

T-Station 85

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL** 

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## **Associated publications**

Title	Reference	Link
Diaphragm pump - XDD1 Mk3	A74603885	https://4vac.io/immy3y
Rotary vane pumps - E2M0.7 / E2M1.5	A37132880	https://4vac.io/64zcqu
Turbomolecular pumps - nEXT55 / nEXT85	B8G000880	https://4vac.io/n9p8rs

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## 1. Safety and compliance

For safe operation from the start, read these instructions carefully before you install or commission the equipment and keep them safe for future use. Read all the safety instructions in this section and the rest of this manual carefully and make sure that you obey these instructions.

The instruction manual is an important safety document that we often deliver digitally. It is your responsibility to keep the instruction manual available and visible while working with the equipment. Please download the digital version of the instruction manual for use on your device or print it if a device will not be available.

## 1.1 Definition of Warnings and Cautions

Important safety information is highlighted as warning and caution instructions which are defined as follows. Different symbols are used according to the type of hazard.

#### **WARNING:**

If you do not obey a warning, there is a risk of injury or death.

#### **CAUTION:**

If you do not obey a caution, there is a risk of minor injury, damage to equipment, related equipment or process.

#### **NOTICE:**

Information about properties or instructions for an action which, if ignored, will cause damage to the equipment.

We reserve the right to change the design and the stated data. The illustrations are not binding.

## 1.2 Safety symbols

The safety symbols on the products show the areas where care and attention is necessary.

The safety symbols that we use on the product or in the product documentation have the following meanings:

<u>^</u>	Warning/Caution An appropriate safety instruction must be followed or caution to a potential hazard exists.
	Warning - Dangerous voltage Identifies possible hazards from hazardous voltages.
M	Warning - Heavy object Identifies a possible hazard from a heavy object.
	Warning - Hot surfaces Identifies a potential hazard from a hot surface.
	Warning - Moving parts present Identifies parts that move. You must let the parts that turn stop before you remove the electrical power.
	Warning - Risk of explosion There is a risk of explosion when you do the task.
	Warning - Use protective equipment Use appropriate protective equipment for the task.

## 2. General description

For a general description of the major components used on the T-Station 85, select the appropriate instruction manual, refer to Associated publications on page 2.

#### 2.1 Overview

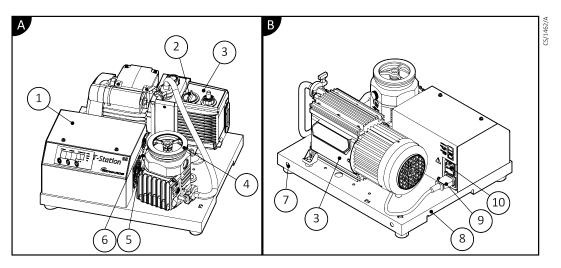
The T-Station 85 is a small compact fully automatic pumping system which is suitable for a wide range of vacuum applications.

The T-Station 85 can be supplied with either an XDD1 oil free diaphragm pump or an E2M1.5 rotary vane pump. Both system variants use a nEXT85 turbomolecular pump.

The T-Station 85 is controlled by an easy to use touch pad control module. A single gauge input included can be connected to a range of our active gauges allowing for pressure measurement and/or control management of the turbomolecular pump.

The compact size of the T-Station 85 is ideal for use on bench tops or suitable mobile platforms. The open system configuration allows easy maintenance of the main pump components.

Figure 1 General view of the T-Station 85



- A. Front view (T-Station with E2M1.5 backing pump option)
- B. Rear view (T-Station with XDD1 backing pump option)
- 1. T-Station control unit
- 3. Backing pump
- 5. Turbomolecular pump connector
- 7. T-Station fixing points for bench top mounting
- 10. Mains input

- 2. E2M1.5 gas ballast control
- 4. Turbomolecular pump inlet
- 6. Vacuum gauge input
- 8. T-Station lifting handles
- 9. Backing pump mains connector

## 3. Technical data

#### ■ Note:

The operating, storage conditions and performance of the T-Station 85 may depend on the type of backing pump used. Refer to the technical data in the appropriate supplementary publications as listed in General description on page 9.

## 3.1 Operating and storage conditions

Table 1 Operating and storage conditions

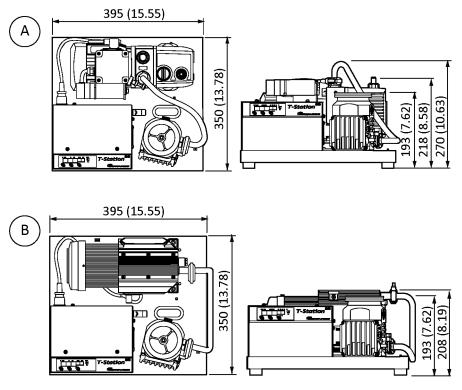
Parameter	Value	Units
Ambient operating temperature range	12 to +40	°C
Ambient storage temperature range	-30 to +70	°C
Maximum operating humidity	Maximum 90 Condensing at 40	% RH and °C
Maximum operating altitude	2000 maximum	m
Sound level	56	dB(A)
Pollution degree (EN61010)	2	-
Maximum outlet pressure  XDD1 pump E2M1.5 pump	1.1 (1.1 x 10 <sup>5</sup> ) 1.5 (1.5 x 10 <sup>5</sup> )	bar absolute (Pa)
Maximum permitted external magnetic field (nEXT85 turbo)	5	mT

### 3.2 Mechanical data

Table 2 Mechanical data

Parameter	Data
Dimensions	Refer to <i>Figure: Dimensions - T-Station</i> 85
Degree of protection (to IEC34-5:1981)	IP20
Mass:  • XDD1 combination  • E2M1.5 combination	17 kg maximum 21 kg maximum

Figure 2 Dimensions - pump



- A. T-Station 85H wet with E2M1.5 backing pump
- B. T-Station 85H dry with XDD1 backing pump

All measurements indicated are shown in mm (inches)

## 3.3 Pump performance data

Table 3 Pump performance data - nEXT85H

Turbomolecular pump type	nEXT85H ISO63	nEXT85H CF63	nEXT85H NW40
Inlet pumping speed:			
Nitrogen	84 ls <sup>-1</sup>	84 ls <sup>-1</sup>	47 ls <sup>-1</sup>
Helium	78 ls <sup>-1</sup>	78 ls <sup>-1</sup>	61 ls <sup>-1</sup>
Hydrogen	54 ls <sup>-1</sup>	54 ls <sup>-1</sup>	49 ls <sup>-1</sup>
Argon	80 ls <sup>-1</sup>	80 ls <sup>-1</sup>	44 ls <sup>-1</sup>
Inlet compression ratio:			
Nitrogen	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11
Helium	2 E+07	2 E+07	2 E+07
Hydrogen	5 E+05	5 E+05	5 E+05
Argon	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11
Ultimate pressure:		•	

Turbomolecular pump type	nEXT85H ISO63	nEXT85H CF63	nEXT85H NW40
With rotary vane backing pump*	< 5 E-09 mbar	< 5 E-10 mbar	< 5 E-09 mbar
With diaphragm backing pump§	< 5 E-08 mbar	< 5 E-09 mbar	< 5 E-08 mbar

<sup>\*</sup> Ultimate pressure 48 hours after bakeout with 2-stage rotary vane backing pump.

