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ARCHON

Purge and Trap AutoSampler System Operator's Manual



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1 Introduction

1.1 *Product Description*

The Archon Purge and Trap AutoSampler is designed to automate the tedious sample handling procedures associated with purge and trap analysis for volatile organic compounds (VOC's) under current EPA methods. The Archon can be used for drinking water, waste water, soil analysis, and solids. The Archon is designed as a stand-alone unit for retrofit to purge and trap instruments.

The Archon is a state-of-the art robotic, X-Y-Z axis autosampler. The AutoSampler utilizes a 51 position sample tray that allows water or soil samples to be run. The tray can be cooled if an optional chiller kit is installed. The Archon has a unique "gripper" arm which moves the sample vial to different positions that will bar code read (optional), identify the vial type, stir the sample, equilibrate to room temperature, and transfer the sample to the water or soil probe position.

When running soil samples, the Archon automates heated purge and trap. The soil sample may be placed in the patented SoilVial, or if the Archon is setup for needle sparging, a standard 40 mL VOC vial. A stirring bar (optional) is added, the cap with a low bleed septum is replaced, and the entire vial placed in the sample tray. The robotic arm transfers the vial to the vial identification step, and then lifts the vial into the heated chamber where water is added, with one or both standards, the sample is then purged directly onto the trap of the concentrator.

If a water sample is to be run, the sample is placed in a 40 mL VOC vial and a stir bar (optional) is placed in the vial and the vial is placed in the tray. The Archon robotic arm moves the vial to the vial ID station and then to the probe location where it is lifted onto the sample probe, and a programmed volume of water is transferred to the purge vessel. It is during the transfer that one or both of the standards are added to the sample. It will also drain and clean the needle, sparge tube, and transfer lines.

The operating modes of the Archon are the Automatic, Manual, and Flush modes. Automatic mode allows for complete unattended operation. Manual mode operation allows for single sample operation of the unit, priority sampling, and running blanks. The Flush mode performs the flushing with hot water and helium for the cleanup of the system. All modes perform per their programmed method.

The Archon is easily programmed through its own color-coded keypad. Programming is menu driven and displayed on an LCD screen. Parameters can be read and altered and the screen displays the function in progress during the run.

The Archon interfaces directly with the Tekmar LSC 2000, 3000, OI 4460A, 4560 and other purge and trap units.

1.2 Design Features

- Large 51 position removable sample tray for water or soil samples.
- Runs blanks from its own blank/wash water reservoir.
- Programmable sample dilution using blank H₂O from reservoir, e.g., 0, 2, 5, 10, and 20, directly from the 40 mL vial.
- Water sample volumes programmable in 1-25 mL increments.
- Programmable mechanical stirring of water samples containing sediment prior to sampling.
- All sample pathways are chemically inert, manufactured from PEEK®, Stainless Steel, glass, or electroformed nickel.
- Programmable dual standards allow for 1 or 2 different standards to be injected with the sample, prior to purging.
- Soil samples may be purged via needle sparge option utilizing disposable 40 mL vials or by the patented SoilVial®.
- The heated soil chamber can accept matrices consisting of solids, sludges, and liquids from SoilVials or 40 mL EPA VOC vials.
- Optional sample tray cooling capability. Optional refrigerated chiller is required.
- Priority Sample feature allows the current analysis to be interrupted for RUSH samples.
- Easily readable back lit LCD display.
- Fast easy programming from the touchpad keyboard.
- 30 programmable methods may be stored for various method configurations.
- A sample may be run from any position in the tray.
- Easy hook up and installation to all purge and trap systems.
- Back flushes the VOC soil probe pathway with line pressure helium.
- Hot water rinse utilizes a cartridge heater to heat blank water to 90°C prior to flushing sample pathways and the purge vessel.
- Intelligently determines if a temperature zone exceeds its set point.
- Archon utilizes a 5-position temperature equilibrium chamber that ensures samples are equilibrated at room temperature prior to sampling.
- Positively identifies programmed SoilVials and water vials prior to placement into sampling positions.
- A heated upper soil valve to eliminate cold spots in the sample pathway of samples purged in the soil chamber.

1.3 Specifications

Tray Capacity:	51 sample vials. 40 mL EPA VOC or SoilVials
Sample Volume:	0-25 mL
Flush Volume:	0-25 mL
Indoor Use	
Altitude:	Up to 2000 m
Operating Temperature:	15°C to 35°C; Storage Temperature 5°C to 85°C
Relative Humidity:	10 to 90%
Line Voltage:	115 Vac \pm 15%, 230 Vac \pm 15%, 50/60 Hz ± 3 Hz
Fuse:	6A, 250 Vac, SB (115V); 3.15A, 250 Vac, T-Type (230V)
Installation Category:	П
Pollution Degree:	2
Heat Dissipation:	2500 BTU/Hr. Max. Worst Case
Weight:	Approximately 80 lbs; 36.5 Kilograms
Size:	21.5W x 17H x 20D inches 54.6W x 43.2H x 53.3D centimeters
Gas Requirements:	Helium 60-90 PSI 99.999% GC/MS grade purity

1.4 Component Description

The Archon consists of a base unit with a 51 position sample tray. The sample tray is removable from the front. A description of components follows.

1.4.1 Front Panel

Keypad & Screen: Keypad with LCD screen. The keypad allows for entering or editing all information. The LCD screen displays the information.



Figure 1-1

- 1. **Regulator:** A regulator is provided for accurate adjustment of the soil purge gas pressure and for pressurizing the 40 mL vial during a water sample.
- 2. **Pressure Gauge:** A pressure gauge is located above the regulator to monitor the purge gas and to pressurize gas pressure.
- 3. **Flow Controller:** A flow controller is mounted on the front panel to adjust the flow of purge gas during the soil purge process.
- 4. **Sample Tray Cover/ Door:** The tray access cover lifts up and locks to access the sample tray and interior. The cover has a sensor mounted on the right allowing the Archon to detect if the cover is open. Additionally, there is a door at the bottom of the Archon which allows the sample tray to be removed / installed. Press the latch button and the door will drop down.



Figure 1-2

1.4.2 Rear Panel

Power Module: The power access module has a detachable power cord and contains the incoming line fuse, power selector and voltage selector card.

Gas Input: A 1/8" Swagelok® bulkhead is used for He gas input ranged for 60-90 PSI.

Drain Line: The drain line is provided to attach to a waste bottle or a sink drain.

Remote I/O: All communication to the purge and trap and GC are made via the 25 pin, "D" connector. Custom built cables are designed for each purge and trap system to ensure correct handshaking.

Remote RS-232: A 9 pin, RS-232 "D" Connector will allow for operation via a computer with a Windows® compatible program.

Water Connections: A water input connection is provided for supplying blank runs, flush rinses and dilutions. A gas connection pressures the water reservior to aid in water delivery and to ensure water cleanliness.

PAT Purge Cut Off Valve: The Archon uses a valve to shut off the purge gas supplied from the purge and trap concentrator during the soil purge. In this mode, the Archon supplies the purge gas.

Sample Tray Coolant: The Archon will allow the sample tray to be cooled. An optional recirculating bath (P/N DY-505627-00) must be purchased. Plumbing connections for the bath are located on the lower, right rear side of the cabinet in units shipped before March 1,1999. After that date, the plumbing kit (DY-700085-90) must be purchased if a chiller option is installed. The liquid coolant specifications are as follows: 10 PSI maximum pressure; temperature range, -10° to 60°C; Coolant liquid, 50/50% mix Ethylene Glycol / water, or 100% water.

1.4.3 Interior

Refer to Figure 1-3.

Sample Tray (not shown): A 51 position, all aluminum, sample tray is provided to hold sample vials. The tray is removable, and when installed, rests on top of the aluminum tray cooler for cooling the samples.

- 1. **Robotic Arm:** The robotic arm is used to move the sample vials. A vial gripper is used to remove the vials from the tray and place them in the appropriate sampling positions.
- 2. Water Probe: The water probe is a patented concentric needle to puncture water vials, pressurize, and displace water samples to the syringe. After sampling, the probe is rinsed in a chamber that prevents sample from spraying onto the instrument components.
- 3. Soil Probe: The patented soil probe and the Needle Sparge probes incorporate a "T" fitting design for attachment of water and heated transfer line. The probe is installed in a heated oven and easily removable for cleaning or replacement.
- 4. **26 mL Syringe:** A 26 mL syringe is used to move sample, blank, flush and waste water. The syringe is mounted upright, directly into the valve manifold.



Figure 1-3

Standard Valve: The standard injection station uses a 6 port valve with a 1 µL internal loop. The internal standard groove is filled by pressurizing the standard reservoir and rotating the valve to positions 1 & 2, (Std. 1, Std. 2).Water samples or dilution water passes through the loop to deliver the

standard. Approximately 15 μL of standard solution is flushed during each cycle.

- 6. **Equilibrium Zone:** The Archon utilizes a 5 position temperature Equilibrium station. If a sample has been cooled or heated, it can be cycled for an equilibrium time in minutes, prior to analysis.
- 7. **Vial Identification:** The equilibrium station also contains the positive vial identification sensor located in the first position from the left. This sensor distinguishes between a SoilVial and a standard 40 mL water vial. The second position contains the optional bar code reader used for sample tracking.
- 8. **Sample Stir Motor:** The Archon allows the sample (both water and solid) to be stirred. The motor is located below the vial sample stations. The motor rotates a magnet which will spin a magnetic spin bar placed in the vial. See Section 7.11 for motor speed adjustment instructions.
- 9. **Overflow Drip Pan:** The Archon has a drip pan to collect water in the event of spillage. The pan has a fitting on the bottom to attach a 1/4" ID hose. Lift the edge of the Archon and slide the 1/4" ID hose over the fitting. Route the other end to a drain.

1.5 Vial Types

The Archon may use two different types of sample vials, depending on the sampling type option installed. The two types of vials are shown below.

Patented SoilVial®

This vial is used if the Archon is purchased with the SoilVial Option installed. This double-ended vial contains a frit at the bottom end and vial complies with USEPA Method 5035. *This vial requires the use of the low bleed septum (P/N DY-504104-00) on both ends.*

StanStandard 40 mL VOC vial

This is the standard USEPA approved glass vial. It is used for water samples and for purging soil or solid samples if the Archon is purchased with the Needle Sparge option. When this vial is used for purging a soil or solid sample, you *must* use a *low* bleed septum (P/N DY-504104-00).



Vial types are NOT interchangeable. NEVER place a SoilVial in a water vial location and NEVER use a SoilVial if the Archon is configured with the Needle Sparge Option! Additionally, permanent markers are recommended for labeling vials. If paper labels are used, no more than two labels should be applied to vials for reliable operation.



Figure 1-4

2 Site Preparation / Installation

Please read this section carefully before you begin to assemble the Archon.

2.1 Materials Needed

- Regulator, single, two-stage with stainless steel diaphragm
- In line on/off valve
- Gas supply line tubing, minimum 1/8" diameter
- Helium gas, 99.999% purity
- Tools, 1/4", 1/16" open end wrenches; 3/16" blade screwdriver, Phillips screwdriver
- Remote I/O Cable for communication to concentrator, see Section 8.

2.2 Unpacking the Archon

Each Archon is shipped in two cartons. The sample tray, accessory kit and installation kit, with any optional spare parts, are shipped in a separate carton from the Archon.



Avoid back strain or injury by following all safety precautions when lifting heavy objects.

- Carefully open the shipping cartons. Lifting from the bottom remove the Archon from its carton (the largest box). Place it on the bench to the left side of the concentrator.
- Remove the sample tray, interface kit, interface cable, and any accessory or spare items from the second carton.
- Inspect for possible shipping damage or shortages. If damage is discovered, immediately notify the carrier and Varian.

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Outside the U.S.A., notify the nearest Varian office.

- Store the shipping cartons and all packing material for possible future use.
- Inspect the contents against the packing list to determine if all items ordered were received.
- Locate the shipping, locking screw with spacer, on the left side of the cabinet. This screw and spacer must be removed prior to turning the Archon on. Use a small screwdriver to remove the screw. Save the screw and spacer for possible future use.



If the Archon is to be shipped for any reason, the shipping screw and spacer must be installed or serious damage will occur! See Section 7.15

- Before turning the instrument on: Check the eight blue reverse ferrule fittings located in the sample area behind the rear panel (Section 11, para. 11.2 and 11.4). Unscrew each fitting. Verify that the ferrule is pushed over the tubing until the end of the tubing can be seen. Replace and snugly tighten the nut.
- Remove back panel. Locate the waste lines. Route lines through slot.

2.3 Parts and Materials Included in the Accessory Kit (DY-505224-90)

The following items are included with the Archon Accessory Kit. Note: Remote I/O cables are not included with the Archon, they must be purchased separately. See Section 10 for a list of cables and kits.

- Operator's Manual
- Blue aluminum nut
- Tefzel® flange-free, ferrule, 1/16"
- 6 x 15 mm stir bars, pkg. of 6
- 1 ea. 80 oz. safety coated bottle
- 22 mm low-bleed septa, pkg. of 60
- EPA 40 ml water vials and caps, pkg. of 12
- 51 position sample tray (note this is shipped in a separate box)
- Composite warning labels
- Water Transfer Line, SS, 1/16" x 5' long
- Stir bars (soil), pkg. of 6 (supplied with SoilVial® version only)
- 2 ea. SoilVial® (supplied with the SoilVial version only)
- 2 ea. Standard reservoir

2.4 Lab and Bench Space Requirements

The Archon requires bench space behind the instrument for the electrical and helium gas connections. An additional 17" overhead clearance is required to allow the cover to be opened.

From the rear of the Archon extend flexible tubing (approximately 60"/1.5M) to be connected to a blank water reservoir (80 oz./2L bottle) and to a user-supplied waste receptacle(s). The waste receptacles must be located at or below the height of the Archon base for proper drainage. Typically, both the blank water reservoir and waste receptacle are placed on the floor behind the laboratory bench.



The Archon dimensions are: 21.5W x 17H x 21D inches; 54.6W x 43.2H x 53.3D centimeters (see Figure 2-1), and weighs approximately 80 lbs./36.5 kilograms.

Figure 2-1

2.5 Gas Connections

Ultra high purity helium (99.999% GC/MS grade) is required for purging soil samples and operation of the vial gripper arm. The input supply pressure must be 60-90 PSI.

The helium gas line must be connected to the bulkhead fitting labeled "**Helium Input**." Gas line must be 1/8" diameter copper tubing and fittings must be 1/8" Swagelok®. Use a single, two-stage, high quality pressure regulator with a stainless steel diaphragm. Consult your supplier for the proper type and size of cylinder valves. An on-off, shut off valve, should be installed in the line to facilitate installation. Gas line tubing should be generous. Allow enough length, in a coil, to be able to move the Archon around to access the rear panel. Tighten and leak test all connections using propanol and water.

Avoid any pipe thread connections in the supply line. If any fitting requires a sealant, use an instrument-grade Teflon tape.

2.6 *Electrical Connections*

The Archon uses a grounded, three-pronged receptacle. Make certain the electrical voltage is a constant source with no severe drops or spikes in the voltage. If the power source is not certain, install a power conditioner on the electrical line. Verify the correct fuse value and voltage selection for the line voltage to be used.

Attach the power cord to the power receptacle on the rear panel. Check the power switch located next to the receptacle to be certain it is OFF, plug the power cord into a three-prong grounded outlet.

2.7 Electronic I/O Signal Connections

2.7.1 Purge and Trap Sync Cable Connector

The Archon communicates with the purge and trap concentrator and GC via a cable specific to each make and model purge and trap and GC. Section 8 details the Archon to purge and trap connections. The cable plugs into the 25-pin D connector located on the rear of the Archon, labeled **Remote IO**. The other ends of the cable attach to the purge and trap and the GC. See Section 8 for installation instructions.

I/O signals vary; some GCs and purge and traps use normally-close contact closures of active-high TTL logic; others use normally-open contact closures or active-low TTL logic. Refer to the operator's manual for each system for signal information.

The Archon signal input configuration must be established to properly receive the purge and trap's output signals for Standby, Desorb and Stop. "**System Settings**" details the parameter configurations for each of the signals. The factory default setting for each signal is **CLOSED**.

2.7.2 Personal Computer Connection

The Remote RS-232 port on the Archon rear panel allows connection to external computing devices. Specific software and cables are required for these connections. Contact your sales representative for these products.

2.8 Water and Waste Lines Setup

2.8.1 Blank / Wash Bottle Setup

The Archon is supplied with an 80 oz. bottle and lines for the blank, wash, and dilution water. Remove the bottle from the accessory kit box. The clear line will attach to the barbed fitting labeled "Helium" and the PEEK line will attach to the fitting labeled "Water." See Figure 2-2, The Archon should be supplied with the same high purity water (free of volatile organic compounds) that is used with the purge and trap system. Rinse the bottle with purge and trap quality water then fill it about 2/3 full with DI water. The bottle can be placed either on the bench top or on the floor behind the Archon.



Insert the cap, with the PEEK pickup line, into the bottle, screw the cap onto the bottle. *NOTE: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN THE CAP. SLOWLY TURN THE CAP ONLY UNTIL SNUG. OVERTIGHTENING WILL SPILT THE CAP.*

Verify the helium is turned on at the source. Turn the toggle valve for blank water reservoir and standard helium to the ON position. The valve is located inside the cabinet on the right rear wall, see Figure 2-3.

To test for a pressurized bottle, depress the vent button located on the blank waste bottle plug. You should hear the release of pressure. To refill the bottle, turn the toggle switch OFF and vent the bottle by depressing the chrome button. When the pressure is completely vented, remove the cap. Fill the bottle as described above.



Figure 2-3

2.8.2 Waste Lines Setup



Dangerous voltages exposed when covers are removed. Unplug power cord.

