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Digital Breathing Machine



Maximum flow rate: - 750+ litres/min (12.5+ litres/sec)

Maximum respiratory frequency: - 120+ cycles per minute

Maximum minute volume - In excess of 200 litres

Maximum rate of change of flow - 70 litres/sec²

Maximum positive pressure: - >150mBar (projected)

Maximum tidal volume: - 6 litres approximate

Operating temperature range: - 0°C to 60°C (32°F to 140°F)

Motor power requirement - 250VA maximum

Overall dimensions: - 415x415x590mm (16"x16"x23")

Weight - 60kg

Precise details are not shown as machines are built to the specification required for the application in question.

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Technical Information

The Digital Breathing Machine consists of a pressure balanced piston moving within an ultra smooth bore. Movement of the piston is created by an electric linear actuator controlled with extreme precision by a computer system. For pressure breathing a valve box can be supplied, allowing the rear of the piston to be properly vented.

The system uses the LabVIEW data acquisition and control software from National Instruments. The latest version of the machine uses a USB data acquisition unit mounted as part of the machine to interface to the computer.

Custom software is supplied to drive the Digital Breathing Machine. This is able to reproduce any breathing waveform the human lung can perform. Software is supplied to create waveform files as simple sinewaves or complex described waveforms, or even live subject tests (this needs a suitable flow measurement device). Once a waveform file is created it is stored on the computers hard disc and can be called up and reproduced as required. Switching from one waveform to another is as simple as selecting a different data file.

The system is capable of recording and reproducing real life human breathing patterns, when used in conjunction with suitable breathing recording equipment (which can be supplied). Up to one hour of subjective flow measurement can be recorded and then reproduced as required. Again, these files are stored on the computer for reproduction as needed.

Software can also be supplied to utilise the other data acquisition functions of the LabVIEW hardware and software, adding continuous monitoring of other data devices such as pressure transducers, flow sensors etc. along with driving the breathing machine.

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