Table 4 Pump performance data - nEXT85D

Turbomolecular pump type	nEXT85D ISO63	nEXT85D CF63	nEXT85D NW40		
Inlet pumping speed:	Inlet pumping speed:				
Nitrogen	84 ls <sup>-1</sup>	84 ls <sup>-1</sup>	47 ls <sup>-1</sup>		
Helium	78 ls <sup>-1</sup>	78 ls <sup>-1</sup>	61 ls <sup>-1</sup>		
Hydrogen	60 ls <sup>-1</sup>	60 ls <sup>-1</sup>	49 ls <sup>-1</sup>		
Argon	80 ls <sup>-1</sup>	80 ls <sup>-1</sup>	44 ls <sup>-1</sup>		
Inlet compression ratio:					
Nitrogen	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11		
Helium	8 E+06	8 E+06	8 E+06		
Hydrogen	2 E+05	2 E+05	2 E+05		
Argon	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11	> 1 E+11		
Ultimate pressure:					
With rotary vane backing pump*	< 5 E-09 mbar	< 5 E-10 mbar	< 5 E-09 mbar		
With diaphragm pump§	< 5 E-08 mbar	< 5 E-09 mbar	< 5 E-08 mbar		

<sup>\*</sup> Ultimate pressure 48 hours after bakeout with 2-stage rotary vane backing pump.

### 3.4 Pumped media



#### **WARNING: DANGEROUS GASES**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Vent dangerous gases and gas mixtures safely. Do not expose people to these gases. If pumping hazardous gases or vapours, observe the safety recommendations of the supplier of the gas/vapour.



#### WARNING: RISK OF EXPLOSION

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Do not use the pump with pyrophoric or explosive gas mixtures as it is not suitable for this purpose. The pump and its connections are not designed to contain an explosion.



#### **WARNING: EXPOSURE TO VACUUM**

Risk of injury or death of people. Do not expose any part of the human body to the vacuum.

<sup>§</sup> Ultimate pressure 48 hours after bakeout with backing pressure < 5 mbar (500 Pa).

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#### **CAUTION: CONDENSABLE MEDIA**

Risk of damage to equipment. Do not use the pump to pump particulates or condensable media. Deposition may occur within the pump which will degrade pump performance and reduce the pump life.



#### **CAUTION: FAILURE OF PUMP**

Risk of damage to equipment. Do not use the pump to pump gases containing more than 20% oxygen. This will cause the lubricant to polymerise and the pump to fail prematurely.

The turbo pump is designed to pump the following residual gases normally used in high vacuum systems:

- Air
- Carbon monoxide
- Neon
- Ethane
- Methane
- Nitrogen
- Krypton
- Argon
- Propane
- Carbon dioxide
- Helium
- Hydrogen
- Butane

The pump can be used to pump oxygen and water vapour, subject to the following conditions:

- Oxygen When the pump is purged by an inert gas, oxygen can be pumped at concentrations above 20% by volume. Refer to the nEXT85 instruction manual (B8G000880) for purge gas specification. However, if the pump is not purged, the oxygen concentration must be less than 20% by volume.
- Water vapour Make sure that vapour does not condense inside the pump.

To pump a gas not in the list above, contact the supplier for advice. Failure to contact the supplier may invalidate the warranty on the pump. The pump is not suitable for pumping aggressive or corrosive gases.



Concentrations of gases may be modified by the compression of the pump.

### 3.5 Venting gas specification and vent control data

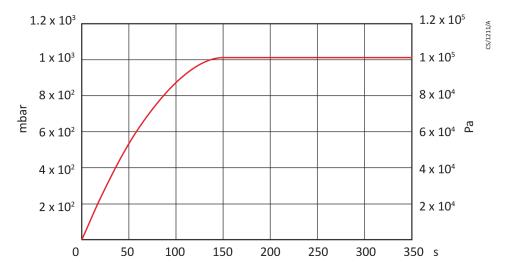
Although the pump may be vented to atmosphere, high relative humidity of the air may greatly increase the subsequent pump down time. To reduce pump down times the pump should be vented with dry, clean gases.

Refer to the nEXT85 turbo pump manual (B8G000880) for the vent valve connection. Refer to *Vent valve screen* on page 28 for configuring the venting options.

Table 5 Vent gas specification and vent control

Vent gas specification and control	Reference data
Vent gas	Dry air, nitrogen, argon or other inert gases
Maximum dew point at atmospheric pressure	-22 °C
Maximum size of particulates	1 μm
Maximum concentration of oil	0.1 parts per million
Recommended time for rotational speed to reach 50%	> 15 seconds
Maximum allowed rate of pressure rise	Refer to Figure: Maximum allowed rate of pressure rise during venting: pressure against time (pump initially at full speed)
Maximum allowable vent gas supply pressure	1 bar (gauge), 14.5 psig, 2 x 10 <sup>5</sup> Pa

**Figure 3** Max allowed rate of pressure rise during venting: pressure against time (pump initially at full speed)



## 3.6 Materials exposed to gases pumped

The following materials and component types are exposed to the gases pumped:

- Aluminium alloys
- Stainless steels
- Fluoroelastomer and nitrile O-rings
- Hydrocarbon lubricant
- Felt
- Rare earth magnets
- Silicon nitride
- Carbon fibre reinforced epoxy resin

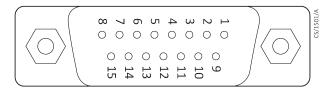
- Fire retardant polypropylene
- Polyamide
- PVC

