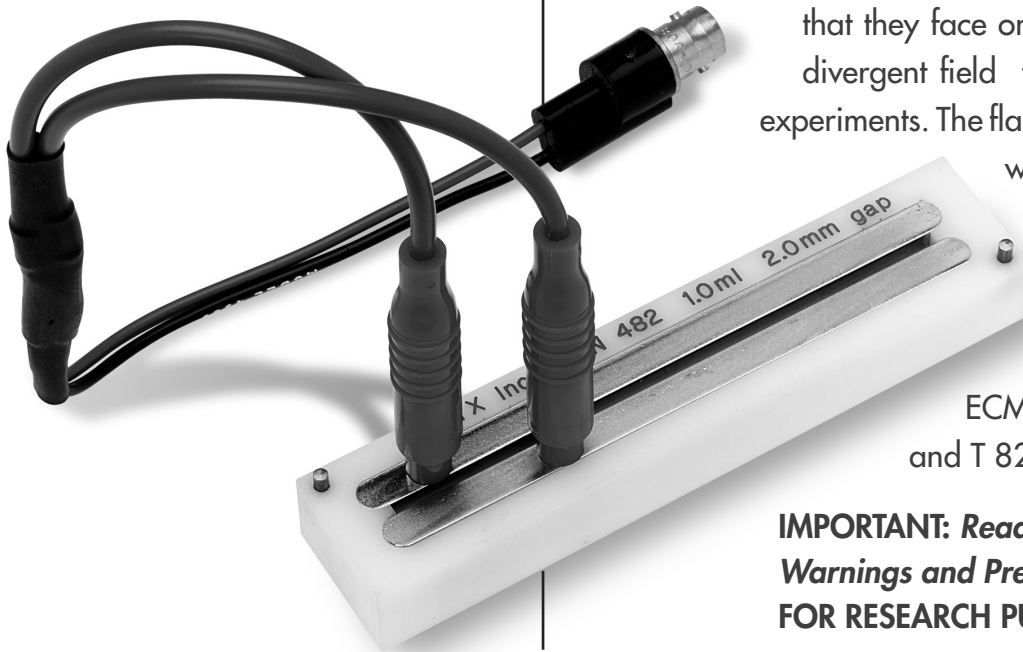


# Flat Electrode Chambers

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
**MODEL 484**



The BTX Flat Electrode Chambers are made of two rectangular, parallel plates of highgrade stainless steel that is press-fitted into a polysulfone base. They generate both homogeneous and divergent fields depending on the orientation of the grooved electrodes. Orient-

ing the grooved sides of each electrode so that they face one another generates a divergent field for use in electrofusion experiments. The flat sides of each electrode

will generate a homogeneous field when facing one another. The Flat Electrodes can be used with the ECM 830, 630, 2001, 600, and T 820.

**IMPORTANT: Read all Instructions, Warnings and Precautions prior to use.**  
**FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY**

## ELECTRICAL & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### Standard Capabilities

Voltage Range:	0 - 480V DC 0 - 16V AC
Frequency:	1 MHz
Pulse Length Range:	1 $\mu$ sec - 99 msec
Pulse Number Range:	1-99 (depending on voltage)
Operating Temperature:	5° - 40° C
Intended Use:	Indoor Use
Relative Humidity:	20-80%
Maximum Altitude:	2000m (6562 ft)
Pollution Degree:	II
Insulation Degree:	CAT I

### Physical Characteristics

Dimensions:	5" x 1" x 1" (length x width x height)
Chamber Volume:	0.5 ml
Electrode Gap:	1 mm
Electrode Material:	Stainless Steel

### Generator Compatibility

ECM 830, 630, 2001, 600, T 820

### Monitoring

Enhancer 400 Recommended

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## DEFINITION OF SYMBOLS



**Warning** – Refer to instructions for use in order to find the nature of any potential hazard and any actions which have to be taken.



**Caution** – Risk of electric shock. Dangerous voltage that could result in injury or loss of life.



## SAFETY GUIDELINES

Review the following safety precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this product or any products connected to it. To avoid potential hazard, use this product only as specified. Only qualified BTX personnel should perform service procedures.



