

## Bench Top Zero Volt Ioniser Installation and Operating Instructions



Figure 1. Vermason 200200 Bench Top Zero Volt Ioniser

### Description

The 200200 is a compact and lightweight dual steady state DC auto-balancing benchtop ioniser. The unit is normally placed at one end of the workbench or area to be neutralised. It may also be wall mounted or mounted on a shelf. The ionizer's neutralisation time will be best approximately 30.48cm to 91.44cm directly in front of the unit and will increase as the distance from the unit increases.

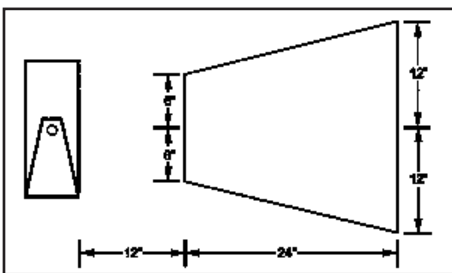


Figure 2. Area of Optimum Charge Neutralisation

*"Ionizers should be considered as a method for charge neutralisation in cases where grounding cannot be achieved." "Air ionization can neutralise the static charge on insulated and isolated objects by producing separate charges in the molecules of the gases of the surrounding air. When a static charge is present on objects in the work*

*environment, it will be neutralised by attracting opposite polarity charges from the ionized air." "Note that ionization systems should not be used as a primary means of charge control on conductors or people." (EN 61340-5-2 paragraph 5.2.9)*

*"As with all ionizers, periodic maintenance will be needed to provide optimum performance." "The following list contains important points for the selection process:- charge neutralisation; - discharge time; - ion balance; - product sensitivity; - solution to static problem; - environmental considerations, - airflow; - physical dimensions." (EN 61340-5-2 paragraph 5.2.9.2)*

### Installation

Remove the ionizer from the carton and inspect for damage. Included with the unit should be:

- 1 Stand assembly with hardware
- 4 Rubber feet
- 1 Emitter point cleaner
- 1 NIST Certificate

The input voltage should be set to your specification prior to shipping. It can be verified or reset by referring to the **Maintenance** section of these instructions.

Attach the stand to the unit by placing the plastic spacers between the unit and the stand and securing in place using the knurled knobs. If desired, attach rubber feet to each corner of the bottom of the stand. Press feet firmly in place.

Before installing the unit, verify that the AC outlet is properly connected to earth ground. The unit must have a good earth ground to maintain proper balance.

Install the unit in the desired location, making sure that the airflow will not be restricted. Be sure the ON/OFF switch, located on the rear of the unit, is in the "OFF" position. Plug the power cord into the unit and then into the appropriate AC power source. This equipment has a grounding type plug that has a third (grounding) pin. This plug will only fit into a grounding type power outlet. If the plug does not fit into the outlet, contact qualified personnel to install the proper outlet. Do not alter the plug in any way.

Status of the unit can be monitored remotely via the RS485 data ports. Please contact the factory for the necessary polling utility software.

### Operation

Set the fan speed switch on the rear of the unit to the LOW, MED, or HI position. Higher airflow will result in faster neutralisation rates. Position the unit so that the maximum airflow is directed at the items or area to be neutralised. Turn the unit ON.

When the unit is first turned on, it conducts a self-test. The audible alarm will sound and then the LED will cycle through RED, YELLOW, and then GREEN. The LED will remain GREEN during normal operation.

### Balance Adjustment

The 200200 is an auto-balancing unit. However, tuning or manual adjustment can be accomplished by inserting a small screwdriver or trimmer adjustment tool into the balance adjustment hole located on the right rear of the unit. To increase the output in a positive direction, turn the potentiometer in a clockwise direction. Conversely, to increase the output in a negative direction, turn the potentiometer in a counter clockwise direction.

### Maintenance / Alarms

**WARNING - RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK** - These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing of internal parts unless you are qualified to do so.

The input voltage may be verified or reset by removing the back case by disengaging the 3 screws on back. **NOTE:** The AC power cord **MUST** always be disconnected before the unit is disassembled.