### 3.7 Electrical connections

Table 6 Electrical connections

Parameter	Value
Electrical supply	
<ul> <li>Inlet plug type</li> </ul>	IEC60320
<ul> <li>Integral fuse rating</li> </ul>	10 A Type T, 20 mm
Backing pump	
Outlet socket type	IEC60320
Turbomolecular pump	
■ Connector type 15-way sub-miniature 'D' type socket	
<ul><li>Power supply</li></ul>	24 V d.c. nominal
Maximum power rating	4 W
Active gauge	
<ul> <li>Connector type</li> </ul>	RJ45 8-way
Power supply	24 V d.c. nominal
Maximum power rating	4 W

Figure 4 Pin connections for 15-way sub-miniature 'D' type socket

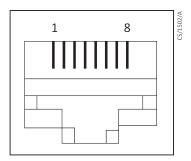


*Table 7 Turbo pump connector pin-out* 

Pin	Function
1	Power supply positive
2	Signal common
3	Start signal output
4	RS232 Tx
5	Serial enable output
6	Power supply positive
7	RS232 Rx
8	Power supply common
9	Speed signal input
10	Screen
11	Power supply positive

Pin	Function
12	Screen
13	Power supply common
14	Power supply common
15	Normal signal input

Figure 5 Pin connections for an 8-way RJ45



*Table 8 Active gauge connector pin-out* 

Pin	Function
1	Power supply positive
2	Power supply common
3	Signal input
4	Identification
5	Signal common
6	Control line 1
7	Control line 2
8	Not connected

### 3.8 Electrical data

If the pumping system uses an E2M1.5, the motor start up current is drawn for less than one second, so slow-blow fuses must be used to prevent unnecessary fuse failure when the pump starts. If using the pump at temperatures lower than 12  $^{\circ}$ C (53.6  $^{\circ}$ F), the start up current will be drawn for longer, this may cause the motor thermal overload device to open.

Table 9 Electrical data

Supply Voltage	Current (A)		Dower (MA)
50/60 Hz	Full load	Start	Power (W)
	XDD1/	nEXT85	
100	3.1	-	310
120	2.6	-	310
200	1.6	-	310
230	1.35	-	310

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Supply Voltage	Current (A)		Downer (NA)
50/60 Hz	Full load	Start	Power (W)
	E2M1.5 /	nEXT85	
100	4.7	13.6	470
120	3.92	12.0	470
200	2.2	6.4	430
230	1.9	5.7	430

### 4. Installation

### 4.1 Installation safety



#### **WARNING: INSTALLATION SAFETY**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Follow the safety instructions and take note of all appropriate precautions.

- When referring to a manual supplied as a Supplementary Publication, all of the WARNING and CAUTION instructions in the manual must be obeyed.
- A suitably trained and supervised technician must install the pumping system.
- Check that all the required parts are available and of the correct type before commencing work.
- Make sure that the installation technician is familiar with the safety procedures which relate to the products pumped.
- Wear the appropriate safety clothing when coming into contact with contaminated components.
- Isolate the other components in the system from the electrical supply so that they cannot be operated accidentally.
- Do not reuse O-rings and co-seals if they are damaged.
- Dispose of components, grease and oil safely (refer to Disposal on page 40).
- Take care to protect sealing faces from damage.
- Leak testing the system after installation is complete to make sure optimum vacuum performance is recommended.

## 4.2 Unpack and inspect

- 1. Remove the outer cover and all packing materials. Remove the protective covers from the inlet and outlet ports and inspect the system for any damage.
- 2. If the pumping system is damaged, notify the supplier and the carrier in writing within three days, state the item number of the pumping system together with the order number and the supplier's invoice number. Do not use the pump if it is damaged.
- 3. Retain all packing materials for inspection.
- 4. Check that the package contains the items listed in *Table: Checklist of items*. If any of these items are missing, notify the supplier in writing within three days.
- 5. If the pump is not to be used immediately, replace the protective covers and store in suitable conditions as described in *Storage* on page 39.

#### Table 10 Checklist of items

Quantity	Description	Check
1	T-Station 85	
1	CD instruction manual P45000000	
1	Ultragrade 15 oil 1 litre (supplied with E2M1.5 only)	
1	Inlet seal (either trapped O-ring, co-seal or copper compression gasket suitable for the inlet flange type)	

### 4.3 Locate the pumping system



### **WARNING: HEAVY OBJECT**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Heavy objects can cause muscle strain or back injury. The mass of the pumping system will differ depending on the model supplied. Make sure that 2 person lift the pump together. Do not use crane to lift the pumping system.



#### **CAUTION: OVERHEATING**

Risk of damage to equipment. When locating the pumping system, care should be taken not to restrict the ventilation grid located under the base of the system. Failing to observe this may result in overheating of the turbomolecular pump.

The turbo pump used on the pumping system stores a large amount of kinetic energy when it is running at full speed. In the unlikely event of a malfunction (rotor seizure), the stored energy could cause a slight movement of the pumping system platform. If the pumping system is operating on a bench top:

- a. Position the pumping system at least 10 to 15 cm away from the edge of the bench top and adjacent devices
- b. Tether or fix the pumping system to the bench top. Refer to *Figure: General view of the T-Station 85*, item 7.

## 4.4 Bench top fixing

There are two M8 fixing points located at the rear of the pumping system base (refer to *Figure: General view of the T-Station 85*, item 7). Using suitable brackets or straps (not supplied), securing the T-Station 85 to the bench top is recommended to prevent excessive movement in the unlikely event of a pump failure.

#### ■ Note:

Straps or brackets cannot be provided as the best type fixing for the customer bench top location cannot be determined. Sourcing or fabricating these fixings locally is recommended.

### 4.5 Fill the pump with oil

If the pumping system uses an E2M1.5 rotary vane pump, it must be filled with the correct quantity of oil (supplied) before operating the equipment. For further information refer to the EM Rotary Vane Pump manual A37132880.

Fill the pump with oil as follows:

- 1. Remove the oil filler plug.
- 2. Pour oil into the pump until the oil level just reaches the MAX mark on the bezel at the top of the sight glass. If the oil level goes above the MAX mark, remove the drain plug and drain the excess oil from the pump.
- 3. After a few minutes, recheck the oil level. If the oil level is now below the MAX mark, pour more oil into the pump.
- 4. Refit the oil filler plug. Tighten the plug firmly by hand. Do not over tighten.