Remove the rear panel of the Archon and route the bundle of four plastic lines through the slot in the chassis labeled "Waste Lines." These waste lines should empty into the user-supplied receptacles that are placed at a height equal to or lower than the base of the Archon to provide proper drainage. Note that the colored waste lines expel excess standard solutions while the clear lines empty waste water. The user may want to use separate waste containers for the colored versus clear lines to allow different disposals.

Note: Instructions for two PEEK lines are found on page 2-12.

2.9 Sample Tray Setup

Remove the tray from its shipping carton. The tray is installed in the Archon behind the lower door. Notice the tray has 51 positions and each location is numbered. Raise the large tray cover and secure the arm lock by gently pushing it in the center and then lowering the cover. Press the latch button on the top edge of the lower door and pull the door down.

Grasp the handles on the tray and insert the tray into the Archon with the number 1 position to the front left. The tray will rest on rollers as it is being inserted. Once the tray is all the way in, it will "lock down" onto four posts. This will align the tray.

Note: The tray must be pushed all the way to the rear most position in the cabinet.

To remove the tray, lift the front of the tray, then slide the tray out the front on the rollers.

The tray should be loaded by grouping the vials per the sample method chosen in Section 5, e.g., water sample vials grouped together and soil sample vials

grouped together. The method parameters, "First Vial - Last Vial", will determine what vial numbers are run together.

The Archon vial gripper calibration coordinate settings must now be checked as factory settings may have changed during shipping, therefore run the **"Calibration Test"** procedure as described in Section 6.4.

Note: If any error messages appear while runing the Calibration Test, refer to Section 9-1. Refer to Section 6.4 for detailed calibration instructions.



Figure 2-4

2.10 Sample Tray Coolant Setup (Optional)

The Archon sample tray can be cooled by an optional, refrigerated chiller bath (P/N DY-505627-00), and plumbing kit (DY-700085-90) that can be attached to the coolant coil. It is located inside the cabinet under the tray. The tray rests on top of the coil allowing conductive transfer of temperatures. See Figure 2-4. The coolant connections are located on the rear panel at the lower right corner and are labeled "Tray Coolant, IN - OUT." The tubing is 3/8" Duro. Refer to the instructions included with the coolant and plumbing installation kit.

When the sample tray cooler is used, the drip pan drain **MUST** have a 1/4" ID hose attached and be routed to a suitable drain. See Section 7.12 for cleaning the drip pan.

2.11 Archon Soil Transfer Line Installation

This section will discuss the installation of the Archon sample transfer lines and purge gas cut off solenoid valve lines to the purge and trap. This section will explain the installation to the Tekmar 3000, 2000, and OI 4560.

Tools required are: 1/4", 2 ea. 5/16" open end wrenches, small flat blade screwdriver, 9/64" and 3/32" Allen wrenches, and small needle nose pliers.

The installation of the Archon involves four primary steps. Note: All steps do not apply to every purge and trap. Installation to each instrument is explained in detail in later sections.

- 1. Installation of the four way "cross" fitting in the 2000 and 3000 valve oven.
- 2. Installation of the Archon heated soil transfer line.
- 3. Installation of the PEEK tubing for purge gas cut off.
- 4. Installation of the water transfer line.

The Archon installation kit contains various nuts, ferrules, and fittings shipped in the smaller carton with the Archon. Examine the contents of the carton to confirm that all items are correct. Refer to Sections 2.1 through 2.3 for unpacking and component details.

The installation of the Archon will require the use of two different types of nuts and ferrules. See Figure 2-5.



2.11.1 Archon to Tekmar 3000



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Note: The Tekmar 3000 valve oven may be configured with one of two different "tee" fittings. A 3-port on Serial Number units < 95073002 and a 4-port on units > 95073002. A 4-port cross fitting, P/N DY-505716-00 is supplied in the Tekmar installation kit.

Replacing the 3-Port Fitting with the 4-Port Cross Fitting in the Tekmar 3000 Valve Oven

Refer to Figure 2-6. The early Tekmar 3000 instruments (Serial numbers < 95073002) were shipped with 3-port fittings within the valve oven; consequently,

this does not allow the Archon to be installed. Therefore, the 3-port fitting must be replaced with a 4-port cross fitting.

- 1. Remove the top, left side and valve oven covers from the Tekmar 3000.
- 2. Using a screwdriver, loosen the screw which secures the thermocouple and the clamp on the three-port fitting to the cabinet.
- 3. Using a 1/4" open end wrench, loosen the nuts in all three ports.
- 4. Loosen the two screws, which secure the sparge tube mount to the cabinet.
- 5. Pull the sparge tube mount and tubing, out of the 3- port fitting and off the instrument.
- 6. Pull each of the other two lines out.
- 7. Replace the original fitting with the new 4-port cross fitting.
- 8. Attach all of the lines into the new fitting. Replace the sparge tube, with mount, back on the cabinet.

Refer to Figure 2-6 for correct line placement in the new fitting.



Figure 2-6

Installation of the Heated Soil Transfer Line Assembly to the Purge and Trap

Refer to Figure 2-7 and Figure 2-8. Remove the accessory kit from the shipping carton. Examine the contents and verify all items are correct. Remove the top, left side and valve oven covers from the Tekmar 3000. Refer to the Tekmar 3000 manual. Remove the rear panel from the Archon. Remove the Archon heated transfer line and the water transfer line from the accessory kit.

- 1. Remove the plug in the Tekmar 3000 valve oven, 4-port cross fitting. This fitting contains the lines to the six port valve, sparge tube and dry purge, the fourth port contains the plug. Note: If your Tekmar 3000 does not have a 4-port fitting see paragraph 2.11.1.
- 2. Insert the Archon transfer line assembly into the rear of the 3000. Fit the Archon line assembly into the Tekmar 3000 transfer line channel. The Archon line will rest on the top of the Tekmar 3000 GC transfer line.
- 3. Bend the end of the Archon nickel transfer line, so it will fit into the open port on the 4-port cross fitting. Using a 1/4" open end wrench, tighten the nut. See Figure 2-6. Be careful not to kink the line.
- 4. Push the two lines down into the channel.

Installation of the Heated Transfer Line to the Archon

- 1. Inside the Archon, use an Allen wrench to loosen the screw securing the probe and upper soil valve cover. Remove the cover. Remove the insulation block.
- 2. Insert the free end of the transfer line into the rear of the Archon, the line will pass the open slot. Attach the transfer line bracket to the panel with the two #4 socket head screws already installed in the rear panel.
- 3. Attach the transfer line to the upper soil valve using a 1/4" open end wrench. See Figure 2-8.
- 4. Reinstall the insulation block and the probe cover and screw.
- **Note:** On units =>12146, Heated Transfer Line is already installed on the Archon.





Figure 2-8

Installation of Purge Gas Lines

See Figure 2-9.

- 1. Remove the current purge gas line from the "Purge" fitting on the 3000 and the sparge tube.
- 2. Connect the blue PEEK tube to the "purge" out fitting on the 3000. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection.
- Connect the red PEEK tube to the sparge tube fitting. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection.
- 4. Route the peek tubing lines through the notch in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "waste lines".



Figure 2-9

Water Transfer Line Installation

The Archon transfers, cleans, and dilutes liquid samples to the sparge tube via a five-foot stainless steel line and attaches to the 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube. Refer to Figure 2-9.

- 1. Locate the nut and ferrule and the line from the accessory kit.
- 2. Uncoil the line. Locate the tan-colored PEEK valve body manifold inside the right rear of the Archon. Slide the line into the fitting on the left. Tighten the fitting by hand.
- 3. Route the line through the "notch" in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "Waste Lines." Route the line to the purge and trap.
- 4. The line will attach to the black 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube.
- 5. Turn the handle so the valve is open toward the Archon transfer line. Look in the port to ensure the holes are aligned.
- 6. Slide the nut and reverse ferrule over the line and insert into the port on the left side of the toggle valve. Tighten the nut.
- 7. Replace the rear door panel.
- 8. Remove sparge vessel. Make a slight bend about 3" (7.2 cm) from end of needle. (This maximizes the rinse ability of the Archon.)

Note: Make sure needle is not touching frit.

Tekmar 3000 Setup Specifications

After the Archon is installed, the Tekmar 3000 **MUST** be properly configured for the I/O switch closures and method parameters to function correctly. This will enable the Archon and the purge and trap to properly communicate.

Use the hand held controller and press:

1. Conf

<A>= GC I/O port B =Gas Flows C =Installed Option Select <A> GC Port (standard/user) select "standard"* GC Type=(63/31) Select "63" GC Handshaking - (ON/OFF) Select "ON"* Use the (-) key to toggle. Press "Enter" after selection is made

*Note: Refer to cable hook-ups (pages 8-2 to 8-12).

2. Sched

A=Sample status C=Commands <E>=Edit Schedules Select <E>

	Start	Stop	Meth	RPS
1)	0	0	14	1
2)				
3)				

To move cursor across page, Enter a "number" (0) and press Enter.

3. Meth

Method 14 Type Aquatek 50 *Note: If Aquatek 50 is not selected the purge and trap will not send a ready signal.* C=Command <E>=Edit

Enter the number 14 and press "Enter". Select the "type" (63/31) according to GC selection. Now, Select <E>.

Press "next page" until Line Temp Valve Temp Then press "next page" until: Sample fill - 0 Purge Time 11.0

Then press "next page" until: Sample Drain <u>ON</u>

Then press "next page" until: BGB <u>OFF</u> Delay <u>0</u>

4. Sched

A=Sample Status <C>=Commands E=Edit Schedule Select <C>

<A>=Run Schedule B=Update Schedule C=Clear Schedule Select <A>

This will load "New" method. To verify look in the upper right hand corner of the key pad, "Display", "M" and the new method selected should be displayed.

2.11.2 Archon to Tekmar 2000

WARNING: SHOCK HAZARD Verify that both the Archon and the Tekmar 2000 are turned OFF and the power cords are disconnected before starting the installation.

Remove the mounting hardware from the accessory kit shipping carton. Examine the contents and verify all items are correct.

To properly interface the Archon to the Tekmar 2000, a 4-way fitting must be installed in the 2000 valve oven. Note the following installation procedures.

Installation of the 4-port Cross Fitting and the Heated Soil Transfer Line in the Tekmar 2000 Valve Oven

Refer to Figure 2-10. Remove the trap cover, left side panel, right side panel, top and the valve oven cover from the Tekmar 2000 as described in the Tekmar 2000 manual.

- 1. Using a 1/4" open end wrench, remove the three lines attached to the tee inside the Tekmar 2000 valve oven. Remove the tee. Refer to the Tekmar 2000 plumbing diagram to confirm line locations.
- 2. Attach to the bottom right port of the new 4-way fitting, the short line attached to the 6-port valve.
- 3. Attach the line from the sparge tube (previously removed from the Tekmar 2000 tee) to the upper left port on the new fitting.
- 4. Insert the Archon heated transfer line into the rear of the 2000, through the hole labeled "ALS." Attach the line to the bottom left port on the new fitting.
- 5. Attach the line from the "Dry Purge" valve (previously removed from the 2000 tee) to the top right port of the new fitting.



6. Check all fittings to ensure they are tight.

Figure 2-10

Installation of the Heated Soil Transfer Line

- 1. Inside the Archon, use an Allen wrench to loosen the screw securing the probe and upper soil valve cover. Remove the cover. Remove the insulation block.
- 2. Insert the free end of the transfer line into the rear of the Archon, the line will pass the open slot. Attach the transfer line bracket to the panel with the two #4 socket head screws already installed in the rear panel.
- 3. Attach the transfer line to the upper soil valve using a 1/4" open end wrench. See Figure 2-12.
- 4. Reinstall the insulation block and the probe cover and screw.



Figure 2-11

Figure 2-12

Installation of the Purge Gas Lines

Refer to Figure 2-13.

- 1. Remove the purge gas supply line at the fitting on the LSC 2000.
- 2. Connect the blue PEEK tube to the purge gas supply fitting on the 2000. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection. Refer to Figure 2-13.
- 3. Connect the red PEEK tube to the sparge tube fitting. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection. Refer to Figure 2-13.
- 4. Route the peek tubing lines through the notch in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "waste lines".



Figure 2-13

Water Transfer Line Installation

The Archon transfers, cleans and dilutes liquid samples to the sparge tube via a five-foot stainless steel line and attaches to the 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube. Refer to Figure 2-13.

- 1. Locate the nut and ferrule and the line from the accessory kit.
- 2. Uncoil the line. Locate the tan-colored PEEK valve body manifold inside the right rear of the Archon. Slide the line into the fitting on the left. Tighten the fitting by hand.
- 3. Route the line through the "notch" in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "Waste Lines." Route the line to the purge and trap.
- 4. The line will attach to the black 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube.
- 5. Turn the handle so the valve is open toward the Archon transfer line. Look in the port to ensure the holes are aligned.
- 6. Slide the nut and reverse ferrule over the line and insert into the port on the left side of the toggle valve. Tighten the nut.
- 7. Replace the rear door panel.
- 8. Remove sparge vessel. Make a slight bend about 3" (7.5 cm) of needle. (This maximizes the rinse ability of the Archon.)

Tekmar 2000 Setup Specifications

After the Archon is installed, the Tekmar 2000 **MUST** be properly configured to allow the I/O switch closures and method parameters to function correctly. These settings will cause the Archon and the purge and trap to properly communicate.

Confirm the following setpoint parameters have been established:

- Set the bake gas bypass to: **OFF**.
- Set the U012 DIP switch to: 3 open, other closed.
- Turn the Autodrain: **ON**
- Confirm the Desorb Time; be certain the Archon and the purge and trap times match.

2.11.3 Archon to OI 4560

Remove the installation and accessory kits from the shipping carton. Examine the contents and verify all items are correct. The Archon may be positioned on either the right or left side of the OI 4560.



Be certain both the Archon and the OI 4560 are turned OFF and the power cords are disconnected before starting the installation!

Remove the accessory kit from its shipping carton. Examine the contents and verify all items are correct.

Installation of the Heated Soil Transfer Line to the OI 4560

Refer to Figure 2-14.

- 1. Remove the plug installed in the AS port on the side of the OI 4560 sparge tube mount.
- 2. Slide the heated transfer line assembly through the two clamps. Attach the clamps, with line, to the bracket using the #6-32 x 1/2" screws with nuts and lock washers.
- 3. Slide the special fitting (P/N DY-505727-00), provided in the Installation Kit, onto the transfer line. Carefully bend the line and insert it, with the fitting, into the AS port on the OI 4560. With a 5/16" wrench, tighten the larger nut first. Push the line into the fitting and tighten the 1/4" nut.
- 4. Check all fittings and screws to ensure they are tight.

Installation of Purge Gas Lines

Refer to Figure 2-14.

- 1. Remove the OI 4560 purge gas line from the sparge tube and the outlet port on the front of the 4560.
- 2. Connect the blue PEEK tube to the purge gas outlet on the OI 4560. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection.
- 3. Connect the red PEEK tube to the sparge tube fitting. Use 1/16" nut and ferrules for this connection.
- 4. Route the peek tubing lines through the notch in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "waste lines."



Figure 2-14 Installation of soil transfer line to O.I. 4560

Installation of the Heated Transfer Line to the Archon

Refer to Figure 2-15.

- 1. Inside the Archon, use an Allen wrench to loosen the screw securing the probe and upper soil valve cover. Remove the cover. Remove the insulation block.
- 2. Insert the free end of the transfer line into the rear of the Archon, the line will pass the open slot. Attach the transfer line bracket to the panel with the two #4 socket head screws already installed in the rear panel.
- 3. Attach the transfer line to the upper soil valve using a 1/4" open end wrench.
- 4. Reinstall the insulation block and the probe cover and screw.



Figure 2-15

Water Transfer Line Installation

Refer to Figure 2-16. The Archon transfers, cleans and dilutes liquid samples to the sparge tube via a five-foot stainless steel line and attaches to the 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube. Remove the rear panel of the Archon.

- 1. Locate the nut and ferrule and the line from the accessory kit.
- 2. Uncoil the line. Locate the tan-colored PEEK valve body manifold inside the right rear of the Archon. Slide the line into the fitting on the left. Tighten the fitting by hand.
- 3. Route the line through the "notch" in the rear panel of the Archon labeled "Waste Lines." Route the line to the purge and trap.
- 4. The line will attach to the black 2-way valve on the top of the sparge tube.
- 5. Rotate the two-way valve above the sparge tube so the ports are facing left and front. The Luer fitting should be to the front. Remove the drain line. Using a 5/16" wrench, install the modified Swagelok union with rubber washer to the port on the left side. Route the line around the left side of the purge and trap to the sample valve.
- 6. Turn the handle so the valve is open toward the Archon transfer line. Look in the port to ensure the holes are aligned.
- 7. Slide the nut and reverse ferrule over the line and insert into the modified Swagelok union. Tighten using two 5/16" wrenches.
- 8. Replace the rear door panel.
- 9. Remove sparge vessel. Make a slight bend about 3" (7.5 cm) from end of needle. (This maximizes the rinse ability of the Archon.)



Figure 2-16

OI 4560 Setup Specifications

These Parameter settings will ensure handshaking of the OI 4560 and the Archon. *Note: The sample mount heater cartridge option should be installed to minimize carryover.*

- Select INPUTS PRG RDY or Desorb RDY: If PRG - RDY is selected, set, Wait For Start, ON, then ENTER; If Desorb RDY is selected, set, Wait For RDY, ON, then ENTER.
- 3. Press the "Clear" key.
- 4. Select OUTPUTS, then ENTER; Select Desorb Output at Start ON
- 5. Press the "Clear" key.
- Select Flows, then ENTER; Config._Desorb then Bake. First, Desorb -Sample Drain ON, then ENTER, second, Config. Bake - Sample Purge ON, then ENTER.
- 7. Press the "Clear" key to exit.

2.12 Soil Helium Purge Gas Flow Adjustment

Before running a soil sample the helium purge gas flow rate should be set. This is accomplished by the helium purge gas flow controller (1), pressure adjustment regulator (2), and gauge (3) located on the front right side of the Archon, see Figure 2-17.

