

INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR THE NIPPY S BI-LEVEL VENTILATOR



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NIPPY S

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NIPPY S Positive Pressure Ventilator

The Nippy S is a pressure controlled, bi-level ventilator. It compresses ambient air and delivers it to the patient through a close fitting nasal mask. The output pressure, can be adjusted by controls on the fascia panel. The Pressure, and all settings are displayed on a colour LCD(Liquid Crystal Display) screen.

The screen can be set to dim after a pre-set time (accessed via the user preferences in the main menu). To restore the display, press any button once .

The basic ventilator settings can be achieved using the two buttons to the left of the display. The three buttons to the right of the display provide access to more advanced features and adjustments (accessed via a menu).

Mode of Ventilation

Pressure Support IPAP (Inspiratory positive airway pressure) and EPAP (Expiratory positive airway pressure) are set by the physician. The ventilator augments the patient's spontaneous breathing. Ti is limited to a maximum of 1.5 seconds and minimum of 0.7 seconds. If the patient's breathing rate falls to the back-up rate, a timed breath of 1.5 second is initiated at the back-up rate.

Alarms

Power Fail If the electrical power to the ventilator is interrupted, an audible alarm will sound. This alarm will run for 5 minutes unless cancelled with the mute button. Once cancelled the power fail alarm will not re-activate.

Low External Battery When running on an external battery, the alarm will operate when there is approximately 10 minutes running time left. The alarm will also operate when the external battery self discharges to approximately 75% of its capacity during standby. Only if optional external battery connection is fitted.

Low Pressure A pre-set low pressure alarm is provided. If the control pressure falls to below 50% of the set IPAP level for 10 seconds an audible and visual alarm will operate.

High Pressure A pre-set high-pressure alarm is provided. If the pressure rises above 120% of the working pressure, an audible and visual alarm will operate after a 2 second delay.

Breathing Circuit Disconnect A disconnect alarm is provided. This is activated by analysis of the inspiratory and expiratory flow waveform. An audible and visual alarm will operate.

Fault The alarm may also be operated by an internal fault. In this case the fault will be displayed on screen and stored in the fault log.

These alarms may be muted for approximately 2 minutes to allow for setting up of the ventilator.

Low Internal Battery An intermittent alarm (short beep) with no onscreen message indicates a depleted mains fail alarm battery. If the ventilator has been stored for more than a few weeks the internal battery will self discharge. In this case the alarm will stop after the battery has recharged.

The user cannot replace this battery. Refer to qualified technical personnel if the alarm operates when the ventilator is in daily use.

Inspiratory Trigger

The Nippy S employs flow triggering, detecting the start of the patients inspiratory effort when the flow rate exceeds the level set by the Inspiratory Trigger sensitivity.

Expiratory Trigger

The expiratory trigger is used in Pressure Support mode only. Towards the end of inspiration, when the inspiratory flow rate drops to the baseline (standing flow caused by exhale port leak) minus the expiratory trigger sensitivity the ventilator will cycle into the expiratory phase.

The inspiratory and expiratory effort required to cycle the ventilator can be adjusted via the Trigger option in the Menu.

For simplicity the trigger sensitivity is scaled 1 –10, with 10 being the most difficult.

Intended Use

The Nippy S is designed to augment ventilation in adults with acute or chronic type 2 respiratory failure.

Due to the patients requiring a certain level of respiratory drive, spontaneous mode ventilation is best suited to conditions of chronic ventilatory failure where high respiratory drive remains, these include:

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Tuggey *et al.* (2003) found considerable patient benefits and cost saving to the NHS when using NIV in this group of patients.
- Morbid obesity.
- Severe obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA) where continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) is not tolerated or where daytime hypercapnoea exists (Douglas 2002 and Simonds *et al.* 2001).
- Cystic fibrosis (CF).
- As a bridge to lung transplantation in end stage lung disease such as CF.
- Palliation of breathlessness in end stage lung disease such as CF and COPD (Holland *et al.* 2003).

Adjustment is carried out by medical staff. The patient only needs to fit the headset and nasal mask and switch on the machine. Patients with special needs, such as disabled or elderly persons, may require assistance when fitting the headset. The medical staff would assess the level of assistance required.

The ventilator is placed by the bedside and plugged into the domestic electricity supply.

Providing that a suitable socket outlet exists near the bed, no installation is required.

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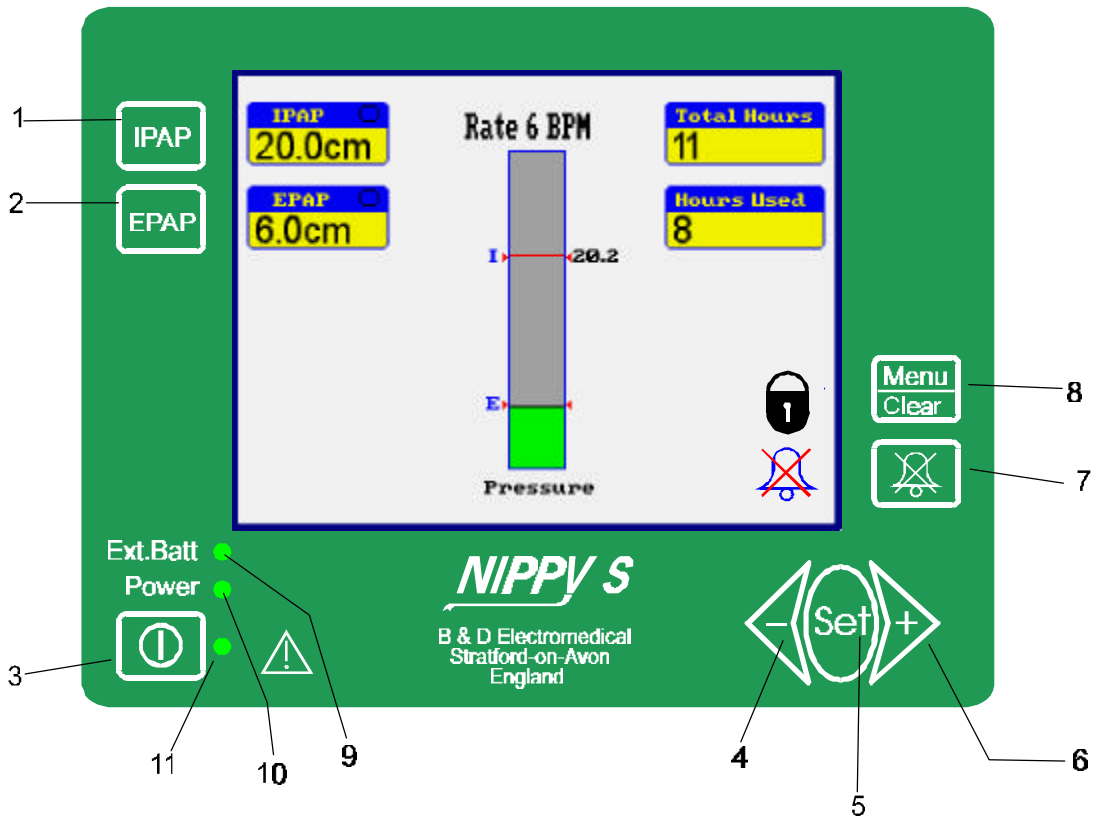
This ventilator is not to be used for life support.