### 4.6 Connect to the vacuum system



#### **WARNING: POWER APPLY TO PUMP**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Connect the turbo pump inlet to the vacuum system before applying power to the pumping system. This will make sure that the pump cannot operate accidentally causing injury.

#### **WARNING: TOPPLE HAZARD**



Risk of injury or damage to equipment. If installing the vacuum system directly onto the pumping system, the weight of the system must be no more than 10 kg and the centre of gravity must be positioned laterally within the bounds of the base plate. If this is not the case, the vacuum system must be supported to make sure that the pumping system does not topple.

- 1. The turbo pump can be securely fixed to the vacuum system via the inlet flange. Make sure that the pump inlet and all components fitted to the pump inlet are clean and dust-free. If the pump inlet is not kept clean, the pump down time may be increased.
- 2. If the pump has a CF flange, use the copper compression gasket supplied with the pump and use a full complement of bolts to connect the inlet flange of the pump to the vacuum system.
- 3. If the pump has an ISO flange, use a minimum of four claw clamps (each torqued to 10 Nm) to connect the inlet flange of the pump to the vacuum system. Alternatively, use a rotatable collar and the combined inlet screen and trapped O-ring supplied with the pump to connect the inlet flange of the pump to the vacuum system, use a full complement of bolts with the rotatable collar.
- 4. If the pump has an NW flange, use the centring ring supplied with the pump and a metal NW clamp to connect the inlet flange of the pump to the vacuum system.
- 5. All inlet flange bolts must be re-tightened once the system is under vacuum. Make sure that no torques or other forces are transmitted to the pump from the vacuum system or the associated pipelines.

### 4.7 Connect to the exhaust extraction system



#### **WARNING: DANGEROUS GASES**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Vent dangerous gases and gas mixtures safely. Do not expose people to these gases. If pumping hazardous gases or vapours, observe the safety recommendations of the supplier of the gas/vapour.

The exhaust system must be configured so that the maximum pressure at the pump outlet does not exceed 0.5 bar gauge (1.5 bar absolute,  $1.5 \times 10^5$  Pa) at full pump throughput.

- 1. Make sure that the exhaust pipeline cannot become blocked.
- 2. If using an exhaust isolation valve, make sure the pump cannot be operated with the valve closed.
  - Note:

This section applies to E2M1.5 versions only.

### 4.8 Connect the electrical supply



#### WARNING: ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SAFETY

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Make sure that the electrical installation of the pump conforms with all local and national safety requirements. It must be connected to a suitably fused and protected electrical supply with a suitable earth point.



#### **CAUTION: ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SAFETY**

Risk of damage to equipment. Always make the electrical connections to the pumping system after the equipment has been installed on the vacuum system. Always disconnect the electrical supply from the pumping system before removing the equipment from the vacuum system.

Check that the electrical supply is suitable for this equipment. Refer to *Table: Electrical data* for the electrical requirements for this equipment.

Make the electrical connection to the pumping system using a cable fitted with an IEC60320 connector.

A range of suitable cables is available from the supplier.

### 4.9 Configure the pumping system

As supplied from the factory, the pumping system will control the system as follows:

If system start is selected:

- The TAV vent valve will close.
- The backing pump will turn on.
- The turbomolecular pump will start accelerating up to full rotational speed.

If system off is selected:

- The backing pump will turn off.
- The turbomolecular pump drive will turn off and the pump will start to decelerate.
- The TAV vent valve will open fully from 50% of full rotational speed.

#### 4.9.1 Turbo pump delay

The pumping system can be configured to delay the turbo pump after the backing pump has started.

Refer to *Turbo setpoint screen* on page 29. The delay is helpful to prevent the turbomolecular pump from accelerating under high pressure for a prolonged period if the volume being pumped is greater than 2 litres. This option is especially useful if the pumping system uses an XDD1 diaphragm pump.

The Figure: Turbomolecular pump start delay with XDD1 diaphragm pump shows the recommended delay period for a turbo / XDD1 pump combination.

#### ■ Note:

This operation refers to systems which have been fitted with our TAV vent valve (optional accessory). For more vent options refer to Vent valve screen on page 28.

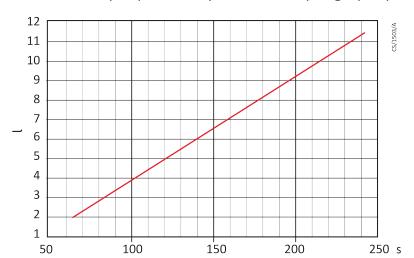


Figure 6 Turbomolecular pump start delay with XDD1 diaphragm pump

#### 4.9.2 Connect a vacuum gauge

A single compatible active gauge can be fitted to the pumping system.

Fit the gauge using an our active gauge cable into the gauge connector located on the side of the controller housing. For active gauge control and set up refer to *Gauge screen* on page 27.

The following are our active gauges which are suitable for use with the pumping system:

- APG100 Active pirani vacuum gauge
- APGX-H Active linear convection gauge
- AIM-X Active inverted magnetron gauge
- ASG Active strain gauge

### 4.10 Commission the system

After installing the T-Station 85, the system must be tested.

Use the following procedure to test the system:

- 1. Make sure that all the electrical connections are secure.
- 2. Switch on the electrical supply and the exhaust extraction system (if available).
- 3. To operate the system press the START/STOP key. Check that the equipment operates as described in .
- 4. Check that the turbo pump reaches normal speed. If the pump inlet is valved or capped off, it should take approximately 100 150 seconds for the turbo to reach normal speed. If a vacuum chamber is attached to the pump inlet, this time may take longer.
- 5. To turn OFF the system, press the START/STOP key followed by the ENTER key to confirm. Check that the equipment closes down as described in .

For full operational details and how to navigate using the front panel control key pad refer to *Menu structure* on page 25.

## 5. Operation



#### **WARNING: ROTATING PARTS**

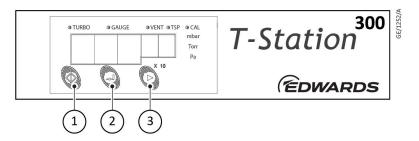
Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Do not attempt to move the pumping system while the turbo pump is rotating. Doing so may cause severe damage to the pump and could cause injury.



#### **CAUTION: OPERATIONAL SAFETY**

Risk of damage to equipment. To familiarise yourself with the vacuum pumps installed on the pumping system, it is advisable to read the relevant instruction manuals refer to *General description* on page 9.

