# **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**



# PHOENIX-MB72 UVC Decontamination chamber



#### **OVERVIEW**

The Phoenix MB72 is a UVC exposure chamber designed especially for working and personal equipment sterilisation.

With a fast and efficient workflow of public events in mind the MB72 is intended to be a seamless part of the general process of item re-usage.

For far too many years the industries have been complacent with the hygiene of equipment used in close proximity to workers, often no measures are taken to ensure equipment that was used in a tactile manner, or within the field of respiration was safe to use from a sanitary perspective. Where measures were taken they have been little more than a well-meaning, but ignorant token gesture. Measures such as spraying an item with a deodorant or alcohol, or wiping with an anti-bacterial wipe, often by untrained staff while well-meaning, are often worse than no measures at all.

According to Stanford University studies "Aqueous alcohol solutions are not appropriate for surface decontamination because of the evaporative nature of the solution; a contact time of ten minutes or more is necessary" Thus in most cases passing an alcohol wipe over an item is simply cosmetic and ineffective.

With the current nature of viral pandemic, we have taken some time to review all the options in conjunction with local industry experts. Newell Acoustic Engineering has developed a solution taken from a proven, widely used, effective laboratory solution, and developed it into a tool tailored for a wide range of industries.

After in-depth studies into effective, and ineffective methods for the anti-bacterial, anti-viral cleaning of equipment it was identified that a new purpose-built solution was needed. The Phoenix MB72 was designed from zero in the period of three weeks by our technical experts to enable industries to keep functioning in a safe and healthy environment. While it may be possible to re-purpose existing laboratory equipment it was found to be difficult to obtain in the current circumstances, and hopelessly impractical when dealing with the fast turnaround of equipment companies and enterprises need (the industry needs). In any case there was no easily accessible laboratory equipment with facility to receive items in a manner that allows them to be ideally presented for UVC exposure.

The Phoenix MB72 has a pair of high-quality Philips 36 watt, 12 watt TUV 250nm UVC frequency light output sterilisation tubes designed for killing bacteria and virus particles in flowing air and water, the tubes have the power to sterilise passing air in ventilation systems and as such have more than adequate power to kill bacteria and virus matter in the chamber of the MB72. The MB72 has a calculated UVC chamber power of in excess of 10mW/cm2 which is adequate to kill most known viruses within a few seconds of exposure. At the standard exposure time of two minutes the MB72 is in the order of many tens (if not hundreds) of times above the necessary dose to kill most virus and bacteria particles, this allows adequate headroom for the assumed existence of shadows between badly packed equipment and for the lower levels of light to penetrate the interstices common in much equipment.

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The Phoenix MB72 is specifically designed to be safe, easy to use in a familiar manner by operators, and free from user error in most common situations. The MB72 has only one control, simply pressing the START button when the door has closed will initiate a sterilisation cycle on our in-house custom-programmed microprocessor controller, once the cycle has completed the unit will show a COMPLETE indicator and the material is safe to remove from the unit. If the cycle is disturbed by power failure, or door opening, the COMPLETE light will not illuminate, and the cycle must start again. ONLY if the COMPLETE light has illuminated will the contents be deemed to have been processed. An automation grade position limit switch protects users from light exposure if the door is opened. The protection switch directly kills all power to the electrical control system ensuring that in no circumstance could an electronics failure leave the user exposed to dangerous UVC rays. Operation can be verified by the presence of a blue RUNNING LED and additionally through a deep red UV filter window in the front door.

The Phoenix MB72 is made from touring grade 18mm arctic birch plywood, finished with a strong polymer. This ensures that the unit is able to withstand the rigor of everyday handling and movement and is easy to renovate in a way familiar to technical staff if it becomes cosmetically damaged. For robustness, the light tubes are supported along their lengths by a 4-point suspension system. As any form of protective cover would seriously degrade the UVC output (common glass and plastics absorb UVC rays) the tubes must be directly exposed to the chamber so cannot be enclosed behind a cover. The custom engineered 4 point suspension system helps protect the tubes from physical damage inside the chamber. All parts for the MB72 were custom designed in house and as bespoke custom hardware they are all made on our inhouse 3D printer farm. This has enabled us to produce exactly the type of component we need, when we need it, and has enabled us to avoid inappropriate parts that could be a hiding place for contamination. Door hinges are external and the door locking mechanism has no mechanical moving parts all external parts are made from food-safe PETG, impact resistant UV stable plastic, Internal plastic parts are made from UV resistant ASA plastic often used in UV exposed automotive components. We took the polymer choice very seriously during development in order to ensure greatest durability while maintaining the best custom solution. Internal surfaces are designed from materials that best reflect and diffuse the UVC rays to ensure as few shadows as possible, a diffuse semi-matt aluminum sheet was chosen for such properties as commonly used stainless steel in laboratory equipment is 5x less effective at reflecting UVC than aluminum. All interior parts are self-sterilising and require no decontamination, only external parts and commonly touched door surfaces require disinfection periodically.

