

# **OPERATOR'S GUIDE**

# Orbitor<sup>2</sup>

Pilling and Snagging Tester Model 1316

Serial Numbers 1316/13/1001 and upwards



# **UniController**

James Heal's signature user interface

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### **JAMES HEAL**

At James Heal, we are dedicated to designing and developing high precision testing instruments and test materials for physical and colour fastness testing. Our worldwide service and calibration division and expert technical assistance complement our product range, adding real value to your laboratory testing activities.

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# **Areas of Expertise**

#### **Textile: Colour Fastness**

- Chlorinated Water
- Dry Cleaning
- Dry Heat
- Hot Pressing
- Laundering
- Light
- **Textile: Physical Properties**
- Abrasion
- Bursting Strength
- Compression and Puncture
- Crease and Wrinkle Recovery
- Crimp
- Drape
- Durability
- Flammability
- Mass per unit area
- Pilling and Fuzzing

- Perspiration
- Phenolic Yellowing
- Print Durability
- Rubbing
- Washing
- Water
- Security of Attachments
- Seam Slippage
- Shrinkage
- Snagging
- Spray Rating
- Stretch and Recovery
- Surface Deterioration
- Tear Strength
- Tensile Strength
- Washing and Drying

#### **Non-Textile**

- Bursting strength of nonwovens, plastics, paper and medical products
- Micro-scratching of laminates, wooden, painted, automotive and high gloss surfaces
- Physical and colour fastness testing of leather
- Rubbing fastness of laminates and wooden surfaces
- Tear strength of paper and plastics

### INTRODUCTION

# **Orbitor<sup>2</sup> – Pilling and Snagging Tester**

The Orbitor<sup>2</sup> 1316 Series is the first Orbitor to be designed with James Heal's unique product signature and has been produced completely with the user in mind. We have combined James Heal's technical and performance expertise, with intuitive design and operation to produce the most ergonomic and user friendly Orbitor ever.

There are two standard instruments, one with 2-test positions and one with 4-test positions. To offer complete flexibility and choice, the two basic instruments can be fitted with any combination of the following test chambers:

- Pilling Box
- Snagging Box
- Pilling Drum
- Snagging Drum

For safety reasons, Orbitor features a common drive system, therefore it is not possible to run test chambers at different speeds simultaneously.

# **Key Features**

- Preset counter for running in of new cork liners
- A brushless DC motor drives the test chambers, which ensures constant speed of rotation, the machine comes to a controlled stop automatically, when the pre-set counter has been reached.
- Three basic modes of rotation to cover the requirements of all existing standards: 60 rpm, 30 rpm and 30 rpm reversing after 50 revolutions.

### **Standards**

Orbitor<sup>2</sup> complies with the following standards:

### **Pilling**

- EN ISO 12945-1
- TWC Test Method 152

(Formerly IWS)

- Marks & Spencer P18A
- Marks & Spencer P21A
- BS 5811 (withdrawn)

### Snagging

- ICI Test Method 444
- Marks & Spencer P18B
- BS 8479 (with SnagPod)

### **Orbitor Standards Matrix**

	Orbitor			Nu-Martindale Impulse			Visual Assessment												
	PILLING SNAGGING				ILLING SNAGGING				PILLING SNAGGING		Stations fitted Mexicon Stations fitted				3 3				
	60spm Filling Beat	30-pm Filling Box	60rpm Snagging Box	30rpm reverse action dram with Snagging kit	Pilling Stations fitted	American Impeller	German Impeller	fresch impeller	Filling Assessment Verser	Helescepe plus IWS SM S4 Bostary Phetographs		Molescope ples Wiven and/or Knitted Hollogram(s)	FMS Verwing Calbiner	ASTM Photographic Scandards	Pilitope with Snagging Bram				
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BS 5811 (withdrawn)																			
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ICI Test Method 444																			
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IWS TM 196																			
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M & S P18B																			
M&SP2IA																			
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NF G 07-132																			

# The Definition of Pilling

Pilling is the formation of small balls of entangled fibres on the surface of the fabric. Such surface deterioration is generally unacceptable to the consumer. The amount of pilling that develops is governed by the rate of fibre entanglement, the rate of surface fibre development and the rate of fibre and pills wear-off. These rates depend on the fibre, yarn and fabric properties. Many pilling tests now include assessment of fabric fuzzing, which can be a precursor to pill formation.