### 5.1 Control panel description



- 1. Start/Stop
- 3. Next

2. Enter

Table 11 Front panel symbols and their functions

Key pad symbol	Name Function	
1	START/STOP Turns the pumps on and off. Returns to turbo menu screen.	
2	ENTER Selects or confirms current menu option. Controls active gauges.	
3	NEXT	Moves to next menu. Scrolls through menu options.

The LEDs along the top of the pumping system display indicate which menu screen is currently being shown on the numeric display. To move to the next menu item press the NEXT key and to return to the turbo menu screen press the START/STOP key. The available items are listed in order in *Table: Menu items*.

#### Table 12 Menu items

Turbo screen
Gauge screen
Vent valve screen
Turbo setpoint (TSP) screen
Calibrate gauge screen
Units screen

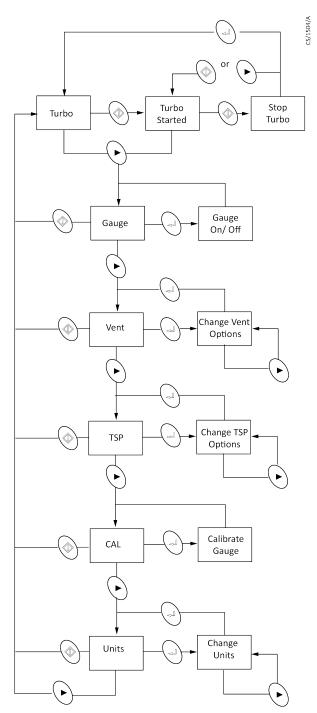
## 5.2 Start the system

When applying power to the T-Station 85 all LEDs in the display will light for 2 seconds to confirm operation. The software version will then be displayed for a further 2 seconds. If you need to contact us for support regarding the T-Station 85, please have this software version number available.

#### 5.3 Menu structure

*Figure: Menu structure* shows the view screen shortcuts and menu structure for the pumping system control display. They also give an indication as to where buttons will take you within the menu layout.

Figure 7 Menu structure

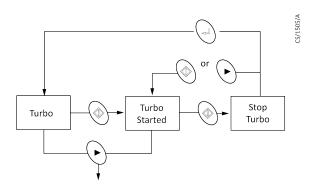


### 5.3.1 Turbo screen

When the turbo screen is selected, the turbo LED is lit and the speed of the turbomolecular pump is displayed in percentage of full speed.

If no turbo pump is connected the display shows "---".

Figure 8 Turbo screen



#### Start the pump with the turbo screen

When you push the START/STOP key, both the turbo and backing pumps start. The display shows the turbo pump is accelerating by flashing the top left portion of the percentage sign. When the turbo pump reaches normal speed (> 80% default) the percentage sign stops flashing and remains steady.

If a Turbo Set-Point (TSP) has been set, only the backing pump starts when you push the START/STOP key. The TSP LED flashes until the setpoint has been reached. Once the setpoint has been reached the turbo pump starts and the TSP LED turns OFF. If no turbo setpoint has been set, the TSP LED remains OFF.

#### Stop the pump with the turbo screen

- 1. To stop the pumps press the START/STOP key, the display will show "Stop" for three seconds.
- 2. Press the ENTER key within that time to stop the pumps. If the ENTER key has not been pressed, or the START/STOP or NEXT keys are pressed, the display shows the turbo pump speed and the pumps remain running.
  - When the turbo pump is decelerating the bottom right portion of the percentage sign flashes until the pump has completely stopped.

Table 13 Turbo screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	START the turbo, or initialise turbo STOP sequence, or cancel turbo STOP, or force turbo STOP when in error	-
ENTER	Acknowledge turbo STOP	Fault code display when in error
NEXT	Go to gauge screen, or cancel turbo STOP	Scroll through menu screens

#### 5.3.2 Gauge screen

When the gauge screen is selected, the gauge LED is lit and the gauge pressure reading is displayed in the selected units.

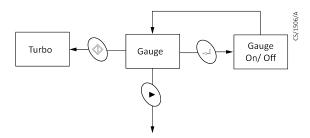
If no gauge is connected the display shows "---".

#### Connect a gauge

When a gauge is first connected the display shows "ID" followed by a number to identify the new gauge.

If the gauge is an Active Strain Gauge (ASG), the display then goes to ASG range select, otherwise the display reverts to showing the pressure reading. If the gauge type is not supported the display shows "????". When no gauge is connected the display shows "---".

Figure 9 Gauge screen



#### **ASG** range select

When an ASG is connected the display changes to select the ASG range. 1000 mbar is assumed by default, and the display flashes "1.0<sup>3</sup>".

Press the NEXT key to select between 1000 and 2000 mbar, then press the ENTER key to confirmed the selection.

#### Gauge ON/OFF control

Gauges which support ON/OFF control (e.g. AIM gauges) can be turned ON and OFF using the ENTER key.

When first connected the gauge is in the OFF state and the display shows "OFF". When the gauge is turned on the display will show "Str" whilst the gauge is starting up, and will then display pressure.

Table 14 Gauge screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	Go to turbo screen	-
ENTER	ON/OFF control of supported gauge or acknowledge error	-
NEXT	Go to vent control screen	Scroll through menu screens

#### 5.3.3 Vent valve screen

If a TAV solenoid vent valve is connected to the turbo pump module the operation of the valve is controlled by the vent valve screen.

When the vent valve screen is selected, the vent LED is lit and the current vent valve control setting is displayed. The default is "50%". The vent valve screen is not available if the turbo pump is running.

1. Select the appropriate setting for either normally open or normally closed vent valve.

- 2. To change the vent valve setting press the ENTER key, then use the NEXT key to choose between 50%, Ctrld and FAN.
- 3. Press the ENTER key again to confirm the selection.

Table 15 Vent valve screen

50 <sup>no</sup>	Normally open vent valves. Vent valve opens fully when the speed of the turbo pump drops below 50% full rotational speed.
CtI <sup>no</sup>	Normally open vent valves. Controlled venting from 100% to 50% full rotational speed, vent valve opens fully below 50%.
Fan	Normally open vent valves. The vent valve connection on the turbo pump is permanently powered so that the vent valve will remain closed. This can also be used to provide power to an air cooler (for example, ACX75).
Off	Normally closed vent valves. The vent valve connection on the turbo pump is permanently disabled so the vent valve will remain closed.
50 <sup>nc</sup>	Normally closed vent valves. The vent valve will open when the speed of the turbo pump has dropped below 50% during stop but not fail conditions.
CtI <sup>nc</sup>	Normally closed vent valves. Controlled venting from 100% to 50% full rotational speed, vent valve opens fully below 50% during stop but not fail conditions.