The Phoenix MB72, as a professional piece of equipment, is designed to be field serviceable, all electronics are commonly available items locally to wherever you are. Lamps are available from specialist retailers, and all mechanical moving parts are able to be replicated on our high-quality 3D printing system. This ensures that no matter where you may be, you can keep your MB72 running when up-time is not negotiable. Such is the system headroom that should one lamp be damaged the unit will still effectively function. It is ideally recommended that in the event of a lamp being broken the unit is operated for two cycles, and the tray rotated 180 degrees between the cycles just to be extra safe, but calculations show that even without that process here should be more than adequate margin of exposure to ensure that there is no risk in the event of operation with one lamp.

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Operation of the Phoenix MB72 should only be carried out in conjunction with the published procedure chart, it is essential that correct asset management be observed at all times in order to avoid the risk of cross contamination of objects or people. It must be remembered that all untreated items MUST be considered a biohazard and be treated with the correct respect regarding that status. All items existing in the chamber after processing should be immediately placed in a sealed bag or container by a person wearing correct PPE to avoid re-contamination. This item should only be removed from its container when placed directly into use.

The Phoenix MB72 is designed with portable operation in mind, however there are important conditions to avoid:

- Keep the machine clean at all times
- Use in a clean environment
- Do not get the MB72 wet
- Do not subject the MB72 to falls or impacts
- Use out of direct sunlight
- Do not allow non-trained non-professional personnel to operate
- Keep away from children
- Do not put creatures inside
- Do not put your dinner inside
- Do not sit or stand on the MB72

It is critically important that the Phoenix MB72 be used as a part of your own fully audited procedures. Newell Acoustic Engineering Lda will take no responsibility for the overall effectiveness of your procedures, or whether in conjunction with specific items of equipment, the MB72 performs any specific measured degree of sterilisation or not. If in doubt you should get the specific item you wish to sterilise in conjunction with the MB72 tested with an accredited test facility which can test for whatever contamination you wish to protect against. While we have engineered the unit to exceed, by a very far degree, the normal sterilisation UVC dose, we cannot know the properties of every item to be used in the machine, and whether that item has hidden surfaces prone to maintaining contamination.

The unit will only treat surfaces that are exposed to the light, consider this when using the MB72. It is absolutely forbidden to use the MB72 for the sterilisation of any item that is in any way inserted into the human body through any orifice or surgery. The MB72 is only to be used for items which are used external to the human body, and which can knowingly (proven) be treated with 250nm UVC sterilisation procedures. The Phoenix MB72 is not intended or to be sold for medical use.

UVC rays will negatively affect many plastics and foams over extended periods of time, Newell Acoustic Engineering will accept no responsibility for the cosmetic or structural decay of such parts through use in the MB72. It must be accepted that sterilisation in any form is an aggressive process for materials not designed for constant use in such environments. While most professional equipment is perfectly fine in extended exposure in such circumstances, and extended use outdoors for many years has proven most common items to be resilient, there may be some plastics (like ABS, Polypropylene, LDPE, and PLA) that can become damaged by UV light over time. Although the exposure cycles are kept as short as possible, almost all items frequently sterilised may show cosmetic effects over years of use. The effects of UVC upon technical equipment will be considerably less aggressive than use of chemical or thermal disinfection processes.

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

External dimensions 63cm x 63cm x 73cm (MB72 Standard)

70cm x 70cm x 114cm (MB72T Touring)

Inner dimensions 50cm x 50cm x 50cm

Weight 48 Kg (MB72 Standard)

90 Kg (MB72T Touring)

Voltage 220V

Light source 2 x 36W TUV Low pressure gas UVC 250nm

Microcontroller ATMEGA 8-bit Arduino platform – Code, open source

Ballast Electronic instant start

Cabinet material 18mm Baltic Birch Plywood

Safety mechanisms Door, hard kill switch, positionally accurate

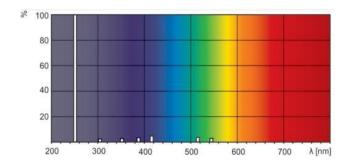
Exposure cycle Standard exposure 2 minutes, User option alternatives

Item support Optional standard trays, or custom support systems

User control Single button start, manual door operation

Indicators Door Closed, Running, Cycle complete

UV radiated power 200mW / CM<sup>2</sup> or higher



Lamp life

**UV Spectrum** 

9000h - 270,000 2 min cycles. (73 years 10 cycles per day)

## **CE CERTIFICATION**



# EU Declaration of conformity.

- 1 Phoenix MB72 Mk1
- J Newell Acoustic Engineering (unipessoal) Lda Rua Do Funchalinho Viv Viarinho 2825-048 Caparica Portugal
- 3 This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer.
- 4 Phoenix MB72 UVC light box
- 5 The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation

#### RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU

The EC RoHS Recast Directive 2011/65/EU restricts the use of the hazardous substances listed below in electrical equipment

The maximum concentration values of the restricted substances by weight are:

Lead	0.1%
Mercury	0.1%
Hexavalent Chromium	0.1%
Polybrominated Biphenyls	0.1%
Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers	0.1%
Cadmium	0.1%

Based on information provided by its suppliers J Newell Acoustic Engineering Unipessoal Lda designates the product listed below as: RoHS Compliant

#### Directive 2014/30/EU / EMC

PART B, Module C: internal production control.

#### Directive 2014/35/EU / LVD

MODULE A, Internal production control.

#### Signed for and on behalf of

J Newell Acoustic Engineering (Unipessoal) Lda Caparica. June 2020.

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