- 1. Adjust the purge gas regulator until the gauge reads 20 -25 psi.
- 2. Load a clean vial with a new septum in the tray and run a manual soil sample using this vial (see Section 4.2).
- 3. Once the soil purge begins, check the flow rate at the purge vent on the host purge and trap. Adjust the helium purge gas flow controller on the Archon to give the desired purge gas flow rate through the purge and trap unit (typically 40 mL/min for many methods).

Note:All units are set to 40mL/min prior to shipping.



Figure 2-17

2.13 Loop Calibration for Internal Standard

The absolute volume of the internal loop of the standard valve must be determined to achieve accurate sample data. The stated 1 μ L volume is approximated within the stated tolerance from the valve manufacturer. For absolute internal standard accuracy, use the following calibration procedure before beginning your sample analysis.

- 1. Prepare a reference standard equivalent to a 1 μ L volume injection via the valve.
- 2. Run the calibration standard by hand (put 5 mL directly into the sparge tube.
- 3. Run blanks in the Archon manual mode. **Note:** Be sure the manual mode program calls for internal standard when running the blanks.
- 4. Calibrate the internal standard data by comparing the Archon data to the hand standard.

2.14 Installation Checklist

Verify the following during and after installation of the Archon.

- Be certain the sample tray is pushed all the way to the rear most position in the cabinet.
- \Box Confirm the supply helium pressure is between 70-90 PSI \pm 5 PSI.
- Be certain the handle, on the black sample valve located on top of the sparge vessel, is rotated in the position of the water transfer line.
- □ Do not overtighten the cap on the blank/wash bottle. To properly tighten the cap, turn it until snug, then stop.
- Be certain the septum used for the soil samples is P/N DY-504104-00. It is extremely important that this low bleed septum is used because it is formulated for maximum sealing ability with minimum bleed of siloxane compounds that might interfere with chromatographic results.
- The caps, when used on SoilVials, must be tightened 1/4 turn past finger tight to prevent leakage. A slight depression can be observed in the septum when the cap is properly tightened.
- Please review Sections 7.3 and 7.4, in this manual, "Cleaning the Soil Transfer Line Frit and Replacement of the Water Line Screen."
- □ Perform system leak check on the purge and trap as specified in the Tekmar LSC 2000, 3000, OI 4460 and OI 4560 manuals.

This procedure will check all of the new fittings installed at the 4-way cross in the Tekmar 3000 & 2000 and at the external upper soil valve supplied with the Archon.

- □ Lines attached to the upper soil valve must be installed with a Valco stainless nut, P/N 28-694501-00 and a set of Swagelok stainless ferrules, P/N 28-693996-00 and 28-693997-00.
- Perform a soil purge leak check by checking and balancing flows at the soil probe gas outlet bulkhead Swagelok fitting. Record flow rates. Also, check flow at the vent fitting on the host purge and trap. (Flow should be within ± 2 ml per minute.) Record flow rates.
- □ Check vial calibration settings. The vial MUST move freely in and out of the tray without resistance. Refer to Section 6.4.
- Permanant marker pens are recommended to label sample vials. Otherwise, no more than two labels should be applied to the vials.
- □ The waste bottle or drain <u>MUST</u> be placed at a location which is equal to or lower than the base of the Archon.
- Make sure the sample needle in the sprage tube does not sit centered or flush on the glass frit. The needle should touch the side of the glass and sit slightly above the frit.
- □ Review Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- □ Run a water method program (Section 5.4.1).
- □ Run a soil method program (5.4.2).
- Note: Use 7-10 mLs of clean H₂0 for (Install Samples) on soil.

3 Keypad Definition & Layout / Screen Display

3.1 General



Figure 3-1

The keypad provides a complete numeric pad as well as a motion operation pad for the X-Y-Z axis arm. The keypad is coupled with a 4 line, 20 character LCD screen for displaying programming and status information. The information will include the current vial number, sample process sequence, temperatures, remaining time in a run, Auto or Manual sample indications, method parameters, warning indicators, and general status information.

The keypad can be segmented into three key types: Operational, Setup, and Special. See Section 4, Operation Keys, for a complete description of operational key functions.

Numeric keys are used to enter numeric values 0-9 for entering numeric information such as time or temperature programming.

	Auto	Starts the autosampling procedure, see Section 4.1.	
	Manual	Starts a single sampling procedure or runs a Priority Sample, see Section 4.2.	
	Flush	Performs the water/helium gas flush sequence of the sample path, see Section 4.3.	
	Pause/Stop	Provides a pause in the current operation and/or a complete abort of the current operation.	
Setup Keys			
	Method	Selects a Method for editing and modifies the various Method parameters.	
	System	Provides access to System Operation, Configuration, Maintenance and System Diagnostics menus.	

Operational Keys
Special Keys

Enter	Used to terminate the entry of a numeric or menu item selection. It also serves as a scroll down key when selecting the Method parameter setting.
↑	Used to scroll up within the Method Parameter setting. Also used to toggle the current motor selection and place the Archon in "SYSTEM HOLD."
÷	Acts as a "backspace key." Allows erasure of the current value of any data entry item.
 4, ▶6, 8, ▼2 	These keys have dual functions. They are numeric as well as directional keys. These keys are used to scroll up or down for menu selection and operation of motors in "System Calibration."
_	This is an Escape Key. It can be used to exit a menu.

4 Operation Keys

4.1 Auto Key

The AUTO key starts the Archon autosampling sequence. When the AUTO key is pressed the screen displays three lines:

Keypad Display

Entry Range

AutoSampler Start * <Method Number: xx>

1-30

START AUTORUN DELAYED START

The Method Number line will be in brackets (< >). Enter the correct Method number using the numeric keypad, press ENTER. The BACKSPACE (\leftarrow) key allows changing the Method number if necessary. Note: Pressing ENTER without changing the current Method Number will accept the default to the last Method used. Pressing the UP (\uparrow) key, will backup the cursor to the previous line. Once the method is selected, press ENTER. The 'START AUTORUN' will now be bracketed, press ENTER, the AutoRun operation will now begin.

To start the Archon at a later time, use the 'DELAYED START' feature. Using the "2▼" key, scroll down to the <DELAYED START> command line. Press ENTER . The screen will now display a menu line <Delay xx.xx hours>. Use the numeric keypad to enter the amount of time delay before starting the AutoSampler sequence. Note: The time entered will be in hours and hundredths of an hour. Once the value is entered press ENTER. The screen will display time remaining before start, <Delayed Start xx.xx>.

While the AutoRun is in progress, the Run-Time Screen will be displayed.

Keypad Display

Entry Range

*Method xx * Auto
Vial = xx Soil (Water, Blank)
Vol = xx xx: 1 STD = 1 2
Current Status

Status only (No user entries)

Exit * **AutoSampler Start** * menu by pressing the AUTO key. However, once AUTORUN has been started, only the PAUSE / STOP key can be used to interrupt the run. If a priority sample (additional sample to be run outside the AutoRun sequence) is to be run, refer to Section 4.2

4.2 Manual / Priority Sample Key

The MANUAL key starts a single sample or Priority run. When the MANUAL key is pressed the screen displays four entry selections:

Keypad Display	Entry Range
Manual Sample	
<sample #="" vial=""></sample>	1-51
Method Number xx	1-30
Sample Type: Soil > (Water, Blank)	Soil, water blank

<START RUN>

The "Sample Vial#" (this is ignored if it is a BLANK) is now bracketed. Note, the vial position number displayed is the last position entered. Using the numeric keypad enter the correct vial position number. Press ENTER.



An incorrect vial type will cause severe damage to probes, needles or vials. The sample vial location number entered contains the correct vial type for the sample method to be run. If the "vial type" is not turned on in Section 6.7, System Options, the Archon will not identify a vial type automatically.

Using the numeric keypad enter the Method number containing the correct Sample / Blank parameters, press ENTER. The Sample Type will be updated to the method's sample type. If no change is made the method number defaults to the last one used.

The "Sample Type: Soil" (Water or Blank may be displayed depending on the last sample type run). The sample type will be determined by the method selected.

The "START RUN" is now bracketed, press ENTER. The MANUAL run will now begin.

4.2.1 Running a Priority Sample During an AutoRun.

The Manual key is also used to interrupt an AutoRun to process a Priority Sample. When the Manual key is pressed during the AutoRun, the screen will display the following menu lines.

Keypad Display	Entry Range
Priority Sample	
<sample #="xx" vial=""></sample>	1-51
Method Number xx	1-30
Sample Type: Water, Soil	(Determined by method)

<PRIORITY RUN>

1. Enter the vial position number of the Priority Sample then press ENTER.

- 2. ENTER the Method Number for the type of sample to be run. Press ENTER.
- 3. Press ENTER again scheduling the Priority Sample. A "P" will appear in the upper left corner informing the user a Priority Sample has been scheduled. The Priority Sample will begin after the current sample in progress is completed, including any programmed blanks.
- 4. After completion of the Priority Sample, the Pause Message will appear on the screen.

Keypad Display	Entry Range
System Paused	STATUS ONLY
Enter to resume	(no user entries)
Stop to reset	

The Manual, Method, or Flush key may be pressed to perform additional functions, or the ENTER key may be pressed to resume the AutoRun.

To cancel out of the Priority Sample menu, press the Manual key again.

4.3 Flush Key

The system is automatically flushed between samples. However, you may want to manually flush the system if contamination or carryover occurs. The Flush Key offers four options to decontaminate the water and soil sample pathways.

- 1. Drain the sparge tube
- 2. Flush the 26 ml syringe
- 3. Rinse the sparge tube
- 4. Backflush the water probe with helium

The FLUSH key displays the following menu. This key is only operational in Manual mode. If an AutoRun is in operation the key will be ignored.

Keypad Display

Entry Range

Manual Flush <Drain Sparge Tube> Flush Syringe Rinse Sparge Tube

<Backflush W Probe>

Enter to resume Stop to reset

Select the desired menu line by scrolling through the selections with the "2▼ " or "8 ▲ " keys.

4.3.1 Drain Sparge Tube

The DRAIN SPARGE TUBE menu line will be highlighted with brackets (< >). Press ENTER to initiate draining the sparge tube. A two-line menu appears:

Keypad Display	Entry Range
* Drain Sparge Tube*	
<drain volume:="" xx=""></drain>	1-25
Drain Sparge Tube*	

Enter a drain volume from 1-25 ml. Press ENTER. The "Drain Sparge Tube" line will now be in brackets. Press ENTER to start the drain.

4.3.2 Flush Syringe

To initiate the "Flush Syringe" sequence use the "2 ▼" Key to scroll down to the "Flush Syringe" menu line. The command line will now be bracketed. Press ENTER. The screen will display a menu with three selections:

Keypad Display	Entry Range	
Flush Syringe		
<flush #times:="" xx=""></flush>	1-20	
Flush Volume: xx	1-25	
Flush Syringe		

Using the numeric keypad enter the desired number of flushes, from 1-20. Press ENTER, scrolling to the next menu line, "Flush Volume."

Enter a value from 1-25 ml. Press ENTER key scrolling to the next menu line, "Flush Syringe." Press ENTER again to initiate the Flush Syringe sequence. Note, this Flush sequence will only flush the 26 ml sample syringe.

4.3.3 Rinse Sparge Tube

The Manual Flush mode will also allow rinsing of the sparge tube and the 26 ml syringe simultaneously. Use the "2▼" or "8▲" keys to scroll to the menu line "Rinse Sparge Tube." Press ENTER, the screen will display three menu lines.

Keypad Display	Entry Range
Rinse Sparge Tube	
<rinse #="" times:="" xx=""></rinse>	1-20
Rinse Volume: xx	1-25
Rinse Sparge Tube	

4.3.4 Backflush Water Probe

This function allows the water probe to be flushed with hot blank water and helium. With the "2 \checkmark " or "8 * " keys scroll to the "<Backflush W Probe>" menu line, press ENTER. The flush process will begin immediately. The waste block will be lifted then the probe flushed with hot blank water followed by helium. This Backflush will occur each time the menu line is selected.

Keypad Display

Entry Range

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*Running* BACKFLUSH
Vial = NA Sam=NA
Vol=
Backflush W Probe
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4.4 Pause / Stop Key

The "Pause / Stop" key is a multifunction key. Pressing the key once during an AutoRun performs a PAUSE function.

Keypad Display

Entry Range

System paused. Press Enter to resume Stop to reset

After the key is pressed the screen will display an "S" in the upper corner indicating the Pause / Stop has been pressed. Once the sample run is complete the "S" is removed, then the following message appears on the screen. The Manual, Flush, Method and System keys are now functional.

Methods may be edited, Manual Sample may be performed, or any of the System parameters can be changed. Press ENTER to resume the AutoRun from the point it was paused.

Pressing the key twice will cause an abort /stop run, the Archon will then return to a Standby state after going through the start-up sequence.

4.5 System Hold

The Archon may be placed in a "HOLD" state by pressing **↑**. Once the key is pressed, the Archon will HOLD the sequence it is currently running and display "SYSTEM HOLD" on the bottom of the screen. Note, it does not effect the robotic arm, standard motor, syringe motor or elevator motor. These movement items must stop before the "SYSTEM HOLD" will take effect. To continue from HOLD, press any key but the Pause/Stop key.

Note: During SYSTEM HOLD, the timers will continue to run.

5 Method Setup

5.1 *Method Editing*

The Archon allows 30 methods to be edited and saved into a battery backed memory. To edit these parameters, press the Method key. The * Method * menu will be displayed. Enter the method number from 1-30, and press ENTER.

Keyboard Display	Entry Range
Method	1-30
<method: xx=""></method:>	
EDIT METHOD	
EDIT BLANK VIALS	

The menu line <EDIT METHOD> will now be bracketed. Press ENTER again.

The menu for editing parameters will now be displayed.

5.2 Sample Method Parameters

Pressing ENTER will cycle through each parameter to allow changes to be made. Use the numeric keys to enter new values or the " $2 \checkmark$ " and " $8 \land$ " and " $4 \checkmark$ " " $6 \triangleright$ " keys as scroll keys. To scroll up in the menu use \uparrow .

If an invalid entry is made, the system will change the value to be within the allowable range.

To exit * Method Parameters * press the Method key again. Any changes will be automatically saved.

Methods can be built for water, soil, or blank samples using the following procedures. Although all parameters are listed below, only certain ones apply to each method type. Recommended parameters for blank water and soil sample are described in Section 5.4.

Parameter	Range	Default	Description
Sample Type	Soil, Water, Blank	Water	This selection will establish the type of sample or blank to be run. A blank method allows a series of blanks to be run between other methods.
First Vial	1-51	01	This is the first to be run using the method. If BLANK sample type is selected enter 1. (The First Vial, Last Vial, parameter indicates the number of blanks to be run. It does not indicate the vial positions as in the water and soil methods.)

Parameter	Range	Default	Description
Last Vial	1-51	01	This is the last vial or blank number to be run. If BLANK sample type is selected, enter the last number of blank to be run. For example if you want two blank to be run enter first vial=1 and last vial =2.
Sample Volume	◀ 0-25 ml	05	If the sample Type selected is Water or Blank , this is the volume removed from the sample vial or Blank/Wash bottle and transferred to the sparge vessel. Note: If the sample type selected is Soil , a minimum of 3 ml of dilution water must be selected in order for Standards to be accurately added. The volume may be set in 1 ml increments
Dilution Factor	0,2,5,10, 20,50,100	NO	The dilution factor shows the ratio of the total volume of water sample and blank water blended together to the volume of 24.3 mls., DF-NO is no dilution, DF-2 is 1 volume sample blended with 1 volume blank water (50% dilution), DF-50 is 1 volume sample blended with 49 volumes blank water (98% dilution). The "4 ◀ " key is used to change the dilution factor.
Rinse Volume	0-25 ml	05	Volume of rinse water used to flush the PAT sparge tube during the bake mode. The volume may be set in 1 ml increments.
#Rinses	0-20	01	Number of times the sparge tube will be flushed, using the rinse volume above, during bake mode.
Standard 1	YES/NO	NO	This parameter will enable or disable the addition of 1 μ l of standard #1 to the Sample or Blank or into the Soil vial.
Standard 2	YES/NO	NO	This parameter will enable or disable the addition of 1 μ l of standard #2 to the Sample or Blank or into the Soil vial.
S. PreHeat Stir	YES/NO	NO	This parameter turns the stirring motor on or off during the Soil PreHeat cycle. It can be used to break up the solid sample. Note: This is a soil only parameter.

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Parameter	Range	Default	Description
Stir	YES/NO	NO	This parameter turns the Soil mechanical stirrer on during purge time, or the water mechanical stirrer on for a sample mixing prior to sampling.
W. Stir Time (min.)	0-9.9 minutes	0.0 min	The Stir motor will run for the length of time entered for this parameter. Note: This is a water method only setting.
W. Settle Time (sec)	0-99 seconds	00sec	This time allows particulates in the sample to settle back to the bottom of the vial after the Stir process. This time is used after stirring a Water sample.
Syringe Flush	0 -20	YES	This parameter allows hot water to be flushed in the 26 mL syringe and out to waste.
PreHeat	YES / NO	YES	This parameter will allow the sample to heat prior to purging. The heating will occur after the water is added. Note: This is a soil method only setting.
PreHeat Temp	amb/140°C	40°C	This parameter sets the temp for the preheating of the sample. Note: This is a soil method only setting.
PreHeat Time	0-99.9 min.	3-0 min.	This parameter sets the time for preheating of the sample. Note: This is a soil method only setting.
Purge Time (min.)	0-999.9 minutes	11.0 min	This is the time the sample will be purged. This parameter must match the time programmed on the purge and trap concentrator. Note: This is a soil method only setting.
Desorb Time (min)	0-99.9 minutes	2.0 min	This parameter must match the time programmed on the purge and trap concentrator. The purge vessel is auto drained back to the Archon waste bottle during desorb.