Input voltage is selected with the two internal jumpers as shown below:

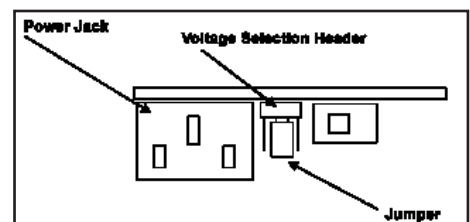


Figure 3. 220 Volt Jumper Setting

If the supply voltage drops from 200 Volts to below 170 Volts, the unit will shut down the audible alarm will beep and the LED will blink RED. The unit will automatically reset when the minimum voltage is restored.

Under normal conditions, the ioniser will attract dirt and dust (especially on the emitter electrodes). To maintain optimum neutralisation efficiency and operation, cleaning should be performed on a regular basis.

In the event of circuit failure, the unit will enter shutdown mode.

When the unit enters shutdown mode, ionisation will be stopped, the LED on the front of the unit will change to a steady of RED, and the audible alarm will sound continuously. If the ioniser enters shutdown mode, it must be turned OFF and then back ON to reset the unit.

**NOTE:** The AC power cord **MUST** be disconnected before the unit is disassembled for maintenance. The emitter electrodes should be cleaned using the alcohol cleaners included or a swab wet with Isopropyl alcohol. First, turn the unit OFF and unplug the power cord. Then remove the rear screen by disengaging the 4 screws on back. After cleaning the emitter electrodes, reattach the rear screen using the 4 screws. Plug in the power cord and turn the unit back ON.

The emitter electrodes should not require replacement during the life of the unit with normal handling. Replacement emitter electrodes can be ordered if necessary.

The best practice would be to verify the balance of the unit with a charge plate monitor after cleaning.

## Neutralisation (Decay) Times

The comparative efficiency of benchtop ionisers is determined by a standard test published by the ESD Association: Standard S3.1. Typical positive and negative decay times (from 1000 volts to 100 volts) measured using this standard are shown in Figure 4. The performance of the ionizer was measured with the unit positioned as shown, with the fan speed on high, and without a filter.

Ionizer	12"		24"		36"		48"		12"  Center Line  12"
	+101s	-125s	+18s	-23s	+13s	-17s	+19s	-23s	
	+2s	-2s	+4s	-5s	+7s	-9s	+13s	-15s	
	+23s	-36s	+14s	-15s	+15s	-16s	+21s	-22s	

Figure 4. Decay time in seconds from 1000 volts to 100 volts on a 15.24cm x 15.24mm charged plate per ANSI EOS/ESD S3.1.

## Specifications

### Air Flow

Three speed fan (125fpm -250fpm; 50-100cfm).

### Balance

±3 volt, typical; ±5 volts maximum.  
(Temperature range: 18.33°C to 26.67°C, R.H.: 15% to 65%)

### Chassis

Stainless steel

### Dimensions ( with stand )

24.13cm high x 15.24cm wide x 7.874cm deep.

### Emitter Points

.050" diameter pure tungsten for improved mechanical strength and ionization stability.

### Fuse

250 mA slow blow.

### High Voltage Power Supply

5.5 kV DC nominal.

### Input Power

AC line power, internally selectable for 220/230 VAC-50/60Hz.

### Ion Emission

Steady state DC with sense feedback.

### Mounting

Bench top tilt adjust frame.

### Ozone

Less than 0.05ppm

### Weight

2.04 kg

**NOTE:** Unauthorized servicing or modifications to your monitor will void the product warranty and may create dangerous conditions. Servicing should be performed only at the factory, or by a Vermason approved technician.

### Limited Warranty

Vermason expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Vermason Bench Top Ionisers will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labour). Within the warranty period, a unit will be tested, repaired or replaced at Vermason's option, free of charge. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and for proper shipping instructions and address. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Vermason factory. You should include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, Vermason will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit to factory standards. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address.

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