be supplied. Digital Data Systems can supply a single stage or dual stage high-pressure oxygen regulator; contact your agent for more information.
- 3. If a balance is supplied, ensure that a sturdy, stable weighing surface is available. A mains outlet and Balance connecting cable will also be required (balance cable supplied as part of kit 3K-1-117).

5.2.2 SITE SELECTION

The 3K-A Calorimeter is a desktop unit, which can be installed wherever the laboratory space permits, with the following restrictions:

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- The CAL3K-A system, consisting of 3K-A Calorimeter, 3K-2 Air Cooler, should be connected to a mains circuit without heavy inductive or SCR switched equipment. It is safe to have balances or other small electronic apparatuses on the same circuit. Good installation practice would be to have a separate fused mains circuit with separate earth leakage supply (or an earth current monitor, if applicable) for every system component. Future computers and peripherals installed can be connected to the same circuit.
- 2. The side should be free of drafts and not in direct vicinity of an air-condition outlet.
- 3. Neither should it receive direct sun light.
- 4. Install the CAL3K-A away from any heat source such as an oven.

Please see above for the dimensions, weights, and power requirements per unit. The BALANCE data would be dependent on the make and model that you will be using.



6 TESTING

It is recommend to run a calorimeter hardware test and a vessel hard ware test after installation and before operation of the system.

6.1 TEST CAL3K HARDWARE

The test is activated by F9 or by:

13 CAL3K-TEST: 0

This command tests the CAL3K hardware. Once started the unit will cycle through all tests and will 'hang' on any fault. Individual test can be executed (without cycling through all preceding test) by replacing the 'YES' entry by the test number.

This test should be repeated once a day. The vessel must not be in the well.

6.2 TEST VESSEL HARDWARE

This test is activated by F7 or:

14 VESSEL-TEST: 0

The vessel must be in the well.

7 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

7.1 CALORIMETER (3K-A)

- Connect the safety earth to the EARTH STUD on the back of the instrument. This is required when the external power supply fails
- Do not open the CAL3K for any reason whatsoever! There are no serviceable parts inside the unit.



DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE EARTHING - CONSULT A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN SO THAT THE EARTHING CAN BE CHECKED.

7.2 FILLING STATION (3K-3)

- Install the flexible high-pressure pipe supplied without any sharp bends.
- Check the nylon high-pressure pipe supplied for any mechanical damage before putting it under pressure.
- Secure the pipe into the quick connector and screw the connector to the pressure regulator side. Secure the pipe nuts to the pressure regulator side, then clamp the ferrule to the high pressure pipe on the gauge block side.



- If the oxygen bottle is not situated close to the Filling Station or if it is in another room or perhaps outside, then a solid, permanent installation of pressure piping should be installed, as well as a shut off valve and pressure gauge within easy reach of the 3K-3 Filling Station.
- If bottled oxygen is used, a suitable High Pressure oxygen regulator must be supplied by your Agent, or sourced locally. Ordering this item from the factory ensures that the necessary modifications have been made to fit the 3K-3 Filling Station.
- The oxygen bottle should be secured according to regulations.
- Secure the pipe to the side of the filling through the supplied device
- Do not use any oil or grease on any of the oxygen fittings or the O-rings. A very small amount of high-pressure (vacuum) grease is allowed on the O-ring to make them pliable. Wipe them clean afterwards.
- DO NOT USE ANY OTHER PIPE OTHER THAN THE HIGH PRESSURE PIPE SUPPLIED FOR OXYGEN FILLING.
 - DO NOT USE THE HIGH PRESSURE PIPE IF IT HAS A SHARP BEND OR KINK, DISCARD IMMEDIATELY



• ALWAYS FILL THE VESSEL WITH OXYGEN TO A MAXIMUM PRESSURE OF 3000KPA (30 bar).



• NOTE: With some applications you may need to fill the Vessel to less than 3000KPA e.g. 1500KPA (15 bar), however this is only applicable when you have a sample which is highly combustible, for example with wood related samples.



• REMEMBER: You may fill the Vessel LESS than 3000KPA but NEVER more than 3000KPA.

7.2.1 HIGH PRESSURE OXYGEN

- The type of Oxygen to be used is the standard Industrial Oxygen used for welding. A purity of 99.5% will be suitable.
- Conform to the industry standard of handling procedures for oxygen bottles.
- Secure the bottle against a wall.
- Should the Oxygen supply be in another room, make sure there is a high pressure shut off valve near the 3K-3 Filling Station installation.