Parameter	Range	Default	Description
Operate Mode	Local / Remote	Remote	This Mode determines if the Archon will depend on switch signals from the purge and trap to advance, or be dependent on the Cycle Timer . In the "Local " Mode, the Archon will start when the Cycle Timer parameter, set in the method has elapsed. NOTE: In Local , the Archon will NOT respond to switch signals from the purge and trap, i.e. Standby (Ready) and Desorb Ready. In the "Remote" Mode, the Archon responds to the switch signals given by the purge and trap and the Cycle Timer parameter. Once the purge and trap reaches its Standby mode, a signal output will start the Archon, provided the Cycle Timer has reached 0.0.
Cycle Timer	0-99.9 min.	00.0 min.	This will advance the Archon from a ready to sample mode. The Archon starts when a purge ready signal is received from the purge and trap, in the standby mode. The cycle includes the purge time, plus the GC run time and cool down. The cycle time is normally used to ensure that the GC will be ready to receive the next sample. In the case of short GC run times, cycle time will not be effective, and should be set to "0."
Auxiliary Timer	0-99.9 min.	00-0 min.	This is a timed event output used to start or stop additional external equipment. The timer starts after the sample goes out the sparge tube for a water or a blank sample or at the start of the purge for a soil sample.
Link to Method	0-30	0-00	The Archon will continue the sampling sequence for this method upon completion of the current selected method. Any combination of methods may be linked together providing for continuous operation. Note: Circular linkage of a method is allowed, i.e., linking a method to itself to continually cycle through one method. Set the parameter to "0" to stop the autosampler after the last vial in the method.

5.3 Blanks After Vial Editing

Single blank runs can be programmed after specific sample vials within a particular method. These are known as "Method Blanks" and complement the alternative of creating a whole method where all of the runs are blanks.

Method blanks are particularly useful when analyzing sample sets containing both high and low concentration samples. The blanks allow additional system cleaning of not only the Archon, but also of the Purge and Trap and the GC. The blank water is withdrawn from the blank water reservoir rather than a user-prepared vial, but otherwise is followed by the whole analysis sequence. Method blanks can also be used to confirm that cross-sample contamination has not occurred.

To program Method Blanks, build the rest of the method first entering the parameters under the <Edit Method> menu. Then press the "Method" key to exit to the *METHOD* menu. Scroll down to <Edit Blank Vials> and press Enter.

The *Method Blanks* menu, as shown, will allow the programming of a single blank water run after any of the sample vials in the method. Note that the vial numbers for which a following blank may be programmed are restricted to the range defined by the <First Vial> and <Last Vial> entries in the earlier method parameters.

```
*METHOD#BLANKS*
<Vial#= Blanks= YES (NO)>
U/D changes vial.
L/R changes blank.
```

The U/D menu line allows for changing the vial number after which the blank will be run. Use the " $2 \checkmark$ " and " $8 \land$ " keys to change the vial number. The L/R menu line allows for selecting 'YES' or 'NO' to correspond with the vial number. Use the " $4 \checkmark$ " and " $6 \triangleright$ " keys to change the response.

To speed the entry of information from the * Method Blanks * menu, press the number "1" to set the First Vial, Last Vial range positions to Blank 'YES', or press "0" to set the vial position range to 'NO'.

To exit out of the * **Methods Blanks** * menu press the Method key, to exit out of the * **Method** * menu, press the Method key again.

5.4 Method Programming Guidelines

5.4.1 Water Method Program

To aid you in programming, please review the following example of a typical **Water** sample You may want to start with these settings and if necessary, make adjustments after running several standards and or samples. In this example, Method "1" will be programmed for **Water**, method "2" for **Soil**.

Note: If a recirculating bath is installed for cooling the sample vials, the Equilibrium Count and Time should be used. Sections 5.5 and 6.4.5 describe the use and programming of the Equilibrium station.

Method 1	
Sample Type:	Water
First Vial:	1
Last Vial:	5
Sample Volume;	5 ml
Dilution Factor	0
Rinse Volume	5ml
Rinses	2
Standard 1	YES
Standard 2	NO
Stir	NO
W Stir Time (min,)	0
W Settle Time (sec.)	0
Syringe Flushes	1
Desorb Time (min.)	4 MIN.
Operate Mode	Remote
Cycle Timer	65 min.
Aux. Timer	0
Link to Method	2

5.4.2 Soil Method Program

The following is an example of a typical soil method that can aid building your method. You may start with these settings then make adjustments as necessary after running several standards and or samples. In this example Method 2 will be programmed for **Soil**.

Note: If a recirculating bath is installed for cooling the sample vials, the Equilibrium Count and Time should be used. Sections 5.4 and 6.7 describe the use and programming of the Equilibrium station.

Note: There must be 10-15 mLs total volume of liquid in a soil sample prior to purging.

Method 2	
Sample Type:	Soil
First Vial:	6
Last Vial:	10
Sample Volume	5 ml
(see note)	0
Rinse Volume	0
Rinses	YES
Standard 1	NO
Standard 2	NO
S PreHeat Stir	YES
Stir	0
Syringe Flushes	YES
PreHeat	40
PreHeat Temp	3
PreHeat Time	11
Purge Time (min.)	4
Desorb Time (min.)	Remote
Operate Mode	65 min.
Cycle Timer	0
Aux. Timer	3
Link to Method	

5.4.3 Blank Method Program

If **Blank** is selected as the **Sample Type** in the Method Edit Screen, the parameters entered will be the same as for a **Water** sample, except those requiring vial movement. However, the First Vial, Last Vial parameter entries are not actual vial positions. Instead they are used to enter the number of Blank runs to perform. Example: First Vial is set at #1, and Last Vial at #5. There will be 5 blank runs with these settings.

Method 3	
Sample Type:	Blank
First Vial:	1
Last Vial:	5
Sample Volume	5
Standard 1	YES
Standard 2	NO
Flush Syringe	1
Desorb Time (min.)	4
Operate Mode	Remote
Cycle Timer	65
Aux. Timer	0
Link to Method	0

5.5 Equilibrium Count and Equilibrium Time

The Equilibrium Count and the Equilibrium Time parameters allow samples cooled with the optional tray-cooling system to be equilibrated to warmer temperatures before analysis. Because tray cooling affects all samples regardless of method, the Equilibrium Time parameters are actually set within the "system settings" menus, (see Section 6.6). They are discussed here for continuity. The Equilibrium Count is the number of vials (5 is the maximum) to be placed in the Equilibrium zone station for temperature equilibrating, see Figure 5.1. Initially, the vials are loaded in the zone starting with the left, vial identification section, each remaining cup to the right will then be filled. The vials will be loaded left to right until the "Equilibrium Count" is reached then transported to the sampling station. The remaining vials will be moved from right to left, ending in the vial identification cup, the empty cup on the right will be loaded with a new vial.

The Equilibrium Time programmed is the **minimum** time each vial will remain in the Equilibrium section to reach ambient temperature. Refer to Section 6.6 "System Settings" for details on the default settings for the Equilibrium Count and Time.



Equilibrium Zone Station

- 1. Vial Identification cup, #1
- 2. Bar Code Identification cup (Optional)
- 3. Position #5
- 4. Soil Sampling Location
- 5. Water Sampling Location

5.6 Operating Sequence Steps

This section describes the Archon operational sequence steps during a typical sample run. As an aid to the operator, the sequence steps are displayed on the LCD screen while the Archon is running.

5.6.1 Water Sample Sequence

Sec	quence Step	Purpose
1.	Getting Vial	The Robotic Arm picks up the sample vial.
2.	Check Vial Type	The vial is placed in the ID cup to identify its type.
3.	Going to water probe	The vial is transported to the water sampling station.
4.	Parking	The Robotic Arm goes to rear park.
5.	Stirring	Water sample is stirred.
6.	Settling	Allows particulates to settle.
7.	Elevator up	The sample vial is raised onto the water probe.
8.	ml for backflush	
9.	(No) sample dilution	Programmed dilutions are performed.
10.	ml for backflush	
11.	Helium ->waste	Helium flushes sample path to waste bottle.
12.	Water ->waste	Water flushes sample path to waste bottle.
13.	Helium ->waste	Helium again flushes sample path to waste bottle.
14.	Adding standard 1 (and/or 2)	Standard 1 and/or 2 is added to the sample.
15.	Sample -> sparge tube	The sample is pressurized into the syringe then transferred to the sparge tube.
16.	Elevator down	The vial is now lowered from the water probe.
17.	Flush syringe	If syringe flushes have been programmed.
18.	Heating water	Water is heated.
19.	Water -> lines	Hot water fills the lines.
20.	Water-> syringe	Hot water fills the syringe.

Sequence Step	Purpose
21. Syringe -> waste	The syringe now transfers the water to the waste bottle.
22. Helium ->waste	Helium is flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
23. Flush complete.	Syringe flushing is complete.
24. Return vial	The Robotic Arm verifies the vial position is empty, then picks up the vial and returns it to the sample tray.
25. Parking	The Robotic Arm goes to rear park.
26. Backflush water probe	The water probe will now be flushed with hot water.
27. Elevator up	The elevator raises the sampling stations.
28. Heating water	Water is heated.
29. Water->water probe	The backflush with hot water now begins.
30. Helium ->water probe	After the water backflush is complete the probe is now flushed with helium.
31. Elevator down	The elevator moves down.
32. Autodrain	The Archon waste valve opens and helium pressure from the purge and trap will now drain the sparge tube.
33. Drain sparge tube	The Archon will initiate a safety drain.
34. Sparge tube -> syringe	If any sample water remains in the sparge tube, it is drawn into the syringe.
35. Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers the water to the waste bottle.
36. Rinse sparge tube	The sparge tube is rinsed if rinses have been programmed.
37. Heating water	Water is heated.
38. Water -> lines	Hot water fills the lines.
39. Water -> syringe	Hot water fills the syringe.
40. Syringe -> sparge tube	The syringe transfers the water to the sparge tube.
41. Sparge tube -> syringe	The syringe withdraws the water from the sparge tube.
42. Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers the water to the waste bottle.

Sequence Step	Purpose
43. Helium -> waste	Helium is again flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
44. End liquid sample	This completes the water sample process sequence.

5.6.2 Soil Sample Sequence

Sec	quence Step	Purpose
1.	Getting Vial	The Robotic Arm picks up the sample vial.
2.	Check Vial Type	The vial is placed in the ID cup to identify its type.
3.	Going to soil probe	The vial is transported to the soil sampling station.
4.	Parking	The Robotic Arm goes to rear park.
5.	Water-> Lines	Water flushes internal standard path to the waste bottle.
6.	Elevator up	The sample vial is now raised up onto the soil probe.
7.	Syringe fills	Syringe fills with programmed amount of water.
8.	Adding standard 1 (and or 2)	Standard 1 and or 2 is added to the sample.
9.	Water -> soil vial	Water is transformed to the soil vial.
10.	Helium ->waste	Helium flushes sample path to the waste bottle.
11.	Pre-heat Soil Sample	Sample vial is heated.
12.	Pre-heat Time	Length of time of heating.
13.	Purge	Sample is purged.
14.	Elevator down	The vial is lowered from the soil probe.
15.	Return vial	The Robotic Arm verifies vial position is empty, then picks up the vial and returns it to the sample tray.
16.	Parking	The Robotic Arm goes to the Rear Park
17.	Autodrain	The Archon waste valve opens and helium pressure from the purge and trap will drain the sparge tube.

Sequence Step	Purpose
18. Helium -> waste	Helium is now flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
19. Rinse sparge tube	The sparge tube is rinsed if rinses have been programmed.
20. Heating water	Water is heated.
21. Water -> lines	Hot water fills the lines.
22. Water -> syringe	Water fills the syringe.
23. Syringe -> sparge tube	The syringe transfers the water to the sparge tube.
24. Sparge tube -> syringe	The syringe withdraws the water from the sparge tube.
25. Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers the water to the waste bottle.
26. Helium -> waste	Helium is again flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
27. End soil sample	This completes the soil sample process sequence.

5.6.3 Blank Sample Sequence

Sequence Step		Purpose	
1.	Water -> lines	Water flushes internal standard path to the waste bottle.	
2.	Water -> syringe	Water is now transferred to the syringe.	
3.	Helium -> lines	Helium flushes sample path to the waste bottle.	
4.	Adding standard 1 (and/or 2)	Standard 1 and/or 2 is added to the sample.	
5.	Sample -> sparge tube	The blank sample is pressurized into the syringe then transferred to the sparge tube.	
6.	Autodrain	The Archon waste valve opens and helium pressure from the purge and trap will drain the sparge tube.	
7.	Drain sparge tube	The Archon will initiate a safety drain.	
8.	Sparge tube -> syringe	If any sample water remains in the sparge tube, it is drawn into the syringe.	

Sec	luence Step	Purpose
9.	Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers the water to the waste bottle.
10.	Rinse sparge tube	The sparge tube is rinsed if rinses have been programmed.
11.	Heating water	Water is heated.
12.	Water -> lines	Hot water fills the lines.
13.	Water -> syringe	Hot water fills the syringe.
14.	Syringe -> sparge tube	The syringe transfers the water to the sparge tube.
15.	Sparge tube -> syringe	The syringe withdraws the water from the sparge tube.
16.	Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers the water to the waste bottle.
17.	Sparge tube ->syringe	If any sample remains in sparge tube, it is drawn into syringe.
18.	Syringe -> waste	The syringe transfers sample to the waste bottle.
19.	Helium ->waste	Helium is again flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
20.	Flush syringe	If flushes have been programmed.
21.	Heating water	Water is heated.
22.	Water -> lines	Hot water now fills the lines.
23.	Water -> syringe	Hot water now fills the syringe.
24.	Syringe -> waste	The syringe now transfers the water to the waste bottle.
25.	Helium -> waste	Helium is again flushed through the sample path to the waste bottle.
26.	Flush complete	Syringe flushing is completed.
27.	End water blank	This completes the blank sample process sequence.

6 System Setup

The "System" Key provides a menu to access all Settings, Maintenance, Calibration, and Options of the Archon. Pressing the "System" key will display the following menu.

```
*System Setup *
<Front Park>
Status
Maintenance
Calibration
Diagnostics
Settings
Options
```



Contact Varian before making any calibration and setting changes.

6.1 Front Park

This setup procedure will move the Robotic Arm to the front left corner of the instrument allowing easy access to the rear of the Archon for service or maintenance.

Using the " $2 \checkmark$ " or " $8 \land$ " keys, select the "Front Park" menu line, press ENTER. The display will now show:

Press any key to rear park gripper

Press any key to begin moving the Robotic Arm. The *System Setup* menu will be displayed during the movement. Once stopped, the **rear park** screen will be displayed.

Press any key to front park gripper

After the service or maintenance is complete, press any key to move the gripper back to the rear.

6.2 System Status

This menu will display the time remaining for the Cycle Timer and provide a status for heated zones:

```
*System Status*
<Cycle Timer xxx.xmin.>
Soil Tran Line
Set xx Actual=xx
```

Zone	Default Set Point
Soil Sample Chamber	OFF
Equilibrium Block	OFF
Upper Soil Probe	110°C
Soil Transfer Line	110°C
Upper Soil Valve	95°C
Ambient	OFF
Trav Temp	OFF

The "2 " or "8 " keys will scroll through the temperature zones. They are:

The SET point and Actual (current) temperatures are displayed. If the heater is not active, the SET point will show "OFF." If the "Actual" temperature displays "???", this indicates a thermocouple is open. **Contact a Varian service representative before proceeding.**

6.3 Maintenance

This menu allows the internal standard reservoirs to be filled and the lines primed with standard. This menu also allows the user to reset movement counters.

```
* System Maintenance *
<Standard Control>
Adjust Counters
Shipping position
Clean Syringe
Elevator up/down test
```

6.3.1 Standard Control

Select, from the main menu, <Standard Control>, press ENTER. The *Standard Control* menu will be displayed. Select the <Front Park> command. Press ENTER. The Robotic Arm will now move to the front left corner.

```
* Standard Control *
<Front Park!>
Prime Std 1 Loop
Prime Std 2 Loop
```

Select "Prime Std. 1 or 2." Press ENTER. This will cause the motor to rotate in the direction of the Standard selected. Standard 1 is on the left and Standard 2 is on the right. The valve will stop when it recycles the load position and allow the standard solution to prime the lines, then it will return to the sample position.



Figure 6-1

After the lines have been primed, select the menu line <Rear Park>. Press ENTER, the arm will now move to the rear of the cabinet.

Note: See Section 7 for standard vial installation instructions.

6.3.2 Adjust Counters

* Counter Adjust * <Vial xxxxx> Plunger xxxxx Waste Block xxxxx

The Archon maintains a movement count of critical components that can be used to schedule routine maintenance.

They are: Vial count, this is a continuous count of sample vials run.

Syringe Plunger, this is a movement count of the 26 ml syringe plunger each time it reaches its "home" (up) position.

Waste Block, this is a count of the movement of the water probe into the **Waste Block**. During the clean up cycle, the tip of the water probe is covered and the entire probe is flushed with water and helium.

Select the *Adjust Counters* menu line, press ENTER. The Counter" menu will be displayed.

The numeric key pad is used to change the count data. The ENTER and "UP↑" key will scroll through the menu lines.

6.3.3 Shipping Position

Selecting this prompt will move the XYZ mechanism and syringe elevator to a secure position. Remove the sample tray, install the shipping screw and spacer on the left side of the unit, disconnect the gases, and remove power from the unit.

6.3.4 Clean Syringe

This prompt will move the XYZ mechanism to the front of the unit to allow clear access to the syringe. The display will prompt you for each step of the syringe cleaning. Refer to Section 7.13 "Cleaning or Replacing the Syringe Plunger O-Ring" for a description of the procedure.

6.3.5 Elevator up/down

This prompt will exercise the sample elevator up and down. Press "Enter" key to stop operation.

