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Secotom-15 Safety Precaution Sheet

To be read carefully before use

- 1. The operator(s) should be fully instructed in the use of the machine, any connected accessories and the applied consumables according to the relevant Instruction Manuals and Material Safety Data Sheets.
- 2. The machine must be placed on a safe and stable support table which is able to carry at least 80 kg / 176 lb. All safety functions and covers of the machine must be intact and in working order.
- **3.** The machine must be installed in compliance with local safety regulations.
- **4.** Keep your hands clear of the cutting table when moving the table.
- 5. Mind the protruding safety catch when the cover is raised.
- **6.** The workpiece must be securely fixed in a clamping device. Large or sharp workpieces must be handled in a safe way.
- 7. Cut-off wheels must be approved for min. 5,000 rpm.
- **8.** Observe the current safety regulations for handling and disposal of the additive for cooling fluid.
- 9. Consumables: only use consumables specifically developed for use with this type of materialographic machine. To achieve maximum safety and lifetime of the machine, use only original Struers consumables.
- **10.** Struers recommends using cooling fluid when cutting as the materials being cut may emit harmful dust. Additionally an adequate exhaust system should be used.
- **11.** The machine emits only moderate noise. However, the cutting process itself may emit noise, depending on the nature of the workpiece. In such cases, the use of hearing protection is recommended.
- **12.** The machine must be disconnected from the mains prior to any service. Wait 5 minutes until residual potential is discharged.

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- **13.** Do not cycle mains power more than once every three minutes. Damage to the drive will result.
- **14.** Use of working gloves is recommended as workpieces may be both very hot and produce sharp edges.
- **15.** Use of safety shoes is recommended when handling large or heavy workpieces.
- **16.** Use of safety goggles is recommended when using the flushing hose. Only use the flushing hose for cleaning *inside* the cutting chamber.

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Disposal

Equipment marked with a WEEE symbol Ξ contain electrical and electronic components and must not be disposed of as general waste.

Please contact your local authorities for information on the correct method of disposal in accordance with national legislation.

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1. Getting Started

Checking the Contents of the Packing Box

In the packing box you should find the following parts:

- Secotom-15
 (Precision cut-off machine for cutting of larger workpieces)
- 2 Mains cables
- 1 Stop pin
- 1 Socket spanner 17 mm
- 1 Hose for connection to exhaust, 1.5 m x 51 mm dia.
- 1 Hose clamp, 40-60 mm dia.
- 1 Instruction Manual Set

Removing Secotom-15 from the Pallet

- Remove the eight coach bolts with a 4 mm Allen key from the two transport brackets that secure Secotom-15 to its transport pallet.
- Remove the brackets.
- Lift Secotom by holding underneath the base of the machine, on the left side and on the right side.

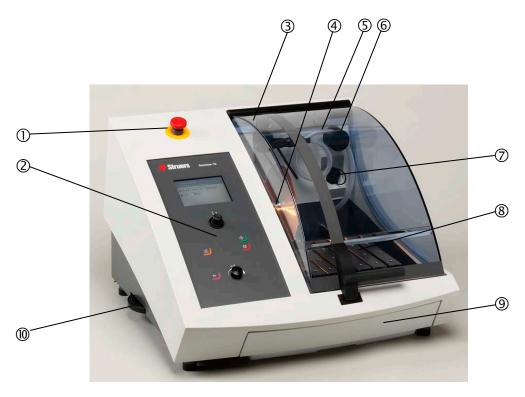
Placing Secotom-15

Secotom-15 should be placed on a safe and stable support table with an adequate working height. The table must be able to carry at least 80 kg / 176 lb. The machine must be placed close to the power supply.

Check that the Secotom-15 is resting securely with all 4 rubber feet on the table.

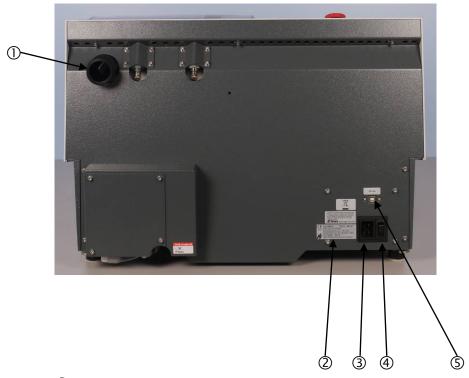
Getting Acquainted with Secotom-15

Take a moment to familiarise yourself with the location and names of the Secotom-15 components.



- ① Emergency Stop
- ② Control panel (details in section 2. Basic Operation)
- 3 Cover
- ④ Cut-off wheel spindle
- S Flushing Hose
- **6** Holder for Flushing Hose / Exhaust
- ② Electrical connection socket
- 8 Movable cutting table
- Cooling fluid tank
- Wheel for adjusting the height of the cut-off wheel

Rear of Secotom-15



- Ventilation Flange for Exhaust
 Type Plate
 Mains connection

- 4 Main switch
- Service socket

Supplying Power

Always remember to switch the power off when installing electrical equipment!



DANGER!

The machine must be earthed

IMPORTANT

Check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the type plate on the back of the machine.

The Secotom-15 is shipped with 2 types of Mains cables:

Single-phase Supply



The 2-pin (European Schuko) plug is for use on single-phase, 200-240 V connections.

If the plug supplied on this cable is not approved in your country, then the plug must be replaced with an approved plug. The leads must be connected as follows:

Yellow/green: earth
Brown: line (live)
Blue: neutral

2-phase Supply



The 3-pin (North American NEMA) plug is for use on 2-phase, 200-240 V power connections.

If the plug supplied on this cable is not approved in your country, then the plug must be replaced with an approved plug. The leads must be connected as follows:

Green: earth
Black: line (live)
White: line (live)

Connection to the Machine



Both cables are equipped with an IEC 320-C19 cable connector that has to be connected to the Secotom.

WARNING!

The output voltage from this cable is 200 – 240V and not 110V. DO NOT use this cable to connect equipment that use a 110V power supply. Failure to adhere to this may result in material damage.

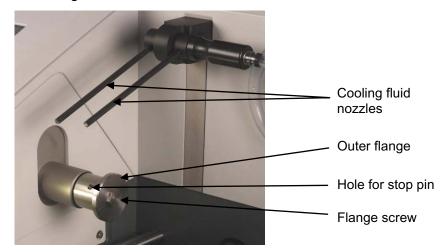
Mounting the Cut-off Wheel

■ Lift the cover to the "open" position (the position where it will stay up and open when released).

NB

Mind the protruding safety catch when the cover is raised.

■ Lift the cooling fluid nozzles to gain access to the cut-off wheel mounting.



- Insert the stop pin into the hole on the cut-off wheel spindle.
- Use the socket spanner 17 mm to loosen the flange screw.



Remove the outer flange.

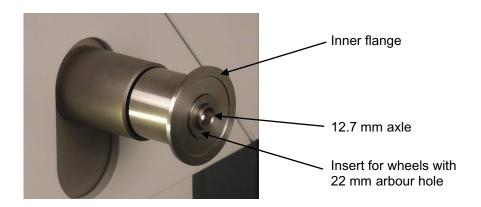
IMPORTANT

The tolerance between the spindle and inner flange is very small which means that the two surfaces must be absolutely clean.

Never try to squeeze the cut-off wheel on as this may damage the spindle or the cut-off wheel. If there are any small burrs, remove them with grinding paper grit size 1200.

IMPORTANT

When mounting cut-off wheels with a 12.7 mm centre hole, make sure that the 22 mm arbour insert has been removed. Failure to do this will result in the cut-off wheel being pressed out of shape.



- Mount the cut-off wheel (using the 22 mm insert if necessary) and remount the outer flange, with the machined face towards the inner flange.
- Insert the locking pin in the hole in the inner flange.
 Gently fasten the flange screw using the socket spanner 17 mm.
 (The nut should be tightened with a force of maximum 5 Nm / 4 lbf-ft).
- Lower the cooling fluid nozzles to their operating positions.



Adjusting the Height of the Cut-off Wheel

The distance between the cut-off wheel spindle and the cutting table can be adjusted to suit the individual cut-off wheels or wear caused during the cutting process.

■ Use the adjusting wheel on the left hand side of Secotom to raise and lower cut-off wheel.



Filling the Cut-off Machine with Cooling Fluid

The Secotom-15 has a built-in cooling fluid system. The fluid coming from the nozzles passes over the cut-off wheel and collects in the drain in the cutting chamber; where it then returns to the tank, which is located under the cutting chamber.

■ Slide the cooling fluid tank out gently.



- Remove the screw cap and pour out the used cooling fluid.
- Rinse the tank with clean water, periodically shaking the tank to release any debris that has accumulated on the bottom of the tank. Repeat the rinsing process until the tank is clean.
- Replace the screw cap.
- Fill the tank with a 3% solution of Struers additive, Corrozip: 140 ml Corrozip and 4.6 l water. For water-sensitive materials, use Struers Water-Free Cooling Fluid.
- Slide the tank back into position.

Water Sensitive Materials

Struers Water-free Cutting Fluid is available for use when sectioning materials which are sensitive to water.

Important!

The tube in the cooling fluid pump MUST be replaced by a special tube when using Water-free Cutting Fluid. The standard tube will only last for a few days as it will react with the Water-free Cutting Fluid.

Tubes for Water-free Cutting are available as a Spare Part (Cat. No. 05996921).

For instructions on exchanging the tube, please see the section on *Changing Cooling Pump Tubes* in the Reference Guide section of the manual.

Optimising Cooling

Sufficient cooling is very important for ensuring the best cutting quality and to avoid burning of the workpiece and damaging the cut-off wheel.

Optimise cooling effect using the following tips:

- Always use additive to protect the cutting machine from corrosion and to improve cutting and cooling qualities.
- Ensure that there is sufficient water in the tank for optimal cooling.
- Maintain the correct concentration of Struers additive in the cooling water (percentage stated on the container of the Additive).
- Remember to add Struers additive each time you refill with water.
- It is recommended to change the cooling water at least once a month to prevent the growth of microorganisms.
- Struers recommends the use of Struers' own additives. Do
 not use oil, petrol, or turpentine-based additives, as they can
 affect the tubes for the cooling water.

Cutting Table

The Secotom-15 is fitted with a moving cutting table. Movement of the table is controlled using the joystick on the Control Panel and through the software, which is described in section 2. Basic Operation. The table has several 8 mm T-slots, which are used to secure clamping tools. This ensures that workpieces to be cut are held securely during the cutting process. Although these clamping tools are available as accessories, details about the table and the clamping tools are described in this and the following sections.



Positioning the Cutting Table

Although during the cutting process the table movement is controlled through Secotom-15's software, prior to starting the cutting process, it is necessary to position the cutting table manually.

NB!

Keep hands clearing of the cutting table when moving the table.

- Use the joystick on the Control Panel to move the cutting table.
- Pull the joystick towards you to move the cutting table away from the cut-off wheel, or push the joystick away from you to move the cutting table towards the cut-off wheel.

Attaching Clamping Tools (accessories)

There are several types of clamping tools available as accessories (please refer to the *Secotom-15/-50 brochure* for details of the range available). Some of these are mounted directly on the cutting table while others with more sophisticated features, need to be fixed on a stand using a dovetail holder.

Important!

When fitting clamping tools, always ensure that they cannot come in contact with the cut-off wheel. Failure to do this may result in the clamping tools being damaged.

NB

Mind the protruding safety catch when the cover is raised.

Quick-clamping and Spring Clamp Devices

Position the back stop and the clamping device as shown in the illustration.



■ Tighten the nuts to secure.

Stands for Specimen Holders

- Place the stand on the cutting table by sliding the securing bolts in the T-slot and tighten the nuts.
- For stands requiring an electrical supply:
 Connect the cable as described in *Electrical Connections in the Cutting Chamber* on the next page.
- Place the workpiece in the specimen holder.
- Fasten the specimen holder in the stand by sliding the dovetails into each other and fasten.



