

# Operating Instructions

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# 1. Usage, data

## 1.1. Introduction

Dear customer,

You are in possession of a new, exceptional AUSTROMAT® firing furnace.

DEKEMA's many years of experience in the field of firing furnace construction have gone into this equipment ensuring a very high level of quality, and exceptional performance and reliability. In order to take full advantage of the possibilities that your firing furnace offers and obtain superior results, we would like to ask you to spend a little time studying these operating instructions.

- The technical data and description of the usage of the firing oven can be found in section 1 Usage, data.
- Before you start using the firing furnace, it is essential that you read 2 Safety to prevent personal injury and property damage.
- Section 3 Design and functionality provides a short description of the firing furnace.
- How to set up and start the firing furnace is described in section 4 Start-up. Here you will find how to connect the firing furnace to a network or an individual computer.
- The menu control of the firing furnace is described in detail in section 5 User interface.
- The operation of the firing furnace is explained in section 6 Operation, from the first steps in to the creation of firing programs. Practical examples and tips will help you identify the sources of troubles and assist you in eliminating them.
- Follow the suggestions for the service and maintenance of the device in section 7 Maintenance and Service.
- Finally, the index enables you to quickly find specific functions or commands.



Fig. 1-1 AUSTROMAT® 644 (left) and 624 (right)



## 1.2. Proper use

The AUSTROMAT® firing furnace was designed for firing and pressing (only the *press*) dental ceramic objects with and without a vacuum. In every task that you perform with the firing furnace, observe the safety instructions in the section Safety.

Every use that goes beyond these instructions is held to be improper and can cause personal injury or property damage. We assume no guarantee when the device is improperly used handled or not used according to instructions. DEKEMA assumes no liability for damages that are thereby incurred.

In particular, materials may not be heated that may trigger explosions, implosions and hazardous or hazardous or flammable gases.

Proper use also includes the following:

- Read and following these instructions for use,
- Observe the technical data (see section 1.5),
- Perform service tasks in a timely manner. (see section 7).

### 1.3. Scope of delivery

The following components are included in the delivery of the firing furnace:

- AUSTROMAT® firing furnace with power cable,
- Vacuum pump with a vacuum hose and connecting cable,
- Insulation table and furnace tweezers,
- Instructions for use,
- Packaging material:
  - Cardboard boxes,
  - Foam material for protecting against impacts,
- Calibration set for calibrating the temperature.

Ensure that delivery is complete, and that the components have not suffered any visible damage in transport. If this is not the case, please immediately contact your service partner. Please store the packaging in case you need to ship the equipment at a later date.

## 1.4. Name plate

The information on the rating plate describes the firing furnace and also offers potential customer-specific adaptations. In all correspondence with DEKEMA, please indicate all of the data that is on the rating plate.

The rating plate is on the back of the firing furnace.



Fig. 1-2 Example of rating plate Rating plate

## 1.5. Technical data

The technical data of the firing furnace are summarized in the following table. The cited connection values and tolerances must be maintained for the firing furnace to operate properly and for the warranty to take effect.

### Dimensions and weight

- Dimensions: 383 x 757 x 343 mm (width x height x depth) for 644  
383 x 653 x 343 (width x height x depth) for 624  
see Fig. 1-3
- Firing chamber useful dimensions: Firing function: 52 mm x 36 mm (diameter x height)  
Press function: 80 mm x 65 mm (diameter x height) (only 644)
- Weight: 17.5 kg for 624  
18.5 kg for 644
- Pump weight: 7.5 kg

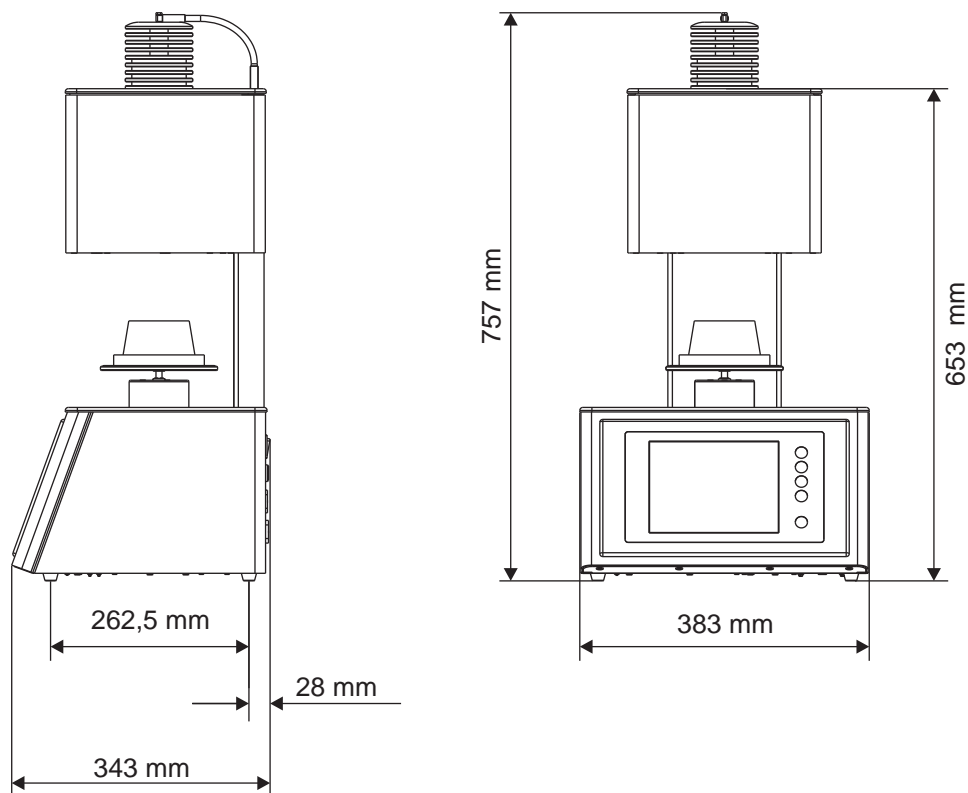


Fig. 1-3 Dimensions

### Electrical supply data

#### NOTE:

Only use fuses with the indicated lag and nominal current.

- Supply voltage: depending on the type (rating plate on the rear):
  - ~ 230 V, 220...240 V AC, 50...60 Hz
  - ~ 120 V, 110...125 V AC, 50...60 Hz
  - ~ 100 V, 95...105 V AC, 50...60 Hz
- Fuses: depending on the type (rating plate on the rear):
  - ~230 V: 2 x 6.3 A T 250 V
  - ~120 V: 2 x 16 A T 250 V
  - ~100 V: 2 x 16 A T 250 V
- Delivered vacuum pump: depending on the type (rating plate on the rear):
  - ~ 230 V, 220...240 V AC, 50...60 Hz
  - ~ 120 V, 110...125 V AC, 50...60 Hz
  - ~ 100 V, 95...105 V AC, 50...60 Hz

### Service data

The indicated values are only valid when the delivered vacuum pump is used.

- Power consumption: including vacuum pump:
  - max. 1500 W for 230 V
  - max. 1400 W for 120 V
  - max. 1450 W for 100 V
- Firing temperature and pressing temperature (only 644): max. 1,200°C

Only for the 644 firing furnace

- Pressing path: max. 26 mm
- Pressure: Approx. 30 ... 280 N

### Interfaces

- USB interface
- Network interface (optional)

## 1.6. Ambient conditions

**NOTE:**

**The firing furnace should not be operated for some time after sudden change of ambient temperature as otherwise condensation may occur in the electronic components, thus causing damage.**

The data for the ambient temperature and humidity are designed for conditions at sea level.

- During operation:
  - Temperature: +15°C ... +35°C
  - Humidity: max. 60 %, non-condensing
  - Height above sea level max. 2000 m
  
- When not operating and during storage:
  - Temperature: +10°C ... +50°C
  - Humidity: max. 80 %, non-condensing
  
- During Transport:
  - Temperature: -10°C ... +55°C
  - Humidity: max. 80 %, non-condensing

## 2. Safety

### 2.1. This section must be read!


Read this entire section before you start working with the firing furnace! It contains important instructions for your personal safety.


This section must be read and understood by all persons who work with this firing furnace in any phase of the product life of the AUSTROMAT® to prevent damage to persons and/or material.

## 2.2. Organization of the safety instructions

The following safety instructions Safety instructions refer to various hazard levels.

	<b>⚠ DANGER</b>
	<b>DANGER</b> identifies a direct, high risk hazard that can cause death or serious bodily injury if it is not avoided.

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<b>WARNING</b> identifies a potential, medium-level hazard that can cause death or serious bodily injury if it is not avoided.

	<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>
	<b>CAUTION</b> identifies a low-risk hazard that can cause slight or moderate bodily injury or property damage if it is not avoided.

**NOTE:**

A note such as this refers to particularly important information that, however, does not concern safety.



## 2.3. General safety regulations

### 2.3.1. Operating instructions

#### Read and learn


Anyone who works on or with the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace in any phase of the product life must read these operating instructions and understand them. This concerns in particular chapter 2: Safety.

#### Retention

The operating instructions are delivered along with the firing furnace and are considered an essential component of the product. They must be stored with the firing furnace in a highly visible location and be directly accessible. You can order additional copies of the operating instructions from DEKEMA (see page 2).

#### Completeness

Always use the complete original version of these operating instructions. The instructions in the operating instructions contain cross-references to other sections containing important information. Incomplete copies or copies of individual pages can not provide all the necessary information of the operating instructions.

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>Incomplete operating instructions.</b></p> <p><b>A lack of safety instructions due to incomplete operating instructions can cause serious injury and property damage.</b></p> <p><b>Always perform work with a complete copy of the operating instructions. Do not copy individual pages.</b></p>

## 2.3.2. Operation

### Use

The AUSTROMAT® firing furnace may only be used for its intended purpose (see section 1.2). All instructions and procedures that can affect the safety of persons or the firing furnace are forbidden. The branch-specific and local regulations concerning accident prevention must be observed.

Please keep the lift closed. Due to increasing surface temperatures the furnace shall not operate for more than one hour with an open lift above 800 °C.

### Condition

The firing furnace may only be operated when it is functioning properly. Observe the technical data in section 1.5.

If the firing furnace can no longer be operated safely, immediately unplug it and prevent it from being unintentionally operated. Reasons for assuming that the equipment cannot be used safely:

- The error message "TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD EXCEEDED! ",
- Visible damage to the housing or power cable,
- Malfunctions,
- Frequently required fuse changes,
- Long storage in a problematic environment (moisture, see section 1.6).

### Safety stickers

Safety stickers are affixed to the firing furnace and provide notification of residual danger. The safety stickers may not be removed. They must be replaced if they are lost or are no longer clearly legible.

### Workplace


The operator must provide corresponding instructions and inspections to ensure order and cleanliness of the workplace and the surroundings of the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace.

### Waste

If polluting waste arises from use, the operator is responsible for the proper disposal.

### 2.3.3. Maintenance and Service

#### Spare parts

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>Non-original replacement parts.</b></p> <p><b>Malfunctions can arise if third-party parts are used. In certain circumstances, this can cause serious injury and substantial property damage.</b></p> <p><b>Always use original replacement parts from DEKEMA (see section 7.7).</b></p>

#### Retrofitting


Independent retrofitting and changes that affect the safety of the firing furnace are forbidden.

### 2.3.4. Disposal

The operator must carefully dispose of the firing furnace in accordance with regulations. He can give it to a licensed, private or public collection facility, or recycle it or dispose of it himself (see section 8.2).

## 2.4. Risks

Observe the following hazard instructions in all of your jobs with the firing furnace.

	⚠ DANGER
	<p><b>Electrical shock from voltage-conducting parts.</b></p> <p>The firing furnace is operated using mains voltage. Death may result due to electrical shock from touching voltage-conducting parts.</p> <p><b>Observe the following instructions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Never contact voltage-conducting parts,</b></li> <li>• <b>Do not use your hands or any objects to grasp things in the firing chamber,</b></li> <li>• <b>Maintenance and service jobs may only be performed when a device is not powered. Turn off the firing furnace, and pull the power plug,</b></li> <li>• <b>The protective conductor (inside and outside of the unit) must always be safe for operation and may never be disabled. The connection may never be intentionally severed.</b></li> </ul>

**NOTE:**


**Only personnel with electrotechnical training and experience handling devices that operate on mains voltage may perform work on the electrical components.**



**Protection of personnel against electric shock**


The equipment has to be connected with a supply source, which incorporates a circuit-breaker that interrupts the supply at a differential current of 30 mA or less.


The operator has to be protected against electric shock, including electric shock resulting from the possibility of simultaneous contact with hazardous live parts and parts connected to the protective conductor terminal. The following protective means are recommended:

- using insulated tools,
- wearing insulating clothing.
- standing on an insulating surface,
- shrouding of parts connected to the protective conductor terminal with which the operator might come into contact in normal use.

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>Fire hazard.</b></p> <p>The firing chamber can reach temperatures above 1,000°C during operation. Heat-sensitive materials close to the firing furnace can easily ignite and cause a fire.</p> <p>Observe the following instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Never operate the firing furnace without the insulation table being mounted,</li> <li>• The vent holes in the cover of the firing chamber must be unobstructed,</li> <li>• Make sure that flammable materials (such as cleaning alcohol, wiping cloths, etc.) or objects that can be damaged by heat are sufficiently distance from the firing furnace.</li> <li>• Never operate the firing furnace without supervision.</li> </ul>

 	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>Hot surfaces.</b></p> <p>The firing chamber can reach temperatures above 1,000°C during operation. There is an extreme burning hazard from touching hot surfaces after the firing chamber is opened.</p> <p>Never directly contact hot parts of the firing furnace. The firing furnace requires several hours to cool after it is turned off.</p> <p>Observe the following instructions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not use your hands or any objects to grasp things in the firing chamber,</li> <li>• Do not grasp the lift seat, insulation table or firing objects with your bare hands,</li> <li>• Use suitable tools (tweezers) to remove the firing objects, or wear safety gloves.</li> </ul>

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>The firing furnace is heavy.</b></p> <p>When the firing furnace is transported, there exists the danger of crushing, and the device may become damaged.</p> <p>At least two persons must transport the firing furnace. Wear safety gloves.</p>

<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>	
	<p><b>Ceramic dust from insulation materials.</b></p> <p><b>The firing chamber and insulation table consist of ceramic insulating material. Inhaling ceramic dust can be hazardous to your health.</b></p> <p><b>Do not inhale the dust. To remove ceramic dust, use a suitable vacuum cleaner. Read the safety data sheets for the insulation materials in section 9.4.</b></p>

## 2.5. Access rights

Three levels are defined for accessing the user interface of the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace. Access levels 1 and 2 (see following table) are password-protected. The passwords are defined in the "Service" menu using the "Password" function.

The access rights should be issued to the users of the firing furnace based on their knowledge, experience and responsibility.

The firing furnace normally starts in the "Operation" menu. When "General Code" is used, it starts one level higher (level 0).

Access levels	Description
General code (level 0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricted access to the "Setup" menu</li> <li>• Selecting blocked programs and starting them</li> <li>• Edit and create unblocked programs</li> <li>• Unlocking the General Codes</li> </ul>
Operation (level 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select all programs and start them</li> <li>• Edit and create all programs</li> <li>• Access to the "Setup" menu</li> </ul>
Service (level 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the "Service" menu</li> </ul>

Tab. 2-1 Access levels

## 3. Design and functionality

### 3.1. Front of system

The following figure shows the front of the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace and identifies the most important components.

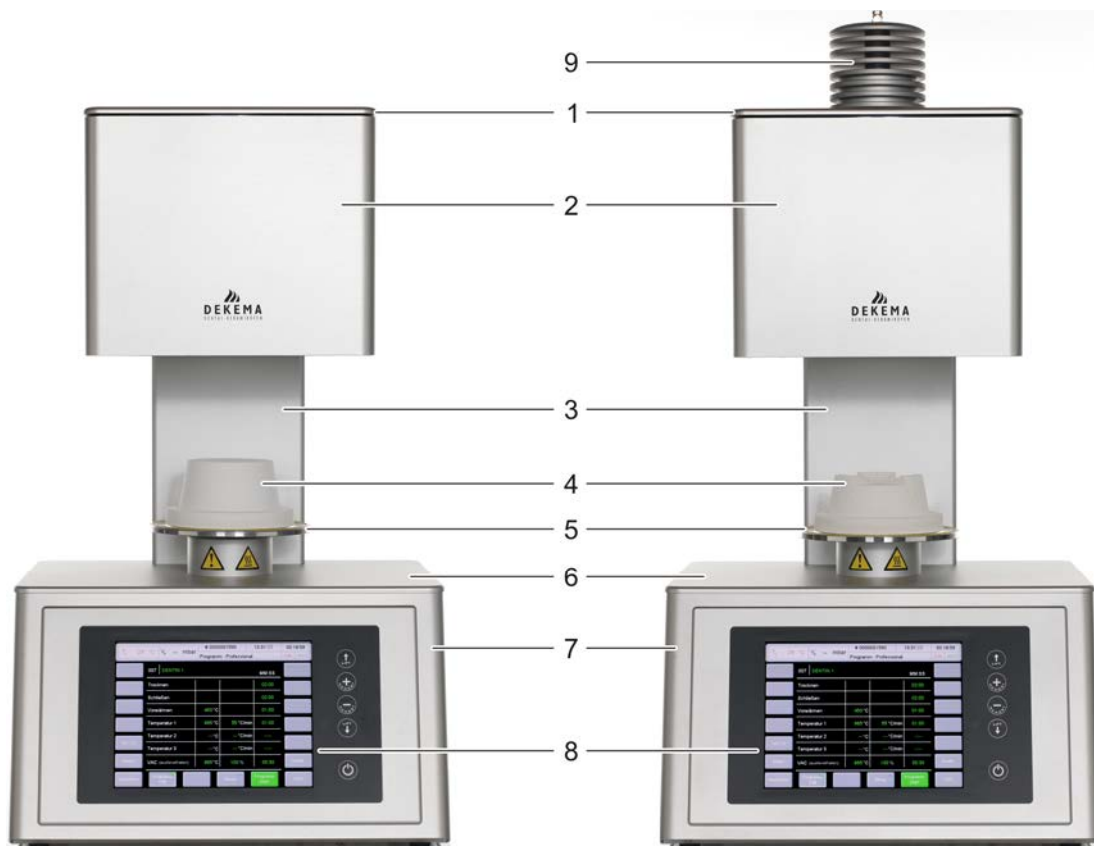


Fig. 3-1 Front view of the firing furnace; left: 624, right: 644

- |   |                                    |   |                                   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Firing chamber cover               | 6 | Bottom cover plate                |
| 2 | Top of furnace with firing chamber | 7 | Bottom oven part with electronics |
| 3 | Back column                        | 8 | User interface with touchscreen   |
| 4 | Insulation table                   | 9 | Pressing column (only 644)        |
| 5 | Lift seat with sealing ring        |   |                                   |

The top of the firing furnace contains the firing chamber. The firing chamber cover contains ventilation slots for cooling the firing furnace. In addition, the pressing column is installed in the 644. The area in the bottom of the housing contains the electronic and mechanical furnace components, used to move the lift system comprising the lift rod, lift seat with sealing ring (O-ring), and the insulation table on which the objects to be fired are placed. The firing furnace is operated using a touchscreen and function keys.



## 3.2. Touchscreen and function keys



Fig. 3-2 Touchscreen and function keys

1 Touchscreen

2 Function keys

### 3.2.1. Touchscreen

**NOTE:**

**Never use hard or sharp objects (such as screwdrivers, tweezers, etc.) to operate the touchscreen. This will scratch and damage the screen.**






The touchscreen allows you to operate the firing furnace. The buttons on the touchscreen are touch-sensitive. Lightly touch the desired button with your fingertip to execute the associated function.

Please note: After the firing furnace is turned on, the control starts. This can take approximately 1 minute. Only then does the touchscreen appear.

The description of the user interface is found in section 5.

### 3.2.2. Function keys

You can use the function keys next to the touchscreen to move the lift up or down, scroll through the program memory, terminate the current program or go to standby mode. When the firing furnace is connected to a network or an individual computer and is correspondingly set up (see section 4.4), you can execute these functions using the computer keyboard.

Key	Name	Computer keyboard <sup>*)</sup>	Description
	[LIFT Up]	[F1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press once to move the lift upward.</li> <li>Press again to stop the lift.</li> </ul>
	[MEMORY +]	[F2]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advances one position forward in the program memory.</li> </ul>
	[MEMORY -]	[F3]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goes back one position in the program memory.</li> </ul>
	[LIFT Down]	[F4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press once to move the lift downward.</li> <li>Press again to stop the lift.</li> </ul>
	[ON/OFF]	[F9]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop function: Press this to end all current commands.</li> <li>On/off switch in standby mode: Press the key and hold it for about 5 seconds.</li> <li>For the first startup (see section 4.3) without any function.</li> </ul>

Tab. 3-1

Function keys

<sup>\*)</sup> The function keys on the computer keyboard must be released to be used; see section 5.7.4.4

### 3.3. Rear of device

The following figure shows the back of the bottom part of the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace and identifies the most important components.



Fig. 3-3 Rear view of the firing furnace (example)


- |   |   |   |                                       |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Rating plate with serial number           | 5 | Connection socket for the power cable |
| 2 | Main switch                               | 6 | Connection for vacuum hose            |
| 3 | Unit safety switch                        | 7 | USB interface                         |
| 4 | Electrical connection for the vacuum pump | 8 | Network interface (optional)          |

The standard equipment on the back of the device comprises:

- The main switch for turning the device on and off,
- Two fuse holders with integrated fuses (see section 1.5),
- the electrical connection socket for the vacuum pump power cable,
- Connection socket for the power cable,
- Connection for vacuum hose,
- Two interfaces:
  - USB interface for connecting a USB device such as a USB stick, USB keyboard or USB mouse,
  - Optional network interface for connecting an Ethernet cable (connecting the firing furnace to a network), or a crossed network cable (connecting the firing furnace to an individual computer).

# 4. Start-up

## 4.1. Unpacking and setting up

	⚠ WARNING
	<p>The firing furnace is heavy.</p> <p>When the firing furnace is transported, there exists the danger of crushing, and the device may become damaged.</p> <p>Two persons must transport the firing furnace. Wear safety gloves.</p>

### Packaging symbols.

The packaging can be identified with the packaging symbols shown below. The symbols must be followed.

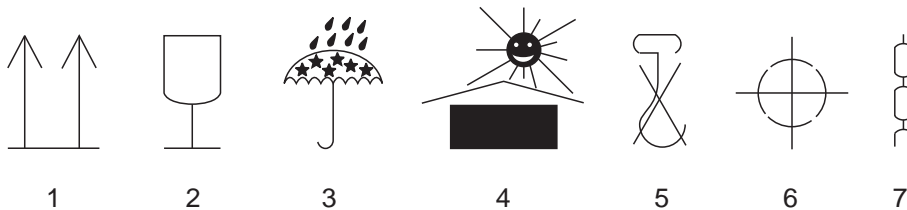


Fig. 4-1 Packaging symbols

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Top</li> <li>2 Fragile</li> <li>3 Protect from moisture</li> <li>4 Keep away from heat</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Do not use hooks</li> <li>6 Center of gravity</li> <li>7 Lifting point</li> </ul> |
|--|--|

### Unpacking

1. Remove the packaging, and keep the packaging material for storing the firing furnace or for later transport.
2. Make sure that all of the parts listed in the scope of delivery are in the delivered package; see section 1.3.
3. Check the delivery for transportation damage. Notify immediately of any complaints.
4. Transport the firing furnace to the provided setup site (see section 4.2).

### NOTE:

**It is possible that the firing furnace may not be safe to use when there is visible damage to the housing or power cable.**

## 4.2. Requirements at the setup site

**NOTE:**

**The following instructions must be followed each time the firing furnace is moved and repaired.**

**Firing furnace**

The setup site of the firing furnace must meet the following requirements:

- Set up the furnace on a dry, flat, solid surface.
- The surface must be able to bear the weight of the firing furnace (see section 1.5).
- Materials and objects that can be damaged by heat must be sufficiently distant from the firing furnace.
- The vents in the firing furnace must not be obstructed to enable the circulation of cooling air.
- A power socket must be close to the device and easily accessible.
- The conditions in the environment at the setup site must meet the requirements in section 1.6.

**Vacuum pump**

The setup site of the vacuum pump must meet the following requirements:

- Set up the vacuum pump at a well-ventilated site protected from dust and dirt.
- Easily flammable and temperature-sensitive materials and objects must be sufficiently distant from the vacuum pump.
- The vents in the vacuum pump must not be obstructed to enable the circulation of cooling air.

## 4.3. First Startup

### 4.3.1. Procedure

**NOTE:**

**When connecting the firing furnace and vacuum pump:**

- **The firing furnace is operated using mains voltage.**
- **Ensure that the connected loads of the vacuum pump (rating plate) correspond to supply data for the firing furnace.**
- **Use only suitable power sockets with ground contacts, and never use adapter plugs.**
- **Do not run the connection lines past places of the firing furnace that are hot, and especially avoid direct contact.**

1. Make sure that the firing furnace is turned off. The ON/OFF switch is on the back of the furnace (see section 3.3).
2. Connect the vacuum pump to the firing furnace:
  - Push the vacuum hose about 2 cm over the hose nozzle at the rear of the firing furnace,
  - Connect the pump plug to the vacuum pump and the corresponding connection socket on the rear of the firing furnace.
3. If you want to operate the firing furnace through a network (Ethernet): Connect a network cable to the interface on the back of the furnace (see section 3.3).
4. If you want to operate the firing furnace with a computer (Ethernet): Connect a crossover network cable to the interface on the back of the furnace (see section 3.3).
5. Plug in the power cable of the firing furnace into a power socket with a ground contact.
6. Turn on the firing furnace. The control of the firing furnace starts up over a period of about 1 minute. The firing furnace performs an internal software and hardware check, and the lift moves down automatically.
7. Make sure that the insulating table is mounted on the lift seat. If not: Turn the firing furnace off, and mount the insulating table.
8. If necessary: Remove any ceramic dust from the lift seat and the sealing ring. Brush the dust into a receptacle. Do not blow away the dust, and do not inhale it.
9. Approximately 3 minutes after the Program Manager appears, the firing furnace automatically heats up to the starting temperature for the preheating program.
10. The following ways exist to operate the firing furnace (control software):
  - Operation using the touchscreen and function keys, see section 3.2,
  - Operation using the touchscreen with the USB mouse and USB keyboard (via a USB hub), see section 3.2,
  - Optional operation using a network computer: Connect the firing furnace to the network (see section 4.4).
  - Optional operation using an individual computer: Connect the firing furnace to the computer (see section 4.5).

### 4.3.2. Installation assistant (country-specific)

The (country-specific) Installation Assistant program is also activated in the factory before the delivery.

The installation assistant asks you to mount the insulation table, and runs an installation routine after you confirm by pressing the [CONTINUE] key: The firing chamber is dried, and the firing furnace is checked. The installation routine takes approximately 45 minutes, and can be terminated at any time with the [ABORT] key. The installation assistant is started each time the furnace is turned on until the entire installation routine has run once.

**NOTE:**

**After the installation routine is finished, a message appears on the USB terminal and asks you to close the firing chamber to prevent wear. This message always appears when the firing chamber is opened for more than 15 minutes and the chamber temperature is above 200°C.**

- **Acknowledge the message.**
- **Close the firing chamber.**

## 4.4. Connect the firing oven to the network (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.
- The unit shall not be connected directly to TNV networks.

**Overview of the procedure**

1. Determine the IP address of the firing furnace (see section 4.4.1).
2. Set up remote access to the firing furnace (operation):
  - Access through a browser. To do this, Java must be installed on a computer and the browser must be a Java-enabled (see section 4.4.2).
  - Access via a VNC program. A VNC program must be installed on your computer (see section 4.4.3).
3. Set up a permanent IP address for the firing furnace (see section 4.4.4).
4. Establish access rights for users of the firing furnace (see section 4.4.5).
5. If desired: establish the type of remote access (through a browser or VNC program) (see section 4.4.6).