Nippy S must be prescribed by, and used only under the supervision of a qualified physician.


FEATURES

1. Lightweight, compact fully self-contained unit
2. User friendly intuitive software
3. Easily understood alarm messages displayed onscreen
4. Employs state of the art microprocessor control
5. Universal mains input, operates anywhere in the world without transformers
6. Adjustable flow triggers with trigger indicators
7. Large, colour LCD display, clearly shows all settings
8. Fast trigger response
9. Very low maintenance requirements, therefore maintenance costs are extremely low.
10. Twelve months parts and labour warranty
11. Auto switching to back-up battery (Optional).
12. Automatic service reminder.

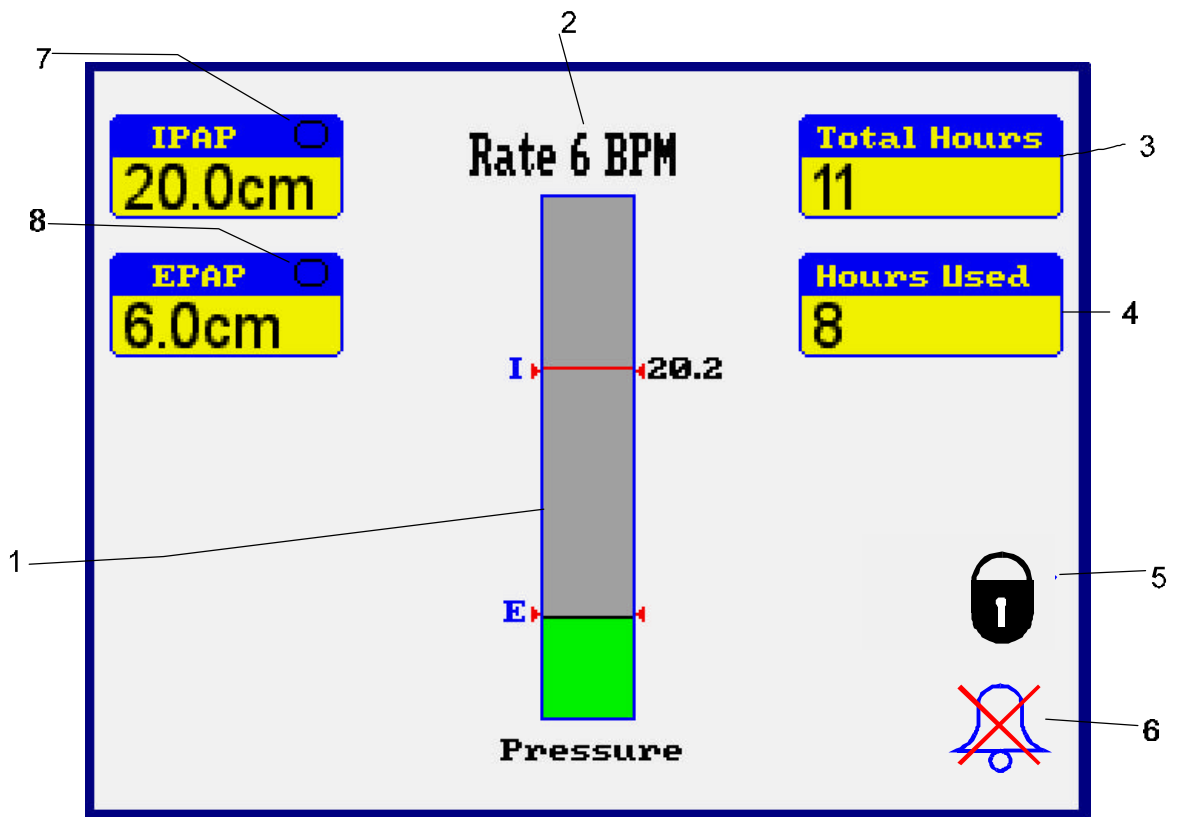
EXPLANATION OF CONTROLS



Fascia Buttons

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| 1. IPAP | - Selects the Inspiratory Positive Airway Pressure adjustment (scaled in cm H ₂ O). Value is displayed on screen adjacent to the switch. |
| 2. EPAP | - Selects the Expiratory Positive Airway Pressure adjustment (scaled in cm H ₂ O). Value is displayed on screen adjacent to the switch. |
| 3.  | - Starts and Stops the ventilator |
| 4. - | - Decrements the selected parameter or moves the selection bar down the menu. |
| 5. Set | - Selects the current menu function displayed by the selection bar |
| 6. + | - Increments the selected parameter or moves the selection bar up the menu |
| 7. Mute | - Silences the alarm for 2 minutes. Press and hold for 2 seconds to cancel alarm mute. |
| 8. Menu | - Displays the menu screen |
| 9. Ext. Batt | - Indicates that ventilator is running from an external battery. (Optional) |
| 10. Power | - Indicates that mains power is connected |
| 11. Start | - Indicates that the ventilator is running. |