# The Definition of Snagging

Snagging is a term used to describe undesirable surface deterioration effects such as filamentation or looping. The breaking of individual threads in a woven or knitted fabric causes the generation of this type of surface damage. Here are some use terms used in snagging tests:

**Snag** – an undesirable loop on the surface of a woven or knitted fabric.

**Protrusion** – a partially formed snag.

*Filamentation* – fibrous or hairy appearance on the surface of a fabric due to broken yarn filaments.

**Pulled Thread** – a thread in a fabric that is tighter than adjacent threads.

**Shiner** – a thread that is more lustrous (and usually tighter) than adjacent threads.

**Indentation** – a concave distortion of the fabric surface.

# Scope

Orbitor<sup>2</sup> can be used to test both woven and knitted materials. It complies fully with the requirements of EN ISO 12945-1 'Textiles - Determination of fabric propensity to surface fuzzing and to pilling - Part 1: Pilling Box Method.'

In addition to Orbitor, James Heal offer Martindale and Impulse to fulfil the requirements of Part 2 and 3 of EN ISO 12945.

When fitted with Pilling Drums, Orbitor<sup>2</sup> complies with the requirements of Marks & Spencer P18A and P18B. An additional kit is available to convert the Pilling Drum to a Snagging Drum, compliant with Marks & Spencer P21A.

# **Principles of Pilling Tests**

Four tubular specimens are mounted on polyurethane pilling tubes and tumbled in the corklined box for an agreed number of revolutions.

Specimens are usually prepared from samples which have been cleansed (wash or dry cleaned). Not only is this more representative of the fabric in use but it also helps to preserve the useful life of the cork liners.

Stringent quality control of the liners and the tubes is essential in order to ensure the critical demands of the standards are satisfied.

After tumbling, the change in surface appearance is visually assessed under controlled conditions; the Pilling Assessment Viewer (PAV), illustrated below, is available for this purpose. The primary descriptive method of assessment may be supported by photographic assessment.



The Pilling Assessment Viewer (PAV) used with EN ISO 12945-1 and -2.

Snagging differs from pilling by the inclusion of standard points fitted in either the Box or the Drum. Any tendency to form undesirable potential fabric deficiencies are highlighted as the tubular specimens randomly catches on the points.

ICI 444 modifies the cork lined box used for pilling tests by including one point in the centre of each of the six (6) sides of the box.

SnagPod, which is used for BS 8479, has four (4) rows of 20 angled pins spaced evenly inside the octagonal chamber. It is important to ensure the correct direction of the angled pins relative to the direction of rotation.



SnagPod: connected to Orbitor, pin bars specimens on tubes.

### INSTALLATION

# **Health and Safety**

- Orbitor<sup>2</sup> has a mass of approximately 20 kg, therefore assistance from a colleague or suitable lifting apparatus is recommended.
- Orbitor<sup>2</sup> complies with the CE regulations in full, see page 30 for details.
- Ensure all test chambers are secure before commencing a test.
- Ensure all lids to the test chambers are securely closed and locked before commencing a test.
- Keep clear of all moving parts when the test chambers are rotating.
- A torque limiter causes the test chambers to stall if their rotation is impeded.
- Ensure the instrument is isolated from the electrical supply before removing any covers. Covers should only be removed by a qualified Engineer or Electrician.