7.3 COOLER (3K-2)

• There are no user serviceable parts inside.



7.4 VESSEL (4K-4)

- Handle the vessel over a table or solid surface.
- Do not drop a vessel.
- Do not overfill a vessel with oxygen: The maximum oxygen filling pressure is 30bar / 3000kPA, which is the standard for bomb calorimetry.
- Do not use any tools to open or close the vessel. If the vessel fails to deflate use the pre-scribed 'emergency deflate' procedure as outlined in the CAL3k-A Operations Manual, which uses the 3K-3-18 EMERGENCY DEFLATE tool (3K-3-18).
- Use the provided De-filler cap only, part number: 3K-3-22.
- Do not use any oil or grease on any of the oxygen fittings or the O-rings. A very small amount of high-pressure (vacuum) grease is allowed on the O-ring to make them pliable. Wipe them clean afterwards.
- Store the vessel with the lid open. Never store a vessel under pressure, always deflate using the defiller cap.
- Clean the inside of the vessel with paper towel after every use.
- Weigh the crucible every week and discard it when it has lost 10% of its original mass.
- Discard the crucible when the bottom is distorted and extremely discoloured.
- Remove the deflector plate every week and clean the top surface. It does accumulate residue and must be clean regularly.
- Make sure to use the pipe-clamping device on the right side of the filing station for safe use.



NEVER OPERATE ANY UNSAFE VESSEL.



- NEVER IMMERSE THE VESSEL INTO COLD WATER WHEN COOLING. USE THE 3K-2 AIR COOLER OR ALLOW THE VESSEL TO COOL DOWN NATURALLY.
- A SUITABLE INSPECTION WARNING PERIOD OF 2000 FIRINGS, AND A STOP OPERATING LIMIT OF 2500 FIRINGS ARE PRE-PROGRAMMED FROM THE FACTORY

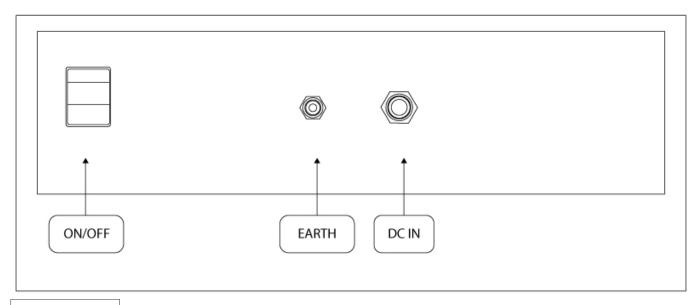
THE VESSEL MUST BE INSPECTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS DEPENDING ON THE USE. A SUITABLE INSPECTION PERIOD CAN BE SET (By your agent!) AND THE UNIT WILL ISSUE AN INSPECTION WARNING AND SOON AFTER THIS IT WILL SHUT-DOWN THE OPERATION.

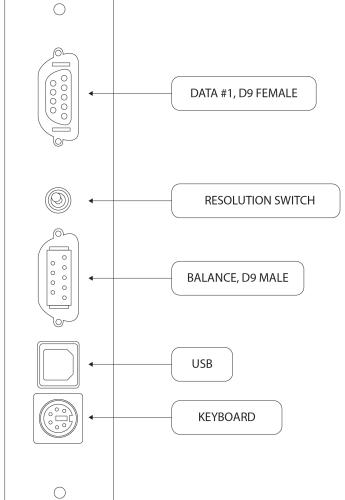


NOTE: THE MANUFACTURER (DDS) AND ITS AGENTS CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE OR INCORRECT USE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT. IT IS YOUR DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK ALL SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE CAL3K-A SYSTEM REGULARLY.



8 CAL3K-A REAR PANEL CONNECTIONS







9 DAILY SAFETY STEPS

The 4K-4 vessel is a high-pressure apparatus and should be treated with care.

- Handle the vessel over a table or solid surface.
- Do not drop a vessel.
- Do not overfill a vessel with oxygen: The maximum oxygen filling pressure is 30bar / 3000kPA, which is the standard for bomb calorimetry.
- Do not use any tools to open or close the vessel. If the vessel fails to deflate use the pre-scribed 'emergency deflate' procedure as outlined in the CAL3k-A Operations Manual.
- Use the provided De-filler cap only, part number: 3K-3-22.
- Do not use any oil or grease on any of the oxygen fittings or the O-rings. A very small amount of high-pressure (vacuum) grease is allowed on the O-ring to make them pliable. Wipe them clean afterwards.
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- Make sure to use the pipe-clamping device on the right side of the filing station for safe use.