### 4.4.1. Determine the IP address

**NOTE:**

**Consult your network administrator if you are uncertain.**

1. Make sure that the firing furnace is connected to the Ethernet (interface for the network cable on the back of the unit),
2. Turn on the firing furnace and confirm any error messages. After the furnace is turned on, the Program Manager automatically appears.
3. Click on [Setup] > [Network] in the Program Manager. The window "Network settings" opens.



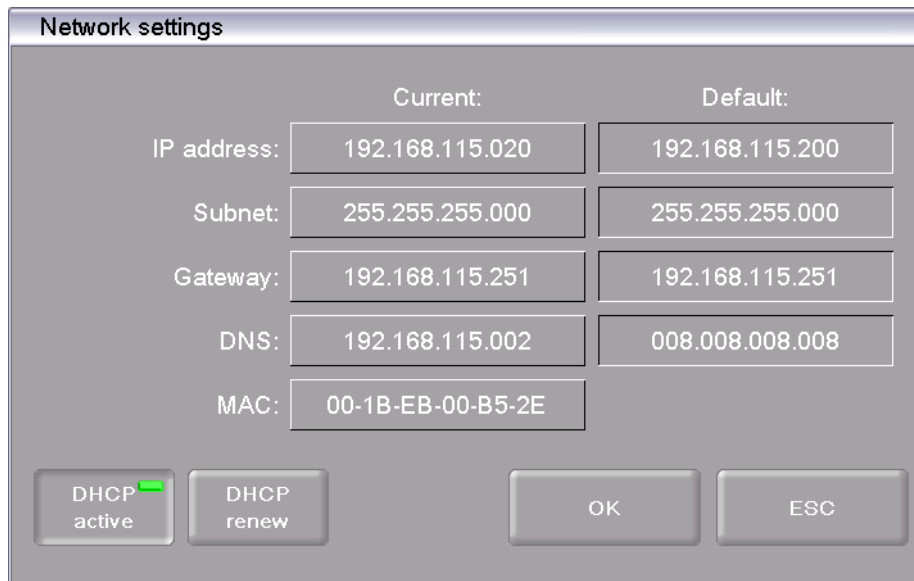


Fig. 4-2 Setup > Network

4. Click the button [DHCP]. Use the button to assign an IP address to the firing furnace from you network server. An LED within the button indicates that the DHCP function is active.
5. Click on [OK]. A warning appears: "Changes active after restart". Confirm the message by pressing [OK]. The message and "Network settings" window close.
6. Turn the furnace off and on. The control accepts the changed network settings, and the firing furnace automatically searches an IP address in the Ethernet network.
7. After restarting, open the "Network settings" menu.
8. Write down the current IP address.

#### 4.4.2. Setting up the operation of the firing furnace using a browser

**NOTE:**

**To operate the firing furnace using the web interface, your browser must be Java-capable, and the Java application must be activated.**

1. Open a Java-capable browser on a computer network (such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox).
2. In the address line of the browser, enter the recorded IP address ( "http://192.168.002.109" in the following example), and press the Enter key.

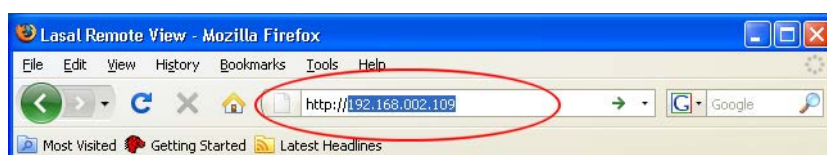


Fig. 4-3 Enter the IP address in the browser (example)

3. The login window appears.
  - a. Enter the password in the "Password" entry line.
  - b. Select the desired data compression for transmitting data between the firing oven and the computer. We recommend using the default setting, "RL encoding".
  - c. Click on [OK].

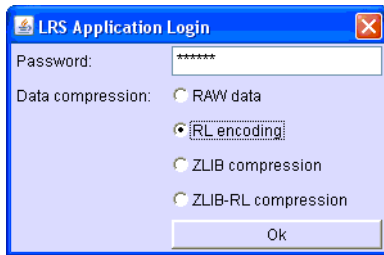


Fig. 4-4 Login window

4. The Program Manager appears in the browser (see section 5.3).

Set up a permanent IP address for the firing furnace (see section 4.4.4).

**Recommendation: Define bookmarks in the browser**

You can define a bookmark in the browser for easily opening the firing furnace control: In the browser, enter the permanent IP address, and start the Java application. Wait until the Program Manager is displayed. Define the bookmark.

#### 4.4.3. Setting up the operation of the firing furnace using a VNC program

**NOTE:**

**To use the firing furnace via a VNC, a suitable VNC program needs to be installed on the computer.**

1. Open a VNC program on a computer network (such as RealVNC or UltraVNC).
2. The start window appears.
  - a. Enter the noted IP address in the "Server" entry line ("192.168.115.200" in the following example).
  - b. Click on [OK].

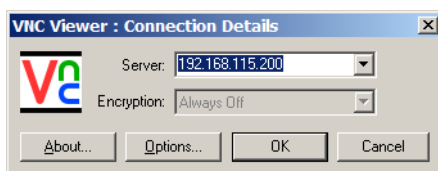


Fig. 4-5 Enter the IP address in the VNC start window (example)

3. The logon window appears.
  - a. Enter the password in the "Password" entry line. The standard password is "DEKEMA".
  - b. Click on [OK].

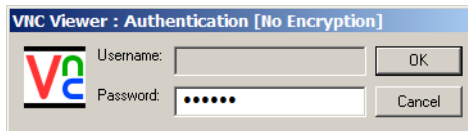


Fig. 4-6 Login window

4. The Program Manager appears in the VNC window (see section 5.3).

Set up a permanent IP address for the firing furnace (see section 4.4.4).

#### 4.4.4. Set up a permanent IP address for the firing furnace

You can now operate the firing furnace using the VNC program. Depending on the network settings, a different IP address can be used each time the unit is started. So that you do not have to repeatedly find and enter the IP address, the firing furnace should be assigned a fixed IP address in the network.

1. Contact your network administrator, and have him assign an IP address and subnet mask and gateway address for the firing furnace.
2. In the "Setup" menu, open the "Network" function (> Setup > Network).

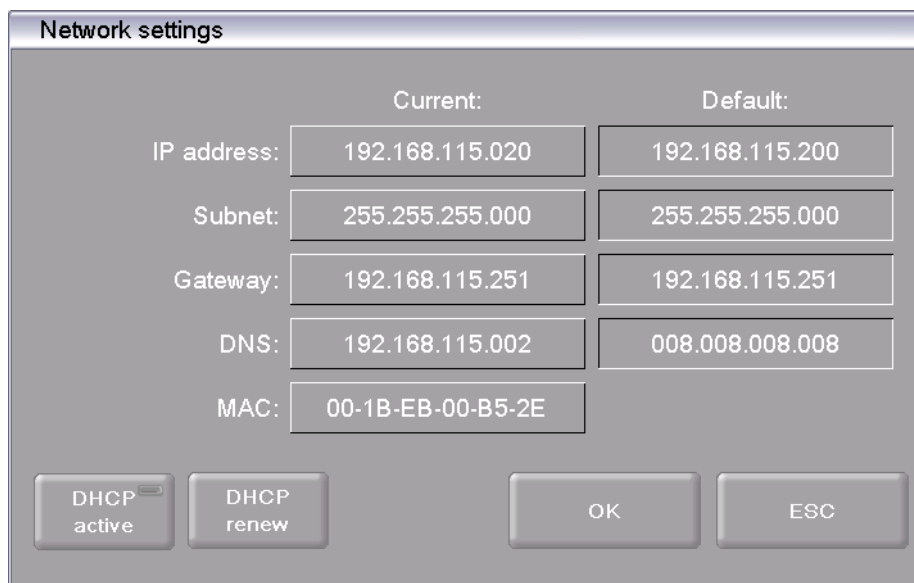


Fig. 4-7 Assign permanent IP address

3. Under "Default IP address", enter the IP address that was assigned to the firing furnace by the network administrator.
4. Under "Default Subnet mask", enter the subnet mask that was assigned to the firing furnace by the network administrator.
5. Under "Gateway", enter the gateway address that was assigned to the firing furnace by the network administrator.
6. Deactivate the DHCP function.
7. Click on [OK].

The firing furnace now has a fixed IP address and can be accessed using a browser or the VNC program at this address.

**NOTE:**

**The new IP address is only activated after the firing furnace is restarted.**

Now set up the authorizations for accessing the firing furnace (see section 4.4.5).

#### 4.4.5. Specify authorizations

After connecting the firing furnace to a network or individual computer, each network participant or computer user can access the firing furnace control. You can restrict the access the firing furnace to authorized persons by providing a user ID consisting of a user name and password.

1. In the "Setup" menu, open the "Login data" function (see section 5.8.4.4).
2. Define the password: In the "Password" field, enter the password,
3. Activate the functions "Start/stop functionality" and "Function keys via the Web server".

When opening the firing furnace control through a browser or VNC program, the password has to be entered to obtain access to the firing furnace, i.e., the firing furnace is password-protected. Communicate the password to the persons who are authorized to access the firing furnace.

**NOTE:**

**If the password becomes lost, contact your service partner or directly contact DEKEMA (see page 2).**

#### 4.4.6. Access through a browser or a VNC program

You can now operate the firing furnace using either a browser or the VNC program

## 4.5. Connect the firing furnace to an individual PC (optional)

### NOTE:

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

### NOTE:

Consult your network administrator if you are uncertain.

1. Make sure that the firing furnace is connected to a computer with a network cable (interface on the back of the device). Note that older computers may require a crossover network cable.
2. In the plant, the firing furnace was assigned the default IP address "192.168.115.200" by DEKEMA. If this IP address is no longer valid, you have to identify the present default IP address of the firing furnace: (see section 4.4.1).
3. If necessary, enter the correct IP address for your computer.

### 4.5.1. Setting up the operation of the firing furnace using a browser

#### NOTE:

To operate the firing furnace using the web interface, your browser must be Java-capable, and the Java application must be activated.

1. Open a Java-capable browser on your computer (such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox).
2. In the address line of the browser, enter the default IP address "http://192.168.115.200" provided by DEKEMA, and press the Enter key.

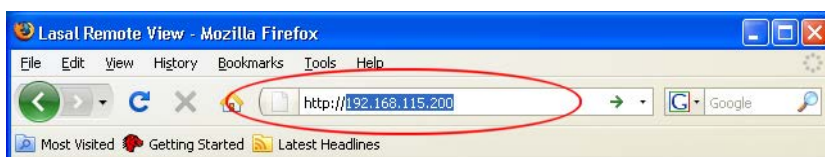


Fig. 4-8 Enter the IP address in the browser (example)

3. The login window appears.
  - a. Enter the password in the "Password" entry line.
  - b. Select the desired data compression for transmitting data between the firing oven and the computer. We recommend using the default setting, "RL encoding".
  - c. Click on [OK].

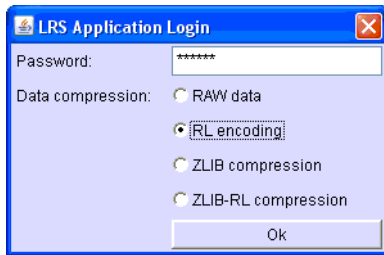


Fig. 4-9 Login window

4. The Program Manager appears in the browser (see section 5.3). You may have to release this IP address in the firewall of the computer (see the operating instructions of the operating system).
5. In the "Setup" menu, open the "Login data" function (> Setup > Network > Login data) (see section 5.8.4.4).
6. Activate the functions "Start/stop functionality" and "Function keys via the Web server" (see also section 5.8.4.4).

**Recommendation: Define bookmarks in the browser**

You can define a bookmark in the browser for easily opening the firing furnace control: In the browser, enter the permanent IP address, and start the Java application. Wait until the Program Manager is displayed. Define the bookmark.

You can now operate the firing furnace using the browser. Now set up the authorizations for accessing the firing furnace by the browser (see section 4.4.5).

#### 4.5.2. Operating the firing furnace using a VNC program

**NOTE:**

**To use the firing furnace via a VNC, a suitable VNC program needs to be installed on the computer.**

1. Open a VNC program on a computer network (such as RealVNC or UltraVNC).
2. The start window appears.
  - a. Enter the noted IP address in the "Server" entry line ("192.168.115.200" in the following example).
  - b. Click on [OK].

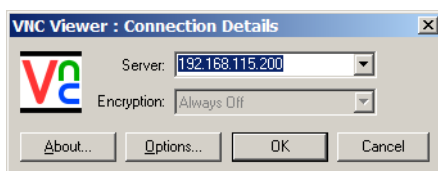


Fig. 4-10 Enter the IP address in the VNC start window (example)

3. The logon window appears.
  - a. Enter the password in the "Password" entry line. The standard password is "DEKEMA".
  - b. Click on [OK].

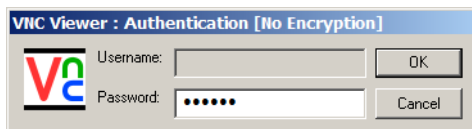


Fig. 4-11 Login window

4. The Program Manager appears in the VNC window (see section 5.3).

You can now operate the firing furnace using the VNC program. Now set up the authorizations for accessing the firing furnace (see section 4.4.5).

### 4.5.3. Access through a browser or a VNC program

You can now operate the firing furnace using either a browser or the VNC program.

## 5. User interface

### 5.1. Basic information

#### 5.1.1. Terms

The following table explains some of the basic terms that will make it easier to operate the AUSTROMAT®.




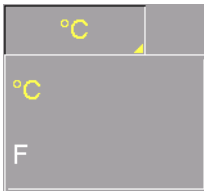
Term	Explanation
Program XE "Firing program"	Firing programs or other programs contain the individual control commands for the AUSTROMAT®. A typical example of a program is the preheating program that is the first program memory for most firing furnaces.
Program parameter XE "Firing parameters"	The individual values within a program are termed the program parameters or firing parameters. Program parameters are for example the starting temperature, drying time, and closing time.
Program type	The AUSTROMAT® allows you to use different types of firing programs: Easy, Professional, Classic and Press programs. The firing program, the flexibility of programming and the degree to which the firing parameters can be changed differ depending on the type of program.
Set	Compilation of all programs (program list) in the Program Manager.

Tab. 5-1 Definition of terms



### 5.1.2. Screen elements

The following table contains screen elements that are used in the user interface of the AUSTROMAT®.

Name	Example	Description
Button		A button is associated with a function. Run the function by clicking the button.
On/off button	 	An on/off button is associated with a function. Fields in the button show the status of the function: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green field: The function is active</li> <li>• Gray field: The function is deactivated.</li> </ul>
Option field	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Deutsch <input type="radio"/> English	Option fields allow you a single distinct selection. Make a selection by clicking the desired option.
Drop-down list		Select the desired list entry as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the entry to open the complete selection list,</li> <li>• Place the cursor on the desired entry, and click on it. The list closes, and the selected list entry is displayed.</li> </ul>
Numeric keyboard window		(see section 5.1.3).
Alphanumeric keyboard window		(see section 5.1.4).
Keyboard window for the classic editor		(see section 5.1.5).

Tab. 5-2 Screen elements

### 5.1.3. Numeric screen keyboard

The numeric screen keyboard is for entering text such as the firing programs. The keyboard automatically appears when the firing window control expects a number to be entered.



Fig. 5-1 Numeric keyboard window

#### Valid values

When entering parameters, the following values are automatically displayed in the numeric keyboard:

- "ActValue" shows the currently set value,
- "Min" shows the smallest permissible value (minimum),
- "Max" shows the highest permissible value (maximum),

#### Entering the value

- Enter the desired value.
- Click [Enter] to close your entry.
- The value is accepted when it lies within the valid range,
- The numeric keyboard window is closed.

#### Terminating an entry

- Click [ESC] to terminate the entry,
- An entered value is not accepted, the momentary value ("ActValue") is retained,
- The numeric keyboard window is closed.

### 5.1.4. Alphanumeric keyboard window

The alphanumeric screen keyboard is for entering text such as the names of firing programs. The keyboard automatically appears when the firing window control expects text to be entered.



Fig. 5-2 Alphanumeric keyboard window

#### Entering text

- Enter the desired text.
- Click [Enter] to close your entry,
- The alphanumeric keyboard window is closed.

#### Terminating an entry

- Click [ESC] to terminate the entry,
- An entered text is not accepted
- The alphanumeric keyboard window is closed.

### 5.1.5. Keyboard window for the classic editor

The keyboard window for the classic editor automatically appears when you click a command line of a classic program in the program editor.

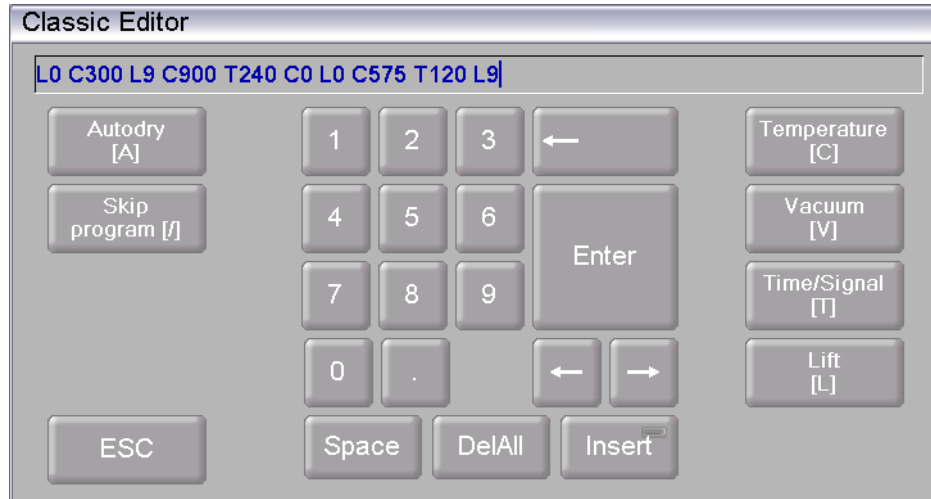


Fig. 5-3 Keyboard window for the classic editor

#### Editing the command line

- Click [Edit] to edit the command line. The text appears blue,
- Use the cursor keys to edit the command line at the desired place,
- The existing commands are normally overwritten. Click [Insert] to insert commands,
- Click [Enter] to close your entry,
- The classic keyboard window is closed.

#### Terminating an entry

- Click [ESC] to terminate the entry,
- An entered command line is not accepted,
- The classic keyboard window is closed.

## 5.2. Screen display

The screen display for operating the AUSTROMAT® is divided into different areas.



Fig. 5-4 Screen display (example of the Program Manager)

- 1 Information bar
- 2 Function bar

- 3 Display area

### Information bar

Shows all of the important parameters:

- The Temperature in the firing chamber: "Tc",
- Vacuum in the firing chamber: "Vc",
- The firing number "#", that is, how many firings have been properly concluded,
- The time and date when the firing furnace was used, or if a program has been selected, the probable duration or remaining time of the program,
- The current menu (in this case, the "Program Manager"), A lock indicates that a program is protected by the general code,
- The status of the firing furnace:  
 "Wait": The firing furnace is in wait mode,  
 "Run": A program is being processed (program is running),  
 "Edit": A program is being edited (program editor),  
 "Error": The firing furnace has malfunctioned.

### Display area

The display area shows the current menu of the firing furnace control such as the Program Manager in Fig. 5-4.

### Function bar

The function bar contains the buttons for controlling and operating the firing furnace. The names of the buttons depend on the selected menu.

## 5.3. Program Manager

Use the Program Manager menu to select the firing programs or sets and administer the assignment of the individual program memories (such as copy or delete firing programs).

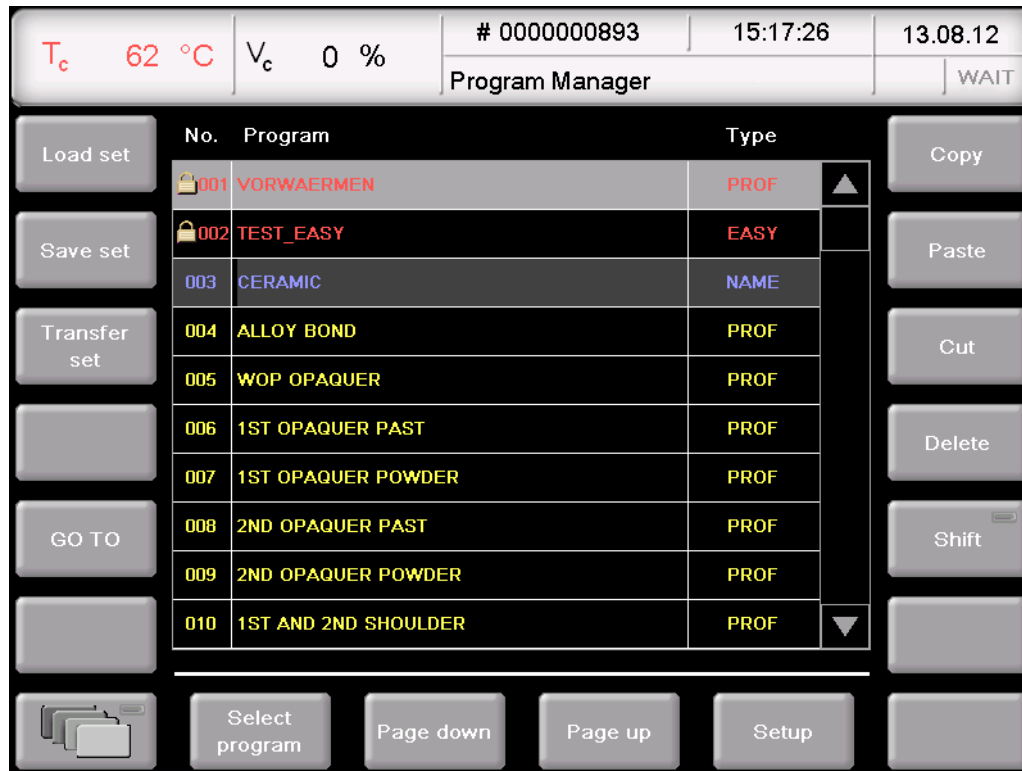


Fig. 5-5 Program Manager (example)

### Display area

The display area of the Program Manager includes the following elements:

- The program list shows all of the firing programs in the loaded set.
  - The left column "No" shows the program number,
  - The middle column "Program" shows the program name. A lock indicates that a program is protected by the general code, (for example, see Fig. 5-25),
  - The right column "Type" shows the program type,
- Scroll bar. This allows you to scroll through the table (as with conventional Windows applications).

### Select program

- Scroll through the program list and click the desired program to select it. The corresponding table line appears with a gray background.  
Or
- Click [GO TO]. The numeric keyboard window is opened. Enter the desired program number, and click [Enter].

**Left function bar**

The buttons in the left function bar refer to sets of firing programs.

[Load set]:	Opens the window "Select manufacturer" to load the programs of the set into the Program Manager.
{Save set}:	Saves the loaded set. After it is saved, the message appears: "Successfully saved". Click [OK] to close the message.
[Transfer set]:	Transfers a set to the Program Manager. Note that existing programs are overwritten.
[GO TO]:	Opens the numeric keyboard window so that you can select a program by its number.

**Right function bar**

The buttons in the right function bar refer to individual firing programs.

**NOTE:**

**Programs that are protected by the general code cannot be deleted or overwritten (see also the section 5.8.1.6).**

[Copy]	<p>Copies the selected program. Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the desired program (source).</li> <li>• Click on [copy].</li> <li>• Select the number of the program to which the program should be copied (target);</li> <li>• Click on [Insert].</li> </ul>
[Paste]	<p>Inserts a program. This function is only relevant along with the commands [Copy] or [Cut].</p>
[Cut]	<p>Moves the selected program. Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the desired program (source).</li> <li>• Click on [Cut].</li> <li>• Select the number of the program where the program should be moved (target);</li> <li>• Click on [Insert].</li> </ul>
[Delete]	<p>Deletes the selected program. Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the desired program.</li> <li>• Click on [Delete].</li> <li>• A confirmation message is displayed. Click [OK] if you want to delete the program.</li> </ul>
[Shift]	<p>For selecting several programs. Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the first desired program.</li> <li>• Click on [Shift].</li> <li>• Select the last desired program.</li> </ul>

The entire block between the first and last program is selected and can be copied, inserted or deleted.

**Bottom function bar**

The buttons in the bottom function bar refer to individual firing programs.



Icon Manager. Activates the Icon Manager. See section 5.4.

[Program selection]

Opens the program display (see section 5.5) for the selected program.

[Page Down]

Scrolls one page down in the Program Manager. You can also use the scroll bar.

[Page Up]:

Scrolls one page up in the Program Manager. You can also use the scroll bar.

[Setup]

Opens the "Setup" menu (see section 5.8).



## 5.4. Icon Manager

The Icon Manager provides a functionality for an easy program navigation. Firing programs can be grouped in folders in a clear fashion. Navigation between the folder contents is similar as known from e.g. Windows Explorer.

In the Program Manager (see section 5.3) the folders and firing programs are displayed in different colors:

- Blue letters: folder (Type: Name),
- Yellow letters: firing programs.

A folder contains the firing programs on the memories up to the next folder.



Fig. 5-6 Program Manager (example): Display of folders and firing programs

- 1 Folder
- 2 Firing program

### Opening and closing the Icon Manager

1. In the Program Manager, select a folder or a firing program.
2. Click on the [Icon Manager] icon.
  - The Icon Manager displays the existing folders when you have selected a folder,
  - The Icon Manager displays the firing programs in the corresponding folder when you have selected a firing program.
3. Click again on [Icon-Manager] to close the Icon Manager.

**File navigation**

The following figure shows an example of existing folders.

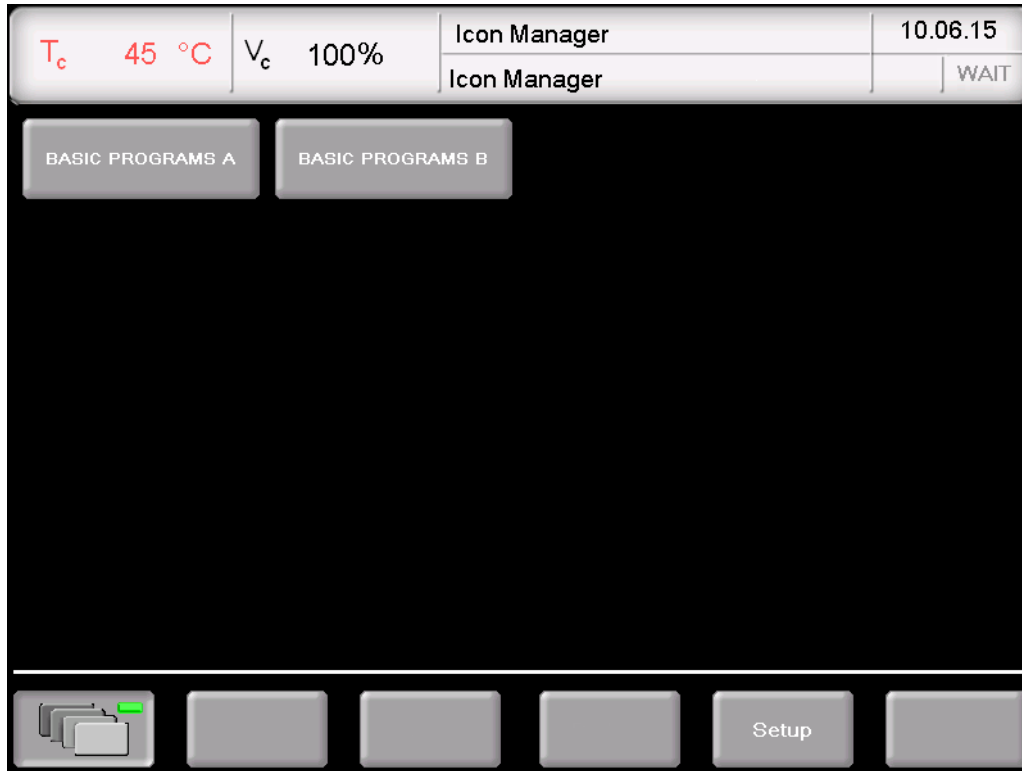


Fig. 5-7 Icon Manager (example): Folder display

Information bar

The Information bar displays additional information:

- Top: Display level (Icon Manager or folder name),
- Bottom: Icon Manager is active.