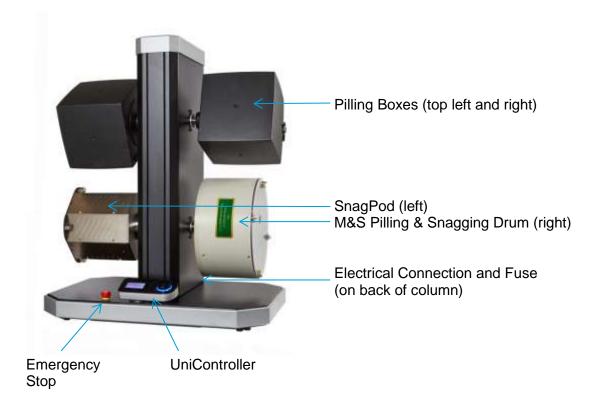
#### NEVER operate Oribitor<sup>2</sup> with any of the covers removed.

- Fuse with the correct amperage rating must be used.
- Never use Orbitor<sup>2</sup> for anything other than what it is designed for.
- For Care and Maintenance requirements please refer to the appropriate section of this Operator's Guide.

# **Unpacking**

- Remove the tape from the packing case lid and open the lid.
- Carefully remove the packaging and contents from the packing case. Note that any
  accessories ordered with the instrument are packed with the instrument.
- Remove the sleeve and then very carefully lift the instrument and place it on a firm flat surface.
- Do not dispose of any packaging material until all standard and optional accessories ordered are fully accounted for. If there are any discrepancies, please contact your supplier immediately.

### **Identification of Parts**



### **Fuses**

- One fuse is fitted, located at the back of the instrument, below the mains lead socket.
- The 1A anti-surge fuse protects the complete machine including the motor and drive.
- To replace a fuse, first isolate Orbitor<sup>2</sup> from the mains supply. Place a screw driver blade in the slot of the fuse holder, then press and turn anti-clockwise approximately 1/4 of a turn. The fuse holder complete with fuse is now released.
- The Power rating for Orbitor<sup>2</sup> is 75Watts.

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# **Unpacking check list**

- Please check the instrument serial number plate corresponds with your delivery note. The serial number plate is located on the side of the instrument.
- The following standard accessories are included with each instrument, either 2 position or 4 position.

142-326	Mains Lead Set – Angled
381-413	Allen Key 4mm AF
794-521	Specimen Mounting Jig
297-011	Operator's Guide on CD

Test Chambers and Test Templates must be ordered separately – please see: How to Order below for a full list of Optional Accessories.

### **How to Order**

901-473

#### Recommended Starting Kits (pilling only - EN ISO 12945-1)

1 x **Orbitor Model 1316/2** 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz

794-753	2 x Cork-Lined Plastic Pilling Boxes
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
794-752	2 x Packs (6) Cork Liners
789-511	1 x Pack (10) Rolls 19mm wide PVC Tape (colour: white)
708-925	1 x VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer 230V 50/60Hz
202-516	1 x UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor
901-472	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/4</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz
794-753	4 x Cork-Lined Plastic Pilling Boxes
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
794-752	4 x Packs (6) Cork Liners
789-511	2 x Packs (10) Rolls 19mm wide PVC Tape (colour: white)
708-925	1 x VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer 230V 50/60Hz
202-516	1 x UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor
	Recommended Starting Kits (pilling only - M & S P18A)
	Recommended Starting Kits (pining only - W & S F TOA)
901-473	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/2</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz
788-741	2 x Drums
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
788-742	1 x Pack (5) Liner Supports
789-513	1 x Pack (10) Double-sided Adhesive Tape
708-917	1 x Holoscope 230V 50/60Hz
708-915	1 x Knitted Hologram
708-914	1 x Woven Hologram
202-516	1 x UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor
901-472	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/4</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz
788-741	4 x Drums
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
788-742	2 x Packs (5) Liner Supports
789-513	2 x Packs (10) Double-sided Adhesive Tape
708-917	1 x Holoscope 230V 50/60Hz
708-915	1 x Knitted Hologram
708-914	1 x Woven Hologram
202-516	1 x UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor

#### Recommended Starting Kits (pilling only - M & S P18B)

901-473	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/2</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz
788-741	2 x Drums
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
788-742	1 x Pack (5) Liner Supports
789-513	1 x Pack (10) Double-sided Adhesive Tape
708-917	1 x Holoscope 230V 50/60Hz
766-460	1 x IWS Pilling Photographs SM54 for knitted fabrics
202-516	1 x UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor
901-472	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/4</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz
788-741	4 x Drums
772-101	1 x Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
788-742	2 x Packs (5) Liner Supports
789-513	2 x Packs (10) Double-sided Adhesive Tape
708-917	1 x Holoscope 230V 50/60Hz
766-460	1 x IWS Pilling Photographs SM54 for knitted fabrics
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901-473	1 x <b>Orbitor Model 1316/2</b> 85 – 264 VAC 50/60 Hz 2-Position Instrument

#### Test Chambers, Test Templates and SnagPod must be ordered separately

901-472 1 x Orbitor Model 1316/4 230V/110V (Switchable voltage, frequency independent)

4-Postion Instrument

Standard accessory:

1 x Specimen Mounting Jig 794-521

#### Test Chambers, Test Templates and SnagPod must be ordered separately

#### **Test Chambers**

794-753 Cork-Lined Plastic Pilling Box

Standard accessories:

1 pack of 4 Moulded Polyurethane Pilling Tubes (140.25mm long) 758-555

1 x Roll 19 mm wide PVC Tape 789-511 (colour: white)

794-754 Cork-Lined Plastic Snagging Box

Standard accessories:

6 x Snagging Pins (fitted) 511-545

1 pack of 4 Moulded Polyurethane Pilling Tubes (140.25mm long) 758-555

1 x Roll 19 mm wide PVC Tape 789-511 (colour: white)

788-741 Pilling Drum

Standard accessories:

3 x Packs (4) Moulded Polyurethane Pilling Tubes (70.2mm long) 758-551

1 x Ramp 788-743

1 x Liner Support 788-742

1 x Pack (20) Locking Rings 758-553

1 x Roll Double-sided Adhesive Tape 789-513

794-523 Snagging Kit for Pilling Drum

Comprising:

3 x Pinned Bars 789-361

2 x Bead Bags 785-251

794-726	SnagPod (BS 8479:2008 & BHS TM46) Standard accessories: 2 x Packs (4) Felt-covered Polyurethane Tubes 758-554 1 x Pack (20) Locking Rings 758-553 1 x Specimen Template 772-121 1 x Pack (10) Fixing Screws for Snagging Bars 319-152 1 x Assessment Mask 766-480
201-933	ISO Certificate of Calibration for SnagPod
	Assessment (SnagPod)
708-925	VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer 220/230V 50/60Hz
708-930	VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer 110V 50/60Hz
766-455	1 x Set (9) SnagPod Reference Photographs
	Spares and Consumables (SnagPod)
794-824	Snagging Bar (Pack of 4)
319-152	Fixing Screws for Snagging Bars - per pack (10)
758-554	Felt-covered Polyurethane Tubes - per pack (4)
758-553	Pack (20) Locking Rings - per pack (20)
766-455	SnagPod Reference Photographs - per set (9)
772-121	Specimen Template
766-480	Assessment Mask
	Test Templates
772-101	Pilling Box/Drum Test Template
772-102	Snagging Box Test Template
772-107	Snagging Drum Test Template
	Spares for Pilling or Snagging Boxes
794-753	Cork Liners for Pilling Boxes (mounted on steel plates) - per set (6)
794-746	Cork Liners for Snagging Boxes (mounted on steel plates) - per set (6)
794-521	Specimen Mounting Jig (Stand, Tube and Plug)
758-555	Moulded Polyurethane Pilling Tube (140.25mm long) - per pack (4)
789-511	Rolls of 19 mm wide PVC Tape (colour: white) - per pack (10)
511-545	Snagging Points for one Plastic Pilling Box - per set (6)
	If snagging parts are purchased to convert a box from pilling to snagging, a set of
	Cork Liners 794-746 should also be ordered.
	Spares for Pilling Drum
788-743	Ramp - each
788-742	Liner Supports - per pack (5)
758-551	Polyurethane Pilling Tubes (70.2mm long) - per pack (4)
758-553	Locking Rings - per pack (20)
789-513	Double-sided Adhesive Tape (approx. 25 mm wide x 36 yd long) - per pack (10 rolls)
	Spares for Snagging Kit for Pilling Drum
785-251	Bead Bag - each
789-361	Pinned Bars - each