6.4 System Calibration

[keypad display]

Calibration Setup Auto Calibrate Calibration Test Vial 22 Position Water Probe Vial Position Equilibrium block Knockoff Clearance Standard Clearance

This menu allows the selection of routines for calibrating target positions for the Robotic Arm and Gripper. The "Calibration Test" and "Auto Calibrate" are automated routines that check and adjust a number of positions. The remaining menu items allow manual positioning and calibration for specific instrument operations.

Note: Once a calibration step is initiated, all of the above steps must be performed to assure the unit is properly aligned.

The "Calibration Test" and "Auto Calibrate" routines allow automated testing and readjustment of most of the robotic arm calibration settings. These routines are used to quickly verify the operational status of the robotic arm and to make adjustments to compensate for normal wear.

6.4.1 Calibration Test

To run "Calibration Test" program, press the "SYSTEM" key, from the key pad. The *SYSTEM SETUP* menu will be displayed. Using the "2" or "8" key scroll to the "Calibration" menu line and press ENTER.

This test will verify if the current settings are still appropriate. Use the " 8^{-} " or the " 2^{-} " key to scroll to the "Calibration Test" menu line and press ENTER. Following the displayed instructions, remove all but vial #1 and press ENTER again. The test will begin.

Observe the gripper as it lowers over the vial. It should clear the vial with no jamming and hesitations. If an ERROR code appears or the gripper movement looks abnormal, refer to Section 9.

Note: If calibration test fails go to Section 6.4.2.

Note: Before beginning refer to the Default Operation Value Table on page 6-15.

6.4.2 Auto Calibrate

The **"Auto Calibrate"** program allows the Archon to automatically establish the correct coordinate position settings for removal and replacement of sample vials in the sample tray, water vial sampling station, soil/solid sampling station, and the equilibrium ID station. These settings are essential for accurate vial / gripper movement. After the Archon has been installed to the purge and trap, and *before running the first sample*, run the **"Calibration Test"** program. The program should also be run after **ANY** service to the vial gripper assembly or if **ANY** gripper movement error message has been displayed. Also, if the Archon has been relocated for some reason, run the **"Calibration Test"** program.

Note: Once Auto Calibrate is initiated, all other calibration steps must be performed to assure the unit is properly aligned.

Locate the Calibration Bar (P/N DY-505894-00) and Calibration Pin (P/N DY-505893-00) shipped with your instrument.

Note: To order a replacement Calibration Bar and Calibration Pin, order Kit Number DY-505419-90.

To run the "Auto Calibrate" program, press the "System" key, from the key pad. The *System Setup* menu will be displayed. Using the "2" or "8" key scroll to the "Calibration" menu line and press ENTER. Scroll up one position using the "8" key to the "Auto Calibrate" menu line. Press ENTER. The following menu is displayed:

Insert Bar in Tray 10 and 17. Press Enter when ready or - to Abort.

Insert the Calibration Bar into the sample tray in positions 10 and 17.

Press ENTER.

The following message will appear:

Insert Bar Sensor in Gripper. Press any key to Continue.

Slide the bar sensor device up into the vial gripper. Note: The end with the silver rod protruding through the device goes **DOWN**. Press any key to begin the calibrate program. The vial gripper will now move to the Calibration Bar in the sample tray, then to the water vial sampling station, equilibrium ID station and then the soil / solid sampling station.

After completion of the program, the following message will appear:

Remove Bar Sensor in Gripper. Press Any key to Continue. Remove the sensor device from the vial gripper. (Gently pull it down until it slides out.) Press any key to park the vial gripper.



If you fail to insert the sensor device into the vial gripper, the Archon will still attempt to run the program, however, it will not be able to detect the sensor bar and the following message will appear:

Calibration Failed. Press Enter to Retry - to exit.

Press ENTER and then insert the sensor device and run the program again.

Once the **"Auto Calibration"** is complete place a 40 mL VOA in **Position 22.** Scroll down using the #2 key to <vial 22 position) and calibrate the vertical height. Press the 7 key for Train. Press "7" key for train again, compare first and second calibration numbers. If the numbers stay within 5-6 digits complete "water probe" and "equilibrium block" using the #7 key to train.

After completing calibrations, you should run the "calibration test" again. If unit does not fail, you are not ready to began running samples.

Note: Knockoff clearance (01100) and standard clear (00970) should only be checked for default setting. DO NOT TRAIN.

Кеу	Menu Label	Action	Comments
0	Grip	Opens/Closes Gripper	Press "0" to release any vial before making position adjustments
↑ or ←	(none)	Selects Axis to adjust	Press an Arrow key to select the axis to calibrate. Note: before moving the robotic arm horizontally, choose the vertical axis and then press "1" Home to move the arm up and give it clearance above vials in the tray
9	(none)	Allows direct entry of the numeric step value.	After choosing the axis to calibrate, press "9", then edit the numeric step value. Pressing ENTER will then command the instrument to move along the selected axis to the position of the new numeric step value.
1	Home	Commands movement to the reference position of the axis	When calibrating a position, always go to "Home" on the axis and then move to the position. This gives an accurate pulse count
3	Step/Jog	Chooses a "step" or "jog" response when a motion key is pressed	In Step mode, pressing a motion key commands a movement of one step. The step size is described below. In Jog mode, the axis motor runs continuously as long as the motion key is pressed. Jog is used for long, fast movements.
5	Step Size	Allows editing of the step size for motion in the Step mode	The step size is relative to the number of pulses sent to the axis motor. More pulses gives longer steps resulting in greater travel
6 ▶ or 4 ◀	(none)	Directional motion keys for Left/Right axis	The step size is relative to the number of pulses sent to the axis motor. More pulses gives longer steps resulting in greater travel
8▲ or 2▼	(none)	Directional motion keys for Front/Rear and Vertical axes	Pressing these keys causes motion if the Front/Rear axis or the Vertical axis has been chosen for calibration
7	Train	Calibrates the gripper's vertical position for grasping a vial	When the gripper is above a capped vial in the tray, choose the vertical axis in the menu, press "1" to Home, and then "7" to Train. The gripper will move down until it senses the cap. This will establish the proper height for grasping vials
Enter	(none)	Activates motion, saves position values to memory	
_	(none)	Aborts actions and changes	

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6.4.3 Vial 22 Position

The Vial 22 position is critical because all other tray vial locations are determined from this setting. Use the following protocol to recalibrate this position:

- 1. Push the sample tray towards the rear of the Archon to make sure the tray is properly positioned.
- 2. Place a capped, full vial in sample tray position 22.
- 3. From the Calibration Setup menu, scroll to the "Vial 22 Position" menu item and press ENTER.
- 4. The Robotic Arm will move and a version of the Coordinate Settings menu as described in Section 6.4.8 will be displayed.
- 5. Press "7" to train the gripper's vertical height for grasping vials.
- 6. Press "7" again to confirm that the trained position is constant.
- 7. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

6.4.4 Water Probe Vial Position

This coordinate setting positions a 40 ml water sample vial into the water vial cup insuring the probe will penetrate the vial properly (see Figure 6-2).



Figure 6-2

Use the following procedure to recalibrate this position:

- 1. Place a capped full vial in sample tray position 22.
- 2. From the Calibration Setup menu, scroll to the "Water Probe Pos" menu item and press ENTER.
- 3. The Robotic Arm will move and the following message will be displayed:

```
* Water Probe Pos *
```

Press Enter to get vial 22 for Alignment

```
or any other key to skip
```

- 4. Press ENTER. The arm will retrieve the vial, go to the water probe cup and a version of the Coordinate Settings menu as described in Section 6.4.2 will be displayed.
- 5. Press "7" to train the gripper's vertical height for grasping vials.
- 6. Press "7" again to confirm that the trained position is constant.

7. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

6.4.5 Equilibrium Block

This coordinate setting positions the 40 ml water sample vial into the center vial position of the Equilibrium Block. From this point, the other vial positions in the block are determined (seeFigure 6-3).



Figure 6-3

Use the following protocol to recalibrate this position:

- 1. Place a capped full vial in sample tray position 22.
- 2. From the Calibration Setup menu, scroll to the "Equilibrium Block" menu item and press ENTER.
- 3. The Robotic Arm will move and the following message will be displayed:

* Equilibrium Block * Press Enter to get vial 22 for Alignment or any other key to skip

- 4. Press ENTER. The arm will retrieve the vial, go to the equilibrium block area and a version of the Coordinate Settings menu as described in Section 6.4.8 will be displayed on the screen.
- 5. Press "7" to train the gripper's vertical height for grasping vials.
- 6. Press "7" again to confirm that the trained position is constant.
- 7. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

6.4.6 Knockoff Clearance

This coordinate setting will allow the gripper with a vial to pass under the Knockoff plate and into and out of the soil and water sampling positions (see Figure 6-4).



Figure 6-4

Use the following protocol to recalibrate this position:

- 1. From the Calibration Setup menu, scroll to the "Knockoff Clearance" menu item and press ENTER.
- 2. The Robotic Arm will move and the following message will be displayed:

* Knockoff Clearance* Press Enter to get vial 22 for Alignment or any other key to skip

- 4. Press "1" The arm will go to the equilibrium block plate area and a version of the Coordinate Settings menu as described in Section 6.4.8 will be displayed on the screen.
- 5. Inspect the positioning of the gripper below the Knockoff Plate. If there is a clearance of at least 1/16" (2 mm), skip to Step 8 as no adjustment is necessary. The Knockoff clearance value set at the factory is 01100. If the clearance needs to be readjusted, continue with the next step.
- 6. Press "3" as necessary to enter the "Step" mode. (This will toggle from step to jog.)
- 7. Press a Directional Motion key (either "8[▲]" or "2[▼]") to adjust the clearance. (If the gripper steps too far, adjust the step size by pressing "5").
- 8. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

6.4.7 Standard Clearance

This coordinate setting establishes the correct clearance for the gripper arm to pass under the glass standard vials when accessing the vial identification position in the Equilibrium Block. Use the following procedure to recalibrate this position:

- 1. From the Calibration Setup menu, scroll to the "Standard Clearance" menu item and press ENTER.
- 2. The Robotic Arm will move and the following message will be displayed:

```
* Standard Clearance*
Press Enter to get vial 22 for Alignment
or any other key to skip
```

- 4. Press "ENTER" The arm will retrieve the vial, go to the Standard vial area and a version of the Coordinate Settings menu as described in Section 6.4.8 will be displayed on the screen.
- 5. Inspect the positioning of the gripper below the Standard Vial. If there is a clearance of at least 1/16" (2 mm), skip to Step 7 as no adjustment is

necessary. The standard clearance value set at the factory is 00970. If the value clearance needs to be readjusted, continue with the next step.

6. Press a Directional Motion key (either "8 " or "2 ") to adjust the clearance. (If the gripper steps too far, adjust the step size by pressing "5").

DO NOT ALLOW THE GRIPPER TO CONTACT THE GLASS STANDARD VIALS.

7. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

After all calibration steps are performed, run the Calibration Test to confirm system operation. Once this is complete, press the System key twice to exit the Calibration routine.

6.4.8 Manual Calibration: Coordinate Settings Menu Items

The remaining menu items of the Calibration Setup menu allow manual calibration of specific positions of the robotic arm and gripper. These are used less frequently than the automated routines, primarily in the initial instrument setup and particular troubleshooting situations. These routines allow the user to move the arm or gripper incrementally until the user determines that the correct position has been achieved. The user then saves the position coordinates to the Archon memory.

The routines also allow the user to directly enter a position value determined by other means. Note that the original positional settings determined at the factory during the instrument's manufacture are recorded on the reference sheet attached to the inside of the Archon right chassis panel. In certain instances, it may be useful to directly re-enter these original values through the Manual Calibration menu items.

When a manual calibration routine is chosen from the Calibration Setup menu, the screen will display a new Coordinate Settings menu of the general format shown below. The title and other minor features will differ to be appropriate for the task. The menu allows the user to adjust positions along one axis at a time. The axis currently addressed is shown on the last (fourth) line with the numeric step value of the current position. The second and third menu lines list the numeric commands for moving the arm or gripper along that axis.

(Keypad display figure)
* (Title will vary) *
1- Home 3-Step (Jog) 0- Grip
5- Step Size xxx 7- Train
Front/Rear xxxxx (Left/Right) (Vertical)

- 1. Inspect the positioning of the gripper around the vial and determine if the horizontal positioning along the Left/Right axis or the Front/Rear axis should be improved. If not, skip to Step 7.
- 2. If the gripper position around the vial is to be recalibrated, press an Arrow key to select the desired horizontal axis.
- 3. Press "3" as necessary to enter the Step mode.
- 4. Press a Directional Motion key to adjust the Gripper position. (If the gripper steps too far, adjust the step size by pressing "5").

- 5. If the other horizontal axis needs to be adjusted, press an Arrow key to select the other axis and adjust the gripper positioning with the appropriate Directional Motion key.
- 6. Press an Arrow key to select the Vertical axis
- 7. Press ENTER to save the position values and complete the routine. The arm will return to its home position.

6.5 System Diagnostics

The "**Diagnostics**" menu allows the motors and Remote Input/Output functions of the Archon to be tested. Verify the motor and its circuitry is operating properly. There are no adjustments from this menu, only movement control. **Note: The Diagnostics functions will not operate if the Archon is running.** From the ***System Setup*** menu, move the brackets with the "2" key, to the "**Diagnostics Menu**" line and press ENTER. The following menu will be displayed.

```
* System Diags *
<Left/right Motor>
Front/rear Motor
Up/Down Motor
Probes U/D Motor
Gripper Solenoid
Remote Inputs
Remote Outputs
```

Select the desired menu line with the " 2^{\checkmark} " or " 8^{\diamond} " key. Press **ENTER**. Once selected, the screen will display the function (Left/Right Motor, etc.). If the function is for a "Motor or the Gripper Solenoid", the following message will be displayed.

```
(Function Left/Right Motor)
to be tested. Press
Enter to test, Any
other key to abort.
```

Press **ENTER**. The selected motor will move back and forth on its axis. When completed the display will show it passed.

Test Passed. Press any key to continue.

Press any key to return to the ***System Diags*** menu to select another function.

If the selected function is for "Remote Inputs", the screen will display the current status of the Input signal from the Purge and Trap concentrator.

```
* Remote Inputs *
<U/D >
Status xxx
```

Pressing the " 2^{\checkmark} " or " 8^{\land} " key will scroll through the Input signals. They will be shown on the U/D line. The following is an explanation of the signals.

Standby Desorb Drain Emergency Stop Extra

- **Standby:** This signal line will verify the status of the Standby signal received from the concentrator.
- **Desorb Drain:** This signal line will verify the status of the signal received from the concentrator to empty the sparge tube during the concentrator's Desorb step. Most concentrators can send the signal at either the beginning or the end of the Desorb step.
- **Emergency Stop:** This would be an incoming signal to stop the sampling sequence of the Archon, returning it to the pre start-up mode. This is a true "stop all" operations function.

```
Extra: This is an unused signal line. Possibly for future expansion.
```

If the selected function is for "Remote Outputs", the screen will display the following:

```
* Remote Outputs *
U/D
L/R
Press Enter to test
```

This screen allows the relay Output signals to be tested. The line U/D scrolls through the relay signals. Use the "2" or "8" keys to scroll. The L/R line changes the status of the relay Output from keep" **open**" to "**closed**" pulse. Use the "4" or "6" keys to scroll. The **ENTER** key is used to "**pulse**" the signal for test purposes.

```
Injection Mark
Aux. Output
Soil Vial
Start Purge
```

The Output signals are:

- Injection Mark: This is a test of the "Injection Mark or Start Out" signal. This could be used to start the concentrator's purge cycle. Each time the ENTER key is pressed the relay will operate.
 Aux. Output: Provides a test of the output signal for the Auxiliary Output relay. This signal would occur per the setting for the Auxiliary Timer.
- **Soil Vial:** This is a signal test for an output at the point when the upper soil probe is inserted into the soil vial.
- **Start Purge:** This is a test of the signal used to start the purge cycle on the concentrator. The signal will occur after the sample is loaded into the sparge tube.

6.6 System Settings

This menu allows the changing of the overall system parameters. These include temperature settings, motor speeds and acceleration rates, signal polarity, vial gripper time specifications, delay time and equilibrium data. When the ***System Settings*** menu line is selected, press ENTER, the following menu will appear on the display.

* System Settings <US Probe Temp XXX>* XFER Line Temp US Valve Temp Gripper Open: Gripper Closed: Standby Pol. DesbDrn Pol. STOP Pol. Equib. Count Equib. Time

The "System Settings" value may need to be changed depending on the signal output of the purge and trap or GC / GC/MS. The Settings are defined as follows:

Display	Full Name	Description
Upper Soil Probe	Upper Soil Probe Temperature.	This is the temperature setting for the Soil VOC upper probe. Note: A temperature setting of "0" will turn the heater OFF.
XFER Line Temp	Transfer Line Temperature.	This is the temperature setting for the VOC transfer line to the purge and trap. Note: A temperature setting of "0" will turn the heater OFF.
Upper Soil Valve Temp.	Upper Soil Valve Temperature	This is the temperature setting for the three-way valve attached to the VOC transfer line, used to stop the helium purge gas flow during a water purge. Note: A temperature setting of "0" will turn the heater OFF.
Gripper Open:	Vial Gripper	Time to adjust the delay after the vial Gripper opens.
Gripper Closed:	Vial Gripper	Time to adjust the delay after the vial gripper closes.
Standby Pol.	Standby Polarity	This sets the input signal from shorted Standby signal from the concentrator (Normally Closed), to an open (Normally Open) position.

DesbDrn Pol.	Desorb Drain Polarity	This is at the Desorb mode on the concentrator. This sets the input signal from shorted (Normally Closed), to an open (Normally Open) position.
STOP Pol.	Stop Polarity	Incoming signal used for the Emergency Stop. This sets the input signal from shorted (Normally Closed), to an open (Normally Open) position.
Equib. Count	Equib. Count	This will set the number of positions to be used in the Equilibrium section of the Archon.
Equib. Time	Equilibrium Time	The minimum time the sample will remain in the Equilibrium section to reach ambient temperature

The "2 \checkmark " and "8 \bigstar " keys will step the brackets to the next menu line. The numeric keypad is used to change numeric value settings, the "4 \checkmark " and "6 \triangleright " keys are used to toggle from "Open" to "Closed" on signal polarity settings. The **ENTER** key will accept the value and toggle to the next line.