Electrical Connections in the Cutting Chamber

The Manual X-stand and the Rotary stand require electrical connections. These are supplied through the electrical connection socket in the cutting chamber.



- Remove the cap on the electrical connection socket in the cutting chamber.
- Connect the accessory to the electrical connection socket.

Note

The different electrical accessories can be exchanged while Secotom-15 is switched on.

Note

The plugs on these accessories provide specific pin connections.

If for some reason you have a problem with a connection,
do not attempt to change the connections in the clamping tool plugs or
connection socket.

- A pop-up on the display confirms that the accessory is now connected.
- Gently tighten the securing ring.

Important

Always replace the socket's cap when not in use.

Flushing Hose

The Secotom-15 comes complete with a flushing system. This enables the cutting chamber to be rinsed clean of any debris discarded during the cutting process. Flushing is operated through the Control Panel buttons.

Warning!

Do not start the flush function until you have removed the hose from the fluid nozzles and are pointing it into the cutting chamber.

Remove the hose from the cooling fluid nozzles.



- Holding the hose in the cutting chamber, press FLUSH 📶
- To stop flushing, press FLUSH again.

Important!

Remember to replace the hose in its holder when you have finished flushing the cutting chamber.

Drain Basket

Secotom is equipped with a basket in the drain to collect the larger particles from the cutting process and prevent them from blocking the tank.

Important:

Check the basket for cutting debris before starting the cutting process; a blocked drain can result in water overflow and too little water in the tank to secure a sufficient cooling.

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Connection to an External Exhaust System

Struers recommends the use of an exhaust system as workpieces may emit harmful gases when cut. The unit is prepared for connection to an exhaust system via a 50 mm fitting at the rear of the cabinet.

■ Mount an exhaust hose from your local exhaust system onto the ventilation flange at the rear of the machine.

2. Basic Operation

Control Panel



Control Panel

This provides information about the individual buttons on the control panel of the Secotom-15.

	Key	Function		Key	Function
Turn/Push knob		Multifunction knob Turn knob to move the cursor or to adjust settings. Push knob to select (ENTER)	Joystick		Move up- or downwards to position the cutting table
START	\diamondsuit	Starts the cutting process.	STOP	\bigcirc	Stops the cutting process.
ESC	Esc	Leaves the present menu or aborts functions/changes.	FLUSH		Starts and stops the FLUSH operation.

Switching on for the first time

Switch on the power at the main switch located at the rear of the machine. The following display will appear briefly:



The display will then change to the last screen shown before the Secotom-15 was switched off.

When switching on Secotom-15 for the first time, the Select language screen will appear.





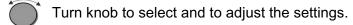
Turn knob to select the language you prefer.

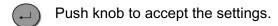


Push knob to accept the language.

You will now be prompted to set the time.

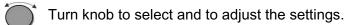


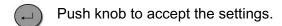


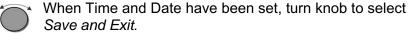


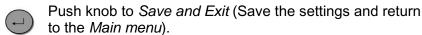
You will now be prompted to set the date.











The *Main menu* now appears in the language you have chosen.

Zero Positions

Zero positions are calibrated after each 5th startup, **or** if reference positions have been lost.

■ To manually reset zero positions, press the Emergency Stop button during startup.

Changing/Editing Values

Depending on the type of value, there are two different ways of editing.

Numeric Values

- Turn knob to select the value to be changed, e.g. Wheel speed:
- Push knob to edit the value.

A scroll box appears around the value.



Turn knob to increase or decrease the numeric value.



Push knob to accept the new value.
(Pressing **Esc** aborts the changes, preserving the original value.)

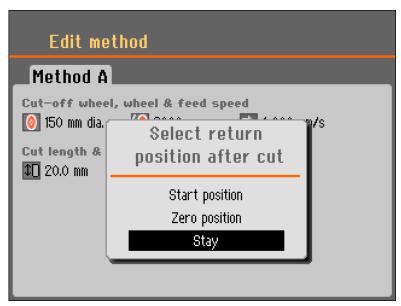
Alphanumeric Values

Turn knob to select the alphanumeric value to be changed, e.g. *Return position*



Push knob to edit the value.

A pop-up menu appears.



Turn knob to select the correct choice.

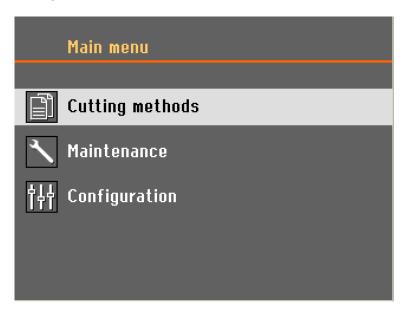


Push knob to accept the new selection and to continue or to return to the previous screen.

(Pressing Esc aborts the changes, preserving the original setting.)

Main menu

The *Main menu* is the highest level in the menu structure. From this menu, you can enter the *Cutting methods*, *Maintenance* and *Configuration* menus.

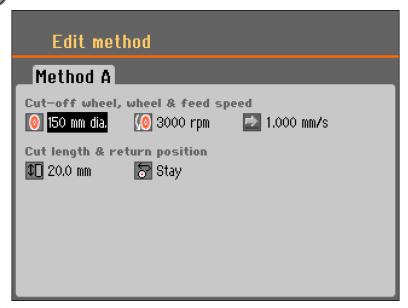


Cutting methods

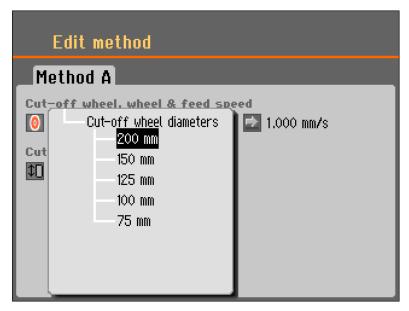


Editing Cutting methods:

- Turn knob to select the cutting method to be edited, *Method A* in this example.
- Push knob to edit the method.



- Turn knob to select the parameter to be edited e.g. Cut-off wheel.
- Push knob to edit the parameter then select a cut-off wheel size from the menu.

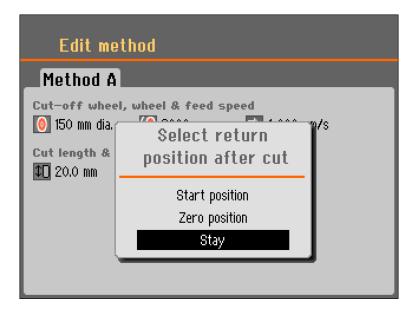


Recommended rotation speed (rpm) for the cut-off wheels will also be visible in the cutting menu.

Changes made to the cutting method will automatically be saved. To re-set to default values, see the section on *Maintenance*.

Return position

There are three available options for the position the cut-off wheel will return to after the cutting process is complete:



Start position: Cutting table returns to the start position.

Zero position: Cutting table returns to zero position.

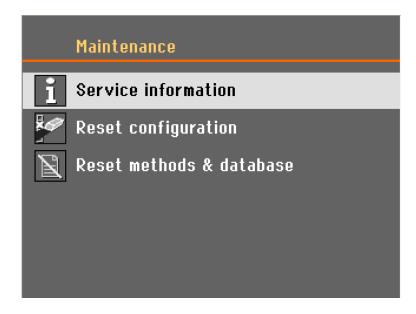
Stay: Cutting table does not move after cutting.

OptiFeed

If the motor becomes overloaded during cutting (motor load >150%), the OptiFeed function will automatically reduce the feed speed. When the overload has been reduced, the feed speed will be increased to the pre-set level.

Maintenance

The Maintenance menu has three under menus.



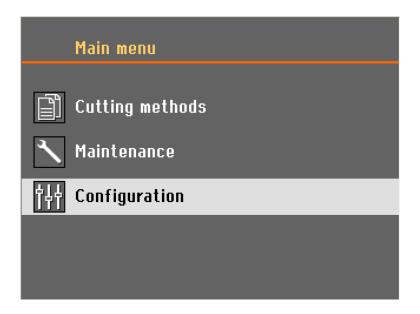
Service information: Information regarding the equipment, mainly to be used in

connection with service.

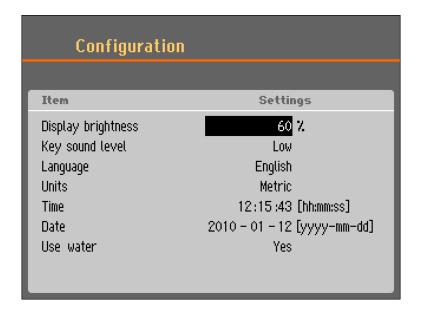
Reset configuration: Resets all parameters in the *Configuration menu* to default values.

Reset methods & database: Resets all methods and the database to default values.

Configuration



The *Configuration* menu contains the parameters which apply to all methods.

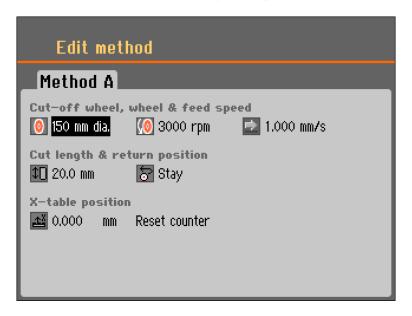


Manual X-stand, accessory



When the manual X-stand is connected a read out for the x-position will appear on the display.

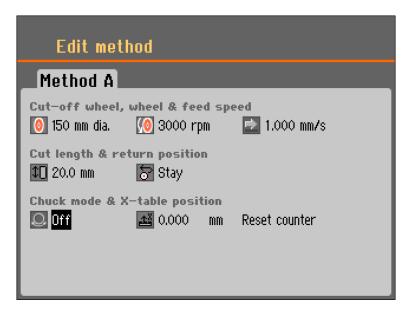
X-position can be reset for easy cutting of a specific width.



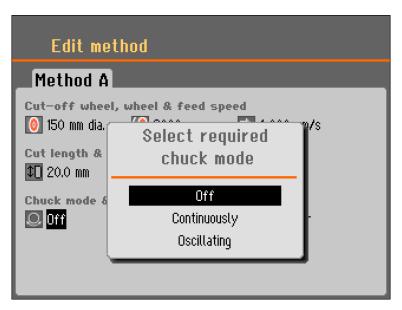
Rotary stand, accessory

When the rotary stand is connected a read out for the chuck mode and the x-position will appear on the display.

X-position can be reset for easy cutting of a specific width.



There are three options available in chuck mode:



Off: The specimen holder will not turn.

(Note: Chuck mode must be set to Off before ExciCut can be

selected)

Continuously: The specimen holder will turn round continuously in the same

direction as the cut-off wheel.

The specimen holder will oscillate during the cutting process. Oscillating:

X-position can be reset for easy cutting of a specific width.

Starting the Cutting Process

- Secure the work piece on the cutting table.
- Position the cutting table in the correct place.
- Ensure that the cooling fluid nozzles are lowered into position.
- Lower the cover (the machine cannot be started before the cover is down).

Note

The cover cannot be lifted whilst cutting is in progress.

- Using the software display, enter the CUTTING menu and set/check the correct values.
- Start the cutting process by pressing the START ♦ button. If required, Feed speed, Rotation speed and Cutting length can be changed during the cutting process.

NB!

Check that there is a steady flow of cooling fluid from the nozzles.

Stopping the Cutting Process

When the specified cut length is reached, the cut-off wheel will automatically stop rotating and the cutting table will return to its zero position.

IMPORTANT

The cutting process can be stopped at any time by pressing the STOP button \bigcirc on the Control Panel.

■ If the machine has been stopped with the STOP key, the cutting table will stay in position.