Fascia Display



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| 1. Pressure Display | - Indicates airway pressure (scaled in cm H ₂ O). Changes colour to red in over pressure alarm condition. |
| 2. Rate Display | - Indicates patient breath rate (scaled in Breaths Per Minute). |
| 3. Total Hours | - Indicates total time machine has been running. |
| 4. Hours Used | - Indicates total hours used by the patient. |
| 5. Settings Locked Symbol | - This symbol shows that the settings are locked. |
| 6. Alarm Muted Symbol | - This symbol shows that the audible alarm has been temporarily silenced. |
| 7. I Trigger Indicator | - "Flashes" each time the inspiratory cycle is initiated by the patient. |
| 8. E trigger Indicator | - "Flashes" each time the expiratory cycle is initiated by the patient. |

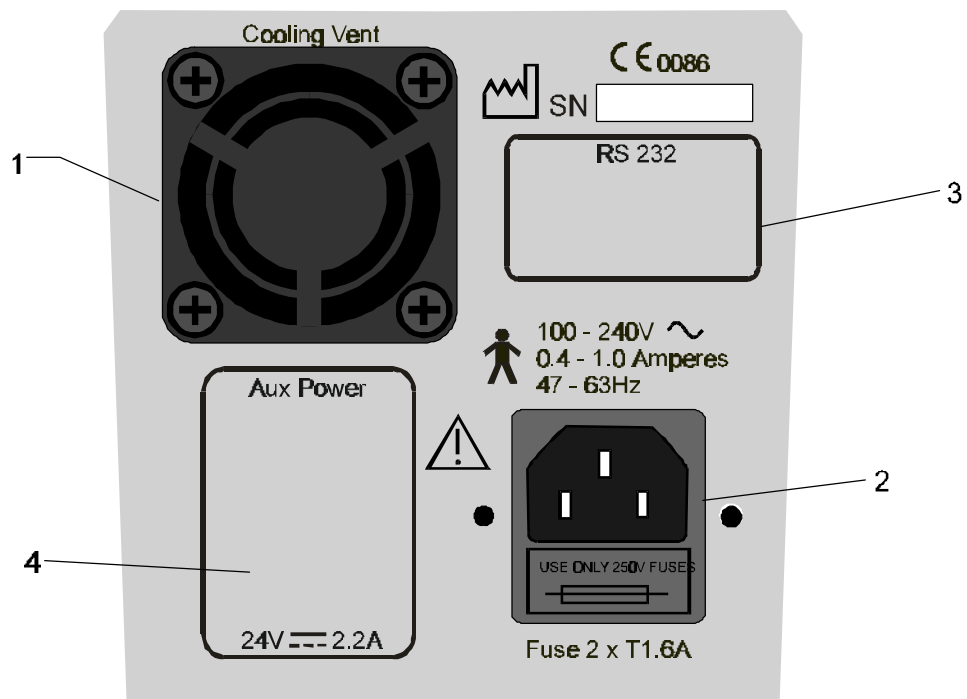
Ventilator Outlets


















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1. Outlet - Main Air Outlet to breathing circuit

1. **Cooling Outlet** - Reduces internal air temperature.
2. **Power Inlet** - Input mains power connector. Double fused and fitted with connector retaining clip.
3. **Optional RS232 Port** - For connection to remote alarm or personal computer. Isolated to 1500 Volts.
4. **Optional Aux. Power** - 24 Volt connection for external battery. Connect only recommended batteries, part nos 0787 and 0788



Explanation of Symbols used on Nippy S and Accessories

	-	Type B Applied parts to EN 60601-1
	-	Alternating Current
	-	Direct Current
T	-	Time Delay Fuse
SN	-	Serial Number
	-	Date of Manufacture
	-	Attention. Consult Accompanying Documents
	-	Switch ON /OFF
+	-	Increase Button
-	-	Decrease Button
	-	Settings Locked / Unlocked
	-	Alarm Muted
	-	Alarm Active
	-	External Battery Connected (Optional)
	-	Service Reminder
	-	External Battery Low (Optional)
	-	Dispose of in Line with Local Authority Guidelines
	-	Recycle
	-	Do Not Reuse
LOT	-	Batch code

Getting Started

To Switch On

Place the Nippy S on a clean, smooth, hard surface. (NOT carpet)
Connect the power lead to the mains power connector on the rear panel. Plug into the mains power supply.
Press the Start/Stop button.

To Switch Off

Press the Start/Stop button. The "Switch Ventilator Off" message will appear onscreen. Press the Start/Stop button again after 2 seconds. There must be a delay of 2 seconds before each push, to prevent accidental operation.