#### 2-year Spares Kit (Orbitor)

117-488\* Controller

Calibration

202-516 UKAS Certificate of Calibration for Orbitor

**Assessment** 

708-925 **VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer** 230V 50/60Hz 708-930 **VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer** 110V 50/60Hz

The VeriVide Pilling Assessment Viewer complies with the following standards:

EN ISO 12945-1 = Orbitor

EN ISO 12945-2 = Nu-Martindale/Mini-Martindale

ASTM D 3514

708-949 Spare Lamp D65 8W 300 mm for VeriVide Pilling Viewer

708-908 **PilliScope (no drums)** 230V 50/60Hz 708-919 **PilliScope (no drums)** 110V 50/60Hz

708-966 Spare Lamp 20W for PilliScope

708-909 Snagging Drum for PilliScope (P21A)

708-917 **Holoscope (no holograms)** 230V 50/60Hz 708-918 **Holoscope (no holograms)** 110V 50/60Hz

708-916 Spare Lamp 20W for Holoscope

708-915 Knitted Hologram (P18A) 708-914 Woven Hologram (P18A)

766-460 IWS Pilling Photographs SM 54 for knitted fabrics (P18B)

M & S P18B: Holoscope (without holograms) plus IWS SM54 photographs.

# SPARES FOR EARLIER MACHINES Summary

Box Type	Cork Liner for Pilling	Cork Liner for Snagging	Snagging Points (set of 6)
Plastic Moulded (Black)	794-752	794-746	511-545
Metal Fabricated (Silver)	794-752	794-746	794-747
Plastic Moulded (Blue)	794-722	794-727	511-545
Plastic Fabricated (Grey)	794-722	794-727	396-754
Wood	393-501	393-501	794-522

### Spares for earlier machines with (silver or blue) fabricated metal boxes

794-752 794-746 794-747	Cork Liners for Pilling Boxes (mounted on steel plates) - per set (6) Cork Liners for Snagging Boxes (mounted on steel plates) - per set (6) Snagging Points for one Metal Pilling Box - per set (6)
	Spares for earlier machines with (blue) moulded plastic boxes
794-722 794-727 511-545	Cork Liners for Pilling Boxes (mounted on aluminium plates) - per pack (6) Cork Liners for Snagging Boxes (mounted on aluminium plates) - per set (6) Snagging Points for one box - per set (6)
	Spares for earlier machines with (grey) fabricated plastic boxes
794-722 794-727 396-754	Cork Liners for Pilling or Snagging Boxes (mounted on aluminium plates) - per pack (6) Cork Liners for Snagging Boxes (mounted on aluminium plates) - per set (6) Snagging Points for one box - per set (6)
	Spares for earlier machines with wood boxes
393-501	Cork Liners for Pilling or Snagging Boxes - per pack (6)
794-522	Snagging Points and Mountings for one box - per set (6)

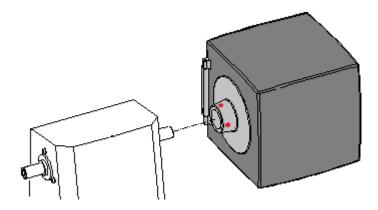
### **GETTING STARTED**

# **Connecting to Services**

Stand the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> on a firm, level surface. Connect the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> to the electricity supply using the appropriate electrical lead supplied.