[Folder names]

Displays the firing programs in this folder. See following figure.



Open and close the Icon Manager. The LED inside the button indicates when the Icon Manager is active.

[Setup]

Opens the "Setup" menu (see section 5.8).

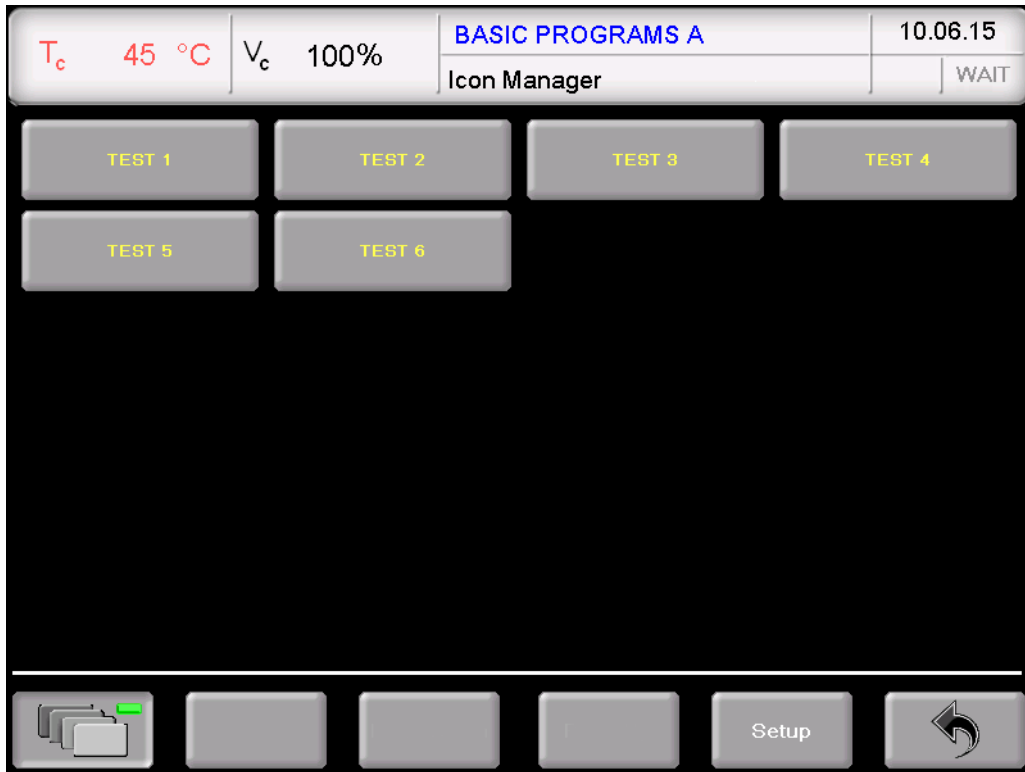


Fig. 5-8 Icon Manager (example): Display of firing programs in a folder

[Program names] The program display with the firing parameters appears (see section 5.5).



Toggle to the folder display, see Fig. 5-7.

**Creating a new folder**

Proceed as follows to create a new folder:

1. Double-click on an empty memory in the Program Manager.
2. Select the program type "Classic".
3. The alphanumerical keyboard window opens. Enter the folder name. Note that the input must not exceed 40 characters.
4. Click [Save] in the program display in order to save the changes.

You can rename the new folder at any time.

**Creating a new firing program**

See section 5.7.5.

## 5.5. Program display

The program display with the firing parameters appears when you select a program in the Program Manager and click on [Selected program]. The display depends on the type of program that has been selected:

- Program display for easy programs (see section 5.5.1),
- Program display for professional programs (see section 5.5.2),
- Program display for classic programs (see section 5.5.3),
- Only the 644 pressing furnace: Program display for pressing programs, see section 5.5.4.

### 5.5.1. Easy programs

The following illustration shows a typical program display for easy programs.

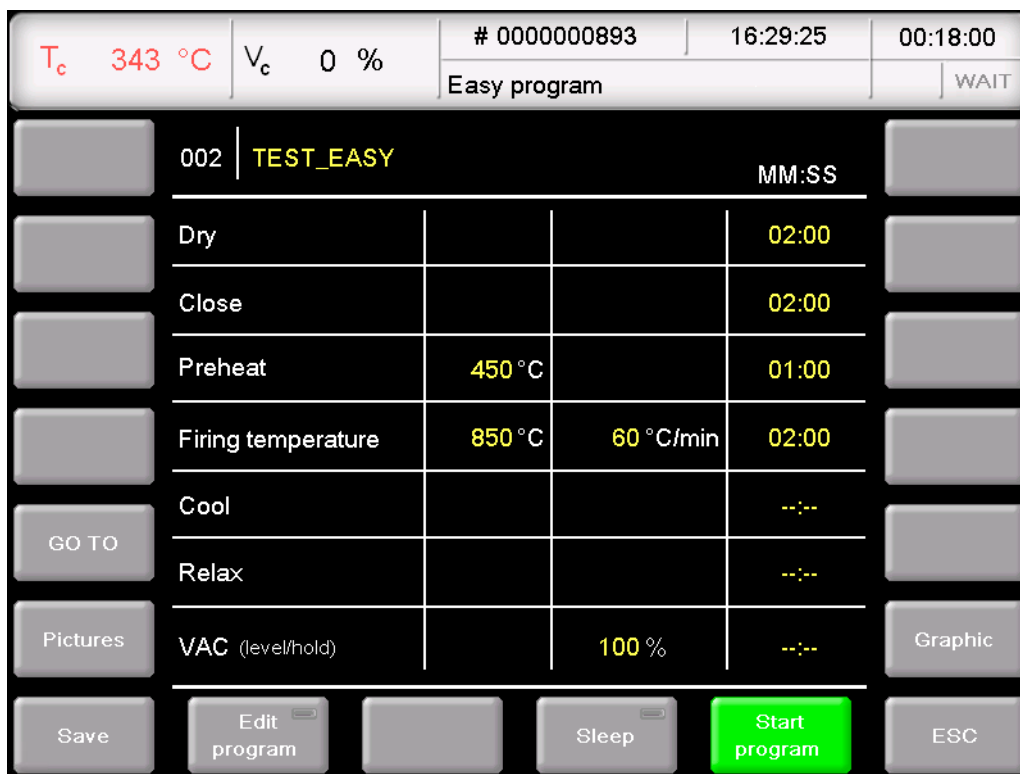


Fig. 5-9 Program display for easy programs (example)

The display is divided into three parts: The information line, the table with the firing parameters and the function bar.

Information line                      Displays the program number and name.

Entry mask with firing parameters

The table contains the entry fields for the respective program steps with the firing parameters. An empty entry box means that the respective value is automatically specified by the program step or is not required.

- Each line corresponds to a program step. The program steps are executed sequentially from top to bottom.
- The first column contains the name of the program step.
- The second column indicates the temperature at which the program step is executed.
- The third column indicates the heating rate at which the temperature in column 2 is activated and the vacuum for firing.
- The fourth column indicates the holding period for the program step.

Buttons in the function bar:

- [GO TO]: Opens the numeric keyboard window so that you can select a program by its number.
- [Pictures] Opens a window for selecting a picture (see section 5.5.6).
- [Save] Saves the program.
- [Edit program] «»Opens the program editor to change the firing parameters (see section 5.7).
- [Sleep] Click on the button to activate and deactivate sleep mode. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active (see also the section 5.6.5).  
Only operate the firing furnace under supervision.
- [Start Program] Starts the program See also section 5.6. The [Start program] button is automatically replaced by the [Abort program] button after the program starts.
- [Cancel Program] Prematurely terminates a running program. The [Cancel program] button is then automatically replaced by the [Start program] button. After a program is canceled, the heating system turns off, and the firing furnace cools down. The firing number is not increased during firing.
- [ESC] Terminates the program display and opens the Program Manager (see section 5.3).
- [Graphic] Graphically represents the program (see section 5.5.5).

### 5.5.2. Professional programs

The following illustration shows a typical program display for professional programs.



Fig. 5-10 Program display for professional programs (example)

The program display for professional programs corresponds to the one for easy programs (see section 5.5.1).

### 5.5.3. Classic programs

The following illustration shows a typical program display for classic programs.

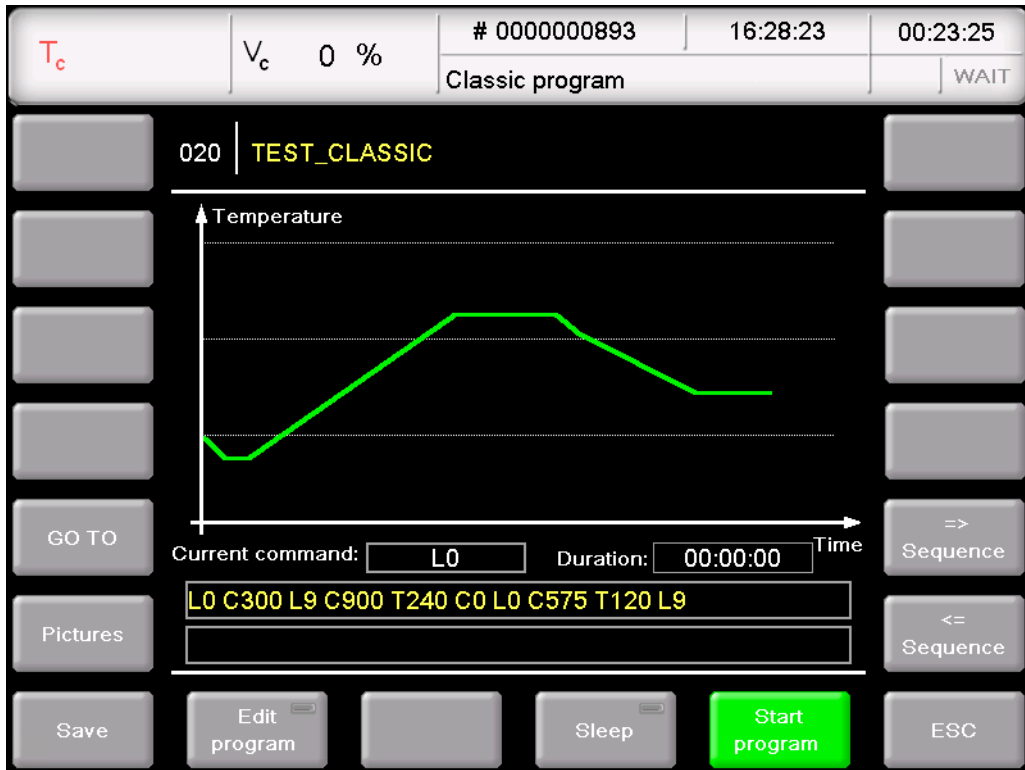


Fig. 5-11 Program display for classic programs (example)

The display is divided into four parts: The information line, the graphic display of the program progress, the command line with the firing parameters, and the function bar.

Information line	Displays the program number and name.
Graphic Representation	Graphically represents the program progress. You can find a description of the diagram in section 5.5.5. Note that a table with firing parameters for classic programs is not available. The firing parameters are displayed and edited in the command line.
Command line	Shows the individual program steps with the firing program in "CVTL" syntax. Click on the command line to open the program editor to change the firing parameters (see section 5.7.3).

Buttons in the function bar:

- [GO TO] Opens the numeric keyboard window so that you can select a program by its number.
- [Pictures] Opens a window for selecting a picture (see section 5.5.6).
- [Save] Saves the program.

- [Edit program] Opens the program editor to change the firing parameters. (see section 5.7).
  - [Sleep] Click on the button to activate and deactivate sleep mode. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active (see also the section 5.6.5).  
Note that the firing furnace may only be operated under supervision.
  - [Start Program] Starts the program (see also the section 5.6). The [Start program] button is automatically replaced by the [Abort program] button after the program starts.
  - [Cancel Program] Prematurely terminates a running program. The [Cancel program] button is then automatically replaced by the [Start program] button. After a program is canceled, the heating system turns off, and the firing furnace cools down. The firing number is not increased during firing.
  - [ESC] Terminates the program display and opens the Program Manager (see section 5.3).
- [=> Sequence] The two sequence keys move the cursor through the individual  
[=> Sequence] program steps. The intervals have a colored background in the graphic.



### 5.5.4. Pressing programs (only 644)

**NOTE:**

**This section only applies to the AUSTROMAT® 644 pressing furnace.**

The following illustration shows a typical program display for pressing programs.

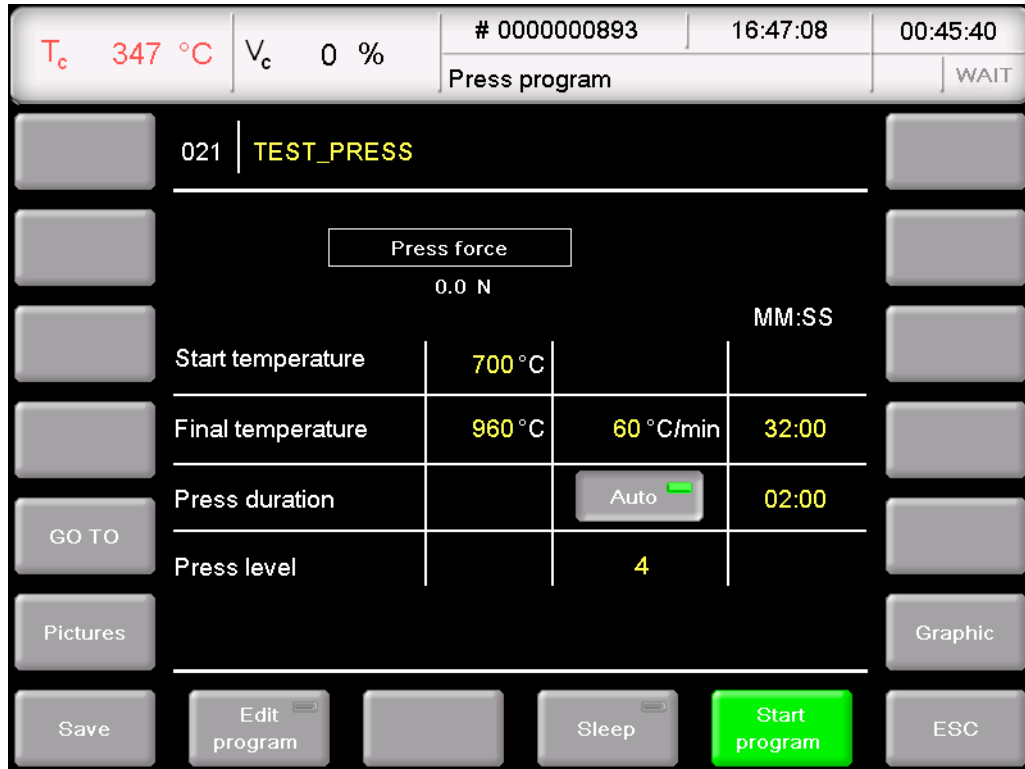


Fig. 5-12 Program display for press programs (example)

The display is divided into three parts: The information line, the table with the firing and pressing parameters, and the function bar.

Information line                      Displays the program number and name.

Entry mask with firing parameters      The table contains the entry fields for the respective program steps with the firing parameters.

- Each line corresponds to a program step. The program steps are executed sequentially from top to bottom.
- The first column contains the name of the program step.
- The second column indicates the temperature at which the program step is executed.
- The third column indicates the heating rate at which the temperature in column 2 is activated and the pressing parameters for firing.
- The fourth column indicates the holding period for the program step.

Buttons in the function bar:

- [GO TO] Opens the numeric keyboard window so that you can select a program by its number.
- [Pictures] Opens a window for selecting a picture (see section 5.5.6).
- [Save] Saves the program.
- [Edit program] Opens the program editor to change the firing parameters. (see section 5.7).
- [Sleep] Click on the button to activate and deactivate sleep mode. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active (see also the section 5.6.5).  
Only operate the firing furnace under supervision.
- [Start Program] Starts the program (see also section 5.6). The [Start program] button is automatically replaced by the [Abort program] button after the program starts.
- [Cancel Program] Prematurely terminates a running program. The [Cancel program] button is then automatically replaced by the [Start program] button. After a program is canceled, the heating system turns off, and the firing furnace cools down. The firing number is not increased during firing.
- [ESC] Terminates the program display and opens the Program Manager (see section 5.3).
- [Graphic] Graphically represents the program (see section 5.5.5).

### 5.5.5. Graphic program displays

**NOTE:**

**You can only start and edit Classic programs in the graphic program display.**

In the graphic display, the program progress is graphically displayed instead of the entry fields. The cursor shows the position of a program step.

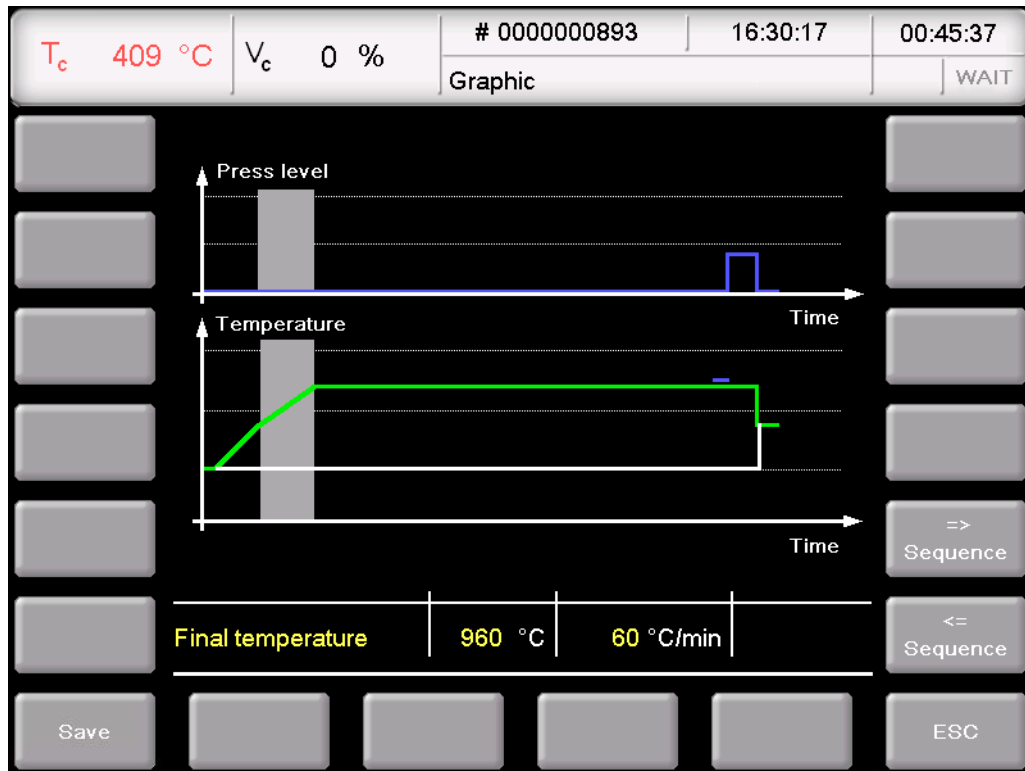


Fig.5-13 Graphic program display (example of 644)

The display is divided into a diagram field (graphic) and a function bar.

**Graphic Representation**

The graphic display shows the progress of the program and contains the following elements:

- The vertical axis shows the temperature and pressure.
- The horizontal axis shows the time.
- The cursor shows the momentary position (time) in the program.
- The diagram shows the progress of the program as a colored curve. The temperature over time and pressure at the fired object is portrayed.

**Buttons in the function bar:**

- [Save] Saves the program.
- [=> Sequence] The sequence keys move the cursor through the individual program steps. The intervals have a colored background in the graphic.
- [=< Sequence]

- [ESC] Ends the graphic display and switches to the normal program display (see sections 5.5.1, 5.5.2 and 5.5.4).

### 5.5.6. Pictures

**NOTE:**

The screen of your AUSTROMAT® firing furnace is not color calibrated. It is therefore not suitable for accepting color.

You can save pictures in the memory of the firing furnace electronics, for example to compare the firing results with photographs of sample firings. The screen page offers a simplified functionality for selecting and viewing a picture as in Windows Explorer. To overwrite the pictures, you can use the FTP functionality (see section 5.8.4.6) or a USB stick.

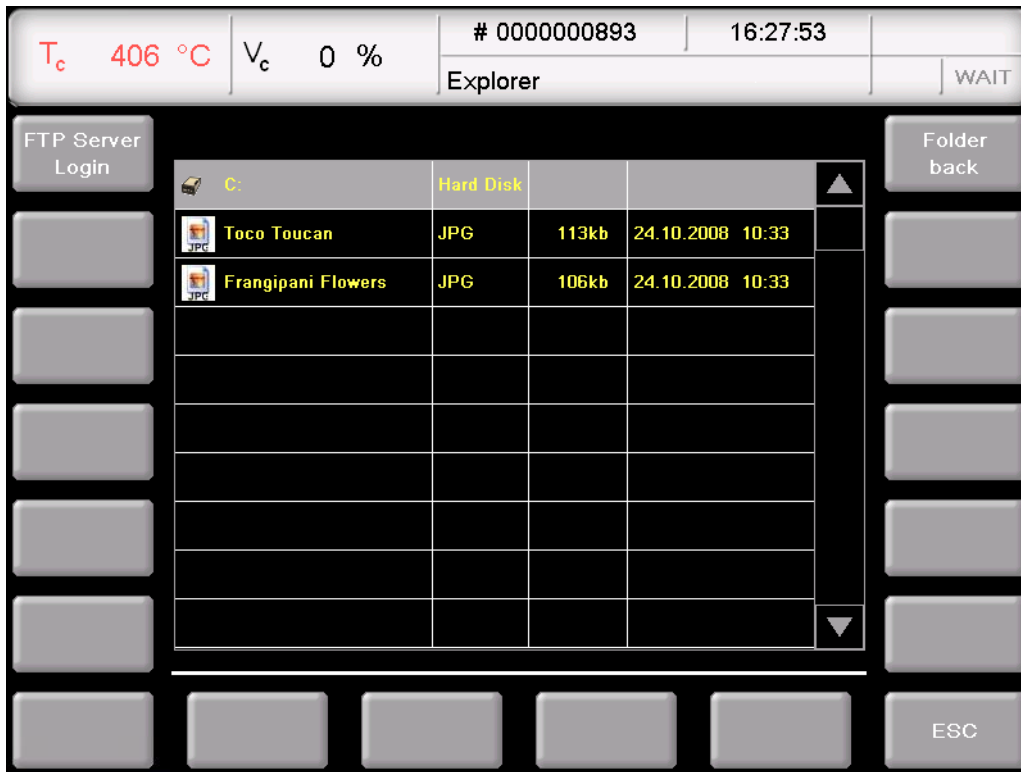


Fig. 5-14 Program Manager > Pictures

The Screen is divided into tables that list all the pictures in the selected directory, and the function bar.

**Table**

The table provides the following information:

- Title line: Name of the current directory,
- Left column: Name of pictures:
- Second column: File extension,
- Third column: File size,
- Fourth column: Date and time of the pictures.

Note that only pictures and no other files are listed.

View picture

Double-click the line of the desired picture.

Buttons in the  
function bar:

- [FTP Server Login] Optional functionality.  
Open the "FTP Server Login" to access an externally-linked FTP server (see section 5.8.4.6).
- [Folder up] Moves one level up in the directory structure.
- [ESC] Ends picture selection and switches to the normal program display (see sections 5.5.1 to 5.5.4).

## 5.6. Program sequence

A firing program is started from the Program Display by pressing [Program Start]. Please note:

- The preheating of the firing furnace depends on the last selected program type.
  - Easy, professional and pressing programs (only 644):  
The firing furnace automatically heats to the required preheating temperature (drying or start temperature). You can terminate this process by pressing the [ON/OFF] key,
  - Classic programs:  
The firing furnace automatically heats to the preheating temperature of the last selected easy, professional, or pressing program (i.e., before the classic program was selected) (only the 644).  
All the parameters that are still open after the program has ended remain active after the program is over. They only lose their validity when the firing furnace is switched to wait mode by pressing the [ON/OFF] key, or when they are deactivated or replaced with new parameters (such as program procedure),
- The program steps are executed in the specified sequence in the input mask (see section 5.5),
- Select [Cancel program] to prematurely terminate a running program. In this case, all the commands are stopped and the heat system is turned off. The firing furnace cools down. The firing number is not increased during firing.

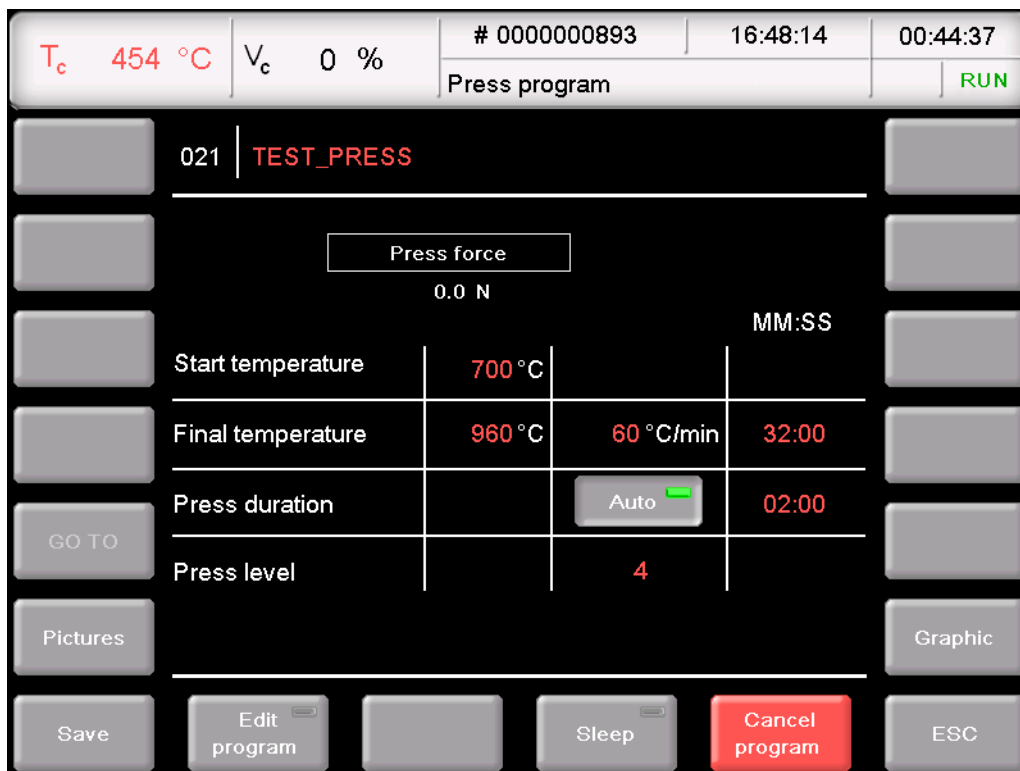


Fig. 5-15 Example of the sequence of a pressing program (644 as an example)

The example of Fig. 5-15 (644 pressing furnace) generates the following firing program:

- Step 0: [Start Program] Program started with an open firing chamber (mounted muffle).
- Step 1 Heat up to the starting temperature  
The lift travels upward and closes the firing chamber. The starting temperature (700°C) is assumed, and the maximum vacuum is generated.
- Step 2 Heat up to the end temperature (960°C) with a rate of 60°C/min (700°C to 960°C)  
Holding time 32:00 min (holding period for the end temperature)
- Step 3 The pressure builds  
The muffle is pressed with the set pressure (level 4, approx. 20 kg).
- Step 4 Press 2:00 min (holding period for pressure)
- Step 5 End of program:
- The lift moves downward,
  - The firing number is automatically increased by one,
  - The acoustic signal sounds (see section 5.8.2.2),
  - The standby temperature for the next firing is assumed.

The meaning of the individual program steps will be discussed in the following section:

- For the easy programs, see section 5.6.1,
- For the professional programs, see section 5.6.2,
- For the classic programs, see section 5.6.3,
- Only the 644 pressing furnace: For pressing programs, see section 5.6.4.

### 5.6.1. Easy programs

Specifically, the program steps execute the following functions:

Program step	Definition
Drying	The firing object is dried over the entered holding time. The drying temperature can be set in the "Setup" menu (see section 5.8.2.3).  In the "Drying" program step, the lift is automatically moved to the right position, and the position strongly depends on the temperature of the firing chamber. The lift may therefore move up and down several times in small steps.
Close	The firing chamber is completely closed in the specified time, and the firing object is heated to preheating temperature.
Preheat	The firing object is subjected to the preheating temperature in the closed firing chamber for the specified holding time.
Firing temperature	The closed firing chamber is heated up from the preheating temperature to the firing temperature at the entered rate. When the firing temperature is reached, the firing object is subjected to the firing temperature for the holding period.
Cooling	Starting from the firing temperature, the cooling temperature is approached and held for the holding time. The firing chamber may be open. The cooling temperature is approx. 90 % of the firing temperature.
Relaxation	Starting from the cooling temperature, the relaxation temperature is approached and held for the holding time. The firing chamber may be open. The relaxation temperature is approx. 65% of the firing temperature.
VAC (level/hold)	After preheating and before heating up to the firing temperature, the specified vacuum (level in %) is generated. When the firing temperature is reached, the vacuum is held for the holding period. Then the firing chamber is ventilated.  The appendix contains a table with the vacuum values.

Tab. 5-3 *Meaning of the program steps for easy programs*



## 5.6.2. Professional programs

Specifically, the program steps execute the following functions:

Program step	Definition
Drying	The firing object is dried for the specified holding time. The drying temperature can be set in the "Setup" menu (see section 5.8.2.3).  In the "Drying" program step, the lift is automatically moved to the right position, and the position strongly depends on the temperature of the firing chamber. The lift may therefore move up and down several times in small steps.
Close	The firing chamber is completely closed in the specified time, and the firing object is heated to preheating temperature.
Preheat	The firing object is subjected to the preheating temperature in the closed firing chamber for the specified holding time.
Temperature 1	The closed firing chamber is heated up to temperature 1 from preheating temperature at the specified heat-up rate 1. When temperature 1 is reached, the firing object is subjected to temperature 1 for the specified holding time.
Temperature 2	Starting from temperature 1, temperature 2 is activated at the specified heat-up rate 2 and held for holding time 2. The firing chamber may be open (e.g. cooling, relaxation).
Temperature 3	Starting from temperature 2, temperature 3 is activated at the specified heat-up rate 3 and held for holding time 3. The firing chamber may be open (e.g. cooling, relaxation).
VAC (off/level/hold)	After preheating and before heating up to the firing temperature, the specified vacuum (level in %) is generated. When the set "off" temperature is reached, the vacuum is held for the holding period. Then the firing chamber is ventilated.  The appendix contains a table with the vacuum values.

Tab. 5-4 Meaning of the program steps for professional programs

### 5.6.3. Classic programs

The individual program steps are displayed in the "CVTL" syntax and processed from left to right in the given sequence.

You can find a description of the "CVTL" syntax in section 5.7.3.

### 5.6.4. Pressing programs (only 644)

**NOTE:**

**This section only applies to the AUSTROMAT® 644 pressing furnace.**

Specifically, the program steps execute the following functions:

Program step	Definition
Starting temperature	The firing object is heated very quickly to the start temperature when the firing chamber is closed.
End temperature	The closed firing chamber is heated up from the start temperature to the end temperature at the specified increase rate. When the end temperature is reached, the firing object is subjected to the end temperature for the holding period.
Pressing time	The muffle is pressed at the set pressure over the pressing time. Click the [Auto] button to activate automated shortening of the pressing time. The pressing time is automatically shortened when the pressure does not have to be adjusted, i.e., it remains constant. Each change in force interrupts the shortening of the pressing time.
Pressure level	The pressure is built up to the set value. The appendix contains a table with the pressures.

Tab. 5-5 *Meaning of the program steps for pressing programs*

### 5.6.5. Sleep mode (long-term ready mode)

**NOTE:**

**Sleep mode is only available when it is activated in the "Setup" menu (see section 5.8.2.4).**

The power consumption of the firing furnace in "Sleep mode" is approximately 10 W.

**Sleep mode procedure:**

- After the program ends (lift moves up), an acoustic signal sounds,
- Long-term readiness is displayed in the Program Manager by an LED within the [SLEEP] button. The [Cancel program] button remains available,
- The heating is turned off. The firing furnace cools to the firing chamber temperature of 100°C and then closes. The firing chamber continues to cool,
- The screen saver is activated after a set period (see section 5.8.1.4),

**Ending "Sleep mode"**

"Sleep mode" is ended by pressing any key. The following actions automatically occur:

- The lift moves to the bottom position (L0).
- The furnace heats to the start temperature. The message "Long-term readiness aborted" also appears. Remove the fired object. The firing chamber is set to the start temperature."
- Confirm the entry by pressing [OK]. The firing furnace normally returns to the last program. After a power failure or restarting, it returns to the start window.

**NOTE:**

**Only operate the firing furnace under supervision.**

## 5.7. Program editor

**NOTE:**

**Programs that are protected by the general code cannot be edited (see also the section 5.8.1.6).**

With the program editor, you can change existing programs or create new firing programs.

**Editing while the program is running**

Furthermore, you can edit parameters while a firing program in progress. However, you can only edit the values of the program steps that have not been processed yet.

When editing a firing program, note the following:

- The keyboard windows are described in sections 5.1.3, 5.1.4 and 5.1.5,
- An entered value must be confirmed by pressing [Enter]. Otherwise, the entry or changed value has no effect,
- Incorrect values cannot be entered. The original value is retained. The permissible value range is displayed in the keyboard window.

### 5.7.1. Editing easy programs

Easy programs are characterized by:

- fast and easy programming,
- specified firing with an entry mask that provides the basic program steps,
- only certain firing parameters can be changed. The corresponding entry fields are identified in the program display (see Fig. 5-9) by their yellow background.

#### Opening the program editor

- In the Program Manager, select the desired firing program, and click [Selected program]. The program display appears (see section 5.5).
- Click on [Edit program]. An LED within the button indicates that the program editor is active. The editable parameters are green. In addition, the "Edit" status is displayed in the information bar.
- Click on a parameter field to edit it. The corresponding keyboard window is automatically opened.

#### Closing the program editor

- Click [Save] to save the changes.
- Click on [Edit program]. A green field within the button goes dark to indicate that the program editor is inactive. In addition, the "Edit" status in the information bar disappears.

The following table gives an overview of the permissible values for the individual program steps. The buttons in the function bar correspond to the program display (see section 5.5.1).

Program step	Temperature in °C	Temperature rise in °C/min or vacuum level in %	Holding time in min:sec
Drying			00:00 ... 99:59
Close			00:00 ... 99:59
Preheat	100 ... 700		00:00 ... 99:59
Firing temperature	100 ... 1200	0 ... MAX <sup>1)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
Cooling	2)	4)	00:00 ... 99:59
Relaxation	3)	4)	00:00 ... 99:59
VAC (level/hold)		0 ... 100 <sup>5)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59

Tab. 5-6 Permissible value range of the program steps for easy programs

- 1) maximum rise for input 0°C/min
- 2) cooling temperature predefined as 90 % of firing temperature
- 3) relaxation temperature predefined as 65 % of firing temperature
- 4) cooling/relaxation temperature is activated as quickly as possible (opening of firing chamber)
- 5) The appendix contains a table with the vacuum values

For programming examples, go to the download area of the DEKEMA website:

<http://www.dekema.com>

## 5.7.2. Editing professional programs

Professional programs are characterized by:

- fast and easy programming,
- specified firing with an entry mask that provides the basic program steps,
- All individual firing parameters can be changed. The corresponding entry fields are identified in the program display (see Fig. 5-10) by their yellow background.

### Opening the program editor

- In the Program Manager, select the desired firing program, and click [Selected program]. The program display appears (see section 5.5).
- Click on [Edit program]. An LED within the button indicates that the program editor is active. The editable parameters are green. In addition, the "Edit" status is displayed in the information bar.
- Click on a parameter field to edit it. The corresponding keyboard window is automatically opened.

### Closing the program editor

- Click [Save] to save the changes.
- Click on [Edit program]. A green field within the button goes dark to indicate that the program editor is inactive. In addition, the "Edit" status in the information bar disappears.

The following table gives an overview of the permissible values for the individual program steps. The buttons in the function bar correspond to the program display (see section 5.5.2).

Program step	Temperature in °C	Temperature rise in °C/min or vacuum level in %	Holding time in min:sec
Drying			00:00 ... 99:59
Close			00:00 ... 99:59
Preheat	100 ... 700		00:00 ... 99:59
Temperature 1 <sup>1)</sup>	100 ... 1200 <sup>4)</sup>	0 ... MAX <sup>5)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
Temperature 2 <sup>2)</sup>	100 ... 1200	0 ... MAX <sup>5)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
Temperature 3 <sup>3)</sup>	100 ... 1200	0 ... MAX <sup>5)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
VAC (off/level/hold)	100 ... 1200	0 ... 100 <sup>6)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59

Tab. 5-7 Permissible value range of the program steps for easy programs

- 1) Temperature 1 corresponds to the firing temperature in easy programs
- 2) Temperature 2 corresponds to cooling in easy programs, but it can also be higher than temperature 1
- 3) Temperature 3 corresponds to relaxation in easy programs, but it can also be higher than temperatures 1 and 2
- 4) Temperature 1 is higher than appreciating temperature
- 5) maximum rise for input 0°C/min
- 6) The appendix contains a table with the vacuum values

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### 5.7.3. Editing classic programs

Classic programs are characterized by:

- variable and flexible programming,
- unrestricted firing control,
- all individual firing parameters can be changed as desired,
- all individual firing parameters can be combined as desired.

#### Opening the program editor

- In the Program Manager, select the desired firing program, and click [Selected program]. The program display appears (see section 5.5.3).
- Click on [Edit program]. An LED within the button indicates that the program editor is active. The command line is green. In addition, the "Edit" status is displayed in the information bar.
- Click on the command line below the parameter display to edit it. The keyboard window for the Classic editor appears.
- The command line is reentered by default.
- In the keyboard window, click on [Edit] when you want to change an existing command line. Note that the commands are normally overwritten. Click [Insert] to insert commands.

The command line shows the commands in the sequence in which they are processed. However, you will need a bit of practice as well as an understanding of ceramics and firing techniques to program with the CVTL commands.

#### Closing the program editor

- Click [Save] to save the changes.
- Click on [Edit program]. A green field within the button goes dark to indicate that the program editor is inactive. In addition, the "Edit" status in the information bar disappears.

#### CVTL commands

In particular, the CVTL commands execute the following functions:

Temperature	"C" defines the temperature in °C in the firing chamber (degrees Celsius)
Vacuum	"V" defines the vacuum (vacuum). The appendix contains a table with the vacuum values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V0 = no vacuum or ventilate the firing chamber,</li> <li>• V9 = maximum vacuum.</li> </ul>
Lift	"L" and a single-digit number define the lift position (Lift): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L0 = bottom-most lift position, to</li> <li>• L9 = top lift position.</li> </ul>

Time	"T" and at least a double-digit number define the time ( <b>Time</b> ) in seconds.
Autodry	"A" defines the temperature in °C on the insulation table ( <b>Autodry</b> ),
Pressure Only the 644 pressing furnace:	"L9" and a single-digit number define the pressure. The appendix contains a table with the pressures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L90 = contact pressure,</li> <li>• L97 = maximum pressure.</li> </ul>
Audible signals	"T" and a single-digit number define the number of audible signals,
Jump command	"/x(x)" - causes a direct jump to a different memory with automatic continuation of the program. The program is continued without interruption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xx defines the memory number of the program that is to continue,</li> <li>• Number of characters: 1 to 2-character (0...99). No space may be inserted between the jump command "/" command and the program memory number.</li> </ul>
Command connector	". " connects two commands. Temperature rises, lift rises, press time shortening and active cooling are possible ("V.Cxxxx").
Temperature rise (temperature, firing chamber)	"T0xx.Cxxxx" defines a temperature ramp in the firing chamber by means of a temperature gradient. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the ramp in °C/min,</li> <li>• C defines the end temperature in °C in the firing chamber.</li> </ul>
Temperature rise (time, firing chamber)	"T(x)xx.Cxxxx", (x) <> 0 defines a temperature ramp in the firing chamber by means of time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the time in s,</li> <li>• C defines the end temperature in °C in the firing chamber.</li> </ul>
Temperature rise (temperature, object)	"T0xx.Axxxx" defines a temperature ramp of the firing object by means of a temperature gradient. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the ramp in °C/min,</li> <li>• A defines the end temperature in °C on the insulation table (firing object).</li> </ul>
Temperature rise (time, object)	"T(x)xx.Axxxx", (x) <> 0 defines a temperature ramp of the firing object by means of time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the time in s,</li> <li>• A defines the end temperature in °C on the insulation table (firing object).</li> </ul>

Lift ramp	<p>"T(x)xx.Lx" defines a lift ramp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the time in s,</li> <li>• L defines the lift end position.</li> </ul>
Press time shortening PTA	<p>"TxxxxX.PTA" defines the press time shortening (<b>P</b>ress <b>T</b>ime <b>A</b>utomatic). They must be entered directly after a press command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T defines the press time in s,</li> <li>• The PTA is a single-digit number and defines the press time shortening in <math>PTA \times 10\%</math>.</li> </ul> <p>The remaining time shown in the PTA command is automatically shortened when the force adjustment has come to a rest.</p> <p>The first time shortening occurs after the pressure has not changed for 35 s. As long the pressure remains constant and the pressing time is not over, the remaining pressing time is shortened after 5 seconds. Each change in force interrupts the process. The current press time continues. The time shortening then restarts after 35 s constant pressure, etc.</p> <p>Hint: You can string several time commands in a sequence; for example, to ensure a safety press time. The pressure remains steady between the time commands and does not drop. You can also work with different pressures if you set additional press commands between the times. You can also apply pressure without a vacuum.</p>
Active cooling	<p>"V.Cxxxx" defines quick cooling when the firing chamber is slightly opened. Outside air is conducted through the firing chamber by means of the vacuum pump.</p> <p>Please note: To create a vacuum, firing chamber needs to be closed (command L9).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• V defines the cooling air stream through the opening of an additionally integrated flooding valve,</li> <li>• C defines the temperature in °C in the firing chamber.</li> </ul>

Two sequential commands can be separated by a space for clarity.

The syntax is checked when you confirm your entry. If the entered command line contains an error, then a warning appears. In this case, correct for the command line.

### Examples

Examples of programming are found in the download area of the DEKEMA website (<http://www.dekema.com>) or in the separate instructions for classic programming.

### 5.7.4. Editing pressing programs (only 644)

**NOTE:**

**This section only applies to the AUSTROMAT® 644 pressing furnace.**

Press programs are characterized by:

- fast and easy programming,
- specified firing with an entry mask that provides the basic program steps,
- only individual firing and pressing parameters can be changed. The corresponding entry fields are identified in the program display (see Fig. 5-12) by their yellow background.

**Opening the program editor**

- In the Program Manager, select the desired firing program, and click [Selected program]. The program display appears (see section 5.5).
- Click on [Edit program]. An LED within the button indicates that the program editor is active. The editable parameters are green. In addition, the "Edit" status is displayed in the information bar.
- Click on a parameter field to edit it. The corresponding keyboard window is automatically opened.

**Closing the program editor**

- Click [Save] to save the changes.
- Click on [Edit program]. A green field within the button goes dark to indicate that the program editor is inactive. In addition, the "Edit" status in the information bar disappears.

The following table gives an overview of the permissible values for the individual program steps. The buttons in the function bar correspond to the program display (see section 5.5.1).

Program step	Temperature in °C	Temperature rise in °C/min or pressing parameters	Holding time in min:sec
Starting temperature	100 ... 700		
End temperature	700 ... 1200	0 ... MAX <sup>1)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
Pressing time		[Auto] <sup>2)</sup>	00:00 ... 99:59
Pressure level		0 ... 7 <sup>3)</sup>	

Tab. 5-8 Permissible value range of the program steps for easy programs

- 1) maximum rise for input 0°C/min
- 2) Automatic press time shortening
- 3) The appendix contains a table with the pressures

For programming examples, go to the download area of the DEKEMA website:

<http://www.dekema.com>

### 5.7.5. Creating a new program

Follow the procedure below to create a new program:

1. Double-click an empty memory in the Program Manager.
2. The "Program selection" window appears and offers a drop-down list:



Fig. 5-16 "Program selection" window

- Select "Easy" when you want to create an easy program (see section 5.7.1),
  - Select "Professional" when you want to create a professional program (see section 5.7.2),
  - Select "Classic" when you want to create a classic program (see section 5.7.3),
  - Only the 644 pressing furnace: Select "Press" when you want to create a press program (see section 5.7.4).
3. Click on [OK]. The program display for the selected program type appears.
  4. Click the field for the program name. The alphanumeric keyboard window opens. Enter a program name.
  5. Edit the new program. You can find programming suggestions in section 5.7.6.
  6. In the program display, click [Save] to save the changes.

### 5.7.6. Programming Suggestions

You can find non-binding programming suggestions at <http://www.dekema.com>. The programs are firing programs converted according to manufacturer's instructions for DEKEMA dental ceramic furnaces of the AUSTROMAT® series. You can load these programs into your firing furnace (see section 6.8.4).

The parameters such as heating rates, temperatures and hold times indicated by the respective manufacturer are transferred to the programs. These quantities depend on the conditions of use such as the size and material of the firing tray or soft firing cushion, the size and weight of the fired object, or the firing oven used when the ceramic manufacturer was determining the firing parameters.

To obtain the best firing results, DEKEMA recommends that you carry out a sample firing before the first ceramic firing. If different firing material is fired in your AUSTROMAT®, regular cleaning firings are recommended. This reduces contamination and foreign impurities on the fired material and thermocouple to an acceptable level. Never use additives during the cleaning firing!

## 5.8. Setup menu

The "Setup" menu is used for system control, to change less frequently used settings of the firing furnace, to launch maintenance programs, and to record data. The "Setup" menu can be opened by clicking on the [Setup] function key in the Program Manager. It is accessible to laboratory users if not blocked by the supplier for a specific customer.

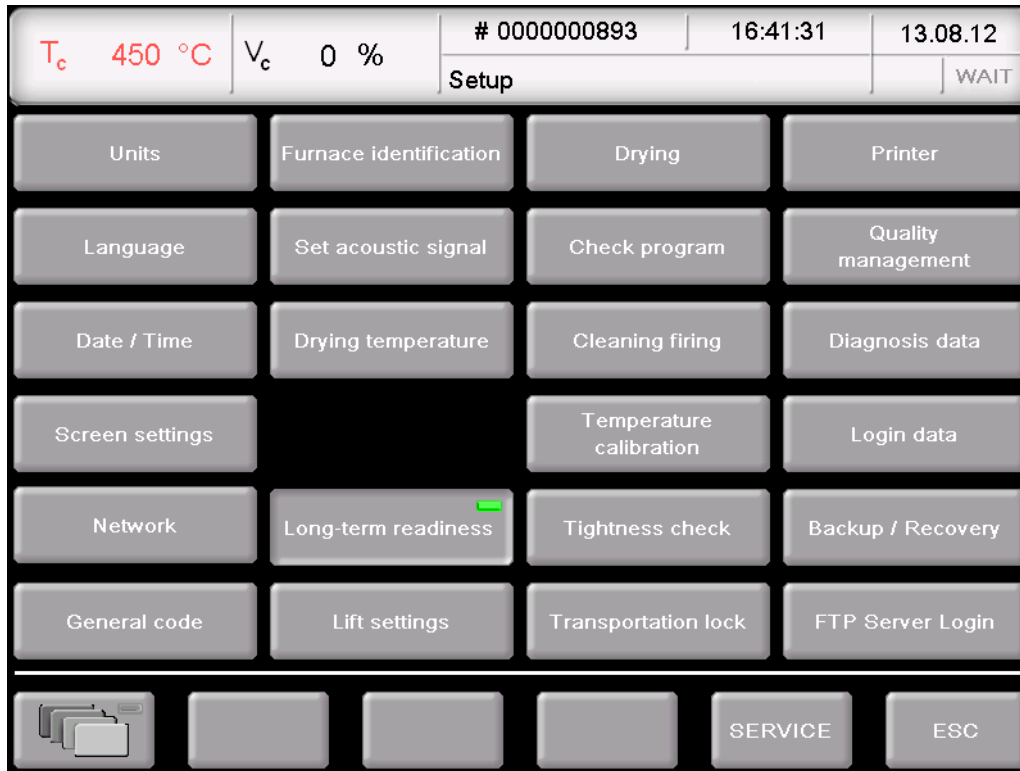


Fig. 5-17 "Setup" menu

### Buttons

- [SERVICE]:  
Opens the "Service" menu. The "Service" menu is only available when you are authorized for level "2" (see section 2.5).
- [ESC]:  
Return to the Program Manager (see section 5.3).



The following table lists the available functions in the "Setup" menu and provides a short description. A detailed explanation can be found in the indicated section in the column "See section".

Function	Description	See section
<b>System control functions</b>		
[Units]	Select the units for temperature, pressure and compression (only 644 pressing furnaces).	5.8.1.1
[Language]	Select a language for the user interface.	5.8.1.2
[Date/time]	Current date and time in the firing furnace control.	5.8.1.3
[Screen setting]	Determines how long to wait until the screensaver is activated after an entry is made.	5.8.1.4
[Network]	Option Network settings for the firing furnace.	5.8.1.5
[General code]	Access levels for the firing furnace.	5.8.1.6
<b>Settings for the firing furnace</b>		
[Furnace ID]	Enter the furnace ID.	5.8.2.1
[Acoustic signal]	Set the acoustic signal at the end of the program.	5.8.2.2
[Drying temperature]	Setting the temperature for drying.	5.8.2.3
[Long-term readiness]	Specifies if "Sleep mode" is active after the end of a program.	5.8.2.4
[Lift settings]	Specifies if a warning is displayed before opening the lift when the firing chamber is hot.  Only the 644: After the pressing program is over, the safe lift position is assumed to prevent broken or tipped muffles from falling over.	5.8.2.5

Function	Description	See section
<b>Maintenance programs</b>		
[Drying]	Runs a program for drying the firing furnace.	5.8.3.1
[Check program]	Executes the check program to check the function of the most important components.	5.8.3.2
[Cleaning firing]	Runs a cleaning firing.	5.8.3.3
[Temperature calibration]	Calibrates the temperature and sets the CCF value (calibration factor).	5.8.3.4
[Seal test]	Runs a seal test of all components in the vacuum system.	5.8.3.5
[Transport bracing]	Protects sensitive components in the firing chamber during transportation.	5.8.3.6
<b>Data recording and transfer</b>		
[Printer]	Specifies a printer for the firing furnace.	5.8.4.1
[Quality management]	Option Determines if a QM report is displayed after a program.	5.8.4.2
[Diagnostic data]	Shows the diagnostic data that is created by the check program.	5.8.4.3
[Login data]	Option Defines the authorizations to use the firing furnace via the web interface.	5.8.4.4
[Backup / Recovery]	Backs up and restores the data in the firing furnace control.	5.8.4.5
[FTP Server Login]	Option Defines the access to the firing furnace on an FTP server.	5.8.4.6

Tab. 5-9 Functions in the "Setup" menu

## 5.8.1. System control functions

### 5.8.1.1. Units

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Units] button. The following window for selecting the units for temperature, pressure and compression appears (only 644) pressing furnaces. The set unit is marked.

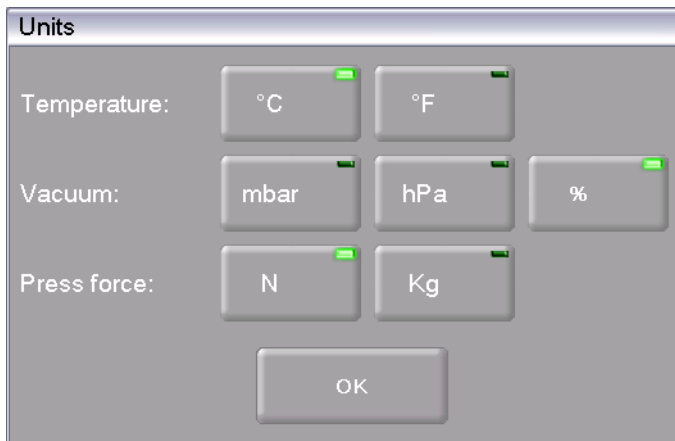


Fig. 5-18 Setup > Units

#### Buttons

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

#### Select unit

Click on the relevant unit. An LED within the button indicates that the related unit is selected:

- Temperature: Choose °C or °F (Fahrenheit);  
Conversion formula:  $T_F = T_C \times 1.8 + 32$  or  $T_F = 9/5 T_C + 32$
- Vacuum (optional only for vacuum ovens): Select mbar, hPa and %; conversion formula  $1 \text{ mbar} = 1 \text{ hPa}$
- Only the 644 pressing furnace: Pressure: Select either N or kg; 1 kg approximately corresponds to 9.81 N

### 5.8.1.2. Language

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Language] button. The following window appears for selecting the language of the user interface. The option field identifies the currently set language.



Fig. 5-19 Setup > Language

#### Buttons

- [OK]:  
Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.
- [ESC]:  
Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu. The changes will not be saved.

#### Select language

- Click on the option field for the desired language.

### 5.8.1.3. Date/time

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Date/time] button. The following window opens for setting a date and time of the firing furnace control. The current date and time are displayed.

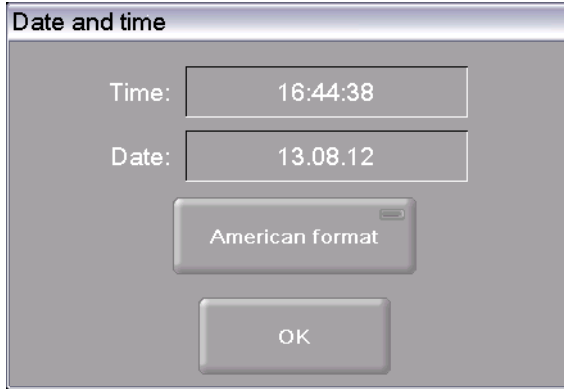


Fig. 5-20 Setup > Date/time

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Buttons                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]:<br/>Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>  |
| Change date/time       | <p>You can change the date and time as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the date or time. The numeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter the desired date or time.</li> </ul>   |
| Select the date format | <p>With this button, you can choose the European or American format for the date and time. An LED within the button indicates that the American date format is active.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European format, such as "14:29:12", and "15.5.2005" for May 15, 2005</li> <li>• American format, such as "02:29:12 pm" and 5/15/2005 for May 15, 2005.</li> </ul> |

### 5.8.1.4. Screen settings

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Screen settings] button. The following window appears for setting the screen saver.

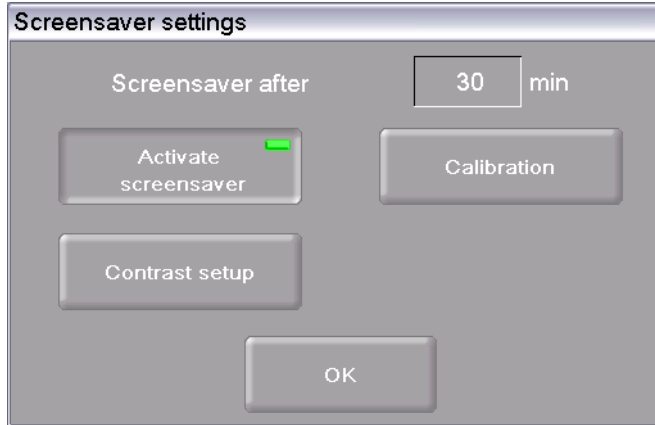


Fig. 5-21 Setup > Screensaver settings

**Buttons**

- **[Calibration]:**  
Starts a process for calibrating the screen. Crosshairs are displayed on a black background. Click the white dot in the middle of the crosshairs. The crosshairs change position. Again click the white dot and continue until calibration is finished (a total of six crosshair positions).
- **[Contrast setup]:**  
Opens a window where you can set the screen contrast. See Fig. 5-22. Higher value = stronger contrast, lower value = weaker contrast.
- **[OK]:**  
Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

**Screensaver after...min**

The screen saver makes the screen go dark after the device has not been used for a while (less power consumption and longer screen life). When you press any key or touch the touchscreen, the original display appears. The screensaver starts after the indicated time without an entry (inactivity of the entry device). Change this time as follows:

- Click on the time. The numeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter the desired time.

**Activate screen saver**

You can activate and deactivate the screensaver with the button. An LED within the button indicates that the screensaver is active.

**Contrast setup**

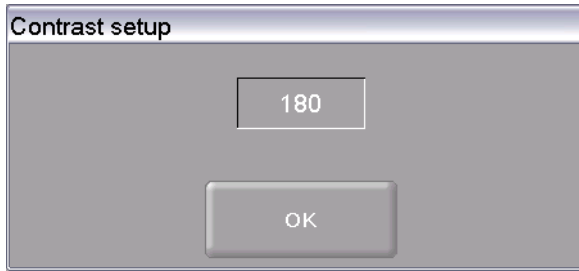


Fig. 5-22 Setup > Screensaver settings > Contrast setup

**5.8.1.5. Network (optional)**

**NOTE:**

**This functionality is optional.**

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

**Consult section 4.4 about connecting the firing furnace with a network.**

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Network] button. The following window appears with the network settings for the firing furnace. The current addresses in the network are displayed.

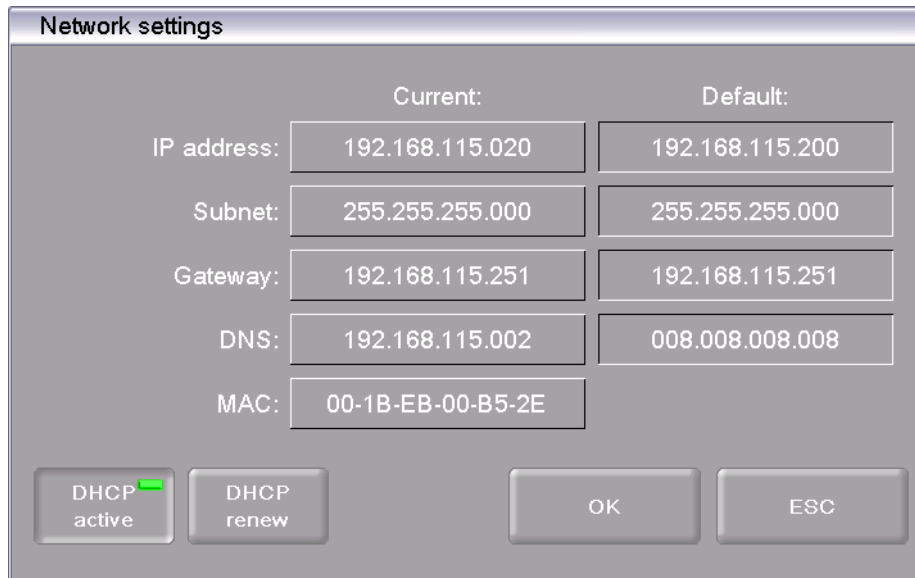


Fig. 5-23 Setup > Network

**Buttons**

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.
- [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu. The changes will not be saved.

Change IP address	<p>Change an address as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the corresponding address The alphanumeric keyboard window appears. Please note: The current IP address cannot be edited.</li> <li>• In the keyboard window, click on [Edit].</li> <li>• Enter the desired program number.</li> </ul>
DHCP active	Use the button to assign an IP address to the firing furnace from you network server. An LED within the button indicates that the DHCP function is active.
DHCP renew	Use the button to automatically assign a new IP address to the firing furnace from you network server.

### 5.8.1.6. General code

You can use this function to protect firing programs from changes (block) (see also section 2.5). Note the following usage restrictions before activating the general code.

- Programs protected by the general code cannot be edited or changed. The program editor cannot be opened for these programs,
- Programs protected by the general code cannot be deleted.
- Program numbers protected by the general code are not available as targets for copying (Program Manager),
- The functionality in the "Setup" menu is strongly restricted.

#### Activate general code

- In the "Setup" menu, click the [General code] button. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter the password for the general code. The following "General code" window appears.

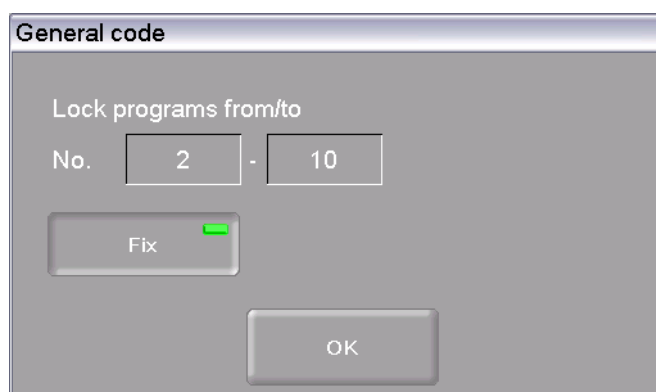


Fig. 5-24 "General code" window



Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>
Protect program memories	<p>Select the protected program memories as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the corresponding program numbers "from" and "to". The numeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter the desired program numbers.</li> <li>• Click on [OK].</li> </ul>
Fix	<p>Activating this button marks the firing programs in the locked memories as fix programs. The firing parameters of these programs can be adjusted for a single program run, but they cannot be saved. The Program Manager automatically appears when a fix program execution is completed.</p> <p>The LED inside the button indicates when the Fix function is active.</p>

Programs protected by the general code are marked in the Program Manager with a lock and have a colored background. In the program display, a lock in the information bar indicates that a program is protected.



Fig. 5-25 Lock symbol for protected programs

#### Deactivate general code

- In the "Setup" menu, click the [General code] button. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter the password for the general code.

The general code is deactivated.

#### Change protected programs

Change the protected program memories when the general code is activated as follows.

- Deactivate the general code.
- Reactivate the general code, and change the protected program range as desired.

## 5.8.2. System setting functions

### 5.8.2.1. Furnace ID

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Furnace ID] button. The following window appears for entering the furnace ID. The current furnace ID is displayed together with the current, furnace-specific hardware and software versions.

Fig. 5-26 Setup > Furnace ID

#### Buttons

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.
- [Options]: Opens a window and displays the options that are activated/deactivated for your firing furnace. Refer to Fig. 5-27.

#### Change furnace ID

To prevent confusing firing furnaces from each other (for example when printing records), an individual ID can be entered for each firing furnace.

- Click the entry field for the furnace ID. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter your individual furnace ID.
- Click on [OK].

### Options

An LED within the button indicates that the option is active.



Fig. 5-27 Setup > Furnace ID

- **DB** Internet interface for connecting to networks and the Internet. Direct access via the Internet to firing programs in the online database of DEKEMA. (see also the section 6.8.4).
- **QM** Quality management All of the relevant parameters are recorded in ASCII format (text file) and can be printed and saved (on a thumb drive or a network). See also sections 5.8.4.2 and 6.10.
- **JAVA** Remote access to the firing furnace using a Java-enabled browser. See also sections 5.8.1.5 and 4.4.
- **VNC** Remote access to the firing furnace using a VNC program (virtual network client). See also sections 5.8.1.5 and 4.4.
- **FTP-S** FTP server. Data transfer via an IP network to the firing furnace such as \*.dfl files (see also the section 6.8).
- **FTP-C** FTP client Data transfer via an IP network from the firing furnace to an FTP server such as pictures.
- **X-Dream** Accessing QM data. Using the computer to request the status of the firing furnace and to automatically indicated by e-mail (see section 6.10).
- **OBR** "One Button Release". Button for releasing all options. See section 7.6.

### 5.8.2.2. Acoustic signal

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Acoustic signal] button. The following window appears for selecting and testing the acoustic signal at the end of the program. The current signal is displayed.

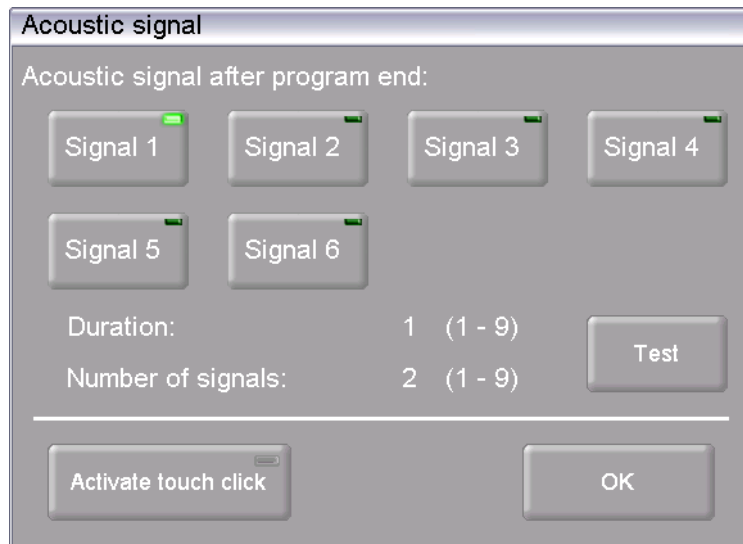


Fig. 5-28 Setup > Acoustic signal

Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> <li>• [Test]: The selected signal sounds for a test.</li> </ul>
Select acoustic signal	<p>There are six default acoustic signals you can select that each consist of individual tones. The duration (in seconds) and number of tones varies from 1 to 9.</p> <p>Click on the appropriate button to select the desired signal. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active</p>
Activate Touchclick	<p>When touchclick is activated, the firing furnace emits a confirmation signal each time a key is pressed. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active</p>

### 5.8.2.3. Drying temperature

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Dry temperature] button. The following window appears for setting the drying temperature of the firing furnace. The current drying temperature is displayed.



Fig. 5-29 Setup > Dry temperature

#### Buttons

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

#### Change drying temperature

The approximate drying temperature near the firing object applies to all the firing programs. Change the drying temperature if your firing tests indicate that the temperature setting seems too low or too high:

- Click the temperature field. The numeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter the desired drying temperature.

### 5.8.2.4. Long-term readiness

When the function "Long-term readiness" is turned on, you can turn on the "Sleep mode" of the firing furnace in the Program Manager (see section 5.6.5).

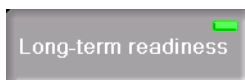


Fig. 5-30 Setup > Long-term readiness

Click on the button to activate and deactivate the "Long-term readiness" function. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active

The power consumption of the firing furnace in "Sleep mode" is approximately 10 W.

### 5.8.2.5. Lift settings

**NOTE:**

**For safety reasons, we recommend not deactivating the warning.**

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Lift settings] button. The following window to specify the behavior of the firing furnace in critical lift positions is displayed.



Fig. 5-31 Setup > Lift settings

**Buttons**

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

**Safe lift position (only 644)**

After a pressing procedure, the developed heat can in rare instances (for example when the plunger is not completely clean) cause the plunger to stick to the ceramic plate. The plunger can then fall out of the firing chamber during cooling. To prevent burns, we recommend moving the lift to the safe position after pressing and checking if the plunger and muffle are on the press table.

Click the button to move the lift to the save position after pressing is over. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active

**Warning**

When the "Warning" function is turned on, a warning appears before you open a hot firing chamber (temperature higher than 200°C). You are asked, "OPEN LIFT?". Confirm the query when you want to move the lift down and open the hot firing chamber.

Click the button to activate the warning display. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active

## 5.8.3. Maintenance programs

### 5.8.3.1. Drying

Use the drying program to dry the firing chamber, for example when the firing furnace has been exposed to a high-level of humidity for a long time.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Drying] button. The following window appears for starting the drying program.

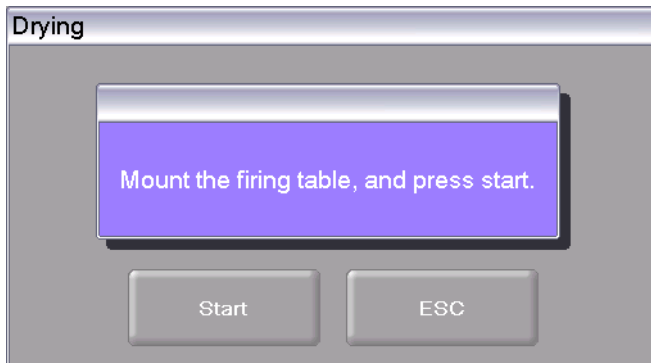


Fig. 5-32 Setup > Drying

#### Buttons

- [Start]: Starts the drying program (duration: approximately 90 minutes).
- [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

#### Start the program

Mount the firing table and click [Start]. The "Dry" window is displayed as long as the program is running. You can terminate the program at any time when you click the [Stop] button. A safety query opens and asks you whether you really want to end the program:

- [OK]: Confirm your decision and in the program,
- [ESC]: Change your decision and continue the program.

### 5.8.3.2. Check program

**NOTE:**

**Start the check program only after running several firing programs, or after a cleaning firing so that the firing oven is warmed up.**

The AUSTROMAT® has an internal program, the check program, that checks the function of the major components. Regularly using this non-editable program makes it easier for you and the responsible service personnel to identify aged components (such as heating element wear) and troubleshoot malfunctions. After approximately 2000 firings, the firing oven displays a recommendation on the screen to start the self check program.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Check program] button. The following window appears for starting the check program.

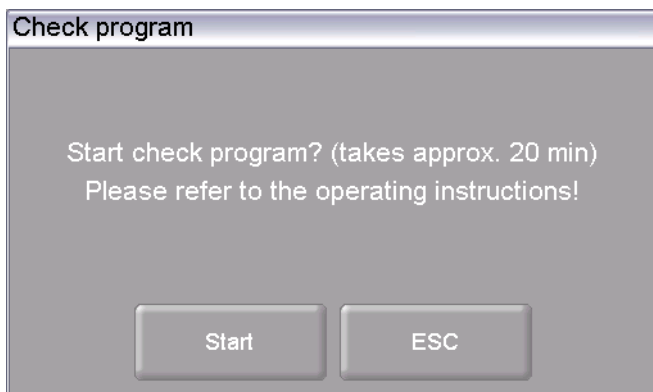


Fig. 5-33 Setup > Check program

Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Start]: Starts the check program (duration: approximately 20 minutes).</li> <li>• [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>
Start the program	<p>Click on [Start]. The "Check program" window is displayed as long as the program is running. You can terminate the program at any time when you click the [Stop] button. A safety query appears and asks if you really want to end the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Confirm your decision and in the program,</li> <li>• [ESC]: Change your decision and continue the program.</li> </ul>
Check program	<p>You can find instructions on the check program in section 7.3.</p>



### 5.8.3.3. Cleaning firing

Use the cleaning firing to clean the firing chamber and the thermocouple.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Cleaning firings] button. The following window appears to start the cleaning firing. The set end temperature is displayed.

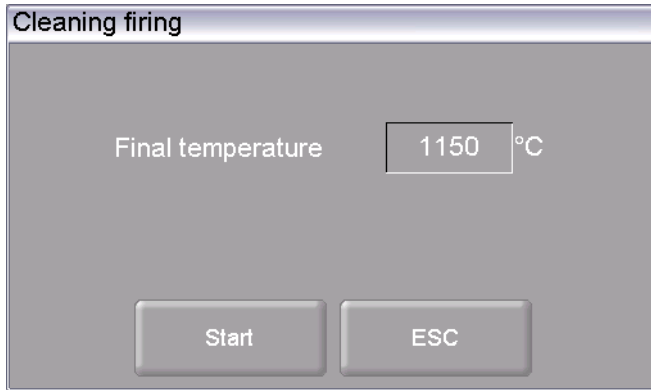


Fig. 5-34 Setup > Cleaning firing

Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Start]: Starts the cleaning firing (duration: approximately 20 minutes depending on the end temperature).</li> <li>• [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>
Change end temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click the temperature field. The numeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter the desired temperature.</li> </ul>
Start the program	<p>Click on [Start]. The "Cleaning firing" window is displayed as long as the program is running. You can terminate the program at any time when you click the [Stop] button. A safety query appears and asks if you really want to end the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Confirm your decision and in the program,</li> <li>• [ESC]: Change your decision and continue the program.</li> </ul>

### 5.8.3.4. Temperature calibration

**NOTE:**

**When calibrating the temperature, observe the following:**

- Only use the DEKEMA calibration set for this type of unit,
- Preheat the firing oven well,
- Always use the fiber firing table.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Temperature calibration] button. The following temperature calibration window appears. The set CCF value is shown.

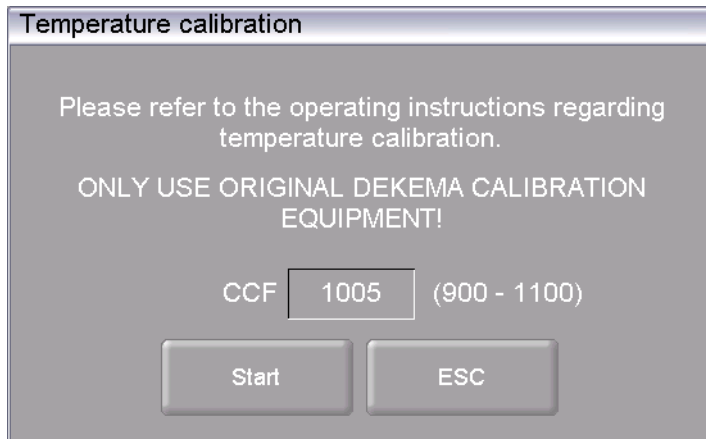


Fig. 5-35 Setup > Temperature calibration

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|-----------------------|---|
| Buttons               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [Start]: Starts temperature calibration.</li><li>• [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu. The changes will not be saved.</li></ul>   |
| Calibrate temperature | <p>The procedure for calibrating the temperature is in section 7.2. You can terminate the program at any time when you click the [Stop] button. A safety query appears and asks if you really want to end the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• [OK]: Confirm your decision and end the program.</li><li>• [ESC]: Change your decision and continue the program.</li></ul> |
| Change CCF value      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Click on the CCF value. The numeric keyboard window appears.</li><li>• Enter the desired CCF value.</li></ul>   |

### 5.8.3.5. Seal test

The tightness test checks all the components of the vacuum system and the firing chamber for a sufficient seal and provides an error analysis. Run this program occasionally to prevent improper firing. We recommend cleaning the seals and lift seat before starting the tightness test (see section 7.1).

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Seal test] button. The following window appears to perform the tightness test.



Fig. 5-36 Setup > Seal test

Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Start]: Starts the tightness test.</li> <li>• [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu. The changes will not be saved.</li> </ul>
Start the program	<p>Click on [Start]. The "Tightness test" window is displayed as long as the program is running. You can terminate the program at any time when you click the [Stop] button. A safety query appears and asks if you really want to end the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Confirm your decision and in the program,</li> <li>• [ESC]: Change your decision and continue the program.</li> </ul>
Pressure display	Shows the pressure in the firing chamber.

**Perform the tightness test**

After the program starts, the firing chamber is closed, heated and evacuated. When the maximum vacuum is achieved, the prompt "Flood chamber?" appears. Monitor the pressure display over approximately two minutes. A rise in pressure of about 20 mbar over two minutes (10 mbar/min) is normal and means that the firing furnace is vacuum-tight. You can now click [OK] in the "Flood chamber?" window. The firing chamber is ventilated and then opened.

When you observe a much higher rise in pressure: Clean and check all the components of the vacuum system (replace the seals and hoses if necessary), and repeat the tightness test.

**NOTE:**

**Always coat the sealing ring on the lift seat (O-ring) with talcum powder after cleaning so that the lift seat does not hold to the firing furnace housing.**

5.8.3.6. Transport safety lock

**NOTE:**

**Before transporting:**

- **Let the firing furnace and insulation table cool off,**
- **Remove the insulation table,**
- **Close the firing chamber.**

Toe "Transport bracing" function protects the components inside the firing furnace during transportation. The following message appears.

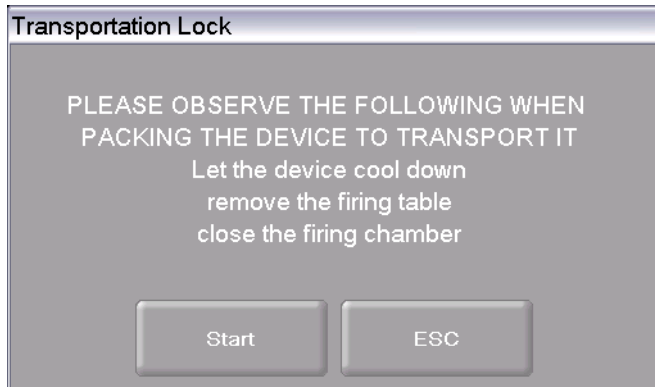


Fig. 5-37 Setup > Transport bracing

Run the function before transporting the firing furnace. Sensitive components are held in the firing furnace and protected from damage to a greater degree during transportation.

## 5.8.4. Data recording and transfer

### 5.8.4.1. Printer

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Printer] button. The following printer settings window appears.

Fig. 5-38 Setup > Printer

Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [OK]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>
Communication	Specifies the interface for the printer (drop-down list).
Printer type	In the printer type fields, you can specify the printer (drop-down list) for example to print out record data.
TCP/IP settings	Settings for a network printer.

### 5.8.4.2. Quality management (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Quality management] button. The following quality management window appears.



Fig. 5-39 Setup > Quality management

The firing furnace logs the ten last firing programs that have run. If more than ten firing programs have run, these QM files are overwritten starting with the last one.

Last file	The name of the QM file of the last run firing program.
USB record	Click this button to activate or deactivate the recording of data to an external USB stick. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active. The QM files are additionally updated on the USB stick (USB record).
QM information	Click on the button to display the QM information after each firing program is over. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not active: QM information is logged but not displayed.</li> <li>• Active: After a firing program is over, the related detailed firing information appears on the display.</li> </ul>
Buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Delete]: Deletes the selected QM file.</li> <li>• [Delete all]: Deletes all QM files.</li> <li>• [Display QM info]: Displays the selected QM file.</li> <li>• [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>

### 5.8.4.3. Diagnostic data

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Diagnosis data] button. The following diagnostic data window appears.

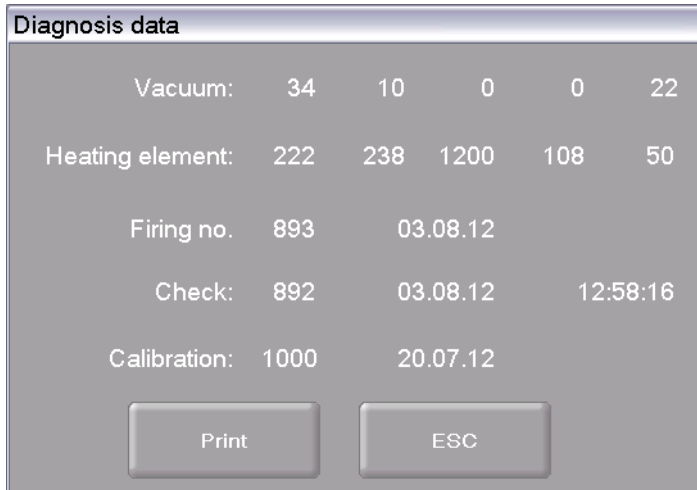


Fig. 5-40 Setup > Diagnosis data

#### Buttons

- [Print]: Prints the diagnostic data. Note that a printer must be connected and set up (see section 5.8.4.1).
- [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

The diagnostic data are created by the check program and saved in a diagnostic file (see section 5.8.3.2). The values and interpretation of the diagnosis data are important for the service personnel. For remote diagnosis, you can output the diagnostic file on the screen or send it by e-mail (see page 2). The data have little significance for the user. They are therefore not detailed here. check program

### 5.8.4.4. Login data (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

As long as no HTML access is defined (that is, the fields "Username" and "Password" are empty, each user of the computer can access the firing furnace.

**NOTE:**

If the username or password becomes lost, contact your service partner or directly contact DEKEMA (see page 2).

HTML access authorizes you to remotely access (through a web interface or a VNC program) the control of the firing furnace. The password is defined in the "HTML access" window. This password must be entered in the browser on the computer to obtain access to the firing furnace (see also the section 4.4).

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Login data] button. The following HTML access window appears.

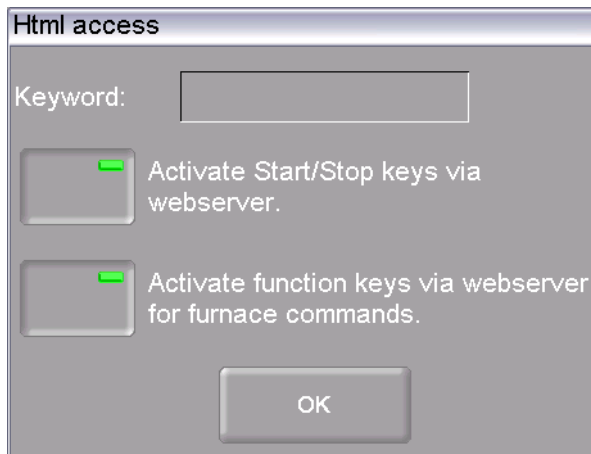


Fig. 5-41 Setup > Login data

**Buttons**

- [OK]: Accepts the settings and switches back to the "Setup" menu.

**Password**

Specify the password as follows:

- Click on the "Password" entry field. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
- Enter the password.

**Release the start/stop function via the Web server**

In order for you to use the firing furnace via the user interface on the computer (start firing programs, move lift, etc.), the start/stop function must be released.

Click the button to release or block the start/stop function via the Webservice. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active



Release the function keys for furnace commands via the Webserver

In order for you to execute touchscreen functions (see section 3.2) via the Webserver, the function keys of the computer keyboard must be released.

Click the button to release or block the function keys for the furnace commands. An LED within the button indicates that the function is active

#### 5.8.4.5. Backup / Recovery

**NOTE:**

**For reasons of data safety and to prevent the loss of firing oven data, it is recommendable to regularly back up all your data.**

In the "Setup" menu, click the [Backup/Recovery] button. The following window for backing up and recovering data appears.



Fig. 5-42 Setup > Backup / Recovery

**Buttons**

- [Backup Start]: Starts backing up the data.
- [ESC]: Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.
- [Recovery Start]: Starts recovering the data.
- [Software Update]: Starts an online update of the software of the firing furnace.

**Backup data**

Follow the instructions under "Backup" in the "Backup / Recovery" window.