Figure 10 Vent valve screen

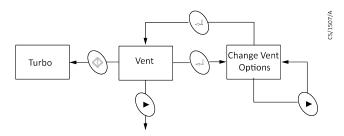


Table 16 Vent valve screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	Go to turbo screen	-
ENTER	Enter edit mode, or con- firm selection	-
NEXT	Next vent option, or go to TSP control screen	Scroll through vent options in edit mode or scroll through menu screens

#### **5.3.4** Turbo setpoint screen

The turbo setpoint screen is used to configure the start delay of the turbo pump.

When the turbo setpoint screen is selected, the TSP LED is lit and the current setpoint is displayed. The default is "OFF". The turbo setpoint menu is not available if the turbo pump is running or the selected units are volts.

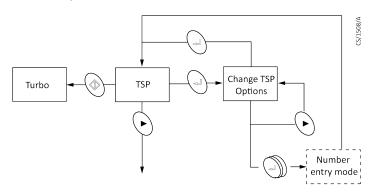
- 1. To change the turbo setpoint press the ENTER key, then use the NEXT key to choose between off, time delay and pressure setpoint.
- 2. Press the ENTER key again to confirm the selection.

- 3. When time delay is selected the display will show the delay time in seconds. The default time is 120 seconds. This means that the turbo pump will start after a delay of 120 seconds from when the START key is pressed. To change the value of the delay time press and hold the ENTER key to start number entry mode.
- 4. If an active gauge is connected to the system the pressure setpoint can be used to start the turbo pump once the pressure has fallen below the setpoint value. When pressure is selected the display shows the setpoint pressure. The default pressure is 5.00 mbar shown as an exponential. To change the pressure setpoint, press and hold the ENTER key to start number entry mode.

#### ■ Note:

If the turbo setpoint is set to pressure but a gauge is not connected the turbo pump will not start.

Figure 11 Turbo setpoint screen



#### Number entry mode

When the ENTER key is pressed and held on either the time or pressure option, number entry mode is entered. The first digit starts flashing and the time or pressure can be edited.

- 1. Press the NEXT key to adjust the value, then press the ENTER key to confirm the digit and then move on to the second digit, which is adjusted similarly. The ENTER key confirms the digit and then moves to the final digit of the time setpoint or the exponent of the pressure setpoint. The exponent of the pressure setpoint is adjusted as a single value in the range 10 to + 6.
- 2. The final press of ENTER confirms the complete number and returns to showing the setpoint value. The TSP is set after the complete number is entered.

Figure 12 Turbo setpoint number entry mode

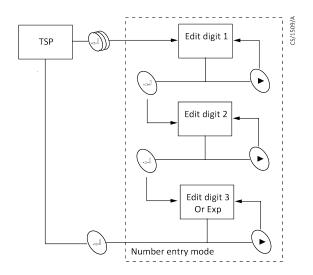


Table 17 Turbo setpoint screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	Go to turbo screen	-
ENTER	Enter edit mode, or con- firm selection	Enter number entry mode
NEXT	Next TSP option, next number or go to gauge calibration screen	Scroll through TSP options in edit mode, scroll through numbers in number entry or scroll through menu screens

#### 5.3.5 Calibrate gauge screen

When the calibrate gauge screen is selected, the gauge LED and the CAL LED are lit together. The numeric display is blank. The calibrate gauge menu is not available for gauges which do not support calibration.

When the ENTER key is pressed the action depends on gauge type:

**WRG or APGX:** The calibration command is sent to the gauge and the display shows "CALd" for 3 seconds.

**ASG:** The calibration functions as a zero offset adjustment. The pressure currently displayed is saved as the zero offset and is subtracted from all future readings. The display shows "CALd" for 3 seconds to confirm the action. The offset adjustment can be cancelled by pressing the ENTER key again. The display shows "OFF" for 3 seconds to confirm that the offset adjustment has been removed.

Figure 13 Calibrate gauge screen

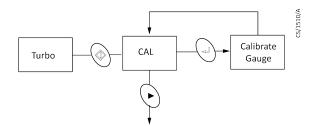


Table 18 Calibrate gauge screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	Go to turbo screen	-
ENTER	Calibrate gauge	-
NEXT	Go to units screen	Scroll through menu screens

#### 5.3.6 Units screen

When the units screen is selected, the menu LEDs are unlit and the currently selected units LED is lit. The numeric display is blank.

To change the units press the ENTER key and use the NEXT key to choose between mbar, Torr, Pa and voltage. Press the ENTER key again to confirm the selection. Note that when voltage is selected the display shows " 0.000".

When the units are changed, the setpoint values will be converted to the new units. For example, if a setpoint threshold is entered as  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mbar and the units are changed to Torr, then the value will be displayed as  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  Torr.

Figure 14 Units screen

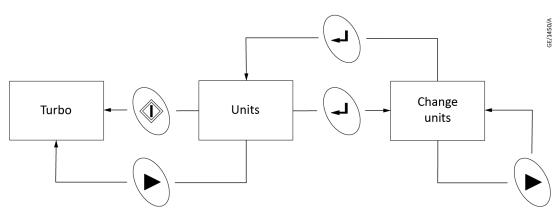


Table 19 Units screen key actions

Keys	Short press	Long press
START	Go to turbo screen	-
ENTER	Enter edit mode, or confirm selection	-
NEXT	Next units option, or go to turbo screen	Scroll through units in edit mode, or scroll through menu screens

### 5.4 Gas ballast control (E2M1.5)

Use the gas ballast control to change the amount of air (or inert gas) introduced into the low vacuum stage of the pump. This will prevent the condensation of vapours in the pump. The condensates can contaminate the oil.

Close the gas ballast control to pump dry gases and to achieve ultimate vacuum.

Turn the gas ballast control six turns anti-clockwise to open it fully. Open the gas ballast control to pump high concentrations of condensable vapour.

When operating the pump with the gas ballast control open, there will be an increased rate of oil loss from the pump.

### 5.5 Electrical supply failure



#### **WARNING: IMPELLER SPIN**

Risk of injury or death. If the power supply fails when the pump is running, the impeller could continue to spin for approximately 10 minutes. The control circuit may not give any indication that the impeller is still running.