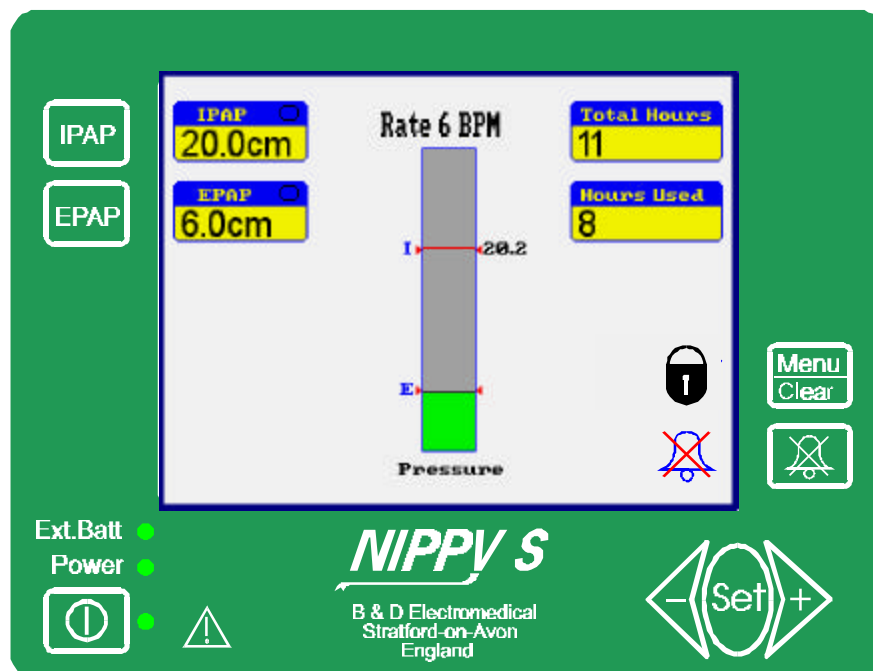
The Main Screen

The Main Screen is divided into 3 areas

The left-hand side shows the basic ventilator settings, IPAP, EPAP, adjacent to its setting button.

The centre section shows the airway pressure and breath rate.

The right-hand side shows the symbols for hours used, alarm, mute and locked settings.



How to adjust the Nippy S

Select the desired parameter with the relevant button.

The reading adjacent to the button will be highlighted by a purple flashing box.

Alter it with the - or + buttons.

When you have finished, move on to the next adjustment or wait a couple of seconds for the flashing box to disappear.

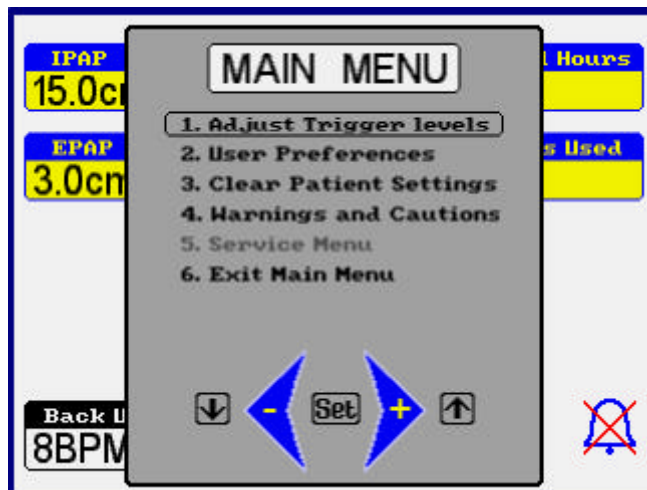
E.g. Press IPAP.

IPAP setting will be surrounded by a purple flashing box.

Press + to increase the pressure setting.

Menu Window

The Main Menu gives access to further adjustments and allows you to view information relating to the ventilator usage.



How to use the on-screen menu

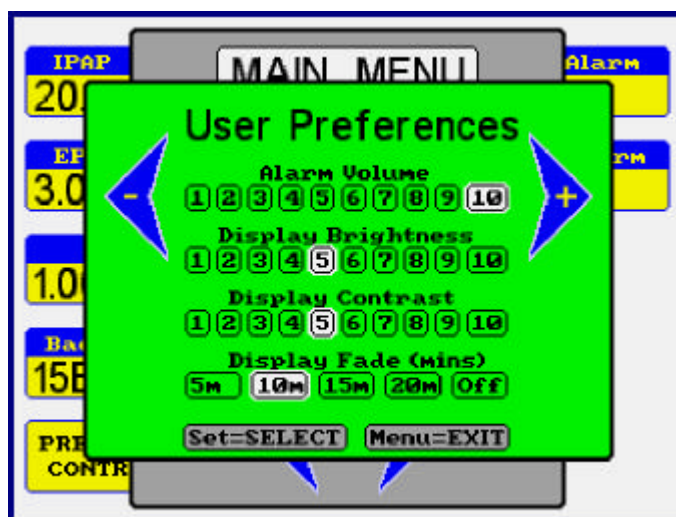
Press the MENU button. The menu window will be displayed in front of the main screen.

Move the selection bar up or down the menu with the - or + buttons to highlight the desired function and press the SET button.

Follow the on-screen instruction at the bottom of the window

Press MENU at any time to exit and return to the main screen.

Eg.



Press MENU.

Press - button to move the selection bar over “User Preferences”.

Press SET. Press SET again to move the - and + symbols either side of “Display Contrast”

Press + to increase contrast - Press MENU to exit.

Structure of the Main Menu

1. Adjust Trigger — I Trig — View / Adjust
E Trig — View / Adjust

2. User Preferences — Alarm Volume — View / Adjust
Display Brightness — View / Adjust
Display Contrast — View / Adjust
Display Dimming — View / Adjust

(Sets time in minutes until display dims, to night time level)

3. Clear Patient Settings — Resets machine to default settings and resets the compliance data, ready for a new patient.

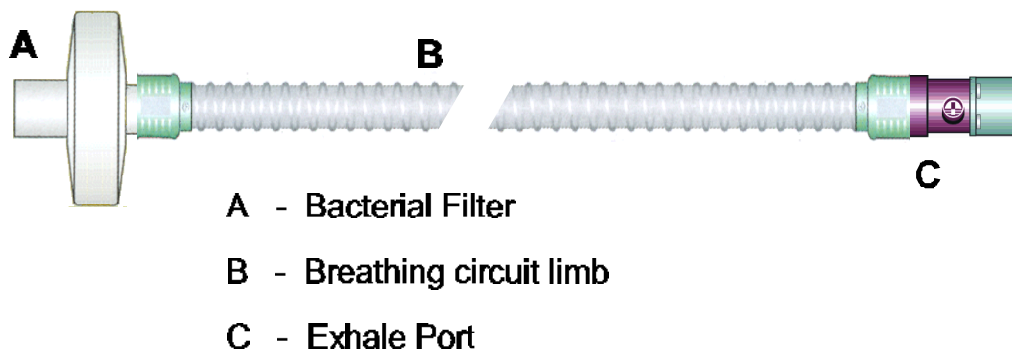
4. Warnings & Cautions — Safety information — View only

5. Service Menu — Service Information — Restricted Access

Breathing Circuits

Breathing circuits to be assembled in the order A-B-C-D from the ventilator end.