**Arcing can occur at high voltages.** An unfavorable combination of parameters such as high voltage settings and a small sample volume with a highly conductive medium might lead to flashover between the electrodes (ARC) and/or explosive evaporation of the medium. Reduce voltage, pulse length, or increase sample volume to avoid repeating this condition.

**Connect and disconnect properly.** Do not connect or disconnect cables of product while generator is powered on.

**Do not operate with suspected failures.** If you suspect there is damage to the product, have it inspected by qualified BTX service personnel.

**Do not contact electrodes.** To avoid fire or shock hazard, observe all ratings and markings on the product or in the manual before using the device.

**Avoid exposure to contact.** Do not touch the product during pulsing as there is a possibility for shock to occur. Ensure that the cover is in place before pulsing begins. Do not insert fingers between electrodes pulsing sequence.

**Wear proper eye protection during electroporation.**

**Do not operate in an explosive environment.**

**Do not operate in wet/damp conditions.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE



**WARNING HIGH VOLTAGE.** Make sure the BTX Pulse Generator is switched off before continuing

1. Fill the sterile Flat Electrode Chamber using a syringe.
2. Replace the clear plastic top so that the holes in the top align with the holes in the electrodes.
3. Connect the chamber to the output of the BTX pulse generator using Coaxial Banana Connector (BT 5343) and the electrode adapter (BT 466). Ensure a good connection by firmly pushing the banana plugs into the holes in the electrode terminals.
4. Following instructions for the BTX Pulse Generator, set the appropriate parameters on the generator.
5. Deliver the electroporation pulse(s) to the sample.
6. Remove the sample carefully and prepare for the next experiment. The chamber can be rested on ice for cooling purposes.

## MAINTENANCE



**Warning:** Do not attempt maintenance while the Flat Electrode Chambers are plugged into a pulse generator. Clean the Flat Electrode Chambers body with a soft cloth or tissue. If necessary, moisten the cloth or tissue with a dilute detergent solution. Clean the electrodes between each experiment by washing with a mild detergent using a cloth or soft bristled brush.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Please contact BTX Technical Service at any of the numbers listed on the following page in the event of any failure.

## WARRANTY

The BTX Instrument Division of Genetronics, Inc. (Genetronics) warrants that Flat Electrode Chambers are free of defects at time of delivery to the user. If a defect is found, product may be returned for exchange only within a period of 90 days from time of delivery from BTX or an authorized Genetronics Distributor. If any defects covered by this warranty appear within the above period, Genetronics shall have the option of repairing or replacing the product at its expense. Such repair or replacement shall be the customer's exclusive remedy for breach of warranty or for negligence. This warranty does not extend to any product which has been (a) subjected to misuse, neglect, accident or abuse, (b) repaired or altered by anyone other than Genetronics without Genetronics' express and prior approval, (c) used in violation of instructions furnished by the BTX Instrument Division of Genetronics, Inc. Manufacturer shall not be liable for any special or consequential damages or for loss, damage or expense (whether or not caused by or resulting from Manufacturer's negligence) directly or indirectly arising from use of the product sold here under either separately or in combination with any other product or from any other cause.

The above warranty shall be in lieu of and excludes all other expressed or implied warranties of merchantability, or fitness for any purpose, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Manufacturer shall not be liable for any claims of any kind whatsoever, as to the product delivered or for non-delivery of equipment, and whether or not based on negligence.

Manufacturer will correct any malfunction not caused by operator abuse at no charge for parts and labor. All service under the warranty will be made at the Genetronics, Inc. San Diego, California, USA facilities or at another location approved by Genetronics, Inc. Owner will ship product prepaid to San Diego, California. Manufacturer will return the product, after servicing, freight prepaid to owner's address.

Warranty is VOID if the product is changed in any way from its original factory design or if repairs are attempted without written authorization by Manufacturer.

Warranty is VOID if parts or connections not manufactured by Manufacturer are used with a BTX product.

*Note: Under no conditions should any product be returned without prior approval and a returned goods authorization (RGA) number from manufacturer.*

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## ORDERING INFORMATION

<b>System Model</b>	<b>Available Configurations</b>
484	Flat Electrode Chambers, 1 mm gap, Stainless Steel
<b>Accessory Model</b>	<b>Description</b>
4001	Enhancer 400 w/ Computer & Printer Interface
466	Electrode Adapter for use with BT 484