If the electrical supply to the pumping system fails when the turbo pump is rotating, the motor of the turbo pump is used as a generator. The regenerated power is used to maintain the control system and the display. The regenerated power is not used to maintain the pumping system control system or the display.

When power to the control system is lost, no indication will be given about pump rotational speed, yet the impeller may still be turning.

The system will not restart when the power is reinstated.

### 6. Maintenance

### **6.1** Maintenance safety



#### **WARNING: MAINTENANCE SAFETY**

Risk of injury or damage to equipment. Follow the safety instructions and take note of all appropriate precautions.

- When referring to a manual supplied as a Supplementary Publication, all of the WARNING and CAUTION instructions in the manual must be obeyed.
- A suitably trained and supervised technician must maintain the pumping system.
- Allow the system to cool (so that it is at a safe temperature for skin contact) before starting maintenance work. Make sure the system is switched off in case the thermal overload device restarts the system.
- Check that all the required parts are available and of the correct type before starting work.
- Make sure that the maintenance technician is familiar with the safety procedures which relate to the pump oil and the products processed by the pumping system.
- Isolate the system and other components from the electrical supply so that they cannot be operated accidentally.
- Do not reuse O-rings and seals if they are damaged.
- Dispose of components, grease and oil safely (refer to Disposal on page 40).
- Protect sealing faces from damage.
- Leak testing the system is recommended after maintenance. Seal any leaks found if any vacuum or exhaust pipeline connections have been disconnected.

### 6.2 Maintenance plan





Risk of injury or damage to equipment. If the turbo pump is removed from the T Station 85 platform, it is important to retain and reuse the same fixing screws. If any of these screws are lost or cannot be used, the following type M5 x 12 mm CAP HD high tensile class 12.9 must be used. If this warning is ignored and the turbo pump seizes, the stored energy in the turbo pump may cause some or all of the screws to fail. This may result in the turbo pump being ejected from the T-Station 85 base.

List of instruction manuals that state the minimum maintenance operations necessary to maintain the pumping system in normal use:

Diaphragm pump	XDD1	A74602885
Rotary vane pumps	E2M0.7 / E2M1.5	A37132880
Turbomolecular pumps	nEXT85	B8G000880

More frequent maintenance may be necessary if the pumping system has been used to pump corrosive or abrasive gases and vapour. If necessary, adjust the maintenance plan according to your experience.

### 6.3 Inspect the hoses, pipelines and connections

- 1. Inspect all of the electrical connections and check that they are secure. Tighten any loose connections.
- 2. Inspect all of the electrical cables and check that they are not damaged and have not overheated. Replace or repair any damaged or overheated cable.
- 3. Inspect all of the vacuum and exhaust connections and check that they are secure. Tighten any loose connections.
- 4. Inspect all of the vacuum and exhaust pipelines and check that they are not corroded or damaged and that they do not leak. Replace or repair any corroded or damaged component and seal any leaks found.

### 6.4 Factory default settings

Procedure to return the pumping system to the factory default settings.

- 1. Remove the mains power from the pumping system.
- 2. Press the NEXT key and hold it down whilst reapplying mains power. Continue holding down the NEXT key until "Err01" is displayed.
- 3. Remove and reapply mains power. The factory defaults will now be set.

# 7. Fault finding

Table 20 Fault finding

Condition	
The pumping system has failed to start on page 36	
Ultimate pressure cannot be reached on page 36	
The backing pump is noisy on page 37	
The backing pump is leaking oil on page 37	
The turbo pump is very noisy or there is excessive vibration or both on page 37	

Fault	The pumping system has failed to start
Cause	The electrical supply fuse has blown
Remedy	Replace the fuse. Refer to <i>Table: Electrical connections</i> .
Cause	The operating voltage is incorrect
Remedy	Check the voltage supply matches the pumping system voltage requirements. Refer to the electrical rating label located at the rear of the pumping system.
Fault	Ultimate pressure cannot be reached
Cause	Pressure is limited by water vapour
Remedy	Bake the chamber or run the system for a duration until the vacuum improves.
Cause	The vacuum gauges are contaminated
Remedy	Clean or replace the vacuum gauges.
Cause	Pumping speed is insufficient due to poor conductance between the pump and the gauge or the chamber is too large
Remedy	Increase the conductance or reduce the volume.
Cause	The backing pressure is greater than 10 mbar (1x10 <sup>3</sup> Pa)
Remedy	The backing pressure may be too high. Check for backing pipeline leaks. If the throughput is high, a larger backing pump may be required.
Cause	The high vacuum area of the system is contaminated
Remedy	Clean the high vacuum system.
Cause	Check the rest of the system for leaks and contamination
Remedy	If found, repair the leaks and clean the contamination.
Cause	The inlet pressure is poor
Remedy	If inlet pressure is poor, check the turbo pump for contamination and refer to the Fault finding section of the turbo pump manual.
	Leak test the pump. If the leak rate is greater than $1 \times 10^{-7}$ mbar I s <sup>-1</sup> ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$ Pa I s <sup>-1</sup> ), contact us or the supplier.

Fault	The backing pump is noisy			
Cause	The pump is noisy.			
Remedy	Refer to the Fault finding section of the backing pump manual. See <i>General description</i> on page 9.			
Fault	The backing pump is leaking oil			
Cause	There is oil leak in the backing pump			
Remedy	Refer to the Fault finding section of the backing pump manual. See <i>General description</i> on page 9.			
Fault	The turbo pump is very noisy or there is excessive vibration or both			
Cause	The turbo pump is noisy or vibrates during operation			
Remedy	Remedy Refer to the Fault finding section of the turbo pump manual. See <i>General description</i> on page 9.			

#### 7.1 Error numbers

If an error is detected by the controller the display will show "Err" followed by a number. Refer to *Table: Error numbers* for a description of the error together with likely causes and suggested remedies.