To return the cutting table to its zero position, press the joystick downwards once. Please note that the cover has to be closed in order to carry out this operation. If the cover has been opened, press and hold the joystick down to move the cutting table.

3. Routine Maintenance

Daily Service

Clean the cutting chamber, especially the cutting table and the T-slots.

To ensure a longer lifetime for your Secotom, Struers strongly recommends daily cleaning of the cutting chamber:

Weekly Service

Clean the cutting chamber thoroughly.
 Oil the spindle/bushing where the cut-off wheel is mounted (e.g. with universal household oil).

Checking the Recirculation Cooling Unit

■ Check the level of the cooling water after 8 hours use or at least every week. Refill if necessary.

Replace the cooling fluid if it appears dirty (build up of cutting debris).

Remember to add Struers additive, Corrozip.

To check the concentration of additive, use a refractometer. Please see the instructions for use on the label.

It is recommended to change the cooling water at least once a month to prevent the growth of microorganisms.

Cooling Fluid Nozzles

Should the cooling fluid nozzles become blocked, clear the blockage with a thin piece of wire (e.g. a paper clip).

Yearly Service Inspection of Cover

Visually inspect the cover and the glass for signs of wear or damage.

Important

Carry out inspection at more regular intervals if Secotomis used for more than one 7 hour shift a day.

Struers recommends that the cover is replaced after 5 years of routine operation.

The cover should be replaced immediately if it has been weakened by collision with projectile objects or if there are visible signs of deterioration as a result of using a cooling fluid other than those produced by Struers.

Cut-off Wheels

Abrasive Cut-off Wheels

Store the dry cut-off wheels in a horizontal position on a plane surface, preferably under light pressure.

Diamond and CBN Cut-off Wheels

A clean and dry cut-off wheel does not corrode. Therefore clean and dry the cut-off wheel before it is put away. Use ordinary household detergents.

Dressing Cut-off Wheels

A newly dressed cut-off wheel will give an optimum cut. A badly maintained and dressed cut-off wheel demands a higher cutting pressure that will result in more frictional heat. The wheel may also bend and cause a skew cut. A combination of both factors may result in damage to the cut-off wheel.

It is a fact that a badly dressed cut-off wheel is the most frequent reason for damage to the wheel.

To dress the cut-off wheel, use the aluminium oxide dressing stick supplied with the cut-off wheel.

- Mount the dressing stick like a workpiece. Do not dress manually.
- Cut through the dressing stick using a moderate cutting pressure and plenty of cooling fluid.
- Repeat the treatment if the cut-off wheel does not cut satisfactorily.

NB Do not perform more dressing than necessary as this will cause needless wear on the wheel.

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1. Accessories

Please refer to the *Secotom-15/-50 Brochure* for details of the range available.

2. Consumables

The use of Struers consumables is recommended. Other products (e.g. coolants) may contain aggressive solvents, which dissolve e.g. rubber seals. The warranty may not cover damaged machine parts (e.g. seals and tubes), where the damage can be directly related to the use of non-Struers consumables.

Please refer to the Selection Guide in the *Struers Cut-off Wheels brochure*.

Cut-off Wheels

Other consumables

Specification	Cat. No.
Corrozip	
Additive for Cooling Fluid. To protect the machine from corrosion and to improve cutting and cooling qualities. For Recirculation Cooling Unit.	
1 5	449900045 449900046
Corrozip-Cu Additive for Cooling Fluid. To protect the machine from corrosion and to improve cutting and cooling qualities. For Recirculation Cooling Unit. For machines which mainly cut copper and copper alloys.	
1 I 5 I	49900058 49900059
Water free Cutting Fluid Water free Cutting Fluid for cutting of water- sensitive materials. 5 I	49900030
Tube for Water-free Cutting Pump tube for use with Water-free Cutting Fluid. 1 pc	05996921
Dressing stick Aluminium oxide stick, 1 pc	40800044

3. Trouble-Shooting

No.	Message	Explanation	Action Required
#8	Selected cut length exceeds available cutting capacity. OK: Automatic cut length will be set. Cancel: Go back to edit method.	Insufficient cutting capacity for set length.	Select <i>OK</i> to set cut length automatically, or <i>Cancel</i> to edit method.
#106	Machine failed during Power-On Self Testing. Please try to restart the machine. If problem persists please contact Struers technical support.	A critical error is detected during Power-On Self Testing. The machine will not start.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.
#110	Machine found a problem during Power On Self Testing. Machine can continue, however it is strongly recommended to contact Struers technical support. Some features may not be available.	A critical error is detected during Power-On Self Testing.	Re-start. If the error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.
#113	Water pump blocked!		Check the cooling fluid level. If the level is low, refill the cooling unit with cooling fluid. Replace the cooling fluid if it appears dirty (build up of cutting debris).
			If this does not help, contact a Struers Service Technician.
#114	Machine searching for reference positions. Please wait Don't switch machine off!	Zero positions are calibrated after each 5th startup, or if reference position has been lost or if Emergency Stop has been activated under startup.	Wait until the process is completed.
#117	Water pump blocked! Process halted! Clean cooling system before		Check the cooling fluid level. If the level is low, refill the cooling unit with cooling fluid.
	continuing.		Replace the cooling fluid if it appears dirty (build up of cutting debris).
			If this does not help, contact a Struers Service Technician.

No.	Message	Explanation	Action Required
#119	Main motor overload detected! Reduce feed speed before continuing.	The cut-off wheel may be caught in the workpiece.	Move the cutting table backwards to release the cut-off wheel, reduce the feed speed and continue cutting.
		The OptiFeed feature is unable to decrease the main motor load to an acceptable level.	Manually reduce the feed speed and continue cutting.
#125	Main motor overheated! Cutting process halted! Please wait until motor temperature decreases before continuing cutting.	The temperature of the main motor has been over 150°C for more than 5sec.	Wait for the motor to cool.
#126	Main motor cannot start. Process halted! Please try to restart the machine if problem occurs after next start.		Switch Secotom off and then on. If this does not help, contact a Struers Service Technician.
#127	Main motor rotation lost. Process halted! Try to restart cutting process.	The cutting process has been aborted.	Make a note of the Alarm register and Error register values then restart the Cutting process.
	Alarm register: xxxx Error register: xxxx		If this does not help, contact a Struers Service Technician and quote the Alarm and Error register values.
#128	Open safety lock detected. Process halted!	Sensors register that the safety lock is open during cutting.	Check that the cover is closed and the safety lock engaged.
	Restart the process - do not open cover during operation!		If this does not help, contact a Struers Service Technician.
#129	Searching of reference positions aborted by user. Machine cannot continue without reference positions found. ←	Emergency stop has been activated whilst Secotom has been scanning for zero-positions.	Restart the machine and wait until the scan for zero-positions is complete.
	Please restart the machine and wait until reference positions are scanned.		
#130	Motor drive overloaded! Process halted! Please decrease RPM and/or feed speed before continuing cutting.	The load on the motor has caused an overload.	Decrease the RPM and/or feed speed before continuing cutting
#134	Main motor cannot reach full speed.	Cut-off wheel not able to reach required RPMs within 12 sec. A	Re-position the cut-off wheel or workpiece.
	Process halted!	probable cause is that the cut-off wheel is already in the	
	The cut-off wheel is probably touching the workpiece.	workpiece.	

No.	Message	Explanation	Action Required		
Errors	Errors				
#001	SMM not present!	Struers Memory Module isn't correctly connected to machine.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#002	Inverter communication failed!	Machine isn't able to communicate with frequency inverter.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#003	Joystick not connected!	Machine didn't detect joystick.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#004	Mains voltage too low!	Mains voltage lower than 220V.	Check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the type plate on the rear of the machine.		
			Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#005	Problem with 24V supply voltage	DC supply voltage lower than 18V.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#006	5V supplying out of range	5V power supply on PCB is lower than 4V	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#007	SMM read-write test failed	Communication with Struers Memory Module unsuccessful	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#008	Y-table motor not connected	Communication with the Y-table Stepper Motor Unit failed.	Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.		
#009	CAN bus critical error	Error is caused either by damage on main board CAN controller or due to wrong wiring.	Contact a Struers Service Technician.		

No.	Message	Explanation	Action Required
Warni	ings		
#001	Mains voltage too low	Mains voltage is lower than 180V.	Check that the mains voltage corresponds to the voltage stated on the type plate on the rear of the machine.
			Re-start. If error remains, contact a Struers Service Technician.

Error	Explanation	Action
Machine Problems		
No, or insufficient cooling fluid.	Level in the cooling fluid tank too low.	Check that there is sufficient water in the Cooling fluid tank.
	Cooling fluid nozzles blocked.	Clean the nozzles.
Water leaking.	Leak in the Cooling fluid tube.	Check the Cooling Pump Tube. Replace if necessary.
	Water overflow in the cooling fluid tank.	Remove the excess water.
	The basket for cutting debris is blocked.	Clean the basket.
Workpieces rusty.	Insufficient additive in cooling fluid.	Check the concentration of Corrozip in the cooling fluid. Follow the instructions in the 'Routine Maintenance' Section.
Cutting chamber rusty.	Insufficient additive in cooling fluid.	Check the concentration of Corrozip in the cooling fluid. Follow the instructions in the 'Routine Maintenance' Section.
	The lid is left closed after use.	Leave the lid open to let the cutting chamber dry.
Cutting chamber shows signs of corrosion.	The workpiece is made of Copper/Copper Alloy.	Use Corrozip-Cu.

Error	Explanation	Action			
Cutting Problems	Cutting Problems				
Discoloration or burning of the workpiece.	The hardness of the cut-off wheel is inappropriate for the hardness / dimensions of the workpiece.	Select another wheel. Please refer to the <i>Brochures</i> for details of the range available. Alternatively, reduce rotational speed.			
	Inadequate cooling.	Check the positioning of the cooling fluid nozzles. If necessary, clean the nozzles.			
		Check that there is sufficient water in the Cooling fluid tank.			
		Check the concentration of Corrozip in the cooling fluid.			
Unwanted burrs.	Cut-off wheel too hard.	Select another wheel. Please refer to the <i>Brochures</i> for details of the range available. Alternatively, reduce rotational speed			
	Feed speed too high at the end of the operation.	Reduce the feed speed near the end of the operation.			
	Incorrect clamping of the workpiece.	Support the workpiece and clamp it on both sides. e.g. Struers' Specimen Holder CATAL, which is designed for clamping small, long workpieces on both sides			
Cutting quality differs.	Inadequate cooling.	Check the positioning of the cooling fluid nozzles. If necessary, clean the nozzles			
		Check that there is sufficient water in the Cooling fluid tank.			
		Check the concentration of Corrozip in the cooling fluid.			

Error	Explanation	Action
Cut-off wheel breaks.	Incorrect mounting of the cut-off wheel.	Check that the bore/centre hole has the correct diameter. The nut must be tightened properly.
	Incorrect clamping of the workpiece.	Support the workpiece and clamp it on both sides. e.g. Struers' Specimen Holder CATAL, which is designed for clamping small, long workpieces on both sides
	Cut-off wheel is too hard.	Select another wheel. Please refer to the <i>Brochures</i> for details of the range available. Alternatively, reduce rotational speed.
	Feed speed is set too high.	Reduce the feed speed.
	Force level is set too high.	Reduce the Force level.
	Cut-off wheel bends on contact with the workpiece.	Make an initial cut at a lower feed speed.
The cut-off wheel wears down too	The feed speed is too high.	Reduce feed speed.
quickly.	The rotational speed is too low.	Increase rotational speed.
	Insufficient cooling.	Check that there is enough water in the Cooling fluid tank. Check the positioning of the cooling fluid nozzles. If necessary, clean the nozzles
The cut-off wheel does not cut	The rotational speed is too low.	Increase rotational speed.
through the workpiece.	Incorrect choice of cut-off wheel.	Please refer to the <i>Brochures</i> for details of the range available.
	Cut-off wheel worn.	Replace the cut-off wheel.
The workpiece breaks when clamped.	The cut-off wheel gets caught in the workpiece during cutting.	Clamp the workpiece on both sides of the cut-off wheel so that the cut stays open. e.g. Struers' Specimen Holder CATAL, which is designed for clamping small, long workpieces on both sides.
	The workpiece is brittle.	Place the workpiece between two plastic/rubber plates. Alternatively, mount the workpiece in resin. Note! Always cut brittle workpieces very carefully.