# **Mounting a Test Chamber**

Extract the locking screws (2 per box) using the 4 mm ball driver provided. The locking screws can be found on the circular hub. Align the test chamber with the drive shaft, ensuring the locking screws are aligned with the dimples on the shaft. Gently slide the test chamber onto the shaft ensuring the mounting hub is fully engaged. Tighten both locking screws using reasonable force. It is important that the locking screws are fully engaged in the dimples on the drive shaft. After several hundred revolutions the test chamber may self-align causing the locking screws to become loose. At a convenient time, re-tighten the locking screws. Periodically check the screws are tight.



NEVER lift the machine by the test chambers. This will result in damage to the instrument.

### **Initial Set-up of Test Chambers**

Test chambers should be run-in for approximately 200 hours with 4 blank tubes until the linings have stopped shedding cork dust. All cork dust must be carefully brushed out and removed. This procedure must be repeated each time the cork liners are replaced.

#### DO NOT inhale the cork dust.

Please refer to the Marks & Spencer test method for instructions on how to use the Marks & Spencer drum liner, support, ramp, and the fitting of snagging points to the drum.

### **Removing Test Chambers**

Test Chambers can be removed simply by fully unscrewing the locking screws using the 4mm hexagon key. When the screws are fully retracted, carefully slide the box off the end of the drive shaft. Ensure both drive shaft and mounting flange are clean before reassembly.

# **Fitting/changing Snagging Points**

James Heal supply the 'Cork-Lined Moulded Pilling Box' fitted with snagging points, however as the snagging points become less sharp with use then it will become necessary to replace them as follows:

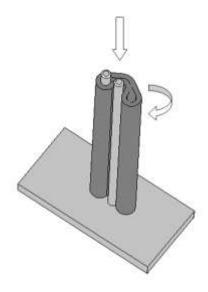
- Remove cork liners from the boxes.
- The cork liner plates have a 6 mm hole in the centre.
- Drill a 6mm hole through cork, while supporting underneath to prevent cork damage.
- Insert one snagging point through the 6mm hole/slot in each cork liner plate.
- The plastic moulded box accommodates six (6) snagging points.
- The head of each snagging point should locate in either a slot or hole in the box.
- Reassemble the six plates, bottom plate first. Replace each plate firm against the side of the box.

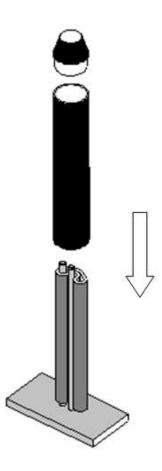


# Dressing a Moulded Polyurethane Pilling Tube using the Mounting Jig

Once the required number of samples have been conditioned according to the test method, and laundered if necessary, cut and sew the specimens carefully following the test method instructions.

- Turn each specimen inside-out so that the face of the fabric forms the outside of the tube.
- Cut 12mm from one end of the fabric tube.
- Take a moulded polyurethane pilling tube place over rod A of the mounting jig, pull
  the tube round rod B. Push a hollow metal cylinder fitted with a tapered end plug,
  over the folded pilling tube.
- Slide the tubular specimen over the tapered end plug and metal cylinder.
- Grip the fabric against the rubber tube and then carefully remove the metal cylinder leaving the fabric on the rubber tube.
- To prevent fraying, cover the cut ends of the specimen with self-adhesive PVC tape (789-511) around the tube, leaving 6 mm of each end of the tube exposed.
- Once testing is complete, remove the specimens from the pilling tubes, using a "stitch unpick" (Singer seam ripper) taking special care not to touch and damage the pilling tubes.





### **Maintenance of Cork Liners**

Before each test, it is essential to ensure that all fluff and other debris is removed from inside the test chambers, e.g. by means of a vacuum cleaning device or by using a small brush.

Periodically, it is necessary to clean the cork liners when they have become contaminated by any residue from the test specimens. A suitable cleaning solvent is industrial methylated spirit (IMS).

Note - the use of methylated spirit and other solvents may be the subject of national legal regulations for health & safety and/or environmental reasons.

Cork linings should be inspected at regular intervals and replaced when obviously "polished", damaged or soiled in such a way as to modify their frictional properties.