Default Operation Value Table

Parameter	Factory Default	Value Range Allowed
Upper Soil Probe Temp	110°C	amb-250°C
XFER Line Temp	110°C	amb-250°C
Upper Soil Valve Temp	95°C	amb-132°C
Gripper Open:	750	0-999 milliseconds
Gripper Closed:	999	0-999 milliseconds
Standby Pol.	CLOSED	CLOSED/OPEN
DesbDrn Pol.	CLOSED	CLOSED/OPEN
STOP Pol.	CLOSED	CLOSED/OPEN
Equib. Count	0	0-5
Equib. Time	0	0-999

6.7 System Options

The *System Options* menu allows for enabling optional features of the Archon. When *System Options* is selected, the following menu is displayed. The " 2^{\ast} " and " 8^{\ast} " keys are used to scroll through the menu lines. The " 4^{\ast} " and " 6° " keys are used to toggle the "NO - YES" response. The ENTER key will accept the selection. Note: The following menu shows the system default settings as shipped from the factory.

* System Options *	
<barcode scanner?<="" td=""><td>NO></td></barcode>	NO>
Needle Sparge?	YES
Ign. Vial Type	NO
Ignore No Vial?	YES
Hot Water Rinse?	YES
Vial Checks?	YES
Beep on Error	YES

- **Barcode Scanner:** If the Archon is equipped with an optional Barcode Scanner, answering "YES" will tell the Archon Robotic Arm to place the sample vials in the Barcode Scanner Zone prior to vial type detection. The barcode label on the vial will be read and the information may be retrieved to a PC for its use. Only one barcode label will be retained for each vial position.
- **Needle Sparge:** If the Archon is setup for Needle Sparge sampling, this option must be "YES." The sample vial type sensor will then be reversed to detect water (40 ml VOC) vials. If a SoilVial is detected, an error will be reported.

Ignore Vial Type: This option disables the sample vial sensor. When "YES" is selected, only the "sample type" parameter will determine the sampling location. See "Method Setup" for further details.



If "YES is selected, SEVERE damage will occur if the sample tray is not loaded correctly. SoilVials and Water vials MUST be installed per the Sample Type parameter. See Section 5.2 Method Parameters for more details. See Section 1.5 for vial types

- Ignore No Vial: When this option is "YES," tray positions that have no vials will be ignored. The Gripper "No Vial" sensor will always be used to detect the presence of a vial and the potential of lost vials in transit. The default should be "NO".
- **Hot Water Rinse:** When this option is "YES", the "Hot Water" reservoir is heated during the syringe and sparge tube rinses. This reservoir is located inside the rear or the unit. Water passes through the heated reservoir prior to entering the 25 ml syringe and sample transfer lines.
- Vial Checks: This option will cause the Robotic Arm to search the equilibrium and vial sampling locations for vials during start-up. The Archon will remove the vials and return them to the sample tray.



This option should be set to "YES" to prevent vial jams.

Beep on Error: This option causes the Archon to produce an audible "Beep" when a System error occurs. The beep will sound every five seconds. This would be anything which may interrupt or stop the sample run. If a problem occurs and the Archon "Beeps", immediate action must be taken to resolve the problem. An error message should be displayed indicating the problem.
7 Maintenance

This section describes maintenance procedures for the Archon, including how to change the soil and water probes and soil transfer line.



Service to the Archon should only be performed by qualified service personnel. Before any service is performed, turn the instrument OFF and remove the main power cord. Allow sufficient time for all heated zones to cool before proceeding.

When cleaning any components of the Archon, e.g., exterior, robotic slide rods or leadscrews, gripper arms or sample tray, use only an isopropanol and water solution placed on a lint-free and oil-free cloth.

7.1 Removal and Replacement of the Needle Sparge or SoilVial Probe



The cover and probe are hot.

(Refer to Figure 7-1, Figure 7-2, and Figure 7-3.)

Removal

1. Loosen the #4-40 socket head screw securing the cover (1). Remove the cover.



Figure 7-1







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Figure 7-3

1 Cover	(See Figure 7-1).
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- Bulkhead nut
- Sample out line (short line) soil transfer line (and nut) Helium flush line #4-40 Screws
- 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Probe retainer
 - Probe body

- Knock off plate Gas line and nut
 - Reverse ferrule/Super Flangeless nut/ferrule

- Retaining nut Mount plate Valve manifold
- Upper soil valve Short line

- 2. With a 1/4" wrench, loosen the nuts on the sample out line (3) and on the helium flush line (5). Remove the lines from the probe.
- 3. With a 5/16" wrench, loosen and remove the bulkhead nut (2) with line, on the helium purge gas / water in line.
- 4. Loosen the two #4-40 screws (6) securing the probe retainer (7). Slide the cover back exposing the probe body (8). Pull the probe body up, out of the housing and out of the knockoff plate (9).

Replacement

- 1. Insert the probe into the mount plate (13) and down through the knockoff plate (9), (needle sparge only). (Soil probe will not insert through knockoff plate).
- 2. Push the body of the probe (8) into the heated housing, slide the retainer forward, tighten the two # 4-40 screws (6).
- 3. Attach the sample out line (3) and the helium flush line (5).
- 4. Attach the 5/16" nut (2) to the bulkhead fitting for the helium purge/water supply line.
- 5. Be certain all fittings are tight, snug and 1/4 turn.
- 6. Replace the cover.

7.2 Removal and Replacement of the Water Probe

(Refer to Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3.)

Removal

- 1. With a 5/16" wrench, loosen and remove the brass nut securing the pressurizing gas line (10).
- 2. Remove the blue plastic nut with reverse ferrule (11) securing the water line.
- 3. Loosen the retaining nut (12) securing the probe to the mount plate (13).
- 4. Lift the probe up and out.

Replacement

- 1. Slide the tip of the probe into the hole in the mount plate (13) and into the hole in the knockoff plate (9).
- 2. Finger-tighten the retaining nut (12).
- 3. Attach and tighten the 5/16" brass nut securing the pressurizing gas line **(10)** to the bulkhead fitting.

4. Attach the flangeless fitting and ferrule (11) into the hole in the center of the valve manifold (14). Be certain the line, with ferrule, is seated all the way to the bottom of the hole. Finger-tighten the nut.

7.3 Cleaning the Soil Transfer Line Frit (PN DY-505599-00)

(Refer to Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3)

Removal

- 1. Remove the soil probe as described in Section 7.1.
- 2. Blow into the left side with about 40-50 psi of clean air or nitrogen.

Installation

- 1. Install the probe as described in Section 7.1.
- 2. Be certain all fittings are tight.

7.4 Replacement of the Water Line Screen (P/N DY-505598-00).

(See Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3).

- 1. Remove the flangeless fitting and ferrule (11) from the valve manifold (14).
- 2. Using a small diameter pick or pointed wire, reach into the hole and pull the screen out.
- 3. Insert the screen into the hole, the white side of the screen faces out.
- 4. Insert the flangeless fitting and ferrule **(11)** into the hole in the manifold **(14)**. Finger-tighten the nut.

7.5 Replacement of the Soil Transfer Line (Nickel Line Only) (DY-505745-00)

(See Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3).

Removal

- 1. Remove the upper soil valve cover shown in Figure 7-1. Referring to Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3, loosen and remove the nut **(4)** securing the transfer line to the upper soil valve **(15)**.
- 2. If necessary, remove any covers from the purge and trap, allowing access to the fitting on the end of the transfer line. Disconnect the line from the purge and trap.
- 3. Cut one end off, with fitting, from the line.
- 4. Slide the line out of the heater's sheath.

Replacement

1. Uncoil and straighten the new line. Insert the line into the heater's sheath. Carefully slide the line all the way through until it is inside the cabinet. Blow through the line with helium before connecting.

- 2. Slide the Valco nut and a compression ferrule set onto the new line. Insert the line, with nut and ferrule into the upper soil valve (15). Using a 1/4" open wrench tighten the nut.
- 3. Attach the other end to the purge and trap using whatever fittings are required.
- 4. Recheck the fittings. Install all the covers.

7.6 Replacement of the Soil Purge Gas Needle (DY-505463-00)

- 1. Remove the sample tray.
- 2. Park the Robotic Arm in the "Front." See Section 6.1
- 3. Using a 5/16" nut driver or deep socket loosen the brass nut and remove the needle.
- 4. Replace the needle and tighten with the 5/16" wrench. Do not overtighten.



Do not use any tools and do not overtighten.

7.7 Cleaning the Vial Gripper

Approximately once a month, the vial gripper arms (17), should be wiped clean. This will insure the gripper's arms hold the vial properly.

- 1. Move the robotic arm to "Front Park." See Section 6.1.
- Use a soft tissue or a cotton swab with 30% isopropanol in water, and wipe the rubber gripper pads.
- 3. Press ENTER to move the arm back to "Home."



Figure 7-4

7.8 Leak Check Helium Purge Gas Flow

(Refer to Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3).

Section 2.12 described the helium purge gas flow adjustment, however, if the flow rates, out of the host purge and trap's vent and the bulkhead fitting **(2)** do not match, a leak exists. Use the following procedures to locate the helium leak.

First, check each fitting in the flow path using isopropanol and water. The leak may only be a loose fitting. If all the fittings are leak tight, continue to the following steps.



Components may be hot! Be certain the "UPPER SOIL PROBE TEMP" and "UPPER SOIL VALVE TEMP" are OFF and the parts are cool before continuing.

- 1. Remove the soil probe cover. Disconnect the short line (16) going into the heated upper soil valve (15). Attach the tubing from a flow meter to the line. Load a clean vial with a new septum in the tray and run it as a manual soil sample. Check the flow rate out of the line. It should be the same as the flow from the soil probe bulkhead nut (2).
- 2. If the two flow rates are not equal, replace the vial and septum and repeat the soil purge. If the flows still do not match, the soil probe may be damaged and should be replaced. See Section 7.1.
- 3. If the flows do match, check the flow coming out of the upper soil valve (15). A "jig" should be made to test the flow. Remove the transfer line (4) from the upper soil valve. Using a 2-3" (5.0 cm 7.5 cm) piece of 1/16" OD stainless steel tubing, a Valco nut and a two piece compression ferrule, insert the jig into the valve and tighten. Measure the purge flow out of the jig. The flow should be equal to the flow from the shortline (6).
- 4. If the flows do not match, the upper soil valve is leaking, and it should be replaced.
- 5. If the flows do match, the fitting on the end of the soil transfer line in the purge and trap may be leaking, or a leak exists within the purge and trap.
- 6. Reattach the transfer line into the upper soil valve and recheck the flow at the host purge and trap vent. If the flows do not match, check the fitting, on the soil transfer line, in the purge and trap, and leak check the host purge and trap per its recommendations.
- 7. Using isopropanol and water, recheck all the fittings again to insure that they are leak tight. Once these steps have been completed and the flow rates now match, the system is leak tight and ready for use.

7.9 Replacement of the Heated Upper Soil Valve

Use the following procedure to replace the upper soil valve, refer to Figure 7-2 and Figure 7-3.



Disconnect instrument from power source before proceeding.

- 1. Turn off the power to the instrument and remove the power cable.
- 2. Remove the rear panel by loosening the two quarter-turn fasteners located at the top of the panel.
- 3. Remove the Upper Soil Valve cover by loosening the front screw with a 3/32" Allen wrench. Also, remove the upper soil probe.
- 4. Loosen and remove the two 1/16" lines (16) installed in the valve using a ¼" wrench. Remove the three screws under the valve plate (13) and the two screws on the right of the valve.

- 5. Trace the valve wires to the rear panel and unplug the connector. Cut off the old connector, then remove the valve **(15)** from its mount.
- 6. Install the new valve in the reverse order. Run the valve wires through the back panel then attach the connector. Reinstall the probe, upper soil valve, and cover. Reinstall the power cord and turn the power back on.
- Note: In Figure 7-3 when removing Angar valve you must remove metal plate under mount plate (13). Remove insulated divider then remove three socket head screws on top of mount plate.

7.10 Sample Stir Motor Speed Adjustment

The speed of the sample stir motor may be increased or decreased by the adjustment of a pot. A small jeweler's screwdriver (1/16" flat blade or Phillips) is required.

- 1. Locate the pot access hole, on the rear panel of the Archon on the upper left side. The hole is below the 9-pin "D" connector labeled "Remote RS-232."
- 2. Start a manual sample. Be certain the stir motor is turned "ON" in the method.
- Insert the screwdriver into the hole and rotate the pot, CW will increase the speed and CCW will decrease the speed. Observe the response on the stir motor magnet.



Only slight pressure is necessary. Do not push hard with the screwdriver as damage may occur.

4. Once the speed is adjusted, stop the run.



Figure 7-5

7.11 Drip Pan Cleaning

The drip pan, located under the sample tray, should be cleaned occasionally to prevent or remove any algae buildup.



Disconnect instrument from power source before proceeding.

- Wipe the pan and clean the drain hole with a pipe cleaner or a small brush.
- Restore power to the unit.



Figure 7-6

7.12 Cleaning or Replacing the Syringe Plunger O-ring

The 26 ml syringe plunger assembly **(1)** should be cleaned once a month. The plunger assembly must be removed from the glass syringe barrel to accomplish this. Refer to Figure 7-7.

- 1. Turn the helium flow Toggle Switch "OFF."
- Start from the main Archon menu. Press the "System" key. Using the "2 ▼" or "8 ▲" key, scroll through the menu selections until the "Maintenance" line is selected. Press ENTER.
- 3. Using the "2▼" or "8▲" key again, scroll through the menu until the "Clean Syringe" line is selected. Press ENTER, the gripper will move to the front and the following menu will be displayed. Follow the instructions and remove the thumbscrew (2) from the bottom of the plunger arm (3).

Remove thumbscrew. Press any key to continue.

4. The display will show "Clean Syringe" while the plunger arm **(3)** is moving down. When the movement stops the display will show the following

Remove the 2 screws (4) from lower block Press any key to continue. 5. The following menu will be displayed.

Remove syringe Pull down carefully Press any key to continue.

Gently pull the syringe barrel down off the valve manifold assembly **(6)**. Examine the plunger and o-ring for any corrosion or damage. If the o-ring has been leaking or there is obvious damage to the o-ring, it should be replaced.

Remove syringe Pull down carefully Press any key to continue.

- 7. If the o-ring requires only cleaning, rinse the plunger assembly with a diluted (50:50) solution of acetic or nitric acid, followed by rinsing the plunger with very warm water and drying it with air or nitrogen. This will remove any Teflon particles from the o-ring and any salt deposits on the plunger body. Rinse the inside of the glass barrel with water and wipe it dry with a soft tissue. **Note:** Make sure the barrel and plunger are free of any buildup
- 8. If the o-ring needs replacement, remove the old o-ring from the plunger. Warm the new o-ring in very hot water for several minutes. The new o-ring will slide on the plunger from the rear. With ONLY your fingers, gently push the o-ring into the plunger's groove. Do not scratch the o-ring with your fingernails. *NEVER* use a tool. **Note:** Make sure the barrel and plunger are free of any buildup
- 9. Wet the top end of the 26 ml syringe glass barrel and the plunger assembly with warm water. Gently push the plunger back into the barrel.
- 10. Press any key and the following menu will be displayed.

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Install syringe
push up carefully
Press any key to continue.
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Carefully align plunger along axis of glass barrel and do not force the plunger as breakage may occur.

- 11. Replace the barrel with the plunger assembly back up onto the valve manifold assembly. Push it up VERY gently. Reinstall the support block with the two Allen socket head screws.
- 12. Press any key. The display will show "Clean Syringe" and the plunger rod arm will begin to move up. The following menu will be displayed.

Align plunger rod in plunger arm. Press any key to continue.

- The plunger rod arm will stop about ½" from the bottom of the plunger rod (5). Grasp the plunger rod with your fingers and pull it down into the hole in the arm (3).
- 14. Press any key. The display will now show the following menu. Replace the thumbscrew then press any key.

Replace thumbscrew. Press any key to continue.

15. The display now shows "Clean Syringe" and the plunger will move up. The vial gripper will move back to the home position. Press the System key twice to exit back to the main Archon menu.

Turn the helium toggle switch "ON." The Archon is now ready to begin running samples.



Figure 7-7

1	Syringe Plunger Assemby	4	Screws
2	Thumbscrew	5	Plunger Rod
3	Plunger Arm	6	Valve manifold Assembly

7.13 Cleaning the Internal Standard Valve and Lines

(Refer to Figure 7-8).

If the recovery of the internal standard(s) appears to be too low or is erratic, the lines to and from the internal standard valve and the valve rotor should be cleaned. The following steps detail the cleaning maintenance procedure. A 1/4" open end wrench is necessary.

Turn the helium gas OFF with the toggle switch, (refer to Figure 7-10).

- Remove the reservoir vial (1) or (2). Disconnect the pickup tube (3 or 4). From the Valco valve, blow through the pickup valve tubes with 40-50 psi nitrogen or helium.
- 2. Disconnect the two waste lines (5 or 6) from the Valco valve.