WATCH YOUTUBE VIDEO ON CAL3K-A
UNPACKING AND INSTALLATION!!



10 WARRANTY - FOR NEW PRODUCTS

10.1 PURPOSE OF PRODUCT WARRANTY

Any part of a product is subject to ageing and eventual failure. These failures occur during normal use. The purpose of a warranty is to protect the Owner against a part failure caused by manufacturing defects in workmanship, material or design for a specific time.

10.2 OWNER'S WARRANTY

In the event of the Owner contracting directly with Digital Data Systems (Pty) Ltd "dds", or in the event of the installation of a unit arising out of a contract between the Owner's Dealer or any other party on his/her behalf and the said "dds", the Owner records that not withstanding same, this warranty is the only warranty applicable to "dds" units and is expressly in lieu of all other warranties, expressed or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. No amendments or additions to this warranty shall be binding on "dds", unless recorded in writing and signed by a duly authorised officer of the company. "dds" agrees to repair and replace with a new or remanufactured part, any part, other than those excluded below, which after inspection, upon its return to the factory in Randburg, Johannesburg by the Owner or the authorised Dealer to which he/she returns the unit, is proven to be defective.

Replacement of a defective part will be made only within the applicable warranty period of **12 (twelve)** months from date of shipment. Not withstanding anything to the contrary herein, any labour involved in repairing or replacing a defective part will be charged at "dds" rates applicable at the time.

If upon inspection it is found that the pressure vessel was submerged in water the warranty will automatically be null and void and the owner will be responsible for the labour and parts charges.

10.3 EXCLUDED (NON-WARRANTY) PARTS

"dds" shall be entitled to treat this warranty as void unless the relevant warranty form (attached) is sent by registered post to "dds" by the Owner within 10 (ten) days from date of original installation.

Regardless of warranty-status, the Owner shall be responsible for labour charges connected with periodic maintenance requirements involving visual and functional inspection of the systems.

This warranty expressly covers the unit(s) "dds" supplied only and does not cover any other part, which may, as a consequence of the installation and operation of the unit, become damaged in any way whatsoever.



Special attention should be given to the safe operation of the high-pressure Vessels. The published rules are guidelines only and enclosed in this leaflet for the convenience of the User. The manufacturer is not responsible for any damages, consequential, indirect or direct, or loss whatsoever, resulting out of electrical shock, Vessel explosion, or any other cause.

10.4 WARRANTY - REPAIRED PRODUCTS

Any "dds" scientific product that has been repaired has a warranty period of 30 Days from date of shipment for the Repair request only. If something else goes wrong that is not part of the original Repair, the warranty does not apply. Each product that is sent to "dds" for Repair is tested and checked and leaves "dds's" Factory in 100% working order. It is the Owner's responsibility to inspect any repaired product on receipt thereof and confirm in writing, any faults, errors or problems with the said product. If a fault, error or problem is reported after the 30 Day warranty period, and "dds" finds that the product has been damaged and requires another repair, the full cost of repair will be applicable and paid for by the Owner.

10.5 GENERAL - WARRANTY VOID

All serial numbers on any relevant "dds" Scientific product need to remain on the product at all times, or warranty will be void. Warranty will also be void if any of the branding stickers or decals have been removed and/or the colour of the Scientific product has been changed in any way.



10.6 WARRANTY REGISTRATION FORM **SERIAL NUMBERS (S/N): Calorimeter:** Air Cooler: Vessel(s): Other: DEALER NAME: OWNER'S/CUSTOMER'S COMPANY NAME: AUTHORISED BY:_____ _____ FAX NO: TEL NO: CONTACT PERSON: INSTALLED BY: DATE INSTALLED: (REPRESENTATIVE OF DEALER/AGENT) CUSTOMER ORDER NUMBER AND DATE: INSTALLATION DETAILS (LOCATION, WATER SUPPLY, AIR-CONDITIONING ETC.): **ACCEPTED IN GOOD CONDITION:** DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: NAME (printed): WITNESS: I have read, understood and accepted the conditions of this warranty, the details of which are printed in this Manual. **CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE:** NAME (printed):

DATE: