

User Manual

Release 1.2

PAT-Cell-Press

Electrochemical test cell



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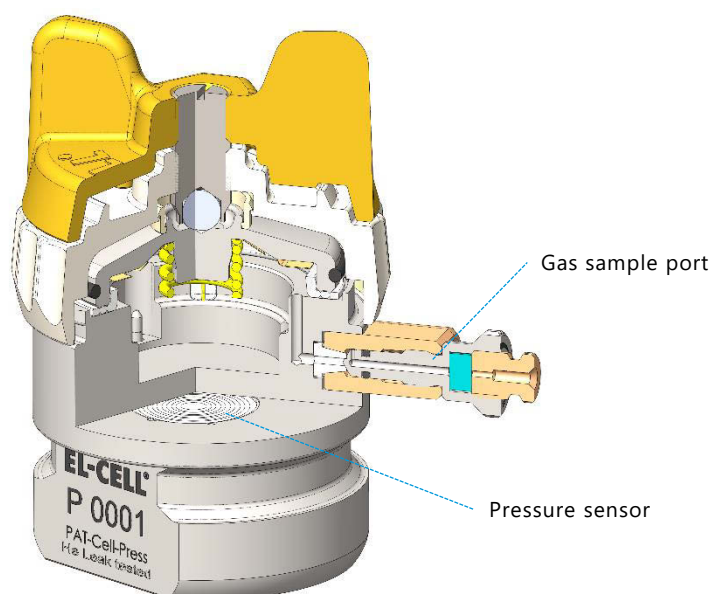
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1 Product description

The PAT-Cell-Press is a pressure test cell for measuring gas evolution during the electrochemical cycle and drawing gas samples through the sample port. It is a cableless test cell using the PAT-Core concept. As an option, the PAT-Cell-Press is also available without the gas sample port.



Features and specifications

- PAT-Core design with or without reference electrode
- Laser welded pressure sensor, 0 to 3 bar abs
- Dead volume with PAT-Core installed: 3.21 cm³
- Helium leak tested
- Can be used in single-channel configuration together with the PAT-Stand-1 and the PAT-Press box
- Can be used in multi-channel configuration in the PAT-Chamber-16 and PAT-Tester-i-16

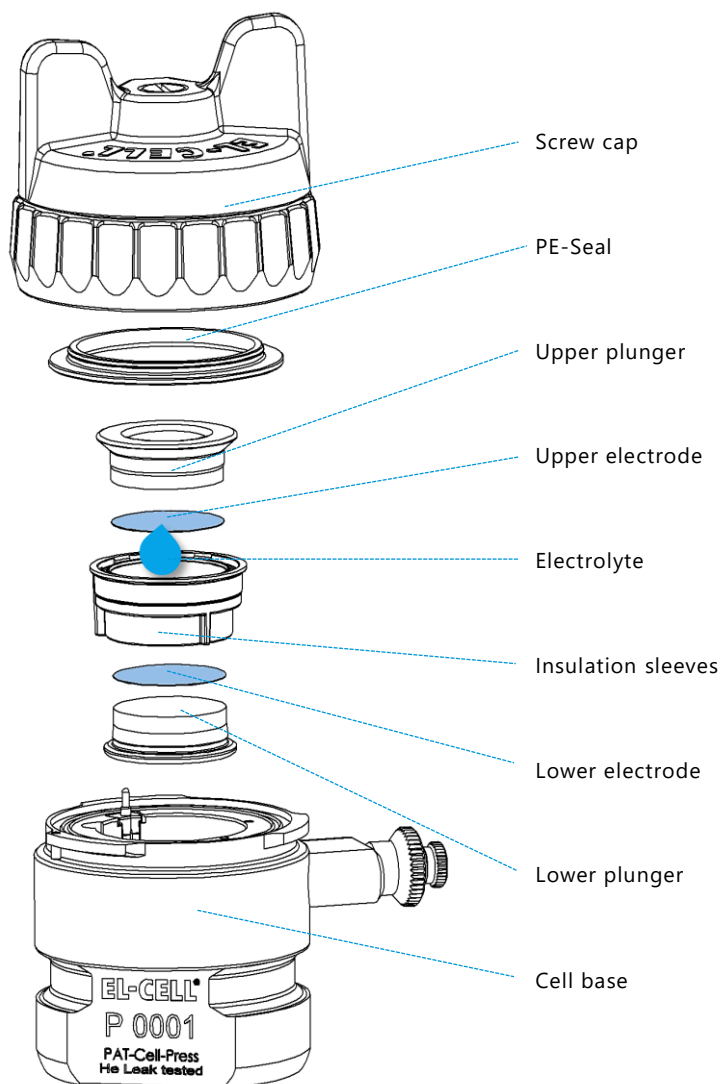
2 Safety precautions

Use proper safety precautions when using hazardous electrode materials and electrolytes. Wear protective glasses and gloves to protect you against electrolyte that may accidentally spill out during disassembly. Upon cell disassembly, dispose all materials properly. Metallic lithium and some insertion compounds may decompose heavily in contact with water and other solvents, and can cause fire.

3 Assembly of the PAT-Cell-Press

This section describes how to assemble the PAT-Cell-Press test cell. A more detailed description of the PAT-Core can be found in a separate manual.

Note: The assembly has to take place under the protective atmosphere in a glove box.



1. Put the **insulation sleeve** onto the worktop with the smaller side pointing upwards. Different insulation sleeves are available for different test purposes, see chapters 6 and 7.
2. Insert the **lower electrode** into the sleeve with the active layer facing downwards.
3. Attach the **lower plunger**. The lower plunger is available in different gap sizes in order to account for the thickness of the electrodes and separator used, see chapters 6 and 7.
4. Turn the assembly upside down.
5. Align the contact spring of the sleeve with the horizontal contact pin inside the **cell base**. Then insert the assembly into the cell base.
6. Evenly dispense approx. 100 μL of **electrolyte** on top of the separator with a pipette. Note: The optimum amount of electrolyte will depend on the thickness and porosity of the separator and the electrodes used.
7. Insert the **upper electrode** into the insulation sleeve with the active layer facing downwards.
8. Attach the **upper plunger**.
9. Attach the **screw cap** to the cell base with the wing nut fully released.
10. Tighten the wing nut clockwise in order to seal the cell

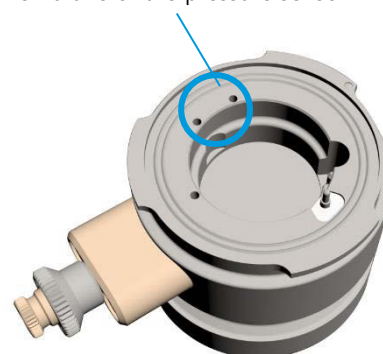
4 Disassembly and cleaning

After disassembly, dispose all single-use PAT-Core components and the electrodes properly. If the cell base of the test cell has got contaminated with electrolyte, clean it with plenty of water and dry with compressed air. Use less electrolyte for subsequent tests.

Together with the PAT-Cell-Press you receive a syringe (5 ml Luerlock, [LAB0005](#)) and a taper tip ([LAB0004](#)), which can be plugged into one of the purge holes at the cell base. This way the stainless steel sensor membrane can be purged with an appropriate solvent in case it has got contaminated with electrolyte.

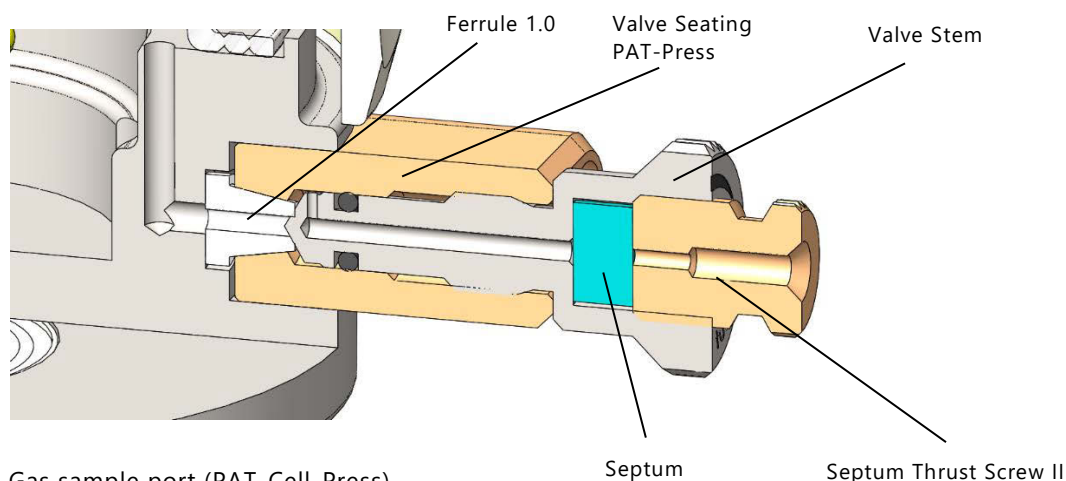
Plungers made of stainless steel have to be cleaned with plenty of water. If necessary, remove persistent dirt with aqueous nitric acid (20%, 2 hours at room temperature). All other cell components are for immediate re-use without cleaning.

Holes for purging the stainless steel membrane of the pressure sensor



5 Sample valve with septum port

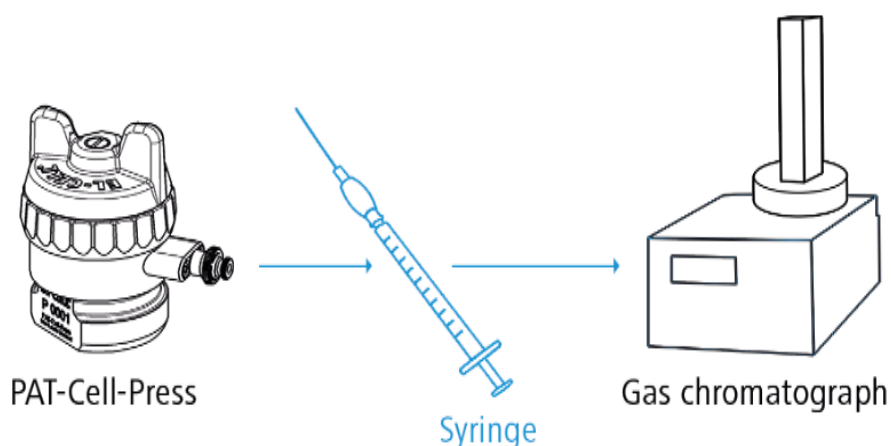
The gas sample valve serves to draw gas samples for further characterization from the head space of the test cell.



Gas sample port (PAT-Cell-Press)
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In the closed state, the valve spindle is seated on the PTFE ferrule and is thus preventing any bleeding through the pierced septum.

5.1 How to draw gas samples



1. Pierce the septum with a sample syringe appropriate for the subsequent gas analysis with e.g. a gas chromatograph. We recommend using a syringe with a pencil-point needle in order to prevent clogging when the septum of the sample port is pierced. A 1 ml syringe (LAB0024) and a pencil-point needle (LAB0039) are provided with the equipment.
2. Open the valve by turning the valve handle counter-clockwise by approx. 90 degrees
3. Fill the syringe by drawing back the syringe piston.
4. Close the valve by turning the valve handle clockwise till finger tight, and remove the syringe.

Note: Do not connect the sample port directly or permanently to an external device.

6 Unpacking

Check the contents of the packages against the list given below to verify that you have received all of the required components. Contact EL-CELL, if anything is missing or damaged.

NOTE: Damaged shipments must remain within the original packaging for freight company inspection.

List of components

- PAT-Cell-Press without PAT-Core

Note: The components of the PAT-Core (insulation sleeves and plungers) must be purchased separately.

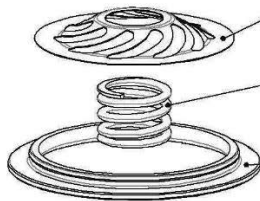
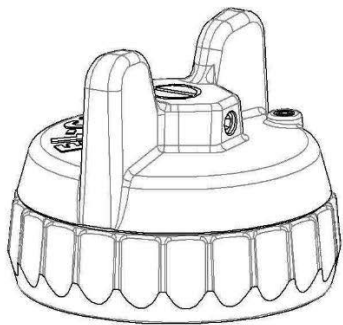
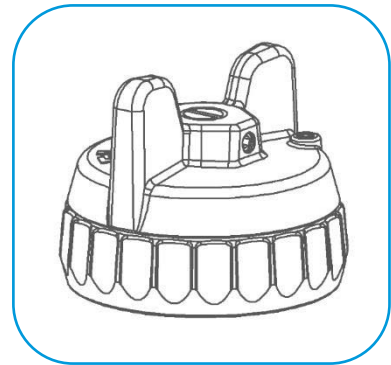
Accessories kit

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- Septum (10x) [ECC1-00-0097-B/X](#)
- Syringe 5ml (Luerlock) [LAB0005](#)
- Taper tip, 18g [LAB0041](#)
- Syringe 1ml (w/o Luerlock) [LAB0024](#)
- Spinal needle pencil-point (27g) [LAB0039](#)
- Sealing ring PEEK (5x) [ECC1-00-0232-D](#)
- Ferrule 1.0 [ECC1-00-0029-B](#)

7 Spare parts and consumables

Screw cap (PAT), complete ECC1-00-0236-B

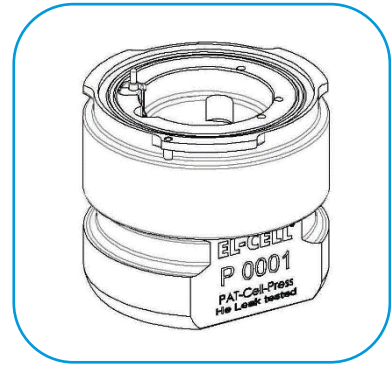


Disc spring
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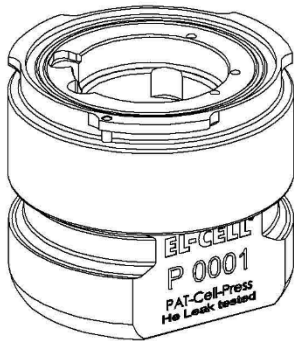
Compression Spring
FED9028

Sealing ring
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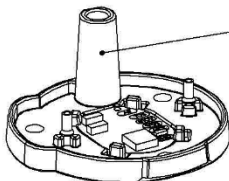
Cell base GTMS (PAT-Press), assy
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Spring contact pin holder, assy
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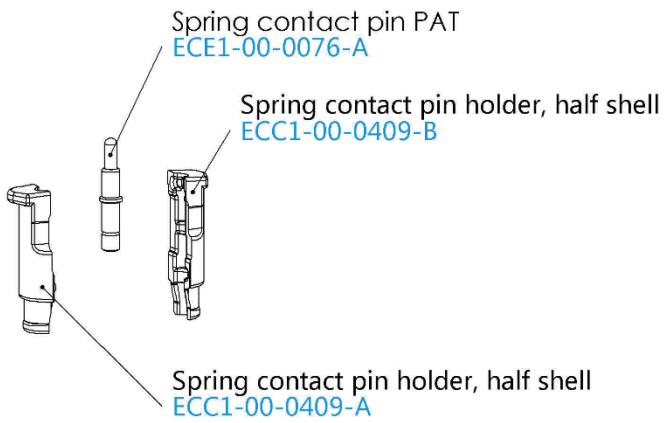
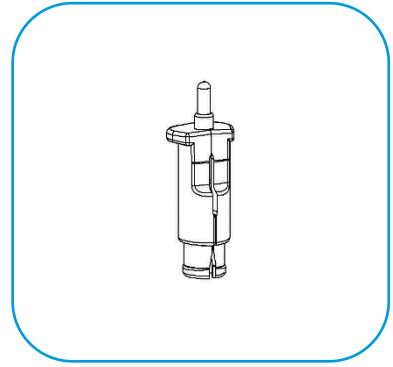
EEPROM holder, assy (PAT-Press)
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Countersunk screw
DIN 965-M3x20 TX

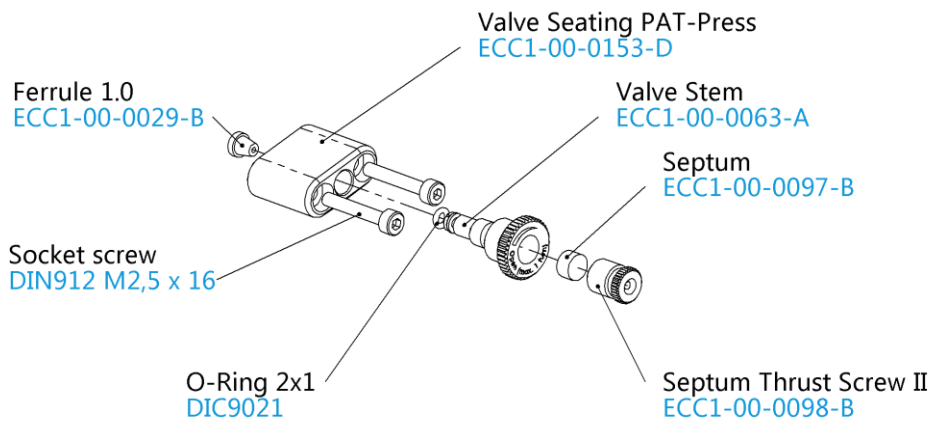
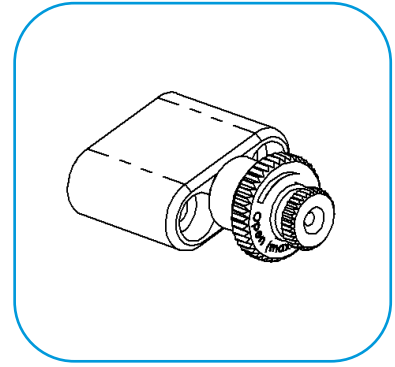
Spring contact pin holder, assy

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Gas sample port (PAT-Press), assy

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8 Technical support

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9 Warranty

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