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1	Reservoir vial #1 DY-505484-00	7
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- 2 Reservoir vial #2 DY-505484-00
- **3** Pickup tube DY-700020-00
- 4 Pickup tube DY-700020-00
- 5 Waste lines DY-700017-00
- 6 Waste lines DY-700018-00



Figure 7-8

- Lines DY-505502-00
- Lines DY-505501-00
- Knuled retaining knob
- Valve DY-505407-00
- Thumb nut

- 3. Blow through the lines with clean nitrogen or helium.
- 4. Remove the two lines (7 or 8) from the bottom of the valve. These two lines are water/sample supply lines to and from the valve manifolds. Unscrew the lines from the manifold assemblies and using clean nitrogen or helium blow through the lines.
- 5. Unscrew the knurled retaining knob (9) on the front of the valve body. Do not use an Allen wrench.
- 6. With a small pick (the tool used to remove a GC septum works well) remove the valve rotor. If this is not possible try a small magnet. Note the position of the groove (loop) on the rotor. It MUST be facing down.
- 7. Blow through the valve **(10)** from the front using clean nitrogen or helium. Be certain there is flow coming out of each hole.
- 8. Reattach all the lines to their proper locations. Be certain all the fittings are tight.
- Insert the rotor into the valve. BE SURE THE GROOVE IS FACING DOWN! Install the knurled knob. Using your fingers, tighten the knob until it will no longer rotate.
- 10. Turn the helium toggle switch to "ON."

Note: If it is necessary to remove the 5 ml standard reservoir vials, be very certain the helium toggle switch is off. Grasp the vial before rotating the black thumbnut (11).

7.14 Installation of the Internal Standard Vials

Before beginning a sample run, be certain the 5 ml Standard Vial(s) are filled with the required internal standard or surrogate.

To fill the vials:

- 1. Turn the helium gas "OFF" with the toggle switch.
- 2. Grasp the vial and loosen the black thumbnut. Slide the vial with Thumbnut and ferrule down clearing the pickup tube.
- 3. Clean the vial, dry it thoroughly and fill the vial with approximately 5 ml of standard and / or surrogate.
- Remove black thumbnut, slide over neck of vial with 3/8" Teflon ferrule (P/N 28-694637-00). Then slide the vial up into standard mount. Finger-tighten until it is snug.



Do not use any tools and do not overtighten.



Figure 7-9

5. Return the toggle switch to the ON position. Prime the lines as described in Section 6.3.1.



Figure 7-10

7.15 Shipping Instructions

If the Archon must be shipped, the "Shipping Positions" menu must be accessed to set the Archon in its correct shipping mode. Press the "System" key, scroll down to the *System Maintenance*, menu line "Shipping Positions." Press ENTER, the display will now show "Shipping Positions", then:

"Remove tray Remove Power."

The robotic arm will move to the shipping location, the 26 ml syringe plunger will lower and the sample elevator will be raised. Once all movement has ceased, turn the power off, unplug the power cord, remove the sample tray and install the shipping screw and spacer through the left side into the robotic arm. The Archon is now ready to be packaged and shipped.



The shipping screw and spacer must be installed or serious damage will occur!

8 Remote I/O Cable Hookup Instructions

The following drawings are to be used to interface the Archon to the purge and trap and or gas chromatograph. The interface will allow the Archon, the purge and trap, and the GC to send and receive correct signals such as the GC ready and remote start. Each make and model purge and trap and GC will have slightly different I/O connections, therefore, refer to the drawing which is specific to your system.

WARNING: SHOCK HAZARD

If any panels must be removed to make cable installations, turn the power off and unplug the instrument.

Archon REMOTE I/O connector signal pin-outs.

Pin Number	Signal	Wire Color
1	Logic Ground	Black
2	Logic Ground	Brown
3	Logic Ground	
4	Logic Ground	
5	Start Purge (no), Relay Output	Red
6	Start Purge (nc)	
7	Soil Purging (com)	
8	Aux Output (no)	
9	Aux Output (nc)	
10	Soil Purging2 (com)	
11	Serial Output	Reserved
12	Serial Clock	Reserved
13	Serial Load	Reserved
14	Standby (L), Signal Input	Blue
15	Drain (L), Signal Input	Green
16	Emergency Stop (L)	
17	Spare	Reserved
18	Start Purge (com), Relay Output	White
19	Soil Purging (no)	
20	Soil Purging (nc)	
21	Aux Output (com)	
22	Soil Purging2 (no)	
23	Soil Purging2 (nc)	
24	not used	
25	+5 Vdc	Reserved

NOTE: All pin outs in **Bold** are used on the Archon cables.

8.1 Archon to Tekmar LSC-2000 and 3000, P/N DY-505872-00



Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others CLOSED. DIP switch UO13 all OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose Standard. GCType =63. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. **Be certain the locking screws** secure the connector to the chassis. The spade terminals will attach to the GC and Data System at their appropriate connections. Refer to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.



8.2 Archon to Tekmar 3000 with HP 5890, P/N DY-505869-00

Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others CLOSED. DIP switch UO13 all OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose Standard. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. **Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.** The 12-position connector will connect to the HP 5890 and the red and black to the Data System. Refer to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

8.3 Archon to Tekmar LSC 2000/3000 with Varian 3400/3600



Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others closed. DIP switch UO13 all OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose Standard. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. **Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.** The connectors P23 and P16 will connect to the Varian 3400/3600 GC motherboard at connectors J23 and J16. The grounding clamp should be secured to the GC chassis. Attach red and black wires to the Data System. Refer to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

Note: Make sure to select Aquatek 50.



8.3.1 Varian GC Motherboard Attachments – J16 and J32

8.3.2 J-16 Splitter DY-700030-00



8.3.3 J-23 Splitter DY-700031-00



When connecting to a Varian series 3400 or 3600 GC with Star Workstation, connectors from both the Archon I/O cable and the Star Workstation cable must access the J16 and J23 connectors on the GC motherboard. This is possible using the J16 Splitter (DY-700030-00) and the J23 Splitter (DY-700031-00) following the instructions below:

- 1) Turn off the power and unplug the power cord from the GC. Remove the top panels to allow access to the GC motherboard.
- 2) Route the GC-end of the Archon I/O cable and the GC-end of the Star Workstation cable through the back panel of the GC (see Star Workstation installation diagram).
- 3) Connect the 5-pin female Molex connector (P-23) from the Star Workstation cable to the male connector on the J-23 Splitter with 4 pins (the #2 position lacks a pin).
- 4) Connect the 5-pin female Molex connector from the Archon I/O cable to the 5-pin male connector on the J-23 Splitter.
- 5) Connect the J-23 Splitter to the J-23 connector on the GC motherboard (see GC manual for motherboard layout schematic).
- 6) Connect the 4-pin female Molex connector from the Archon I/O cable to either of the 4-pin male connectors on the J-16 Splitter.
- 7) Connect the 4-pin female Molex connector (P-16) from the Star Workstation cable to either of the 4-pin male connectors on the J-16 Splitter.
- 8) Connect the J-16 Splitter to the J-16 connector on the GC motherboard (see GC manual for motherboard layout schematic).
- 9) Complete the installation of the Archon I/O cable and of the Star Workstation cable according to the standard instructions for those cables.

Technical Note: The following sequence occurs when the Archon and a Purge and Trap unit is configured with the Varian 3400 and 3600 GC with Star Workstation:

- 1) The Archon begins its sample handling after receiving a Ready signal from the Purge and Trap unit. As configured above, the Purge and Trap goes to Ready without waiting for the GC. This allows the user to prepare the GC or Workstation while the sample is being purged and collected in the Purge and Trap.
- 2) The Purge and Trap collects the purged sample onto its trap and waits for a Ready signal from the GC. This occurs after the Workstation issues a Ready signal to the GC through the Workstation's cable plug attached to the GC's J-16 "Ready-In" pins, 1 and 2. In turn, the GC sends a "Ready-Out" signal from its J-23 pins 1 and 3 into the Archon I/O cable.
- 3) When the Purge and Trap has both completed its purge cycle and detected a Ready signal from the GC, the Purge and Trap desorbs the sample from its trap and issues a "Desorb-Out" signal to both the Archon and to the Varian GC. This signal travels through the Remote I/O cable supplied with the Archon.
- 4) The Desorb-Out signal from the Purge and Trap starts the Archon's "AutoDrain" cycle which drains the sparge vessel if a water-sample method is being run on the Archon.
- 5) The Desorb-Out signal simultaneously travels through the Archon Remote I/O cable to its connector attached to the GC's J-16 Start-In pins, 3 and 4, and initiates the GC run. The GC in turn initiates a "Start-Out" signal through J-23 pins, 4 and 5, which triggers the Workstation to begin data collection.



8.4 Archon to Tekmar LSC 2000 / 3000 with HP 5895/96/85/87/88/92

GC/MS with HP-1000/RTE GC/MS Software, HP 5890 MSD RTE (RTE-A, RTE-6, or Rev F^2), P/N DY-505876-00

Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others closed. DIP switch UO13 all open (If you are using the Master Cable or if you are using Revision F or greater switch 5 is to be CLOSED.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose Standard. Press ENTER to save the selection. (Master mode) or user, GC Type=32 (slave mode).
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select either method **14** or **15**, to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.

The Tekmar unit can be operated in one of two modes: Master mode or Slave mode. In Master mode, the Tekmar unit commands or signals the GC/MS or data system to start processing a

sample. In Slave mode, the GC/MS or data system commands or signals the Tekmar unit to start processing a sample.

This interface has two cables, Master and Slave control. If you install the Master cable, the unit will operate in Master mode. If you install the Slave control cable, your system will operate in Slave. If you are using Revision F or greater HP software, install both cables. Otherwise choose the mode to use and install the appropriate cable. Use these guidelines:

- If your software is not Revision F or greater and you have a cryofocusing module installed in your system, install the Master cable. Do not install the Slave cable.
- If your software is not Revision F or greater and you do not have a cryofocusing module installed, decide which system suits your needs.

If the total cycle time is shorter than the GC/MS cycle time, install the slave cable. This will insure the Archon and 3000 are ready when the GC/MS gives the start signal.

If the GC/MS cycle time is shorter than the Archon and 3000, install the master cable. When in Master mode, be certain the GC/MS is ready when the start signal is given.

Connections:

Master Cable

- 1. Locate the remote start button on the GC/MS.
- 2. Locate the Master cable. Note drawing.
- 3. Connect the Master cable to the receptacle on the rear of the remote start button.

Slave Cable

- 1. Locate the Molex plug labeled "Accessory Connection" on the rear of the GC/MS.
- 2. Remove the Molex plug from the remote start button.
- 3. Locate the Slave cable. Note drawing.
- 4. If you have Revision F or greater software, attach the two pins, from the Slave cable, to position 27 and 28 on the Molex plug. It does not matter to which position each pin attaches. If you do not have Revision F or greater, attach the two pins, from the Slave cable, to position 25 and 26 on the Molex plug. It does not matter to which position each pin attaches.

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- 1. If your software is Revision F or greater: Select MNUAL under INJECTOR CONTROL.
- 2. If you are using DATAC in Slave mode: Select relay #1 ON 0.1 min.; OFF 0.2 min.
- 3. If you are using BATCH SEQUENCE in Master mode, select the following: Bottle #1 (use remote start button.), ALS stroke 1.
- 4. If you are using BATCH SEQUENCE in Slave mode, select the following: Bottle # 0 (non-HP autosamplers), ALS stroke 1, Relay #1 ON, 0.10 min; OFF 0.2 min.

8.5 Archon to Tekmar LSC 2000 / 3000 with HP 5890 w/5970/71/72

MSD and UnixB or MS-DOS Software, and HP 5890/5989 MS Engine, P/N DY-505874-00



Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others CLOSED. DIP switch UO13, 5 closed all others OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose User GC Type=31 Handshaking: ON. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. **Be certain the locking screws** secure the connector to the chassis. The 12-position connector will connect to the HP 5890 and the red and black to the Data System. Refer to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

Note: HP5890 w/5972 needs special box and cable:

- 1. Parallel REM remote PCA 05990-60320
- 2. Parallel cable 05990-60019.

8.6 Archon to Tekmar LSC 2000 / 3000 to HP 6890, P/N DY-505873-00



If you are installing to a 2000 set the DIP switches as follows:

Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others CLOSED. DIP switch UO13 all OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose User GC-31. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon and to the purge and trap. **Be certain the locking screws** secure the connector to the chassis. The 9-position "D" connector will connect to either of the HP 6890 APG (Analytical Product Group) remote connectors. These connectors are located near the MIO INET card on the rear of the GC.



8.7 Archon to OI 4460/4560 with HP 5890, P/N DY-505871-00

Attach the "D" connector of the cable to the Archon. **Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.**

Attach the 12-position connector to the HP 5890.

Attach the individual wires to the Relay I/O terminal at the rear panel of the OI concentrator.

The remaining cable can be used to start the data system.

Refer to the above schematic for the correct wiring locations and to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

Note: 4460A

Archon	Color	OI
15	Green	4
3	Brown	5

Dip Switches	1 on (closed)
	6 on (closed)
	7 on (closed)



8.8 Archon to OI 4460 / 4560 with Varian 3400/3600, P/N DY-505870-00

Attach the "D" connector of the cable to the Archon. **Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.**

Attach connectors P16 and P23 to the Varian GC (J16 and J23 on the Motherboard) and secure the grounding clamp to the GC chassis.

Attach the individual wires to the Relay I/O terminal at the rear panel of the OI concentrator.

The remaining cable can be used to start the data system.

Refer to the above schematic for the correct wiring locations and to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

8.9 Archon to OI 4460 / 4560 to HP 5890, RTE HP 1000 GC / MS Software



HP 5970 MSD or HP 5988 MS, P/N DY-505875-00

Attach the "D" connector of the cable to the Archon. **Be certain the locking screws secure the connector to the chassis.**

Attach the 12-position connector to the HP 5890.

The remaining cable can be used to start the data system.

Attach the BNC connector to the start box on the GC/MS.

Refer to the above schematic for the correct wiring locations and to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

8.10 Archon to Tekmar 2000/3000 with Varian 3800, PN 03-925673-01



Note: The DIP switch UO12 settings in the LSC 2000 must be as follows; 3 OPEN and 4 CLOSED. All others closed. DIP switch UO13 all OPEN.

For a 3000 installation, the Tekmar GC Port must be specified.

- 1. At the Standby Screen, press the key labeled "CONF."
- 2. At the Configuration Screen, press A (GC I/O Port). The GC Port Screen appears.
- 3. Choose Standard. Press ENTER to save the selection.
- 4. Turn the instrument off.

The Tekmar 3000 must be programmed to give a switch closure at purge ready. This switch closure will initiate the Archon to begin the sample Cycle. Select method 14 to provide correct polarity settings for the purge ready output. If another method is selected please refer to the Tekmar manual for additional information.

Connect the cable to the Archon, to the purge and trap, and 3800. **Be certain the locking** screws secure the connector to the chassis. Refer to your GC and Data System manuals for correct connector locations.

9 Error Code Screen Messages

Message	Description
Must Calibrate (Target Position) first. Vial 1 position Water Probe Equilibrium Block Knockoff Clearance Press any key to reset.	This message appears if one of the Calibrations has not been performed. Refer to Section 6.
First vial > last in method #. Press any key to continue.	This message appears if the First vial parameter in the method number shown, is larger than the Last vial #'s parameter. Edit the method and change the vial number entries.
Vial # type is different in method # and method #. Press any key to continue.	This message shows there are duplicate sample type settings for the indicated vial two or more methods.
Position out of range. Try again. Press any key to continue.	Current settings are greater than 1/4" from previous settings.
Could not sense vial. Press any key to continue.	This message occurs if the vial sensor switch does not detect a vial. The sensor could be damaged or the vertical coordinate setting could be incorrect. See Section 6.
Can't Front Park while running. Press any key to continue	This message displays if the Front Park command is attempted while the instrument is running.
Can't calibrate while running. Press any key to continue	This message displays if Calibration Setup was attempted while the instrument is running.
Can't diagnose while running. Press any key to continue	This message displays if any of the System Diagnostics was attempted while the instrument is running.
Can't control standard while running. Press any key to reset.	This message displays if the Control Standard was attempted while the instrument is running.
Door Ajar	This indicates the sample tray door is open. The door must be closed while the Robotic Arm is moving.
Resuming	After the sample tray door is closed, the display will indicate Resuming.
(Front/Rear) Motor timed out. Left/Right Vertical Press any key to reset.	This message indicates one of the four motors has not reached its intended position within a set time, or there is a mechanical blockage, belt slippage, or a loose Allen set screw.

Lost vial. Press any key to reset.	This indicates the gripper has lost a vial. Check for a jammed vial or damaged sensor.
Replace vial (#) in the tray. Press any key to continue.	This message indicates a vial was removed from the tray or Equilibrium Block. Examine the vial locations and replace the vial.
Could not step off vial. Press any key to reset.	This indicates the vial sensor switch is continuously detecting no vial. This could be due to no helium, a broken switch or a mechanical problem with the gripper.
Stuck vial. Press any key to reset.	This indicates the vial is jammed or stuck in the gripper. This could be a damaged vial sensor switch.
Could not sense vial(#) in vial type slot. Press any key to reset.	This message indicates the vial located in the vial ID (type) cup was not detected. This could be a damaged vial sensor switch, incorrect coordinate, or a mechanical problem.
Soil vial can't be run as Needle Sparge. Press any key to continue.	This indicates a SoilVial was identified in the ID cup and the System Option Needle Sparge is YES. See Section 6.7. An adjustment may need to be made on the photo optic sensor, or the sensor is bad.
Water/Soil vial can't be run in a Water/Soil method.	This indicates the vial type doesn't match the method type.
Remove vial (#) from the tray and then Press any key to continue.	This indicates the gripper is trying to load a vial in a position which already contains a vial. Remove the vial from the position and continue.
Didn't sense vial. Put it in the tray and press any key.	This message indicates the gripper tried to move a vial back to the tray, and no vial was detected. Check the Equilibrium Block and tray for any vials which may be loaded incorrectly.
(Elevator or Syringe) alreadv	This indicates the Elevator or Syringe motor arrived tee
homed error. Pos (#). Press any key to reset.	early to its home position. This could be a slipping belt, motor or electronic problem. (Elevator or Syringe) not homed error.
homed error. Pos (#). Press any key to reset. (Elevator or Syringe) not homed error. Press any key to reset.	 This indicates the Elevator of Syninge motor arrived too early to its home position. This could be a slipping belt, motor or electronic problem. (Elevator or Syringe) not homed error. This message indicates a motor has not reached it's home position. This could be a slipped belt, a failed motor, board or home switch adjustment.
homed error. Pos (#). Press any key to reset. (Elevator or Syringe) not homed error. Press any key to reset. (Elevator or Syringe) home error. Press any key to reset.	 This indicates the Elevator of Syninge motor arrived too early to its home position. This could be a slipping belt, motor or electronic problem. (Elevator or Syringe) not homed error. This message indicates a motor has not reached it's home position. This could be a slipped belt, a failed motor, board or home switch adjustment. This is only on start up. It means the Elevator or Syringe motor never homed. The motor is for some reason out of position. This could be a bad belt, motor, switch or electronic problem.