The Nippy S uses a single limb circuit with an exhalation port.



Part Number 0792

Breathing circuit volume = 570 ml including filter.

SETTING UP THE NIPPY S

Before starting to set up the ventilator, assess the patients breathing pattern. You will need to know the breath rate.

1. Place the Nippy S on a clean, level surface.
2. Connect the breathing circuit tube to the outlet. It is recommended that a bacterial filter be fitted between the outlet and the 22mm diameter breathing tube.
3. Connect the mask to the outlet tubing on the breathing circuit.
Note: Do not fit the mask onto the patient at this point.
4. Press the Start/Stop button.
5. Carry out alarm tests as described in “Alarm conditions / tests”. **Note:** If any of the alarms fail to operate, **DO NOT USE** until the fault has been rectified.
6. Start with a low pressure to avoid distressing the patient. Set IPAP to around 8cm H₂O (or less for weak, frail patients). Set the EPAP to minimum (3 cm H₂O).

CAUTION: Avoid starting off with the pressure too high.

7. The patient may now **hold** the mask to the face.
 1. Allow the patient to get used to the mask. Then **gradually** increase the IPAP setting until the patient feels comfortable and is being ventilated efficiently. 10 to 20cm H₂O will suit most patients.
 8. If the inspiratory or expiratory trigger needs to be adjusted, select “Adjust trigger level” from the menu and adjust to suit the patient.
 9. Read the rate from the display (top of screen). This should match the value observed when assessing the patient. If the rate has increased, make sure that the trigger is not so sensitive that it is causing “self triggering”. It may be due to the patient’s anxiety at trying a new treatment. Stay with the patient while he / she settles down.
10. Set EPAP if required. Then strap the mask/headset to the patient.
11. Check the rate when the patient is asleep. The inspiratory and expiratory trigger indicators should “flash” at the beginning of each breath.
12. Lock the settings to prevent unauthorised adjustment. See back page.

Disconnect the patient outlet port, before switching off.

Alarm Conditions/Tests

Test the alarms prior to use. Before testing alarms, ensure that the alarm is not muted

Disconnect Alarm

If a leak occurs in the breathing circuit or it becomes disconnected the resulting change in breath pattern will be detected and the alarm will be activated.

To Test To ensure that the Disconnect alarm is operating correctly, switch on the Nippy S. Partially occlude the outlet and wait 10 seconds. The alarm should sound and the disconnect alarm message will be displayed

Mains Fail Alarm

If the mains power to the Nippy S fails, the alarm will operate and continue for approx. 5 minutes. Press the mute button to silence the alarm.

To Test To ensure that the mains failure alarm is operating correctly, start the Nippy S and switch off the mains power at the wall socket. The screen will go blank after a few seconds and the alarm will sound. Press the mute switch or restore the power and re-start the ventilator to silence.

Low Pressure Alarm

If the IPAP pressure falls to less than 50% of the IPAP setting for more than 10 seconds, the alarm will sound and an on-screen message will warn of low pressure.

To Test It is not possible for the user to test this function.

High Pressure Alarm

If the airway pressure exceeds 120% of the IPAP setting for more than 2 seconds, the alarm will sound and the pressure display will turn red.

To Test It is not possible for the user to test this function.

Fault Alarms

The fault alarm indicates a fault in the machine. The on-screen message will indicate the nature of the fault. The message may be temporarily hidden by pressing the Mute button.

To Test It is not possible for the user to test this function.

If you receive a fault message at any time, DO NOT continue to use the ventilator. The machine MUST be referred to suitably qualified technical personnel for investigation/repair.

Running the Nippy S from an Auxiliary Power Source

The Nippy S is available with an optional 24V dc input.

If the mains power fails and there is no back-up battery connected, the Nippy S will switch off and sound the alarm. When mains power is restored, the Nippy S will automatically re-start.

To Back-up the Mains Supply

Place a fully charged back-up battery on the floor near the ventilator and connect it to the 24 Volt Aux Power input on the rear panel. If the mains power fails, the Nippy S will automatically switch over to battery power. The alarm will sound intermittently and a “Running on battery power” message will be displayed on the screen. Press the Mute button to acknowledge and clear the message and alarm. The Ext. Batt. light will continue to flash as long as the ventilator is running on battery power.

If mains power is restored whilst running on battery power, the Nippy S will automatically select mains power and the Ext. Batt. light will extinguish.

You must maintain the battery in a fully charged condition to get the maximum running time from it. All batteries self discharge over time. It will take approximately 4 - 6 months for a battery to discharge to 75% of its capacity.

If the battery becomes discharged during standby (running on mains power), the Nippy S will alarm and display a “battery pack needs charging” message. Re-charge the battery as soon as possible. If you do not experience any power failures, you can expect to see this message once every 5 to 6 months.

When the battery becomes discharged during use (running on battery power), the Nippy 3 will alarm (two short beeps followed by one long beep) and display a “low battery” message. Change to a fully charged battery and re-charge the flat battery as soon as possible. You can expect to see this message after approximately 4 hours running time.

If the voltage drops still further, due to a fault within the battery a “battery fault” message will accompany the alarm. Replace the battery.

Exchange it for a fully charged battery after it has been used for power backup or when the “charge battery” reminder is displayed on the screen. Keeping one battery connected to the ventilator and another on charge is a good way of being prepared for a power failure.

For Greater Mobility

The Nippy S may be powered from a small “mobility battery”. Connect it to the 24V Aux Power input and place it on the surface next to the ventilator. This gives approx. 2 hours running time on each battery.

When moving the ventilator and battery, do not allow the battery to hang on its cable. Always pick it up with the ventilator. If the battery is to be used to power the ventilator on a wheelchair or similar, secure the battery next to the ventilator. Self-adhesive hook and loop strips can be an effective means of securing.