**NOTE:**

**All data on the thumb drive are deleted at the start of the backup.**

1. Insert a USB stick (make sure there is enough free memory) into the USB port in the back of the firing furnace.
2. Click on [Backup Start]. All the data of the firing furnace (operating system, software, set parameters and firing programs) are written to the USB stick.
3. Wait until an acknowledgment beep sounds. It signals the conclusion of the backup process.
4. Remove the USB stick.

You have successfully backed up the firing furnace data. If data is lost, you can restore the data with the USB stick. Be sure to carefully store the USB stick and do not accidentally overwrite the backed up data.

**Restoring data**

Follow the instructions under "Recover" in the "Backup / Recovery" window:

1. Insert the USB stick with the backed up data into the USB port in the back of the firing furnace.
2. Click on [Recovery Start]. All the data of the firing furnace (operating system, software, set parameters and firing programs) are restored.
3. Wait until an acknowledgment beep sounds. It signals the conclusion of the recovery process.
4. Remove the USB stick.

You have successfully restored up the firing furnace data.

**NOTE:**

**You can restore the data in the same manner as when updating a program (see section 7.5).**

Observe the following procedure:

1. Turn off the firing furnace,
2. Plug the thumb drive with the backup data into the USB port.
3. Turn on the firing furnace. While booting up, the firing furnace restores the backup.
4. Withdraw the thumb drive once a corresponding message appears on the screen.

The firing furnace then reboots and is ready to use.

**Online Update**

Proceed as follows to update the software of the firing furnace:

**NOTE:**

**Updating the software of the firing furnace requires an active internet connection.**

1. Click on the [Software Update] button.
2. A message indicates that the firing furnace is searching for a new software version (see section 5.8.2.1).
3. A message requests you to download the new software version if there is one available.
4. Click [OK] to confirm the message.
5. Wait until the firing furnace has downloaded the new version. This may last some minutes.

Afterwards, the firing furnace reboots, and then is ready for use.

### 5.8.4.6. FTP Server Login (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

There are many DEKEMA-independent programs available to set up an external FTP server. For further information, please contact your network administrator.

With the FTP functionality, you can access an externally-linked FTP server. You can for example link picture folders and files to the firing furnace and view them while the program is running.

In the "Setup" menu, click the [FTP Server Login] button. The following window for accessing an FTP server appears.

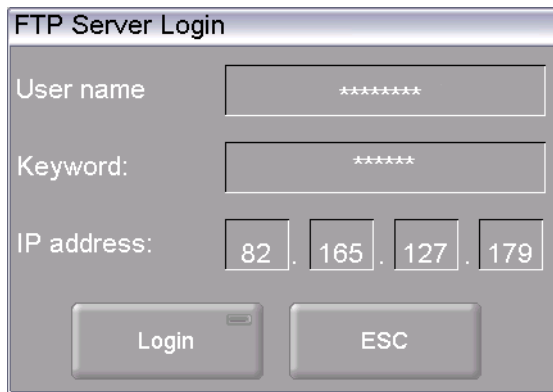


Fig. 5-43 Setup > FTP Server Login

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|------------|---|
| Buttons    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [ESC]:<br/>Closes the window and switches back to the "Setup" menu.</li> </ul>   |
| User name  | <p>User name for your access the FTP server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the "User name" entry field. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter your user name.</li> </ul>                 |
| Password   | <p>Password with which you have access to the FTP server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the "Password" entry field. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter your password.</li> </ul>      |
| IP address | <p>IP address of the FTP server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click on the corresponding "IP address" entry field. The numeric keyboard window appears.</li> <li>• Enter the IP address of the FTP server.</li> </ul> |
| Login      | <p>Click the button to connect the firing furnace to the indicated FTP server. An LED within the button indicates that the connection is active.</p>  |

**Establish a connection to the FTP server**

The connection with an FTP server is only established if all access data (user name, password, IP address) are correct. Proceed as follows to connect the firing furnace to an FTP server.

1. Enter the user name for your FTP access.
2. Enter the password for your FTP access.
3. Enter the associated IP address of the FTP server.
4. Click [Login] to establish the connection between the firing furnace and FTP server.

When you want to terminate the connection, relick [Login].

## 6. Operation

**NOTE:**

When using the firing furnace, observe section 2, Safety.

### 6.1. Turning on and off

**NOTE:**

Never operate the firing furnace without supervision.

**Preparations**

Check if

- the AUSTROMAT® is connected by a power cable to a socket with a protected contact (see section 4.3),
- the vacuum pump is correctly connected to the firing furnace (see section 4.3).
- the firing furnace is connected via a Web interface to an individual computer or network (see section 4.4).



**Switching on**

- Turn on the firing furnace:
  - Main switch on the back of the firing furnace: The control of the firing furnace starts up over a period of about 1 minute. The firing furnace performs an internal software and hardware check, and the lift moves down automatically. Or
  - On/off switch in standby mode next to the touchscreen if the firing furnace is already in standby mode. The firing furnace is ready for use.
- Make sure that the insulating table is mounted on the lift seat. If not: Turn the firing furnace off, and mount the insulating table. Then turn on the firing furnace again.

**Switching off**

- Close the firing chamber before switching off the firing furnace to avoid any condensation in the ceramic furnace.
- Turn off the firing furnace:
  - Main switch on the back of the firing furnace, or
  - On/off switch in standby mode next to the touchscreen.

## 6.2. Mounting and removing a firing object

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	
 	<p><b>Hot surfaces.</b></p> <p>The firing chamber can reach temperatures above 1,000°C during operation. There is an extreme burning hazard from touching hot surfaces after the firing chamber is opened.</p> <p><b>Never directly contact hot parts of the firing furnace. The firing furnace requires several hours to cool after it is turned off. Observe the following instructions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not use your hands or any objects to grasp things in the firing chamber,</li> <li>• Do not grasp the lift seat, insulation table or firing objects with your bare hands,</li> <li>• Use suitable tools (tweezers) to remove the firing objects, or wear safety gloves.</li> </ul>

### Mounting the firing object

- Place the firing object on the firing tray, and place the firing tray in the middle of the insulation table.
- When positioning the firing object and firing tray, ensure that no parts jut out over the edge of the insulation table. There is a danger of damaging the firing object and thermal insulation material when closing the firing furnace.



Fig. 6-1 Mounting the firing object

- The height of the firing tray including the firing object may not exceed the following dimensions. Otherwise, the thermocouple would be damaged in the firing chamber when the chamber is closed:
  - Firing function: 36 mm height,
  - Only the 644 pressing furnace: Pressing function: 65 mm high.

### Removing the firing object

- Use suitable tools (tweezers) to remove the firing objects, or wear safety gloves.

## 6.3. Select programs and start them

### 6.3.1. With the touchscreen

1. After turning on the firing furnace, the Program Manager automatically appears on the touchscreen. Select the desired program (see section 5.3).  
Alternatively you can use the Icon Manager in order to select the required program, see section 5.4. In this case skip the next step.  
The firing furnace heats to a preheating temperature that depends on the selected program type (see section 5.6).
2. Click on [Selected program] in the Program Manager. The firing of the selected program is displayed (program display, see section 5.5).
3. Click the program display [Program start]. The program is processed automatically (see section 5.6).
4. While the program is running, the lift automatically moves up and down. Make sure that no objects are in the way that could hinder the lift movement. Also do not attempt to manually stop or accelerate the lift.
5. While the program is running, you can stop the program by clicking [Cancel program].

### 6.3.2. With web interface (optional)

**NOTE:**

**This functionality is available as an option.**

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

**To operate the firing furnace using the web interface, your browser must be Java-capable, and the Java application must be activated.**

**Start Web interface**

1. Start the browser on the computer.
2. Click on the bookmark for the firing furnace (if available), or enter the IP address for the firing furnace in the address line of the browser (see section 4.4).
3. Enter your login data, that is, the password. The Program Manager opens (see section 5.3).

The remaining procedure is the same as that in section 6.3.1.



### 6.3.3. With VNC program (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

To use the firing furnace via a VNC, a suitable VNC program needs to be installed on the computer. The VNC function of the firing furnace must be activated (section 5.8.1.5).

**Start the VNC program**

1. Start the VNC program on the computer.
2. Enter the IP address for the firing furnace and the password (see section 4.4.3). The Program Manager opens (see section 5.3).

The remaining procedure is the same as that in section 6.3.1.

### 6.3.4. Operating layout for the menu control

The basic operating layout for the menu control is shown in the following illustration. It can help you become familiar with the operation of the firing furnace. The arrows in the diagram indicate how to get from one menu item to another. The individual menus are described in section 5.

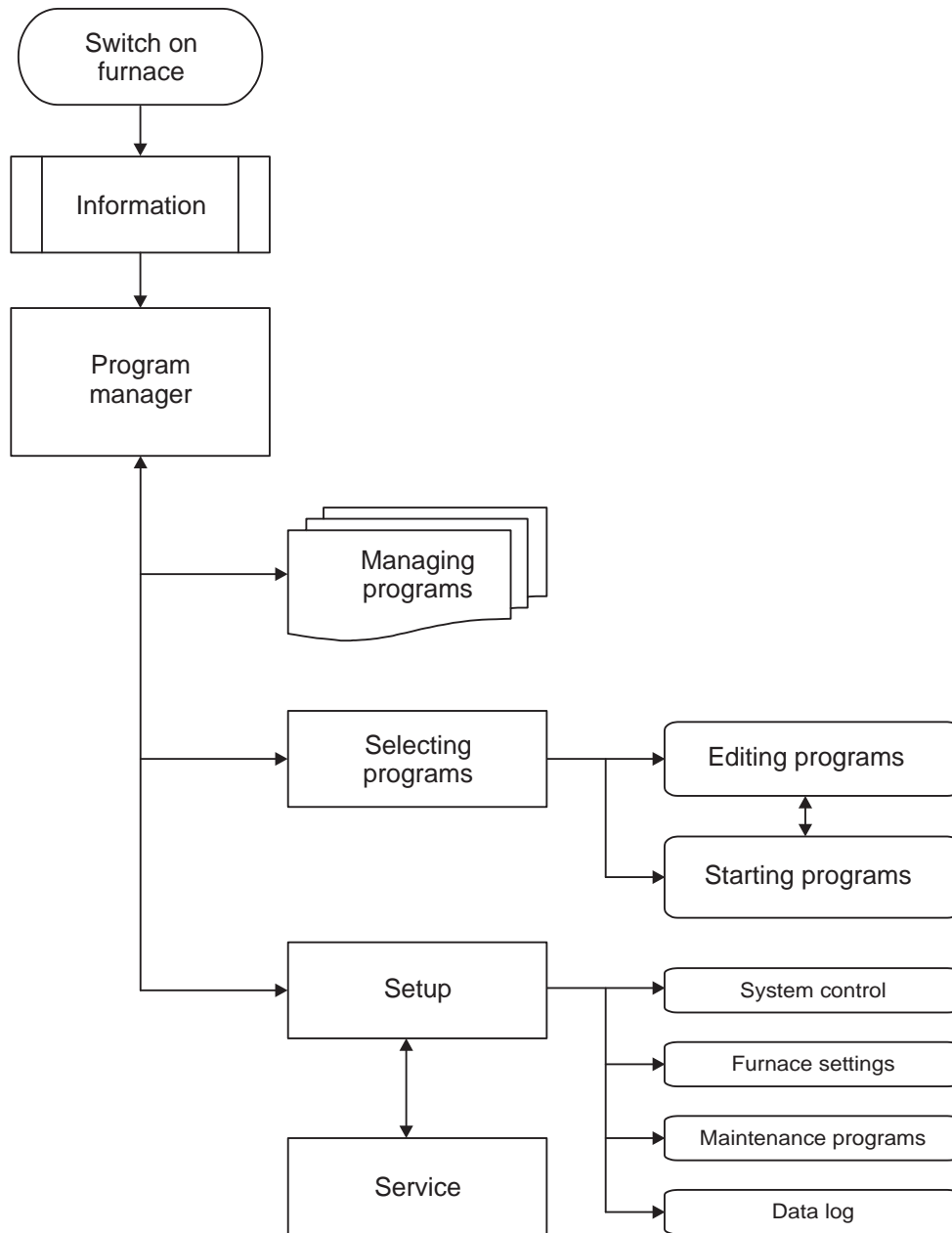


Fig. 6-2 Operating layout for the menu control

## 6.4. Program end

While the program is running, you can stop the program by clicking [Cancel program]. In this case, all the commands are stopped and the heat system is turned off. The firing furnace cools down. The firing number is not increased during firing.

The behavior of the firing furnace after a regular program end depends on the type of program that was run:

- Easy, professional and pressing programs (only the 644 pressing furnace) have a specific fixed program structure.
  - An acoustic signal sounds after a regular program end,
  - The lift moves down,
  - The firing number is automatically increased,
  - A log file for the firing is created and printed (if a printer is configured).
- Classic programs are freely programmable. The firing furnace only executes the commands that are in the program.
  - An acoustic signal sounds after a regular program end,
  - The firing number is automatically increased,
  - A log file for the firing is created and printed (if a printer is configured).

You can remove the firing object after the program is over (see section 6.2).

**NOTE:**

**If, after the firing program is over, the firing chamber is opened longer than 15 minutes while the chamber temperature is above 200°C, a message appears and asks you to close the firing chamber to prevent wear.**

- **Acknowledge the message.**
- **Close the firing chamber.**

## 6.5. Some practical tips

### 6.5.1. General operation of the furnace

**Lift noise**

After switching on the firing furnace, the lift moves down and performs automatic lift calibration. The brief buzzing noise is due to technical reasons and is completely normal. Please note that the firing furnace does not react to any commands during this calibration time.

**Automatic heating**

The firing furnace automatically heats to the temperature required to start the program when standard and professional and pressing programs (only the 644 pressing furnace) are selected. In general, it occurs when the firing chamber is open.

**Save energy**

Close the firing chamber in the event of prolonged breaks between firings. This will save energy and avoid unnecessary wear on the heating element and unnecessary warming of the lid.

**Condensation**

Close the firing chamber before switching off the furnace to avoid unnecessary condensation in the firing furnace.

### 6.5.2. Heating element

The heating elements are wear-sensitive parts, whose service life depends on how much it is used. Running the check program regularly makes it easier to identify the correct time to replace a heating element. Another way of identifying heating element wear is visual inspection. Look into the open firing chamber from below while the firing furnace is switched off and cold. If the heating strips are deformed or there is strong glass formation, the heating element should be replaced.

### 6.5.3. Thermocouple temperature calibration

Visually inspect the thermocouple regularly - particularly before temperature calibration - while the firing furnace is cold and switched off and the firing chamber is open. A mirror held at an angle under the firing chamber can be very helpful. Ensure that the thermocouples are not bent since this influences temperature measurement and hence the firing results.

## 6.5.4. Programming and program steps

### **Drying the firing object**

The insulation table is still very hot immediately after firing. The temperature near the firing object may thus be too high for drying. Wait a few minutes until the insulation table has cooled down before placing the new firing object on the insulation table for drying.

### **Standby temperature**

Do not worry if the firing furnace sets a stand-by temperature in the firing chamber that is lower than the preheating temperature. If a drying time has been programmed, the furnace automatically sets a temperature in the firing chamber that is necessary for the drying.

### **Cooling and relaxing**

In the program steps "Cooling" and "Relaxing" (easy programs), the respective temperature is approached as fast as possible. The firing chamber is opened in order to move the firing goods out of the hot firing chamber. Since the firing chamber then cools, the fired materials are subjected to less radiated heat than corresponds to the cooling temperature. To offset this effect, the lift moves up slightly closer to the hot firing chamber. When the firing chamber has reached cooling temperature, the lift should be completely at the top, and the firing chamber should be closed again. This ensures that the fired materials are always approximately subjected to cooling temperature during the cooling time.

## 6.5.5. Firing programs

### **Firing tray**

Every type of firing tray has an effect on the temperature of the firing object due to its color and composition. Using a standardized firing tray can thus ensure constant firing results.

### **Firing parameters and test firings**

Care in creating firing programs and editing firing parameters has a significant effect on the quality of firing results. The recommended firing parameters are thus to be seen only as guidelines. Perform test firings to identify your individual firing parameters based upon these guidelines.

## 6.6. Backing up and restoring firing programs

For reasons of data security and to prevent the loss of firing programs, it is recommendable to regularly back up your firing programs:

- With a conventional USB stick (USB interface on the back of the firing furnace):
  - Backup (see section 6.6.1),
  - Restoring data (see section 6.6.2),
- You should at least note down your firing program parameters on paper or print it out.

### 6.6.1. Backup with a USB stick

Use the following procedure to back up the current program list ("set") on a USB stick.

1. Insert a USB stick into the USB port in the back of the firing furnace.
2. Open the Program Manager.
3. Click the button [Transfer set]. The "Select type of transmission" window opens.

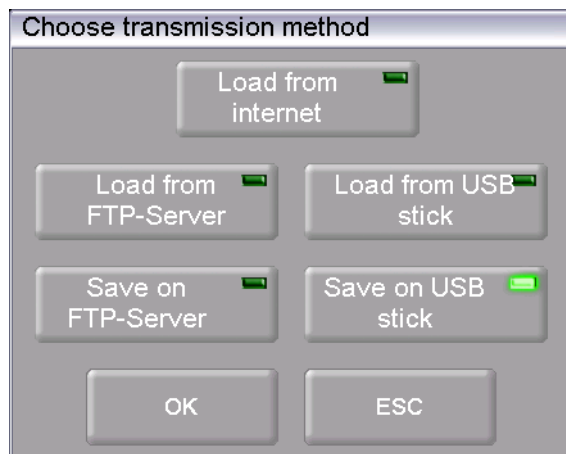


Fig. 6-3 Program Manager > Transfer set

4. To back up the data, select the transmission type "Save to USB stick".
  - "Load from the Internet" downloads a set from the Dekema website,
  - Only available when connected to the FTP server:  
"Load from FTP server" downloads a set from the FTP server,
  - Only available when connected to the FTP server:  
"Load to FTP server" saves a set on the FTP server,
  - "Load from USB stick" uploads a set from the inserted USB stick,
  - "Save to USB stick" saves a set on the inserted USB stick.

5. Click on [OK]. The window "Save as" appears.  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager.)

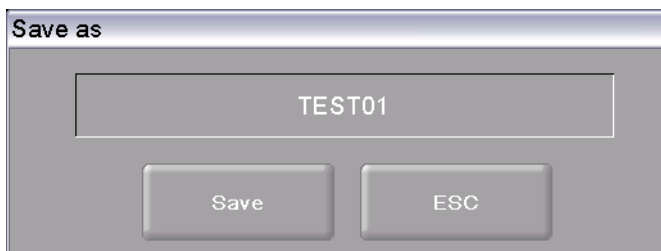


Fig. 6-4 "Save as" window

6. Click in the entry line. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
7. Enter the name for the set, and confirm with [Enter].
8. Click the button [Save].  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager without saving the set.)

The message "Successfully saved" appears after the set has been saved. Click [OK] to return to the Program Manager.

### 6.6.2. Restore data with a USB stick

Use the following procedure to restore a set on a USB stick.

1. Insert the USB stick with the sets into the USB port in the back of the firing furnace.
2. Open the Program Manager.
3. Click the button [Transfer set]. The “Select type of transmission” window opens.

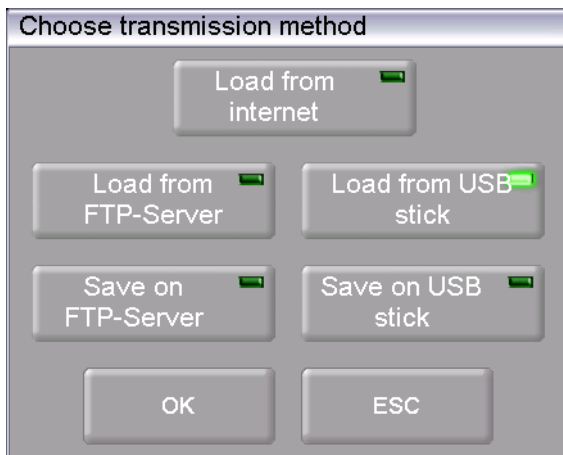


Fig. 6-5 Program Manager > Transfer set

4. To restore the data, select the transmission type “Load from USB stick”.
  - “Load from the Internet” downloads a set from the Dekema website,
  - Only available when connected to the FTP server:  
“Load from FTP server” downloads a set from the FTP server,
  - Only available when connected to the FTP server:  
“Load to FTP server” saves a set on the FTP server,
  - “Load from USB stick” uploads a set from the inserted USB stick,
  - “Save to USB stick” saves a set on the inserted USB stick.
5. Click on [OK]. The “Set Manager” window appears.  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager.)



Fig. 6-6 “Set Manager” window

6. Select the desired set.



7. Click on [Load].  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager without loading the set.)
8. The Program Manager displays the "Load set" window.
  - The left table "External sets" shows the firing programs of the selected sets,
  - The right table ("Current set") shows the firing programs of the set that is being loaded to the control of the firing furnace (active).
  - Double-click on a firing program in the current set to go directly to the firing program input window.

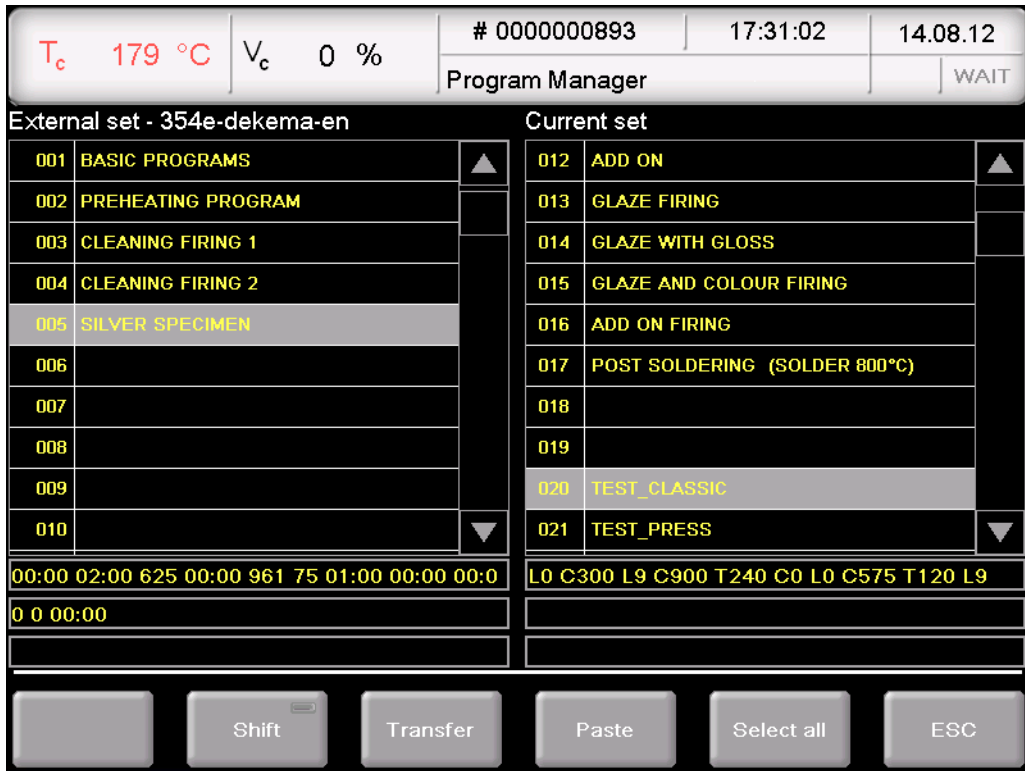


Fig. 6-7 Program Manager > Compile firing programs

9. Select the desired firing program in the external set and click one of the following buttons:

[Shift] Corresponds to the Shift key on a keyboard. This allows you to select associated blocks in the external set:

- Click the first desired program (beginning of the block),
- Press [Shift],
- Click the last desired program (end of the block).

All of the programs in the block are selected.

[Transfer] Copies the selected firing program of the external set to the same program numbers of the current set. A query appears and asks if you want to overwrite the existing programs in the current set. Confirm the query to accept the firing programs.

[Paste]	Copies the selected firing program of the external set to the current set. The firing programs are inserted into the current set starting at the selected program number. A query appears and asks if you want to overwrite the existing programs in the current set. Confirm the query to insert the firing programs.
[Select all]	Selects the firing programs of the external set.
[ESC]	Returns to the Program Manager.

The message "Successfully loaded" appears after the set has been loaded. Click [OK] to return to the Program Manager.

## 6.7. Backing up and restoring data

You can back up or restore all the data for the firing furnace control (saved operating systems, software, set parameters and firing programs) with the backup/recovery function the "Setup" menu" (see section 5.8.4.5).

**NOTE:**

**For reasons of data safety and to prevent the loss of firing oven data, it is recommendable to regularly back up all your data.**

## 6.8. Loading and saving sets

A "set" is a group of all manufacturer-related firing programs (program list).

### 6.8.1. Download set from the internal memory

Use the following procedure to load individual firing programs or a complete set from the internal memory of the firing furnace.

1. Open the Program Manager.
2. Click the button [Load set]. The "Set Manager" window appears.



Fig. 6-8 "Set Manager" window

3. Select the desired set.
4. Click on [Load].  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager without loading the set.)
5. The Program Manager displays the "Load set" window. Continue as described in section 6.6.2.

The message "Successfully loaded" appears after the set has been loaded. Click [OK] to return to the Program Manager.

### 6.8.2. Load set from a USB stick

The procedure for loading a set from a USB stick is described in section 6.6.2.

### 6.8.3. Load a set from an FTP server (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

To load a set from an FTP server, the firing furnace must be connected to the FTP server (see section 5.8.4.6).

The procedure for loading a set from an FTP server is basically the same as loading a set from a USB stick (see section 6.6.2).

Difference:

In the "Choose transmission method" window, select the option "Load from FTP server".

### 6.8.4. Download set from the Internet (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu *Setup > Furnace ID > Options* (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

Use the following procedure to download a set from the DEKEMA website.

1. Make sure that your internet connection is active.
2. Open the Program Manager.
3. Click the button [Transfer set]. The "Select type of transmission" window opens.

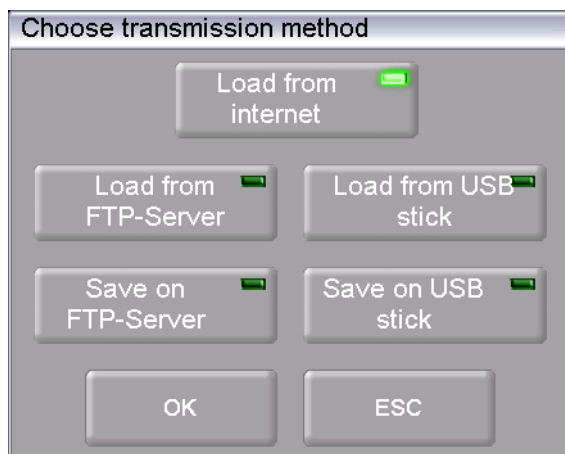


Fig. 6-9 Program Manager > Transfer set

4. Select the transmission type "Download from Internet".
5. Click [OK] (press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager). You are automatically connected to the DEKEMA website. The "Select set" window appears.



Fig. 6-10 Program Manager > Select set (example of 644 press furnace)

6. Select the desired program type Click [OK] (press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager).
7. The "Set Manager" window appears and shows you the manufacturer-specific sets for you firing furnace.



Fig. 6-11 "Set Manager" window

8. Select the desired set.
9. Click on [Load].  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager without loading the set.)
10. The Program Manager displays the "Load set" window. Continue as described in section 6.6.2.

The message "Successfully loaded" appears after the set has been loaded. Click [OK] to return to the Program Manager.

### 6.8.5. Internally save set

Use the following procedure to save a set to the internal firing furnace database.

1. Open the Program Manager.
2. Click the button [Save set]. The window "Save as" opens.



Fig. 6-12 "Save as" window

3. Click in the entry line. The alphanumeric keyboard window appears.
4. Enter the name for the set.
5. Click the button [Save].  
(Press [ESC] to return to the Program Manager without saving the set.)

The message "Successfully saved" appears after the set has been saved. Click [OK] to return to the Program Manager.

### 6.8.6. Saving a set on a USB stick

The procedure for saving a set on a USB stick is described in section 6.6.1.

### 6.8.7. Save a set on an FTP server (optional)

**NOTE:**

**This functionality is available as an option.**

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

**To save a set on an FTP server, the firing furnace must be connected to the FTP server (see section 5.8.4.6).**

The procedure for saving a set on an FTP server is basically the same as saving a set on a USB stick (see section 6.6.1).

Difference:

In the "Choose transmission method" window, select the option "Save to FTP server".

## 6.9. Access the firing furnace via FTP (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

**NOTE:**

Consult your network administrator if you are uncertain.

**NOTE:**

Several programs can be used to access an FTP site including a web browser like Internet Explorer. The following procedure describes how to create an FTP link between a computer and the firing furnace.

The computer and firing furnace have to be connected via an Ethernet connection.

1. Start Windows Explorer on the computer.
2. In the address line of Windows Explorer, enter the IP address of the firing furnace ("http://192.168.2.109" in the following example), and press the Enter key.

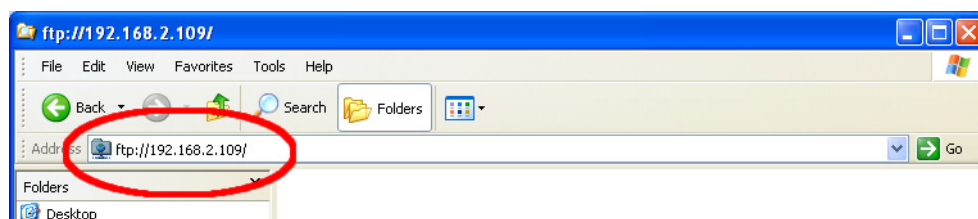


Fig. 6-13 Enter the IP address in Windows Explorer (example)

**NOTE:**

For immediate access, you can enter the complete FTP address for the firing furnace. An FTP address such as "ftp://ftp\_username:ftp\_PWD@IP\_address" is composed of the following elements (observe the separators between the individual elements):

- The network protocol "ftp",
- the username "ftp\_username" and password "ftp\_PWD" for FTP access to the firing furnace,
- the IP address "IP\_address" of the firing furnace and the network (see section 4.4.1).

3. An error message appears (FTP folder error) because the firing furnace is password-protected. Click [OK] to confirm the error message.
4. Open the context menu (right click) in the empty window of Windows Explorer. Select "Login as...".



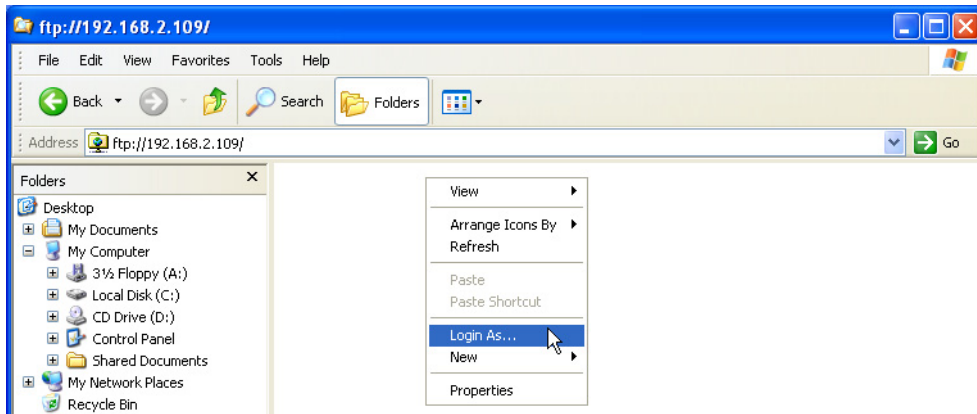


Fig. 6-14 Logging into the firing oven

5. The window "Login as" appears.
  - Enter your user name for FTP access TV firing furnace,
  - Enter the corresponding FTP password.

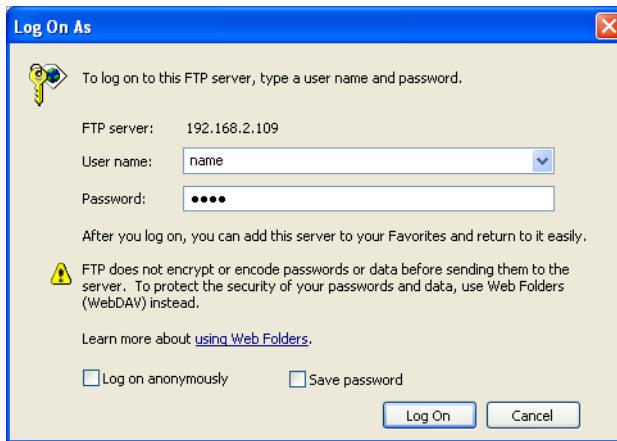


Fig. 6-15 Enter username and password

6. Click on [Login].
7. After you have logged in, Windows Explorer shows the memory of the firing furnace.

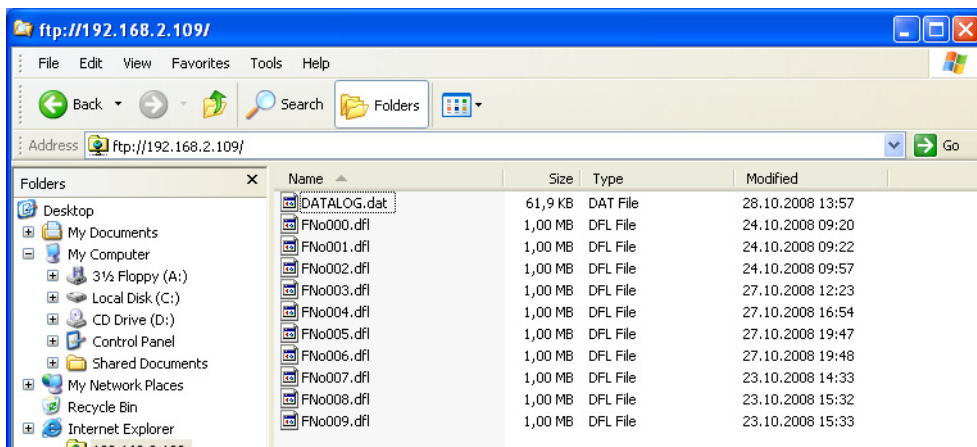


Fig. 6-16 Memory of the firing furnace in Windows Explorer

8. You can move, delete, etc. files in Windows Explorer as usual.

Close Windows Explorer when you no longer need FTP access to the firing furnace.

## 6.10. Quality assurance (optional)

**NOTE:**

This functionality is available as an option.

- The options that are enabled for your firing furnace can be found in the menu **Setup > Furnace ID > Options** (see section 5.8.2.1).
- You can find information on enabling options in section 7.6.

### 6.10.1. QM logs

The AUSTROMAT® allows you to log a completed firing program for quality assurance documentation.

The log is internally fixed and cannot be changed by the user. The log monitors and documents the progress of the set program, especially the target and actual values of the Firing parameters , as well as fluctuations in temperature during the holding periods (only when the firing chamber is closed).

A precise description of quality management can be found in section 5.8.4.2.

Example of a log:

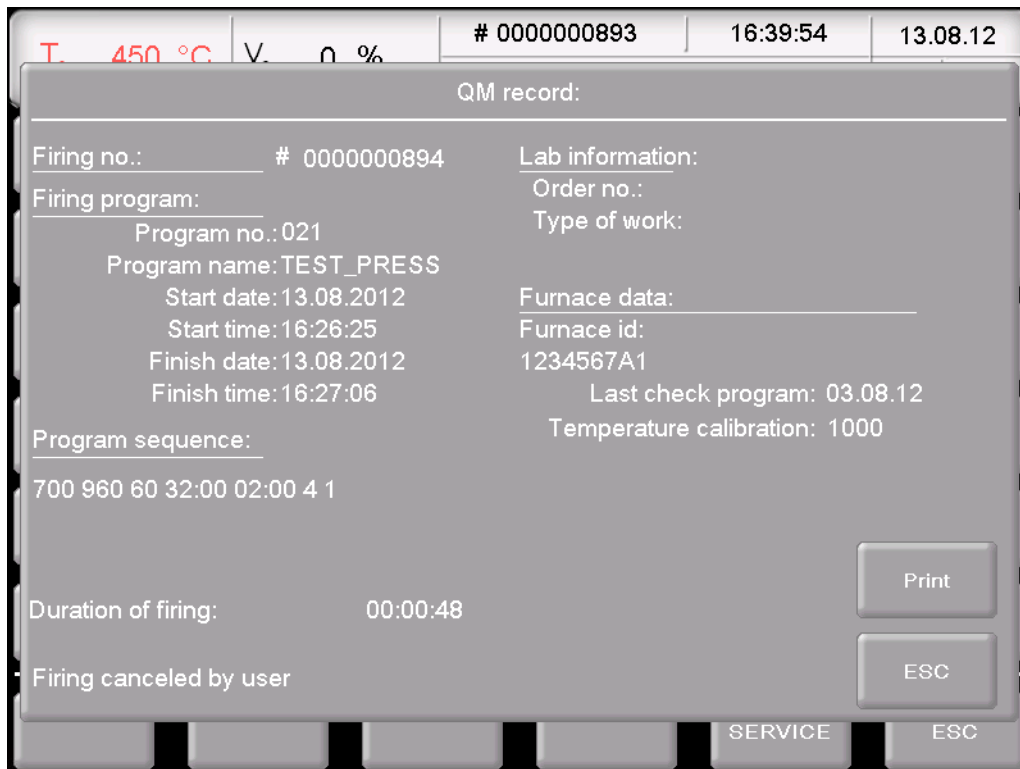


Fig. 6-17 QM log

### 6.10.2. X-Dream (optional)

**NOTE:**

The requirements for using X-DREAM® are:

- X-DREAM® is installed on the computer,
- the firing furnace is configured for a network connection,
- the firing furnace is configured for access via an FTP server.

The optional X-DREAM® program ("Extended DEKEMA Remote Access Management") offers an additional level of quality management for firing furnaces:

- handling dfl files,
- querying the status of the firing furnace via a computer using QM information
- Automatically sending QM logs by e-mail:

Start X-DREAM® (for example by double-clicking the program name "X-DREAM\_v20.exe"). The following window offers an example.

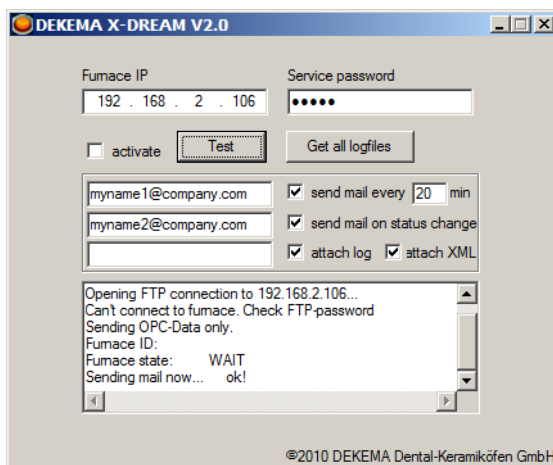


Fig. 6-18 Example of X-DREAM

For additional information, please contact DEKEMA (see section 7.7).

### 6.10.3. OPC (optional)

**NOTE:**

The requirements for using OPC are:


- OPC is installed on the computer,
- the firing furnace is configured for a network connection,
- the firing furnace is configured for access via an FTP server.

OPC ("OLE for Process Control") is a standardized software interface that allows you to exchange data between applications by different manufacturers.

By using the optional OPC program by DEKEMA, you can integrate quality management for the firing furnace into an ERP system ("enterprise resource planning").

For additional information, please contact DEKEMA (see section 7.7).

## 7. Maintenance and Service

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	
	<p><b>Non-original replacement parts.</b></p> <p><b>Malfunctions can arise if third-party parts are used. In certain circumstances, this can cause serious injury and substantial property damage.</b></p> <p><b>Always use original replacement parts from DEKEMA</b></p>

**NOTE:**

**When performing all maintenance and service tasks, maintenance and service tasks observe section 2, Safety.**

If technical servicing or repairs are necessary, they should only be performed by authorized professionals.

**NOTE:**

**After the ceramic furnace has been restored to operation, check for safety:**

- **Federal Republic of Germany: VDE 0701**
- **International: According to the legal requirements of your own country.**

### 7.1. Care

**NOTE:**

**Before each maintenance and service task: Read section 2, Safety. In particular, be aware of the hazards listed in section 2.4.**

- Clean the housing and control elements with a soft cloth moistened with a mild cleanser. Do not use scouring agents, scouring pads or solvents such as alcohol, gasoline or acetone.
- Always keep the sealing ring of the lift seat free of dust to ensure a reliable seal. Use a brush with a receptacle (for ceramic dust), or a moist cloth.

## 7.2. Calibrate temperature

**NOTE:**

**Before each maintenance and service task: Read section 2, Safety. In particular, be aware of the hazards listed in section 2.4.**

A number of factors influence the temperature of the firing object. These can include: The color and shape of the firing tray, or the number and type of firing objects. Other major influences can be age-related effects such as heating element wear and changes to the thermoelectric properties of the temperature sensor. We therefore recommend calibrating the temperature of the firing furnace to adapt these factors and achieve the desired firing results. Calibrate the temperature whenever the firing results are inconsistent and at least once annually. Calibration is carried out by means of the calibration factor (CCF) . Observe the following instructions:

- For new furnaces, we recommend that you calibrate the temperature for the first time after approximately six months.
- An internal monitoring program notifies you when you should calibrate the firing furnace temperature.
- Make sure that the heating element and thermocouple are not damaged.
- Only use the DEKEMA calibration set that is for the specific furnace. This consists of a curved silver wire and a white ceramic firing tray.
- For calibration, always use the insulation table, even with the 644 pressing furnace!
- Make sure that the temperatures of all the firing programs are adjusted when the CCF value changes. The firing temperatures of individual programs may have to be corrected.

**Calibrating the temperature with the calibration set:**

1. The firing furnace must be thoroughly preheated before calibrating. The thermocouple must be preconditioned. Therefore perform a cleaning firing before calibrating the temperature.
  - In the "Setup" menu, select the program "Cleaning firing", and press [Start] (see section 5.8.3.3).
  - Rule of thumb: The side walls of the top oven housing must be warm to the touch.
2. Insert the bent silver wire (silver sample) from the calibration set in the middle of the firing tray (see the following illustration). Place the firing tray on the insulation table.

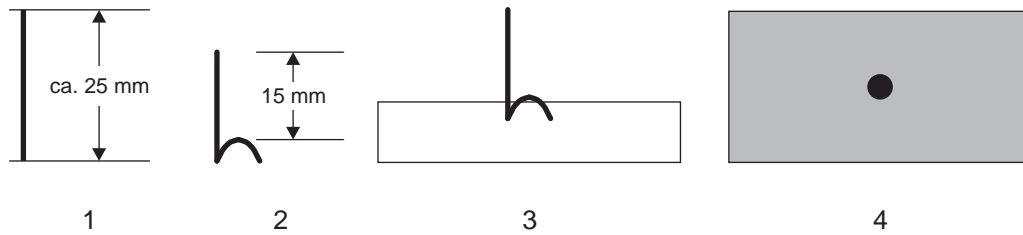


Fig. 7-1 Evaluating the silver wire

- 1 Silver wire
- 2 Silver sample (bent silver wire)
- 3 Silver wire inserted into the middle of one-half of a DUCERA tray: Side view
- 4 Silver wire inserted into the middle of one-half of a DUCERA tray: Top view

3. Start the Temperature calibration program:  
In the "Setup" menu, select the program "Temperature calibration", and press [Start] (see section 5.8.3.4).
4. Evaluate the silver wire after the program using the following illustration.

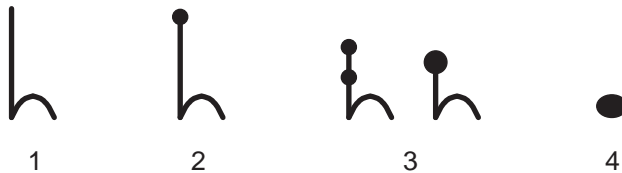


Fig. 7-2 Evaluating the silver wire

- 1 Effective temperature too low: Increase CCF by approximately 5
  - 2 Effective temperature okay
  - 3 Effective temperature a bit too high: Lower CCF by approximately 3
  - 4 Effective temperature too high: Lower CCF by approximately 5
5. Approach the correct setting of the CCF in small steps of approximately two to three points (such as 1004 to 1006).
    - By increasing the CCF, you increase the firing temperature,
    - By reducing the CCF, you lower the firing temperature.

**Change the CCF**

Observe the following procedure to change the CCF:  
In the "Setup" menu, select the program "Temperature calibration", and enter a new CCF (see section 5.8.3.4).

Minor corrections of the CCF can be made instinctively. If there are very large or sudden deviations from the original CCF, check for technical faults, and inform your service partner.

## 7.3. Check program

### NOTE:

**Start the check program only after running several firing programs, or after a cleaning firing so that the firing oven is warmed up.**

The AUSTROMAT® has an internal program, the check program, that checks the function of the major components: the check program. Regularly running in this unchangeable program makes it easier on you and the responsible service personnel

- to identify old components such as heating element wear,
- and eliminates malfunctions.

### Start check program

After approximately 2000 firings, the device displays a recommendation on the screen to start the self check program (duration: approx. 45 min).

In the "Setup" menu, select the program "Check program", and press [Start] (see section 5.8.3.2).

### Results of the check program

The results of the self-check are saved in a diagnosis file (see section 5.8.4.3). If the diagnostic data reveal that a firing program may not be able to be processed correctly, then the AUSTROMAT® automatically points this out when a firing program is started. This is the case for example when the heating element is too old, and you want to reach a firing temperature quickly.

### Error messages after running the check program

Error messages	Measures
1. "NO ERRORS FOUND"	No errors were found.
2. "CHANGE HEATING ELEMENT"	Contact your service partner (see section 7.7).

Tab. 7-1 Overview of error messages

The error message "CHANGE HEATING ELEMENT" can also arise when the heating element is technically functional. However, the check program requires a nominal power supply to operate. When the power supply is below the nominal value, the error diagnosis of the heating element can be incorrect. This problem generally only occurs in Asian countries. Consult your local power company.

## 7.4. Change the heating element

**NOTE:**

**Before each maintenance and service task: Read section 2, Safety. In particular, be aware of the hazards listed in section 2.4.**

**NOTE:**

**If technical servicing or repairs are necessary, they should only be performed by authorized professionals (see section 7.7).**

Over time, the heating element wears out from use. This can have a negative influence on your firing results. For this reason, change the heating element at the proper time. If the self-check program is run regularly (see section 7.3), a recommendation will be displayed when the heating element wear exceeds the permissible limit. Follow the accompanying installation and safety instructions in section 2 to install the replacement heating element. Heating elements should only be replaced by trained professionals.

## 7.5. Software update

Contact DEKEMA to update the software program for your firing furnace. An update can be obtained in the following ways:

- by mail on a thumb drive,
- by e-mail,
- by online update. See section 5.8.4.5.

The mail deliveries come with detailed step-by-step instructions to install the program update (on paper or in a PDF file).



## 7.6. Enable software options

A description of the available software options is found in section 5.8.2.1. The "Options" window (the menu Setup > Furnace ID > [Options], see Fig. 5-27) shows the software options that are already released for the firing furnace.

### Questions regarding software options

Contact your service partner, or contact DEKEMA directly. You will need the serial number of your firing furnace: Menu path: Setup > Furnace ID (see section 5.8.2.1).

### Enable a software option

Requirement: The enabling code for the software option.

To enable the software functions, proceed as follows:

1. Open the Setup menu.
2. Click the [Furnace ID] button. The "Furnace ID" window opens.

Furnace identification

Please enter your individual furnace identification.

1234567A1 Options

Serial no.: ABCDEFG12

Software version: v02.11f

PSoC version: v 01.70

Hardware version: v 01.00

OS version: v 01.02.205

OK

Fig. 7-3 "Furnace ID" window

3. Click on [Options]. The "Options" window opens.



Fig. 7-4 "Options" menu, to the right with enabled options

4. Click on [OBR] (One Button Release). This opens the input window for the enabling code.

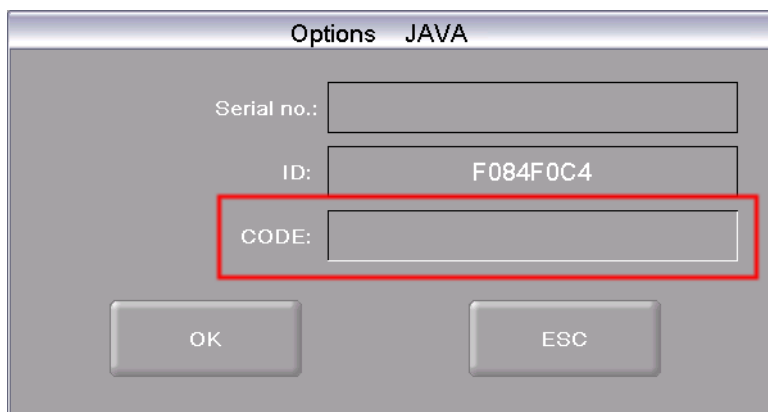


Fig. 7-5 Input window for the enabling code (example)

5. Enter the correct enabling code in the "CODE" field, and click [OK].

The button for the option is activated in the "Options" window (see Fig. 7-4, right). The corresponding function is available for the firing furnace.

## 7.7. Service and Transport

**NOTE:**

**Before each maintenance and service task: Read section 2, Safety. In particular, be aware of the hazards listed in section 2.4.**

**NOTE:**

**These operating instructions are part of the documentation for the AUSTROMAT® firing furnace. Read the service instructions before servicing.**

**Service partners**

We recommend regular maintenance of the firing furnace by your service partner. This will ensure superior firing results. Contact the responsible service partner if you need to replace wearing parts or if the firing furnace needs further repairs.

**Spare parts**

Only use original DEKEMA parts for servicing and maintaining the firing furnace. Contact your service partner, or contact DEKEMA directly.

**Manufacturer address**

Please direct any questions for the manufacturer to the following address:

DEKEMA Dental-Keramiköfen GmbH  
Industriestrasse 22  
D-83395 Freilassing  
Tel. +49-8654-4639-0  
Fax +49-8654-66195  
E-mail: [info@dekema.com](mailto:info@dekema.com)  
Website: [www.dekema.com](http://www.dekema.com)


**Transport**

- Turn off to the firing furnace as described in section 8.1.
- To transport the firing furnace, only use the original box and the supplied packaging material.

## 8. Storage and disposal

### 8.1. Storage

#### Turn off the firing furnace

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p><b>Fire hazard.</b></p> <p><b>A fire hazard exists when the firing furnace is hot when packaged.</b></p> <p><b>Let the firing furnace cool for several hours to room temperature with the firing chamber open after turning it off.</b></p>

Proceed as follows:

1. Turn the firing furnace off, and let it cool to room temperature. Note that the device needs several hours to cool down.
2. Turn the firing furnace on, and move the insulation table up to close the firing chamber.
3. Turn the device off, and fold the power cable from the plug.

#### **Storage Requirements**

The firing furnace may only be stored in the original packaging. Observe the packaging symbols (see Fig. 4-1), and maintain the storage conditions in section 1.6.

## 8.2. Disposal

### 8.2.1. Personnel qualifications

The operator can recycle or dispose the AUSTROMAT® in accordance with legal provisions. A good knowledge of mechanics and how to differentiate between waste materials is required to properly disassemble the AUSTROMAT® and separate the materials.

### 8.2.2. Legal guidelines

#### **Responsibilities**

The operator is responsible for proper disposal of the AUSTROMAT®. The operator can give the firing furnace to a licensed private or public collection facility, or the operator can recycle or dispose of the firing furnace himself.

#### **NOTE:**

**If the operator gives the AUSTROMAT® to a recycling facility, he must also provide the instructions for use. The operating instructions contain all the important instructions for disposal of the firing furnace.**

#### **Obligation to report**

Companies that dispose of or recycle their own waste are subject to official approval and inspection. Under certain circumstances, they can be freed from the approval requirement if they take the requirements of environment protection into account. These companies are subjected to a reporting requirement. You can find out more information at the responsible office for environmental protection.

#### **Environmental protection requirements**

Wastes must be recycled or disposed of in such a manner that it does not pose a hazard to human health. Only those procedures or methods may be used that do not harm the environment. In particular, care must be taken that:

- The air, water and earth are not contaminated,
- Animals and vegetable life are not endangered,
- No excessive noise or odor arises,
- The surroundings and the landscape are not impaired.

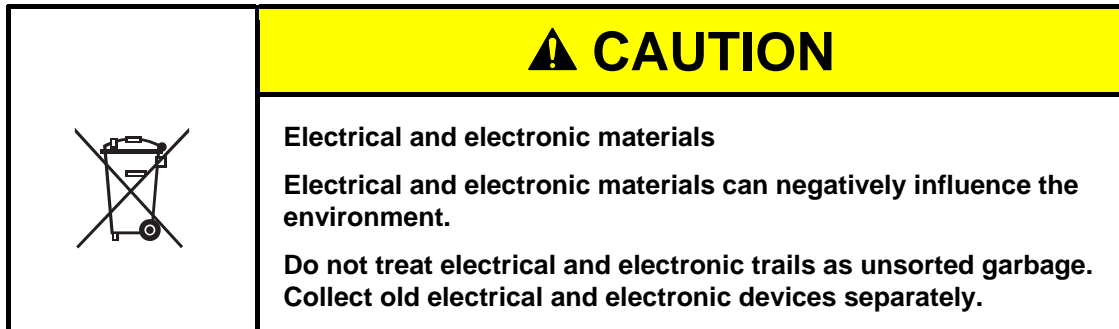
#### **Sort**

After the firing furnace has been disassembled, the individual parts must be sorted into waste groups. This is done according to the list in the current European Waste Catalog (EWC) or comparable documents. The EWC catalog applies for waste independent of whether it is disposed or recycled.

### 8.2.3. Disposal: Electrical and electronic materials

#### WEEE

The European Commission has issued a directive on the disposal of electrical and electronic materials (WEEE; 2002/96/EC). According to this directive, manufacturers have been responsible since August 2005 for returning and recycling electronic and electrical devices if no exception has been granted. As a manufacturer of laboratory equipment, DEKEMA Dental-Keramiköfen GmbH is freed from this requirement. Dental ceramic furnaces do not have to be returned to DEKEMA Dental-Keramiköfen GmbH.



### 8.2.4. Disposal: Other assemblies and components

The components of the AUSTROMAT® are composed of the following materials:

- Metals and alloys
  - Aluminum (housing, cover panels, etc.)
  - Copper (cooling plates, electrical lines)
  - Steel (sections, fastening materials such as screws, etc.)
  - High-grade steel
- Glass and ceramic materials
  - Glass (screens and displays)
  - Ceramic insulation material (insulation table, firing chamber)
- Plastics and rubber
  - Plastics (hoses, covers, wheels, etc.)
  - Rubber (seals, silicone hoses)
- Composites
  - Electrical materials (cables, motors, components)
  - Electronic materials (printed circuit boards, computer, predator)
- Packaging
  - Styrofoam (cushion material)
  - Plastic (films)

## 9. Appendix

### 9.1. Pressures (only 644)

**NOTE:**

This section only applies to the AUSTROMAT® 644 pressing furnace.

Entry for		Corresponding guide value for	
Pressing programs	Classic programs	Pressure	Force
0	L90	Contact Pressure	
1	L91	108 N	11 kg
2	L92	137 N	14 kg
3	L93	167 N	17 kg
4	L94	196 N	20 kg
5	L95	226 N	23 kg
6	L96	255 N	26 kg
7	L97	280 N	28 kg

Tab. 9-1 Pressures at different lift positions

## 9.2. Vacuum Table

The values in the following table were measured at a surrounding pressure of 969 hPa.