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Error	Explanation	Action
The specimen is corroded	The specimen has been left in the cutting chamber for too long.	Remove the specimen directly after cutting. Leave the cutting chamber hood open when you leave the machine.
	Insufficient additive for cooling fluid.	Check the concentration of Corrozip in the cooling fluid.

4. Maintenance

Service Information

Struers recommends that a regular service check be carried out after every 1500 hours of use. Information on total operation time is displayed on the screen at start-up:

A reminder will appear after 1400 hours operation time to remind the user that a service check should be scheduled.

After the 1500 hours operation time has been exceeded the Service-Info will change to alert the user that the recommended service interval has been exceeded: "Service period expired!"

■ Contact a Struers service technician to service the machine.

Turning or Replacing Steel Bands on the Cutting Table

During normal use, it is not uncommon for the cutting table steel bands located on either side of the cutting area to be damaged. If the bands are only damaged on one side, then they can be turned. If they are very badly damaged or damaged on both sides, replace the bands (available as a Spare Part).

Changing Cooling Pump Tubes

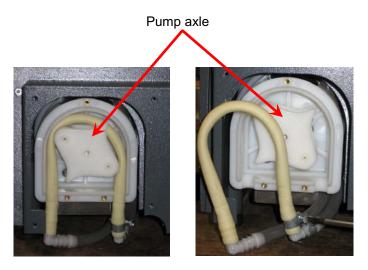
To exchange the tube:
■ Remove the four screws on the protection plate on the rear of the machine.



Remove the three screws on the cover on the cooling pump.



■ Remove the tube from the pump axle.



- Loosen the hose clamp and carefully remove the tube ends from the connectors.
- Attach the new tube to the connectors and tighten the hose clamp (the hose clamp should be on the end of the tube that directs water/cooling fluid into the cutting chamber, as this will have the greatest pressure see picture).
- Lubricate the tube along its length with the silicon grease enclosed (this will help the rollers in the pump to turn smoothly).
- Press the tube into position around the pump axle.

Mount the tube correctly in the pump:

Correct:



Incorrect:

Too loose



Excess volume between the rollers will press "waves" of fluid which will stretch the tube; lifetime of the tube will be reduced.

Too tight



The tube is stretched; lifetime of the tube will be reduced.

Replace the pump cover and the protection plate.

Tube for Water-free Cooling Fluid

When working with Water-free Cutting Fluid, the standard tube mounted in the cooling fluid pump will only last for a few days. A special tube, which is resistant to the components of the Waterfree Cutting Fluid, is available as a Spare Part.

5. Technical Data

Subject		Specifications		
Cutting	Motor	0.8 kW		
	Voltage/frequency 1 x 220 – 240 V / 50 - 60 Hz	Max. load 11.7 A		
	Cutting Power	11.7 A		
	S1	0.8 kW		
	S3	1.0 kW	O.W. 11	
	Cut-off wheels	75 mm (3") - 203 mm (8	8") dia.	
	Output axle Rotational speed: Diameter:	300 - 5,000 rpm (in step 12. 7 / 22 mm (0.5 / 0.8		
Positioning & Feed	Positioning range (of cut-off wheel)	0 – 40 mm (0 – 1.6")		
	Positioning range (of cutting table)	0 – 190 mm (0 – 7.5") (in steps of 0.1mm)	
	Max. positioning speed of table	20 mm/s / 0.79"/s		
	Feed Speed range of table	0.005 – 3.000 mm/s (0.2 – 120 Mil/s) (in steps of 0.005 mm/s / 0.2 Mil/s)		
Dimensions		Height: 440 mm / 17.3" cover closed 1055 mm / 41.5" cover open Width: 640 mm / 25.2" Depth: 700 mm / 27,6" (with plug) Weight: 68 kg / 150 lb		
Cutting Table dimensions	Width Depth T-slots	258 mm 10.2" 184 mm 7.24" 8 mm 0.31"		
Cutting Capacity		70 mm dia. or 165 x 50 mm 2.8" or 6.5 x 2"		
Recirculation Cooling Unit	Capacity: Flow:	4.75 I / 1.25 gallon 1.6 l/min / 0.4 gallon/min		
Safety Standards	Please refer to the Declaration of Co	o the Declaration of Conformity		
Noise Level	Approx. 60 dB (A) measured at idle running, at a distance of 1.0 m / 39" from the machine.			
Operating	Surrounding temperature	5-40°C/41-104°F		
environment	Humidity	0-95% RH non condens	sing	

Quick Reference

Mounting the Cut-off Wheel

- Lift the cooling fluid nozzles.
- Insert the stop pin into the hole of the inner flange.
- Loosen the flange screw.
- Remove the outer flange.
- Mount the cut-off wheel and remount the outer flange, with the machined face towards the inner flange.
- Insert the locking pin in the hole in the inner flange. Gently fasten the flange screw.
- Lower the cooling fluid nozzles to their operating positions.

IMPORTANT

When mounting cut-off wheels with a 12.7 mm centre hole, make sure that the 22 mm arbour insert has been removed. Failure to do this will result in the cut-off wheel being pressed out of shape.

Clamping the Workpiece

Clamping device:

- Secure the back stop at the rear of the cutting table.
- Secure the clamping device in front of the back stop.
- Place the workpiece between the clamping device and the back stop so it is firmly fixed. If necessary, move the clamping device for optimal fixation.

Using stands:

- Place the stand on the cutting table and secure the bolts.
 Connect the electrical connections (if required).
- Clamp the workpiece in a suitable specimen holder.
- Mount the specimen holder with the workpiece in the stand and secure.

Adjusting the Height of the Cut-off Wheel

■ Use the adjusting wheel on the left hand side of Secotom to raise and lower the cut-off wheel.

Positioning the Cutting Table

■ Move the joystick up- or downwards to position the cutting table.

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Starting the Cutting Process

- Close the cover.
- Choose a cutting method and set/check the cutting parameters.

 Use the Turn/Push knob to select and change the values.
- Start the cutting process by pressing the START ♦ button.

Stopping the Cutting Process

The cutting process stops automatically when the specified cut length is reached.

■ To stop the cutting process manually, press the STOP button \bigcirc .



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Function: Precision cut-off machine

Type No.: 599

fulfils all the relevant provisions of the:

Machinery Directive according to the following standard(s):

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2011/65/EU EN 50581:2012.

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The following is a list of the spare parts that may need replacement during the lifetime of the equipment.