When the Nippy S is connected to a charged mobility battery with no mains power, the ventilator will automatically select battery power in the same way as it would for a backup battery.

As with the backup batteries, it is important to keep the mobility batteries charged and ready for use. Recharge as soon as possible after discharge.

When the battery becomes discharged during use (running on battery power), the Nippy 3 will alarm (two short beeps followed by one long beep) and display a “low battery” message. Change to a fully charged battery and re-charge the flat battery as soon as possible. You can expect to see this message after approximately 2 hours running time.

If the voltage drops still further, due to a fault within the battery a “battery fault” message will accompany the alarm. Replace the battery.

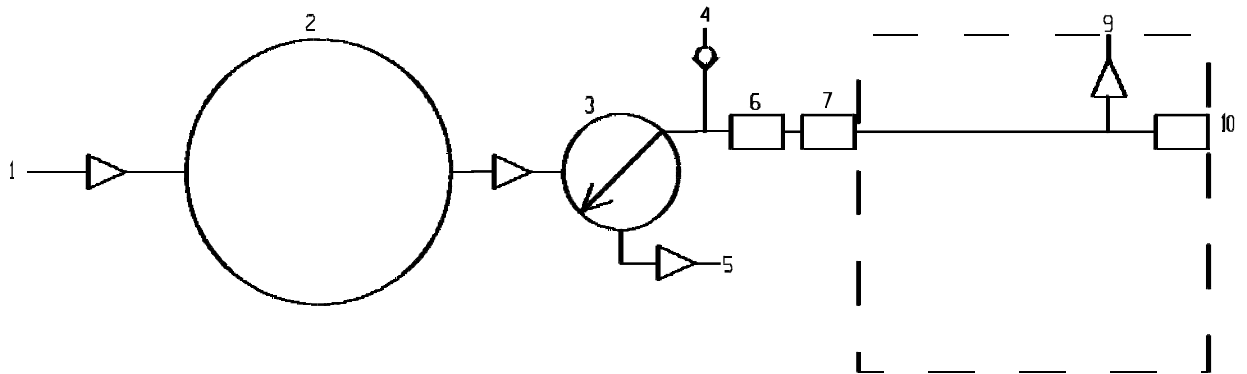
Recommended batteries for use with Nippy S

- Back-up battery, part number 0787 – for power back-up. Approx. running time 4 hours at 30cm H₂O.
- Mobility battery, part number 0788 – for mobile use. Approx. running time 2 hours at 30cm H₂O.
- Use only the recommended batteries, part nos 0787 and 0788

See “external batteries” section for full instructions for use and care of these batteries

These batteries have their own special chargers. They are not interchangeable or suitable for any other types of batteries. See “battery care” section for full instructions.

Ventilator System Pneumatic Diagram



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| 1. Fresh air inlet | 7. Outlet connector |
| 2. Blower (compressor) | 8. Breathing Circuit |
| 3. Servo Valve | 9. Exhalation Port |
| 4. Emergency fresh air inlet | 10. Patient Connection Port |
| 5. Exhaust | |
| 6. Flow Sensor | |

SPECIFICATIONS

Supply Voltage	-	100 - 240 V alternating current
Supply Frequency	-	47 - 63 Hz
Maximum Input Current	-	0.40 – 1.0 Amperes
Fuse Ratings	-	2 x T 1.6 A 20mm
Dimensions (mm)	Length - 297 Width - 223 Height - 132	
Weight	-	3.5 Kg
Ambient Operating Temperature	-	32° C 90° F Max
Digital Output	-	RS232 Isolated to 1500 Volts
All displayed readings expressed as	-	ATPD
Max. Output Pressure	-	30cm H ₂ O(36cm fault condition)
Calibrated pressure Range	-	0 - 30cm H ₂ O
Accuracy of pressure reading	-	+/- 3.0% F.S. +/-1% zero
Max. Output Flow	-	140 L/min. (unrestricted)
Inspiratory Trigger	-	0.14 – 2.21 L/sec ²
Expiratory Trigger	-	0.28 – 1.67 L/sec ²
Inspiratory Time (back-up)	-	1.2 second
Back-up Rate	-	12 Breaths per minute
Type of protection against electric shock	-	Class 1 equipment, Class 2 when powered by battery
Degree of protection against electric shock	-	Type B to EN 60601-1
Mode of operation	-	Continuous
IP rating	-	X0
Storage environment	-	-20 to 50°C 5 – 85% RH 260 – 1100 mBar atmospheric pressure
External back-up battery	-	24Vdc 7 Ahr
Running time	-	4 hours at max pressure
Mobility Battery	-	24 Vdc 4 Ahr
Running time	-	2 hours at max pressure
Protection against flammable anaesthetic mixtures	-	Not suitable for use in the presence of a FLAMMABLE ANAESTHETIC MIXTURE WITH AIR OR WITH OXYGEN OR NITROUS OXIDE

International Standards

BS EN60601-1 1990, EN 794-2

Safety of Electromedical Instruments, General Requirements

Electromagnetic Compatibility (In accordance with the EMC Directive 89/336/EMC)

B & D Electromedical declares that the Nippy S Ventilator complies with the following EMC standards. EN60601-1-2: 1993

Test results available for review from B & D Electromedical



Operation Under Extreme Conditions

Ambient Temperature in the range of +5 to +50 °C

Between 5 and 40 degrees functioning of the ventilator should not be affected. Extremes of temperature (below 5 °C, above 40 °C) may affect the colour of the LCD display. This will return to normal with the temperature.

Operation above 40 degrees is not recommended. The ventilator may overheat at elevated temperatures. An audible and visual alarm will be activated in the event of over temperature. Air conditioning should be employed to keep the room temperature below 40 degrees.

Ambient Relative Humidity in the range of 10 to 100% RH

The ventilator is expected to function correctly at extremes of humidity. High humidity levels may affect the colour of the LCD display. This will return to normal with the humidity.

Atmospheric Pressure in the range of 600mBar to 1100mBar

The ventilator is expected to function correctly between 600 and 1100 mBar.