1 hPa = 1 mbar = 0.015 psi

1 psi = 69 mbar = 69 hPa

Entry for		Relative pressure <sup>1)</sup> hPa/psi		Absolute pressure <sup>2)</sup> hPa/psi	
Easy/professional/ pressing programs	Classic programs				
0%	V0	0	0	969	14.0
10 %	V1	52	0.75	917	13.3
20 %	V2	153	2.2	816	11.8
30 %	V3	264	3.8	705	10.2
40 %	V4	365	5.3	604	8.7
50 %	V5	472	6.8	497	7.2
60 %	V6	577	8.3	392	5.7
70 %	V7	685	9.9	284	4.1
80 %	V8	793	11.5	176	2.5
90 %	V9 minimum (= switching point)	866	12.5	103	1.5
100 %	V9 maximum (=45 s after V9 minimum)	> 934	13.5	< 35	0.51

Tab. 9-2 Pressures of the different vacuum levels

1) Difference between surrounding pressure and absolute pressure

2) Pressure in the firing chamber



### 9.3. Heating speed

Temperature range	Maximum temperature rise rate
400...500°C	approx. 180°C/min
500...600°C	approx. 160°C/min
600...700°C	approx. 140°C/min
700...800°C	approx. 120°C/min
800...900°C	approx. 100°C/min
900...1000°C	approx. 80°C/min
1000...1100°C	approx. 60°C/min
1100...1200°C	approx. 40°C/min
600...1200°C	ave. of approx. 100°C/min

Tab. 9-3 Maximum heating speed (temperature rise rate)

### 9.4. Safety data sheets

The relevant safety data sheets for the AUSTROMAT® firing oven are on the following pages.

- For "Kerform" material, see section 9.4.1.

## 9.4.1. "Kerform" safety data sheet



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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

**Product identifier**

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**Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against****Use of the substance/mixture**

Use of the products is restricted to "professional users" for application as thermal insulation, heat shields, heat containment, gaskets and expansion joints at temperatures up to 1400°C in industrial furnaces, ovens, kilns, boilers and other process equipment and in the aerospace and automotive industries. Products are not intended for direct sale to the general public.

- Primary Use: Manufacture of fibre (refers to the initial production of the fibre and is therefore not relevant to the downstream user, secondary and tertiary use are relevant to users)
- Secondary Use: Conversion into wet and dry mixtures and articles (refer to section 8)
- Tertiary Use: Installation, removal (industrial and professional) / Maintenance and service life (industrial and professional) (refer to section 8)

**Uses advised against**

Do not use for injecting or spraying.

**Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet**

Company name:	Rath GmbH	
	Mönchengladbach	
Street:	Krefelderstrasse 680-682	
Place:	D-41066 Mönchengladbach	
Telephone:	+49 (2161) 9692 - 0	Telefax: +49 (2161) 9692 - 61
Contact person:	Heinz Wimmer	
e-mail:	heinz.wimmer@rath-group.com	
Internet:	www.rath-group.com	

**Emergency telephone:** +49 (2161) 9692 - 12  
This number is serviced during office hours.

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

**Classification of the substance or mixture**

Indications of danger : Toxic  
R-phrases:  
May cause cancer by inhalation.

**GHS classification**

Hazard categories:  
Carcinogenicity: Carc. 1B  
Hazard Statements:  
May cause cancer by inhalation.

**Label elements**

Signal word: Danger  
Pictograms: GHS08





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#### Hazard statements

H350i May cause cancer by inhalation.

#### Precautionary statements

P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
 P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
 P281 Use personal protective equipment as required.  
 P308+P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.  
 P405 Store locked up.

#### Special labelling of certain mixtures

Restricted to professional users.

#### Other hazards

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) reaffirmed in 2001 that group 2B ("possibly carcinogenic to humans") remains the appropriate classification for RCF/ASW. In accordance with 31st adaptation to Technical Progress of Directive 67/548/ECC as published 15th January 2009 the classification as "irritant" has been removed for all types of man made vitreous fibres (MMVFs). Mild mechanical irritation to skin, eyes and upper respiratory system may result from exposure. These effects are usually temporary.

### SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

#### Mixtures

##### Chemical characterization

Refractory shape based on alumino-silicate wool.  
 None of the components are radioactive under the terms of European Directive Euratom 96/29.

##### Hazardous components

EC No	Chemical name	Quantity
CAS No	Classification	
Index No	GHS classification	
REACH No		
266-046-0	Alumino-silicate wools	> 10 %
142844-00-6	Carc. Cat. 2 R49	
	Carc. 1B; H350i	
01-2119458050-50		
231-668-3	sodium hypochlorite, solution ... % Cl active	< 0,2 %
7681-52-9	C, N R34-31-50	
017-011-00-1	Skin Corr. 1B, Aquatic Acute 1; H314 H400	

Full text of R- and H-phrases: see section 16.

### SECTION 4: First aid measures

#### Description of first aid measures

##### After inhalation

If nose or throat becomes irritated move to a dust free area, drink water and blow nose. If symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

##### After contact with skin

After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water and soap.

##### After contact with eyes

Rinse immediately carefully and thoroughly with eye-bath or water. Do not subject to friction.



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#### SECTION 5: Firefighting measures

##### Extinguishing media

###### **Suitable extinguishing media**

Extinguishing materials should be selected according to the surrounding area.

##### Additional information

The product itself is not combustible. Packaging and surrounding materials may be combustible. Fire class: 0

#### SECTION 6: Accidental release measures

##### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Avoid generation of dust. Wear personal protection equipment. Restrict access to the area to a minimum number of workers required.

##### Environmental precautions

Beat down dust with water spray. Do not empty into drains or the aquatic environment. Moreover, national legislation has to be observed!

##### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Use approved industrial vacuum cleaner for removal. High efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA filter). Absorb wet solids or soak them up. Don't use a brush or compressed air for cleaning surfaces or clothing.  
Do not allow to be wind blown.

#### SECTION 7: Handling and storage

##### Precautions for safe handling

###### **Advice on safe handling**

Avoid exposure - obtain special instructions before use.

In case of open handling equipment with built-in suction must be used. If suction of the immediate vicinity is impossible or insufficient, the entire working place must be sufficiently ventilated using appropriate machines.

Conditions to avoid: dust deposits

##### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

###### **Requirements for storage rooms and vessels**

Keep/Store only in original container. Keep container tightly closed. Protect containers against damage.

Contaminated packing must be completely emptied and can be re-used following appropriate cleaning.

Packaging materials: Recyclable Cardboard and/or plastic films

##### Specific end use(s)

Specific use(s):

The product is intended for professional use.

#### SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection

##### Control parameters



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#### Exposure limits (EH40)

CAS No	Chemical name	ml/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	F/ml	Category	Origin
675106-31-7	Polycrystalline alumina wool			500000	TWA (8 h)	
1344-28-1	Aluminium oxides, respirable dust	-	4		STEL (15 min)	WEL
	- Refractory Ceramic Fibres and Special Purpose Fibres	-	5	1	TWA (8 h)	WEL
		-	-		STEL (15 min)	WEL
9005-25-8	Starch, respirable	-	4		TWA (8 h)	WEL
		-	-		STEL (15 min)	WEL

#### Additional advice on limit values

The Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limit Values (SCOEL) as set up by a Commission Decision (95/320/EC) have proposed an OEL for RCF/ASW of 0.3 f/ml.

DNEL/DMEL (DERIVED NO-EFFECT LEVEL/DERIVED MINIMAL EFFECT LEVEL) The calculation of DMELs for fibres alone is not possible; a precautionary value is assigned based on fibrosis. An inhalation DMEL of 0.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> with an assessment factor of 25 can be calculated based on repeated dose toxicity, this value in the correct units would give a DMEL of 4 f/ml.

#### Exposure controls

##### Occupational exposure controls

United Kingdom: MDHS 59 specific for MMVF: "Man-made mineral fibre - Airborne number concentration by phase-contrast light microscopy" and MDHS 14/3 "General methods for sampling and gravimetric analysis of respirable and inhalable dust". World Health Organisation Geneva 1997 ISBN 92 4 154496 1.

##### Protective and hygiene measures

Review your application(s) and assess situations with the potential for dust release. The use of products specially tailored to your application(s) will help to control dust. Some products can be delivered ready for use to avoid further cutting or machining. Some could be pre-treated or packaged to minimise or avoid dust release during handling. Consult your supplier for further details. Designate work areas and restrict access to informed and trained workers. Use operating procedures that will limit dust production and exposure of workers.

Avoid generation of dust. Beat down dust with water spray. Take up dust-free and set down dust-free. High efficiency particulate air filter (HEPA filter).

##### Respiratory protection

For dust concentrations below the exposure limit value, RPE is not required but FFP2 respirators may be used on a voluntary basis. For short term operations where excursions are less than ten times the limit value, use FFP3 respirators. In case of higher concentrations or where the concentration is not known, please seek advice from your company and/or your supplier. You may also refer to the ECFIA code of practice available on the ECFIA's web site: [www.ecfia.eu](http://www.ecfia.eu)

##### Hand protection

Suitable gloves type: Chromate-free leather. Used working clothes should not be used outside the work area. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of work. Wash contaminated clothing prior to re-use. Street clothing should be stored separately from work clothing.

##### Eye protection

Tightly sealed safety glasses. Dust protection goggles.



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#### Skin protection

INFORMATION AND TRAINING OF WORKERS: This should include: The applications involving RCF/ASW-containing products; The potential risk to health resulting from the exposure to fibrous dust; The requirements regarding smoking, eating and drinking at the workplace; The requirements for protective equipment and clothing; The good working practices to limit dust release; The proper use of protective equipment.

#### Environmental exposure controls

RCF/ASW is inorganic, inert and stable and it is not soluble in water (solubility <1mg/litre) and as such does not pose a detrimental effect on the environment.  
Do not allow to be wind blown.



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**Table of Uses and Risk Management Measures (RMM)**

Intended use	RMM - Hierarchy of Controls
<p>Secondary use – Conversion into wet and dry mixtures and articles.</p> <p>Process would include: Mixing forming operations, handling of RCF/ASW products, assembly of RCF/ASW containing products, machine and hand finishing of RCF/ASW products.</p> <p>Reference ES 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where it is practical to do so, automatically feed RCF/ASW in to the process</li> <li>- Where practical to do so, segregate dry and wet processing</li> <li>- Enclose the process where practically possible.</li> <li>- Where practical to do so, segregate machine areas and restrict access to operators involved in the process.</li> <li>- Enclose Machines as far as practically possible.</li> <li>- Install LEV where possible, when machine finishing, handling, compressing and hand cutting to remove dust at source</li> <li>- Employ experienced personnel – trained in the correct use of fibrous products</li> <li>- PPE and RPE used for all dusty tasks</li> <li>- Provide vacuum cleaner connection point to central system where practical or use a portable HEPA vacuum</li> <li>- Regular clean up – using a wet scrubbing unit where practically possible and in general a HEPA vacuum should be used.</li> <li>- Dry brushing and use of compressed air should be prohibited</li> <li>- Waste materials to be contained at source, labelled and stored separately for disposal or recycling.</li> </ul>
<p>Tertiary use - maintenance and service life (Industrial or professional use)</p> <p>Process: Small scale repairs involving removal and installation of RCF/ASW products. Use of the product in an enclosed system, where there is occasional control access or no access.</p> <p>Reference ES 3</p>	<p><b>RMM - Hierarchy of Controls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use pre-cut, pre-sized pieces where practically possible.</li> <li>- Allow access only to trained (authorised ) operators</li> <li>- Where practically possible, perform all hand cutting in a segregated area, on a down draft bench.</li> <li>- Clean up work area regularly during the shift using a HEPA equipped vacuum cleaner.</li> <li>- Prohibit use of dry brushing and compressed air cleaning.</li> <li>- Bag and seal waste immediately at source.</li> <li>- Use PPE and RPE appropriate to task.</li> <li>- Employ good hygiene practices.</li> </ul>
<p>Tertiary use- installation and removal (industrial or professional).</p> <p>Large scale removal and installation of RCF/ASW from Industrial processes.</p> <p>Large scale removal and installation by professionals.</p> <p>Reference ES 4</p>	<p><b>RMM - Hierarchy of Controls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where practically possible enclose or segregate the work area.</li> <li>- Allow only authorised personnel.</li> <li>- Pre-wet insulation prior to removal where practically possible.</li> <li>- Where practically possible use a water lance for removal or vacuum-truck.</li> <li>- Use down draft bench for hand cutting products.</li> <li>- Cover pre-cut section during transport and storage to prevent secondary exposure.</li> <li>- Where practically possible provide multiple vacuum hoses for convenient cleanup of spillage or use portable HEPA filtered vacuums.</li> <li>- Bag waste materials immediately at source</li> <li>- Prohibit use of dry brushing and or compressed air cleaning.</li> <li>- Experienced personnel only</li> <li>- Use appropriate PPE and RPE appropriate to expected concentrations</li> </ul>



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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state:	solid	
Colour:	white	
Odour:	odourless	
pH-Value:		not applicable
Melting point:		> 1650 °C
Boiling point:		not applicable
Flash point:		not applicable
<b>Flammability</b>		
Solid:		not applicable
<b>Explosive properties</b>		
not applicable		
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>		
Solid:		not applicable
Vapour pressure:		not applicable
Density:		not applicable
Water solubility:		< 0.001 g/L
Partition coefficient:		not applicable

### Other information

Length weighted geometric mean diameter of fibres contained in the product: 1.3 - 4 µm

These fibres are dense materials and so will settle rapidly from both air and liquid.

## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### Possibility of hazardous reactions

Contact with acids liberates very toxic gas. Formation of: Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>).

### Conditions to avoid

Avoid generation of dust.

### Incompatible materials

No risks worthy of mention.

### Hazardous decomposition products

Upon heating above 900°C for sustained periods, this amorphous material can begin to transform to mixtures of crystalline phases. For further information please refer to Section 16.

## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

#### **Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution**

Exposure is predominantly by inhalation or ingestion. Man made vitreous fibres of a similar size to RCF/ASW have not been shown to migrate from the lung and/or gut and do not become located in other parts of the body. When compared to many naturally occurring minerals, RCF/ASW has a low ability to persist and accumulate in the body (half-life of long fibres (> 20 µm) in 3 week rat inhalation test is approx. 60 days). Human Toxicological data: In order to determine possible human health effects following RCF exposure, the University of Cincinnati has been conducting medical surveillance studies on RCF workers in the U.S. The Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM) has conducted





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medical surveillance studies on RCF workers in European manufacturing facilities.

Pulmonary morbidity studies among production workers in Europe and USA have demonstrated an absence of interstitial fibrosis and no decrement in lung function associated with current exposures, but have indicated a reduction of lung capacity among smokers. A statistically significant correlation between pleural plaques and cumulative RCF exposure was evidenced in the USA longitudinal study. The USA mortality study did not show evidence of increased lung tumour development either in the lung parenchyma or in the pleura.

#### Acute toxicity

Short term inhalation: No data available. Short term tests have been undertaken to determine fibre (bio) solubility rather than toxicity; repeat dose inhalation tests have been undertaken to determine chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity. - Oral: No data available. Repeated dose studies have been carried out using gavage. No effect was found.

#### Specific effects in experiment on an animal

Germ cell mutagenicity: Method: In vitro micronucleus test; Species: Hamster (CHO); Dose: 1-35 mg/ml; Routes of administration: In suspension; Results: Negative.

Carcinogenicity: Method: Inhalation. Multi-dose; Species: Rat; Dose: 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 9 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and 16 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; Routes of administration: Nose only inhalation; Results: Fibrosis just reached significant levels at 16 and 9 mg/m<sup>3</sup> but not at 3 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. None of the parenchymal tumour incidences were higher than the historical control values for this strain of animal.

Method: Inhalation. Single dose; Species: Rat; Dose: 30 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; Routes of administration: Nose only inhalation; Results: Rats were exposed to a single concentration of 200 WHO fibres/ml specially prepared RCF for 24 months. High incidence of exposure-related pulmonary neoplasms (bronchoalveolar adenomas and carcinomas) were observed. A small number of mesotheliomas were observed in each of the fibre exposure groups (Mast et al 1995a).

Method: Inhalation. Single dose; Species: Hamster; Dose: 30 mg/m<sup>3</sup>; Routes of administration: Nose only inhalation; Results: Hamsters were exposed to a single concentration of 260 WHO fibres/ml specially prepared RCF for 18 months and developed lung fibrosis, a significant number of pleural mesotheliomas (42/102) but no primary lung tumours (McConnell et al 1995).

Method: Inhalation. Single dose; Species: Rat; Dose: RCF1: 130 F/ml and 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (25% of non fibrous particles) RCF1a: 125 F/ml and 26 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (2% of non fibrous particles); Routes of administration: Nose only inhalation Results: Rats were exposed to RCF1 and RCF1a for 3 weeks. The objective of the study was to compare lung retention and biological effects of the original RCF 1 compared to RCF1a. The main difference of these 2 samples was the non fibrous particle content of respectively 25% versus 2%. The post treatment observation was 12 months. Alveolar clearance was barely retarded after RCF1A exposure. After RCF1 exposure, however, a severe retardation of clearance was observed. (Bellmann et al 2001)

After intraperitoneal injection of ceramic fibres into rats in three experiments (Smith et al 1987, Pott et al 1987, Davis et al 1984), mesotheliomas were found in the abdominal cavity 6 in two studies, while the third report (Pott et al 1987) had incomplete histopathology. Only a few mesotheliomas were found in the abdominal cavity of hamsters after intraperitoneal injection in one experiment (Smith et al 1987). However, the ceramic fibres tested were of relatively large diameter. When rats and hamsters were exposed via intraperitoneal injection, tumour incidence was related to fibre length and dose (Smith et al 1987, Pott et al 1987, Miller et al 1999, Pott et al 1989). (From SCOEL publication (EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) publication SCOEL/SUM/165, October 2010)

Reproductive toxicity: Method: Gavage; Species: Rat; Dose: 250mg/kg/day; Routes of administration: Oral; Results: No effects were seen in an OECD 421 screening study. There are no reports of any reproductive toxic effects of mineral fibres. Exposure to these fibres is via inhalation and effects seen



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are in the lung. Clearance of fibres is via the gut and the faeces, so exposure of the reproductive organs is extremely unlikely.

#### Irritation and corrosivity

Irritation and etching: Not an irritant. Evaluation: OECD 404

Irritant effect on the eye: Not an irritant.

#### Sensitising effects

After skin contact: no danger of sensitization.

#### Carcinogenic/mutagenic/toxic effects for reproduction

Specific symptoms in laboratory animals

#### Additional information on tests

STOT-Single exposure: Not applicable; STOT-Repeated exposure: Not applicable; Aspiration hazard: Not applicable.

#### Further information

IRRITANT PROPERTIES: Negative results have been obtained in animal studies (EU method B 4) for skin irritation. Inhalation exposures using the nose only route produce simultaneous heavy exposures to the eyes, but no reports of excess eye irritation exist. Animals exposed by inhalation similarly show no evidence of respiratory tract irritation. Human data confirm that only mechanical irritation, resulting in itching, occurs in humans. Screening at manufacturers' plants in the UK has failed to show any human cases of skin conditions related to fibre exposure.

### SECTION 12: Ecological information

#### Toxicity

Experience so far shows this product to be inert and not degradable. These products are insoluble in the natural environment and are chemically identical to inorganic compounds found in the soil and sediment.

#### Persistence and degradability

Inorganic product which is not eliminable from water through biological cleaning processes.

#### Bioaccumulative potential

Elimination from water is possible through precipitation or flocculation.

### SECTION 13: Disposal considerations

#### Waste treatment methods

##### Advice on disposal

Waste containing > 0.1% RCF/ASW is categorised as a stable non-reactive hazardous waste, which can generally be disposed of at landfill sites licensed for this purpose Unless wetted, such a waste is normally dusty and so should be properly sealed in clearly labelled containers for disposal. At some authorised disposal sites, dusty wastes may be treated differently in order to ensure they are dealt with promptly to avoid them being wind blown. Please refer to the European list (Decision no 2000/532/CE as modified) to identify your appropriate European Waste Code (EWC) and ensure national and or regional regulation are complied with. When disposing of waste and assigning European Waste Code (EWC) any possible contamination during use will need to be considered and expert guidance sought as necessary.

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##### Contaminated packaging

Cleaned containers may be recycled. Handle contaminated packaging in the same way as the substance itself.



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#### SECTION 14: Transport information

##### Land transport (ADR/RID)

**UN proper shipping name:** Not a hazardous material with respect to these transportation regulations.

##### Inland waterways transport

**UN proper shipping name:** Not a hazardous material with respect to these transportation regulations.

##### Marine transport

**UN proper shipping name:** Not a hazardous material with respect to these transportation regulations.

##### Air transport

**UN proper shipping name:** Not a hazardous material with respect to these transportation regulations.

##### Environmental hazards

Dangerous for the environment: no

##### Other applicable information

Ensure that dust is not windblown during transportation.

#### SECTION 15: Regulatory information

##### Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture

##### EU regulatory information

##### Additional information

Product is classified and labelled in accordance with EC regulations or the corresponding national laws.

- Council Directive 67/548/EEC "on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances as modified and adapted to the technical progress" (OJEC L 196 of 16 August 1967, p.1 and its modifications and adaptations to technical progress).
- Council Directive 1999/45/EC of 31 May 1999 concerning the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations.
- Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 dated 18th December 2006 on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).
- Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 dated 16th December 2008 on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures (OJ L 353).
- Commission Directive 97/69/EC of 5 December 1997 adapting to technical progress for the 23rd time Council Directive 67/548/EEC (OJEC of 13 December 1997, L 343).
- Commission regulation (EC) No 790/2009 of 10 August 2009 amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures.
- The 1st Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 enters into force on 25 September 2009. It transfers the 30th and 31st ATPs of Directive 67/548/EEC to the Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

INTEGRATION OF RCF/ASW IN TO ANNEXE XV OF THE REACH REGULATION: RCF are classified as a carcinogenic substance CLP 1B (See section 15 above). On the 13th of January 2010 ECHA updated the candidate list for authorisation (Annexe XV of the REACH regulation) and added 14 new substances in this list including aluminosilicate refractory ceramic fibres and zirconia aluminosilicate refractory ceramic fibres. As a consequence, EU (European Union) or EEA (European Economic Area) suppliers of articles which contain aluminosilicate refractory ceramic fibres and zirconia aluminosilicate refractory ceramic fibres in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w) have to provide sufficient



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information, available to them, to their customers or upon requests to a consumer within 45 days of the receipt of the request. This information must ensure safe use of the article and as minimum contains the name of the substance.

**RESTRICTION ON MARKETING OF RCF/ASW:** Marketing and use of RCF/ASW is controlled by Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations as modified (21st amending, Directive 2001/41/EC, 19 June 2001) and is restricted to professional use only.

**PROTECTION OF WORKERS:** Shall be in accordance with several European Directives as amended and their implementations by the Member States:

- Council Directive 89/391/EEC dated 12 June 1989 "on the introduction of measures to encourage improvement in the safety and health of workers at work (OJEC (Official Journal of the European Community) L 183 of 29 June 1989, p.1).
- Council Directive 98/24/EC dated 7 April 1997 "on the protection of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work" (OJEC L 131 of 5 May 1998, p.11).
- Council Directive 2004/37/EC of 29 April 2004 on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to carcinogens mutagens and reprotoxics at work (OJEC L 158 of 30 April 2004).

**OTHER EU REGULATIONS:** Member states are in charge of implementing European directives into their own national regulation within a period of time normally given in the directive. Member States may impose more stringent requirements. Please always refer to national regulations.

**SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR OELs:** UK: HSE EH40 Workplace Exposure Limit.

#### National regulatory information

Employment restrictions: Observe employment restrictions for young people. Observe employment restrictions for child bearing mothers and nursing.

Water contaminating class (D): - - not water contaminating

#### Chemical Safety Assessment

For this substance a chemical safety assessment has been carried out.

### SECTION 16: Other information

#### Changes

Notice the directions for use on the label.

The above information describes exclusively the safety requirements of the product and is based on our present-day knowledge. The information is intended to give you advice about the safe handling of the product named in this safety data sheet, for storage, processing, transport and disposal. The information cannot be transferred to other products. In the case of mixing the product with other products or in the case of processing, the information on this safety data sheet is not necessarily valid for the new made-up material.

#### Abbreviations and acronyms

European Industry Association Representing HTIW (ECFIA): 3, Rue du Colonel Moll, 75017 Paris - Tel. +33 (0) 31 48 74 26 - www.ecfia.eu

#### Full text of R-phrases referred to under sections 2 and 3

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 31 | Contact with acids liberates toxic gas. |
| 34 | Causes burns.                           |
| 49 | May cause cancer by inhalation.         |
| 50 | Very toxic to aquatic organisms.        |

#### Full text of H-Statements referred to under sections 2 and 3

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| H314  | Causes severe skin burns and eye damage. |
| H350i | May cause cancer by inhalation.          |



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H400 Very toxic to aquatic life.

#### Further Information

USEFUL REFERENCES (the directives which are cited must be considered in their amended version):

- Hazards from the use of Refractory Ceramic Fibre. Health and Safety Executive: Information document, HSE 267 (1998).
- Working with Refractory Ceramic Fibres 2006
- ECFIA; Code of Practice.
- Maxim LD et al (1998). CARE – A European programme for monitoring and reducing Refractory Ceramic Fibre dust at the workplace initial results; Gefahrstoffe – Reinhaltung der Luft, 58:3,97-103.
- Recognition and control of exposure to RCF, ECFIA, April 2009

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND PRECAUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED UPON REMOVAL OF AFTER SERVICE MATERIAL:

As produced, all Refractory Ceramic Fibres are vitreous (glassy) materials which, upon continued exposure to elevated temperatures (above 900°C), may devitrify. The occurrence and extent of crystalline phase formation is dependent on the duration and temperature of exposure, fibre chemistry and/or the presence of fluxing agents. The presence of crystalline phases can be confirmed only through laboratory analysis of the "hot-face" fibre. IARC's evaluation of crystalline silica states "Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)" and additionally mentioned "in making the overall evaluation, the Working Group noted that carcinogenicity in humans was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied...".

As only a thin layer of the insulation (hot face side) is exposed to high temperatures, respirable dust generated during removal operations does not contain detectable levels of crystalline silica (CS). In applications where the material is heat soaked, duration of heat exposure is normally short and a significant devitrification allowing CS to build up does not occur. This is the case for waste mould casting for instance. Toxicological evaluation of the effect of the presence of CS in artificially heated RCF/ASW material has not shown any increased toxicity in vitro.

The lack of toxicological effects may be explained by the following factors ; Increased brittleness of fibres after service life, favours fast fibre translocation through macrophage. Microcrystals, including crystalline silica, are embedded in the glass structure of the fibre and are therefore not biologically available.

High concentrations of fibres and other dusts may be generated when after-service products are mechanically disturbed during operations such as wrecking. Therefore ECFIA recommends: a) control measures are taken to reduce dust emissions and b) all personnel directly involved wear an appropriate respirator to minimise exposure.

CARE PROGRAMME: ECFIA, representing the high temperature insulation wool (HTIW) industry, has undertaken an extensive industrial hygiene programme to provide assistance to the users of all products containing HTIW. The objectives are twofold: To monitor workplace dust concentrations at both manufacturers' and customers' premises and to document manufacturing and use of RCF products from an industrial hygiene perspective in order to establish appropriate recommendations to reduce exposures. If you wish to participate in the CARE programme, contact ECFIA or your supplier.

SPRAYING: ECFIA recommends that this fibre should not be used for spraying.

*(The data for the hazardous ingredients were taken respectively from the last version of the sub-contractor's safety data sheet.)*

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