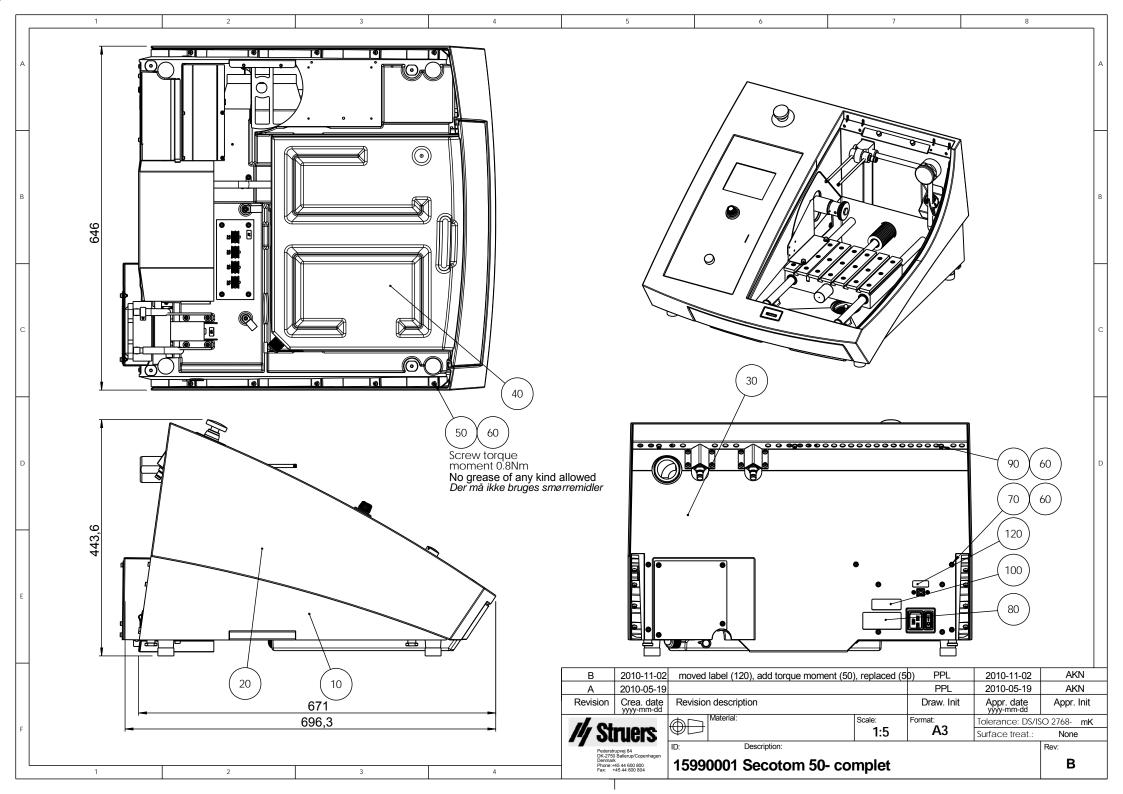
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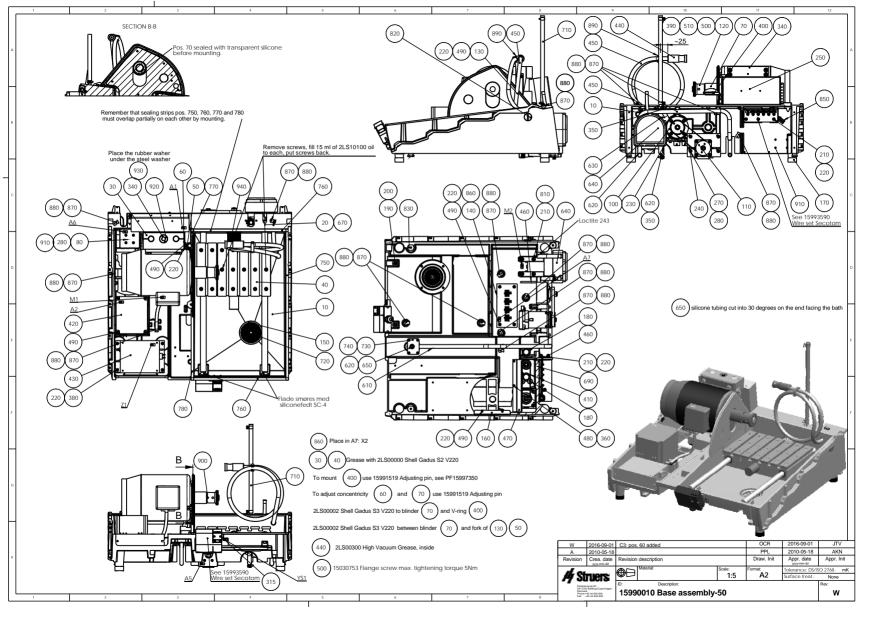
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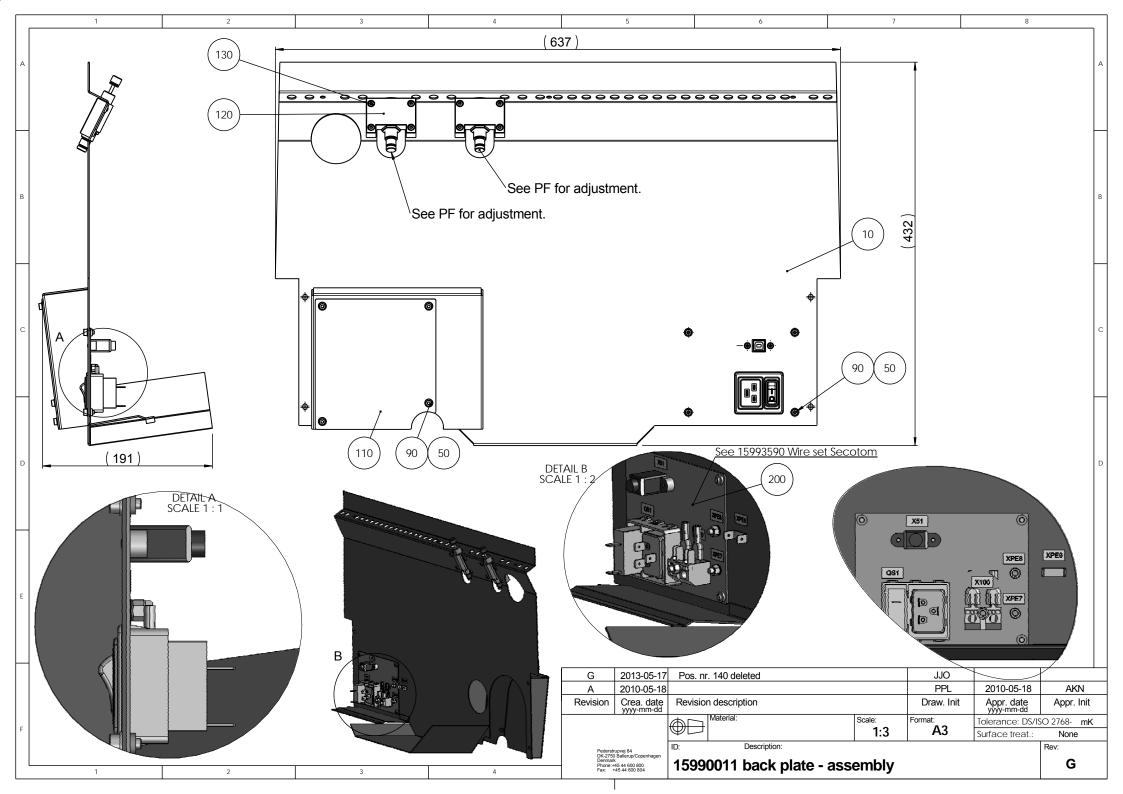
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13990010	60	Base assembly-50 MOTOR 3x200-240V/50Hz 1,1kW	2ME30754
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	240	Tooth.belt HTD 372-3M-9	2JT20372
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	440	SPULEHOVED	15030510
	450	HosePVC.transp.ø9/ø13.5 Portex, 65cm	2NU18090
	460	Sealing strip Grey 2x5 , 0.1m	2IP10202
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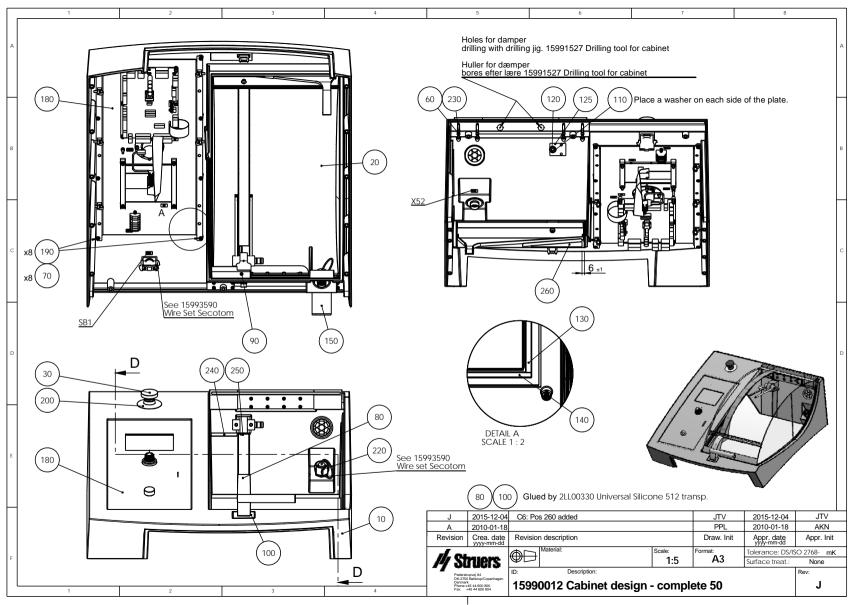
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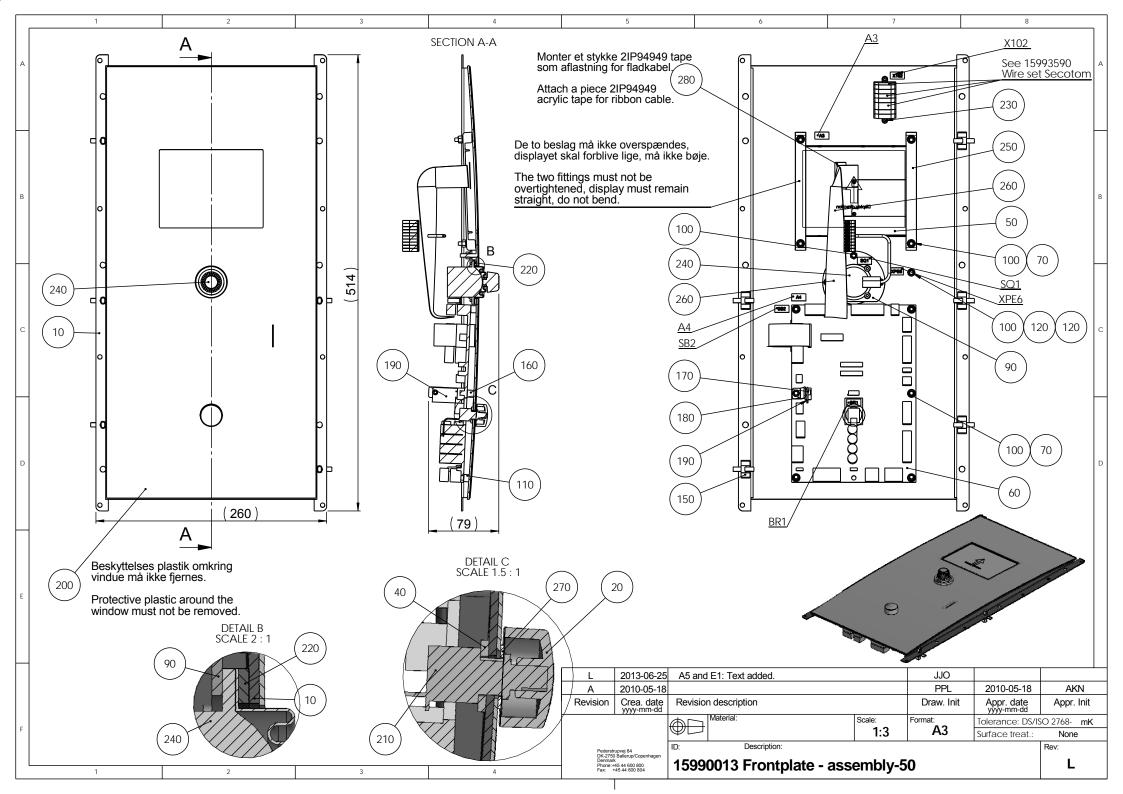
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	60	PCB Tegramin, Tested+Bootload.	16013000
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	240	Joystick, assembly	15990038
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	10	Reservoir door, painted	15999251
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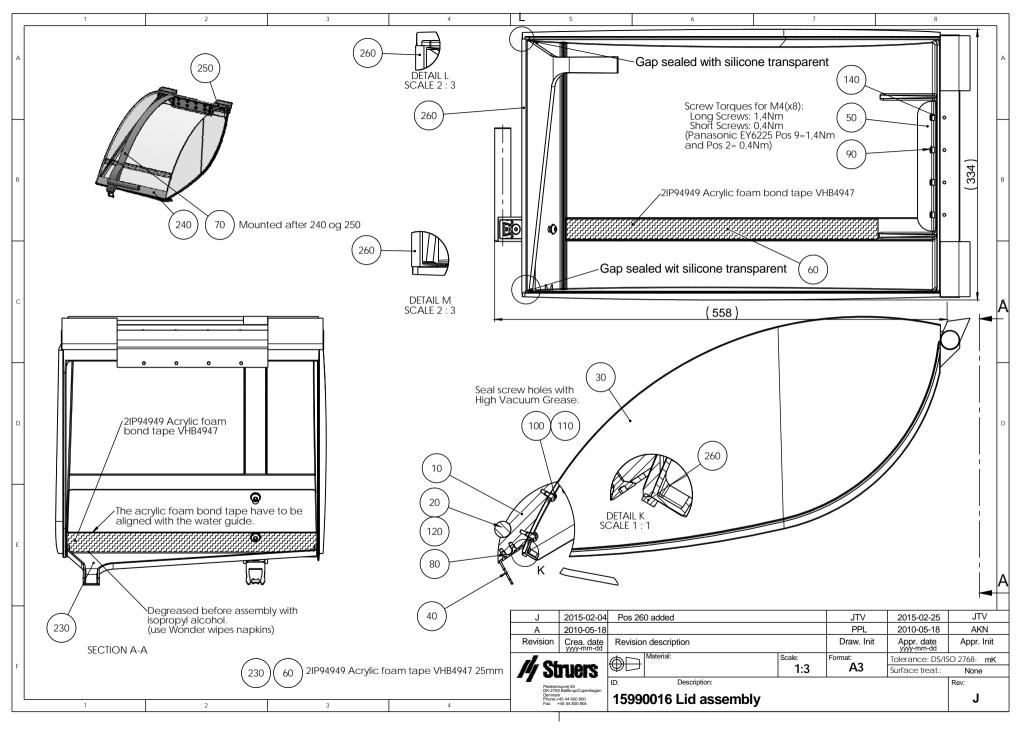