# **Maintenance of Specimen Tubes**

The specimen tubes should be inspected at regular intervals in accordance with the test method specification being used, and replaced as necessary.

The specimen tubes (polyurethane, press-moulded tubes) should be virtually identical to each other when new. Experience of intensive use has shown that no significant wear of these tubes occurs under normal use conditions.

The most critical part of the tube is the convex outer surface at its end. New tubes should be checked on receipt to ensure that no moulding faults (e.g., flashing) have occurred in the critical region. In use, damage is unlikely; however if change should occur it is essential that the tube be replaced.

Over time, the specimen tubes will age. This will become evident if the specimen tube becomes hard and showing cracks on the ends of the tubes. If this occurs then replace the tubes.

### UNICONTROLLER

### Introduction

The UniController is our all new, signature user interface. The UniController brings new levels of ease of use and functionality. Elegantly designed, the UniController will reduce training times and can be used by all levels of Operator.

Amongst its many features are:

- Fast, easy editing of cycle and speed settings.
- Close, accurate control of speed and cycle counting.
- Display of current rotational speed.
- IP 64 Rated to ensure waterproofness



The James Heal UniController consists of

- LCD Display
- 2 selection buttons
- Push-Rotate Selector

The UniController allows the user to control all aspects of the test in a simple and intuitive way.

The display shows the user the defined test parameters; once the test begins it will show the live test information for cycles remaining and actual rotational speed. For the purposes of this Operators Guide, the top selection button will be called 'Button 1' and the bottom selection button will be called button 2.

The function(s) displayed next to Button 1 and Button 2 will change depending on the circumstances and function being carried out.

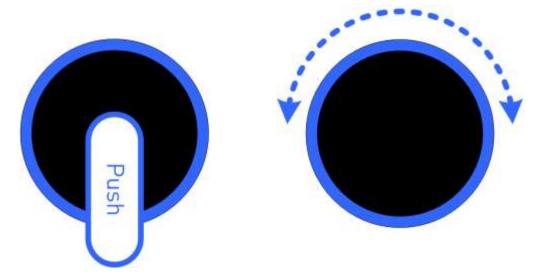
# **Using the UniController**

When Orbitor<sup>2</sup> is initially powered up, the James Heal icon will be briefly displayed followed by a brief display of the Firmware version number. These are only displayed when the unit is powered up.

### The Push-Rotate (PR) Selector

The Push-Rotate (PR) Selector has two main modes of operation:

- Push to Start, Select or Enter
- Rotate to cycle through the options.



At the end of a test, the blue LED illumination will pulse on and off to indicate the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> requires attention from the Operator.

### **Buttons**

The function of the Button 1 and Button 2 can change throughout the testing process.

### **Options**

Using the UniController for Orbitor<sup>2</sup> you can set or change the following:

- Number of cycles (revolutions)
- Speed (rpm)
- Reversal (on/off)
- Volume
- Language for UniController user interface

# **Changing the Number of Cycles (Revolutions)**



While Orbitor<sup>2</sup> is not running, turn the PR selector clockwise.



The display changes.

Push the PR Selector to move to Edit mode.



Rotate the PR Selector to change the number of cycles (revolutions) required.

Rotate clockwise to increase and counter clockwise to decrease.

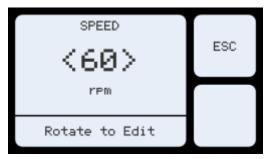


When the correct number of cycles (revolutions) is displayed, push the PR Selector to Enter the new value.

# **Changing the Rotational Speed**

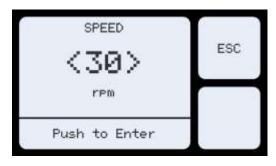


Orbitor<sup>2</sup> is capable of operating in several different speed modes, either 60rpm, 30rpm or 30rpm Reversing with a direction change after every 50 cycles (revolutions).



Rotate the PR Selector to change the Speed required.

Rotate clockwise to increase and counter clockwise to decrease.