Message	Description
Serial Error. Press any key to reset.	This indicates bad or no internal communication between internal boards or cables. Check cables and reboot.
At home timeout. (Motor failure) Press any key to reset.	This is another internal communication failure.
Check for a jammed vial or low helium pressure. Hit any key to reset.	This indicates a problem with the Robotic Arm or vial gripper. A vial is jamming the arm, low helium pressure or a home sensor has failed.
Error resetting motor board. Press any key to reset.	This is an internal board communication failure.
Standard home error. Press any key to reset.	This message indicates the Standard motor has not reached its home position. Check for a motor failure or mechanical jam or sensor failure.
Stack overflow. Press any key to reset.	This is an internal error. Contact Varian.
Subroutine ? not found. Press any key to reset.	This is an internal error. Contact Varian.
Invalid jump label. Press any key to reset.	This is an internal error. Contact Varian.
Invalid command. Press any key to reset.	This is an internal error. Contact Varian.
Incomplete setup/startup	This is a communication failure between the motor control board and the processor board. It could be a poor connection, defective cable or a bad processor board.

10 Spare Parts and Service Information

To obtain technical information, order parts, or service for your Archon call:

(800) 926-3000

Outside the U.S.A., contact your nearest Varian office listed at the front of this manual.

Before calling for service or parts please note:

- 1. The serial number of your instrument (located the front bottom right of the frame).
- 2. If ordering parts, have the part number, description, and quantity needed.
- 3. Please specify the Software revision number (this be seen on the display by pressing the "—" key after power up.

Press the "—" key after power up of the instrument. The display will show the version level of the software and the date of the software.

Archon parts are categorized into: Interface Cables, Vials/Septa, Probes/ Needles, Solenoids Valves, Syringe/Internal Standard Parts, Lines/Fittings, Electrical Items, Miscellaneous, Options.

Part Number Description

Interface Cables

DY-505872-00	Archon to Tekmar LSC-2000/3000
DY-505869-00	Archon to Tekmar 3000 to HP 5890
DY-505868-00	Archon to Tekmar LSC-2000/3000 to Varian 3400/3600
DY-700035-90	Archon to Tekmar 2000/3000 to Varian 3400/3600 w/Star Workstation
03-925673-01	Archon to Tekmar 2000/3000 with Varian 3800
DY-505876-00	Archon to Tekmar 3000 to HP 5895/96/85/87/88/92 GC/MS with HP-1000/RTE GC/MS Software, HP 5890 w/5970 MSD and RTE (RTE-A, RTE-6, or Rev F^2) (only 3000)
DY-505871-00	Archon to OI 4460/4560 to HP 5890
DY-505870-00	Archon to OI 4460/4560 to Varian 3400/3600
DY-700036-90	Archon to OI 4460/4560 to Varian 3400/3600 with Star Workstation (software agreement - 03-914688-00)
DY-505875-00	Archon to OI 4460/4560 to HP 5890, RTE HP 1000 GC/MS software, HP 5970 MSD or HP 5988 MS
DY-505873-00	Archon to Tekmar 2000 & 3000 with HP 6890
DY-505874-00	Archon to Tekmar 3000 with HP 5890 with 5970/71/72 MSD and Unix-B or MS-DOS Software, and HP 5890/5989 MS Engine (only 3000)
DY-505877-00	Archon to OI4460/4560
DY-700030-00	Splitter Board – J16 Motherboard
DY-700031-00	Splitter Board – J23
DY-700035-90	Archon-Tekmar/OI – 3400 w/Star Workstation splitter kit

Part Number Description

Vials / Caps, Septa, Stir Bars

DY-504252-00	22 mm EPA Low-Bleed Soil Septa, pkg. of 60
DY-504104-00	22 mm EPA Low-Bleed Soil Septa, pkg. of 300
DY-505023-00	22 mm EPA Low-Bleed Soil Septa, pkg. of 3000
DY-664671-00	Teflon/Silicon Water Vial Septa, pkg. of 72
DY-630068-00	40 ml Screw Cap VOA Vials &Caps, pkg. of 72 (for Water and Needle Sparge Samples)
DY-504099-00	SoilVials, pkg. of 6
DY-502955-00	Stir Bars for VOA Vials, each (Water and Needle Sparge Samples)
DY-504024-00	Stir Bars for SoilVials, each

Probes / Needles

DY-505491-00	Water Probe Assembly (5100)
DY-505739-90	Water Probe Assembly (Units after S/N 995, 5100A)
DY-505490-90	Soil Probe Assembly (SV Units only, 5100) Double ended vials
DY-505743-90	Soil Probe Assembly (SV Units only, S/N after 995, 5100A) <i>Double ended vials</i>
DY-505492-90	Needle Sparge Soil Probe Assembly (NS Units only, 5100) <i>Single End Vials</i>
DY-505741-90	Needle Sparge Soil Probe Assembly (Units after S/N 995, 5100A) <i>Single End Vials</i>
DY-505463-90	Lower Soil Purge Gas Needle Assembly (SV Units only)
DY-700076-91	Needle sparge soil purge (NS Units only after 9/99) Single End Vials
Solenoid Valves	
DY-505720-00	Burkert (Single) Solenoid Valve Assembly
DY-505899-02	3-Way Angar Solenoid Valve Assembly (Gripper Solenoid/Press Gas

	Solenoid)
DY-505899-01	2-Way Angar Solenoid Valve Assembly (Soil Purge Gas Solenoid/Soil transfer solenoid)
DY-700032-00	Archon Heated Upper Soil Valve Assembly (Units after 12039)
DY-505791-00	Archon 5100A Purge Gas Cutoff Valve Assembly (Units S/N 995-12046)
DY-505899-03	Archon Purge Gas Cutoff Valve (Units after 12047)
DY-503074-00	Relief Valve

Syringe / Internal Standard Parts

DY-700060-91	26 ml Plunger Tip Assembly (with rod)
DY-505495-00	O-Ring
DY-505460-00	Plunger only
DY-502968-00	Syringe Glass Barrel
DY-505598-00	75 Micron, Water Probe Screen
DY-505484-00	5 ml Standard Reservoir Vial
28-694637-00	3/8" Teflon Ferrule for Reservoir Vial

Description Part Number DY-505726-00 1 µl Rotor Loop DY-505407-00 Valco Valve and Actuator Assembly DY-505599-00 Soil Probe Filter Frit Internal Standard Pickup and Waste Line Kit DY-700019-90 Lines / Fittings Transfer Line (Water Only), SS, 1/16" x 5' long DY-505514-00 Soil Transfer line E-form, 83" (Line Only). This line must be cut for units DY-505745-00 manufactured prior to 11/95. 28-694501-00 1/16" Valco SS Nut (Compression Type) 1/16" Swagelok SS Front Ferrule 28-693996-00 28-693997-00 1/16" Swagelok SS Back Ferrule DY-700081-01 Super flangeless nuts and ferrules (8 pk.) 28-694502-00 Valco 1/16" Ferrule

Electrical Items

Switches / Sensors / Fuse / Motors

DY-505273-00	Syringe and Elevator Limit Switch Assembly (Both Switches)
DY-505269-00	No Vial Sensor Assembly
DY-505883-00	Stir Motor Assembly
DY-505882-00	Elevator Motor Assembly
DY-505878-00	26 mL Syringe Motor
DY-505884-00	Up/Down Gripper Motor
DY-505881-00	Front/Rear Motor
DY-504283-00	Fuse, 6 amp / 250V, MDL-6
DY-505239-00	Fuse, 2.5 amp for I/O Board
DY-505238-00	Fuse, 1 amp for I/O Board
55-500349-00	Fuse, 3.15 amp / 250V, T-type
DY-505898-01	ID Photo Optic Sensor Assembly (Equilibrium block)
DY-505898-00	Photo Optic Sensor Assembly

Heaters

DY-700001-01	Transfer Line Heater Assembly, Tekmar
DY-700025-90	Transfer Line Heater Assembly, Tekmar, w/bracket and clamp
DY-700001-02	Transfer Line Heater Assembly, O.I.
DY-700025-91	Transfer Line Heater Assembly, O.I., w/bracket and clamp
DY-505895-00	Heater with Thermocouple Assembly, (for soil sample chamber)
DY-505896-00	Soil Valve/Probe Block Heater Assembly
DY-505596-00	Water Heater Assembly

Boards

DY-505249-00 Processor - use -01 Generic, -02 OI E-prom DY-504914-00 Motor Control DY-505240-00 Remote I/O

Part Number Description

DT-505254-00 Reypau	
DY-505236-00 LCD Display	
DY-504763-00 Power Supply	
DY-505242-00 Up/Down Sensor Board	I
DY-505243-00 Left/Right Sensor Board	ł

Installation Kits

DY-505624-90	Installation Kit for Tekmar 3000*
DY-505746-90	Installation Kit for Tekmar 2000 / 3000
DY-505747-90	Installation Kit for OI 4460
DY-505748-90	Installation Kit for OI 4560
	*For Archon AutoSamplers manufactured before December 1995

Miscellaneous

27-239992-00	Purge Gas Pressure Gauge (See Section 11.1).
DY-504156-00	Flow Controller (See Section 11.1).
03-918707-04	Purge gas regulator (See Section 11.1).
03-918707-05	Syringe Plate Regulator (See Section 11.4)
DY-505372-00	Timing Belt for L/R Motor (See Section 11.5)
DY-505362-00	Timing Belt for F/R Motor (See Section 11.5)
DY-505384-00	Timing Belt for U/D Motor (See Section 11.5)
DY-505477-00	Timing Belt for Vial Elevator and 26 ml Syringe (See Section 11.4)
DY-505363-00	Timing Leadscrew Pulley (See Section 11.3, 11.4)
DY-505393-00	Motor Pulley (Robotic Arm Motors) (See Section 11.5)
DY-505429-00	Motor Pulley (Vial Elevator and 26 ml Syringe Motors) (See Section 11.4)
DY-505415-90	Archon Auto Calibrate Upgrade Assembly (Rev. 2.8 up)
DY-505815-90	Archon Software Upgrade with Cable
DY-505419-90	Calibration Bar and Pin Kit (DY-505893-00 Pin, DY-505894-00 Bar)
88-299282-00	Blue Sealant (Locktite [®])#242
88-299289-00	Clear Sealant (Locktite)#430
DY-505816-00	Bottle Plug Assembly
DY-505356-00	Drive Shaft Bearing
DY-504850-00	Thrust Bearing (See Section 11.4)

Options

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DY-505626-90	Bar Code Reader Kit (requires Windows [®] Software)
DY-505627-00	Recirculating Bath Kit for cooling of sample vials
DY-700085-90	Plumbing for recirculating both (unit shipped after 3-1-99)
DY-505628-90	Rinse Water Kit for interfacing direct water line (replaces blank/wash bottle)
DY-505629-90	Windows® Software using Windows 3.1 or '95
DY-505630-90	Archon SoilVial conversion to Needle Sparge kit
DY-505631-90	Archon Needle Sparge conversion to SoilVial kit

11 Technical Assemblies

11.1 Front Panel

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- 27-239992-00 Purge Gas Pressure Gauge
- 2 03-918707-04 Purge Gas Regulator
- 3 DY-504156-00 Helium Flow Controller


11.2 Syringe Plate

- 1 Internal Standard Valve Assembly
- 2 Mixing Solenoids/26 mL Syringe Assembly
- 3 Sample Probes
- 4 Vial Sample Stations



11.2.1 Internal Standard Valve Assembly

- 1 DY-505879-00 Standard Motor w/6-port valve with gray cable
- 1a DY-505407-00 Standard valve and actuator
- 2 DY-505484-00 5 mL Reservoir Vials
- 3 DY-505726-00 Rotor with 1 μ L Internal Loop
- **4** 28-694637-00 3/8" Teflon Ferrule
- 5 DY-700019-00 Internal std. pickup/waste line kit



11.2.2 Mixing Solenoids / 26 mL Syringe Assembly

- 1 DY-505830-00 Syringe Mixing Manifold Assembly
- 1a DY-505720-00 Single burkert valve
- 2 DY-700060-91 Valcon E-2 plunger and rod assembly (units > 12216)
- **3** DY-505495-00 O-ring
- 4 DY-505598-00 10 micron Water Probe Screen
- 5 DY-502968-00 Syringe Glass Barrel



11.2.3 Probe Section

1	DY-505491-00	5491-00 Water Probe (Archons with external valve)		
	DY-505739-90	Water Probe (> S/N 995)		
2	DY-505490-90 DY-505743-90	Soil Probe (SV units only for SN <995) Soil Probe (SV units only for SN >995)	For use with double ended cap vials only	
3	DY-505492-90	Needle Sparge Probe Assembly (NS Units Only)	For use with single end cap vials only	
	DY-505741-90	(NS Units Only) (> S/N 995)		
4	DY-505895-00	Heater with Thermocouple Assembly	bly for probe/US Valve	
5	DY-700081-01	Flangeless nut and ferrules (8 pk.)		
6	DY-700001-/01/02	Soil Transfer Line and heater Assemb -01 use for dual, -02 use for single	embly	
	DY-505745-00	Soil Transfer Line (tubing only)		



11.2.4 Vial Sample Stations

- 1 DY-505883-00 Stir Motor Assembly
- 2 DY-505896-00 Soil Vial Block Heater Assembly
- **3** DY-505463-90 Lower Soil Purge Gas Needle Assembly (for use with double ended cap vials only)
- 4 DY-700024-00 Probe Guide Support Rod
- 5 DY-700056-00 Guide Rod Assembly
- 6 DY-5055451-00 Water Vial Cup



11.3 Interface / Transfer Line, Purge Gas Solenoid

- 1DY-700032-00Upper Soil Valve Assembly (Units > than 120038)DY-700039-00Upper Soil Valve Kit (Units > than 120039)
- 2 DY-700001-01 Soil Transfer Line and Heater Assembly (dual dia)
 - DY-700001-02 Soil Transfer Line and Heater Assembly (single dia)
 - DY-505745-00 Soil Transfer Line (Tubing Only)
- **3** DY-505895-00 Heater with Thermocouple Assembly
- 4 DY-505514-00 SS Transfer Line (water only)
- 5 DY-700081-01 Flangeless nuts and ferrules (8 pk.)





11.4 Rear Panel

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- 1. DY-505899-02 3- Way Angar Solenoid Valve Assembly (Press gas solenoid)
 - DY-505899-01 2- Way Angar Solenoid Valve Assembly (Soil transfer gas solenoid)
- 3. DY-505363-00 Timing Pulley (Leadscrew)
- 4. DY-505477-00 Timing Belt for Vial Elevator Motor
- 5. DY-505429-00 1/4 " Motor Pulley (Elevator/syringe)
- 6. DY-505273-00 Syringe and Elevator Limit Switch Assembly (Both Switches)
- 7. 03-918707-05 Helium Gas Pressure Regulator
- 8. DY-505477-00 Timing Belt for 26 ml Syringe Motor
- 9. DY-505831-00 Solenoid Mixing Manifold Assembly
- 9a DY-505720-00 Single Burkert valve
- 10. DY-505442-91 New Bracket Assembly 26 mL syringe
- 11. DY-505442-92 Elevator Bracket Assembly
- 12. DY-505882-00 Archon probe up/down motor (elevator)
- 13. DY-505878-00 25 mL syringe drive motor
- Note: For face mounted valves only
- 14. DY-700108-90 New Helium Manifold (units greater than SN 12953 shipped after 11-13-98.)
- 14a DY-700112-00 Press gas solenoid (Units >12953, shipped after 11-13-98).
- **14b** DY-700111-00 Soil transfer gas solenoid (Units >12953, shipped after 11-13-98).
- 14c DY-70008-01 Flangeless nuts and ferrules 8 pk
- 15 DY-505407-00 Valve and actuator assembly
- 16 DY-504850-00 Thrust bearing



11.5 Robotic Arm

- 1 DY-505884-00 Up/Down Motor Assembly
- 2 DY-505393-00 Motor Pulley (Gripper)
- 3 DY-505384-00 Timing Belt Up/Down Motor
- 4 DY-505881-00 Front/Rear Motor Assembly
- 5 DY-505362-00 Timing Belt Front/Rear Motor
- 6 DY-505363-00 Timing Pulley (Up/Down Leadscrew)
- 7 DY-505393-00 Motor Pulley (Front/Rear)
- 8 DY-505363-00 Timing Pulley (Up/Down Leadscrew)
- 9 DY-505844-90 Gripper Block Assembly
- 10 DY-505880-00 Left/Right Motor Assembly
- 11 DY-505372-00 Timing Belt Left/Right Motor
- 12 DY-505393-00 Motor Pulley (Left/Right)
- **13** DY-505363-00 Timing Pulley (Left/Right)
- 14 DY-505242-00 Up/Down Sensor Board
- 15 DY-505243-00 Left/Right Sensor Board (not shown)
- 16 DY-505354-00 Front/Rear Support Rod
- 17 DY-505369-00 Left/Rear Support Rod
- **18** DY-505355-00 Front/Rear Lead Screw
- 19 DY-505370-00 Left/Right Lead Screw



11.6 Interconnect Diagram



Note: F/R, L/R and U/D P.O.T. should be set at 3/4, std. valve full power

12 Flow Diagrams

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