## **Superior Instrumentation Engineering**

Though the STAR System is versatile and easy-to-use, it is designed to be rugged, safe and dependable as well. The system has a small footprint and does not require fume hood space, making it suitable for virtually any laboratory.

- Easily add capacity: simply attach additional 2 place microwave reactors to a maximum of 6 cells.
- "Vessel-in-position" sensor prevents cell activation until a vessel is properly placed in the cell
- A built-in vapor containment system scrubs the vapors produced during the digestion eliminating the need for fume hood space

- 1 pump per reagent per cell – parts that contact with acids are made of inert materials
- System software tracks reagent supply to prevent depletion during digestion
- **Corrosion-resistant outer body**
- Small footprint fits into virtually any laboratory
- ISO 9001:2000 accountability

### System Specifications (each 2 place reactor)

#### Dimensions (WxDxH), Main Microwave Unit

Dimensions (WxDxH), Vapor Containment/ Reagent Addition Module

16.54 x 22.86 x 30.48 cm

Weight (microwave unit only)

**Power Requirements** 

Temperature Control

Vessel Capacity

Run Programs

Start Times

Number of Staggered

Program Storage

(separate line recommended) 20 methods Operating Temperature Ambient - 500 °C Readout Temperature Ambient - 430 °C 2 Sensors, Temperature Sensors, VesseHin-Position 2 Sensors, Arm-in-Position 7 250, 100, 50mL Number of Vessels Per Unit Maximum 2 Number of Simultaneously

Vapor Containment Module

Automatic Reagent Addition \* Automatic Vacuum Pump Switch

Keypad Type Printer Port **Communication Port** 

\* Optional

**STAR System** 18 x 13.15 x 14 in 45.72 x 33.4 x 35.5 cm 6.5 x 9 x 12 in

48 lbs (21.77 kg)

120 ± 10% VAC, 60V Hz 220/240 ± 10% VAC, 50 Hz

Individual sample feedback per cavity

Maximum 2

Maximum 2

Standard Maximum of four reagents per pump module Maximum of five pump modules per instrument Optional Membrane

Parallel RS 232

**CEM Corporation** P.O. Box 200 Matthews, NC 28106

Tel: (800) 726-3331 Tel: (704) 821-7015 Fax: (704) 821-7894 e-mail: info@cem.com web: http://www.cem.com

**CEM Microwave Technology Ltd.** 2 Middle Slade Buckingham Industrial Park MK18 1WA United Kingdom Tel: 011-44 1 280 822873 e-mail: info.uk@cem.com

> CEM µWave S.A.S. **Immeuble** Ariane Domaine Technologique de Saclay 4, rue Rene' Razel 91892 ORSAY Cedex France Tel: (33-1) 69 35 57 80 e-mail: info.fr@cem.com

**CEM GmbH** Carl-Friedrich-GauB-Str. 9 47475 Kamp-Lintfort Germany Tel: 011-49-2842-9644-0 e-mail: info@cem.de web: http://www.cem.de

**CEM SRL** Via Dell Artigianato, 6/8 24055 COLOGNO AL SERIO (BG) Italy Tel: 011-390-35-896224 e-mail: info.srl@cem.com



Simplify Problem Digestions!

Plastics Oils Polymers Foods Filters (i.e. Toray) Sulfuric Acid Reduction Plant/Animal Tissue



CEM STAR Systems are covered by U.S. Patents: 5,796,080; 5,840,583; 5,972,711.

# **Rapid Open Vessel Sample Preparation**



- Process up to 6 samples independently using different methods at simultaneous or sequential start times
- Eliminate handling of hazardous chemicals with automated reagent addition
- Automated evaporation of sample and reagent to dryness
- Pre-programmable "Time-to-temperature" parameters for rapid optimization of methods
- Clean Chemistry! 1 pump per reagent for each individual cell
- Digest sample sizes up to 10 grams
- Easily digest difficult or highly reactive samples
- Meets requirements of USEPA SW-846 Method 3050B
- Self-contained vapor scrubber system frees fume hood space

# **Easy-to-Use**

The STAR System<sup>™</sup> is designed for convenience and flexibility, freeing the analyst from the time-consuming tasks involved in sample preparation.

The STAR System automatically adds reagent to the vessels according to the requirements of the programmed method. The reagent is added in aliguots while the digestion is running to prevent cooling the digestate. The system's proprietary pump technology ensures that an accurate measurement of reagent is delivered instantaneously on demand. Each reagent has a dedicated pump for every cell eliminating any mixing or cross contamination of reagents.

The system also allows evaporation to dryness of a sample followed by redissolution, enabling the analytical matrix to be accurately controlled.

# **Tailor Your System to Your Sample**

Moderate Volume and/or Mixed Samples

CEM's innovative STAR System takes open

vessel microwave digestion to a new level,

offering a flexibility and ease-of-use seldom

seen in a laboratory. Build your system to

meet the specific sample process needs of your laboratory. Start with a 2 place system

and add additional 2 place systems as your needs dictate. The STAR System is the only

system that offers a unique patented tempera-

ture feedback control, the flexibility to process

up to 6 samples utilizing different programmable methods, and the safety and convenience

of automated reagent addition.

111111

Contraction of Contraction

36-mm





#### **Accessories**

ALLOY

冝

acid concentration

Volumetric Pyrex Vessels - Eliminate transfer steps by digesting and bringing sample to volume in a single vessel. Available in 50 and 100-mL capacities.



### **Turn Your PC Into a Sample Prep Workstation**

Control as many as 3 STAR Systems from your PC with CEM's STARLink<sup>™</sup> Software. This optional software package connects your STAR Systems directly to any PC (configured with MicroSoft® Windows® 95 or higher) for method storage, data collection, and graphic display of time and temperature plots of digestions.

- Create, store and recall methods, data plots and detailed sample information Supports bar code readers, foreign language keyboards and Internet connections Plot and print projected time and temperature of digestions Transport data to popular spreadsheet programs
  - Allows easier and faster programming of methods
  - Stages can be inserted or deleted from methods easily
  - Software has a security administrator reducing user access to stored methods
  - Automatic report generation
- 250-mL Pyrex Vessels Standard vessels used for routine applications
- 250-mL Quartz Vessels Designed for high temperature applications and

#### 250-mL Teflon Vessel - Used for HF and phosphoric acid digestions

**Reagent Pumps** – Pump 30-mL of reagent per minute! All parts of the pumps which come into contact with reagents are composed of inert materials. Additional reagent pumps can be linked to expand the number of reagents that can be added by the automated reagent addition system or to separate acid from the system and other reagents.

> Reagent Evaporation/Reduction Condenser - For rapid reduction of reagents (i.e. sulfuric acid volume).