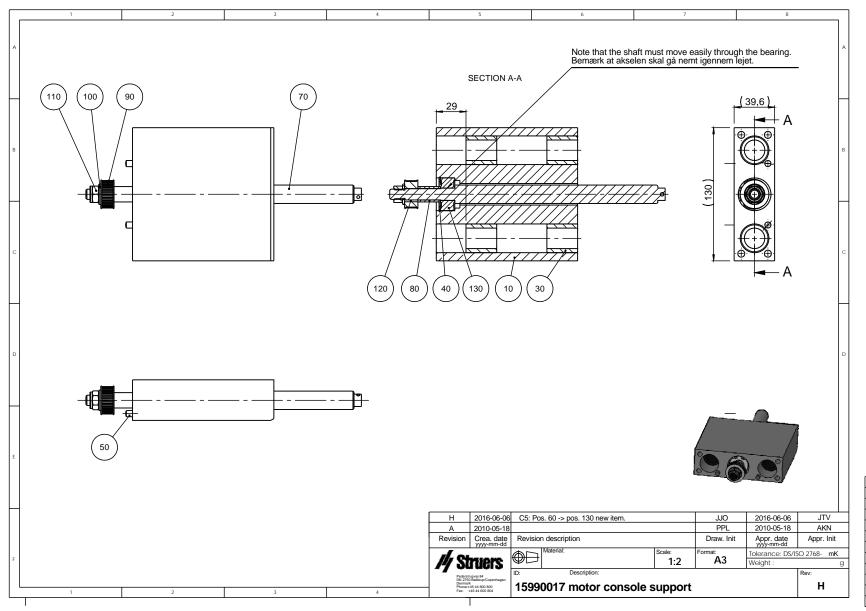


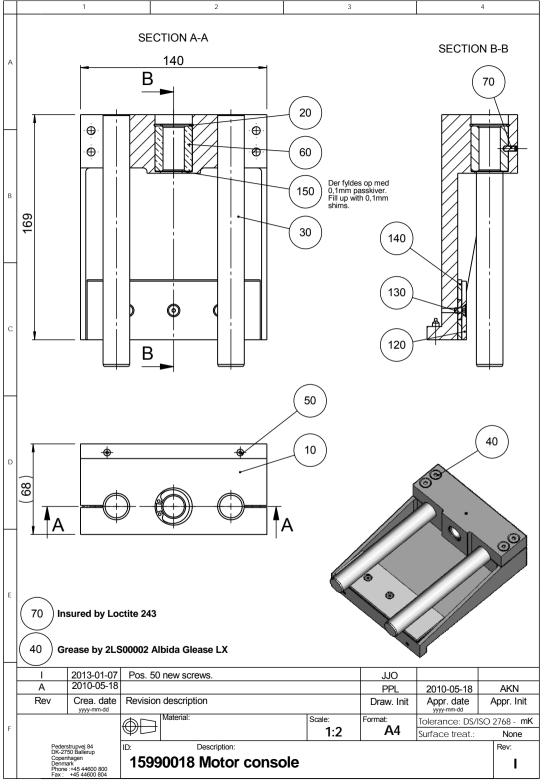


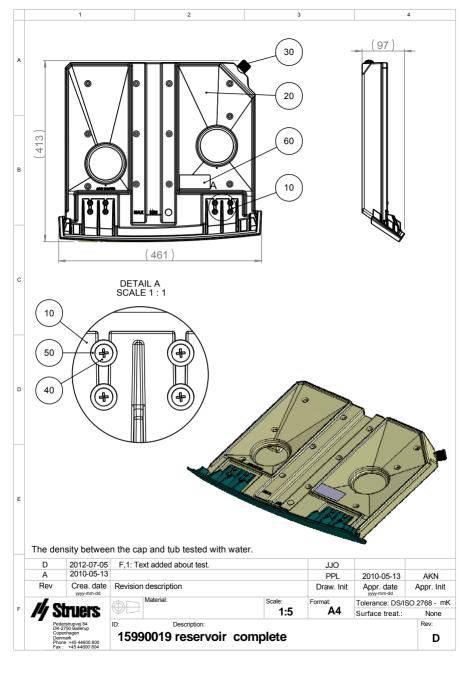


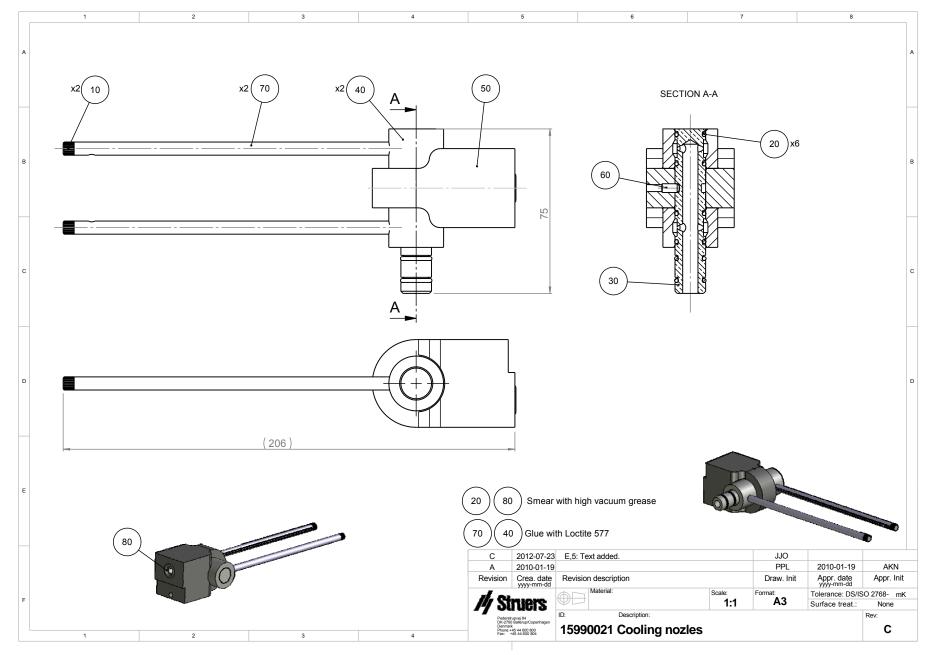


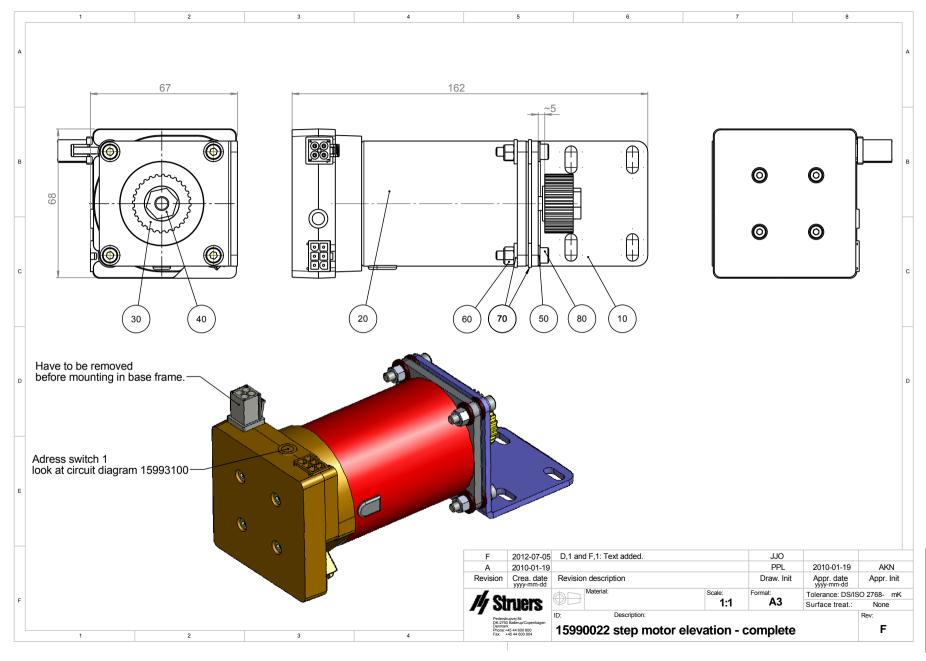


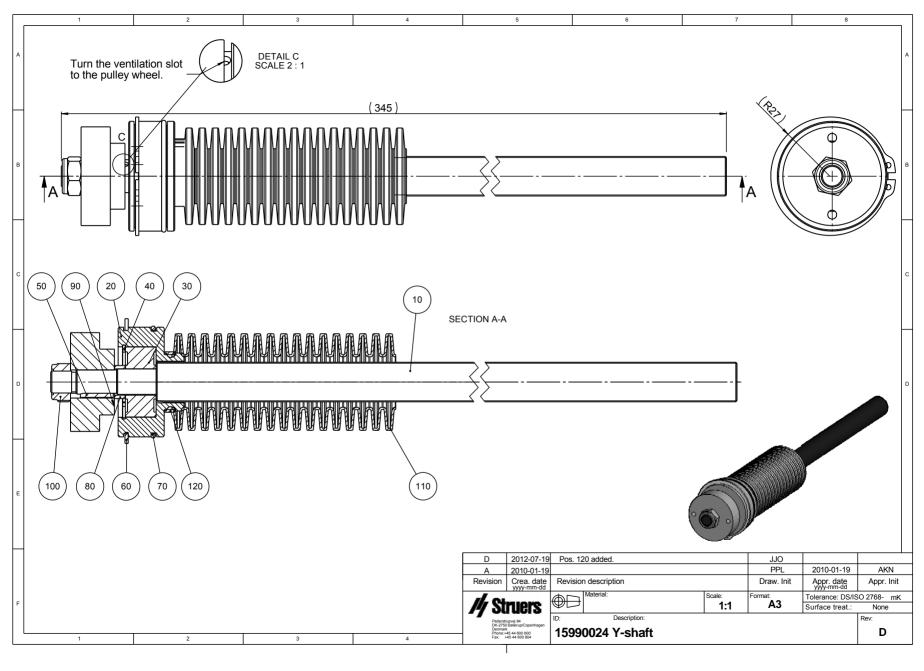


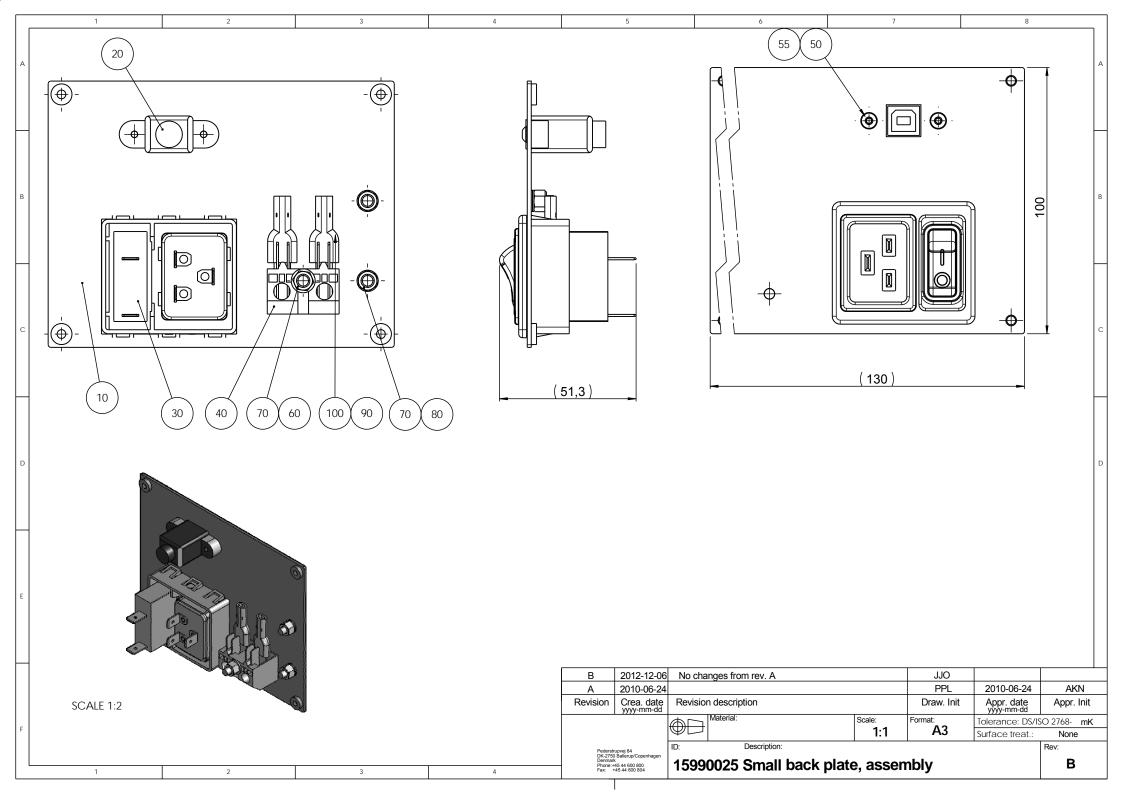