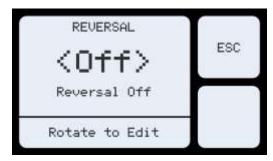


When the correct Speed is displayed, push the PR Selector to Enter the new value.

# **Changing Reversal Status**



Some standards require the box or drum to alternate the direction of rotation.



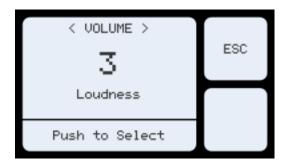
Rotate the PR Selector to change the Reversal status to ON or OFF.



When the correct Reversal status is displayed, push the PR Selector to Enter the new value.

The value <50> indicates the direction of rotation will changes after every 50 cycles (revolutions).

# **Changing the Volume**



Changes the Volume (Loudness) of the sound from the speaker.

Note: To make this selection, you must turn the PR Selector in the first 30 seconds after powering up the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> in order to access this setting.

# **Changing the Language**



Changes the Language of the UniController user interface.

Note: To make this selection, you must turn the PR Selector in the first 30 seconds after powering up the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> in order to access this setting.

# **Starting a Test**

Set the number of Cycles required Set the Speed required Switch on Reversal if required



Note: these values remain stored for subsequent tests.

Push the PR Selector to Start the test.

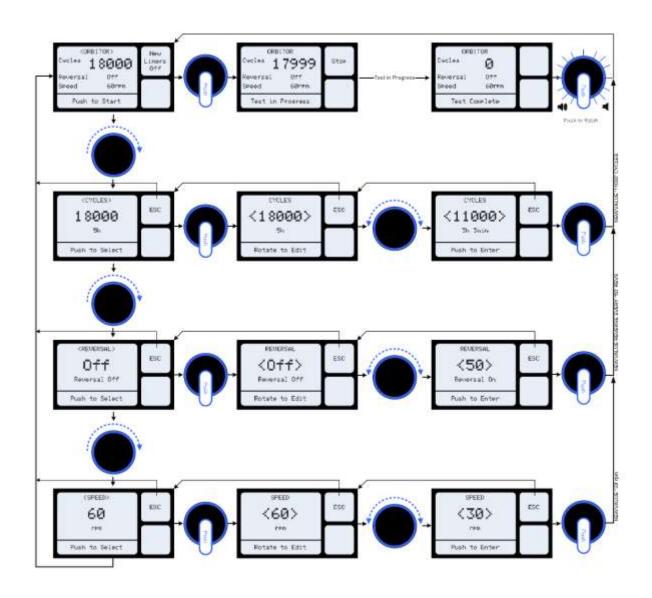


The counter will count-down to zero.



At the end of a test, the blue LED illumination will pulse on and off to indicate the Orbitor<sup>2</sup> requires attention from the Operator.

# Overview of the UniController for Orbitor<sup>2</sup>



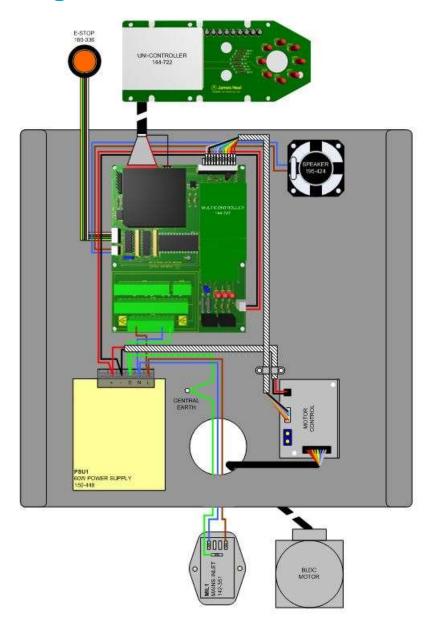
# **TECHNICAL DATA**

# **CE Conformity**

Orbitor<sup>2</sup> is CE marked and complies with the following directives:

- Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
- Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC
- EMC Directive 2004/108/EC
- WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC
- RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC

# **Circuit Diagram**



# **REVISION HISTORY**

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