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### SolmeteX Hg5<sup>®</sup> Amalgam Separator

Type 2 – Maximum Flow = 1000 ml/min Maximum Fillable Volume = 950 ml Installation and Maintenance Instructions

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Thoroughly read and understand instructions prior to installing, operating and servicing the Hg5<sup>®</sup> Amalgam Separator. These instructions are also available on our website at www.solmetex.com



The waste stream treated by the SolmeteX Hg5<sup>®</sup> is generated by a dental vacuum system and as such may contain concentrations of solid and soluble mercury and silver. Because of this, any spills should be considered hazardous and should be handled in accordance with standard hazardous materials (HAZMAT) handling procedures.

Full Collection Containers are a HAZMAT and should be handled, stored and disposed of according to regulations applying to hazardous waste containing mercury. Always wear protective gear when handling full SolmeteX Hg5<sup>®</sup> collection containers (latex gloves, safety glasses or face shield) and dispose of per local regulations and codes.

#### SolmeteX Warranty

Solmetex Hg5<sup>®</sup> Air Water Separators are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase, established by proof of purchase or formal warranty registration. During the warranty period SolmeteX will at its option repair or replace products that prove to be defective.

Solmetex Hg5<sup>®</sup> Collection Containers are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, established by proof of purchase or formal warranty registration. During the warranty period SolmeteX will at its option repair or replace products that prove to be defective.

Labor, transportation and service charges are not included.

#### Limitations of Warranty

The warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from improper installation, maintenance, abuse, unauthorized modification, or operation outside of the environmental specifications for the product or damages that occur due to improper repackaging of equipment for return to SolmeteX.

# USE OF THIRD PARTY COLLECTION CONTAINERS OR LINE CLEANERS HAVING A pH LESS THAN 6 OR GREATER THAN 10 WILL VOID THESE WARRANTIES.

For a complete list of recommended cleaners, visit our web site <u>www.solmetex.com</u>.

No other warranty is expressed or implied. SolmeteX specifically disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for particular purpose.

#### **Exclusive Remedies**

The remedies provided herein are the buyer's sole and exclusive remedies. SolmeteX shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, whether based on contract, tort or any other legal theory.









# Hg5<sup>®</sup> Installation Diagram





#### **Instructions**

- Place in an easily accessed location for replacement of collection container.
- Place between treatment rooms and vacuum source. <u>DO NOT</u> connect to outlet of separating tank or water ring pump.
- The Hg5 should be installed so that the outlet is higher than the tank or pump inlet. (See installation examples on page 4).
- Use provided inlet and outlet couplings. **DO NOT** glue plumbing to the Hg5<sup>®</sup> inlet and outlet.
- Securely mount or support the baseplate.
- If mounting to a wall, use the four (4) plastic standoffs (included), one on the back of each hole in the baseplate.
- Write the installation date on the collection container.
- Complete the registration form and return to SolmeteX.

#### Environmental Specifications

- Overall Dimensions: 11" W x 29" H x 8" D
- One Hg5<sup>®</sup> will serve up to 10 chairs.
- Minimize water lift height.
- Maximum Temperature =  $120^{\circ}$  F (52° C)
- Maximum Vacuum = 15" Hg (51 kPa)
- For dental use **ONLY**.



# Hg5<sup>®</sup> Installation Examples & Maintenance



### INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Hg5 w/ 15 Gallon Tank



Remote Hg5 w/ 15 Gallon Tank



Hg5 w/ 50 Gallon Tank



Remote Hg5 w/ 50 Gallon Tank



Hg5 w/ 30 Gallon Tank





Hg5 w/ Water ring pump



Remote Hg5 w/ 30 Gallon Tank

Remote Hg5 w/ Dual water ring pump

## MAINTENANCE

- Collection Container must be replaced/changed once every twelve (12) months or when the sediment level reaches the full line; whichever occurs first.
- Check the sedimentation level of the collection container weekly
- Line Rinsing & Vacuum Line Cleaners Cleaners should have these qualities: Non-Foaming, De-Odorizing, Sanitizing & pH between 6 and 10.

USE OF LINE CLEANERS OUTSIDE OF THIS pH RANGE WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

For a complete list of recommended cleaners, visit our web site www.solmetex.com.

#### WITH DENTAL VACUUM SYSTEMS: Follow manufacturers instructions.

**Note**: Plan to rinse no more than 5 chairs every 10 minutes. Limit the total maximum flow to the Hg5<sup>®</sup> during rinsing to 1 liter per minute. Rinsing too much or too rapidly can overfill the Hg5<sup>®</sup> and could affect the unit's efficiency.





### SERVICE

The Hg5<sup>®</sup> is designed to provide years of trouble-free service, with minimal attention. In the unlikely event of system related problems, please consult the troubleshooting and maintenance chart below.

Problem: Little or No vacuum at the hand piece

- 1. Check sediment level of collection container, if full change the collection container.
- 2. If the vacuum gauge reads normally but there is little or no vacuum to the hand piece, there is probably a clog or a leak between the hand piece and the Hg5<sup>®</sup>.
- 3. If the vacuum gauge reads lower than normal these are the possible causes:

Did you just replace the collection container?

Yes:

Check installation of the new collection container. If the vacuum is low there is a possibility that the o-rings on the collection container did not seal into the receivers. Remove the collection container, check the o-rings and re-install per the collection container installation procedure.

No

If you have a solids collection cup (installed by others) - Check & Clean or replace element/screen if necessary.

Check operation of the vacuum pump.

- Listen for vacuum leaks.
- Check all connections for breaks or cracks.

Check all flexible hose for kinks, breaks, or loose clamps.

Problem: Water in the Upper Chamber (Air Water Separator)

- 1. Check sediment level of collection container, if full change collection container.
- 2. Check the pH of vacuum line cleaner, if below 6 or above 10 change collection container and line cleaner. Visit <u>www.solmetex.com</u> for a recommended list of cleaners.
- 3. Call or email your dental dealer for support if the problem cannot be solved easily.

Problems	Solution	
Solids reach full line of collection container	Change the collection container	
	Leave the vacuum running during process	
Solids above full line of collection container	Change the collection container Inspect the top chamber for solids	
Top chamber has some solids	System is backed up	
	Turn on vacuum	
	Remove pins	
	Tilt container towards manifold to allow air into top	
	chamber	
	Place container back on and insert pins	
Top chamber is full with solids	System is in bypass	
	Reduction in suction	
	<ul> <li>Solids released into waste stream and environment</li> </ul>	
	Top chamber needs to be replaced	
	Full top chamber needs to be recycled	
Bring a flashlight	• Most equipment/utility rooms have poor lighting. Using	
	a flashlight from the backside of the system and shining	
	it forward will help determine the level of	
	sedimentation. Also can be used to inspect the top	
	chamber using the same procedure.	