Supply Voltage Range from –20% to +10% of specified value

The Nippy S will operate normally

Failure of Electrical Power Supply

If a back-up battery is connected, the ventilator will automatically switch to the back-up supply and give an audible and visual indication that it has done so. During total power failure, there will be no output from the machine. The patient will be able to breathe spontaneously through the machine and out through the exhale port. To reduce the inspiratory resistance, a one way valve is fitted inside the machine, which bypasses the valve and blower. The inlet for this port is in the base of the machine. Always stand the Nippy S on a flat hard surface, to avoid obstructing the emergency air intake.

The inspiratory / expiratory resistance of the Nippy S and breathing system (Nippy S and circuit) is less than 6cm H₂O @ 60 l/min. This value must not be exceeded when adding attachments or fittings to the breathing circuit.

Accessories and Spares

1. A range of nasal and facemasks is available in various sizes. Please contact us for details
2. Head Set pt.no. 0563 available in Small, Medium, Large and Extra large. Please add S,M,L OR XL to part number when ordering.
3. A range of breathing circuits is available for use with nasal mask.
4. Air Filter Element pt.no. 0584 (pack of 5)
5. Inline Bacterial Filter pt.no. 0635. **No other filters are recommended for use with this ventilator.** Filters with a higher flow restriction may cause malfunction of the disconnect alarm.

These components are for single patient use.

6. Mobility battery, part number 0788
7. Back-up battery, part number 0787

WARNINGS

This ventilator is intended to augment the patient breathing. It **MUST NOT BE USED AS A LIFE SUPPORT VENTILATOR**. It is not intended to provide the total ventilatory requirement of the patient.

Do not attempt to pass oxygen into the panel mounted air inlet, or use with flammable anaesthetic agents e.g. Ether etc.

The Nippy S must be connected to a grounded (earthed) electrical supply. The protective earth of the domiciliary electrical installation shall be checked for safe and effective operation

CAUTIONS

- The Nippy S should only be used in accordance with the instructions of the supervising physician. **Personnel using and operating the Nippy S must become familiar with this instruction manual before using the unit.**
- The Nippy S should not be placed close to high frequency surgical diathermy, defibrillator or short wave therapy equipment as it may adversely effect the operation.
- The functioning of the ventilator can be adversely affected by electromagnetic interference exceeding the level of 10V/m in the test conditions of EN60601-1-2. . E.g. Mobile telephone operation may adversely affect the operation of the ventilator.
- If the Nippy S is moved from cold surroundings into a well-heated room, condensation may form. Do not operate the unit for at least 2 hours to allow any condensation to evaporate.
- Do not operate the ventilator in direct sunlight.
- Avoid places where there is excessive humidity or dust, which may cause damage to internal parts.
- Keep the Nippy S away from extreme direct heat, such as fires, heating radiators etc., and always allow a 100mm (4.0in) air space around the unit when in use.
- If liquids are allowed to enter the unit, serious damage could occur. If you spill any liquid into the Nippy S, consult qualified service personnel.
- Do not place any form of cover over the ventilator, especially near the air intake.
- DO NOT use anti static or electrically conductive tubing.

USER MAINTENANCE

YOU MUST DISCONNECT THE NIPPY FROM THE MAINS SUPPLY BEFORE ANY MAINTENANCE IS CARRIED OUT

User maintenance is limited to cleaning and visual inspection of the ventilator, the input air filter and the breathing circuit.

The ventilator and the detachable mains cord set should be inspected for signs of external damage weekly. If any damage is evident (particularly to the mains cord set) refer repair to appropriately qualified technical personnel.

DO NOT immerse the ventilator in or spray with water

DO NOT use solvent cleaning agents or detergents

DO NOT use abrasive cleaning agents

Mains Power Lead

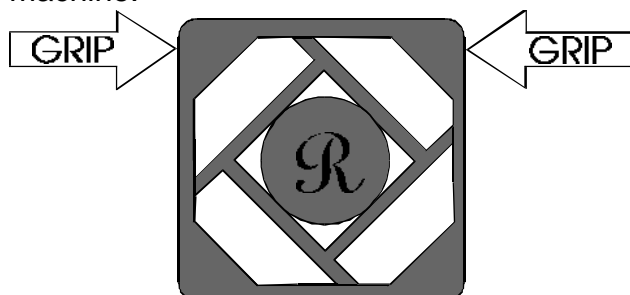
Before using the Nippy, inspect the mains lead for damage. Do not use if there is any damage to the plug, socket or the insulation.

Exterior of Case

To clean, wipe the exterior of the case with a soft cloth moistened with water.

Input Air Filter

The input air filter should be inspected weekly. It is located on the rear of the machine.



To remove the filter, grip the filter housing with the thumb and forefinger, across the top corners and pull the filter cover away from the ventilator. Remove and inspect the element. To clean the filter element, wash gently in tepid, soapy water. Rinse and allow the element to **dry**. When

the element is **dry**, place it back in the filter housing and refit the cover.

If the filter element requires replacement, use only recommended spares (see spares list). The use of any other filtering material may impair the performance of the ventilator.

Never attempt to clean the filter element with solvent cleaning agents.

Do not operate the ventilator unless the input air filter is in place.

Breathing Circuit Cleaning

The 22mm diameter breathing tube is considered disposable. If required it and the nasal mask may be cleaned by immersing in an anti-microbial sterilising agent, such as Milton fluid.

Servicing

Only suitably qualified technically competent personnel should attempt servicing of this ventilator.

To maintain its performance, the ventilator will require periodic servicing at the following intervals: -

Annual electrical safety test

10000 hours use. The service reminder symbol will be displayed on screen.

Details of service requirements are contained in the technical manual.

Technical Information

A technical manual incorporating circuit diagrams and descriptions will be made available, on request, to enable appropriately qualified technical personnel to repair the parts of the equipment designed to be repairable.

Warranty

The Nippy S is covered by a full 12 months parts and labour warranty, provided that the unit is properly operated under conditions of normal use. This warranty does not apply to any unit that has been subjected to misuse or accidental damage, or repaired or modified by unauthorised personnel.