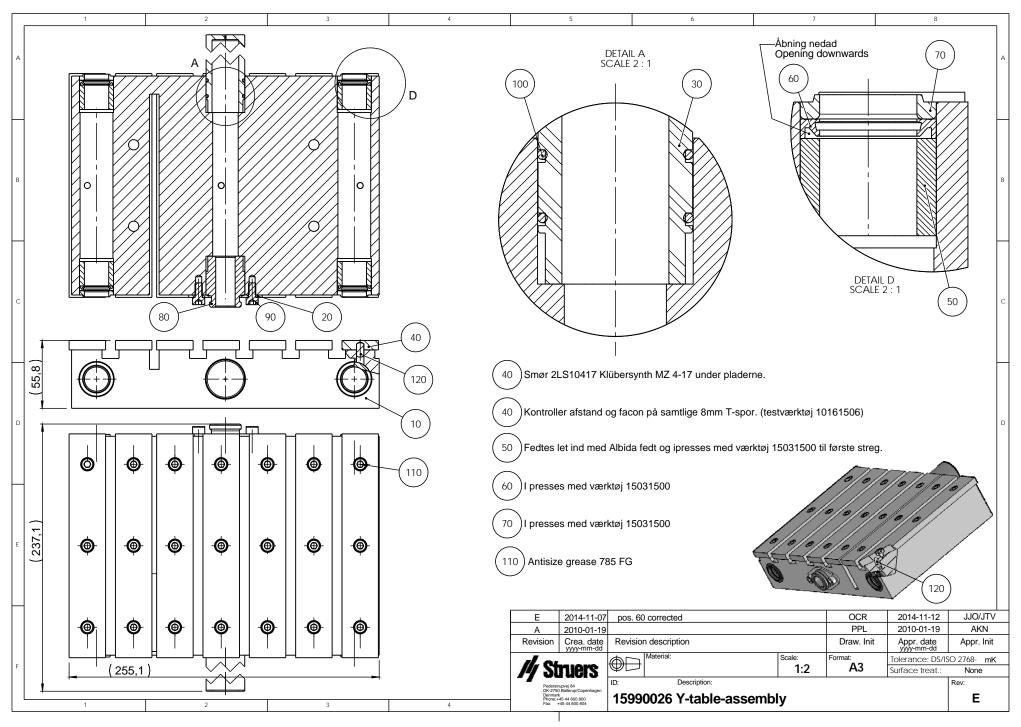


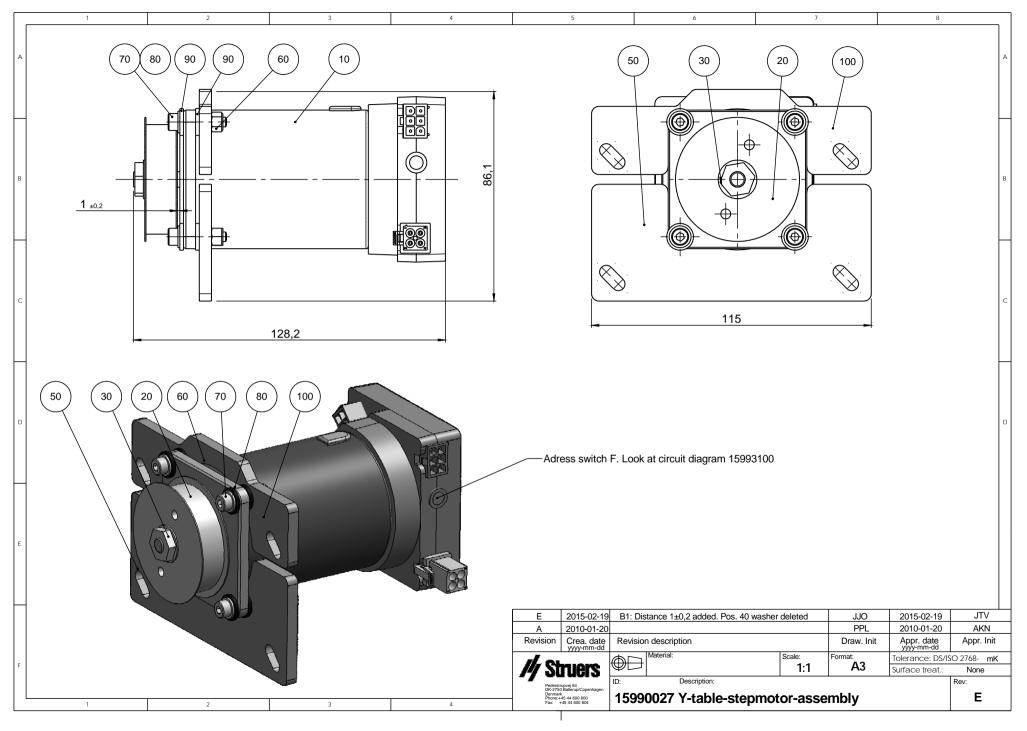


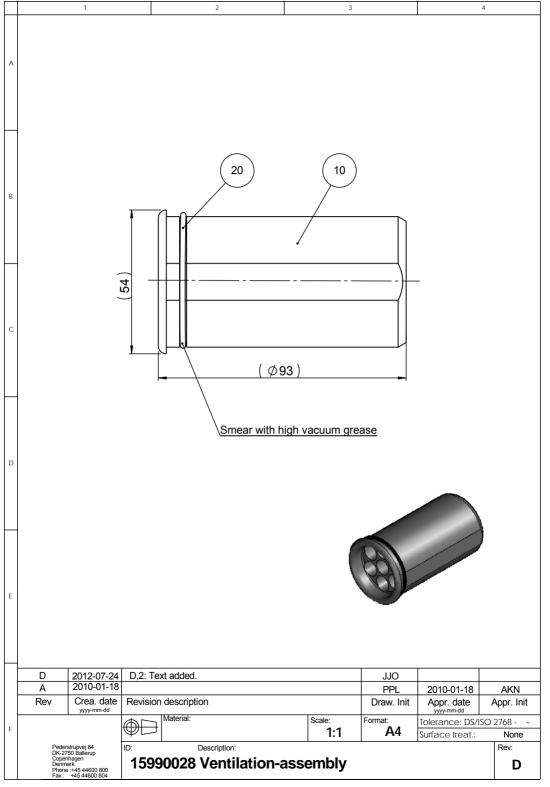


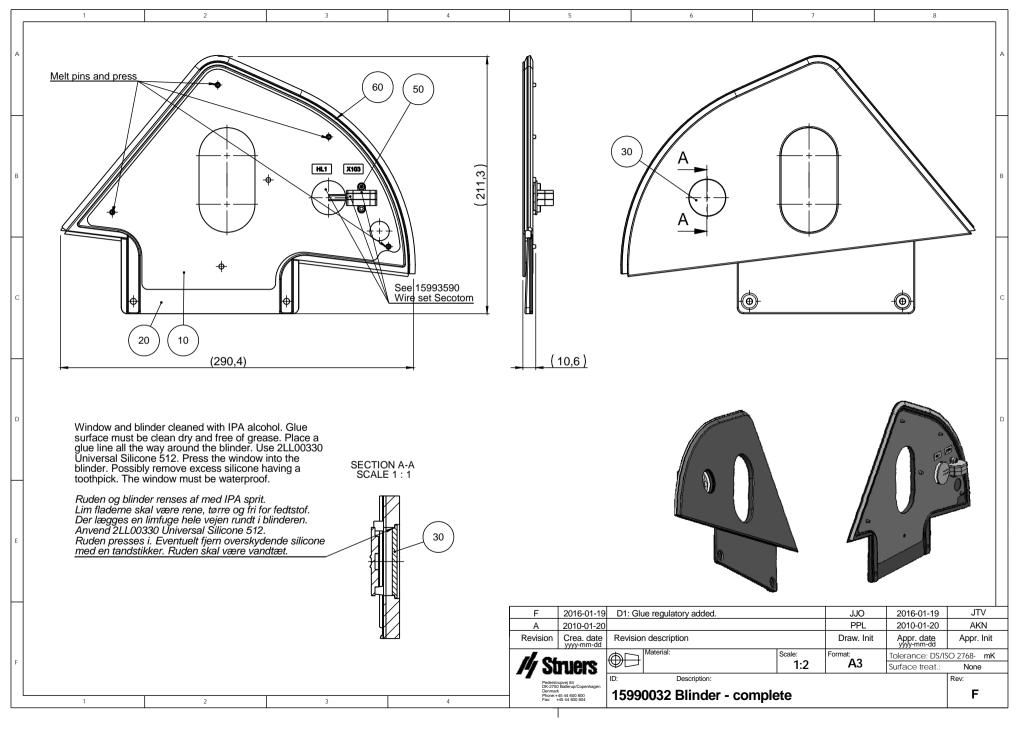


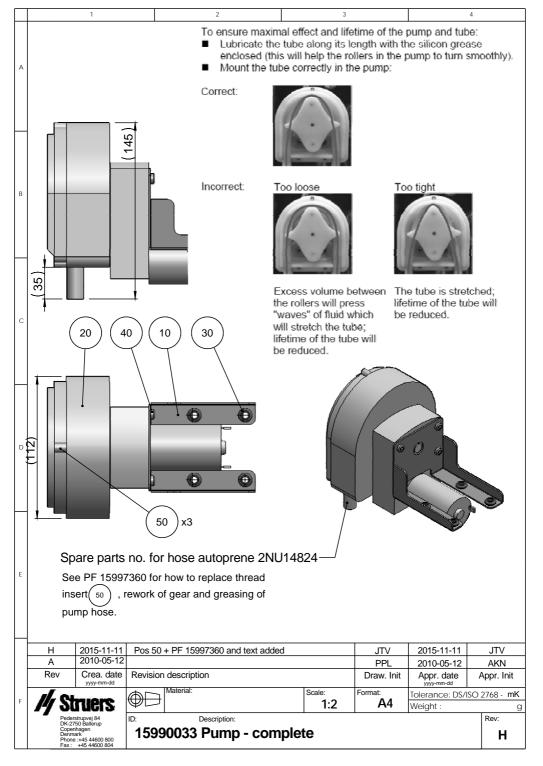


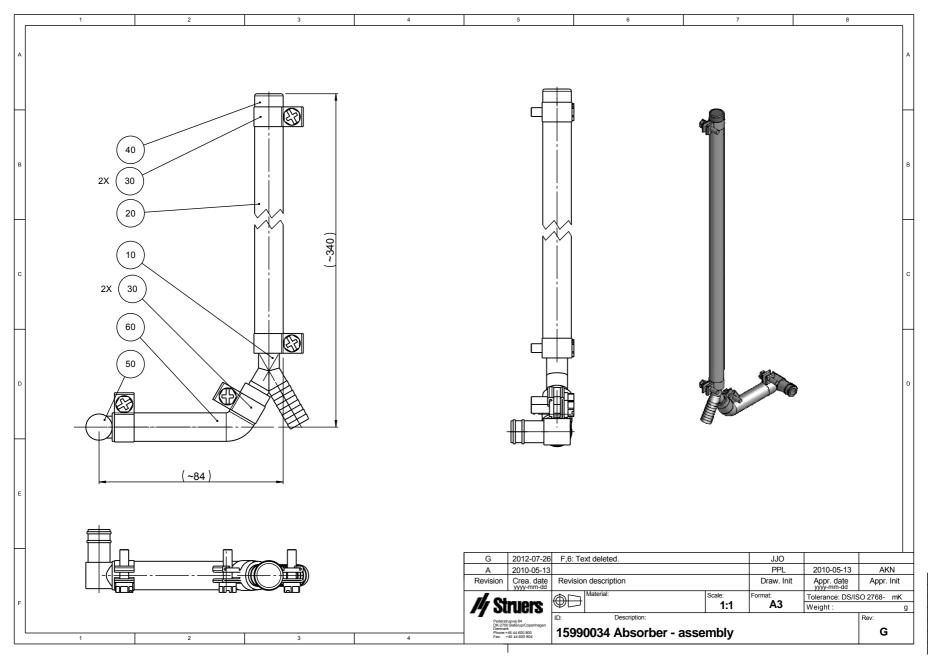


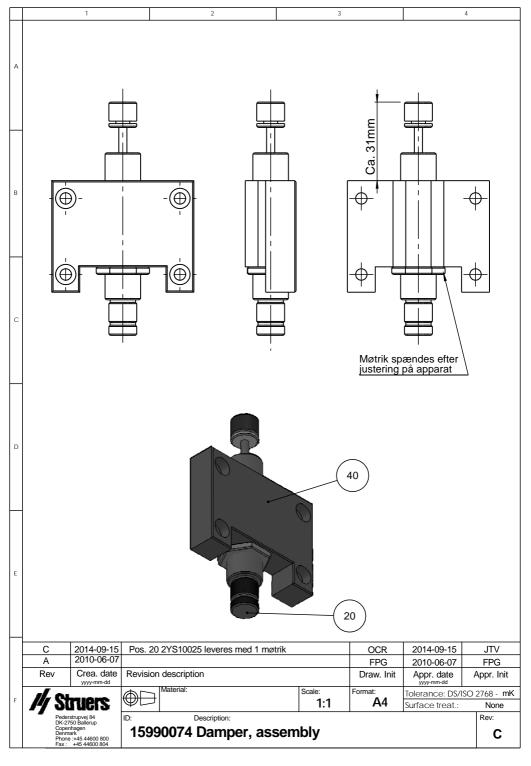