Table 21 Error numbers

Error Number	Meaning	Possible cause/remedy			
Controller 6	Controller errors				
1	EEPROM error	The internal EEPROM checksum has failed. All user settings will revert to the factory default.			
2	ID reference error	The reference used for identifying gauges is incorrect. Plea remove all connected gauges, turn the electrical supply off and on, and wait for 30 seconds before reconnecting the gauges.			
Gauge erro	Gauge errors				
11	Gauge voltage too high	The voltage from a gauge is too high. The gauge may be defective.			
12	Gauge voltage too low	The voltage from a gauge is too low. The gauge may be de fective.			
21	WRG Pirani failure	Errors specific to WRG. Refer to the WRG manual for detail Press the ENTER key to clear the error from the display on the fault has been corrected.			
22	WRG magnetron short				
23	WRG striker fail				
24	WRG magnetron not struck				

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Error Number	Meaning	Possible cause/remedy			
25	APGX filament failure	Errors specific to APGX. Refer to the APGX manual for details. Press the ENTER key to clear the error from the displa			
26	APGX cal err				
27	APGXH tube not fitted	once the fault has been corrected.			
Pump errors					
41	Turbo pump fault	Inspect the LEDs on the turbo pump module for status information. For more detailed fault codes, press and hold the ENTER key (whilst Err41 is showing) to display the turbo pump system status word. The lower 16 bits of the status word are displayed in hexadecimal. Press the START / STOP key to clear the error message. Refer to the instruction manual of the turbo pump for detailed fault finding.			

# 8. Storage

Use the following procedure to store the pumping system.

- 1. Shut down the pumping system as described in *Stop the pump with the turbo screen*.
- 2. Isolate the pumping system from the electrical supply and disconnect it from the vacuum system.
- 3. Drain the oil from the backing pump (only applicable to the E2M1.5 rotary vane pump) as described in the instruction manual. Refer to *General description* on page 9.
- 4. Place protective covers over the inlet and outlet flanges.
- 5. For the fastest pump down after the pumping system is reinstalled, seal the turbomolecular pump inside a plastic bag together with a suitable desiccant.
- 6. Store the pumping system in cool, dry conditions until required for use.

## 9. Disposal

Dispose of the pumping system and any components and accessories safely and in accordance with all local and national safety and environmental requirements.

Particular care must be taken with any components that have been contaminated with dangerous process substances.

For instruction on draining the oil from the E2M1.5 rotary vane pump refer to the instruction manual for the pump. Refer to *General description* on page 9.

#### 10. Service

Our products, spares and accessories are available from our companies in Belgium, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom, U.S.A and a world-wide network of distributors. The majority of these centres employ Service Engineers who have undergone our comprehensive training courses.

Order spare parts and accessories from our nearest company or distributor. When ordering, state for each part required:

- Model and Item Number of the equipment
- Serial number
- Item Number and description of part.

Our products are supported by a world-wide network of our Service Centres. Each Service Centre offers a wide range of options including: equipment decontamination, service exchange, repair, rebuild and testing to factory specifications. Equipment which has been serviced, repaired or rebuilt is returned with a full warranty.

Local Service Centres can also provide our engineers to support on-site maintenance, service or repair of equipment. For more information about service options, contact the nearest Service Centre or our other company.

#### Note:

Our policy is to provide support for product after obsolescence through various options including maintenance, repair, enhancement and replacement. Support will be available for several years after product obsolescence and in compliance with any applicable legislation. We will always undertake appropriate actions to make sure support is maintained and, where support is no longer possible, will make sure this is communicated to all affected customers with a suitable notice period.

### 10.1 Return the equipment or components for service

Before you send your equipment to us for service or for any other reason, you must complete a Declaration of Contamination Form. The form tells us if any substances found in the equipment are hazardous, which is important for the safety of our employees and all other people involved in the service of your equipment. The hazard information also lets us select the correct procedures to service your equipment.

If you are returning equipment note the following:

- If the equipment is configured to suit the application, make a record of the configuration before returning it. All replacement equipment will be supplied with default factory settings.
- Do not return equipment with accessories fitted. Remove all accessories and retain them for future use.
- The instruction in the returns procedure to drain all fluids does not apply to the lubricant in pump oil reservoirs.

Download the latest documents from *edwardsvacuum.com/HSForms/*, follow the procedure in HS1, fill in the electronic HS2 form, print it, sign it, and return the signed copy to us.



#### **NOTICE:**

If we do not receive a completed form, your equipment cannot be serviced.

## 11. Spares



#### **CAUTION: REDUCED RELIABILITY**

Use of spares, not supplied by us, may result in reduced reliability and performance and will invalidate product warranty.

The spares available for the turbo pump and backing pumps are listed in the CD instruction manuals supplied with your equipment.

Refer to *General description* on page 9.

#### 12. Accessories

#### 12.1 TAV vent valve and vent port adaptor (for nEXT85 turbo pump)

A solenoid operated vent valve is available for system venting.

The valve is a 24 V d.c., normally-open or normally-closed and can be driven by the turbo pump podule. The solenoid valve is fitted in place of the manual valve, or alternatively can be fitted with an adaptor (supplied with the valve) and can be used with any suitable NW10 flanged port on the vacuum system.

Table 22 TAV vent valve kits and adaptor

Description	Item number
nEXT85 TAV5 kit N/C connector fitted (0.3 m)	B8G200835
nEXT85 TAV5 kit N/C bare wire (3 m)	B58066040
nEXT85 TAV5 kit N/O connector fitted (0.3 m)	B8G200834
nEXT85 TAV5 kit N/O bare wire (3 m)	B58066010
Vent port adaptor NW10 -1/8 inch BSP male	B58066011

## 12.2 Outlet mist filter (for E2M1.5 rotary vacuum pump)

The outlet mist filter separates and traps oil droplets in the pump outlet to prevent oil mist discharge.

For all other accessories such as gauges, active cables and mains leads, refer to the pumping system ordering information in our product catalogue.

Table 23 Outlet mist filter

Description	Item number	
EMF3 outlet mist filter	A46220000	



# **Declaration of Conformity**

We, Edwards,

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declare under our sole responsibility, as manufacturer and person within the EU authorised to assemble the technical file, that the product(s)

T-Station 85

TS85 - XX-0XX

The material numbers cover a family of products where the following features may vary:- turbomolecular pump inlet flanges, electrical supply and backing pumps.

Backing pumps:

E2M1.5 XDD1

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following standard(s) or other normative document(s)

ENISO12100:2010 Safety of machinery. General principles for design. Risk

assessment and risk reduction

Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, EN61010-1: 2010

Control and Laboratory Use. General Requirements

Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory EN61326-1:2013

(Class B Emissions, Use. EMC requirements. General requirements

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and fulfils all the relevant provisions of

2006/42/EC **Machinery Directive** Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU

2014/30/EU Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive

2011/65/EU Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive

Note: This declaration covers all product serial numbers from the date this Declaration was signed onwards

Mr Peter Meares, Senior Technical Support Manager

01.11.2016, Burgess Hill

Date and Place

This product has been manufactured under a quality management system certified to ISO 9001:2008