Transportation

When shipping, damage as a result of inadequate packing is the customer's responsibility. Use the original packing materials whenever possible.

In the event of a breakdown or damage to the ventilator, refer servicing or repair to qualified and competent technical personnel.

Factory Service / Repair

B & D Electromedical products returned for factory service or repair must have a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) number assigned. This is essential for efficient processing of repairs.

You can obtain your RMA number by calling 01789 293460 with the following information:

1. Unit Model
2. Serial number
3. Your name, address and telephone number
4. Complete description of the malfunction or service required

When the RMA number has been issued, we will arrange for the unit to be collected. Place the RMA number on the outside of the carton.

The unit must be properly packaged before shipment. Preferably, in the original packaging.

B & D Electromedical are not responsible for inbound transit damage.

When enquiring about a returned item, you must quote the RMA number.

Disposal at end of Life

The Nippy S should be disposed of in line with local authority guidelines / regulations.

Spent batteries should be returned to B & D Electromedical.

External Batteries

Two batteries are available for running the Nippy S when equipped with a 24 Volt dc input.

Back-up battery, part number 0787.

Mobility battery, part number 0788.

Each has its own dedicated charger.

Mobility battery charger part number 0796

Backup battery charger part number 0797

It is not possible to charge one from the charger of the other.

These batteries should never be used to run any other type of equipment.

Instructions For Use

- Connect the battery to the Nippy S Aux Power input.
- The Power light will illuminate.
- Switch on the Nippy S. The Ext Batt light will flash and a “Running on battery power” message will be displayed on the Nippy S screen. Press the alarm mute button to hide the message.
- To disconnect a battery: Always switch off the ventilator first. Press the plug release button on the connector and withdraw the connector.

To Charge a Battery

- Place the charger on a smooth flat surface.
- Connect the charger to the battery socket **before switching on the mains power.**
- Connect the mains plug to the AC supply and switch on.
- Leave on charge until the charged / ready indicator lights.

Batteries may produce explosive gases during charging. Always charge away from sparks or sources of ignition. Do not smoke near a battery whilst charging.

Disconnect the mains power before disconnecting the battery from the charger.

Back-up batteries may be left connected to the charger until required for use.

Mobility batteries should be charged then disconnected from the charger. Re-charge if not used within 1 month.

Safety

Warning! High voltages exist inside the charger.

Do not remove the cover. Return to B & D Electromedical if a fault occurs.

Do Not expose to water or dust.

Do not cover the charger whilst in use

Ensure that the mains lead is not damaged.

Do not attempt to charge any other type of battery with it.

Battery pack cleaning

To clean, wipe the exterior of the case with a soft cloth moistened with water.

Battery Care

DO NOT use an ordinary car battery charger. This type of charger may damage the battery and will almost certainly shorten its life.

- The battery should be recharged as soon as possible after use.
- This type of battery does not suffer from the memory effect that is widely talked about and does not need to be fully discharged before charging.
- Batteries like to be used. A new battery may require several charge/discharge cycles before it reaches its maximum performance. The same applies to a battery that is only used occasionally with long periods in storage.
- The performance of all lead-acid batteries falls with temperature. The times stated below refer to ambient charging and operating temperatures of 20°C.

Battery Life

The end of life is defined by the maximum running time falling to 75% of that of a new battery. For a battery that is used occasionally service life is 2 years. Replace the battery when running times drop below those indicated or after 2 years.

RUNNING TIMES

Back-up Battery

The following relate to charging and discharging at 20°C. The minimum times represent a battery at the end of its life and the typical times should be achieved by a good battery.

Working Pressure

	15cm		20cm		30cm	
BATTERY	MIN	TYP	MIN	TYP	MIN	TYP
0787	3h 24m	4h 30m	3h 12m	4h 15m	3h	4h

The battery is fully discharged when the Nippy Junior low battery alarm sounds and the on-screen Low battery message is displayed.

Mobility Battery

The following relate to charging and discharging at 20°C. The minimum times represent a battery at the end of its life and the typical times should be achieved by a good battery.

Working Pressure

	15cm		20cm		30cm	
BATTERY	MIN	TYP	MIN	TYP	MIN	TYP
0788	2h 15m	3h	1h 50m	2h 30m	1h 30m	2h

The battery is fully discharged when the Nippy Junior low battery alarm sounds and the on-screen Low battery message is displayed.

Battery Storage

This type of battery must always be fully charged before storage.

A battery that is not in use will slowly discharge. This rate of discharge increases with temperature. Ideally the storage temperature should be above -20°C and below 20°C. It must be below 40°C.

After storage in a cold environment allow 24 hours for the battery to reach room temperature before use.

Fully charge the battery every 2 months.

Battery Test

Test the battery if the running time seems low, a fault is suspected, or to confirm that the battery is good.

- Ensure the battery is fully charged.
- Run the ventilator from the battery until the low battery alarm operates and record the running time. Look up run time in the table. If the battery is not achieving minimum run time replace it.
- If the battery is good, fully recharge it immediately after testing.

Hints and Tips For Reliable Operation

- Always make sure that the battery is fully charged before use.
- Do not switch off charger until battery is fully charged.
- Avoid the temptation to give the battery “a quick boost”. This is of no benefit.
- If you are in doubt about your battery’s state of charge, charge for at least 24 hours.
- If running time suddenly seems considerably shorter than normal, make sure that the battery is fully charged.
- Do not charge your battery near sources of ignition.
- Check the running time of your system from time to time.
- If you have more than one battery, use them in rotation.
- Do not use if any of the cables or components show any sign of damage.
- Most reported problems arise from incorrect battery charging.

Disposal of depleted batteries

Return depleted batteries to B & D Electromedical or dispose of them in line with local authority regulations.

Locking the settings

The settings can be locked to prevent unauthorised adjustment.

To lock - press - and + buttons simultaneously and hold for 2 seconds.

To unlock - press - and + buttons simultaneously and hold for 2 seconds.

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