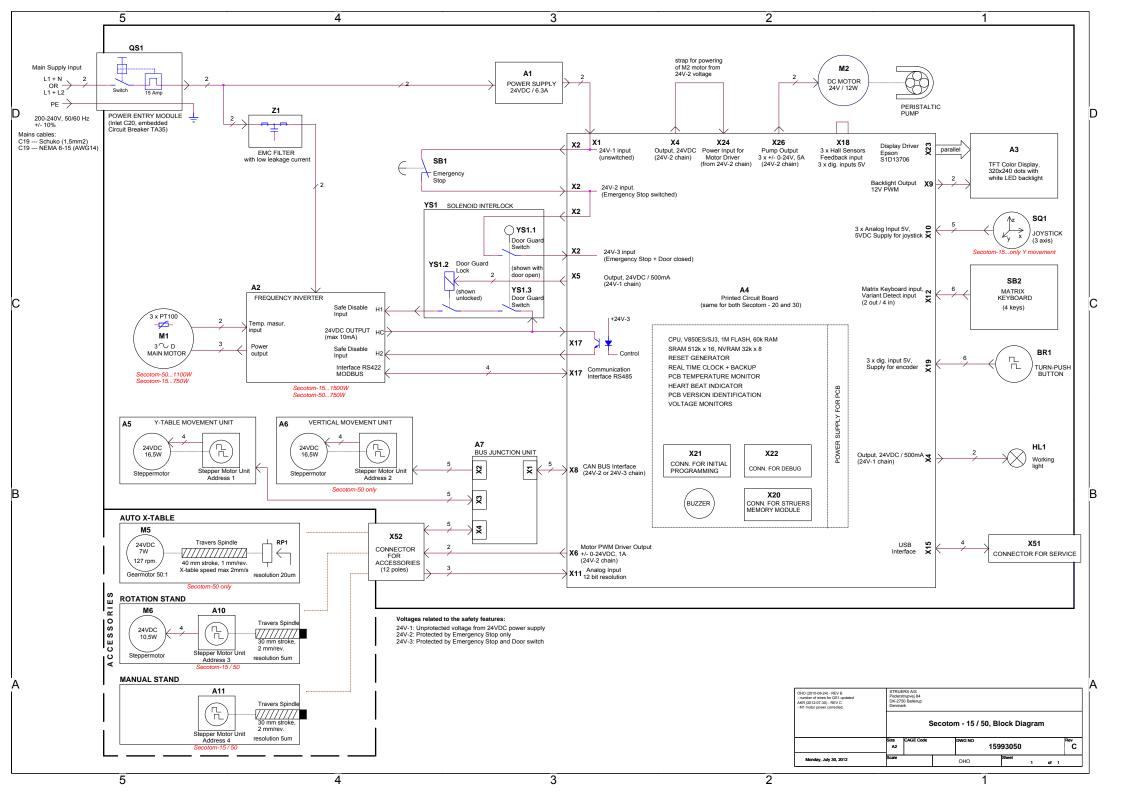


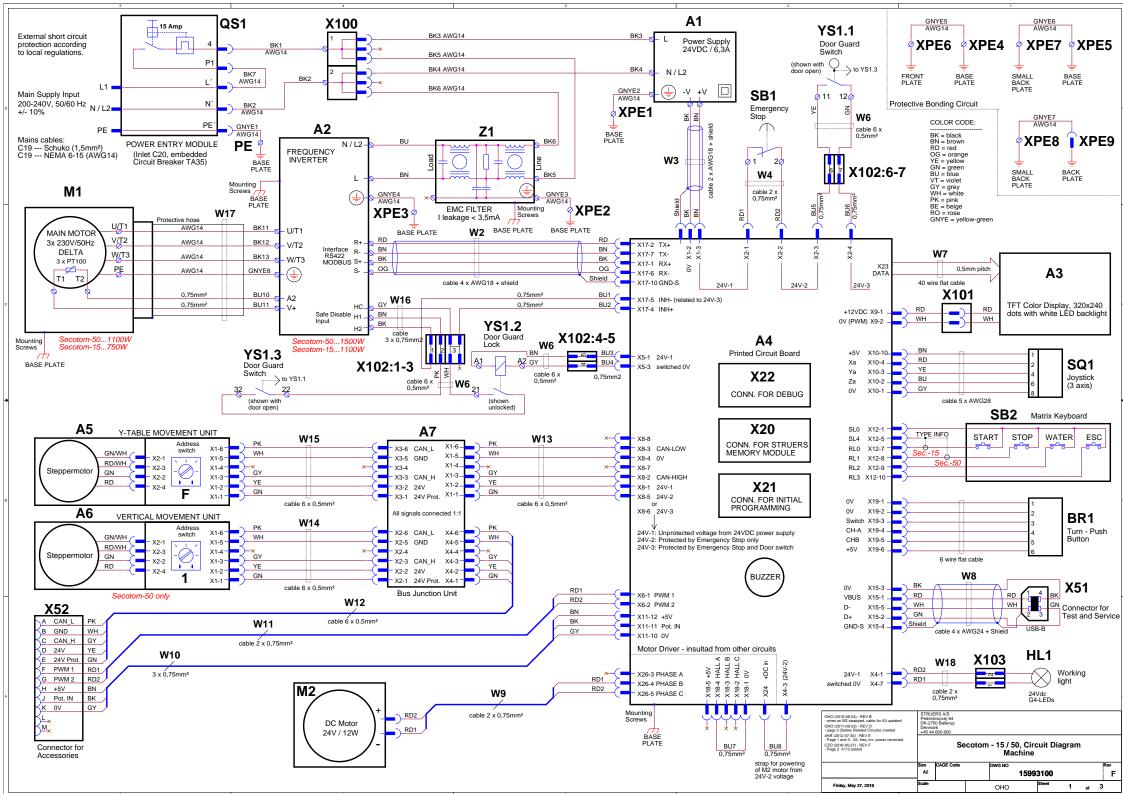


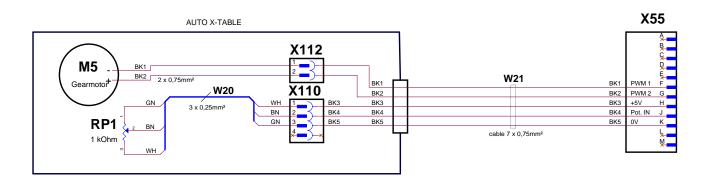


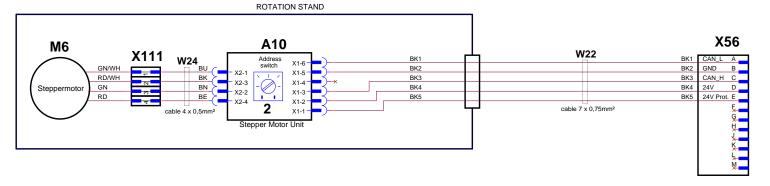


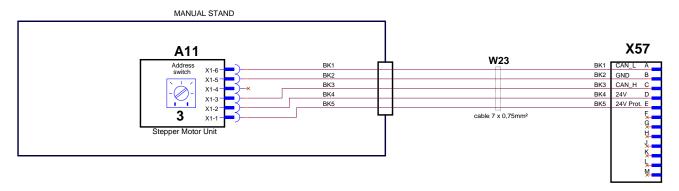




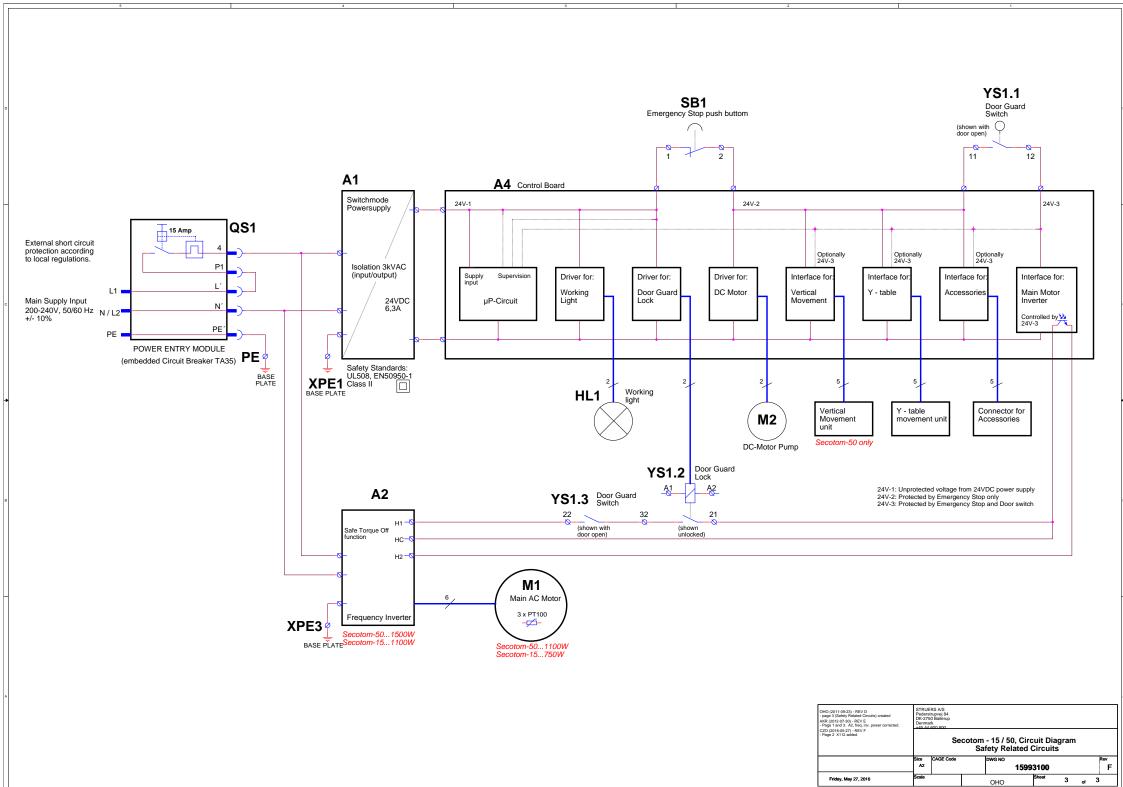








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